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Where's the water?



Lacey Harris, 8, snaps a picture of a barren Shoshone Falls Monday. Lacey was on a tour of Idaho with her sister and grandmother and was disappointed in the tiny amount of water going over the falls.

Low snow pack, high irrigation results in trickle

By Michael Jounzo
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—The torrents crashing over Shoshone Falls three years ago created a mist that blocked the view of the falls. Loonza and Elmer Oliverson of Preston saw the spectacle with a group of their grandchildren that year. Their photos from that trip show a mighty rush of water—30,000 cubic feet per second. So this year's troop of grandkids was primed for a magnificent sight. But the paltry trickles slipping over the worn rocks on Monday didn't live up to Grandpa's descriptions. With a slim snowpack in the Snake River's Wyoming mountain sources, and with a dry spring putting the river's water in high demand for irrigation, little liquid is left to plummet down the 212-foot "Niagara of the West."



Visitors to the falls these days see mostly a large expanse of rock, and little water.

"They're a little disappointed," Loonza Oliverson said. The Oliversons' trip to the falls is part of a family tradition. Youngsters enjoy an "Idaho historical tour" the summer before studying Idaho history in fourth grade. "The last time the water was churning so much that you almost needed an umbrella to walk around in the parking lot because of the mist. I showed them those photos and then we got here and ... there's not much to see."

Officially, the flow at the falls is about 640 cfs, said Dennis Lopez, a spokesman for Idaho Power Co. But most of the water at the falls is going through the company's hydroelectric plant and can't be seen by visitors. "I think we've been seeing as low as 500 cfs," said Kent Just, executive director of the Twin

Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. Just and his staff have been taking the brunt of complaints from tourists who pay \$3 admission to the city park at the falls and then don't see any water. "We're getting the kind of reaction you would expect from people who probably traveled a long way to see a very magnificent waterfall that isn't there," Just said. Dorothy Hoopiaina has been collecting that \$3 fee for the past four years. As can be expected, she hears a lot of complaints about this summer's lack of water. But most visitors are understanding, she said. "Most of the time they're OK," she said. "They understand the need for irrigation water. But you do get some sometimes that are really ignorant."

Just said the city and the chamber are making extra efforts to ensure visitors know the situation before they "go down into the park. But even without the water,

Idaho fire officials watch the weather

By Brandon Flala
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—As the southern United States copes with one of its worst fire seasons in a decade or more, Idaho officials are keeping a close eye on the weather. Most of the Northwest and Rocky Mountain regions, including Idaho, experienced normal to above-normal precipitation during the winter. If spring precipitation

Colorado homes burn — B2

remains normal, fire activity is expected to be normal, according to the National Interagency Fire Center. "We don't have any solid indicators about fire activity," said Randy Richter, fire management officer for the Sawtooth National Forest. "We are in the process of

taking field moisture samples, and we are watching the southern U.S., which is abnormally dry." There are no strong indications about what the weather holds. Idaho has an equal chance of above average rain or below average rain for the summer, said meteorologist Jack Messick of the National Weather Service. The forecast also calls for slightly above average temperatures. For southern Idaho, a season of

normal fire activity for southern Idaho equates to about 49 fires on the Sawtooth National Forest and about 150 fires on federal range lands. So far this year in the Rocky Mountain region, 833 fires have burned 51,096 acres, according to the National Interagency Fire Center. "We forecast the weather and watch conditions, but it's dif-

ferent," he said.

Two Koreas: worlds apart

Comparing the two Koreas

North Korea	South Korea
Government: Communist state	Government: Republic
Population: 21,380,109	Population: 40,884,800
Life expectancy: male 48.9; female 52.9	Life expectancy: male 70.4; female 73.0
GDP: 21.8 billion (1998 est.)	GDP: 584.7 billion (1998 est.)
Exports: \$560 million (1998)	Exports: \$145.5 billion (1999)
Imports: \$880 million (1998)	Imports: \$117 billion (1999)

Sources: Bank of Korea, South Korea's Central Bank; The World Almanac and Book of Facts 2000; CIA; World Fact Book 1999

S. Korea's Kim arrives for summit

The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — The smiling leaders of South and North Korea applauded each other and shook hands near the North's capital early today in the first-ever meeting between the two sides' leaders — and the first step toward ending a half-century of enmity on the Korean Peninsula. Arriving for a three-day summit, South Korean President Kim Dae-jung's jet landed at an airport on the outskirts of Pyongyang. His counterpart, Kim Jong Il, greeted him along with a military brass band, goose-stepping soldiers with fixed bayonets and women dressed in traditional, billowing Korean gowns. "Kim Jong Il" chanted the crowd lined up near a dhab terminal at Sunan airport. Many people appeared overwhelmed with emo-



North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, left, greets South Korean President Kim Dae-jung Tuesday in Pyongyang, N. Korea.

from his people. The pudgy Kim Jong Il normally shuns publicity and rarely meets visiting dignitaries, but he appeared relaxed and was dressed in a khaki, open-necked shirt and trousers. He welcomed Kim Dae-jung, wearing a dark suit, at the foot of his plane. The two leaders exchanged a few words while reviewing a military parade, strode down a red carpet and then left together in a black limousine bound for Pyongyang. The summit offers the greatest hope for peace on the divided Korean peninsula in more than 50 years. Leaders of South Korea and North Korea have never met since the two countries were founded in 1948 in the Cold War's infancy, and the conflict between two populations that speak the same language and share the same ethnic roots has been bitter and bloody.

Thrush learns of fate today

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Former Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy Jesse Thrush will find out today whether he's going to prison in connection with the shaking death of a 2-year-old girl.

Thrush, 23, has spent the past 5 1/2 months in the Gooding County jail awaiting today's hearing, where District Judge Daniel Meehl will decide whether Thrush serve probation or a five- to 15-year prison sentence.



Jesse Thrush

The hearing begins at 3:30 p.m. in the Twin Falls County judicial building. Thrush pleaded guilty in August 1999 to shaking Hailey Williams to death in February 1999. Thrush had been baby-sitting Hailey and his fiancée's other two children one night when Hailey, who had Down syndrome, began fussing. Thrush shook the toddler and threw her on a bed; she bounced off the bed before hitting the floor. Hailey was flown to St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise, where she died two days later.

Thrush, then a sheriff's deputy, first told Twin Falls police detectives that Hailey had fallen off the bed, but he later admitted to shaking her. He was charged with first-degree murder, which was later reduced to voluntary manslaughter when he pleaded guilty.

During sentencing, Deputy Attorney General Brad Bowen asked for a five- to 15-year prison sentence. Thrush's lawyer, Keith Roark, asked for a year in jail and probation.

Meehl took a little of both, giving Thrush six months in jail before a review hearing where Meehl would look at a psychological evaluation and a report by Thrush detailing how he can speak to groups about preventing baby-shaking deaths.

If Meehl likes what he hears, Thrush will go on probation. If not, Thrush goes to prison.

Nuke lab seeks missing secret data

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Two computer hard drives that contained nuclear weapons secrets have been missing for more than a month from a suitcase stored in a vault at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, Energy Department officials said Monday. The suitcase and the hard drives belonged to an Energy Department emergency response team that is prepared to rush to any site where the government

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THE REGION

Carnas Prairie

High: 66 Low: 40
Partly cloudy today with some clearing tonight. Mostly sunny Wednesday, high 75.

Treasure Valley

High: 70 Low: 50
Partly cloudy today with some clearing tonight. Mostly sunny Wednesday, high 88.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 69 Low: 39
Partly cloudy today with some clearing tonight. Mostly sunny Wednesday, high 75.

Eastern Idaho

High: 73 Low: 43
Partly cloudy today and tonight, and breezy. Mostly sunny Wednesday, high 79.

Northern Idaho

High: 67 Low: 50
Partly cloudy today and tonight, and breezy. Partly cloudy Wednesday, high 77.

Northern Utah

High: 78 Low: 54
Partly cloudy today with some clearing tonight. Mostly sunny Wednesday, high 81.

Northern Nevada

High: 74 Low: 46
Partly cloudy today with some clearing tonight. Mostly sunny Wednesday, high 86.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High: 72 Low: 47 Partly cloudy, light winds, clearing tonight.	High: 82 Low: 50 Mostly sunny and warmer.	High: 80s Low: 50s Mostly sunny and warmer.	High: 80s Low: 50s Mostly sunny and warmer.	High: 80s Low: 50s Mostly sunny and warmer.

Idaho weather

Tuesday, June 13
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures

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National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Tuesday, June 13.

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ACROSS THE NATION

Nation: Rain fell in several parts of the country Monday, from the Pacific Northwest all the way to the East Coast.

Showers, thunderstorms and lower-than-usual temperatures were reported in the Northwest, with rain falling along a stationary frontal boundary in Idaho, Montana and North Dakota.

The Magic Valley recorded a low 10th of an inch of rain in some areas.

A line of showers and thunderstorms moving across the southern portion of the Great Lakes region created airport delays and hazardous driving conditions in Chicago and Detroit. Severe thunderstorms also produced hail in Nebraska and more than an inch of rain in several places.

Showers and thunderstorms with heavy rain and small hail were also found from the eastern Great Lakes to Rhode Island and Washington. Temperatures in northern New England were well below normal.

Light rain fell on Florida's Atlantic coast.

—The Associated Press

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday: 72° 56°	Yesterday in Twin Falls: .05
Last year: 87° 46°	Month to date: .05
Normal: 80° 47°	Normal month to date: .05
	Water year to date: 5.9
	Normal year to date: 8.55

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	67	54	.13
Burley	71	56	.01
Coeur d'Alene	64	46	.74
Grangeville	73	55	.10
Hagerman	73	55	.10
Idaho Falls	61	48	.03
Lewiston	64	53	.51
Malad	66	46	....
Mojito	70	43	....
McCall	57	43	....
Pocatello	65	51	.03
Salmon	63	52	.73
Stanley	50	42	.73
Sun Valley	59	46	.02

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	92	66	....
Anchorage	92	69	....
Atlanta	94	51	.69
Chicago	60	53	.13
Dallas	90	74	.48
Denver	92	65	....
Des Moines	62	62	....
Detroit	68	62	....
Honolulu	91	72	....
Houston	88	70	....
Indianapolis	85	70	.17
Kansas City	81	61	....
Las Vegas	100	75	....
Los Angeles	81	61	....
Memphis	84	70	....
Miami Beach	88	76	.01
Milwaukee	53	50	.09
Minneapolis	69	54	.30
New Orleans	90	71	....
New York	81	68	....
Oklahoma City	89	70	.34
Omaha	90	64	....
Phoenix	104	77	....
Pittsburgh	79	67	1.76
Portland, Me.	56	49	.01
Portland, Ore.	69	54	.30
Reno	86	57	....
St. Louis	70	57	.12
Salt Lake City	83	71	.01
San Francisco	71	55	....
Seattle	65	47	.32
Spokane	83	74	.54
Washington	73	74	.32
Yuma	102	75	....

Suit over 25-cent lemon gamers former Safeway worker \$27,500

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A black woman fired by Safeway Foods Inc. after a 25-cent dispute over the price of a lemon won a \$27,500 settlement in a race-discrimination lawsuit, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission said Monday.

The Leesburg, Va., resident, who had earned good performance evaluations during her 30 years working for Safeway, was fired in August 1997 because managers said she had purchased a "distressed" lemon at half-price, or 25 cents, without obtaining management approval first.

"I thought I was treated unfairly," said Julia Stewart, 57, who was a checker at Safeway from 1967 to 1997. "I had worked at Safeway for 30 years. I still can't believe it. It's been a very traumatic experience, and I'm glad it's over."

Stewart alleged in an EEOC lawsuit that she had frequently purchased poor-quality lemons, which she sliced and drank in her ice water, at the discounted price without problems.

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flow for the salmon and the falls, the release will likely keep the low water levels from incubating late-summer algae blooms and vegetation growth spurts, said Sonny Bhudiar, senior water quality analyst for the state Division of Environmental Quality.

Also, the city of Twin Falls and Idaho Power have agreed on a minimum flow to be included in the company's next contract for operating the power plant at the falls.

"I'm then, sightings may be as disappointed as Boise's Pat Young was on Monday.

"We knew it would be low — but not this low," she said.

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Missing — Fire

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ferent each year," said Bill Murphy, a U.S. Forest Service fire management official.

On Monday, agencies lifted a moratorium on controlled burns on federal lands, Murphy said. The moratorium was put in place after a controlled burn in the Los Alamos, N.M., area raged out of control.

The number of controlled burns in southern Idaho has varied the last couple years, Richter said. Usually no more than four fires are started each season, although at least four controlled burns are in the planning stages for this fall.

"We just don't have a big prescribed fire program," Richter said.

Of the Sawtooth forest's 49 fires each year, about 20 are caused by people. Most of these fires are started by campfires during hunting season.

For the Bureau of Land Management, lightning triggers about 40 percent of the local fires. The rest are human-caused, said John Sabala, fire business and support manager for the BLM.

The weather can change. The forest could get extra rain late in the summer, along with thunder showers, which pose a threat due to lightning.

La Nina, now in its second season, is contributing to the dry conditions in the South. This event causes a wetter and cooler winter for the Pacific Northwest and drier and warmer weather for southern states. As a result, areas from southern California to Florida and into the Midwest are experiencing moderate to severe drought, according to the National Interagency Fire Center.

Wildfire forecasters have been charting the northward progress of drought conditions into the West's Great Basin and Montana.

As of Monday, just over 44,300 acres covering more than 1.2 million acres had been recorded nationwide, nearly 1 million acres in the Southeast and Southwest.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Child poverty in the industrial world

A new report by the United Nations Children's Fund shows that one in six children live in poverty in the world's developed nations.

Country	Gross national product per capita (1997)	Children living in relative poverty
Sweden	\$26,210	2.6%
Norway	\$36,100	3.9%
Finland	\$24,790	4.3%
Belgium	\$28,730	4.4%
Luxembourg	\$44,690	4.5%
Denmark	\$34,890	5.1%
Czech Rep.	\$ 5,240	5.9%
Netherlands	\$25,890	7.7%
France	\$26,300	7.9%
Hungary	\$ 4,510	10.3%
Germany	\$28,280	10.7%
Japan	\$38,180	12.2%
Spain	\$14,490	12.3%
Greece	\$11,840	12.3%
Australia	\$28,690	12.6%
Poland	\$ 9,590	15.4%
Canada	\$19,640	15.5%
Ireland	\$17,790	16.8%
Turkey	\$ 3,130	19.7%
Britain	\$20,070	19.8%
Italy	\$20,170	20.5%
USA	\$29,080	22.4%
Mexico	\$ 3,700	28.2%

*Defined as households with an income below 50 percent of the national median.

Sources: Compiled from AP wire reports; UNICEF

Report details children in poverty

LONDON (AP) — One in six children in the world's richest nations live in poverty, with the United States and Britain among the worst examples, according to the U.N. Children's Fund.

Despite rising incomes in the 29 nations of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development — a Paris-based group of the world's wealthiest countries — 47 million live in families so poor their health and well-being is at risk, said a UNICEF report published this week.

Youngsters who grow up in poverty are more likely to hit learning difficulties, drop out of school, use drugs, commit crimes, be jobless and have children too early, said the report by UNICEF's Innocenti Research Center in Florence, Italy, which conducts research on child poverty worldwide.

In the United States, child poverty is now at its lowest level since 1980, but still higher than in the late 1960s and 1970s, the report said.

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NATION

Some docs say: Halt executions

CHICAGO (AP) — With new medical technology reshaping the debate over capital punishment, a group of public health physicians hopes the American Medical Association will seek a national moratorium on executions.

The American Association of Public Health Physicians argues all executions should be stopped until questions are resolved, including the availability of DNA evidence. "The possibility exists that in several states innocent individuals may be executed because medical technology will not be made available in time to prevent their death," says a resolution by the association.

The resolution was prepared for the policy-making arm of the AMA, the nation's largest doctors group. On Monday, about a dozen delegates spoke out on the proposal and were split on the issue. The committee met later in



Jennifer Thompson, a rape victim who mistakenly identified an innocent man, weeps after recounting her experience Monday at a news conference in Houston. The man spent 11 years in prison before being exonerated by DNA testing. The Northwestern University School of Law sponsored the event to highlight the fallibility of eyewitness accounts.

executive session to decide whether to refer the resolution to the full House of Delegates, the 550-member policy-making arm of the AMA.

On Sunday, the Chicago Tribune reported that dozens of

Texas inmates have been executed during Texas Gov. George W. Bush's administration despite defenses marked by unreliable evidence, disbanded or suspended defense attorneys and questionable psychiatric testimony.

Study: Neanderthals ate meat and little else

WASHINGTON (AP) — If a Neanderthal walked into a hamburger joint today, he probably would order a double burger. And hold the bun, the lettuce, tomato and onion.

A new study of 28,000-year-old Neanderthal bones suggests the

ancient hominid ate meat, lots of it, and very little else. "Their diet was about 90 percent meat," said Paul B. Pettit of Oxford University in England, co-author of a study in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. "This means they were

efficient hunters and not just scavengers as some have suggested." A life style so centered on meat, said Pettit, means that the low-browed, hairy Neanderthal was able to organize complex hunts that brought down big and dangerous game.

Wary scientists question missile defense

WASHINGTON (AP) — American scientists opposed to a limited national missile defense program asserted Monday that the Pentagon's plan for such a shield won't work and should be put on hold.

"It may never be ready. This is basically a flawed process," said Kurt Gottfried, a physics professor at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., and chairman of the Union of Concerned Scientists.

About 35 scientists and engineers told a Capitol news conference the proposed system to shoot down ballistic missiles fired at the United States from terrorist countries is scientifically unsound, no matter how politically popular.

Roy Danchick, a retired missile expert who worked for defense contractor TRW, cited "a fatal rush to deployment with a system that can't work."

Under heavy congressional pressure, President Clinton is to decide this fall whether to deploy such a system. His decision will come after another interception test in early July and the Pentagon makes its recommendation in late summer.

Voicing an opposing view, Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., a leading congressional missile-defense advocate, said in a statement,

"For the longest time, these Luddites insisted that national missile defense would never work."

IMPORTANT NOTICE To All Area Residences In The Northeast Section Of The City of Twin Falls!!!!

As you have probably heard Walmart Corporation has made an application to the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission for a change in the existing Stonybrook PUD and for a change in the District Zoning on the 44 acres of ground located East and South of the Home Depot Building. If the proposed changes are allowed they will have a profound impact on all of the people living near the proposed superstore location. Listed below you will find just a few of the negative implications that a superstore in your neighborhood will cause.

1. A huge increase in traffic; especially on Locust, Madrona and Candleridge Drive.
2. A greatly increased safety risk to you and your families, as well as your pets, as the thousands of additional cars and trucks will be entering your area twenty four hours a day.
3. Increased intrusive lighting from the huge building surrounding parking area and signage.
4. Increased trash and debris.
5. Having to view a building more than twice the size of the current Home Depot Building.
6. Noise pollution
7. Elimination of the proper buffering between the C1 zoned areas and the residential properties.
8. The possibility of a reduction in property values and an increased difficulty in the ability to sell your property.
9. Most importantly, it means the loss of a very well organized PUD that is currently in place that offers all of you some protection.

Walmart's application does not ask for just small changes in the PUD; it virtually asks for the elimination of it and opens a Pandora's box for future development. Listed below is a comparison of the current PUD restrictions and what Walmart is asking for.

1. The current PUD allows no buildings larger than 20,000 square feet, they are asking for 204,000; More than ten times larger than allowed.
2. The current PUD allows no building taller than 28 ft, they are asking for 35 ft.
3. The current sign ordinance allows no sign taller than 10 ft, they are asking for 35 ft.
4. The current PUD allows no lettering or logos larger than 16", they are asking for no limits.
5. Currently any users can not open before 7:00 A.M. and must be closed by 11:00 P.M., they are asking to be open 24 hours a day.
6. The current PUD restricts commercial to 10.8 acres, they are asking for 24.5.
7. The current PUD asks for 14.6 acres of professional overlay as a buffer, they are wanting it reduced to 10.6 acres.
8. The current use allows for 18.7 acres of R1 Residential, they want it reduced to only-2-acres.

Fellow residents we need your help. Please write or call your planning and zoning representatives and your City Council member. You need to be present at the Public Hearing this evening at 7:00 P.M. held at the Twin Falls City Council Chambers. Let your voice be heard, and ask that the City Honor their commitment made on the current Stonybrook PUD.

Government lets students lock in current interest rates

With interest rates on college loans about to go up, the federal government is letting students and families lock in current rates if they consolidate their borrowing.

The move by the Education Department gives people with student loans until June 30 to take advantage of current rates if they combine their outstanding loans into one. This applies only to loans borrowed directly from the government or through a cooperating private lender.

The government calculates that a student who owes \$20,000 could save \$1,500 in interest on a 10-year repayment plan by consolidating this month.

As of July 1, Stafford loan rates, currently between 6.32 percent and 7.72 percent, will rise to between 7.59 percent and 8.99 percent.

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education but have to withdraw from school will never have to return more than 50 percent of the grant.

13-year-old will face trial as adult in teacher's slaying

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — A 13-year-old boy accused of shooting a teacher to death after being sent home for throwing water balloons was indicted as an adult Monday on first-degree murder charges.

That means Nathaniel Brazill will get life in prison without parole if convicted.

Nathaniel was charged in the May 26 slaying of Lake Worth Community Middle School teacher Barry Grunow, who was killed in the closing minutes of the last day of the school year.

Census worker found dead with dogs feeding on body

NASHVILLE, Ind. — A pack of dogs attacked and killed a 71-year-old Census worker who apparently walked past warning signs in an attempt to count the occupants of an isolated, rural home.

An autopsy showed that Dorothy Stewart died from injuries sustained during the attack. Brown County prosecutor Jim Oliver said Monday.

When sheriff's deputies arrived at the home Saturday afternoon, they found Stewart's body about 3 feet from the front door of the one-story log cabin, surrounded by dogs.

Deputies counted more than 20 dogs.

— compiled from wire reports

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NATION/WORLD

Syrians show support for Bashar, uncle makes claim to power

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Amid a frenzied nationwide pouring of grief, Syria's leadership lined up behind late President Hafez Assad's son as the choice to succeed him, with the parliament speaker on Monday declaring Bashar Assad as capable as his father.

But in an almost Shakespearean twist, a new threat emerged from within the Assad family. Rifat Assad, younger brother of the late president who has been in exile in Europe since attempting to seize power in 1983, made his own claim to the presidency just one day before Hafez Assad was buried.

In the first open challenge to what has otherwise been a smooth transition, Rifat Assad promised a "corrective movement" in Syria — a term used to refer to Hafez Assad's coup in 1970. The statement to the Syrian people was read Monday night by an announcer on Arab News Network, a London-based satellite television station owned by Rifat's son Sawwar.

Earlier Monday, Rifat said through a spokesman that he planned to return to Damascus at the "appropriate time" to contest his nephew's leadership. He (Rifat) represents legitimacy in Syria," Rifat Assad's spokesman Al-Hareh Al-Khair said, adding that "the people and the army... are with him."

Al-Khair appeared to be exaggerating the extent of Rifat's following in Syria. He enjoyed considerable popularity at the time of his work alongside his elder brother, but his long years in exile and the removal of his sup-



A Syrian girl cries in front of a portrait of Bashar Assad, who was nominated Monday in Damascus to succeed his father's presidency.

porters in the army and the ruling Baath party renders him a spitting political force.

The army has already publicly pledged its backing for Bashar Assad.

Though Syria adopted a republican system after independence from France in 1946, the hereditary succession and familial challenge to the presidency was reminiscent of Shakespeare's dramas about European royalty. But the speaker of the People's Assembly, Abdul-Qader Qadour, also a member of the party's national leadership, brushed aside talk of a "royal republic," saying Syria was governed by "institutions."

In the streets of Syria, the people declared their support for the late president's son, chanting his

name and waving his portrait alongside those of his father in mourning marches that erupted in cities and towns throughout this country of 17 million people.

With shops closed in a show of respect, street hawkers did a brisk business selling portraits of Assad, Bashar and his elder brother Basil. Assad's first choice for a successor who died in a road accident in 1994. Black cloth was also sold by the yard to hang on buildings and fly from car antennas.

Hundreds of thousands of banners and poster-size portraits of Assad and his two sons were plastered on buildings, cars, motorcycles and even the bare chests of male Syrians taking part in the mourning marches, most of which were accompanied by drummers.

Rising Army suicides call leaders to action

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soldier suicides are on the rise.

In hopes of rallying his troops to confront this sensitive issue, the Army chief of staff has issued an unusually public and deliberately blunt call for commanders to take the offensive.

"We have a serious problem with suicides," Gen. Eric K. Shinseki wrote in a message

published in the latest issue of Soldiers, an Army magazine.

The matter is urgent, he said. "We must take better care of our people."

Official statistics do not indicate any general increase in suicides for the military as a whole, although the Army says its suicide rate has gone up the past two years, to one of the highest

levels since the 1970s.

In the first five days of 2000, the Army had four suspected suicides, Shinseki said.

They are taking steps to "fine tune" its approach to suicide prevention, said Lt. Col. Cliff Bloomstrom, the family ministry officer for the Army chief of staff. Shinseki's plea is part of a new push, he said.

Scientists say migraines are a brain disorder

WASHINGTON (AP) — The pain of a migraine can be so intense it's disabling. Your head pulses, usually on one side, for hours or even days. Moving worsens the throbbing. You're nauseated, sensitive to light and sound. Sometimes you have an "aura," seeing pinpoints of light or other visual disturbances before the headache hits.

Some 28 million Americans suffer this pain, yet half don't realize that migraines — and not some other headache — are to blame, and millions go without treatment.

That's particularly disturbing to experts because, in a revolutionary shift, scientists are dis-

covering that migraines are caused not by the abnormal blood vessels once blamed but by a unique electrical disorder of brain cells.

The findings open new avenues to attack these tenacious headaches, and suggest treating migraines is important because people who suffer very frequent attacks seem vulnerable to physical changes inside the brain that could lead to chronic pain.

"We should probably be treating very quickly," Dr. K. Michael Welch of the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, whose neurological research is spurring this new view of migraines, told a recent

meeting at the National Institutes of Health.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

State Farm plans return of premiums

TWIN FALLS - State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. announced Monday it will return \$2.5 million in premiums paid by its Idaho auto insurance policyholders.

State Farm Mutual policyholders in 49 states, Washington, D.C. and three Canadian provinces will receive a total of just more than \$1 billion in the company's latest dividends program, approved Monday by the company's board.

Policyholders will receive their dividends by check or by credit to current customers' accounts over the next renewal cycle beginning Monday.

Dividends are a one-time return of premium based on recent financial results.

State Farm said it doesn't plan for dividends when setting prices, but returns money to customers when financial results are better than anticipated and business conditions permit.

Changes in financial results that are believed to indicate long-term trends typically are reflected in rate adjustments. State Farm has reduced rates by 7.2 percent in Idaho since 1997, State Farm said.

Company will discontinue commerce venture

PORTLAND, Ore. - Hollywood Entertainment Corp. on Monday said it would close the e-commerce business at its Reel.com website because it was unable to raise outside funding to sustain the loss-making unit, which sold videos over the Internet.

The Portland, Ore.-based company, which operates 1,800 Hollywood Video stores including one in Twin Falls, said it expects to incur an after-tax loss of roughly \$25 million for costs related to the closure of the business.

The Reel.com site will continue to provide entertainment news content while visitors seeking to purchase videos will be diverted to the buy.com site.

"As a result of the major declines in the value of publicly traded e-commerce companies, we have been unable to obtain outside financing for Reel and do not believe it is in the best interests of Hollywood's banks, bondholders and shareholders to continue funding Reel.com from Hollywood's strong video store cash flow," said Mark Watles, the company's chairman and CEO.

Stock of Hollywood Entertainment, the second-largest U.S. video store chain, has slumped by more than 75 percent over the past 18 months, and Chief Financial Officer David Martin said the losses from the Reel.com investment "have completely overshadowed the strong profits and cash flow from our...superstores. Investors will not be able to focus on the profits of our core video rental business."

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Testing time for Greenspan

This week will help show if his policies are working

Chicago Tribune

Alan Greenspan's coveted soft landing will get an important early fly-by this week.

With several major economic reports on tap and a speech by the powerful Federal Reserve chairman set for Tuesday, economists, corporate executives and



Alan Greenspan rates six times since June in hopes of negotiating a so-called

others on the economy's front lines are eagerly awaiting evidence about whether Greenspan's aggressive rate tightening is working - and whether it has gone too far.

The Fed has raised interest rates six times since June in hopes of negotiating a so-called

"soft landing" that brings the red-hot U.S. economy in check without pushing the country toward a recession. But economists and market observers project some real softness will begin showing up in this week's reports that, coupled with mounting evidence in the past few weeks of a slowdown, could signal a rougher landing ahead.

Corporate America has started to feel the effects of Greenspan's handiwork, particularly in so-called old economy sectors, such as manufacturing. Interest rate

increases have already started to hurt truck sales, a spokesman for Chicago-based truckmaker Navistar International Inc. said, especially among owner-operators, who finance their own rigs.

Although a few weeks ago, analysts were debating how much and how often interest rates would be going up this summer, most economists now expect this week's economic reports - including retail sales, housing starts and consumer inflation - will indicate

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Chamber might get new life

Grass-roots effort aims to revive Gooding organization

By Gina Mulder Times-News correspondent

GOODING - A grass-roots movement is afoot in Gooding, one that its members hope will help wake a sleeping chamber of commerce.

Judce Gooding, owner and operator of the Gooding Hotel Bed and Breakfast, is championing the effort after she learned earlier in the year that the Gooding Chamber of Commerce had all but disappeared.

The reorganizing efforts began during a March Gooding City Council meeting when city leaders discussed reactivating the Chamber of Commerce and updating the team's short-term action plan. The discussion fell short because city leaders said an attempt to rejuvenate the Gem Community wouldn't succeed without the help of a functioning chamber of commerce.

The Gem Community Team is an organization whose broad-based membership helps the local governing body define and implement community-based projects. The Idaho Department of Commerce awards the Gem Community designation after the community has completed a specific training and planning process and established a long-term plan and a short-term action plan, which address infrastructure, business retention, business diversification and economic development. The short-term plan is to be updated every other year for the town to retain its Gem Community status.

During that City Council discussion is when Gooding jumped in.

"I raised my hand and made the commitment to try and get the chamber of commerce started up again," Gooding said. "Keep in mind the operative word here is try."

The Gooding Chamber of Commerce never officially disbanded. But by late last summer, members stopped attending monthly meetings, the phone had been shut off and the mail wasn't getting picked up.

"I would say it went into a state of suspended animation," past chamber President Tom Stolman-Hamilton said.

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SKIER NUMBERS SLIDE

Industry faces second straight yearly decline

The Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Despite a booming economy, the ski industry suffered its second straight decline this year.

"To say we don't have a problem would be naive," said Michael Berry, president of the National Ski Areas Association. From California to New England skier and snowboarder days were down, according to figures released Monday at the annual convention of Colorado Ski Country USA, the state's ski industry trade association.

Berry said the growth of snowboarding, once deemed the savior of a flat industry, has slowed. Analysts fear the sport is relying too much on aging Baby Boomers. Not enough people 35 and under are being attracted to the slopes.

"There's not enough Nugrins on the face of the earth to keep us skiing," Berry said.

Preliminary figures collected by Nolan Rosall of RRC Associates showed there were 51.6 million skier days nationwide this season, compared with 51.9 million in 1998-99. The 1998-99 figure was down 5.02 percent from 1997-98.

The three major regions all showed drops. The Pacific West was down 4.29 percent, Northeast .6 percent and Colorado, the nation's No. 1 ski state, suffered a 4.5 percent decline. Colorado suffered a similar drop during the 1998-99 season, and has lost about 1.1 million skier days in two years.

A skier day amounts to one lift ticket, purchased and used. The national decline has boosted a new industry, ski insurance. A Steamboat Springs, Colo., company has sold so-called "winter insurance" to 18 resorts throughout the country.

Gina Kroft, spokeswoman for Crested Butte, a Colorado resort far from urban centers that depends on out-of-state skiers, said her company will submit a claim soon. Crested Butte drew 10.33 percent fewer skiers than the year before. Vail Resorts



Andy Henkes skis down Vail Mountain in Vail, Colo., earlier this year. Despite a booming economy, Colorado ski areas drew 4.5 percent fewer skiers and snowboarders this ski season. In two years, the nation's No. 1 ski state has lost more than 2 million skier days.

has already been paid \$10.6 million, and MDM Group Associates Inc. said it may pay out more than \$25 million nationally.

"Snow was the problem at Crested Butte."

"We didn't get good snow until Feb. 13," Kroft said.

But weather wasn't the only problem. In fact, Colorado saw a whole totaled 218 inches of accumulated snow, compared with 189 inches the year before, and 212 inches in 1997-98, when the state recorded 11.9 million skier visits.

The Colorado decline was made more startling by the fact that several major resorts were offering the cheapest lift tickets, after inflation, in 20 years.

For \$200, "buddy passes" allowed unlimited skiing.

"It was accessible, affordable, enjoyable. You can do everything right and still get it wrong," said John Frew, president of Colorado Ski Country.

The good news was that resorts have expanded into more retail areas, including restaurants, and clothing stores. Retail revenues were up at several areas.

Gary DeFrance, CEO of Winter Park, said early sales of "buddy passes," helped his resort's cash flow and "committed people to skiing, and to Winter Park. Once the snow fell, they started coming. And because they hadn't spent so much on a lift ticket they felt

able to spend more on other things."

Frew said the Y2K scare also was a significant factor in lower skier numbers. Even resorts that had good snow lost guests to companies who required their staff to stay at home.

Many international visitors took advantage of the cheaper Canadian dollar, and for the second straight year, Whistler-Blackcomb in British Columbia, was the continent's busiest ski complex. The two resorts' skier days were up 27 percent in 1998-1999, and the numbers are even higher this year. The two mountains, which still are open, have attracted 2.2 million so far this season, said David Perry, vice president of marketing.

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MONEY

Credit card rates rise with temperatures

Will they thwart vacation plans?

By Shannon Buggs Knight Ridder News Service

Required summer reading for people taking trips soon: your credit card agreement. After you read the small print on the disclosure statement the issuer sent you with the card you may rethink some of your plans. Somewhere in that document the issuer told you it only has to give you 15 days notice of changing your interest rate, fees or any other term of your agreement. If, like most people, you threw those papers away, don't worry. Your credit card company will probably be sending you a letter reiterating its right to raise your

interest rate soon. Why? Because the cost of borrowing money has gone up for everybody. To inoculate the economy from inflation, the Federal Reserve has raised the benchmark interest rate six times in the past 12 months. Most of those increases were in quarterly increments, but last month, the Fed issued an aggressive half-point hike. Those actions have made it more expensive for banks to borrow money from the Fed and from each other. To protect their profit margins and keep shareholders happy, banks and credit card companies have to pass on those higher costs to customers who borrow money from them. That makes sense in the context of taking out loans to buy homes and cars or start business-

es. But since we don't sign 20 forms to use our credit cards, many of us may forget that credit cards are also lending tools. Whenever you use your credit card, you are taking out a short-term convenience loan from the issuer to buy that item. If you pay off the balance by the set date, you don't have to pay any interest on that loan. If you don't pay off the balance, you pay interest on the loan, which will soon be more than you have been paying. "It looks like credit card rates will be peaking this summer," says Keith Leggett, a senior economist with the American Bankers Association. "It would be better to use your debit card." It usually takes one billing cycle or 60 days for credit-card rate changes to take effect. So, for rates raised on cards immedi-

ately after the Fed's action, July payments for June purchases will be higher than June payments for May purchases. Don't count on card surfing your way to a better rate. The credit card come-on letters are not nearly as enticing as they used to be. The credit card companies began realizing last year that their cutthroat battle to gain market share was leaving everyone bloody. But even if you're fortunate enough to have a card that charges less than 10 percent interest, don't count on having it much longer. Fixed rate is not synonymous with permanent. Spelled out in the disclosure statement you'll be reading before charging a flight to Tahiti are the credit card company's rules for re-pricing the interest

rate on your fixed-rate card. It could happen each year or it could happen once the card expires in another year or two. But that does not negate the company's right to give you 15 days notice of any change it decides to make at any time. The Fed met again June 27 and 28, which means interest rates could rise again. Many analysts predict the Fed's governors want to see if the economic cool down produced by the May hike will survive the summer and wait until August to raise rates again. But Fed members may fear summer buying sprees will melt any progress made by May, and increase and want to weaken interest rates again in June to deep-freeze inflation. Regardless of which way the Fed goes, using your credit card is

going to cost you more this summer. As always, your best solution to this financial dilemma are to pay off balances at the end of each month and pay with cash. For those who can't possibly get everything paid off before their credit card rates rise, start shopping for a new card at bankrate.com, which surveys large lenders each day for the best rates. Also check out the cards offered by your credit union. As not-for-profit businesses that don't pay taxes, credit unions don't have to squeeze as much profit from their loans as banks and credit card companies do. If you got a new card, remember to read and file all documents that come with it. Staying informed will help you float through this summer's economic turbulence.

Gooding

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In the past, the Gooding Chamber of Commerce was a viable organization, contributing to the overall welfare of the business community. But over the past five years, the chamber seemed to lose its footing. "I believe the chamber became involved in a number of activities that were not traditional chamber-oriented activities," Stotman-Hamilton said. "Then the chamber had difficulty identifying what it wanted to be and what the business community wanted it to be. It was a long-term struggle. In the end there were just three of us trying to hold it together."

Gooding and a handful of community members have met about three times since May. So far they have formed a steering committee, which will help pave the way for the new leadership by laying down some guidelines. The steering committee's first order of business will be to gather as many ideas as possible and then go to work on establishing a common mission. After that, the steering committee will address leadership issues, membership and dues and possibly bylaw revision. "It's easy to say that we want a chamber of commerce, but we need a chamber of commerce," Gooding said. "But it's really important that we first identify

the need, the purpose and a goal. This is important if we want to be successful." Various chambers of commerce might choose to focus on bringing new employers to town, distributing information to tourists and potential residents, organizing social and community events, taking the lead on local issues that affect businesses or improving local quality of life, among other aims. Gooding Mayor George Dains said the City Council supports the grass-roots effort to reorganize the chamber, and city leaders look forward to working with the chamber in the future. "I think Judge is doing a good

job, and I hope they get it going again," Dains said. "The chamber is always good for the town because they can help with the economic development." Gooding said the steering committee won't focus on the past, but instead will look ahead to what the chamber is capable of accomplishing. "We're going to avoid reshaping what happened in the past," Gooding said. "We had a motivated and successful chamber in the past and we can have it again." Times-News correspondent Gina Mulder can be reached in Wendell at 536-6649.

Technology stocks lead market lower

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks fell sharply Monday, sending the Nasdaq composite index down more than 100 points, as reports from two companies suggested that second-quarter earnings won't meet Wall Street's high expectations. An earnings warning from Citicorp, a maker of computer network products, helped give the Nasdaq its worst loss since May 23. Meanwhile, Home Depot hurt the Dow Jones industrials after a Wall Street analyst said rising interest rates

are taking a toll on sales. The Nasdaq ended the day down 106.93 at 3,767.91. Since it lost 199 points on May 23, the index had been trading in a range between 3,700 and 3,800. The Dow fell 49.85 to close at 10,564.21, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 10.95 at 1,445.00. Both indexes gave up early trading gains. Trading was light, convincing analysts that investors are trading cautiously in advance of several government reports on the economy due out later this week.

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EPA official fails to see reason for rising gas prices

WASHINGTON (AP) Federal officials met for two hours with oil refiners Monday, and the EPA's top air pollution official said he heard "no good explanation" for soaring gasoline prices.

spokesman Joe Lockhart said the EPA's top air pollution official said he heard "no good explanation" for soaring gasoline prices.

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Educator says conservation biology grows in stature

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — Conservation biologists are now being taken seriously and will have to learn how to cope with the criticism that follows, the former chief of the U.S. Forest Service says.

"Being taken seriously entails eventual assumption of awesome responsibility," Jack Ward Thomas told the 14th annual Society for Conservation Biology meeting at the University of Montana.

More than 1,300 scientists and students enrolled for the national event last weekend. "It is one thing to theorize at a meeting and to publish peer-reviewed articles in one journal or another and debate in scholarly discourse," Thomas said. "It is quite another to produce management plans that involve the survival of species, imposition of huge economic and social

impacts and endurance of the 'slings and arrows' from those fellow human beings and their elected representatives who are seriously hurt in the process."

Thomas is now Boone and Crockett professor of wildlife conservation at the university. Before leaving left his Forest Service post in 1996, Thomas helped formulate a plan to assure the survival of the northern spotted owl in the early 1990s. The work of Thomas and his team eventually resulted in a controversial timber-cut reduction of about 52 percent on federal lands in the Pacific Northwest.

Thomas said that the development of appropriate land management strategies would be more effective if practitioners were either better acquainted with social science and economics or trained to include such specialists on their work teams.

Activists claim roadless sabotage

BOISE (AP) — One of Idaho's major environmental groups accused Boise Cascade Corp. Monday of trying to manipulate its workers into conspiring with it to undermine the Clinton administration's roadless proposal.

The Idaho Conservation League said it obtained an internal electronic memorandum in which a corporate lawyer urged Boise Cascade employees to request copies of the 400-page analysis of the roadless plan to essentially choke the information distribution system.

Boise Cascade spokesmen countered that the company was being accused of doing exactly what environmental groups urged

their members to do on issues critical to them.

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Evaluators raise questions on sportsmen's fees

BOISE (AP) — Legislative evaluators raised questions on Monday about the legality of the way Idaho originally automated hunting and fishing fees, but they concluded there were no intentional violations and the existing contract for the computerized service is adequate.

The Office of Performance Evaluations did recommend that improvements be made in the existing contract with G-Tech and that weaknesses in the handling of payments to that company be eliminated since they pose "a serious future risk if not corrected."

The chairman of the Fish and Game Commission agreed with

the need for improved handling of payments to G-Tech and promised to pursue the contract improvements recommended in the evaluation.

"Overall," John Burns of Carmen wrote in response to the report, "we are pleased that you found no suggestion of improper payments or monetary loss to Idaho's sportsmen."

Burns did dispute the claim that the original 1995 deal with the company violated state purchasing law and the suggestion that negotiating a new five-year contract last year may have bent the law.

He said the attorney general's office also disagreed with the leg-

islative conclusions and would be providing the Joint Legislative Committee on Oversight a detailed analysis.

The multimillion-dollar automated licensing system has been a bone of contention, at least for some, since it was implemented. A previous commission and Fish and Game director settled on using G-Tech because it was already providing automated ticket service for the state

Lottery.

The switch to automation, however, was mired with problems for several years before the kinks were worked out.

Then G-Tech took a hard negotiating position on renewal of the contract, claiming it really was not interested in keeping the business. But that ineptness melted and a deal that the evaluated assessed as acceptable was finally cut.

Special Meeting Announcement

Attention All Idaho Process Potato Growers

Negotiations for 2001 potato processing contracts are proceeding at a rapid rate and there are some encouraging developments relating to base price and contract language.

However, there are also challenges to overcome and grower unity is critical in order to bring about the needed contract changes. Potato Growers of Idaho (PGI) is working with grower associations from across the United States and Canada to make the needed contract changes that will make potato production profitable once again, and keep our producers in business.

A meeting has been scheduled for June 15 to discuss negotiations for 2001 processing contracts and developments related to the Potato Marketing Association of North America. You don't have to be a PGI member to attend. Please invite your neighbors. The meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at the Burley Inn, Burley, Idaho.

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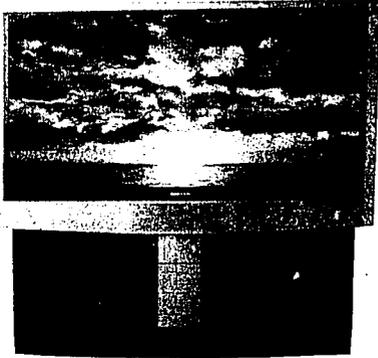
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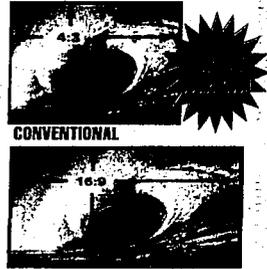
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Tf School Board to decide cutbacks

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls School Board today will decide a \$41.2 million budget that includes eight fewer teaching positions in the 2000-01 school year.

One half-time secondary art teacher will lose a job. The district has been able to reassign other teachers to different positions, and handle the other lost jobs through attrition. Other cutbacks will be seen in supplies and purchased services.

A downturn in student enrollment triggered the budget tightening. Enrollment determines a district's share of state education revenue.

The projected general fund budget is \$31.86 million. The district will receive another \$9.33 million in federal funds.

The board also will decide whether to approve new district-wide accounting and database software and server systems for \$235,800. The district looks to the new system to save money in the long run. It will save \$30,000 or more annually by cutting the need for an outside server service and for additional savings by eliminating the need to pay for monthly phone lines to operate the computer network. Both costs rise annually. The new system will be used to improve record management and perform a number of functions including analysis of the benefits of a school program compared with its cost.

The board is set to vote on a new employee drug screening policy that includes pre-employment screening. The policy was drafted through teacher negotiations.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. in the district office, 201 Main Ave. W.

International bicycle race hits Twin Falls today

TWIN FALLS - The 11-day HP LaserJet Women's Challenge bicycle road race makes its annual journey through the heart of the Magic Valley today, leaving the Burley East Western Hotel at 10 a.m. bound for Buhl on U.S. Highway 30.

The 114-rider entourage is expected through Twin Falls around 11 a.m., with several Americans hoping to land spots on the U.S. team that will compete at the Olympics in Sydney, Australia, this summer. Today's 84.2-mile course actually loops past Buhl down into the Snake River Canyon before climbing the south rim across the river from Clear Lake County Club and finishing with a trout barbecue in Buhl's Eastman Park.

Riders will head out of Burley on Highway 30 passing through Murtagh and Hansen. They will make the sugar factory through Kimberly and Twin Falls before making a right-hand turn on 2200 East and rejoining Highway 30 near the race will cross the new Broadway Avenue in Buhl, then circle around on Highway 30, and fifth Highway 30, before coming back toward town on River Road and Oak Lakes Avenue.

Motorists along the route might be asked to pull to the side of the road to allow the bikers to pass. The road ride is a tight group, so no road closures are necessary.

Co-workers doing well after kidney transplant

TWIN FALLS - Vern Taylor and Ardelle Hanson are in good condition following a kidney transplant operation last week at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City.

Hanson had returned to Twin Falls, while Taylor remains at LDS Hospital. Hanson gave one of her kidneys to Taylor, who needed one to combat adult-onset diabetes. Hanson will be on leave from her job as a medical technologist in the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Blood Bank for four to six weeks. Taylor will be on leave from the Magic Valley Regional as a registered nurse for about two months as he recovers.

School holds ceremony at construction site Thursday

KIMBERLY - A groundbreaking ceremony will be held Thursday at the construction site of the new Kimberly High School. The ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. on the corner of Center Street West and Emerald.

Last year Kimberly voters approved a \$4.86 million bond issue to build a new high school and gymnasium.

Compiled from staff reports

Flight change

Hospital switches air ambulance service

By Jay Howser
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - In a surprise decision, the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will replace Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center's Life Flight air ambulance program. The hospital board Monday night ended

months of deliberation, and decided to make the first step toward forming a joint venture with St. Luke's Regional Medical Center. The move would make Boise-based Access Air Ambulance the only company providing emergency helicopter transport service in the Magic Valley.

Life Flight had provided emergency air ambulance service since September 1998.

In the deliberations before the vote as well as in past board meetings, several board members said they were hesitant to enter into an air ambulance joint venture with Saint Alphonsus. The two hospitals compete

on many levels, and their at-times adversarial relationship - particularly on the air ambulance issue - might have been too much for board members to overlook.

Saint Alphonsus officials had no comment after the board meeting, but said the hospital will release a statement today.

Still, even hospital administrator Jerry Hart was caught off guard by Monday's vote.

"My assumption was that it was going to Life Flight," Hart said. "I think there was an interest in the working relationship that could evolve with Access Air operating in

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Trash talk

City approves waste service contract for lower collection rates

By John T. Huxley
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Residents will pay lower trash collection rates, under a contract with Twin Falls' largest waste collector.

A divided City Council Monday approved PSI Waste Systems Inc.'s waste collection contract - a five-year deal that guarantees city residents savings of \$1.22 per month.

Earlier this year, the City Council approved a request to extend PSI's city contract another five years. Under that contract, PSI said it would reduce its rate by \$1.22 per month.

The reason for the lower rate? PSI has proposed reducing its monthly rate from \$6.24 to \$5.02 per month, after the new Twin Falls transfer station opens in August.

The transfer station is being built by the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District at a cost of about \$1.2 million. The station will be used to move trash from Twin Falls to the Milner Butte Landfill.

Because the transfer station is closer to town than the Hub Butte Landfill, where residents were dumping their trash, PSI can work with one less trash truck, Les Reitz of PSI Waste Systems, said recently.

That will cut back PSI's costs by about \$145,000 per year, a city staff report says.

PSI is also offering to reduce the rental fee for blue containers by 28 cents per month.

But before approving PSI's contract, the council made some changes of its own.

In a 5-2 vote, the council amended the contract to allow residents the choice of renting PSI trash bins, or buying their own from PSI or another company.

Such a trash bin costs about \$90.

"I think the consumer should have the right to buy the bin," Councilmember Lance Clow said Monday.

Council members Glenda Thompson and Howard Allen were the dissenting votes.

Reitz raised his concerns about the amendment.

Purchasing a trash bin would not likely help pay for PSI's equipment maintenance. Bin rentals help pay for maintenance. Reitz accepted the council's changes Monday without dispute, however.

Ultimately, the council approved the contract on a 4-3 vote. Council members Howard Allen, Trip Craig and Thompson voted no.

In other business Monday, the council unanimously approved the Twin Falls Tonight committee's request to use the city's parking lot next to the Key Bank parking lot.

Twin Falls Tonight would mirror Boise's Alive After Five event, which is held every Friday night during the summer and includes entertainment, food and beer.

PUTTING ON THE DOG



Missy gets groomed by her owner Mike Wilson of Carson City, Nev., Monday to prepare for a Snake River Canyon Kennel Club dog show today at Twin Falls county fairgrounds. Two separate shows will be held this week with two sets of judges, with 616 dogs entered in the show Tuesday and 630 Wednesday. Judging for the more than 100 breeds of dogs in the shows will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the Best of Group Judging at 1:45 p.m.

PUC blocks phone company on Burley rates

The Times-News

BOISE - U S West lost another round Monday in its attempt to deregulate rates in Burley.

Idaho Public Utilities Commission voted 2-1 to uphold its previous rejection of the phone utility's application. The commission said U S West didn't present any new reasons or show mistakes the commission may have made in its May 3 decision.

The commission's majority opinion said U S West merely disagreed with the commission's "application of the law."

U S West spokeswoman Carla Fewkes said the company

received word of the decision late Monday. She said company officials were reviewing the decision and would comment on it today.

The utility previously has said it could take the case to the Idaho Supreme Court if it lost the appeal.

The PUC rejected U S West's petition for deregulation in May by the same 2-1 vote. The commission said the Rupert-based Project Mutual Telephone cooperative was providing competition, but not enough to meet legislative guidelines for effective competition throughout the calling area.

U S West had argued that the commission's May decision misapplied Idaho law that defines "effective competition" and also created "non-statutory and unreasonable conditions for deregulation that will act as a barrier to competition," according to its petition to the PUC. The phone utility then filed its appeal with the commission on May 24.

Legislation that defines effective competition does not establish a numerical standard. However, the commission stated in its earlier order that at least half of U S West's customers would have to be given the option of local calling service in order to justify deregulation.

In its petition, U S West argues that the commission's order suggested a standard of competition that the Legislature did not impose. U S West has said those conditions are unreasonable and harmful to consumers.

U S West maintains that requiring the higher level of competition before deregulation occurs allows competitors to pick off the most lucrative customer blocs. The result is that U S West is left with only the higher-cost customers.

The case marked the first application to the PUC for deregulation of basic service rates under a 1997 state law.

Richfield teens close to plea agreement

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE - A Richfield teen-ager charged with stealing guns might soon plead guilty, and he might be out of juvenile detention even sooner.

Archie Biegler, 16, who has been at the heart of a community-wide uproar in Shoshone, is scheduled to change his plea and face sentencing at a July 17 hearing in Lincoln County juvenile court. He will be released before then from the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center in Twin Falls if his lawyer submits a written plan for around-the-clock adult supervision, 5th District Magistrate Judge John Varin said Monday.

Biegler and his 15-year-old friend Justin Stewart are

charged with grand theft, petit theft and two counts of burglary in connection with the theft of two World War II Japanese rifles. Stewart is also charged with cruelty to animals in connection with the death of a cat.

Community outrage backed over in April, after students reported Biegler had a knife in class and had threatened other students. Angry parents vented their frustrations to the Richfield School Board in a public meeting.

The boys were arrested on the stolen rifle charges later that night.

At Monday's hearing Biegler's lawyer, Patrick McMillen, said a plea agreement was close to being worked out with Lincoln County Prosecutor E. Scott Paul.

Around-the-clock adult super-

vision was also possible now that Biegler's mother was off work for the summer, McMillen said.

McMillen must give Varin a written plan explaining who would supervise Biegler during his house arrest, Varin said. Biegler would also have to wear an ankle monitor, he said.

The plan would be similar to the one Stewart's lawyer gave Varin. Stewart has been under house arrest for about two weeks, and he has followed all the requirements with no problems, lawyer Rockne Lammers said.

An August trial date for Stewart was set Monday.

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Elko public lands panel suggest that Nevada should trade waste for land

ELKO, Nev. (AP) - Two Elko County officials are suggesting that the state of Nevada accept the nation's nuclear waste in exchange for control over federal lands.

Elko County Public Land Use Advisory Committee Chairman Warren Ruppertell and vice chairman Don Decker told county commissioners that the proposal would give Nevada patent to all federal land within its borders.

In exchange, the state would willingly accept nuclear waste material from throughout the nation at the proposed Yucca Mountain dump - the federal government's preferred site for the permanent burial of used fuel from commercial nuclear reactors.

Decker argued that ground around the Nevada Test Site - the nation's nuclear testing facility for decades - is already contaminated.

Nuclear waste is a fact of life, he said. Instead of rejecting and fighting the federal government on the issue, Nevada should use it to its advantage in exchange for land.

"This is the perfect opportunity for Nevada to just say 'yes' to nuclear waste for the benefit of both the state and the country, he said.

"If we do not accept it, it will be forced upon us," he argued.

Commissioners appeared open to the plan and suggested Decker present the idea to the Nevada Association of Counties and the Legislature's Public Land Use Committee in the coming months.

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Kempthorne mulls executive order on state vehicle management plan

BOISE (AP) - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne announced a key legislative committee on Monday that he is proposing an executive order mandating agencies to develop management plans for state vehicles.

late 1998 by former Gov. Phil Batt in response to a critical report from the committee staff.

That report suggested that state agencies were not effectively using \$42 million worth of vehicles, based on an assessment of the mileage put on them in a year. In fact, it found that between mid-1996 and mid-1997, 94 of the 3,245 state-owned passenger vehicles were not used at all and hundreds of others were driven less than 3,000.

Legislative evaluators acknowledged that there were special circumstances justifying some instances of low mileage, but they suggested there was a need to bet-

ter link executive needs with vehicles.

It struck a cord with legislative budget writers, who have spent years questioning the justification for annual agency requests for hundreds of thousands of dollars of new cars and trucks.

The executive order will require centralized information on vehicle use and criteria for disposal and replacement that maximizes the useful life of the vehicle.

Each management plan must also include a periodic assessment of the benefits of leasing versus owning a car or truck based on the use.

FATAL SHOOTING



Above, a relative of a man later identified as Brian Allen Poppleton learns that he has just been shot to death by officers from the Boise Police Department after a standoff Monday in Boise. Poppleton, 27, held police at bay with a handgun in his truck until he pointed the gun at nearby police who returned fire and killed the man, Police Chief Don Plarco said.



At right, three Boise policeman involved in the shooting death walk away from the scene.

SERVICES

Ronald J. Noble of Dietrich, service at 11 a.m. today at the Dietrich LDS Ward Chapel, burial at 2:30 p.m. today at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call one hour before the service today at 11 a.m. (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Family will visit with friends for one hour before services today at Wood Funeral Home in Idaho Falls.

Florence H. Schmeckpeper of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Buhl. Friends and family may call from noon to 7 p.m. today at Farmer's Funeral Chapel.

George E. Poole of Jerome, graveside service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Restlawn Cemetery in Pocatello. Friends may gather at the cemetery; no viewing is planned (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Mayme Cisco Ball Devine of Jerome, service at 1 p.m. today at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Jerome, viewing from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Pinedale Cemetery in Pinedale, Wyo.; viewing from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Chapel of the Pines in Pinedale.

Hazel Bucklin Stearns of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Lavina M. Adair of Gooding, service at 1 p.m. today at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Hattie 'Marie' Shaw of Springfield, Ore., and formerly of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at the Rest-Haven Memorial Park and Funeral Home at 3900 Willamette St. in Eugene, Ore.

Gerald E. 'Giggs' Hayden of Idaho Falls, and formerly of Filer, service at 2 p.m. today at the Wood Chapel of the Pines in Idaho Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Cliffine K. Thomsen

PAUL - Cliffine K. Thomsen, 78, of Paul, died Monday, June 12, 2000, of an extended illness. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 16, 2000, at the Emerson First Ward LDS Building, with Bishop Louis Johnson officiating. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, and one hour before services Friday at the church. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary

Rupert Chapel.

Ira Mae McNutt

HEYBURN - Ira Mae McNutt, 84, of Heyburn, died Monday, June 12, 2000, at her home in Heyburn. Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

George R. Wilson

PAUL - George R. Wilson, 87, of Paul, died Monday, June 12, 2000, at the Minidoka Memorial

Extended Care Unit. Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

William Harding

JEROME - William Harding, 78, of Providence, Utah, and formerly of Jerome, died Monday, June 12, 2000, at his home, following an extended illness. A funeral is scheduled at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 15, 2000, at the Jerome Fourth Ward LDS Chapel on Tiger Drive in Jerome. A full obituary will follow at a later date.

OBITUARIES

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JEROME

Voit 'Spud' Hudspeth Jr.

Voit 'Spud' Hudspeth Jr. of Jerome, died Sunday evening June 11, 2000, at his home following an extended illness.

He was born September 26, 1922, at Wendell, the son of Voit and Lerna.

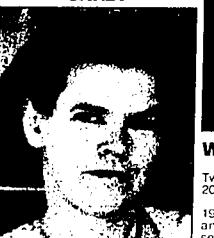
Phillips Hudspeth Sr., and was reared and educated at Jerome. Following graduation, he enlisted and served with the 82nd Airborne Division, landing in Normandy on D Day. He also fought in the Battle of the Bulge and remained in Germany until 1948, when he was honorably discharged. During the 1950s, Voit was active in farming, and from 1958 until 1963, he owned the Bank Club.

From 1964 until retiring in 1983, he was active in construction projects, working with various companies, but primarily with Morrison-Knudsen in Vietnam, Indonesia, Algeria, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. Voit was a past member of the Jerome American Legion and a Charter Member of the Jerome Elks Lodge. He also was a hunter, fisherman and storyteller, sharing many hunting stories with his grandchildren. On March 22, 1984, Voit married Alicia Arrieta, and they had two children, Susan Hollie and Randy Steven. They divorced in 1984, and he married Helen Madesh Shellenbarger on February 24, 1967.

Survivors include his wife Helen of Jerome, four children, Steve of Hottel (Robert) Mikessell of Livermore, Calif.; Randy (Ingrid) Hudspeth of Boise; Joan (Barry) Fitzgerald of Boise; and Gary (Eileen) Shellenbarger of Albany, New York; six grandchildren, Joel Fitzgerald, Ryan Fitzgerald, Gary and Brad Shellenbarger, and Rhoda Fitzgerald and Kim Shellenbarger. Two great-granddaughters, and a

niece, Bonnie McBride of Shoshone, also survive him. He was predeceased in death by a sister, Nell Laughlin, and two grandchildren, Stephanie Hudspeth and Todd Shollenbarger. Graveside services for Voit "Spud" Hudspeth Jr. will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, June 16, 2000, at the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may gather at the cemetery shortly before the cremation and funeral services are under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel and Cremation service.

CAREY



Janet Arta Sparks

Janet Arta Sparks, age 82, died Saturday, June 10, 2000, at the Wood River Convalescent Center in Shoshone. Janet was born January 19, 1918, in Carey, to Allison and William Baird. A lifelong resident, she was raised and educated in Carey. She married Morris Sparks on April 30, 1930, in Halley. They farmed and ranched in Fish Creek. Janet worked in the Carey School lunch room for 15 years. She also worked at the Kraft Foods Cheese Factory and the Gateway Cafe in Carey. Janet had a love for flowers and quite a green thumb. She was also well-known for her willingness to help everyone who needed nursing care.

She is survived by two sons, Larry Sparks of Shoshone, and Michael Sparks of Pocatello; a grandson, Hoby Sparks of Carey; a step-granddaughter Diana Docker of Carey; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, six brothers, and one grandson. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, 2000, at the Carey LDS Chapel. Interment will

follow at the Carey Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the donor's favorite charity. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Halley.

TWIN FALLS



Wiley Q. 'Slate' Winson

Wiley Q. 'Slate' Winson, 73, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, June 11, 2000, at his home.

Wiley was born February 15, 1921, at Oxford, Idaho, to Albert and Laura Smith Winson. He served in the Army from January 13, 1942, until April 16, 1945. On September 18, 1954, Wiley married LaVonna Worcester, and she preceded him in death September 1992. Wiley worked in the masonry business as a hod carrier. He joined the laborer's union August 13, 1945, and served as a business agent for the union in Twin Falls. Wiley loved to fish, and during his time in the construction business, he got to know many people and made many friends, with whom he greatly enjoyed socializing. He was a member of the VFW, the Elks and the Odd Fellows. Surviving are his children, Orville Winson of Filer, Russ Winson of Twin Falls, Bob Winson of Buhl, and Diana Keesnick of Kimberly, a sister, Katherine Gooch of Boise, 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Bonnie; and a brother Ralph. Graveside service will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 15, 2000, at Sunset Memorial Park, with the Rev. Dale Metzger officiating. Military rites will be conducted by Magic Valley area veterans and auxiliary. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary of Twin Falls.

Wildfire burns homes near Denver

PINE JUNCTION, Colo. (AP) - A fast-moving wildfire burned houses southwest of Denver on Monday, forcing residents to flee with only their pets and prompting the evacuation of nearly 180 girls and staff members from a Girl Scout camp.

The Hi Meadows Fire burned at least 700 acres, destroyed at least three houses and forced 200 to 300 people to evacuate from homes near Bailey in eastern Park County, about 35 miles southwest of Denver, said Doug Lee, a spokesman for the fire management team. No injuries were reported. The number of burned homes was expected to rise.

A second fire threatened a subdivision in the mountains west of Loveland.

They were the most damaging wildfires burning across a number of Western states, including Arizona, California, New Mexico and Utah. Smoke from both blazes hung over parts of the Denver metropolitan area.

The Hi Meadows Fire near Bailey began Monday at about 11:30 a.m. and rapidly spread through parched brush and timber. The cause was not immediately known, but the region has had little moisture in months. About 100 firefighters were on the line.

Pushed by 22-mph wind, the fire was burning in the tree tops, which spreads the flames more quickly and shoots the flames far ahead of the main part of the fire.

It spread so quickly that some people had no time to gather up their belongings. David Wortman and his wife loaded their horses into a trailer, hitched it to their pickup and fled with their dog when the flames came within 50 yards of their house. They could feel the heat inside the truck. "Once I saw the flames that close, we had to get out. I couldn't stand between my house and the flames, it was that hot," he said. Cassie Bruntmyer said she had no time to gather any valuables.



Carl Miller and his wife, Kathy, wait helplessly as the Bobcat Fire rages around their home and property Monday in Big Thompson Canyon, Colo. The couple fought the fire for two hours trying to save their home until firefighters arrived.

"I ran in and it was too smoky and too close, so I just grabbed my animals and my children," she said. Her husband, Shawn, tried to return to the house but was turned back by the smoke and flames.

"It's going to wipe out this whole area," he said. "They don't have it under control."

Annie Zeller had to evacuate the home her son helped build before he died in a car wreck two years ago. "If the house goes up, who knows," she said, fighting back tears.

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Teen-agers present proposal to commissioners

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT - A proposal made Monday by two Minico High School graduates could help keep some Mini-Cassia youths out of jail, while offering recreational and economic opportunities.

"We've put a fantastic amount of money into the judicial system," Minidoka County Commission Chairman Larry Harper said. "Some of these things could help curb that."

The proposals, by Matt Smith and Buck Fife, were a springboard for discussion about uses for the county-owned Exit 208 property. Some of the ideas were met with caution.

"Residents are apprehensive about tax money being used for recreation," Commissioner John Remsberg said Monday.

Fife and Smith showed commissioners several possible proposals, including an Olympic-size pool, a dance hall, an arcade, miniature golf and go-carts, a restaurant, hotel and convention center.

A focal point of Fife and Smith's proposal is a lighthouse on the south edge of the water, between the lake and Interstate 84. The two teens said the lighthouse could serve as a logo to attract people.

"I kind of like the lighthouse idea," Remsberg said. "That is unique."

Revenue from property taxes generated by commercial ventures on the property, along with money from the sale of portions



Minidoka County Commissioner John Remsberg examines a proposal for Exit 208 property. Minico High School graduates Matt Smith, center, and Buck Fife presented several possible proposals.

of the property, could help pay for recreational facilities. However, that might not generate as much revenue, Remsberg said.

To have enough property to include all of the ideas, more property may be needed. Commissioners are talking with neighboring landowners, just in case, Remsberg said.

Before a decision is reached, commissioners plan to have several public hearings and meetings with the Exit 208 Advisory Committee.

The two former high school drafting students, who drew the property from an aerial photo taken from the Internet, said they could move buildings to other locations or re-size them

on the plans. "We can make it any size you want," Fife said. "All we have to do is click a couple buttons and make it bigger or smaller."

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ARTEC to buy \$313,000 telecommunications system

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho's board Monday approved the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition's plans to buy a telecommunications system.

The system, costing more than \$313,000, will be installed by Micron Internet Service. It will allow high schools in ARTEC's regional consortium to share courses through a two-way video broadcast.

CSI acts as ARTEC's grant administrator and must approve the coalition's major purchases.

U S West Communications appealed Micron's successful bid, but after further review by the college and ARTEC, both agencies concluded that Micron remained the successful bidder.

The board approved a nearly \$50,000 bid from Magic Valley Refrigeration of Twin Falls for new air conditioning and ventila-

Valley in brief

tion systems in Canyon Buildings classrooms. The board gave pre-approval for the college to spend up to \$110,000 and accept low bids for 50 more computers, a telecommunications system upgrade and video conference equipment as a result of a scheduling mix-up, the bids did not arrive in time for this month's board meeting.

Ketchum farmers' market will open for business

KETCHUM - Ketchum's new farmers' market will open today in Giacobbi Square. The market will open at 3 p.m. and run on Tuesdays through Oct. 10.

-compiled from staff reports

Huntley may help FMC group

POCATELLO (AP) - Former Idaho Supreme Court Justice Robert Huntley may help a group of retired FMC Corp. employees sue the company for allegedly making them sick.

The retirees approached Huntley, who now works at a Boise law firm, earlier this year with their allegations.

Huntley said he is drafting questionnaires for the retirees to determine whether each one has a case.

The former workers at the phosphate plant, which was recently reorganized under the

limited liability company Astaris, met to form a group and elect officers in April.

They said that exposure to chemicals at the plant resulted in lung and heart problems and cancers, among other ailments.

A recently released federal study documented that FMC and the J.R. Simplot Co. together have posed a health threat to Pocatello, Chubbuck and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes at least as far back as the 1970s. The risks to health have been acute particularly during local air inversions, the study reported.

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northern Nevada. That could be a benefit to us."

Access Air in April reached an agreement to provide air ambulance service in Elko County, Nev.

Still, like Hart, Access Air President James Hutchens expected the board to side with Life Flight.

"We're elated, and we're pretty surprised. We felt a little like the underdog," Hutchens said. "But with our helicopter franchise in Elko and surrounding counties, we think our service will be a benefit to the Magic Valley."

The board's vote was 6-2, with Rich Stivers and Vesta Maughan voting no, and Mark McKain abstaining.

Magic Valley Regional plans to set up a limited liability corporation with St. Luke's in the next 60 to 90 days. Access Air will then negotiate its contract with that LLC. No financial details on the contract were available Monday.

The board stressed in the motion that the two hospitals must equally share governance of the LLC, and that any resulting contract with the helicopter company must reflect the terms of a proposal for air service Access Air submitted in May.

Board Chairman Terry Schultz said Life Flight and Access Air offer equivalent services, so the only thing that will change for consumers is the name on the side of the helicopter.

Both companies use a Bell 407 helicopter, an upgrade of the aircraft now serving the region. Both also have fixed-wing aircraft available for longer distances and faster trips. Even the operating costs, and costs to patients, are expected to be similar.

With the change, patients will still be transported to the appropriate medical center - often Saint Alphonsus - and the patients will still make these decisions, Schultz said.

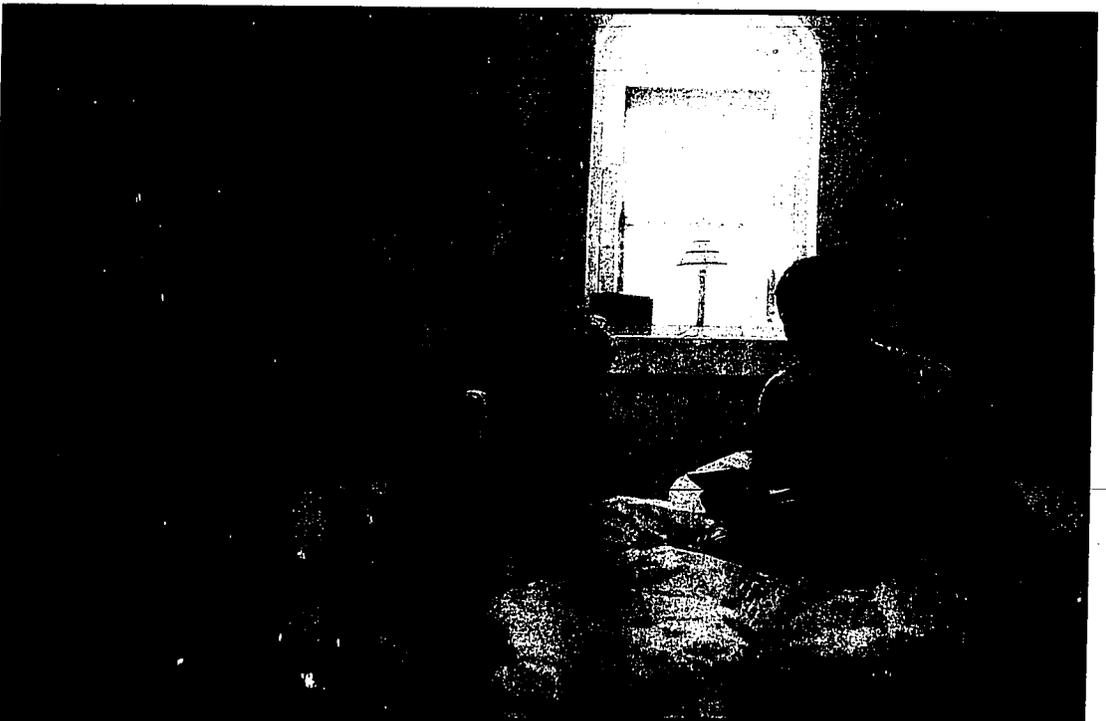
Many community members sent letters and faxes to Magic Valley Regional in the past two months supporting Life Flight. And Hart said he wanted to assure the public the quality of service would not decline after the change.

"We will make certain that we write into the contract the quality issues that we expect, because we have had quality service from Life Flight," Hart said.

Hutchens said his company will honor the Life Flight memberships many Magic Valley residents have purchased. He also said Access Air is eager to negotiate and begin operations soon, and he anticipates no significant delays.

"We've met with Magic Valley Regional and St. Luke's in the past, and they seem to get along well. I don't foresee any problems working with them in the future," he said.

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Jake Bailes is the first to graduate from a new automotive program.

Student graduates from new automotive program

By Connie Rensberg
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — A Minico student has made inroads for others as the first to successfully graduate from a unique automotive college-credited program offered by Magic Valley schools and the College of Southern Idaho.

Jake Bailes graduated from the Auto Body Service Educational Program (GM BSEP), which provides opportunities for high school students to gain experience with auto body repair at the college level at little cost, Bailes says.

The program for qualified high school students is tuition free and equipment is paid for by a grant from the Idaho Division of Professional Technical Education.

"I got to work with a lot of guys from around the valley and got a lot of training," Bailes says.

While he attended Minico High School, Bailes learned about program through his automotive technology teacher, Landon Marlor. After filling out an application, going through an interview with the instructor of the class and meeting other basic requirements, Bailes

and several other students from other area high schools were accepted.

After his junior year of high school, Bailes studied at CSI for eight weeks during the summer. He learned the fundamentals of automotive body repair, painting and refinishing.

Bailes and other students continued their skill building the next summer during another eight weeks.

After Bailes graduated from high school, the credits he earned through the program were articulated into the college program at CSI, where he continued his schooling.

"I only attended CSI for a year before I was on the job force the next," Bailes says. "It cuts down on the time spent in school."

Bailes has created a path for other, future candidates to follow and others are following his footsteps by entering the auto body program this summer, Marlor says.

"He was the first person to start this and to finish," Marlor says. "Minico offers this program every year and is open to any junior student."

Bailes is using his newly acquired skills as a painter for Crawford Auto Body.



Retha Anderson is all smiles after winning the 2000 Ms. Idaho Senior title at a Blackfoot competition.

Twin Falls woman wins Ms. Idaho Senior

BLACKFOOT — Retha Anderson of Twin Falls, the daughter of 25 and great-grandmother of two, was named Ms. Idaho Senior 2000 on June 3 in Blackfoot.

Anderson, a former Mrs. Magic Valley, will represent Idaho at the national pageant in Reno, Idaho, in October in Reno.

She also won the judge's interview award. For her talent portion, she performed an acting, singing and dance number.

Anderson and Larry Anderson have been married for 48 years. They owned and operated Anderson's Campground and Anderson's RV before retiring. Her five children say she remains active by volunteering, walking four miles a day, and performing on the piano, organ and accordion. She tap dances with a chorus line of precision tap dancers 65 and over. She also is a nursing and retirement home volunteer.

Idaho's first runner-up was Marlene Hillam from Blackfoot, who also won the personal philosophy award.

Second runner-up was Jane Thiel of Nampa, also voted Miss Congeniality and evening gown competition winner.

Lona Mae Sorenson of Blackfoot, Idaho's Ms. Senior in 1999, finished in the top 10 at the 1999 national competition in Las Vegas.

The Ms. Senior Idaho competition is a celebration of the elegant age of womanhood, Sorenson says. Women must be over 60-years-old to compete. The pageant goes back to 1971 to promote the positive aspects of aging.

The 2001 Ms. Senior pageant will take place in June 2001 in Twin Falls.

Area students round up history at rendezvous

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

HAZELTON — Valley School fourth-grade teacher Beverly Burns not only instructs from textbooks, but brings history into the classroom by way of hands-on projects for her 28 students.

For the last two years, the students have experienced a "rendezvous" in the spring.

This year, the students learned traditional folk dancing from Mary Martinette, heard tales of mountain men by Dale Tilley, mined gold with prospector Dave Gordon, learned the ways of fur trapping of small animals from Burns' former student Richard Bullers and came "nose to nose" with fish and beavers compliments of the Idaho Fish and Game Department.

Burns also invited Shudley McCauley's fourth-grade class of 25 to share the experiences.

Clint and Denise Carlin of Jerome took the students for a half-hour ride in an open wagon drawn by Jake and Jeff, 11-year old Clydesdale horses. The Carlins answered questions about the horses from the students.

The students learned what the horses eat, how much they weigh and the weight of their shoes.

In addition to the history lessons from experts, the students also earned art credits by baking bread, taffy pulls and making jerky, Indian drums, dream



Hazelton fourth-graders ride on Clydesdales as part of a school rendezvous for their study of Idaho history. Also on board is teacher and organizer Beverly Burns and Clydesdales owner Clint Carlin.

catchers and an Idaho map. The students also made "firewater" (root beer), bear claws and cookies to sell to other students.

After 38 years of teaching, Burns said she plans to teach two more years in the school and then retire. Until then, she will keep the children's bus, she said.

Auxiliary packs bags for Life Flight patient families

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Auxiliary is helping family members of Life Flight patients by packing a bag for them.

The packs include a bottle of water, notepads, pens, hand mirrors donated by Farmers National Bank, candy, gum, a \$5 phone card, a package of handy cleaners and tissues.

"The auxiliary heard that when there was a loved one Life Flighted out of our area, a lot of times the family members that followed didn't have time to go home and get the essentials that they needed and left with just what was in their pocket or purse at the time," says Lorraine Molyneux, auxiliary member. "The paramedics often gave \$5 or \$10 out of their own pocket to the family so they could have a way of making a few calls, buy coffee or whatever they needed."

Life Flight is a helicopter ambulance service with a base at Magic Valley Regional.

"We feel that the Life Flight program has been a great asset to our community and we want to support it all we can," Molyneux says.

Molyneux says the auxiliary plans to provide maps of the Boise and Salt Lake City areas in their bags as well.

"I think it's been pretty well received," she says of the new project. "I'm sure it will be great," says Scott



Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Auxiliary members, left to right, Lorraine Molyneux, auxiliary president Barbara Reichert and Imogene Heath with hospital paramedic supervisor Scott Baggott, joined forces the hospital to provide care bags to families of Life Flight patients.

Baggett, field supervisor of Magic Valley Regional paramedics.

The care bags are only one project of the auxiliary, which relies on the hospital's gift shop as their main fundraiser.

"Any money we make, anything we do, it all reverts back to the hospital,"

says Barbara Reichert, auxiliary president.

Last year, the auxiliary gave more than \$25,000 to various hospital departments. So far this year, \$18,152 has been given to various departments by the auxiliary.



T. J. Patterson, right, straightens a headstone at the Upper Clover Creek Cemetery, while Marshall Standal is ready to help caulkung gun. The beautification was part of Cade Erkin's Eagle Scout projects.

Scouts beautify old cemetery

By Dare Jensen
Times-News correspondent

BLISS — With rose gardens and hard work, a group of Bliss-area Scouts beautified an old cemetery.

For his Eagle Scout project, Cade Erkin selected the Upper Clover Creek Cemetery, which is said to be the site of the oldest grave in Gooding County.

The Scouts from Troop 107 gathered rocks from a field owned by Cade's father, Randy Erkins. The rocks were used to form an outline of a road in the cemetery. The Bliss Highway District is furnishing the gravel and will also spread it.

Frank and Ruby Jenkins provided rose bushes for a small garden on each side of the cemetery entrance. A new gate was installed at the main entrance along with a new gate for pedestrian traffic.

The 20 Scouts who helped Erkin also straightened and leveled headstones and fixed a fence.

In addition to their leaders, the Scouts had adult help: Bill Perry will complete a sign to hang at the site, J. D. Burk hauled rock and gravel used; Randy Erkin ran the backhoe work, Lorna Bard provided a go-ahead for the project and Cade's mother Laren, provided lunch.

TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

Student, families enjoy technology

By Betty Taylor
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY - Students and their families experienced new technology together.

The Kimberly School District held "Technology Night" April 10 at Kimberly Elementary, Kimberly Middle School and Kimberly High School.

The mission of "Technology Night" was to show parents how technology benefits academics. At the event, students demonstrated use of the technology, including computers, laser discs, digital camera and video imaging and slide shows.

Presentations consisted of an instructor introducing the objectives of an assignment and a student continued by introducing and showing their production, followed by a question and answer session.

The students used the computers to produce reports, do slide shows, search the Internet, use



Allison Cook, a third-grader at Kimberly Elementary School, shows her father, Wayne Clark, how to hunt the Web for information about tomatoes.

math software and create web pages.
The PTO also sold hot dogs

and drinks before and after the event at the elementary school gym and at middle school.

HELPING THE RED CROSS

Girl Scout Troop 584 cleaned flower beds at the Sawtooth Chapter of the American Red Cross and planted flowers donated by Price Hardware. Scouts and leaders include, left to right, back row: Lori Tomlinson and Deborah Bingham; third row: Savannah Atwood, Emily Schocher, Dorothy Lopez, Jessica Stone, Megan McFarland, Andrea Tomlinson, Destiny Romans and Heather Hodden; second row: Sadie Champlin, Amanda Tolleria, Madisen Watts; front row: Heather Henstock, Jordan Koch and Megan Bingham.



Photo Courtesy American Red Cross

Kimberly Library puts new books on shelves

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Public Library has announced the arrival of new titles, including adult and juvenile fiction and non-fiction.

New adult fiction titles include "The Roar of the Bear" by John Hightberger, "The Mercy Rule" by John Lesonski, "The Runaway Jury" by John Grisham, "Standoff" by Sandra Brown, "Carolina Moon" by Nora Roberts, "Relic" by

Preston and Childs, "Edna and John" by Abigail Dunaway, "The Notebook" by Nicholas Sparks, "The Princess" by Lori Wick, "Lovers" by Tess Gerritsen, "The Last Dance" by Ed McBain, "Rain" by V.C. Andrews, "Murder at the Watergate" by Margaret Truman, "The Reader" by Bernhard Schlink, "The Ballad of Frankie Silver" and "The Rosewood Casket" both by Sharyn

McCrumb, "Outlaw" by J.A. Janice, "The Court" by William Coughlin, "Angel's Flight" and "Void Moon" both by Michael Connelly, "Critical Condition" by Stephen White, "Furor's Hand" by Belva Plain, "Ghost Moon" by Karen Robards, "Before I Say Goodbye" by Mary Higgins Clark, "The Patient" by Michael Palmer and "The Green Mile" by Stephen King.

Kimberly Nurseries hosts kid's workshop, seminar

TWIN FALLS - Kimberly Nurseries will host a free children's workshop and seminar on "Training and Pruning Grapes and Berries" at 9 a.m., Saturday at its location at 2862 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

The children's workshop involves making a creative Father's Day gift. Pre-registration is required for both classes.

For more information, or to register for a class, call Kimberly Nurseries at 733-2717 or stop by the nursery.

Aberdeen High School alumni holds reunion

ABERDEEN - The Aberdeen AH High Reunion will be at 6 p.m. June 24 at the Aberdeen High School Gym.

Aberdeen High School alumni are urged to alert classmates and

families about the reunion. "The Chamber of Commerce - Aberdeen Days" is also June 24, starting with a free breakfast from 6-10 a.m. in the City Park, with other activities planned throughout the day.

Kennel Club of Idaho holds breed and obedience show

FILER - The Snake River Canyon Kennel Club of Idaho will hold its annual AR Breed and Obedience Dog Show at 8 a.m. today and Wednesday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.

The working, sporting, herding, toy, non-sporting, hounds and terrier classes will be represented. Dogs entered in the show events are the only ones allowed at the dog show.

For more information, call Debbie Kovar at 736-9118 or Bernice Richardson at 734-6262.

Organizers announce new deadline for Water Camp

TWIN FALLS - The University of Idaho and Idaho Water Education Foundation Water Camp scheduled June 20-23 at the College of Southern Idaho will accept applications until Wednesday.

Kindergarten through eighth-grade teachers are encouraged to attend. Registration fees are picked up by the Idaho Water Education Foundation. Applications may be dropped off at the University of Idaho Extension Center on the CSI campus.

For more information, call Terry Olson at 736-3600.

Hazelton hosts July 4 Celebration this month

HAZELTON - Hazelton and surrounding communities will have a Fourth of July

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive.
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 17.

Tuesday: Meat balls over rice, Italian vegetables, tossed salad, french bread, dessert.
Wednesday: Barbecue chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, corn, rolls, shortcake.

Thursday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, corn on the cob, Jell-O salad, ice cream sundae.
Friday: Fish or chicken, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, tossed salad, muffins, dessert.

Monday: Ham with scalloped potatoes, green beans, cottage cheese, rolls, carrot cake.

Activities

Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday: Blood pressure check, 10 a.m. to noon.
Wednesday: Flag Day, Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Quilting trip.

Thursday: Ice cream social.
Friday: Blood pressure check 10 a.m. to noon.

Lunch bingo.
Sunday: Father's Day.
Monday: Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Foot clinic, make appointment.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl.
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.
Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12-years-old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the Center, everyone is welcome.

Tuesday: Meat loaf, potatoes and gravy, carrots, lettuce salad, rhubarb crisp.
Wednesday: Spaghetti, french bread, green salad, mixed vegetables, fruit.

Thursday: Pork chops, potatoes and gravy, corn, coleslaw, roll, birthday cake; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.
Friday: Deep fat fried cod and chips, macaroni salad, cake.
Saturday: Community breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m.

Sunday: Buffet, 1 p.m., fried chicken.
Monday: Baked potato bar; smorgasbord 1:30 p.m.

Activities

Thrift shop open every day. Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday: Exercises, 7 to 8 a.m.
Wednesday: Board meeting at 1:30 p.m. Bingo, 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday: Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.
Thursday: Exercises 7-8 a.m.

Quilting: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Birthday dinner. Board member elections. Bingo 1-3 p.m. Evening meal 5:30 p.m.

Carls at 6 p.m. Friday

Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.
Saturday: Community breakfast, 8-10 a.m., \$2.50 a plate.

Sunday: All-you-can-eat buffet, fried chicken, at 1 p.m. Four + One, band. Monday Exercises, 7-8 a.m. Smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m. Cards at 6 p.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.

Tuesday: Sliced turkey.
Thursday: Salisbury steak.
Friday: Chili, macaroni casserole.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly. **Wednesday:** Liver and onions, potatoes, gravy, macaroni, green salad, bread and butter, fruit dish, coffee, tea, milk.

Friday: Birthday dinner, roast beef, potatoes and gravy, corn, Jell-O, cake, ice cream, coffee, tea, milk.
Monday: Sausage, eggs, hash browns, biscuits, gravy, applesauce, tomato juice, coffee, milk.

Activities

Wednesday: Blood pressure check.
Thursday: Crafts at 1 p.m.

Friday: Birthday dinner at noon, BJ and Friends will entertain. Bingo at 1:55 a.m. Pinochle at 1 p.m.

Hansen Elementary lists achievement roll

HANSEN - Hansen Elementary School has announced the second semester student achievement list.

First-graders on the achievement list are Alice Mothershed, Chase Valleau, Christopher Hewitt, K.C. Veach, Matthew Hewitt, Taylor Harris and Sarah Bjorn.

Second-graders on the list are Derek Bates, Danica Borlase, Shannah Boyce, Janet Braun, Kendyl Copenbarger, Rianna

Cummings, Sheilbe Hancock, Kelly McNary, Guillermo Medel, Cambrea Parker, Kaylor Thomas and Anastasia Thomson.

Third-grade students are Cody Brown, Kelly Call, Kyle Call, Blake Harris, Blake Smith, Carlos Vargas, Alex Kaiser, Cheyenne Bennet, Colleen Spencer, Katelynn Hall, Kelly Coates, Lydia Bjorn, Rachell McCreary, Randall Borlase, Sabrina Grijalva, Talon Mullinix and Timberly Broner.

Fourth-graders are Jessica Arevalo, Joshua Clugston, Charlotte Freestone, Amanda Jacobi, Gary Kuhn, Jason Parker and Jed Stewart.

Fifth-graders are Jessica Beaves, Amanda Dohy, Jennifer Lewis, Brett Loveless, Lydia Mothershead, Shelly Pedersen, Cora Van Dyk and Amanda Urie.

Sixth-graders are Korie Butler, Melissa Myers and Chelsea Rahr.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Celebration June 24 including a parade, carnival, food, games and fireworks.

The grand marsh presentation is at 5:15 p.m. in front of the Hazelton City Hall. The parade is at 6 p.m. and all entries need to line up by 5:30 at Hazelton. Repair on the west end of the city.

Vendors booths are still available and applications must be filed with an application fee of \$15 per booth. Applications can be picked up at the Hazelton City Hall between 9 a.m. and noon weekdays.

The evening is concluded by a fireworks show. This year, there will be more than 150 shells, at least 50 more than last year, organizers say. Businesses or individuals that would like to donate funds for the fireworks show are invited to bring a donation to the Hazelton City Hall any time and place it in the payment drop.

For more information, call the

Hazelton City Hall at 829-5415.

Magic Valley Computer User Group holds meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Computer User Group will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Family History Center at 401 Maurice St. N. in Twin Falls.

Items on the agenda include importing GEDCOMS, notes and sources in PAF 4, virus prevention tips, comparison of FHLC on line at familysearch.org and on the new CD-ROM disk, Windows version.

For more information, call Howard Johnston at 423-4293, or e-mail at how@miron.net

Magic Valley Master Gardeners meet at potluck

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Master Gardeners will hold a meeting June 20 at the Sharon Hartman residence at 1536 Busch

Court in Twin Falls

A potluck luncheon will be followed by a problem-solving session. Members are asked to bring stories of what works for them in the garden and what does not work.

For more information or to RSVP, call Sharon Hartman at 736-9301.

Habitat for Humanity schedules annual yard sale

TWIN FALLS - Habitat for Humanity will hold its annual yard sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at 1347 Maple Ave. in Twin Falls.

Baked goods, plants and assorted items are for sale, with proceeds used for building costs. Tentative construction of the next Magic Valley home is Aug. 14, organizers say.

For more information, call Carol Robertson at 734-8349 or Carol Stennet at 543-4419.

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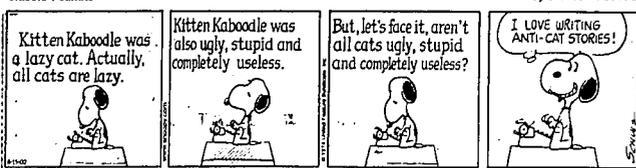
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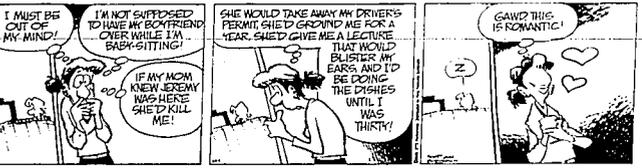
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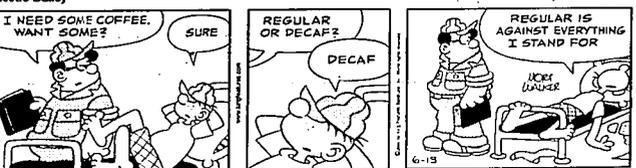
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Password problems

Too many words to remember keep users locked out

Chicago Tribune

One thing to remember about computer passwords: You will forget them.

As more and more of life is locked behind electronic safeguards, millions of people are regular recipients of this infuriatingly prim little valentine from the digital world: "Incorrect password. Please try again."

And again and again and again. You know the feeling: Fingers poised on the keyboard, ready to log on and take care of business. If only you could recall those five or six little keystrokes that stand between you and the Internet, you and your e-mail, you and your shopping, you and your work.

"You're conditioned by the computer to expect instant gratification," said Sean McAfee, a Lake Forest resident and computer specialist for a north suburban bank. "If you can't get it, that's frustrating."

Especially for the affluent in this increasingly wired society, each year seems to fling more passwords on the pile: for new

computer systems, Web sites, e-trading, online shopping, home and car security systems. Not to mention voice mail and long-distance codes for work phones, home phones, cell phones.

Employers are adding to the pile, too, often requiring employees to keep track not of one or two passwords, as in years past, but maybe four or more.

"It's amazing how much more of a problem it is today than it was a year ago," said John Jacobs, president of Network Support Technologies, a suburban Boston firm that provides help-desk services to corporate clients.

Password overload may be a low-tech problem — a question of human wiring, not computer circuitry — but that makes it no less exasperating.

Different computer systems and Web sites require you to cre-

ate passwords of varying lengths. Others are assigned, mind-numbing strings such as HD472 and 3wa!bcdf. If you follow security experts' recommendations to change your passwords regularly, you have that much more to keep straight.

In no time, letters and numbers are skittering through your brain like leaves in an autumn gust, swirling all around but just out of reach.

"Part of it is that the passwords are often meaningless strings," said Daniel Schacter, a psychologist at Harvard University and an expert on the intricacies of human memory. Remembering HD472 isn't like remembering a name. Even when passwords are memorable — say, a birthday or a pet's name — it's hard to keep straight which password goes with which log-on.

"The link between the password

and the site where you're using it is totally arbitrary," he said.

Between home and work, Schacter himself uses a dozen passwords. "I find it as difficult as anybody," he said. As backup, he keeps his user names and passwords in a special computer file he believes an interloper would have trouble finding.

As more and more people go online, they are confronted with Internet operations that require passwords because they are e-commerce sites that encrypt credit-card information, because they are special-interest sites that want users to register and log on, or because they charge subscribers to use them.

When people forget their passwords, they usually can find them again or replace them (they're "recoverable," as people in the industry say), but not always quickly or free of cost. For businesses, the problem adds up to serious dollars when multiplied cubicle after cubicle, building after building, city after city. It chips away at productivity and burdens tech staffs with extra calls.

In no time, letters and numbers are skittering through your brain like leaves in an autumn gust, swirling all around but just out of reach.

Web auctions may change buying, selling

Knight Ridder News Service

ATLANTA—How much would you pay for this newspaper? The day may be coming — thanks to the growing popularity of Web auctions — when the consumer sets the price and merchants compete to comply.

The mother of all Web auctions sites is eBay, a place where many Web users first learned of the excitement of an online auction. The site, www.ebay.com, is still one of the Web's most popular places to buy and trade. To participate, you'll need to register with the site, but the process is easy and free. Once registered,

you'll be able to make bids to buy products listed and sell your own items. The site takes a fee from sellers to help pay the freight.

The fee system is a bit complex and varies based on the value of the item and other factors. Here's how eBay describes it:

"If you put an item up for auction and set the opening bid for \$5, your insertion fee will be 25 cents. Then let's say that at the end of your auction, the high bid is \$20. The \$20 is used to calculate your Final Value fee (a percentage of the final sale price). In this instance, it's \$1. ... For this example, you would pay eBay \$1.25."



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CHANGE OF PERSPECTIVE



Ivan Stretten, manager of virtual engineering services at Dana Corp.'s Technical Resource Park in Ottawa Lake, Mich., demonstrates the virtual reality system that is often used to help design and redesign parts and factories. The goggles feature a sophisticated shutter system synchronized with a powerful computer to create a three-dimensional effect.

Philadelphia university awaits changeover to wireless system

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — Drexel University is poised to become one of the first major universities in the country with a wireless campus.

With the aid of a \$175 Ethernet adapter, every student will be able to access Drexel's high-speed network to send e-mail, conduct Internet research or check class assignments from most buildings or outside under a tree. The adapter includes an antenna that fits into a laptop computer, providing access to the network without wires.

At Drexel's recent commencement, Drexel President Constantine Papatlakakis was scheduled to announce that CyberCampus, the university's name for the program, will be completed by the fall.

"A CyberCampus will improve our students' overall college experience by giving them greater freedom and mobility," he said.

"With Internet access to anywhere on campus — dining halls, outside on campus benches or in classrooms — there will also be greater collaboration among students."

He said that the flexibility offered through a wireless system will promote increased technology usage on campus by students and faculty.

"If something is convenient, you can use it more easily and more effectively," Papatlakakis said. Unlike personal digital assistants and other devices that provide wireless Internet connections via cellular phone systems, Drexel's network will rely on encrypted radio frequencies that will be transmitted via hubs and antennae installed on campus that are connected to the university's high-speed network.

There's no easy way to shield kids from porn

By Emilio Bombay
Knight Ridder News Service

DEAR DR. BOMBAY: I, like so many parents of teenagers, am desperately trying to catch up with my children's level of knowledge regarding the computer. I am concerned with the availability of various Web sites that contain hardcore porn. I have put controls on my teens' accounts (they each have their own password under my main America Online account), but I have heard that kids can get around them.

DEAR MOM: Outside of locking your kids in the basement for the next few years, there's no foolproof way to shield them from all of the dreck so readily available on the Internet.

I applaud your effort to restrict the stuff your kids can see, but we know the most dangerous place any parent can stand is smack-dab between a hormone-crazed teenager and a stack of dirty pictures. Somebody's going to get tripped. At least that's what Mama Bombay tells me, and she had plenty of opportunities to prove it.

AOL allows the primary user to set content limits for others who use the same account, but that's about all that can be done. Besides, all a kid needs is somebody else's login and password, and he's back in business again. I guess it wouldn't surprise you to know that AOL passwords — as well as passwords to thousands of X-rated sites — are traded almost as feverishly as Pokemon cards. It would be nice for you if AOL could police some of the grime chat rooms and email come-ons, but then we'd have about 11 million civil rights lawyers jamming about the First Amendment. And there's simply no way anyone could ride herd on the entire Internet.

Accept it: Your teens are attracted to salacious stuff, but that's normal. It's your job to

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make sure they don't become obsessed. That's not normal. Mama Bombay used a garden hose, but I suggest a subtler approach, maybe a frank discussion about their surfing habits. And, if you've done your job as a parent, you'll just have to trust your kids.

DEAR DR. BOMBAY: I am new to Windows. I had an Apple IIGS for years and loved it. But my family said I needed a new computer, so here I am. I will be working in various programs or playing a game, and all of a sudden my computer says an "illegal operation" has been performed and it will shut down. I have to kill the power to restart. What am I doing wrong?

DEAR BROKEN: The only thing you did wrong was believing those crashes were in any way your fault. Welcome to the world of Microsoft: It's always Windows' fault.

An illegal operation crash usually happens when two programs lay claim to the same chunk of memory. Windows can't settle the dispute — which it shouldn't have allowed in the first place — so it throws up its hands and quits working. There's very little you can do to avoid the problem.

New computers come loaded with superfluous utility programs running in the background. Each takes a bite out of total memory, and it's possible they could be contributing to your crashes. If you hit Control-Alt-Delete, you can see a list of everything going on behind the scenes.

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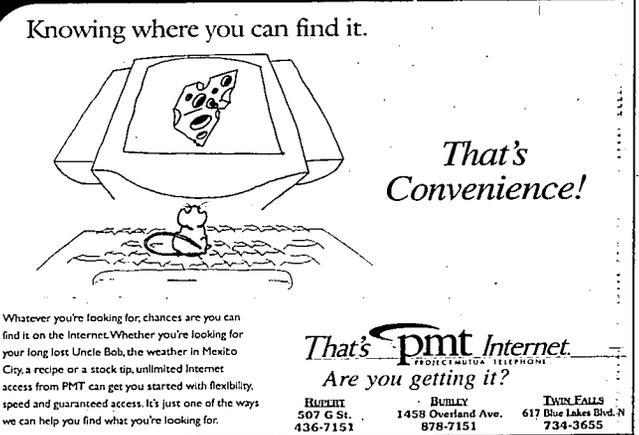
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Better Business Bureau 'give credit where it isn't due'



DEAR ABBY
Abby Varburan

DEAR ABBY: Please do your readers a service by cautioning them to phone the Better Business Bureau whenever they receive a "great" offer they are considering accepting.

I received a notice from a legitimate-sounding credit card company ("member of FDIC") in Scottsdale, Ariz., saying that I was "pre-approved" for a secured credit card. They asked that I send a check for \$99, and they would issue a credit card with a limit of \$500. That was exciting because my finances are in a state of disarray. I don't get many of these kinds of offers.

I phoned the credit card company and asked how long it would take to receive the "new card." The response was "six weeks." That seemed rather long, and my intuition told me to phone the Better Business Bureau in Scottsdale. I was informed the bureau has a file with pages and pages of complaints against this company.

Please inform your readers that a phone call to the BBB may not only save them money, but prevent grief and a great deal of wasted time as well.

— A FRIEND IN FLORIDA

States. They were one of the first consumer "watchdog" organizations. The bureaus provide consumer education materials, answer questions, provide information about businesses — i.e. whether there are unanswered or unsettled complaints or other marketplace problems — and help resolve buyer/seller complaints against a business, including mediation and arbitration services. They also have information about charities and other organizations seeking public donations.

BBBs that provide information via 1-900 telephone numbers charge a nominal fee for their services; some offices charge a flat fee and require a major credit card to access information. The BBB Web site can be accessed at www.bbb.org for consumer fraud and scam alerts, and information about BBB programs, services and locations.

DEAR FRIEND: Better Business Bureaus are located in most major cities in the United

DEAR ABBY: I kissed a married man. Actually, it went beyond just kissing. I have just

turned 19, and he's 30 and has a baby on the way.

Abby, I didn't sleep with him — but we went merry far. We both wanted it to happen, but I still feel guilty.

I have liked this guy for four years. I was, and probably still am, too young for him. What should I be doing about this situation now? I don't see him often, but when I do, we fool around. What do you think this guy is thinking?

— "BUNNY" IN INDIANA

DEAR "BUNNY": This guy is thinking, "How can 'bunny' get it done without any commitment." That means no love, no respect — zero on your balance sheet. He gets a quick thrill while you get a few moments of pleasure — and plenty of risks.

You feel guilty because you know he is married to another woman who can't compete with you right now. Listen to your conscience and stop playing around with him. You're risking an emotional involvement with a man who has proved he cannot be faithful, a pregnancy with more responsibility than you can handle, and a social disease from someone who's probably playing around with more "other women" than you.

Do women cause the most trouble?

Q. Don't office managers agree it's the women on the job who cause the most trouble?

A. Tension maybe, but not necessarily trouble. Such office tension, when it exists, tends to sharpen up the dress, behavior and work, according to a specialist in business behavior.

Q. Why does not airless?

A. More space between its molecules makes it lighter.

Q. Again am asked who owns a dead human's body?

A. No body. Survivors can claim it only for disposal. Legally, a dead body can't own anything and it can't be owned by anybody. It's at ultimate liberty.

Q. It's now known only 16 percent of all women can whistle.

A. A Scottish doctor named William Buchan discovered more than two centuries ago that perspiration should not be washed off because it protects the human body from diseases. And for many years thereafter the English-speaking population of the western world paid heed. Bathing, once so general a social occasion, fell out of medical favor. Believers thought they were supposed to smell that way.

Q. How long does it take to complete a nationwide survey in the United States?

A. Typically, about 10 days.

Q. Builders put up new motion picture theaters at a rate of more than two a week nationwide throughout the 1920s.

A. The craze for reclining chairs, chronic constipation, a Denver man named Henry D. Perky in 1893 invented a machine to make what he called "little whole wheat mattresses." The first shredded wheat.

Q. When the founder and spiritual leader of the Mormon Church, Joseph Smith, ran for president in the U.S., he promised that if elected, he'd outlaw lawyers.



WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

Leo - you get what you asked for: Money, responsibility

IF JUNE 13 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are an original thinker, at times rebellious, left influence of parents at relatively early age. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons play major roles in your life — they are likely to have these letters, initials, or names, D, M, V. This should be a very social year for you. You will be your most romantic, profitable month of 2000. September also memorable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stick to basic issues. Attend to details that at first might seem unpleasant. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons figure in quixotic scenario. Clarify directions.

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omarr

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be ready for change of scene. Get wishes on paper. Scorpio Moon relates to your "House of Marriage." You will love and be loved. Virgo involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You might feel this has all been happening in a previous life. Focus on art, music, speculation concerning deja vu. Libra plays fascinating role.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Define terms. Allow yourself to

look beyond the immediate. Creative juices stir — come up with winning combination. Pisces will figure prominently.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get down to business. You asked for more responsibility and money and now you get both. Love relationships sizzles. Trip overseas might be in order. Capricorn featured.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Obtain hint from Leo message. Focus on distance, values, spirituality. Destiny is plotting a new life for you. Be receptive, but do not give up charge of your own fate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make new start. Imprint style;

wear bright colors. Make personal appearances. Love relationship will be back on track. Leo, Aquarius persons figure in scenario.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Cycle high. Don't follow others. Make contact with Cancer-born individual. Insist on fair deal; check accounting procedures. Question of marriage looms large to access information.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Highlight versatility without scattering forces. Gemini member of opposite sex makes tantalizing proposal. Take time to be analytical. Study fashion publication.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You encounter wily Scorpio. This ultimately results in fulfillment of hopes, wishes. Creative juices stir. Get second wind. Taurus agrees, "I will play my cards right."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Create, invent, evangelize. Make contacts, public appearances. Open lines of communication. Someone in distant land wants to tell you something. Virgo in picture.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Breathe deeply — get second wind. Focus on family, home, insurance, payment of long-standing bill. Be conscious of sound, singing. Libra plays astounding roles.

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Tuesday, June 13, 2000

THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"Argument seldom convinces anyone contrary to his inclinations."

— Thomas Fuller

"Join the crowd," teased East after West's lead gave South his game. "Either of two modern conventions would have given us the first six tricks!"

"Humbog," replied the old-timer. "Blame my judgment if you wish, but I'll never buy the theory that it is better to give more than I get."

West led a fourth-spade to East's king, and a spade return gathered four quick winners for the defense. Unfortunately, West's spade nine blocked the suit, and South took the remaining tricks.

Some modern players use third- and fifth-best leads instead of the traditional fourth-best lead. Others use a convention called "zero or two higher," in which the lead of the nine or 10 promises either zero or two higher honors, while the lead of the jack denies any. Using either of these conventions would have led the spade nine to defeat the game two tricks.

Should the old-timer consider an update? Not necessarily. Third- and fifth-best leads carry their own set of ambiguities and the "zero or two higher" lead gives declarer valuable information. Most often, good judgment leads to the best solution.

Given North's opening bid, East's failure to overcall, and South's leap to game, East is highly unlikely to have much in high cards. Most likely, his two-spade venture after West's double is based on a five- or six-card suit and little else. Opposite a long suit headed by an honor, West should realize it may be imperative to begin the unblocking immediately.

and the nine rules to be a much better choice than the five. Conventions do have their places. However, applying good judgment produces the best results of all.

NORTH 04-1A
K 8 7 6 4 2
J 5
Q 10 7 5 3
A K J 10 7 6 2 2

WEST EAST
K J 9 5 K 8 7 6 4 2
K 9 4 3 10 7
K 6 3 9 2
8 4 9 5 3

SOUTH Q 10 3
A Q 8 6
K 10 7 5 4
Q

Vulnerable: Neither Dealer: North

The bidding: North East South West
Pass 1 1 1 1
2 2 2 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Spade five

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
A J 9 5
K 9 4 3
K 6 3
8 4

North, South
1 1
1 1

ANSWER: Four spades. Promote your honors in partner's suits and take the leap to game.

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ALJO ALLIANCE, '97, 32 hp, 18" A/C, microwave, floops 6, rear win body. Vory good condition. \$1500. Call 324-5314 or 331-1180.

BELAIRE, '87, '95 Park model, 88 hp, 18" A/C, microwave, floops 6, rear win body. \$1500. Local number 313-1180.

CARDINAL, '87, '95 good cond. Everything working \$1795. 736-4475.

EL DORADO '26, 517 wheel, quad, 1075 cc, cond., \$3500. 208-587-2482.

HARLEY DAVIDSON - 1979 - Going to sell cheap! Runs & looks good. \$599. Offer. BERT HARBAUGH - MOTOR

Open Weeknights 11-7pm
KIT COMPANION - 1977, 18' self-contained, good condition. \$2750. Offer. Call 733-2770.

KIT COMPANION, '95, 27' Deluxe model, loaded. 18' motor, 1075 cc, 200 hp, floops 6, 8, A/C, microwave, awning, oct. Jack. \$8995. 343-2002.

KOMFORT, 1999, model 241T, with dinette, alloy hull, rear queen bed, large side lights, solar panels. Has all options. E-RC. Call, like new. \$14,500. Call 733-1897 or 543-6899.

KOMFORT, '95, 5th wheel, island bed, solar panels, charger, lots of room. 26 ft. 543-8431 leave msg.

MALLARD - '91, 17' travel trailer, 1075 cc, 200 hp. \$8000. Offer. New 2003-1183

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Palomino - 1991 tent trailer. Vory Good Cond. Call 82-8250.

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PRIDE - '28, full length 18' motor, 1075 cc, fully self-contained, like new, equalizer hitch, \$5250. Call 733-5562.

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ROAD RAGER '91, 23' 5th wheel, A/C, microwave, awning. Reduced - \$30,250. 734-5450 or 493-5453.

SARAC, 1978, 16' tent trailer, \$800/ft. Please call 208-326-5194.

SIGNATURE '97, 28' 5th wheel, 1075 cc, long dining slide, all the goodies. \$20,950 (\$3000 below NADA retail). Call 734-5854 or 420-5853.

STARCRIFT '74, 10N trailer, good shape. Call 733-5562.

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TRUCK RAGER '91, 23' 5th wheel, 1988 Ford F250, low vehicle. Ready to go. Call 543-6002-543-6685.

VIKING - '96 tent trailer, 18' long, 1075 cc, 200 hp, 1075 cc, 200 hp, 1075 cc, 200 hp. \$9,500. 432-5225.

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PARTING out 1974 GMC motor, 1075 cc, 200 hp, 1075 cc, 200 hp. \$1300. 4111 roars, 40 and 27. Info. 343-6070.

RENOVATED '82 Conventional, 4000 Cummins, 13 spd, wet kit, low miles, \$12,500. Call 837-6814.

PENALINER truck bed liner. Fish Chev, 6 & 1/2' bed. \$550. Offer. 733-3467.

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WINDSHIELDS-'73 - '87 Chev, 4 b ch, 1075 cc, 200 hp, 1075 cc, 200 hp. \$149. '94 '99 Dodge \$190 all ch, 1075 cc, 200 hp, 1075 cc, 200 hp. \$150. Call 733-5562.

1005 ANTIQUE AUTOS & CLOTHES

2 CAR STORAGE GARAGE for rent. \$100 per month. 733-3914, days or 734-2253, evs. & wknds.

CHEVY, Caprice, 1968, 2 dr. hard top, completely restored, 427, 400 turbo pump, \$5000. just rebuilt, 1075 cc, 200 hp. \$5800. Call 733-5562.

FORD '83 Thunder Bird 49K mi, misc. cond., serious inquiries only \$12,500. Call 924-4241.

FORD - 1968 300 GT Mustang CPE, \$4500 firm. Call 733-5455 leave msg.

FORD, '54, Customizing 1954, Call 924-4241. Will run with a little TLC. Please call 208-735-0106.

JEEPSTER, '69, converted to 1075 cc, 200 hp, 1075 cc, 200 hp. \$4800. 734-4895pm.

PONTIAC - 1970 LeMans 301, 315 A/C, \$3000. Call 324-2581.

1006 SEMI & HEAVY EQUIPMENT

BACKHOE bucket for sale, 24", 116 Kati or KASE. \$500. Call 543-4565.

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1007 TRUCKS

CHEVROLET 1972 1/2 ton Chevy with 5 speed white, 1075 cc, 200 hp, 1075 cc, 200 hp. \$1100. Call 543-6268.

FORD - 1988 Exc. cab. 1075 cc, 200 hp, 1075 cc, 200 hp. \$1100. Call 713 Shoreline St. S. Call 734-7395.

FORD '91 510 94X, misc. cond., 1075 cc, 200 hp, 1075 cc, 200 hp. \$1100. Call 733-5562.

FORD '89 350, Durley, 7.3 Diesel, only 41,500 original miles. A/C, 7' 10" bed, 1075 cc, 200 hp, 1075 cc, 200 hp. \$1100. Call 531-4154 leave msg.

FORD - '66, 1/2 ton, runs good, 1075 cc, 200 hp, 1075 cc, 200 hp. \$445. Call 543-4575.

FORD - '89, 350, PU, Chevrolet, 4x4, all power, \$7600. 733-3921.

FORD - 1967 with 290 engine, and topper, truck bed, 1075 cc, 200 hp, 1075 cc, 200 hp. \$400. Offer. 775-7555.

FORD F-150 '94 exc cab 4x4. New tires, 1075 cc, 200 hp, 1075 cc, 200 hp. \$1100. Call 733-5562.

BLAZER-'87, LT, leather, sunroof, 1075 cc, 200 hp, 1075 cc, 200 hp. \$1100. Call 733-5562.

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FORD EXPEDITION XLT 1997. 5.4 motor 3rd seat, rear air, CD, w/air, etc. \$29,700. 208-6742

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FORD '97. power stroke, 4x4, ext cab, 47K, AT, PW, PL, AC. Call 423-6848 or 530-6912.

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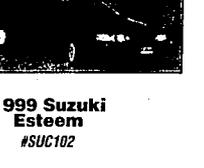
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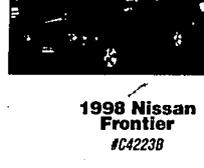
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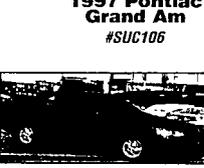
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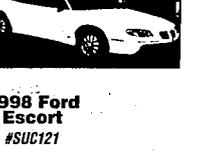
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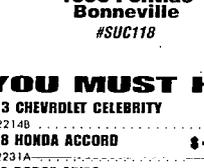
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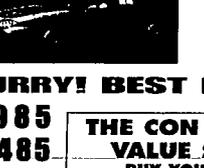
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SPORTSQUOTE

“Not only was it the right decision, I think it was the only decision. The risk far outweighed the possible reward.”

—Broadcaster and former NFL coach John Madden on Steve Young's retirement

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- Cycling**
HP LaserJet Women's Challenge, Burley to Buhl stage
- College rodeo**
CSI at National Intercollegiate Finals Rodeo, at Casper, Wyo.
- Golf**
Junior Golf Blitz and Club Giveaway, at TF Muni
- Legion baseball**
Minko AA at Twin Falls, 5:30 p.m.
Wood River at Buhl, 6 p.m.
Burley at Kimberly, 4 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Bloxham wins putter for ace at Candleridge

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls golfer Mike Bloxham aced the 134-yard No. 3 hole at Candleridge Golf Course on Sunday, earning a gold-plated putter in the process. Bloxham made the hole in one with his pitching wedge with Derrick Hanson, Kim Hanson, Thomas Bloxham and Kristy Casier as witnesses. For his efforts, Bloxham received a gold-plated putter from Coca-Cola for being the first member of the Candleridge men's and women's golf associations to record a hole in one this year.

Kimberly Legion team plans June 21 barbecue

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly American Legion Baseball team will have its third annual barbecue dinner, featuring top round sirloin steak, on Wednesday, June 21 at 5 p.m. at the Kimberly city park. Cost for adults is \$6.50; children 10 and under are \$3. Contact Steve Thomas at 423-6393 for more information.

Register for Kimberly Legion 3-on-3 tournament

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly American Legion Baseball team is hosting a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for boys and girls July 8 in conjunction with Good Neighbor Days. Cost is \$28 per four-player team. Age groups are 10-12, 13-15, 16-18 and 19-21.

Ex-Eagle Hood gets fine, probation for misdemeanor

TWIN FALLS — Former College of Southern Idaho basketball player Mike Hood pleaded guilty in Fifth District Court June 6 to a misdemeanor charge of use or possession of drug paraphernalia. Hood, a sophomore who is transferring to the University of California Irvine, received a \$100 fine, \$63.50 in court costs, a 90 days' suspended jail sentence and 24 months probation. He was cited May 4. Hood averaged 11.3 points, 4.8 assists and 2.6 rebounds last season for the 29-7 Golden Eagles squad.

Compiled from staff reports

BACK IN FRONT

Longo leads after time-trial victory in Burley

By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — On a lonely country road just south of Burley Monday, French cyclist Jeanette Longo regained control of the largest race in North America. One day after charging up the slopes of Mount Harrison to win Stage 4 of the 2000 Hewlett-Packard LaserJet Women's Challenge, Longo sprinted her way to the overall race lead with a 31-minute, 43-second victory in Monday's Stage 5, a 15-mile individual time trial.

The consecutive wins have vaulted Longo from seventh to first place overall. Entering today's 82.4-mile Burley-to-Buhl segment, she enjoys a slim six-second lead over Lithuania's Diana Zilute, who finished fourth (32:12) Monday. After finishing 42nd in the race's opening stage, Longo has won three of the last four stages and appears to be getting stronger with each passing day. Still, the defending race champion and internationally-known rider insists she's neither comfortable nor confident.

"I am never confident. I am always in doubt," Longo said. "I never say, 'I am the strongest and the best.' I know that tomorrow I can be maybe sore, I can be tired. No, I am never confident." The way she rides, that's hard to believe.

Averaging nearly 30 miles per hour down the flat 7.5-mile strip of 500 South, Longo bested American Marl Holden (31:50) of Team Times by seven seconds to win the stage. Australian Anna Wilson (Saxum) took third, finishing in 32:07.

Racers had only themselves to blame for a slow time Monday, as temperatures hovered in the mid 60s on a windless, overcast day perfect for sprinting.

Behind Longo and Zilute on the overall leader board stands Wilson in third (1:33 behind), Kimberly Smith (3:00) of Team Times, fourth and Holden (4:19) in fifth.

Holden made the biggest jump in the top 10 overall standings, moving up from ninth place after Monday's time trial.



Idaho's top rider, Boise's Becky Bjork, currently stands in 52nd place, 33:43 behind the leader after a 92nd place finish in the time trial. Although she now wears the covered blue leader's jersey, Longo said the overall lead doesn't mean much with only five of the race's 11 stages completed.

Please see CYCLING, Page D2

Burley to Buhl

What: Stages 6 of the 2000 Hewlett-Packard LaserJet Women's Challenge
Start: Today, 10:30 a.m. in front of the Burley Inn & Convention Center
Finish: Approximately 1:30 p.m. at Eastman Park in Buhl
Course: Riders head out of Burley on Highway 30 passing through

Murtough and Hansen. They will take Sugar Factory Road through Kimberly and Twin Falls before making a right-hand turn on 2200 East and riding Highway 30 near Flor. The race will proceed down Broadway Avenue in Buhl, then circle around on Highway 30, and old Highway 30, before coming back toward town on River Road and Clear Lakes Avenue.

FLICKERING FIRE

Famous 49er Steve Young calls it a career

The Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Steve Young retired from football Monday, saying his goodbye in the 49ers' locker room and leaving the game after repeated concussions made it too dangerous to play.

"The fire still burns but not enough," he said. The 38-year-old quarterback, who played with grit and heart during a 15-year career, requested that his retirement be announced in the same room where he spent his days preparing his battered body for one big game after another.

"I thought, where else?" he said. "This is the most intimate place for a football player. ... This is where football happens away from the crowd. This is where I show up for work. I wanted to show up one more day."

Standing before a large banner emblazoned with the 49ers' red-and-gold helmet, Young was at ease, often laughing and cracking jokes. But at least once, he fought back tears as he discussed his life as a player and new role as full-time father. He got married March 14 to Barbara Graham and the couple is expecting a baby in late December.

Young, who last week told the team he was retiring, succeeded Joe Montana at quarterback. He won two MVP Awards and led San Francisco to its fifth Super Bowl title following the 1994 season.

"I loved playing for the San Francisco 49ers," he said. "We accomplished a lot here in the San Francisco Bay area."



San Francisco quarterback Steve Young signs autographs as he leaves 49ers headquarters in Santa Clara, Calif., Monday after announcing his retirement.

announcements included former 49ers owner Eddie DeBartolo, who turned control of the team over to his sister to help resolve a family feud, and Cleveland Browns president Carmen Policy, who left San Francisco after a falling out with DeBartolo.

Young, who has a law degree from BYU, is well positioned for a new career. He has been mentioned for jobs in politics and broadcasting, perhaps even the opening in the "Monday Night Football" booth.

The Salt Lake Olympic Committee recently named Young its ambassador-at-large for the 2002 Winter Games in Park City, Utah. He is to be one of the hosts at the Olympic Medals Plaza. From February 8 to

February 24 of 2002, one of Utah's favorite sons will entertain and preside over a crowd of 30,000 with a worldwide television audience of millions.

Monday's decision to end his on-field football career followed months of agonized debate — with himself and the organization — over his future because of his history of concussions.

The last blow came Sept. 27 in a game at Arizona, a frightening hit that left Young out cold for some 30 seconds with his eighth known concussion and fourth in three years.

Young's toughest call

Steve Young, whose passes and scrambles led the San Francisco 49ers to Super Bowl glory, announced his retirement after a 15-year NFL career.

Young by the numbers

- 1 Super Bowl MVP award (1995)
- 2 NFL MVP awards (1992 and 1994)
- 2.17 Touchdown interception ratio, an NFL record
- 6 Consecutive 300-yard passing games (1999), an NFL record
- 7 Pro Bowl selections
- 7.98 Yards per attempt
- 9 Games with four touchdowns
- 43 Touchdowns rushing, an NFL record by a quarterback
- 64.3 Completion percentage, an NFL record
- 85 Touchdown passes to Jerry Rice, an NFL record
- 95-49 Record as starter (.660 winning pct.)
- 106.8 QB rating, highest in NFL history
- 97 Interceptions
- 232 Touchdown passes
- 2,667 Completions
- 4,149 Attempts
- 4,239 Yards rushing
- 33,124 Yards passing

Source: Compiled from AP wire reports

BYU coach made Young earn it

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Steve Young decided to play football at a university named for his great-great-grandfather, but he was not afforded many favors in Provo, Utah. An option quarterback in high school in Greenwich, Conn., Young drew the interest of most

Ivy League schools, as well as North Carolina and Army. But during a three-day recruiting visit to Brigham Young, coach LaVell Edwards said he wasn't sure whether he had a scholarship for Young. Edwards, who was at the 49ers offices in Santa Clara on Monday for Young's retirement ceremony. Please see YOUNG, Page D2

STEAMED RICE

Laker wants more playing time in Finals

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Glen Rice thinks he could have prevented the Los Angeles Lakers' first loss in the NBA Finals. Phil Jackson, through his actions rather than his words, has shown he doesn't agree.

The Los Angeles Lakers' high scoring forward and his coach are at odds as the series moves toward Game 4 on Wednesday night. The Indiana Pacers, who lost twice in Los Angeles before winning 100-91 on Sunday night, can tie the series with a victory.

Rice is angry about being benched by Jackson during critical parts of the Finals, including most of the fourth quarter in Game 3. Jackson, who largely used defense-minded Rick Fox as Rice's place, apparently sees him as a defensive liability.

Now controversy is stirring in the Lakers' previously harmonious camp. Rice is telling anyone who will listen that he should be playing more minutes and getting more shots as the Lakers search for two more victories and a title — and his teammates are backing him up.

"I definitely think we would have had a better chance to win (Game 3) with me on the floor," Rice said. "I really think I need to be in there for us to succeed. With me being on the court, it's going to make it a lot easier for Shaq in the paint. It could all be done a lot easier."

"I'm trying to be as positive as I can. I'm not trying to be negative or be the bad apple in the bunch. I'm just asking to be involved a little more."

NBA Finals

What: Game 4, Lakers at Pacers
When: Wednesday, 7 p.m. (NBC)
Series record: Lakers lead best of seven after 2-1

The big question: Will Lakers star Kobe Bryant be ready to play? An ankle injury sidelined him Sunday and Indiana took its first win of the series.



SPORTS

White Sox show Indians it'll be a race

Chicago builds lead to three over Tribe

CLEVELAND — Frank Thomas hit a two-run homer and Ray Durham had three RBIs Monday night as first-place Chicago opened a three-game lead over Cleveland with an 8-7 win over the Indians.

If this was supposed to be Chicago's first test this season, then the White Sox passed. They out-hit, outpitched and outlasted the Indians, the five-time defending division champs.

Cleveland got within 8-7 in the fifth on Jim Thome's home run, but Keith Foulke got Steve Aton Jr. to hit into a game-ending double play.

Cal Eldred (7-2) pitched six effective innings for the White Sox, who have been in first place during a visit to Jacobs Field since July 21, 1994. Foulke got the save.



Martinez, who entered leads the major leagues with 68 RBIs, had three-run homer off Miguel Batista (2-6) in the first and an RBI groundout in the third. Seattle, which has won six of eight, raised its record to 33-27 to move into first place in the AL West, a half-game ahead of Oakland. The Mariners' previous best was 32-28, accomplished three times, most recently in 1997.

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Moyet (4-2) gave up three runs and six hits in 6.2-3 innings, allowing just one runner — on a walk — during a 13-batter stretch starting in the third. Kazuhiro Sasaki pitched the ninth for his 10th save in 11 chances, retiring Gregg Zaun on a game-ending flyout to the wall in right-center with a man on.

Blue Jays 4, Tigers 2

DETROIT — Victor Castillo pitched seven strong innings and Brad Fuller had three hits, including a homer, as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Detroit Tigers 4-2 Monday night. Castillo (2-5) allowed two runs on five hits in his first win since May 2. Castillo, who allowed a career-high seven walks in a start at Atlanta on June 6, walked none and struck out four against the Tigers. Paul Quantrill started the eighth for the Blue Jays, and was followed by Pedro Borbon and Billy Koch. Koch got the final four outs for his 13th save in 17 chances.

Hideo Nomo (2-6), who lost his third straight start, gave up four runs on seven hits and eight strikeouts and one walk in 7-2-3 innings.

Red Sox-Yankees postponed by rain

NEW YORK — The Yankees' second straight rainout only delayed their matchup with Pedro Martinez.

One night after their Subway Series showdown with the Mets was postponed, the opener of New York's series with AL East rival Boston was washed out at 8:29 p.m. Monday night — more than two hours after the scheduled starting time. The postponement pushed back Martinez's next start one day until Wednesday, with Brian Rose (3-3) opposing Orlando Hernandez (6-4) tonight.

first two innings with a double and homer as the Pirates quickly chased Ken Griffey Jr. and seized an 8-3 lead. Jones led the Braves' comeback with a solo homer and a two-run shot, both off Todd Ritchie. The Braves regained the lead in the ninth off Jason Christensen (1-6) on RBI singles by Javy Lopez and Reggie Sanders.

Kerry Ligtenberg (2-1) pitched a scoreless eighth, the victory and Mike Remlinger finished for his sixth save.

Brewers 8, Expos 1

MILWAUKEE — Jason Bere (4-5) won for just the second time in 11 starts since April 13, allowing three hits in 6-1-3 innings and striking out seven. Curtis Leskanic and David Weathers completed the five-hit.

Milwaukee extended a winning streak to three for the first time since May 22-23 thanks to a three-run fourth off Javier Vazquez (6-3). The Expos lost for the fifth time in six games.

Geoff Jenkins doubled home Marquis Grissom in the fourth and scored on a double by Jose Hernandez, who came around for Raul Casanova's single for a 3-0 lead.

Mariners 5, Royals 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Edgar Martinez homered and drove in four runs to power Seattle to beat the Kansas City Royals 5-3 Monday night and give the Mariners their best record after 63 games.

BASEBALL

Monday's AL Boxes
MONTREAL
TWINS 7, A's 2
Cleveland 4, Yankees 3
Detroit 4, Red Sox 3
Boston 4, Orioles 3
Chicago 4, White Sox 3
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Pittsburgh 4, Mariners 3
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Los Angeles 4, Angels 3
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Cleveland 4, Indians 3

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SPORTS

Yankees, Cubs eye Sosa deal

NEW YORK — The Yankees and Chicago Cubs are talking about a Sammy Sosa trade, and some New York officials think a deal could be made by the All-Star break.

Chicago Cubs scouts have been looking at the Yankees' farm system recently, and Gene Michael, New York's top scout, has been at Cubs games. Later this week, Michael is to follow Detroit's Juan Gonzalez, another player the Yankees want.

LSU bombs USC, inches back toward finals

OMAHA, Neb. — Louisiana State's Brad Cresce and his 30 home runs and 105 RBIs were no problem for Southern California in the NCAA College World Series on Monday. Brad Hawpe was another matter.

Hawpe, who hits cleanup behind Cresce, had two three-run homers as LSU beat USC 10-4 in a winners' bracket game to snap the Trojans' 16-game winning streak. The Tigers are one victory from advancing to the College World Series championship for the fifth time. For the latest results and schedule, see Scores and Stats, D3.

British Open champ Lawrie withdraws from U.S. Open

LONDON — British Open champion Paul Lawrie withdrew Monday from this week's U.S. Open at Pebble Beach because of a groin injury.

Lawrie missed last week's Buick Classic because of the injury. He said he received extensive treatment but was advised to skip the Open. He needs further rest and treatment and wants to be "completely cured" before returning to the tour, Lawrie said in a statement released by IMG.

Jury acquits Lewis' friends of murder charges

ATLANTA — Two friends and former co-defendants of football star Ray Lewis were acquitted of murder and assault charges Monday in the stabbings of two men after a post-Super Bowl party.

The jury deliberated less than five hours before returning the verdicts in the trial of Joseph Sweeting and Reginald Oakley. The verdicts came just hours after Lewis practiced with the Baltimore Ravens for the first time since pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge and testifying for the prosecution in the murder case.

American League wins Round 1 of interleague

NEW YORK — Led by the top two teams in the AL Central, the American League won the first segment of this year's interleague play.

The Chicago White Sox and Cleveland Indians each went 7-2, as the AL beat the NL 69-56. Most of that edge came from the AL Central, where teams went 27-18 against their NL counterparts. Oakland, of the AL West, also went 7-2. San Diego (1-5) had the worst interleague record. The second half of interleague play runs from July 7-18, spanning the All-Star break.

Champion Comets rout Utah Starz, 107-85

HOUSTON — After a close game in Utah over the weekend, Sheryl Swoopes made sure the Houston Comets were in control early.

Swoopes scored Houston's first nine points, finishing with 28 points and a season-high 10 rebounds, her first double-double of the year, as the Comets defeated the Starz 107-85 Monday night.

Swoopes, who shot 10-for-17 from the field, including 3-for-4 from three-point range, also had five steals as Western Conference-leading Houston improved to a league-best 7-1. The Comets are three-time defending WNBA champions.

"I think we wanted to make a statement ... to our fans, especially since the last game (a two-point victory)," Swoopes said. "I think we had better team defense. Our approach was different."

Cynthia Cooper added 24 points and six assists, and Tina Thompson scored 17 points for the Comets.

—Compiled from wire reports

Osterloh ousts Wimbledon semifinalist with Idaho ties

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) — Mirjana Lucic, a Wimbledon semifinalist and member of the Idaho Sneakers World Team Tennis squad last year, lost in the first round of the DFS Classic on Monday to Lita Osterloh.

Osterloh, a 22-year-old American who lost in the first round at Wimbledon the past two years, defeated the 18-year-old Croatian 7-6 (1), 6-0. Lucic, seeded No. 15, ended the match with two straight double faults.

With the top three seeded players getting by in the second round — Nathalie Tauziat, Julie Halard-Decugis and Jennifer Capriati — Lucic was the best known player to face early elimination.

Smashnova falls in sweltering Tashkent Open
TASHKENT, Uzbekistan — Anna Smashnova of Israel and Marlene Weingartner of Germany

lost in heat of more than 95 degrees Monday, leaving the Tashkent Open without two of its top seeded players.

Francesca Schiavone of Italy wore down the top-seeded Smashnova 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. Tatyana Poutchek of Belarus defeated sixth-seeded Weingartner 6-1, 6-4.

In other matches, Hila Rozen of Israel beat Ukraine's Tatyana Kovniuk 6-1, 6-4, and Elena Bovina of Russia downed Angelika Bachmann of Germany 6-2, 6-1.

Home cooking in Germany is no help to Tommy Haas
HALLE, Germany — Tommy

Tennis

Haas lost before his home fans Monday, upset by Croatian qualifier Ivan Ljubicic 6-2, 5-7, 6-2 at the Gerry Weber Open.

The sixth-seeded German blamed his racket and the switch from clay to grass in this Wimbledon tuneup.

"The tension (on the strings) were never really right — the whole change to grass didn't really work out," Haas said.

Rusedski wins, Spadea loses in Queens Club
LONDON — While Greg moved

into the second round of the Queens Club grasscourt tuneup for Wimbledon by beating South Africa's Wayne Ferreira 7-5, 6-4, Vince Spadea suffered his 20th consecutive loss, tying the mark of futility set by Gary Donnelly in 1986.

Spadea lost to fellow American Justin Gimelstob 2-6, 6-4, 6-1. In other key matches at Queens Club, 10th-seeded Todd Martin of the United States beat Paradorn Srichaphan of Thailand 7-6 (4), 6-3 and Britain's Arvind Parmar set up a meeting with second-seeded and defending champion Pete Sampras by defeating Scott Draper of Australia 7-6 (7), 2-6, 6-0.



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