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Crash kills Jerome couple



National Transportation Board investigator Howard Plagens examines the wreckage of a plane near the Jackpot, Nev., airport on Monday. The plane crashed about midnight on Sunday, killing a Jerome couple.

Plane went down shortly after takeoff from Jackpot

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

JACKPOT, Nev. — A Jerome couple died late Sunday when their single-engine plane slammed into a hayfield about a half-mile east of the Jackpot airport and was torn to pieces. John Raymond Appel, 64, and Victoria Appel, 58, were killed instantly on impact when the Mooney airplane piloted by John

Appel crashed just moments after taking off at midnight, said Elko County sheriff's Deputy Brad Hester. The area in which the Appels went down has seen numerous plane crashes over the years, Hester said.

The snarled, scattered wreckage of the small plane — resting amid hay stubble in the searing afternoon heat — bore silent testimony to the violence of the crash.

An eyewitness standing just outside a doorway at Cactus Pete's Casino in Jackpot saw the plane lift off, bank to the east and disappear over a small bluff, Hester said. Moments later, the witness heard the sound of the plane crashing, he said. Hester, one of the first people on the crash scene, said there was no fire. Hester said he had spoken by

telephone earlier with some of the Appels' relatives in Colorado. He was told the couple went to Jerome from Colorado about a year ago. Relatives said John Appel was an experienced pilot, and the couple loved to fly as often as possible, Hester said. Howard Plagens, an inspector from the National Transportation Safety Board's Los Angeles office, said he had spoken by

Republicans show off new confidence

Party for warm and fuzzy appeal as convention opens

By David Von Drehle
The Washington Post

PHILADELPHIA — The lessons of 1992 clearly were not lost on George W. Bush. The Texas governor's nominating convention opened here Monday with friendly, gauzy, multihued sessions culminating in speeches by Bush's wife and retired Gen. Colin L. Powell. Democrats were scarcely mentioned. The theme of the day was children.

It could not have been less like the gathering eight years ago that sent his father to defeat at the hands of Bill Clinton.

And yet, the evening ended with a gripping cliffhanger. Powell sternly warned his fellow Republicans that their outreach to minorities must be more than a few evenings of made-for-television programming.

"The party must follow Governor Bush's lead and reach out to minority communities and

particularly the African-American community — and not just during an election year campaign," Powell said. "It must be a sustained effort. It must be every day. It must be for real."

With these words, the popular general — whose confident, passionate delivery secured his place as the party's most charismatic figure — framed the issue facing the GOP here and in the coming campaign. Clearly, they have seen that their future is not with the overwhelmingly white, largely male electorate that has voted Republican even through two presidential defeats. But the historic advantage of the Democrats with women and minorities will take years to erase.

The Bush-led Republicans seemed determined Monday night to reverse the impressions left by the 1992 convention in Houston, which opened on a thunderous note of partisan attack and macho rhetoric — most memorably commentator Patrick J. Buchanan's call to a new "cultural war." The barrage lasted so long that night that the star attraction, former president Ronald Reagan, did not reach the podium until prime time had ended.

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Former Gen. Colin Powell finishes his impassioned speech at the Republican National Convention in the First Union Center in Philadelphia Monday.

Idaho delegates sound military alarm

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The national commander of the American Legion and a former aide to Dick Cheney in the Ford-White House are among the Idaho Republicans sounding the alarm about what they say is a dangerously weakened U.S. military.

"Clinton is the guy who drove us down this path. He has over-committed the existing military force," said Idaho Attorney General Al Lance, head of the American Legion.

"Our delegation from Idaho is all very keenly aware of some of the difficulties and problems the military faces," he said.

Idaho Republicans say they are glad national defense will return to center stage on the program at

Women in the delegation, education reform — C5

Education on the Net — C4

the GOP National Convention Tuesday night.

"Somehow defense has dropped off the scope," said Trent Clark, chairman of the Idaho GOP. "That's when we need to be worried. Our state of readiness at times of peace needs to be sufficient to prevent us from going to war," he said.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, said Clinton has "had a lot of military escapades, if you will, without funding them with new monies."

Democrats don't think it's a

first tier issue this election.

"We just passed a defense spending bill with almost \$300 billion. I don't know how much more people want us to spend on it," said Nevada Sen. Harry Reid, the Senate minority whip. "We are the only super power in the world. Whether we are spending enough on the military is not going to be an issue," Reid said.

Idaho Democratic Party Chairman Carolyn Boyce said she doesn't hear military spending mentioned even among Republicans she knows in the state.

"When I talk to people, they talk more about state issues than something like national defense.

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Sugar company to forfeit

Amalgamated is likely the first of many in industry

Carol Ryan Dumas
Ag Weekly editor

TWIN FALLS — It's a dubious distinction at best, but Amalgamated Sugar Co. on Monday became the first sugarcane processor to forfeit on more than 15 years to forfeit on its government loan, thus handing over a small mountain of sugar — about 42,000 tons — to the U.S. government.

It is also the first time in the company's history that it has forfeited on a government loan, said Amalgamated President Larry Corry, quick to point out that a forfeiture is not a default. Repayment of the loan in sugar rather than cash is considered payment in full on the company's non-recourse loan with the Commodity Credit Corp., he said. "Actually it's a better sale than the sale on the spot market," Corry said.

Market prices on refined sugar are running \$19-\$20 per one hundred pounds, while the CCC loan rate, determined by law, is just over \$22 cwt.

"Prices for sugar are the worst prices we've seen in over 20 years," Corry said. "They are 25 to 30 percent down from last year."

The bottom line in a complicated array of debt and trade agreements and attacks on the sugar industry's health is that domestic production is up, imports are up and consumption is down, he said.

The grower-owned company, headquartered in Ogden, Utah, has local plants in Twin Falls and Paul. It is the first company to forfeit on its loan, primarily because it was the first to come due in the present market situation. But it likely won't be the last.

Other sugar companies and some cane growers have filed.

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FINAL HURDLE

Most sockeye since 1977 pass last dam

The Associated Press

STANLEY — A decade after the Snake River sockeye salmon was placed on the federal endangered species list, the once-nearly extinct fish is returning to its central Idaho spawning grounds in the largest numbers in more than two decades.

More than 300 adult sockeye have already cleared Lower Granite Dam, the last of eight dams on the 900-mile migration from the Pacific Ocean to the Stanley Basin, and Fish and Game biologist Paul Kline said at least a third of them should make it the rest of the way.

The last time about 300 sockeye cleared Lower Granite was in 1977.

Kline said 40 adults had already reached either Redfish Lake Creek or the Sawtooth Hatchery by Monday, and a few were still passing Lower Granite.

While the returns seem paltry compared to the thousands and even tens of thousands of other salmon species migrating back to their spawning beds in the Northwest, it stands out to the years when no sockeye or just one returned. Only 23 sockeye returned to central Idaho throughout the 1990s.

Kline heads the captive breeding program the state began after the sockeye was declared endangered a decade ago, and he was optimistic about this year's return because about 85,000 juvenile fish left Redfish, Altura and Pettit lakes in 1998.

Washington Monument reopens

WASHINGTON (AP) — The long-running renovation of the Washington Monument, the capital's 555-foot-high exclamation point, went on hold Monday so summer tourists can file up the newly unobscured obelisk.

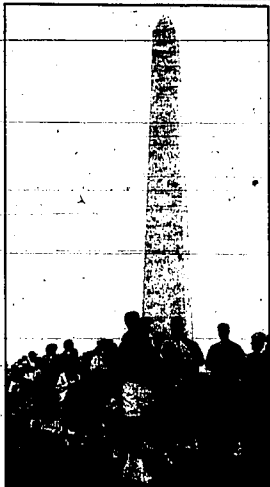
Artistic construction scaffolding was removed from the city's tallest structure early this year to reveal the monument's gleaming white surface. But the three-year, \$10 million renovation and restoration remains incomplete.

First in line to ascend Monday, nearly two hours before the ticket booth opened, were six members of the Dallman family of Chesterfield, Mo., a suburb of St. Louis. Steve Dallman, vice president of a chemical company, said the family learned of the reopening three weeks ago through a school history project of daughters Natalie, 12, and Katie, 11. Dallman, who said he last went up the monument 25 years ago, when he was 13, found the newly cleaned monument "astounding." "The view has always been beautiful," he said. "It just looks the way it should look."

A forecast of thunderstorms threatened to close the monument early on its first day.

"If the lightning gets too close, we ask people to leave," said Wild Keys, a deputy superintendent of the National Park Service.

A line of about 300 snaked around paths leading to the ticket booth. Among the crowd were about 200 people in black and yellow costumes with white



Tourists stand in line to visit the renovated Washington Monument, which reopened yesterday after extensive repairs on the inside and outside.

hieroglyphics, members of the Ancient Egyptian Order led by Dr. Orrin Bright, an Atlanta physician.

"It's to remind the world that the obelisk is an ancient African symbol," he said. The monument takes

the shape of an Egyptian obelisk, although at 555 feet it rises more than five times as high as the tallest standing true obelisk — a 97-foot-high monument to Queen Hatshepsut at fabled Karnak Temple.

Older Americans pay more for prescription drugs than others

WASHINGTON (AP) — Older Americans are paying twice as much for their prescription drugs as they did in 1992, and prices are expected to soar over the next decade, says a group which advocates drug coverage by Medicare.

Families USA, in a study released Monday, argued that unless national policy makers get these costs covered by Medicare, prescription drugs will be even less affordable for people over 65, many of whom have to get a dozen prescriptions filled a week.

Said Families USA executive director Ron Pollack: "When they go to the pharmacy, they pay higher prices for their drugs than anyone, because there's no one bargaining on their behalf."

Families USA released a study saying that Americans 65 and older pay an average of \$1,205 a year for prescriptions — up from \$559 in 1992 — and will shell out \$2,810 apiece by 2010.

Prescription drugs now account for about 10 percent of seniors' health costs — and will probably rise to 13.3 percent in 2010, it said.

The burden of paying for drugs fall disproportionately on older people, the group said, noting that Americans 65 and over pay 42 cents of every dollar spent on

prescription drugs, even though they account for only 13 percent of the population. The report said they also pay more per pill because their purchases account for only 34 percent of total prescriptions.

The study said the average senior's cost per prescription has risen dramatically, from \$28.50 in 1992 to \$42.30 now, and is projected to jump to \$72.94 in 2010.

This is bad news, Pollack said, at a time when seniors also are buying more prescriptions than ever. The elderly got by on about 20 prescriptions per year in 1992, but now buy about 29 annually, he said, and are expected to buy about 39 by 2010.

The study was based on data gathered by Medicare, the federal health plan for the aged and

disabled. Alan F. Holmer, president of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, or PHRMA, said much of the increase in seniors' drug spending is driven by advanced drugs that are more effective.

"That's good news for patients, for whom medicines are the most cost-effective form of health care," he said. "They keep patients out of the hospital, off the surgery table, on the job and in the home."

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Manufacturers raise cigarette prices 6 cents

NEW YORK (AP) — The cost of smoking is going up again — this time by 7 or 8 cents a pack.

Cigarette manufacturers confirmed Monday that they are increasing wholesale cigarette prices by 6 cents a pack, a move analysts say is in anticipation of increased lawsuit-settlement payments due next year. Consumers should see another cent or two tacked on to the retail price.

The price increase is the latest in a string since late 1998, when the industry started to pay various states \$246 billion over 25 years.

Concorde landing scares American entertainers

NEW YORK (AP) — British Airways Concorde passengers said Monday that thoughts of last week's Air France crash raced through their minds when their luxury supersonic jet lost speed "and began reeking of fuel during a London-to-New York trip."

A "smaller like bad perfume," passenger Jim O'Shaughnessy said. "It was kind of a sickly smell, and the concern was that it was actually fuel leaking. People were nervous."

The plane, whose 57 passengers included entertainers Tony Bennett and George Benson, was diverted to Canada for an emergency landing about 3 p.m. MDT Sunday. No one was injured.

Bennett's publicist, Sylvia Wilens, said the musician was "shaken up but OK and glad to be home," and was spending the day resting. Bennett issued a statement praising the crew for its "utmost professionalism."

Benson's publicist, Chris Wheat, said the musician was "shaken up but OK and glad to be home." The aborted flight came less than a week after an Air France Concorde crashed just outside Paris, killing 114 people.

Pentagon recruitment push pays off as more sign up for military

WASHINGTON (AP) — It looks like the big recruiting push at the Pentagon is beginning to pay off, with thousands more men and women reported signing up for military service this year.

For the first time since 1997, all four services are expected to meet their enlistment goals this year, officials said Monday, crediting an unprecedented ad campaign, more creative use of the Internet, more recruiters and a host of incentives.

Incentives offered in the last couple years — to draw new recruits or keep those in the service from leaving — include such things as better pay, more enlistment bonuses, shorter service time and computers in barracks for those who want to get an online education while they serve.

"We're happy, but ... not celebrating," said Air Force recruiting spokesman Master Sgt. Tom Clements, predicting the Pentagon will continue to face an uphill battle in coming years.

Officials have said the slump in recruiting in recent years is owed partly to higher-paying civilian jobs in the strong U.S. economy, a higher rate of people going to college and the fact that fewer young people nowadays know anyone in uniform or think of the military as a possible career.

"What we cannot do is ... relax," said Army recruiting director Col. Kevin T. Kelley. "We have to keep on going, because it's still a very competitive market place."

Still, Kelley said, officials are "very optimistic and positive" about the results they've gotten so far from what the Air Force has called a "war on recruiting." The Navy made its goal last year, but in 1998 fell 7,000 short of the 55,000 recruits it was looking for. The Army failed to get enough people in the last two years and the Air Force last year missed its goal for the first time in 20 years as pilots turned their backs on the military for jobs with commercial airlines.

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Aquarius: Utilize your ability to see the future

IF AUGUST 1 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are dynamic, creative, at times arrogant and stubborn. Members of opposite sex find you ultra-attractive. Leo, Aquarius persons play major roles in your life - could have these letters, initials in names: A, S, J. During August you make fresh start in new direction, could be involved in serious relationship. Year promises possible change of residence, marital status.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Look beyond the immediate. Keep an open mind without being naive. Forces are scattered. Pick and choose quality. Gemini, Sagittarius figure in scenario.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be dealing with people who hold views opposite your own. Basic research necessary prior to engaging in debate. Legal matter will be clarified.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You could be talk of the town. You will be involved in city hall politics, travel, reporting. Member of opposite sex finds you ultra-attractive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your kind of day. Focus on family, financial status, important domestic adjustment. If single, that won't be for long. Libra will play dramatic role.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You had experience that bordered on the supernatural. Define terms. Protect self in clinches. Some want to deceive you. Do not let them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emphasis on promotion, production, distribution. Personal relationship is red hot. Spotlight on business, career, marital status. Capricorn plays outstanding role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Finish what you start. You are on precipice of fame, fortune. Don't stop now; proceed toward ultimate goal. Aries will play memorable role. Let go of outdated notions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take initiative. Don't follow others; set your own pace. Adhere to individual style. Leo, Aquarius persons figure in dynamic scenario. Have luck with Number 1.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Break from relationship should not be regarded as tragedy. Focus on reunion, offers of partnership, change of marital status. Cancer native in picture.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Highlight diversity, versatility, intellectual curiosity. Dress different and make special appearances. Gemini, Sagittarius individuals play headline roles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be willing to revise, rewrite to tear down, if necessary, in order to rebuild. Look ahead. Utilize ability to foretell future. Scorpio plays key role.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Attend to basic matters. Stress self-reliance. Individual who swore to be loyal should not be taken seriously. Read, write, teach, learn.

HOROSCOPE

Sydney Omarr

What did Doc Holliday say on his death bed?

Hundreds of Englishers in the 1860s received invitations annually to watch the Washing of the Lions at the White Gate of the Tower of London. So hundreds showed up. But there were no lions. Nor any White Gate. It was one of the most famous April Fool's jokes of all time, although by no means the earliest.

"A pessimist makes difficulties of opportunities. An optimist makes opportunities of difficulties." So proclaimed the sage Reginald E. Mansell.

If people are going to skip any meal at all, the youngsters skip breakfast, the oldsters skip supper. That's the pattern.

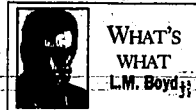
Q. Is there any language without a word for "butterfly"? Sign me "The Spendard"

A. Know of no such language. In Spanish, "butterfly" is "mariposa," as you're aware.

Client asks, "What were Doc Holliday's last words?" In November of 1887, research reveals, the Old West gunfighting dentist was in a sanitarium in Glenwood Springs, Colo. He downed a glass a whiskey. And said, "I'll be damned!" And died.

Not everyone in the military realizes it was George Washington who invented hash marks.

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MONEY

First Security shareholders OK Wells Fargo merger

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - First Security Corp.'s shareholders agreed Monday to the bank's planned merger with Wells Fargo & Co.

Under the terms of the agreement, First Security stockholders will get 355 of a share of Wells Fargo stock in exchange for each share of First Security.

First Security closed down 25 cents on the Nasdaq at \$14.375. Both banks have Magic Valley branches.

If regulators allow the merger, the \$3 billion deal is expected to be completed this fall.

"Wells Fargo is an outstanding franchise and everything we could ever want in a partner," said First Security Chairman and CEO Spencer F. Eccles.

"Together, we're looking forward to continuing to be the number one bank in Utah and preserving our heritage as a leader in the Intermountain West."

First Security's buyout by the San Francisco-based bank was announced April 9, just 10 days after First Security's merger with Zions Bancorporation fell through.

The combined bank will be the largest in Utah, Nevada, Idaho and New Mexico, with about \$243 billion in assets and operations in 23 states.

Under terms of the agreement, Eccles will become a Wells Fargo director and receive his current salary, bonuses and stock options until 2002 and then a reduced amount until he reaches age 70 in 2004.

After retirement, he will receive \$1 million per year until his death. He also will get a \$1.5 million special bonus on his 70th birthday.

Smaller benefits packages have been worked out for other First Security officers.

Up until last week it was pretty much assumed the Fed would do nothing. But now that is in question," Berman said. Fed's stronger-than-expected report on the second-quarter gross domestic product intensified inflation fears and led to renewed selling. To get a clearer idea of where the economy and inflation stand, investors will be closely watching reports later this week on consumer spending, new home sales, manufacturing and retail sales.

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The Russell 2000 index rose 10.42 to 500.64. Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 5-to-3 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where composite volume came to 1.13 billion shares, down from Friday's pace.

Overseas, Japan's Nikkei stock average fell 0.70 percent, Germany's DAX index was up 0.67 percent, Britain's FTSE 100 was up 0.47 percent, and France's CAC-40 was up 1.58 percent.

Stocks rise, but investors are jittery

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks rebounded Monday from last week's wave of selling as buyers returned to the market to pick up blue-chip technology issues at bargain prices.

But investors remained uneasy about corporate profits and inflation, a combination that caused stocks to tumble on Friday.

The Dow Jones Industrial average was up 10.81 at 10,521.98. The Dow lost nearly 75 points Friday and was down 2 percent last week.

The technology-dominated Nasdaq composite index rose 103.99 to 3,766.99 after dropping more than 10 percent last week.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 10.94 to 1,430.83.

"I think this is a reaction to last week's sell-off," said Barry Berman, head trader for Robert W. Baird & Co. in Milwaukee.

He said investors remain nervous about inflation and whether Federal Reserve policymakers later this month will implement their seventh interest rate hike since June 1999.

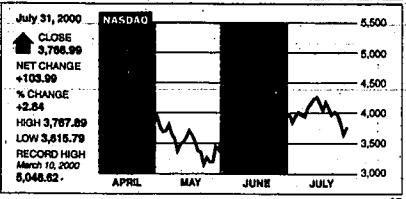
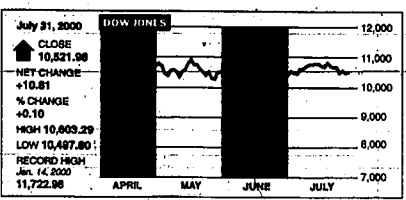
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American Ecology reports best year-to-date earnings in five years

The Times-News BOISE - American Ecology Corp. on Monday announced net income of \$764,000, or 5 cents per basic share after preferred stock dividends, for the quarter ended June 30.

That compares with net income of \$1.4 million, or 10 cents per basic share, for the year-earlier quarter. Revenue for the second quarter increased to \$10.5 million, up 18 percent from the same period in 1999 and 17 percent from first quarter 2000.

But the company, which provides radioactive and hazardous waste services, emphasized its

half-year picture. Net income for the six months ending June 30 was \$2.1 million, or 14 cents per basic share after preferred stock dividends, compared with \$1.5 million, or 10 cents per basic share, for the same period last year. That, the company said, represents the best first-half performance in five years.

Revenue for the six months just ended reached \$19.8 million, or 10 percent higher than first-half 1999.

"As these results indicate, our core business continues to perform well," said Jim Baumgardner, senior vice presi-

dent and chief financial officer. "We also continue to exceed our internal business plan."

Strong financial performances by the company's facility, Nev., and Richland, Wash., beauties led the way to continued profitability, American Ecology said.

Second-quarter earnings were reduced by a \$46,000 reserve taken in response to a National Labor Relations Board ruling, which the company said it has appealed.

"While we believe we have a strong legal case, establishing a reserve at this time is the conservative, prudent course," Baumgardner said.

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EDITORIAL

The Idaho Family Forum made an indelible mark

The Idaho Family Forum closed its doors last week, undoubtedly to the delight of the state's few remaining liberals. The conservative religious group has long been among the shrillest voices of Idaho's political right.

With the Family Forum out of business, liberal critics might be tempted to say it was too divisive for most Idaho residents. That's a simplistic explanation for a complicated political phenomenon.

Much of the Idaho Family Forum's agenda is now embedded in mainstream Idaho politics. The glaring exception is the abortion, which the state's political leaders are still unwilling to limit as much as the Family Forum had wanted.

On many other issues, collectively known as "family values," Family Forum's philosophy has become part of the state's mainstream thinking.

There are many reasons for the public's increased interest in values, but the Clinton administration's moral excesses are a big one. Millions of Americans are sickened by Bill Clinton's lack of personal integrity.

Mansfield. Chenoweth later was elected to Congress as Idaho's 1st District representative, leaving Mansfield to mind the store. He did so until last year, then resigned to campaign for the congressional seat that Chenoweth (now Chenoweth-Hage) was vacating.

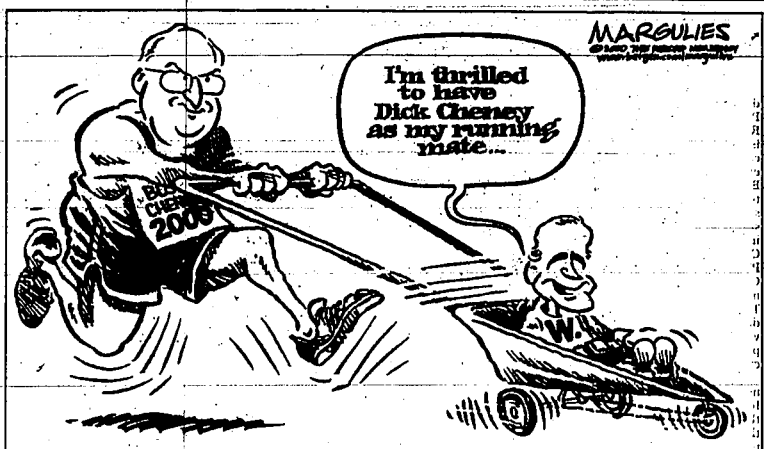
Unfortunately for the Family Forum, Mansfield was the organization's backbone—and its bankroll. His fund-raising skills were prodigious.

Unfortunately for Mansfield, he wasn't the only candidate for Chenoweth's seat in Congress. As a live-and-let-live libertarian with tremendous name recognition, Lt. Gov. Butch Otter had a huge advantage over Mansfield, who was perceived by many as a narrow ideologue.

On the day of the primary, Otter crushed Mansfield—claiming 48 percent of the vote to Mansfield's 28 percent.

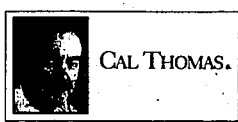
There's a lesson here. As a messenger, Mansfield was something less than the sum of his convictions. Yet over the past decade, much of the Idaho Family Forum's message resonated with Idaho voters. Family Forum's end wasn't due to Mansfield's collapse so much as it was to positions being incorporated into Idaho's mainstream politics. Its legacy may be greater than its visibility.

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How George W. can lose the election

PHILADELPHIA — George W. Bush arrives here to claim his party's nomination for president with a double-digit lead over Al Gore in the polls and with his party more united than at any time since the glory days of Ronald Reagan. It is his election to lose. Here are some ways he could lose it.



CAL THOMAS.

Let Al Gore set the agenda. Liberal Democrats have long enjoyed the presumption that they have a divine right to government, and it is only their philosophy, goals and methods that are legitimate. Bush cannot ignore Gore's proposals for improving our lives, but he can offer better ideas while refusing to dwell on Gore's. Bush must not fight on Democratic turf or he will lose. No one can outpromise, out-spend or out-tax better than a liberal Democrat. So, Bush should respond quickly to misrepresentations of his record, but quickly articulate his own proposals and say why they are superior.

ance by putting the questioner on the spot, for example: "Is it compassionate to sentence an entire generation of African-American children to failed inner-city schools and rob them of their future, or is true compassion to empower parents to choose what is best for their children?"

Let government set the agenda. Assume that the only thing wrong with government programs is that they don't have enough money. Negotiate with Gore, not over the whether a particular program or government agency ought to exist but with the level of its funding. Instead Bush should detail waste, fraud and abuse (remember these \$700 toilet seats in the Reagan years that Democrats used to great political effect). Feature daily, or weekly, a new example of how the people's money has been misspent under Clinton-Gore. Continually remind voters whose money it is, and that government holds the money it obtains by the sweat of our brows in trust and has a responsibility to spend it wisely and give back what it does not legitimately need.

direct attacks on war-hero Dwight Eisenhower. JFK simply said, "We can do better." Reagan's strength was his constant reminder that real power does not lie in government but within each American. He reminded us that right decisions by individuals are more powerful than wrong decisions made by bureaucrats. Reagan's optimism, which Bush should ask, "Who is better equipped to run and care for your life and your children's lives — you or government?" Government, like the oceans, is not bad in its place, but it can drown initiative when it is constantly in your face (and pocket). "Ask not what your country can do for you," Bush might again borrow from JFK, "ask what you can do for yourself if government gets out of the way."

So far, the Bush-Cheney team is doing everything right. Cheney was particularly direct and truthful in response to questions asked of him on the Sunday talk shows, a refreshing change from the hope-dope of the Clinton-Gore administration. But it's a long way to the finish line.

Fail to say that we can do better. Bush should rather follow the lead of John F. Kennedy, who mostly declined

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LETTERS

Fresh air is a right not a privilege

My wife and I attended a large Wendell school reunion recently. It was great, but the smell of cow dung certainly takes away the "magic." Do we really have to allow the same thing to happen on the south side?

Fresh air on your own property should be a birthright — at any price!
WAYNE B. SKEEM
TWIN FALLS

Vote what is best for the children

Recently, we wrote a letter to the editor concerning the Hagerman School board recall petition. We would like to clarify a few points.

We like and respect Wayne Ills and are grateful for the support and assistance he has given our son during his high school years. If Wayne made a mistake as an administrator, we believe it was probably because he was too nice of a guy.

We also like Mr. Mitchell and the members of the School Board. However, this should not be a popularity contest. The bottom line should be: What is best for the future education of our children? All the voters in the Hagerman School District should weigh this measure very carefully before making a decision that can have such an impact on our schools. This is not a time for rumors or accusations. It's a time for facts.
LEONARD AND JANICE URJE
Hagerman

ered that he should be mutilated. Some person had castrated this 5-week-old kitten. The wound was left open and it had become infested with maggots. The kitten wealed.

We took the kitten to the Addison Animal Clinic. Dr. Saras and the staff removed the infestation and worked to save the kitten. He was at the clinic for two days. We all marveled at the kitten's friendliness and high spirits. The kitten cuddled and purred as if he didn't care with a caring person blotted out the memory of the horrible treatment it had endured. He died at 11:15 am Saturday morning when we all accepted that he was so damaged he would not be able to urinate. Shortly after midday, we laid him on a bed of rose petals and buried him in a green grassy place on our property.

I wonder how a human could be so ignorant or evil that he or she could treat another living thing with such cruelty. As I passed the hours Saturday afternoon, I wondered what I could say to such a person in this letter. Should I say, "I hope you receive the same treatment before you die? Or I hope someone reads this and calls the authorities so you can be punished and be put on record as the ignorant or evil person you evidently are?"

What I really want to say is "I hope one day you will realize that you can live the rest of your life helping to make our part of the world be a better place to live by choosing to be a source of comfort, compassion and healing and not a source of pain and misery?"

My behavior in the world is an everyday demonstration of how I define myself, what I value and how advanced I am as a social creature. I think this is true for everyone.

I wonder if God loves animals. I wonder if God loves kittens. I wonder if God gets angry. I wonder.

MICHAEL JOHNSON
Jerome

Lawsuits are threatening health care

Personal injury lawyers have long touted their work as noble and altruistic — saving poor consumers, union workers and minorities from the unbridled greed of Corporate America.

The reality, unfortunately, is far different. Such lawyers heavily recruit class-action plaintiffs in minority areas with promises of a big-bucks payoff. When the awards come in, however, the lawyers walk away with millions of dollars, while ordinary plaintiffs average less than \$200 for the same roles in class-actions.

Indeed, class-action lawsuits are one of the biggest scams ever perpetrated. One wonders why this burgeoning scandal has attracted only scant attention in the mainstream media. It may well be that to ask that question is to answer it.

In the meantime, insurance premiums and health-care costs skyrocket, the price of basic consumer goods soars and well-paying jobs depart for cheap-labor lands. Increasingly class-action lawsuits seem less about protecting innocent victims and more about padding personal injury lawyers' bank accounts. Real unbridled greed resides with these lawyers, whose ranks, we might add, include disproportionately few people of color.

This clearly is the case with the class-action lawsuits filed against health maintenance organizations, or HMOs. A handful of lawyers — miscalculated by Mississippi's notorious Dickie Scruggs (the brother-in-law of Sen. Trent Lott), is launching a barrage of lawsuits against health-care providers nationwide. Their clearly stated intention: drive up

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the fees HMOs charge patients so the HMOs are capable of paying off huge damage awards to the lawyers and their clients.

Whatever gripes we have with our "HMOs, one thing is clear — lawsuits that drive up patient premiums won't fix anything. More likely, they'll force HMOs out of business and deprive poor neighborhood blacks — already suffering doctor shortages — of any medical care.

This is an issue of critical importance. Minority communities and low-income families are the most vulnerable and they will bear the disproportionate risk of losing health coverage as a result of the growing number of class-action lawsuits against health plans.

The price employers and consumers pay for health care will increase dramatically as HMOs are forced to spend millions of dollars just to defend themselves against class-action. If they lose, the settlements could run to billions — sending premiums into orbit.

That's bad news, indeed, for consumers. According to the Journal of Health Economics, every 10 percent increase in the cost of insurance creates a 3 percent to 4 percent decrease in the number of people who can afford to purchase coverage. Every increase in the cost of providing health care forces small businesses to tighten budgets in other ways. It might mean that a decision is made not to hire more people or to give well-earned pay increases. Worse yet, it might cause the minority small business owner to cut health-care

benefits for employees altogether.

It's difficult enough for small businesses to survive in today's environment of legal terrorism. A few out-of-control lawyers already have targeted small businesses with a wave of questionable lawsuits alleging violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act. In addition, there's been a large increase in the number of questionable "slip and fall" lawsuits.

Juries in Illinois and many other states, unfortunately, are far too willing to reward claims that border on the bogus, if not the fraudulent.

In a booming, low-inflation economy like ours, companies can't pass those damage awards on to consumers; instead, they're forced to take the money out of current budgets. When this happens, all too often, health-care coverage is one of the first items pared back.

Americans clearly have every reason to focus their efforts on providing coverage to the uninsured, while thwarting the abusive lawsuits that jeopardize the coverage of those already insured.

The result is likely to be much better than the scenario scripted by personal injury lawyers. That's a worst-case scenario and then some — one that leads to sprawling new rounds of higher premiums, fewer employees willing to provide coverage, and a steadily escalated growth in the ranks of the uninsured and, eventually, a health care system tottering on the edge of bankruptcy.

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Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



The real political 'spoilers'

LETTER

With Ralph Nader's nomination as the Green Party's presidential candidate and the likelihood that Buchanan will win the Reform Party nomination, there is increasing talk about these candidates as potential "spoilers" in the presidential race. But as interesting as it may be to speculate about how much support Ralph Nader could siphon from Al Gore, especially in a key state such as California, or how many votes Pat Buchanan could deny George W. Bush, the discussion misses a very important point. The real "spoiler" in the presidential race is the outdated voting system we use to elect presidents and most other officials.

Our voting system is a winner-takes-all, plurality system. In essence, the candidate with the most votes wins, even if that candidate gets less than 50 percent of the vote. In our presidential elections, of course, we complicate matters by grafting on a rather bizarre electoral-college system. This creates a series of individual, state-by-state contests in which the candidate with a plurality of votes in a given state wins all of its electoral-college votes.

So our presidential elections boil down to 50 separate state-level elections. This fact fuels the "spoilers" speculation because, by being particularly

MATTHEW COSSOLOTTO

strong in one state, a given candidate can affect the outcome of the national election.

But here's the interesting point: If we changed the voting system, which after all is not mandated by the Constitution, minor-party or independent candidates would cease to be potential spoilers. They could immediately be seen in a more positive light, as champions of particular groupings of voters or political philosophies that add to our political debate.

Let me stipulate here that I am a big fan of multiparty democracy. I support having more than two major parties competing actively and aggressively for elective office. We suffer from a deficit of diversity at the polls, and that has the effect of dampening turnout and turning people off to politics-as-usual.

The answer isn't to be found in simply putting more candidates or parties on the ballot. The reality is trying to run a multiparty democracy within the limited confines of a plural-

ity voting system can create some perverse incentives. For instance, some Democrats cheered when Pat Buchanan broke from the Republican Party last year, just as some conservatives have been promoting the candidacy of Ralph Nader in an attempt to split the vote on the Left and hand victory to Bush. This kind of "divide-and-conquer" politics is a dreadful way to run a democracy. People end up spending too much time gawking at the current system instead of reforming it.

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round elections, in which one vote is a runoff, are used in most of the world's presidential races. But a better change could be implemented right now by the states. It's called "instant runoff voting," or IRV. Under IRV, which is currently used to elect the president of Ireland and the mayor of London, voters simply rank the candidates (1, 2, 3) in order of preference. In the coming presidential race, some voters on the left would be able to rank Nader first and Gore second. On the right, a good number of voters might very well rank Buchanan first and Bush

second. If a candidate wins an outright majority of first-preference votes, the contest is over and that candidate is declared the winner. But if not, the last-place finisher is eliminated, and ballots cast for that candidate are counted for the next-choice candidate.

The result of this simple change in the voting system is to allow people to vote affirmatively for their candidate of choice without wasting their votes outright or handing the election to a candidate with whom they strongly disagree. It empowers voters while making major-party candidates less vulnerable to spoilers.

Proportional allocation of electoral-college seats — on a state-by-state basis — would also address the spoiler problem. This plan, advocated by both Franklin Roosevelt and Richard Nixon during their presidencies, would also permit voters to express their true preferences at the polls.

A state can change the way it votes for president virtually overnight through a simple statute. The long-term health of our democracy suffers from our present system. It's time to change it and make American democracy safe for diversity.

Matthew Cossolotto is vice president of the Center for Voting and Democracy. He wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

Notice your errors

Enough is enough. On the July 25 Magic Valley section, a reporter in your Minnicassia bureau wrote an article. The name Aaron Michael Ruffing is not correct. This should have been another name as his last name is not Ruffing. I phoned your editor and he states that was what was on record. Well, the courts are

wrong. There should at least have been an "a.k.a." following his name.

This has caused a lot of heartaches in my family, and I would appreciate it if there would be a correction on the front page of the Magic Valley section and not in some hidden corner with headlines, "Right story, wrong name."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Mother appears in court, pleads innocent

JEROME - A Jerome mother pleaded innocent to a child endangerment charge Monday in Magistrate Court.

Lisa Harshbarger, 31, received the citation earlier this month, after dozens of people spent a morning trying to find her 5-year-old daughter, Kayla Harshbarger.

Lisa Harshbarger called police at around 10 a.m. and reported the girl missing, not knowing the girl had caught the bus to her preschool, as she normally does.

The Jerome Police Department charged Harshbarger with misdemeanor child endangerment, which carries a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Harshbarger requested a public defender be appointed to represent her. A pre-trial hearing is set for Sept. 11 in Jerome.

Harshbarger declined to comment Monday on the case.

Car rollover in Twin Falls causes no injuries

TWIN FALLS - Police responded to several car accidents in Twin Falls Monday, said Twin Falls police officer Ryan Howe.

The most serious accident was a roll-over, but no one was injured, Howe said.

At about 4:20 p.m. Monday, a Lincoln Continental driven by Suzanne Lund, 53, of Twin Falls, was southbound on Lynwood Boulevard when Lund stopped for a stop sign at Filer Avenue East, went to turn and struck a Ford pickup, Howe said.

The pickup, driven by Jeremy Dillon, 27, of Oakley, rolled. Dillon wasn't injured and was wearing a seatbelt, Howe said. Lund wasn't injured and wasn't wearing a seatbelt, he said.

Neither driver was taken to a hospital, Howe said. Details about other accidents weren't available Monday evening.

Sign up for wagon trail ride through mountains

KETCHUM - It may be the year 2000, but that won't stop Super Outfitter Adventures of Sun Valley from hitching up the wagons for a six-day wagon train ride through the Pioneer Mountains.

The 2000 Annual Independent Wagon Train will run from Aug. 26 through 31. Prospective cowboys and cowgirls can join it for one day, a couple days or for the entire 70-mile trip.

The ride will depart from a spot near Fairfield, trail through Worsick Hot Springs, climb up Carrie Creek to an old mining area and climb over 8,900-foot Dollarhide Summit. The train will follow the Warm Springs drainage to Sun Valley, arriving in time for the Wagon Days and the annual Labor Day celebration featuring the largest non-motorized parade in the northwest.

Participants will be able to ride horses, hike and fish along the way.

For more information, call 783-7731 or visit the website www.sunvalley-outfitter.com.

CSI will offer medical assistant courses

TWIN FALLS - Three special classes are being offered this fall through the College of Southern Idaho's Medical Assistant Program.

Medical Management is a three-credit course involving all aspects of medical office management.

Applicants must have work experience in a medical office or similar. The class will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Aug. 29.

For more information, call Patty Kleinkopf at 734-6886.

Medical Transcription is a three-credit course to be offered from 11 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Aug. 28. The course requires medical terminology and a typing speed of at least 35 words per minute. For more information, call Lynn James at 326-3412.

Medical Coding is a three-credit course using the American Association of Professional Coders curriculum. Prerequisites are medical terminology and six months of employment in a physician service coding setting - office or similar. This class will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays beginning Aug. 31.

For more information, call Bonnie Lewis at 736-3755.

For more information about CSI's Medical Assistant Program, call Penny Glenn at 733-9554, Ext. 2166.

Compiled from staff reports

Local blazes die down

But wildfires through much of state still rage

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Wildfires in south central Idaho settled down Monday, but fires on more than 155,000 acres of range and forest lands continued to burn elsewhere in eastern and central Idaho.

Firefighters were gaining the upper hand on three lightning-sparked fires on 22,000 acres of public lands south of Burley.

"Ours are starting to look pretty good," said Andy Payne, fire management officer for the

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Bureau of Land Management in Shoshone.

Fire crews could be pulling out today from BLM fires in southern Cassia County that burned about 12,000 acres. The same goes for a 7,000 acre fire south of Massacre Rocks.

High temperatures, low humidity, dry fuels and unstable weather have created extreme fire conditions, officials say.

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Fire facts

Year	Acres burned	Precipitation
1996	14,848 acres	1.4
1997	324 acres	3
1998	376 acres	1.2
1999	8,722 acres	1.7
2000	10,419 acres	0.7**

Fire facts in the Sawtooth National Forest

(inch to date)
* in inches
** inches to date
Source: U.S. Forest Service

Officials increase fire rules on public land

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - High fire danger has prompted public lands managers to increase fire restrictions in an effort to reduce the chance of wildfires.

Starting Saturday, no chainsaws or other motorized equipment; no motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails; no blasting, welding, or other activi-

ties that generate flame will be allowed from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. on all national forest lands and lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in southern Idaho.

"We cannot afford to have new fires start," Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor Bill LeVere said. "Our initial attack firefight-

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SCENIC STROLL



Todd Humphreys and Jennifer Reecer take a sunset stroll along the Canyon Rim Trail. Smoke from fires across the West creates good conditions for spectacular sunsets. More high temperatures and winds up to 20 mph are predicted for tomorrow.

TF man arrested, faces assault charges

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls man was arrested early Monday on an aggravated assault charge, after police were told he had choked a woman and beaten a man, according to a police officer's affidavit.

James R. Manning III was arrested at about 7:30 a.m., after an officer spotted him apparently trying to hide in the backyard of a home on 10th Avenue East in Twin Falls, according to an affidavit by Twin Falls Police Officer Clinton Doerr.

A fight at 1125 11th Ave. East was reported to police at about 4 a.m. Monday, and officers were told a short while later that the scuffle had moved to 1412 Sixth Ave. East, according to the affidavit.

Michael Yundt told officers he and Caprice Johnson had been in a fight with Manning, the affidavit says.

Johnson said Manning confronted her with a piece of oak molding at her home, telling her he was looking for his girlfriend, Doerr reported.

Johnson told police that Manning grabbed her and dragged her around the house, choking her until she nearly passed out several times, according to the affidavit.

Yundt told officers he confronted Manning after arriving at the house and hearing Johnson's screams. Yundt reported that Johnson punched him several times, struck him with the oak molding, said he was going to kill Yundt's wife and then left, according to the affidavit.

Doerr reported that he observed a photograph of bruises and other injuries on Yundt and Johnson, which they alleged that Manning had inflicted.

Familiar face leaves Minidoka fairgrounds

By Coreen Hart
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - For 12 years, visitors to the Minidoka County fair have benefited from the behind-the-scenes work of groundskeeper Gordon Stewart.

Over the years, Stewart has managed the fairgrounds, setting up for the fairs, scheduling special events, building special displays, mowing lawns and repairing the equipment. He's been the public relations man and the first person people see if they need to use a building or schedule an event.

He's maintained a fairly low profile, but everybody knows him.

But this year's fair will be the last to show Stewart's fingerprints. Stewart and his family have moved to Kimberly to be closer to wife Vicki's Twin Falls job.

"I will miss the people," Stewart said. "Please see MINIDOKA, Page B3"



Groundskeeper Gordon Stewart prepares the Minidoka County Fair's antiques building for visitors. Arranging the heavy cases is one of many tasks Stewart is leaving behind in the job he's held for 12 years.

Rupert teen dies when automobile rolls

By Dan Fields
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A Rupert teenager was pronounced dead at the scene of a one-car accident early Monday on Bedke Boulevard.

Cassia County sheriff's Capt. Jim Higgins said the accident occurred around 5 a.m., about a half-mile west of Overland Avenue. The accident claimed

the life of 16-year-old Troy Albert Aragon, who was killed instantly.

Aragon was a passenger in the car driven by Ramon Montes, 19, of Rupert. Montes was listed in critical condition at Cassia Regional Medical Center, where he underwent surgery Monday for head and internal injuries.

Higgins said a passerby reported to police that a vehicle was

on its top-and-off-the-road. Deputies responded to the call and found a Ford Taurus upside-down in high weeds about 75 feet from the road.

Montes was found by deputies about 50 feet from the car, Higgins said. The car had been traveling east on Bedke Boulevard when it rolled over 1 1/2 times. Higgins said he did not know how the accident occurred and added that neither Montes

nor Aragon was wearing a seat belt.

Higgins said officers were initially told after the accident that there may have been more than two people in the car. They searched with dogs, however, and found no one else.

Dan Fields is The Times-News' Mini-Cassia editor. He can be reached at 677-4042 or by e-mail at dfields@magicvalley.com

Council approves park fees

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Event organizers who want to use City Park will have to pay to party.

The City Council Monday unanimously approved the City Parks and Recreation Department's request to start charging fees for anyone who wants to use the park facilities, including the band shell, public address system and electrical outlets.

The council approved the request after a public hearing - no one from the public attended.

Dennis Bowyer, the city Parks and Recreation Department director, said Monday that event organizers helped come up with the new fees.

"We met with the large users, including the Western Days committee and Hispanic Heritage Fiesta," Bowyer said.

The city was spending about \$500 in employee labor costs for events, such as the Western Days celebration at the park.

"We're going to give them two options," Bowyer said Monday. "They can hire park employees to empty the trash or hire a volunteer civic group like the Boy Scouts to clean up for them."

The only thing the city has ever charged for is park shelters. The city charges \$25 per day for use of a shelter at a park, Bowyer said in an earlier interview.

The bill they would pay the rest of the city, he said.

The new fees would go into effect January 2001.

In other business Monday, the City Council gave Newcom Wireless LLC 40 percent of which is owned by AT&T, permission to set up cellular telephone antenna towers in the city.

Newcom wants to set up a 135-foot tower at the police station and several 90-foot towers at public facilities around the city, including several fire stations.

Newcom would become a tenant of the city, and the city would have the opportunity to rent space to other wireless providers. The idea is to create more wireless service in the area and to provide a solution to the city's communication woes, Ralph O'Leary of Newcom said Monday.

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New City Park fees

- Band shell - \$50 per day, plus \$15 each additional day.
- Public address system - \$15 per day.
- Electrical outlets - \$50 per day for all electrical outlets or \$5 per day for one outlet; family picnics, company picnics, reunions are exempt.
- Traffic removal - \$15 per hour for events three or more hours long attended by more than 500 people; \$15 per hour for events attended by more than 750 people.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Utah sees increase of young voters

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Like a basketball moving through an airless, 1982 baby boomlet in Utah now has reached 18, making the state's young-age population among the nation's fastest-growing.

In 1982, the number of births in Utah peaked at nearly 42,000, the high point of a decade-long baby boom.

On Monday the U.S. Census Bureau said the flood of 18-year-olds has made Utah's young-age population grow the sixth fastest in the country.

Roughly 115,000 more Utahns will be eligible to vote this November than in 1996, an 8.5

percent increase. But the number of 18- to 24-year-olds is up by 21 percent.

Many of the other states with fast-growing voter populations are also in the West. Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Texas and Georgia round out the top five.

Nationally, it's the birth population, said Census Bureau analyst Jennifer Day. "Those children are now eligible to vote, and it's having an effect on the overall voting population."

Some of it is people moving in, but a whole lot of it is birth population, said Census Bureau analyst Jennifer Day.

population, wherever they go, and they're driving those numbers. "But the 18- to 24-year-old group is also growing," by about 8 percent nationally. Day said that's due mostly to baby boomers' children reaching 18.

"That younger age cohort has had tremendous growth, because of the mini-baby boom in the mid-seventies to mid-eighties," said Natalie Gochmour of the Governor's Office for Planning and Budget.

But the numbers have a flip side. Because so few young people bother to vote, the age group has very little clout politically.

DEATH NOTICES

Marion R. Redmond WENDELL - Marion R. Redmond, 85, of Wendell, and formerly of Coeur, Nev., died Monday, July 24, 2000, at Magic Valley Manor in Wendell. A celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, 2000, at the United Methodist Church in Carlin, Nev.

ing and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Berniece Collings JEROME - Berniece Collings, 85, of Jerome, died Monday, July 31, 2000, at her home. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Marie 'Bonnie' Gurley TWIN FALLS - Marie "Bonnie" Gurley, 80, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, July 29, 2000. Funeral services will be at

10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, 2000, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Robert VanNest officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, with graveside rites by Twin Falls Chapter #29, Order of Eastern Star. The family will greet friends from noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2000, at White Mortuary. Memorial contributions may be given to the Shriners Hospital Memorial Fund, Fairfax at Virginia, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84143, or the Idaho Red Cross, P.O. Box 8538, Boise, ID 83707.

Ryan Fred Darrington DECOLO - Ryan Fred Darrington, 11-month-old son of Fred and Emy Peterson Darrington of Declo, died Sunday, July 30, 2000, at the Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, 2000, at the Declo LDS Stake Center at 213 W. Main St., with Bishop Daniel Turner officiating. Interment will follow at the Declo Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home at 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Tonnie Evonne Adamson Johnson TWIN FALLS - Tonnie Evonne Adamson Johnson, 46, of Twin Falls, died Monday, July 31, 2000, at her home. Services are pend-

ing and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Irene Chisholm of Burley, vigil service at 7 p.m. today at the Little Flower Catholic Church at 1601 Oakley Ave. in Burley, Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Friends may call from 6-7 p.m. today and before the funeral Mass on Wednesday at the church (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Jona Jane Hoffman of Nampa, and formerly of Hazelton, service at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Twin Falls Cemetery (Payne's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Alexandria Dee Neanderhiser of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

James Phillip "Jim" Ferlic of Rupert, and formerly of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today, at the Trinity Lutheran Church at 909 Eighth St. in Rupert. Friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m., today at the church.

Dean Hayhurst of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Payne Mortuary at 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. before the service Wednesday.

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HOSPITALS

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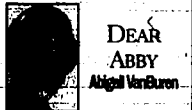
Camille Victoria Hansen Our angel, "Camille" Victoria Hansen, returned to our Heavenly Father while in the arms of her loving parents.

LaVerne Preston Larson LaVerne Preston Larson, 79, longtime Burley resident, died Sunday, July 30, 2000, at the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, following a brief illness.

The largest wildfire in California, a 63,275-acre inferno in Sequoia National Forest, was burning on the eastern side of the Southern Sierras, 120 miles north of Los Angeles.

Gifts for teachers should be tokens of students' affection

DEAR ABBY: Recently your column dealt with suggestions from readers about the best kinds of gifts to give classroom teachers. Unfortunately, one of the responses (from Resurrection Haven, Fla.) contained inaccurate information about the policy in our local school district.



includes: dogs, cats, rabbits, geese, goats, horses and cattle. Please, Abby, don't ask - TELL your readers to get out there and water their pets, or to find them a better home. - SUNNY IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

The Polk County School Board has never prohibited students from giving gifts to teachers. Whether the gift is an apple, a restaurant gift certificate, a hand-made craft, a stack of school supplies or a bottle of perfume, I think we all recognize that the true gift is the love exchanged between teacher and child. These gifts are merely tokens of affection for the teacher, and our teachers accept them graciously and appreciatively, regardless of the monetary value.

relief to poor families who are unable to compete in the area of gift-giving. Teachers deserve to receive respect all year long for the hard work they do. They also deserve to leave their pets locked in enclosed vehicles because they can quickly die from heat stroke. But this year would you also add this important message?

DEAR SUNNY: I agree - your letter contains an important message to pet owners. I hope they read it and heed it. DEAR ABBY: I recently found out that my husband of two years met a girl on a bus trip. He had been calling her for almost two months.

DEAR FRANCES: You're welcome. However, I must confess that when I printed the letter from "Avid Reader," I thought the policy described in the letter was sound, sensitive and well-thought-out - not to mention a

DEAR ABBY: I know that you are an animal lover, and that each year you warn your readers not to leave their pets locked in enclosed vehicles because they can quickly die from heat stroke. But this year would you also add this important message?

I confronted him, and he promised me that he loved me and wanted only me. He swore that nothing had happened between them. However, in the e-mails that he had sent her, he told her about a fight we had - and he said things that could be interpreted to mean he wanted to have an affair with her.

DEAR FRANCES: You're welcome. However, I must confess that when I printed the letter from "Avid Reader," I thought the policy described in the letter was sound, sensitive and well-thought-out - not to mention a

DEHYDRATION is a slow, painful death. Outdoor animals need open, fresh water constantly available in order to avoid dehydration. (In the winter when water often freezes, we also carry warm water to all of our outside livestock three times a day.) This

DEAR HURTI: If I were you, I'd keep a sharp eye on him. Talk is cheap. Divorces are expensive - and not just monetarily.

Fires burn in 10 Western states

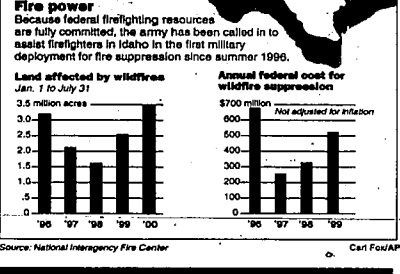
RIDGECREST, Calif. (AP) - Wildfires raged in 10 Western states Monday, crackling through 300 million acres of timber, brush and brush. One of the biggest burned unamed after incinerating seven homes in a Sierra Nevada hamlet.

The western tinderbox The wildfires raging through Sequoia National Forest in California's Sierra Nevada was only one of 50 fires burning more than 500,000 acres nationwide.

Nearly 500 current blazes have blackened 537,791 acres in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Washington and Wyoming in the past two weeks. It's the worst fire season since 1988, when 5 million acres burned in the West, said Michelle Barret, spokeswoman for the National Intergency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho.



Fire bosses said it would be weeks before some of the blazes could be contained, and dry lightning forecast for Montana, Idaho, Nevada and Oregon was expected to bring more blazes. "The West is just in a terrible time," Barret said. "Dry lightning doesn't bode well for us. You can't write a more dangerous situation than the one we have right now. In this game, weather is everything."



With at least 10,714 firefighters already deployed, resources stretched thin and fatigue setting in, the Pentagon ordered up soldiers from Fort Hood, Texas, and Marines from Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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Most of the hamlet's 43 permanent residents fled when flames moved through during the weekend. Those residents were still out of their homes Monday.

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State regulators deny air quality permit

BOISE (AP) - State environmental regulators on Monday declined to issue an air quality permit for the facility that incinerates low-level radioactive waste in eastern Idaho, because the federal government decided against making required anti-pollution improvements.

Department of Environmental Quality officials said what they called a tentative decision would only become final after they review public comments that can

be submitted through Sept. 14. But considering that the Department of Energy announced this spring that it will close the Waste-Experimental-Reduction Facility rather than upgrade the equipment, state officials "concluded that further processing of the permit would not be productive."

But under the existing regulatory scheme, the incinerator at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory will be

operating for up to two more years, and that has angered critics.

The federal government announced in May that it would not spend the estimated \$6.1 million to meet new Environmental Protection Agency standards for removal of mercury, acid gases and cancer-causing emissions like dioxins as clothing, paper, plastic and similar debris contaminated with chemicals and low-level radioactivity is burned.

Gun-toting motorists damage Bonneville Salt Flats sculpture

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Drivers shooting guns at an 87-foot-high abstract sculpture of a tree in the Bonneville Salt Flats have caused thousands of dollars in damage.

The Swedish artist who created the work estimates that 200 square feet of the brightly colored tiles that decorate the huge spheres on his "Tree of Utah" need to be replaced.

Most of the tiles appear to have been shot to pieces by people firing from vehicles as they sped past the sculpture on Interstate 80, about 26 miles east of Wendover.

A plaque with the sculpture's name also has been pruned off and carried away by vandals,

and one of the concrete branches needs a little work.

"There is no structural damage," stressed Karl Momen, who erected the controversial sculpture in 1985. But he estimates it will cost \$42,000 to restore the creation.

Money to help pay for these repairs will come from the profits from a new book about the Tree of Utah written by Herman Du Toit, head of audience education and development at Brigham Young University's Museum of Art in Provo.

Du Toit is contributing royalties from his book, "Vision in the Desert," to a special fund for the sculpture.

Census results could help West

DENVER (AP) - The mountain and desert states are gaining new voters faster than any other region of the country, according to new Census Bureau statistics.

That growth could help Montana, Nevada and Colorado among other states gain more seats in Congress but experts are divided over whether that will give the West more political clout.

The mountain and desert states have added nearly 23 percent more voting-age adults since 1992, the Census Bureau reported Sunday. That is more than double the growth rate of Pacific Coast states, including California.

As part of an overall population shift to the West and the South, the mountain region could

pick up as many as five new congressional seats in reapportionment next year.

That could pay off if the different state delegations start speaking with a regional voice in Washington, said Mike Ciletti, the Colorado Republican Party's political director.

"There's a Western way of life, and there's an appreciation for our quality of life, open spaces," Ciletti said. "You get more voices in Congress, and you've got more people who understand that quality of life, that way of living."

In the past four years, Nevada has led the nation with nearly 16 percent growth in voting-age population. Colorado ranks seventh, at 8.1 percent. Arizona, Utah and Idaho are in the top 10.

Snake River restoration costs cause dispute

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) - Teton County and Teton Conservation District officials are rejecting a \$38,000 bill from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for additional work on a Snake River restoration project.

The corps wants them to pay for work done last year upriver from the Wilson Bridge. County Commissioner Bill Paddleford said. But neither has budgeted money for the work.

"We agreed to a product," Paddleford said. "There was no change order and there was no memorandum of understanding for more work."


The Snake River Demonstration Project tests the feasibility of reversing flood control systems built along the river over the years.

The larger project to restore 22 miles of the river would cost an estimated \$66 million over 25 years. Environmental and feasibility studies of the project were completed recently.

The local officials claim that combined they have already contributed \$28,000 in kind work for the pilot project - the amount they say was agreed on when the project was set up.

Corps officials could not be reached for comment.

PET OF THE WEEK

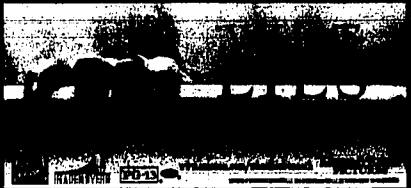


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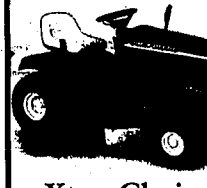
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Group looks after the land

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - The public land directly north of the Perrine Bridge is used for many activities, including target shooting, hunting, four-wheeling and hiking.

But, the members of the Southern Idaho Off-Road Association (SIORA) wish people would not use it to dump their trash.

"This isn't a dumping ground," says Mike Trammell, SIORA secretary.

So, the group stepped up to the plate. SIORA members spent May 20-21 cleaning up the area in what has become an annual community service event. The group says it hauled out more than 48 tons of trash last year, including refrigerators, car bodies, carpet and shingles. The Idaho Department of Lands loans them a dumpster for the job. They also borrow a front-end loader and dump truck from Triple C Concrete and a dump trailer from Bothwell Construction.

"I know we have a lot of trouble throughout that area - keeping it cleaned up," said Debbie Kovar, a realty specialist with the U. S. Bureau of Land Management office in Shoshone. "This happens on public lands all over the place. If people would dump in the appropriate areas, we wouldn't have a problem."

"We're working in cooperation with the BLM and the Forest Service to bring awareness about how public lands should be utilized and cleaned up," said Doug Erling, SIORA director. "If we're going to use it (the land), we'd like to help clean it up."

SIORA members had their children



Above, Southern Idaho Off-Road Association members include, left to right, Ken Hansen and Mike Trammell with Trammell's son, Kenny and Hansen's daughter, Jessica. They helped clean up the area north of the Perrine Bridge in what has become an annual event. Right, an association member helps carry way trash.

About the association

The Southern Idaho Off-Road Association calls itself a nonprofit organization with the purpose of providing social, educational and recreational activities for members, participating in and supporting civic activities for the betterment of the community. If you would like more information, call Mike Trammell at 736-0118 or Jeff Trammell at 732-5306 or e-mail at siora@rnci.net.

out to help with the two days of community service.

"We enjoy being outdoors and want to teach our children how to enjoy the outdoors, teach them respect for the land and nature and respect for the rights of others," Trammell said. "It teaches kids the spirit of community service."

"These are the kinds of things to me that are important," said Ken Hansen, a volunteer who brought his 11-year-old daughter, Jessica along. "I haven't done community service in few years and I think it's very important."

"We want them to be able to enjoy the land," added Jeff Trammell, SIORA president. "It gives you a sense of pride."



Friends find bond through Internet

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - Chatting on the Internet sometimes raises eyebrows when mentioned, but some people have good experiences, like Christine Gardner of Buhl, who visits regularly in chat rooms.

Gardner says she keeps her conversations on the humorous side and began visiting frequently with Anni Hansen of Herning, Denmark.

Soon, they were calling each other and exchanging photos.

This year, Hansen made a trip to Buhl to meet Gardner and it was like they were old friends, the women say.

Hansen, who learned English in school, also speaks German and Swedish as well as her native language Danish. She says she visits on the Internet all over the world.

Hansen says she had been to the United States 24 years ago when she worked in New York as a mother's helper.

Hansen also says she enjoyed all the famous sights and places in the area while on her most recent visit.

The cities are clean and the countryside is so green, she adds.



Left to right, Christine Gardner of Buhl and Anni Hansen of Denmark became friends after first meeting through the Internet.

As soon as Hansen saves enough money, she plans to return to Buhl. Gardner says she would like to visit Denmark, also.

In the meantime, the women say they will continue to visit long-distance through the chat room and reminiscence about their newly-made memories.

LEARNING ABOUT CAREERS



Linda Barnes from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center speaks to Richfield Elementary school children about careers available in the medical field. Assemblies for elementary students and secondary students also featured speaker LeeAnn Sullivan from the Con Pauls dealership in Jerome speaking about careers in the automotive field.

GOOD NEIGHBORS FUN



Above, the College of Southern Idaho lent western flavor with this entry to the Good Neighbors Day parade in Kimberly July 7-8. Right, youngsters get ready to cool off the crowd during the Good Neighbors Day parade in Kimberly.



Nicole Berglund, left, and Holly Afeeki practice their photography skills taking pictures of Rock Creek. The photography class students were on a field trip to practice concepts learned. In the summer enrichment program sponsored by the College of Southern Idaho-Mini-Cassia Center.

Ready, set, shoot: CSI offers photo class

BURLEY - The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center Enrichment Program is offering a basic photography class from 7-9 p.m. on Aug. 9-30 at the center, 1600 Parks Ave.

Award winning photographer John Berglund will teach the course, which includes four class sessions and a field trip.

Participants need to bring a camera or a digital camera with flash and aperture capability.

The cost is \$40. Early registration is recommended due to limited class size.

The enrichment program is also offering a Dutch Oven Cooking for Kids

course from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 10. Young cooks will learn from Dale Dalley, who will cover the essentials necessary to whip up winning Dutch oven delights, coordinators say.

This workshop timed to encourage young cooks to enter the Cassia County Fair and Rodeo Dutch Oven Contest on Aug. 18. The cost is \$10.

Participants need to bring a Dutch oven, the ingredients for a dessert with the recipe, the utensils for mixing the recipe and approximately five pounds of charcoal.

For more information or to register with a credit card, call 678-1400.

TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

HOME COOKIN'



Above, left to right, Frieda Johnson, Betty Smith and Mary Noh serve up breakfast to Otis Burbank and Linda Busben. Every third Saturday of the month, the Buhl Senior Citizens Center hosts a community breakfast from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. About 60 people enjoyed large scones dipped in sugar and cinnamon, syrup, milk and coffee for \$2.50. Everyone is welcome. Right, Evelyn Rice and George Aufdenkamp help cook up scones for the senior center community breakfast.



MARY LOU POTTS/The Times-News

SENIOR CALENDAR

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 12.
Tuesday: Tuna salad.
Wednesday: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, oriental vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, cinnamon roll.
Thursday: Ham with raisin sauce, sweet potato, cream corn, colelaw, rolls, pudding.
Friday: Meat loaf, potatoes with gravy, mixed veggies, fruit salad, bread, rusin squares.
Monday: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, california veggies, apple salad, rolls, cobbler.
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
Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Thursday
Pinochle at 1 p.m.
Friday
Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Lunch bingo.
Blood pressure check 10 a.m. to noon.
Saturday
Pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m.
Monday
Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Foot clinic, make appointment, 734-5084.
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. Suggested donation 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: Finger steaks, cheesy hash browns, crunchy slaw, carrots, bread, cookies.
Wednesday: Ham and beans, carrot and celery sticks, corn bread, mixed fruit, cookies.
Thursday: Meat loaf, potatoes and gravy, corn rolls, pudding, cookies; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.
Friday: Spaghetti, green salad, california blend veggies, french bread, fruit.
Sunday: Buffet, ham, at 1 p.m.
Monday: Chicken alfredo, noodles, crunchy slaw, veggie, apple crisp, roll; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.
Activities
Thrift shop open every day. Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday
Exercises, 7 to 8 a.m.
Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Treasure Tuesday, bingo at 11:30 a.m., and spin the wheel for prizes.
Bingo 7:5 p.m.
Wednesday
Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.
Farmer's market from 5:7 p.m. to order doughnuts ahead of time, call 543-4577.
Thursday
Exercises 7-8 a.m.

Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Foot clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Bingo 1:30 p.m.
Evening meals 5:30 p.m.
Cards at 6 p.m.
Friday
Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.
Sunday
All-you-can-eat buffets, pork roast, at 1 p.m.
Monday
Exercises, 7:8 a.m., and 10 a.m.
Smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.
Cards at 6 p.m.
Fler Senior Haven
222 Main St., Fler
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: Chicken salad, green beans, oven steaks.
Thursday: Ham loaf.
Friday: Beef casserole.
Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main N., Kimberly
Wednesday: Cheese tray, ham, scalloped potatoes, spinach, fruit salad, bread, butter, peaches, coffee, milk, tea.
Friday: Chuck wagon steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, macaroni salad, bread, butter, apple crisp, coffee, milk, tea.
Monday: Spaghetti, green beans, cole slaw, garlic bread, peaches, cookie, coffee, milk, tea.
Activities
Wednesday
Blood pressure check.
Thursday
Crafter's at 1 p.m.
Friday
Bingo at 11:55 a.m.
Pinochle at 1 p.m.

Off-road association meets at second Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The Southern Idaho Off-Road Association meets the second Thursday of every month at First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone Street, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Jeff at 732-5306 or Mike at 736-0118.

The Desert Sage Quilt Guild meets this month

TWIN FALLS - The Desert Sage Quilt Guild meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of every month at the KMWV Community Room at 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. For more information call Charlotte Maffin at 543-6169.

Idaho Walleye Unlimited meets first Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - Idaho Walleye Unlimited, a nonprofit organization, meets the first Tuesday of the every month at the Idaho Power Building on South Blue Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls. For more information, call Lila Rue at 324-2405 or Jeff Roberts at 678-1428.

The Treasure Valley Chapter meets the first Thursday of the month

at the Intermountain Outdoor Sports Building in Meridian. Call Doug Schleis at 322-1147.

Living with Chronic Illness support group meets

TWIN FALLS - Living with Chronic Illness support group meets the second Monday of every month at the Center for New Directions from 5:30-7:00 p.m. The purpose of the group is to help people face the common mental, emotional, physical and spiritual issues of living with a chronic illness. The group also welcomes family and friends affected by chronic illness. For more information, call Jodie at 733-9554, Ext. 2680 or Barbara at 734-7394.

Psooriasis support groups meets third Tuesday

BUHL - A psoriasis support

group meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Buhl Moose Lodge, at 1101 Main St. Buhl. For more information call Evelyn Davenport at 543-6516.

AARP Twin Fall Chapter 4352 meets at office

TWIN FALLS - AARP, American Association of Retired Persons, Twin Fall Chapter 4352 meets at 2 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Office on Aging at the College of Southern Idaho campus. For more information call Evelyn Davenport at 543-6516 or Jackie Shaffer at 737-5035 or Grace Crawford at 733-5258.

Job Service rep assists veterans this month

TWIN FALLS - Job Service representative Roy Applewhite will assist veterans at several Magic Valley area locations this month. Assistance is available from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday in room 220 of the Meyerhoeffer Building at the College of Southern Idaho. Services include work registration; job referrals; veterans, education, training and other programs; vocational guidance; and referrals to community-based organizations. Veterans are encouraged to contact Applewhite at any of the above locations or at the Magic Valley Job Service Office, 771 North College Road. For more information, call 735-2028.

Copus Cove Country Festival is set for October

BUHL - The Copus Cove Country Festival will be held Oct. 14-15 at the Copus Cove covered riding arena, south-east of Ridgetop Arboreta. Activities include arts and crafts, food booths and karaoke regional contest. Muzzie Braun will perform 8 p.m. Oct. 14. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased from any Buhl Arts Council or Circle of Women members or at the door. Artists and vendors interested in participating can send a self-

addressed stamped envelope to the Circle of Women, P.O. Box 4, Buhl, ID 83316 or call Judy Childs at 543-5134.

Circle of Women is a nonprofit organization, which helps local families in need.

Back Country Horsemen sponsors pony express ride

JEROME - High Desert Back Country Horsemen is sponsoring a pony-express-ride, 10 a.m. Saturday at Porcupine Springs. Three man teams are necessary, but membership in the High Desert chapter is not required for this event, coordinators say. Prizes will be awarded and a potluck dinner will follow. For more information, call Debbie Spencer at 324-5322 or Kathy Kerley at 324-4754.

Nature Conservancy hosts natural history tours

SUN VALLEY - Nature Conservancy will host natural history tours from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday and Aug. 12 and Aug. 26 along Silver Creek, 30 miles south of Sun Valley. Tour guides will cover plant and animal life, as well as the history and geology of this spring-fed desert stream, coordinators say. Special emphasis will be placed on birds and aquatic. All tours begin at the Silver Creek Preserve Visitors Center. For more information, call 788-2203.

Magic Valley Early Iron presents Hot Rod Run

HAGERMAN - The Hagerman Hot Rod Run will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Hagerman City Park on State Street, Highway 30 in Hagerman. Saturday's events include a breakfast, poker run, scavenger hunt, dinner, show and shine and a dance. Sunday's events include a breakfast and show and shine. For more information, call 837-4647.

Twin Falls resident completes Marine basic

Marine Corps Pvt. Michael A. Dupras, son of Lillian Dupras of Twin Falls, has completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif. Dupras is a 1999 graduate of Twin Falls High School. Dupras successfully completed 12 weeks of training. He and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. daily, running three miles and performing calisthenics. Dupras also spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, including first aid, uniform regulations, combat war survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They ended the training phase with the Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem-solving, culminating in a ceremony where recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Duln graduates from Airman Leadership School

Air Force Senior Airman Thomas N. Dulin III has graduated from the Airman Leadership School at Yokota Air Base, Tokyo, Japan. He is the son of Easter Dulin of Twin Falls. In 1994, Dulin graduated from Magic Valley Alternate School, Twin Falls. The five-week course focuses on preparing and better equipping senior airmen to serve as supervisors, managers and rating officials as they progress in their enlisted military careers, the Air Force says. It is the first of three levels of professional military education programs used to develop and cultivate leadership and supervisory skills, and is a required course for airmen to complete prior to being promoted to the rank of staff sergeant. Airmen learn to understand their positions in the Air Force organizational structure, leadership and communications skills,

and the need for professional development to be effective non-commissioned officers. Dulin, a war reservist, material apprentice, is assigned to the 374th Transportation Squadron.

Twin Falls graduate receives Army medal

Army Staff Sgt. David A. Regis, son of Mary and Gerald Regis of Twin-Falls, has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal, awarded to soldiers who have served in any capacity in a non-combat area, authorized by the U.S. Secretary of the Army. Recipients must distinguish themselves by meritorious service or achievement and accomplish the act with distinction. Regis is an information systems operator-analyst assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company at 125th Signal Battalion at Schofield Barracks in Oahu, Hawaii. The sergeant is a 1989 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Twin Falls resident wins Faculty Scholarship

Casey Turner of Twin Falls was awarded a Faculty Scholarship at Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore. Turner is a 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High School. Scholarships are worth 20 to 50 percent of tuition costs and awarded to a select number of students with a minimum of a 3.4 grade-point average.

Kimberly resident earns place on ISU dean's list

Tracy Arrosa of Kimberly earned a place on the dean's list for the 2000 spring semester at the Idaho State University College of Pharmacy. A student must be in the top 15 percent of the class and a full-time student enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours during the semester.

Twin Falls resident accepts membership in society

Bethani Frantz, daughter of

Dave and Raedene Frantz of Twin Falls, accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at University of Idaho.



Bethani Frantz

Founded in 1994, the society recognizes first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically. Frantz is a 1999 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is majoring in elementary education at the University of Idaho.

Jackpot resident earns spot on dean's list

Cesar Perez of Jackpot, Nev. was among 1,688 students named to the spring semester 2000 dean's list at Boise State University.

Perez, a senior-majoring in physical education, received honors designation, earning between a 3.50-3.74 grade-point average.

Larsen is named to Linn-Benton honor roll

E. Larsen of Twin Falls earned a spot on the spring term 2000 honor roll at Linn-Benton Community College in Albany, Ore. Students must earn a 3.50 grade-point average for 12 or more graded credits for the term to make the honor roll.

Twin Falls residents show up on college honor roll

Western Wyoming Community College in Rock Springs releases the names of seven Idaho residents earning positions on the spring 2000 dean's honor roll. Rebecca Allred, Carissa Thompson and Michael Velasquez, all of Twin Falls, were on the honor roll. Students named to the honor roll must complete 12 credit hours for the current semester and maintain a 3.25 minimum grade-point average.

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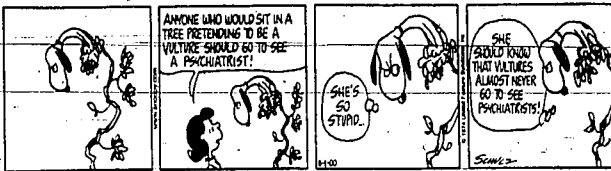


Twin Falls Xi chapter Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a teachers honorary that promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education, is busy working on their summer project. This quilt will be raffled to members throughout the state for the 2001 state convention to be held in Twin Falls next summer. Photo Courtesy of Twin Falls Xi chapter Delta Kappa Gamma Society

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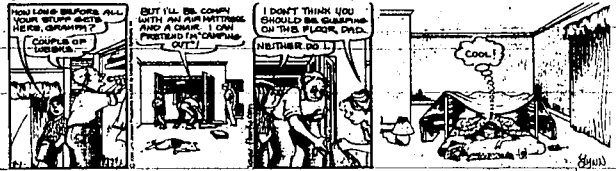
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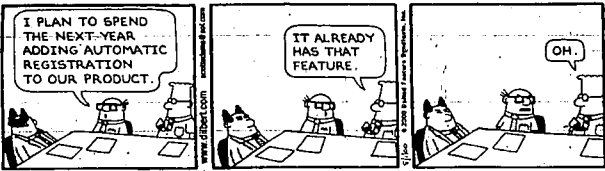
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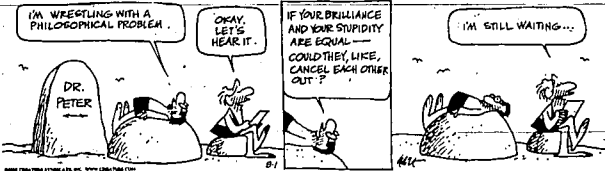
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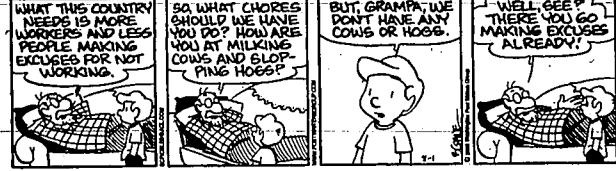
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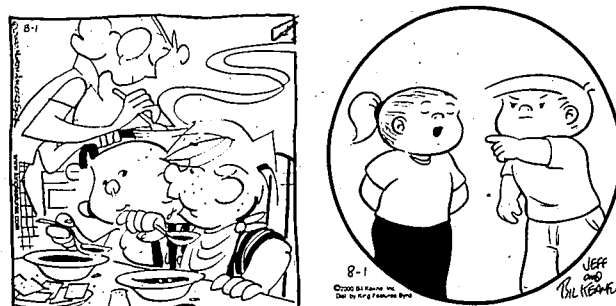


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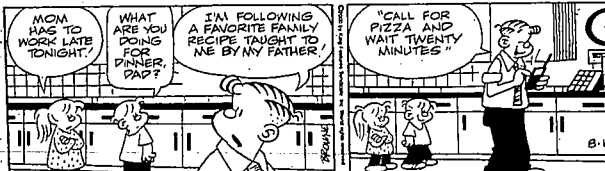
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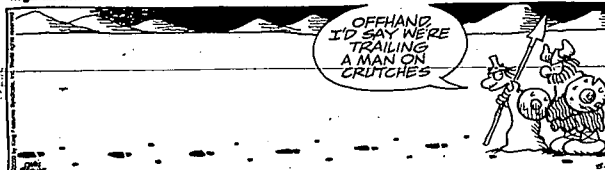
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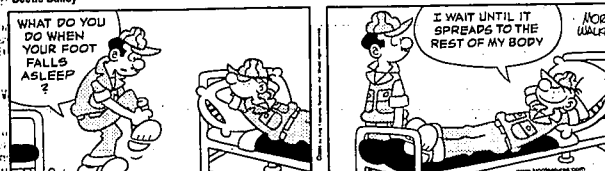
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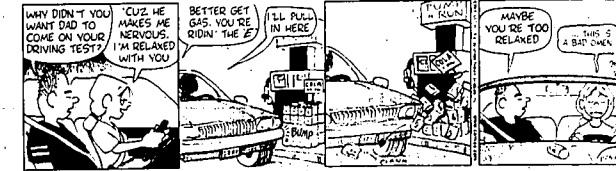
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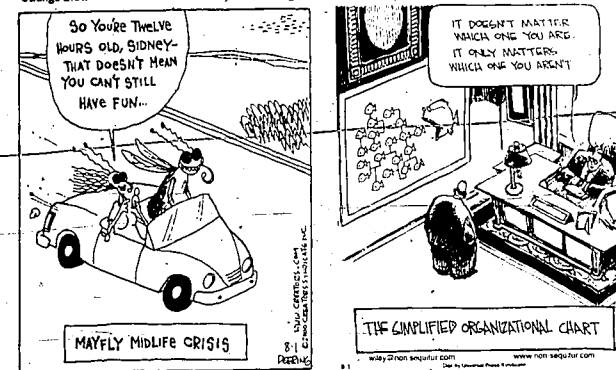


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MAYBE MIDLIFE CRISIS

Cyber squatters outrage businessman

Firm grabs potential Web site names

By Craig Crossman
Knight Ridder News Service

Grass-Telefactor isn't exactly a common name. So imagine Albert Ondis's surprise when he tried to register the Internet domain name "grass-telefactor.com" last December and found that it was already taken.

But Ondis, the chairman of Astro-Med Inc. in West Warwick, went from surprised to angry when a Las Vegas company named "Merry Christmas Everyone!" sent an e-mail offering to sell grass-telefactor.com and grasstelefactor.com to Astro-Med for \$2,000.

Grass-Telefactor is the name of a new company created in December by Astro-Med after it acquired Pennsylvania-based Telefactor Corp. and merged it with another subsidiary, Grass Instruments Co. On Dec. 17, Astro-Med put out a news release announcing the formation of the new Grass-Telefactor Instruments Group.

But according to a complaint filed by Astro-Med with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), on the day of the Astro-Med announcement, Brian Evans of Merry Christmas Everyone! registered the two domain names. A domain name

is the "address" of a particular web site.

Convinced that Evans had only claimed the names to sell them to Astro-Med, Ondis was outraged.

"I really felt that somebody had picked my pocket," he said. "Obviously he had created those domain names as soon as he saw the news release. I was quite angry."

"I wouldn't have paid him one dollar for them," he adds, "just on principle."

But he did want them. Through a new process that resolves disputes over domain names, Astro-Med appealed to WIPO to have the domain names pulled from Merry Christmas Everyone!. In March the

Brussels-based organization agreed.

It ordered Network Solutions, the Virginia company that sells domain names, to transfer them to Astro-Med.

Evans declined to be interviewed about the dispute. By e-mail he claimed that Astro-Med took an "innocent matter" and used it to "impress its shareholders."

Astro-Med is one of the first companies to succeed in securing a domain name in what are being termed "cybersquatter" cases. Opportunistic individuals register domain names in which they have no legitimate interest. They then try to sell the names back to companies, sometimes for exorbitant prices.

Shortcuts, aliases make your computing easier

By Craig Crossman
Knight Ridder News Service

Q. I have heard the terms "shortcut" and "alias" used but have no idea what they are. I understand their use makes life on a computer a little easier and I'm for anything that fits that description. Please explain what they are and how to use them.

A. For the most part, shortcuts and aliases are synonymous. They refer to a mechanism built into the computer's operating system that allows you to more easily manage, control and access desktop files and folders. The only distinction between the two terms is that Windows refers to it as a shortcut and the Macintosh OS calls it an alias.

Windows and Mac OS are both filled with redundancies. For example, there are several ways to run a program. Mac OS lets you run a file by double-clicking on it or highlighting it and selecting "Open" from the File menu or dragging a document onto the application's icon.

Windows also lets you run a file by double-clicking on it but you can also select "run" from the start menu, click on a small icon representing the file in the system tray or right-click the mouse and select "open." Similarities such as these contribute to an easy transition and yet can be the source of profound confusion to those who are comfortable using one operating system and trying to learn the other.

An alias or shortcut is yet another way to run or directly access a file or program. If you find yourself opening folders or folders just to access a file, you might want to create an alias or shortcut to it. Shortcuts and alias icons appear almost identical to the original icon, making them easy to associate with the file they are linked to. Their only difference is that they have a small curved arrow overlapping the lower left corner of the icon. In addition, Mac alias names appear in italics.

Once created, you can drag and

Computer Q&A

locate the alias or shortcut anywhere you can place an icon, be it in another folder or sitting on the main desktop. Once created, almost any action applied to the alias or shortcut is directed to the original file.

So, in our running a file example, double-clicking on the alias or shortcut will launch the original file, no matter where it is actually located or how deeply it's buried on your hard drive. There are some exceptions to the action rule: Deleting an alias or shortcut, for example, does not delete the file it represents.

Aliases and shortcuts can also let you more easily manage files by organizing them into other folders. For example, you might make aliases and shortcuts of all your most frequently used telecommunication programs such as a browser and America Online and put them all inside one correspondingly labeled desktop folder. Experiment with them and you'll find that they're more accessible and manageable.

Q. How can I determine the speed of my cable or ADSL modem?

A. There are several Web sites you can access that will automatically report back how fast your modem is performing. One of the newer and more accurate sites I've found can be located at MSN's Computing Central. The Web address is:

<http://computingcentral.msn.com/topics/bandwidth/speedtest.asp>

Using a two-page test to verify speeds, I found the site to be very accurate when reporting my ADSL connection speed. The site gives speed results in thousands of bits per second and thousands of bytes per second as well as with a graph of the thermometer display. It also goes into detail on the methods used to determine your modem's speed. This is one address you'll want to bookmark.

Microsoft will put price on some Web services

The Seattle Times

Microsoft expects to boost revenue by renting its software and services via the Web, putting the tradition of a "rental Internet" to a test within the coming year.

Plans for drawing revenue from ongoing, subscription-based Internet services emerged from comments by senior Microsoft executives, including co-founder Bill Gates, at the company's annual daylong briefing for about 250 analysts and reporters in Redmond, Wash., Thursday.

Targets include small businesses, which traditionally pay others to do software development and maintenance, and consumers, who are used to paying for boxes but expect free use of Internet services.

"Small businesses are more interesting than consumers because consumers are usually loath to pay for anything," said Chief Executive Steve Ballmer. "I don't know how soon consumer subscription services will catch on, but I'm optimistic it will happen."

Microsoft's goal is to make at least \$200 a year per PC user within the next four to five years, Gates said. His statement came after forecasting that as much as half of PC users' time will be spent doing "real-time" interactions via the Web, including instant messaging, Web conferencing, stock trading, conversing with others and working on group projects.

The company said users of Hotmail, a free e-mail service

offered by MSN, now number 67 million worldwide. Gaining \$200 a year from each of those users would provide \$13.4 billion in annual revenue from that source alone — a windfall for a company that lately has taken its lumps for slower-than-expected growth.

The figure would be tempered by several factors. Some of the subscription revenue could cannibalize Microsoft revenue in other areas, including desktop applications.

Additionally, Microsoft "will have lots of competition from others offering the same services," said Michael Kwiatnik of Agate Capital Partners in San Francisco. The Gates figure "is clearly an optimistic target," he said. "On the other hand, a few dollars a month does not seem like that much on a per-user basis."

Since the company released fiscal 2000 earnings July 18, Microsoft's stock has fallen about \$10, trading midday Friday at about \$70.32. Although the software giant reported record results, including sales of \$22.6 billion and a 20 percent increase in profit, it expressed concern over slower growth in PC sales, especially to large corporations.

But company executives have become increasingly bullish since Gates and Ballmer unveiled the company's "NET" strategy in June. The move is intended to make Microsoft software services a platform for the Internet, similar to the role MS-DOS and Windows played for the personal computer for the past two decades.

PREVIEWING THE LATEST



Paul Yuen, 18, plays the Space Channel 5, a musical computer game produced by Sega, as he visits the Digital World 2000 computer exhibition in Hong Kong last week. The four-day exhibition featured the latest technological developments.

Thinking of geometry? Try thinking in 3D

By Noah Matthews
Knight Ridder News Service

When my heirs were younger, they would come to me with geometry problems that I didn't understand when I was their age, and certainly didn't understand as I grew older. Asked to draw a flat model of a cylinder, their geometry-challenged father would head for the pantry, take out a can of refried beans and try, as best as I could, to draw it.

Dr. Gee, the narrator of a CD for all versions of Windows and Macintosh computers, makes it seem so much easier. The Good Doctor is a storehouse of spatial matters. With his help, even the old guy who headed for the pantry learned how to visualize in 2D and 3D.

After answering Dr. Gee's questions (and getting her understated applause or thumbs up), your hero headed straight for the games. But these are not mindless playtime games. In one, you have an unfolded cube, with a pair of Groucho eyes, and by placing the nose and other objects on the flattened-out cube, you learn exactly where each part of the cube is when it's in cube form. (Confused? Be thankful you

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Internet covers convention

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA - As Internet Alley - the area assigned to about 40 dot-com news organizations - took shape last week in a media pavilion next to the site of the Republican National Convention here - its denizens were talking expectantly of their role in what some are calling the first "Internet convention."

"People are still discovering the Internet every day," said Gary Barrett, the program director of the political Web site Politcast.com. The convention, said the 44-year-old former radio reporter from Davenport, Iowa, "is going to raise awareness of the things available on the Internet."

The Internet is huge at this convention. Every major news organization now has a Web "presence" and most are offering special "Net" coverage. In addition, everyone is

Republican Party itself to protest and advocacy groups has promised gavel-to-gavel coverage on their own Web sites, and with their own terms.

Three-month-old Politcast.com is an Internet-based radio station for political junkies. It is one of many special interest Web sites, including Women.com, PoliticalBlack.com, and Grassroots.com, that are making their convention debuts.

Beliefnet.com, a Web site aimed at the faith community, has signed on Gary Bauer, who ran as a candidate of the Christian right in the GOP presidential primaries, to file "audio journal" reports from the convention floor.

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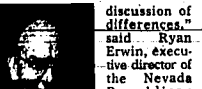
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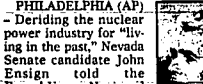
Opponents on nuclear waste shipments intend to get along

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - There may be no stronger political bedfellows than the Nevada and Idaho delegations rooming together at the same hotel this week at the Republican National Convention.



Sen. Larry Craig is one of the leaders behind the drive in Congress to turn Nevada's Yucca Mountain into the nation's nuclear waste dump.

Candidate says he'll fight to keep waste out of Nevada



PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Deriding the nuclear power industry for "living in the past," Nevada Senate candidate John Ensign told the Republican National Convention on Monday that he would fight to keep radioactive waste out of Nevada.

party faithful that "shipping nuclear waste to Nevada is bad for my home state and bad for our great nation."



Idaho delegate Debbie Field of Boise waits among signs on the convention floor during the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia Monday.

Idaho delegation boasts large number of women

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Idaho, the most Republican and arguably most conservative state in the nation, has the biggest percentage of women among delegations to the GOP National Convention.

Republican Women is one of the most active groups in the state, GOP Chairman Trent Clark said.

Pataki rallies Idaho around education reforms

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Idaho delegates opened the Republican convention Monday with pep talks from New York Gov. George Pataki and the superintendent of schools in Houston praising Gov. George W. Bush's education reforms in Texas.

Pataki said GOP governors across the country, including Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, are excited about Bush's focus on state rights and local control of education.

believe me when I say George Bush is a real governor for education," he said.

Rep. Jim Gibbons and state Sen. Jon Porter, a Republican running for Congress, all said the disagreement over nuclear waste pales in comparison to the myriad issues that unite rural Western states like theirs, especially on natural resource issues.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolf

"Beware lest you lose the substance by grasping at the shadow."

Bridge score table with columns for North, South, West, East and various card counts.

"How did you make the game on board 15?" asked a duplicate player. "Did you try a first-round diamond finesse?"

"Yes, I did take the first-round finesse, but I took care to be subtle about it," replied his friend.

"South's concern over losing to East's singleton diamond queen was misguided. If East did have a singleton, it was four times as likely to be a small card than the queen."

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Real estate advertisement for 'North Coast & Falls' with contact info for E-mail and phone.

Real estate listings including 'KIMBERLY - Must see!', 'TWIN FALLS - Exceptional 2 story vintage home', and 'KIMBERLY - 1 1/2 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath'.

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Real estate advertisement for 'View our listings Times-News Online' with contact info for various agents.

Real estate listings including 'BUHL - Small 2 bdrm, 1009 N. Broadway', 'E-MAIL your classified ad', and 'FILER - Avail 901, country home'.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“ He tells you, ‘Throw the ball... You feel like saying, ‘Is that what I’m supposed to do? I didn’t know that. I thought I was supposed to come out here and walk everyone.’ ”

—Yankees pitcher Jeff Nelson, accusing his former coach, Lou Piniella, of hating pitchers

TRIVA

QUESTION:
Name the only team Billy Martin did not manage to a division title.
...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Golf
Treasure Valley PGA Junior Championship at Plantation Country Club, Boise

IN BRIEF

Twin Falls Ladies announce winners

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls Thursday League played a Two Lady Chapman on July 20. First gross winners Virginia Undhjen and Lynn Clelland beat Charlotte Brunelli and Jackie Gasser.

First net went to Dorrne Venable and Bernice Hova, followed by Penny Cash and Colleen Adams.

Results for play July 27: Gross 1. Patty Lee; 2. Charlotte Brunelli; 3. Linda Sherrill. In net play, Lois Cowen and Sandra Hill tied for first with Linda Widmer taking third.

July's golfers of the month were Colleen Thiel (gross), Sandra Hill (net) and novice Lois Cowen. Golfers who beat the pro were Mickey Werner, Swede Jones, Linda Widmer, Sandra Hill, Linda Sherrill, Lois Cowen, Colleen Thiel, and Patty Lee.

Jerome announces equipment checkout

JEROME—Equipment checkout for Jerome High School football players will be held on August 10th from 2:00 - 6:00 pm at the high school. A meeting for the parents will begin at 7:00pm in the cafeteria the same day. For more information contact Eric Anderson at 324-2529.

'Rally For a Cure' touney starts Aug. 10

TWIN FALLS—The annual "Rally For a Cure" golf tournament will be held at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course on Thursday, Aug. 10. Included in the \$15 entry fee is a subscription to "Golf for Women" magazine. All money generated by the entry fees are donated to the Susan Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Entry fees or cart rental are not included in the entry fee. A continental breakfast will be served at 7:15 a.m. Compliments of the Twin Falls Muni Ladies Association. Women from all associations are invited to attend. You do not need to be a member of the Muni Ladies Association.

All players should check in at the clubhouse by 7:30 a.m. play will begin at 8 a.m. with a short start.

For further information, or to sign up, contact Patty Lee at 733-2321 or 733-0683.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVA ANSWER:
The Rangers

Miller not ready for prime time

Comedian only so-so as Patriots bounce San Francisco 20-0

The Associated Press

Dennis Miller didn't quite seem ready for the regular season. Time will tell if viewers are ready for Dennis Miller.

The comedian gave an unsteady performance in his debut with ABC's "Monday Night Football" during the preseason Hall of Fame game between the San Francisco 49ers and New England Patriots, mixing in some witty remarks with on-the-job

training as an announcer.

And he did produce what might have been expected from him and no other person with a football broadcasting job—before the end of the first quarter, Miller's commentary already included references to the pope, and the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

There were later remarks about the Socratic method, the Rosetta stone, and Sergio Leone films.

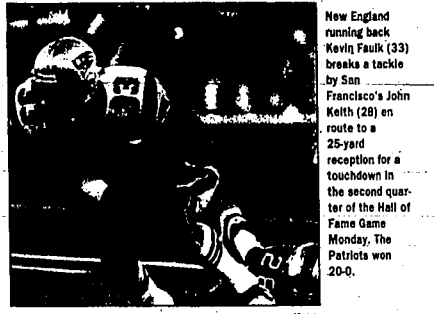
On his first outing, Miller kept his wry rants far shorter than he has on TV shows like NBC's "Saturday Night Live" and his current "Dennis Miller Live" on HBO. Much of what Miller said, in fact, sounded like scripted jokes.

He even could be heard setting one up during the second quarter of New England's 20-0 victory.

As Eric Dickerson, one of two new sideline reporters hired by producer Don Ohlmeyer, began an interview with 49ers assistant Ronnie Lott, Miller's voice awkwardly intruded with the comment, "I've got a good Lott line."

When Dickerson, who didn't try to do too much in his debut, finished, Miller delivered the line: "Ronnie Lott. Ironically, a guy named Lott" was the guy who turned the other guys into pillars of salt."

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New England running back Kevin Faulk (33) breaks a tackle by San Francisco's John Keith (28) en route to a 25-yard reception for a touchdown in the second quarter of the Hall of Fame Game Monday. The Patriots won 20-0.

BASKETBALL 101

Lewis gives hoop lessons in Mini-Cassia

By Matt Peterson Times-News writer

BURLEY—Though it was one of the league's oldest teams last year, the Utah Jazz showed its concern for youth Monday in Mini-Cassia.

As part of the Junior Jazz Basketball Program, about 80 area youngsters were treated to free basketball lessons from second-year forward Quincy Lewis at two separate afternoon clinics in Rupert and Burley. The one-hour instructional periods focused on dribbling and shooting skills, but also included team competitions and games.

Following each clinic, Lewis signed autographs and posed for pictures with fans.

"This is just one of the ways for us to give back," Lewis said. "Junior Jazz really means a lot to a lot of kids. So it was just an opportunity for me to come out and do a little community service."

Though Junior Jazz participants play a full winter season, the annual program is just from a Utah player that most remember.

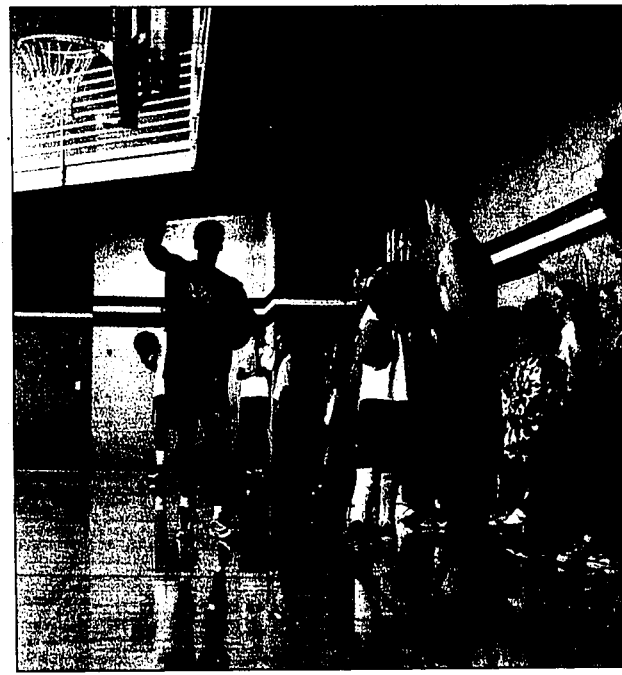
"I think this is an incentive," said Burley Junior Jazz director Roanne Gillette. "The kids like to play basketball anyway...but this has been a great motivator to get more kids out. And then, it's important for the Jazz team anyway."

Proudly displaying his newly-signed jersey—the same one he'd sweated in for a good portion of the previous week—Lewis said that

the clinic was great because it helps people out and inspires people. "It's a good camp," he said. "It helps people out and inspires people."

Though Lewis has yet to reach superstar status, Berras said, no matter.

Just seeing a Jazz player in Burley made the camp worthwhile. "It really didn't matter," he said, "because all the Jazz are



Utah Jazz forward Quincy Lewis sets up a drill during Monday's free basketball clinic at Racqueteurs Health & Fitness in Burley. About 40 area youths participated. Earlier in the day, Lewis offered instruction at a similar clinic in Rupert. Both were part of the Junior Jazz Basketball Program.

fantastic players. They're all good."

"And that's the point," said Lewis.

"Probably the biggest thing is for them to get the chance to come out and interact with a real Jazz player," he said. "They might not be in the state, but they can still be Jazz fans, so that's pretty big."

In his rookie year-last season, the 6'7 Lewis averaged 3.8 points and 1.5 rebounds in slightly more than 12 minutes a game.

Against Denver, Jan. 3, he scored a season-high 14.

As for his role this season, Lewis said he's willing to do what's best for the team.

"That's going to be dictated by what coach feels," he said. "It all

comes down to team and what the coach wants. We all won't find that out until coach (Jerry Sloan) lets me know that."

Lewis, Utah's 1999 first-round draft choice out of Minnesota, has already gotten a look at this year's first-round selection, recent high school graduate DeShawn Stevenson.

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Cardinals and others make deals

The Associated Press

The Atlanta Braves made the biggest trade on deadline day—they boosted their lineup with B.J. Surhoff. The St. Louis Cardinals made one with ominous overtones: Worried about Mark McGwire's health, they got Will Clark.

R o n d e l l White, Todd Hollandsworth and Henry Rodriguez also had to take care of business. From now on, all trades require putting players through waivers, always a tricky proposition.

While Tom Goodwin, Al Martin and Steve Trachsel moved to contenders, there were some surprises at the top.

Jose Vazquez in the last month. "It was a very volatile market," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said. "It's not easy trying to line up matches with people, whether it's payroll, talent or a whole lot of other issues."

Some big names got floated out of Boston, but not easy to get to 'yes," he said. "I'm comfortable with the team we walk away and say 'no'."

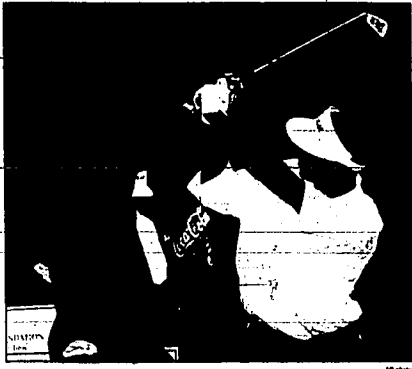
Gonzalez, who turned down a



Will Clark

TRIVA ANSWER:
The Rangers

Everybody wants a piece of Tiger



Tiger Woods gives some hands-on instruction to Ezra Merritt, 15, of Pascadena, Fla., during the Tiger Woods Foundation Junior Golf Clinic Monday at Bayou Oaks Golf Course in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Security was tight enough for a presidential visit — streets closed, crowds pulling the grounds, plainclothes officers on watch.

Tiger Woods hit New Orleans for a clinic for 125 kids, and everyone wanted to see him. Calls flooded the mayor's office, the groups sponsoring the clinic and television stations, most begging for tickets.

Woods only wanted to see the kids.

"I think anyone that's connected to it in anyway has been harmed from everyone they ever knew," said Dan Hapgood of the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation. "He doesn't want to diminish the experience for the kids, though."

Woods turns even the rich and powerful to pity. They long for a wave, a wink or even a glance. On Monday, the New Orleans police chief shouldered

past news photographers to take pictures of Woods. City council members worked their way past the barriers for a chance to see him. Local celebrities gawked like kids.

To discourage the hoards, Woods was flanked by his own security men beginning with a dinner and auction Sunday night that he hosted at the Tiger Woods Foundation. On Monday, more than 50 New Orleans police circled the golf course where the clinic was scheduled. Only those with credentials as golfers, guests and media got through the road blocks and past the fence.

There was little doubt that Woods' mind was on his work, not his stardom.

By 9:30 Woods was on the course with 25 youngsters, well away from the reporters and fans.

"I got to see Michael Jordan when he was in New Orleans,

now I get to see Tiger Woods," said Julian Folk, 11, who has played golf for three years. "I would love to have my favorite in the world. Now Tiger is here."

Heavy rain and frequent lightning cleared the course about an hour into Woods' first session.

While the kids waiting their turn scrambled for cover with their parents, Woods and the youngsters he had been working with huddled under a tent.

"We had a Q&A session in the tent," Woods said. "They asked a lot of good questions."

The queries ranged from the British Open to the benefits of meditation. And when the weather was forced from the course to the Municipal Auditorium where 3,500 school kids awaited Woods, the school children asked questions such things as his monthly income, his religion and if he thought there should be more opportunity for female golfers.

"The kids are pretty intelligent," Woods said. "It's just that a lot of times they just too shy to let that intelligence come out. And when you make them feel comfortable, it's amazing how they relax and everything just flows."

For an hour Woods made his audience of youngsters, parents and others comfortable. He fielded questions easily, mixing laugh-lines with inspirational messages about what it takes to combine athletics and studies, why rules are important, and how to make the most of life.

Then taking a golf ball from a kid in the audience, Woods wrapped up the day by repeating his trick of bouncing the ball on the face of a golf club.

"What do I get out of this?" Woods said. "Tremendous enjoyment. There's no dollar amount that you can put on a kid's genuine smile."

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

National League Boxes
REGS & NETS O

Division	W	L	Pct
East	10	10	.500
West	10	10	.500

AL Standings

Division	W	L	Pct
East	10	10	.500
West	10	10	.500

IN THE BLEACHERS



ON THE AIR

Program	Time
Baseball, Red Sox at Mariners	8 p.m.
Baseball, Braves at Diamondbacks	8 p.m.
Auto racing, CART Grand Prix of Chicago (tape)	8 p.m.

CURS 2, ROCKIES 0

Team	W	L	Pct
Cubs	10	10	.500
Rockies	10	10	.500

ML Standings

Division	W	L	Pct
East	10	10	.500
West	10	10	.500

The first baby.

Player	W	L	Pct
Player 1	10	10	.500
Player 2	10	10	.500

John Deere Classic

Player	Score
Player 1	10
Player 2	10

PGA Tour Statistics

Player	Score
Player 1	10
Player 2	10

CARDINALS 4, EXPOS 0

Team	W	L	Pct
Cardinals	10	10	.500
Expos	10	10	.500

AMERICAN LEAGUE BOXES

Division	W	L	Pct
East	10	10	.500
West	10	10	.500

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

Player	W	L	Pct
Player 1	10	10	.500
Player 2	10	10	.500

Top Three PGA Tour Finishes

Player	Score
Player 1	10
Player 2	10

ASTROS 4, MARLINS 2

Team	W	L	Pct
Astros	10	10	.500
Marlins	10	10	.500

Surfing's Late Box

Player	W	L	Pct
Player 1	10	10	.500
Player 2	10	10	.500

BASKETBALL

Team	W	L	Pct
Team 1	10	10	.500
Team 2	10	10	.500

Presidents Cup Standings

Team	W	L	Pct
Team 1	10	10	.500
Team 2	10	10	.500

GIANTS 4, BREWERS 3

Team	W	L	Pct
Giants	10	10	.500
Brewers	10	10	.500

WHITE SOX 4, ANGELS 3

Team	W	L	Pct
White Sox	10	10	.500
Angels	10	10	.500

PGA Tour Money Leaders

Player	Score
Player 1	10
Player 2	10

Women's National Basketball Association

Team	W	L	Pct
Team 1	10	10	.500
Team 2	10	10	.500

PGA Tour Statistics

Player	Score
Player 1	10
Player 2	10

SPORTS

Armstrong to pursue Olympic dreams of gold medal

The Washington Post

Lance Armstrong isn't just being humble when he says he hasn't done it all. Armstrong is considered the world's premier road cyclist and one of the most inspirational stories in sports, yet he doesn't own a single Olympic medal.

In fact, despite competing on two U.S. Olympic teams, he has never finished better than sixth in any Olympic cycling event.

So only days removed from his second straight victory in the grueling, 23-day Tour de France, Armstrong announced his inten-

tion last week of competing at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney. He will be named to the Olympic team Tuesday, when the four remaining road racing team slots are filled.

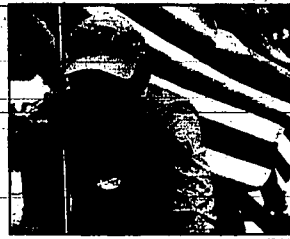
"This is my third Olympics," Armstrong told reporters in New York during Lance Armstrong Day. "The first two were disappointments. I would like to have Olympic glory in my career."

At the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Armstrong finished 14th in the men's individual road race. At the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, he was 12th in that event and sixth in

the individual time trial. It was soon after the Atlanta Games that he learned he had testicular cancer, which spread through his body and into his brain.

"In 1996, two months before I was diagnosed, the illness was raging," he said. "It's not that I felt bad but I didn't compete well. It's great to go back as a cured person or a healthy person."

Armstrong will be a favorite in the individual time trial. American men have traditionally not performed well in Olympic road events, earning just three road race medals in Olympic history.

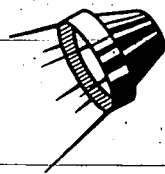


Your de France winner Lance Armstrong rides down the Champs Elysees after the final stage of the race on July 23. Armstrong hopes to repeat his success at the Olympics in Sydney.

Small Business Feature



Spotlight



Eduardo's Cocktails with full bar now at the Burley location.

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Eduardo's MEXICAN RESTAURANT

Want authentic Mexican food? Sure you do! That is why Eduardo's established their Twin Falls restaurant in 1992.

Eduardo Marin, founder, uses special, authentic Mexican recipes straight from Mexico. His South of the Border atmosphere and appetite-pleasing food has made him a local favorite. Two years after his Twin Falls opening, he established his Pocatello restaurant, and the Burley restaurant opened last year with the same popular food and Mexican theme.

The goal for Eduardo's is the same today as their first opening day, which is to make the customer the number one priority with great Mexican food and Mexican hospitality. Eduardo's will make sure each customer's experience will bring them back!

Eduardo's extensive menu includes: enchiladas, burritos, combos, menudo, seafood, sopa siete mares and carne asada. At the Twin Falls location, enjoy the daily buffet with homemade tortillas. Lunch specials are only \$3.99 and are served at all locations from 11:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Eduardo's thanks all of their loyal customers for their business and looks forward to new customers ready to enjoy authentic Mexican cuisine. To experience Mexico, you must experience Eduardo's.

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