



GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Clear
today and
tonight, high-79,
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MAGIC VALLEY



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Farm worker payday? State panel discusses minimum wage ideas

By Michael Journe
Times-News writer

Panel members - A2

BOISE - A panel of lawmakers, agricultural industry representatives and farm labor advocates will discuss draft bills Friday to guarantee farm workers would make minimum wage and require farm labor contractors to be registered by the Department of Labor.

When it reconvenes Friday, it will have several bills to consider. Two draft statutes dealing with farm labor contractors - one drafted by a citizens' group, Minimum Wage, and one drafted by the Idaho Department of Labor - have been presented to

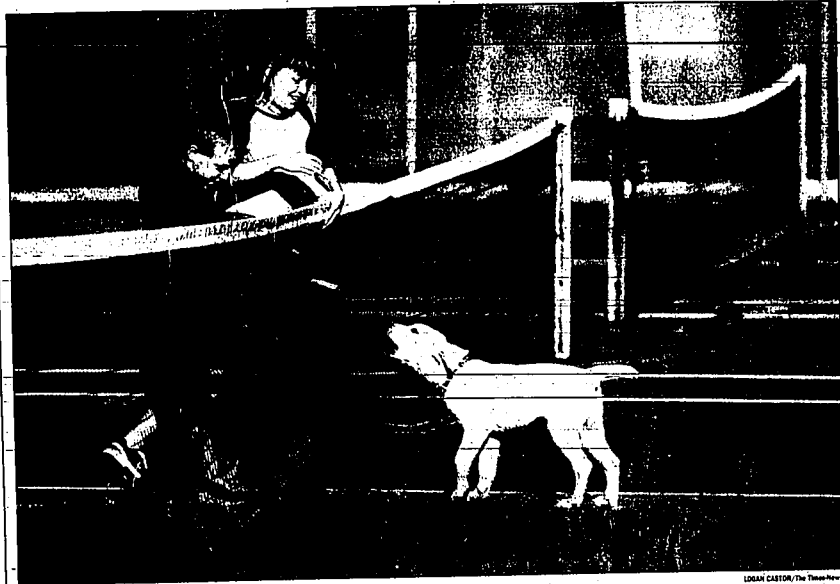
or drawn up by the committee. The bills outline requirements for such a license, including the purchase of surety bonds to ensure a contractor's financial viability. A key difference in the bills, however, is the question of whether farm workers could sue contractors. The Department of Labor version removes such a provision. Another draft bill, authored by Rep. Doug Jones, R-Flair, would

amend the minimum wage law to include farm workers. The major exception would be farmers who do "piecework" - the practice of basing workers' pay on the amount of work done, such as number of beet rows hoed or cherry trees pruned, rather than the amount of time they spend in the fields. Jones - a farmer and chairman of the House Agricultural Affairs Committee and co-chairman of the interim committee - has said

it's crucial to find a way around the piecework issue. In defending a "piece-work" exemption, Jones uses an analogy of work done by lawn care services: the quicker they finish with one yard for a fixed price, the quicker they can move on to another. "If they do your lawn in half an hour and get down the street and do someone else's, that's fine for

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GAMINE CAPERS



Andrew Olson, 6, and Amber Chrystal, 10, play with their dogs Hershey Chocolate and Buddy at the Twin Falls High School tennis courts Wednesday evening.

Feds OK the killing of wolves

Pack ate sheep that were moved near the White Clouds

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer

STANLEY - Government officials authorized lethal action Wednesday against up to two members of the Stanley wolf pack after another ewe was killed along Fourth of July Creek in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area this week.

But the pressure may be off for the moment. Earlier this year, then-head of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's wolf recovery program in Idaho, Roy Heberger, suggested anyone who wanted to hear wolves howling should head up Fourth of July Creek.

Last month Hagerman rancher Bill Brailford moved a band of sheep up the creek with predictable results. Officials expected trouble with wolves, and in the past two weeks wolves of the Stanley pack have killed three ewes. The latest was Monday.

"It's hard to blame them for eating sheep when you walk their right into their kitchen," said Ted Koch, who is interim head of the recovery program until Heberger's replacement arrives next week. But when livestock predation become chronic, as it has with this pack, it's the wolves that lose under the rules that brought the wolves back to Idaho, Koch said.

Wednesday, federal officials decided to take lethal action against two wolves in the pack. Other efforts had failed to discourage wolves from killing sheep.

Wolf advocates were outraged. Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor Bill LeVere and Brailford say he had no option but to move the sheep into Fourth of July Creek as called for in his grazing permit.

Fish and Wildlife released 35 Canadian wolves in central Idaho in 1995 and 1996. The animals have thrived and now number about 100. Part of the deal was that federal officials would remove wolves that preyed on livestock. And Defenders of Wildlife pledged to reimburse ranchers for any livestock lost to wolves.

Earlier in August wolves of the Stanley pack killed three sheep in the Pole Creek drainage to the south. Fourth

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TF County could face higher property taxes

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - While the county's estimated market values have increased 4 percent this year, new construction in the county has dropped - and those two factors could force an increase in the county's property tax levy.

impact on property tax bills, won't be determined for at least a couple of weeks. The State Tax Commission will make its own estimate of the county's market value in about two weeks, County Clerk Bob Fort said Wednesday. Until that happens, however, Fort didn't want to guess how the property tax levy could be affected.

The county's current property tax levy is 004005103 - or \$4 per \$1,000 of taxable property market value, or \$400 per \$100,000 of assessed market value.

The county commissioners will set the new levy at the end of this month. The State Tax Commission then certifies the levy, which will

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Meeting set

The county commissioners will have a public hearing at 10 a.m. today on the \$21.6 million 2000-01 budget. The commissioners are scheduled to adopt the budget on Friday.



Masatoshi Ono
Bridgestone/Firestone CEO

Tire chief apologizes for fatalities

Company knew of problems years ago, documents show

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The CEO of Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. apologized Wednesday before angry members of Congress for dozens of fatal accidents that may be linked to his company's tires. The chief executive of Ford Motor Co. insisted his company could not be blamed.

At the same time, internal Bridgestone/Firestone documents obtained by The Associated Press showed the company had data indicating safety problems years before the Aug. 9 recall of 6.5 mil-

lion tires, Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., said he believed the data was available as early as 1992. "Where was your sense of concern, as a human being and a corporation, to yell 'Look out, America! Danger is coming!'" demanded Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md.

A separate House and Senate hearings, lawmakers admonished the tire maker and Ford, which uses Firestone tires on its popular Explorer and other models, for not notifying the public there was a problem even though complaints about the tires had been

made for years around the world. Ford began a tire recall in 16 foreign countries more than a year before the U.S. recall, but was not required by law to notify federal officials and did not do so.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has received more than 1,400 U.S. complaints, including reports of 88 deaths and at least 250 injuries that may be linked to the Firestone tires.

"I come before you to apologize to you, the American people, and

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Middle East, missiles top agenda

The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS - The world laid out its hopes for the third millennium Wednesday at an extraordinary convocation of leaders great and obscure, with President Clinton pleading for help in bringing peace to the Middle East before it is too late.

About 150 world leaders - the greatest assembly of presidents, prime ministers, monarchs and other rulers in history - listened as Russian President Vladimir Putin called for an international conference to outlaw the milita-

World leaders gather to set agenda for 21st century

And they heard Cuban President Fidel Castro, viewed by many developing countries as their premiere spokesman, decry the poverty that he says afflicts 80 percent of the world's billion-plus people - and accuse three dozen wealthy nations - especially the United States - of using

their power "to make us poorer, more exploited and more dependent."

Outside the hall, New York streets gave the alternative podium to gunners. In the largest demonstration, about 2,000 followers of the Falun Gong spiritual movement, marched from China's U.N. mission to the United Nations, protesting Beijing's crackdown against the sect. There were others who protested slavery in Sudan, and still others who objected to the Mideast peace process.



Cuban President Fidel Castro speaks to fellow delegates during the speech of Jordan's King Abdullah Wednesday at the United Nations in New York.

THE REGION

Camas Prairie High: 72 Low: 41 Mostly clear today and tonight. Partly cloudy Friday, breezy, high 72.

Treasure Valley High: 81 Low: 53 Mostly clear today and tonight. Same Friday, breezy, high 79.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley High: 69 Low: 45 Mostly clear today and tonight, light winds. Partly cloudy Friday, breezy. Chance of showers, high 70.

Eastern Idaho High: 76 Low: 40 Mostly clear today and tonight, light winds. Partly cloudy Friday, breezy, high 75.

Northern Idaho High: 76 Low: 54 Mostly sunny today with some clouds tonight. Mostly cloudy Friday, chance of showers, high 66.

Northern Utah High: 80 Low: 57 Mostly sunny today, partly cloudy tonight, fairly clear Friday, chance of showers, high 81.

Northern Nevada High: 81 Low: 48 Mostly clear today and tonight. Same Friday, breezy, high 80.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today Friday Saturday Sunday Monday High/Low forecasts and weather icons for Magic Valley.

Idaho weather

Idaho weather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures, and UV index.

National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Thursday, Sept. 7. Includes a map of the United States with weather fronts and a list of cities.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Table showing precipitation and high/low temperatures for Twin Falls and Idaho.

Table showing comfort factors and sun value for various cities.

UV INDEX

Index: 7 The sun's fire danger in Twin Falls is high.

FIRE DANGER

The BLM's fire danger in Twin Falls is high.

SKYWATCH

Sunset today: 8:02 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:10 a.m.

ACROSS THE NATION

Nation: Strong thunderstorms mostly across the South on Wednesday, dropping rain on parts of Georgia and Florida.

Taxes

Continued from A1. Effect in December, when the first property assessments for the new year are made, Fort said.

are so regulated on what they can raise, Fort said. Commissioner Gary Grindstaff said Wednesday he has spoken with the county's planning and zoning department about possible fee hikes.

Wages

Continued from A1. you...and they make more money," Jones said at a July hearing.

Who's who

The legislative interim committee studying the farm worker minimum wage issue and the issue of resolving registration and bond of farm labor contractors will meet Friday in the J.R. Williams Building's East Conference Room in Boise.

Wolves

Continued from A1. Efforts to trap wolves there met with protest and netted one female, which was relocated.

have been rebuffed, group member Lynne Stone said. "He's going to have to learn to live with wolves," Stone said.

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Tires

Continued from A1. especially to the families who have lost loved ones in these terrible crashes, parents, said.

"However, you have my word that we will answer until we find the cause," he said. Many cases involved Ford Explorers rolling over.

Study finds evidence of cannibalism

The Associated Press

Piles of human bones burned and boiled, smashed and scraped. Cooking pots smeared with blood. A few years ago, anthropologists in the American Southwest uncovered the grisly remains of what appeared to be an ancient cannibal feast, but they lacked the biological proof — until now.

Laboratory tests on some of the artifacts, including a piece of human excrement, have revealed traces of a human protein that scientists say is the first direct evidence of cannibalism among the Anasazi, whose empire stretched into present-day Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.

"This proves they put the meat in their mouths," said Richard Marlar, a molecular biologist at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver who developed the biochemical tests to detect the protein. "If you didn't eat human beings, this protein would not show up."

The excavation site, consisting of three collapsed pit dwellings nicknamed Cowboy Wash near Dolores, Colo., was abandoned about 1150 A.D. It was occupied after seven people were butchered there.

The findings were published in today's issue of the journal *Nature*.

Other anthropologists said the protein evidence is convincing. However, it doesn't explain exactly why they committed the cannibalism or why.

Nor does it demonstrate that the Anasazi commonly ate their own, whether for nourishment or in a religious ritual.

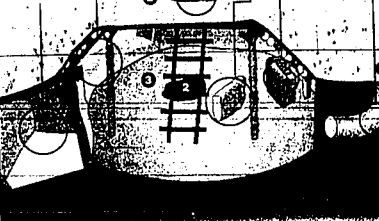
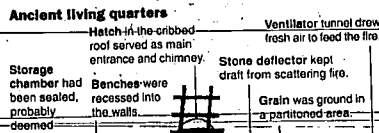
"I doubt it was a routine thing at all in the culture of the early pueblo people, any more than it was routine in any other culture," said anthropologist William Lipke of Washington State University.

Among modern-day Indians of the Southwest, leaders of the Hopi, Zuni and other tribes have been especially critical of cannibalism research.

But Terry Knight, a Ute Mountain Ute tribal leader who supervised the excavation, said the findings "like any other civilization, there were good, productive people and there were bad people."

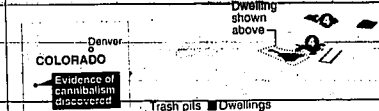
Investigating ancient cannibals

Conclusive evidence has been found, researchers believe, of cannibalism by ancient people in the American Southwest. Here is a look at how the dwelling where evidence was found may have looked in 1150 A.D. Excavating the ruin, investigators found clues to reconstruct the scene.



Unearthing clues
The site was abandoned almost immediately after the cannibalism occurred. Investigators theorize that, in a time of severe drought, marauders may have terrorized and eaten the farming families living there.

- The roof had been left intact. Because timber was scarce, roofs were typically dismantled when a dwelling was abandoned.
- Human excrement, found in the hearth, tested positive for human myoglobin, a protein that carries oxygen from the bloodstream into muscle cells.
- Valuable tools and ornamental objects were left behind.
- Human remains had been processed, as if for food preparation.



Source: Soil Systems Inc.

Knight said he hopes the evidence of cannibalism will force anthropologists to revise their thinking about the Anasazi culture.

He said ancient Indian culture is too often treated in simplistic terms when it was in reality complex, with many different tribes.

Cowboy Wash was one of about 10 Anasazi homesteads in the Four Corners region.

Today's inhabitants, the Utes, commissioned archaeologists to conduct a scientific survey before installing an irrigation system. Even without the specter of cannibalism, the Anasazi are a mysterious lost culture. They built an elaborate network of roads and ceremonial centers throughout the Southwest after 700 A.D. that were keenly oriented to the heavens. Severe drought helped to disperse the society by 1300 A.D.

Forty miles east of Cowboy Wash stands Mesa Verde, now an elaborate city protected by cliffs and served by a narrow, Anasazi lived in hard-to-reach settlements, growing corn and hunting game.

The pit dwellings at Cowboy Wash appear to have been heavily used for many years. They contained pots, grinding stones, jewelry and other valuables.

In the ruins, researchers also found seven dismembered skeletons in 1994. The bones had been stripped of their flesh, then cut and cracked for the fat, and cracked open for their brains. In the center of one cooking hearth was found a coprolite, or piece of dried feces.

The scene suggested a gruesome butchering, but critics complained the evidence was circumstantial. In 1997, Marlar offered to find biochemical proof.

In a series of tests, he determined that both the coprolite and residue on cooking pots contained human myoglobin. It is a protein that picks up oxygen from the bloodstream and carries it into the muscle cells.

Myoglobin is found in flesh, not in most organs or vessels. In mammals, the myoglobin of each species has its own chemical fingerprint. Marlar failed to find the myoglobin for deer, rabbit and other local game in the same samples.

As a comparison, he did not detect human myoglobin in coprolites and other artifacts found at other Anasazi sites from the same period.

FBI: Kids interested in violence need watching

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI urged the nation's school officials Wednesday to be aware of teens preoccupied with violence, armed with weapons and left out of peer groups. While the bureau warned against using its list of personality traits to single out potentially violent teenagers, critics worried that educators might overreact.

Concern over school violence remains high even though school killings dropped to 13 last year, from a peak of 52 eight years ago.

At an FBI news conference, James Kent, superintendent of Springfield Public Schools in Oregon, said the report might not have stopped 17-year-old Kip Kinkel from killing two teens two years ago when he opened fire at Thurston High School. Kent said school officials pay closer attention to the boy, who had killed his parents at home before he left for school.

Kinkel's father, William, was born in Twin Falls.

"I welcome 17 of these reports," he said. "Then we would have 17 schools."

Other educators and researchers said they were concerned about how the report might be used.

"I'm fearful once we start putting these things out, every principal in America is going to come up with the name of 10 kids," said Vincent Schiraldi of the Justice Policy Institute, a youth advocacy think tank that says school suspensions and juvenile crime codes have increased in the wake of last year's slayings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

Dr. Gregory Snaathoff, a University of Virginia clinical psy-

chiatry professor who consulted with the bureau on the report, defended the two-year study of school violence. "This is not a punishment model, despite the fact it comes from law enforcement," said Snaathoff.

The 36-page booklet describes types and manners of threats and gives officials guidance on how to evaluate the seriousness of threats by students, said Mary Ellen O'Toole, a special agent at the bureau's National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime in Quantico, Va.

The report cites four categories of risk factors commonly found among the shooters in the cases studied. The categories were personality traits; family situations; school interaction and social interaction.

Among the traits: poor coping skills; access to weapons; signs of depression; drug and alcohol abuse; alienation; narcissism; inappropriate humor; no limits on monitoring of television and Internet use.

Direct threats are clear: "I am going to place a bomb in the school's gym." Medium-level threats indicate possible place and time; high-level threats were characterized by practice with a weapon or surveillance of a victim.

"There is no profile; it simply doesn't exist," said O'Toole, who added there were too few student school shooters to properly research data for a profile.

She said the models, as she called the personality traits and other risk factors listed in the report, are meant to help schools assess the student behind the threat and make a better decision about what to do.

Officials: Colombian coca production increases

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the new \$1.3 billion U.S. aid program for Colombia still in the planning stages, coca production there continues to "skyrocket," and no significant reductions are expected until 2002, administration officials said Wednesday.

Terry McCaffrey, director of the White House drug control office, said that while CIA estimates won't be available for four

months, anecdotal evidence suggests there will be an increase this year over the official \$20,000-metric ton estimate for 1999.

McCaffrey and a number of other administration officials briefed reporters on key aspects of the U.S. program a week after President Clinton visited Colombia in a show of solidarity with President Andrews Pastrana's efforts to defeat drug traffickers.

Pastrana hopes to earmark \$7.5 billion over three years to fight the drug trade, stimulate the economy and reform the judiciary, among other goals.

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Crew puzzles over noises in container

UNALASKA, Alaska (AP) — A California-bound cargo ship planned an emergency stop in Alaska because crew members heard a pounding noise coming from a deeply buried container, raising fears that it might contain stowaways.

The Manoa, en route from Asia, was expected to reach Dutch Harbor late Wednesday, said Gene Mackrinn, manager of the American President Lines terminal at Dutch Harbor. The container originated in China.

"The captain feels certain there are people inside," said Robert Eddy, Alaska district manager for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, who spoke with the captain Tuesday.

The crew heard the pounding after a power outage silenced the refrigerators that cool some of the containers. Eddy told the Anchorage Daily News.

A worker traced the sound to a 40-foot, nonrefrigerated container, second from the bottom in a stack of seven on the tightly packed ship.

"The crewman in response rapped on the outside, and there was a responding tap from the inside," Eddy said.

The crew punched an air hole into the container and heard nothing more, Mackrinn said.

"We are making every effort to pump in extra ventilation, and there is an effort to provide water and food," shipping line spokeswoman Jennifer Bronson told USA Today.

The container can't be opened because the space between the containers is too narrow.

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NATION

Judge orders Web site to pay millions in copyright ease

NEW YORK — A federal judge Wednesday ordered MP3.com to pay as much as \$250 million to Universal Music Group for failing to register the company's copyrights by making thousands of CDs available for listening over the Internet.

U.S. District Judge Jed S. Rakoff punished the online music-sharing site at \$25,000 per CD, saying it was necessary to send a message to Internet companies.

Universal Music Group, the world's largest record company, had urged a \$100 million fine in a case closely watched by Napster and other businesses that share music or other copyrighted material over the Internet.

The judge said some Internet companies may have a misconception that because their technology is somewhat novel, they are somehow immune from the ordinary applications of laws of the United States, including copyright law.

Judge tosses charge against security guard

DEARBORN, Mich. — In a case that drew demonstrations by civil rights activists, a judge dismissed a manslaughter charge Wednesday against a department store security guard who was accused of fatally choking a black man after an alleged shoplifting.

The judge found insufficient evidence, saying the victim may have died from a heart problem, rather than asphyxiation. Dennis Richardson, 29, a guard for Lord & Taylor, was charged with choking Frederick Finley, 32, on June 22 after Richardson and other guards confronted him

Nation in brief

in the store's parking lot.

The guards suspected Finley's girlfriend's 11-year-old daughter of shoplifting. According to police reports, the guards said Finley threw—a punch and Richardson placed a choke hold on him.

Study links protein as pathway to Alzheimer's

A newly identified protein that may be essential to early development and maintenance of the brain and other cells may also contribute to Alzheimer's disease late in life.

"It's rather poetic, really — what makes you in the first place, sort of does you in," said Peter St. George-Hyslop of the University of Toronto, who reported the finding in today's issue of the journal Nature.

The protein, which St. George-Hyslop and fellow Canadian researchers named nicestrin, binds itself to another protein, called presenilin, which is suspected of triggering the formation of deadly plaques, or buildups, in brain cells, causing Alzheimer's.

Interview of U.S. woman yields accusation of torture

NEW YORK — The American woman convicted in a Peruvian military court of treason said in a 15-year-old interview from prison that she had seen fellow inmates tortured.

The interview of Lori Berenson was broadcast for the first time Wednesday. Reporter Amy

Goodman, who visited Berenson in March 1999 with a U.S.-human-rights delegation, said the interview broadcast on Pacific Radio was kept secret because of fears for Berenson's safety.

Berenson, 30, of New York, was convicted in 1996 on charges of helping the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement plan an attack on Peru's Congress. Peruvian officials recently granted her a new trial by a civil court and moved her from Socabaya Prison to a prison in Lima.

Speaking 18 months before Peru voided her conviction and granted the new trial, Berenson insisted she was innocent and said she thought it would be impossible to get a fair trial.

School district to reverse ban on gay students club

SANTA ANA, Calif. — The Orange Unified School District plans to settle a federal lawsuit by reversing an earlier decision to ban a gay-tolerance club from meeting at an area high school.

The district's board was expected to formally approve the agreement Thursday, the first day of classes for the system's high schools, spokeswoman Judy Frutig said.

As part of the settlement, the board said Tuesday it will vote to change its policies on school clubs before approving the Gay Straight Alliance Club, Frutig said.

The new rules will prohibit student clubs from discussing sexual activity and create a system that will allow parents to object to child's participation in any school club, she said.

Compiled from wire reports

Ex-doctor receives life sentence

Man pleads guilty to killing three patients



CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. (AP) — A former physician known as "Dr. Death" and linked to killings on two continents pleaded guilty Wednesday to killing three patients in a Long Island hospital and was sentenced to life in prison. Prosecutors said he "liked" killing people.

Michael Swango also is suspected of poisoning patients in Zimbabwe and spent time in prison for poisoning co-workers in Illinois. The best-selling book "Blind Eye: The Story of a Doctor who Got Away with Murder" suggests Swango might have killed as many as 35 patients as he moved from hospital to hospital.

Swango pleaded guilty Wednesday to five counts of a nine-count federal indictment.

Prosecutors for the first time read from Swango's handwritten journal, citing them as evidence that Swango killed for pleasure. "He liked doing it," Assistant U.S. Attorney Gary Brown said outside court.

In one journal entry, Swango

A U.S. marshal leads Michael Swango from Federal Court in Unfordale, N.Y., in this July 17, 2000, photograph.

mentioned "the sweet, husky, close smell of indoor homicide." Another suggested that murder was "the only way I have of reminding myself that I'm still alive."

According to "Blind Eye," Swango was dubbed "Double O Swango" by classmates at Southern Illinois University Medical School, where he gradu-

ated in 1983, who joked that he had a license to kill after several of his cases ended in death. The label was a reference to the 007 "license to kill" in the James Bond novels.

Swango, 45, fidgeted slightly but showed no emotion when U.S. District Judge Jacob Mishter imposed three consecutive life terms with no chance of parole.

Gay rights law imperils lawmakers

WILLIAMSTOWN, Vt. (AP) — State Rep. Marion Milne knew her vote to create "civil unions" for gay couples last spring might lead to her defeat.

What she did not expect was the three-term Republican didn't expect were the lost business at her travel agency, the lost friendships, and, most of all, the anti-gay slur directed at her 13-year-old grandson as he gathered signatures for her re-election campaign.

A backlash has set in against some of the lawmakers who created the closest thing in America to gay marriage.

In perhaps a dozen districts across Vermont, legislators who voted for the law face challengers in Tuesday's primary. Most of those being challenged are the few Republicans who voted for the bill, which passed by just 11 votes and was required because the state Supreme Court ruled gay couples were being unconstitutionally denied the benefits of marriage.

Milne, who keeps snapshots of her seven grandchildren on her Vermont House desk to remind her of why she got into politics, finds it difficult to talk about the issue, but in a letter published in a weekly newspaper in her district, she said she was surprised by her constituents' anger.

"I didn't expect the derogatory remarks, especially from that, or the hurtful, very uncivil reaction of some of the voters in this district when I showed up at their door, hoping to talk about the issues," she wrote. "In some, there is no discussion possible."

From the governor's offices to many of the 150 House and 30 Senate seats, races up and down the ticket are much more competitive in 2000 because of voter anger.

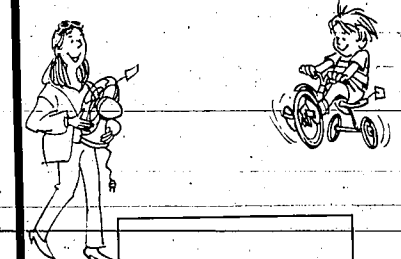
Gov. Howard Dean, a Democrat who signed the law and has defended it, is expected to win Tuesday's primary, but has watched his support plummet among voters and could face a tough race this fall.

The Democrats who control both houses of the Legislature, are concerned about losing seats, though the primary contests largely are among Republicans.

In many of those contested races, civil unions are the only issue. The approval of marriage-style benefits for gay couples is what prompted Sylvia Kennedy to challenge Milne, a friend, in next week's GOP primary. "I just feel that voting her conscience was not uncalled for," Kennedy said. "This was something entirely different. It felt like the rug was pulled out from under every one of us."



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Gore pushes his economic plan

Cheney says Republican plan offers more in tax reductions

CLEVELAND (AP) — In a cadence mimicking former President Bush's "read-my-lips," Al Gore reached Wednesday for the mantle of fiscal conservative, asking voters to "read my lips" in a hefty budget-book coupling balanced budgets and ambitious economic goals.

The Democratic presidential candidate denounced what he called the "cross-your-fingers economics" of GOP rival George W. Bush, the former president's son, and the broad income tax cuts at the center of Bush's agenda.

Campaigning at the Wilkes-Barre airport in Pennsylvania, Bush countered: "My plan has been endorsed by Nobel prize winners. His plan has been endorsed by Bill Clinton."

And in Wilmington, Del., running mate Dick Cheney targeted Gore's targeted tax cuts — for families saving for college tuition or paying for long-term care — for businesses making investments in research, energy-efficient equipment or employee health insur-

ance.

"The vice president says he supports tax cuts but only for a few," Cheney said, calling Gore's plan a "200-page press release" that offers "lots of taxing rhetoric and little tax relief."

The Gore campaign was eagerly awaiting a vote today by leaders of the Teamsters that they expected would give Gore the union's endorsement — and the manpower that comes with it. The Teamsters, because of their fierce opposition to Gore's free-trade advocacy, which Bush shares, have been a holdout while other major unions long ago endorsed the vice president.

In his 191-page budget plan, heralded by President Clinton's former Treasury secretary Robert Rubin as unprecedented in a political campaign, Gore blended

government activism and fiscal caution. The only new proposal was to leave \$300 billion of the expected federal surplus unspent as a hedge against overly sunny economic forecasts.

"I'm going to have to read the tea leaves," Gore told an audience of union activists and other Democratic Party loyalists in a Cleveland State University auditorium.

"Instead, you can just — read my plan." His pauses, emphasis and tone on the last three words recalled the elder Bush's 1988 "no-new-taxes" campaign promise, in which he, too, emphasized fiscal conservatism.

"The other side believes it's OK to spend more than the entire surplus and then hope that the economy does better than anyone

expects," said Gore, who says Bush's plan devotes so much money to a tax cut that there wouldn't be money left for important programs.

Economist Robert Bixby of the fiscally conservative Concord Coalition saluted Gore's focus on paying off the national debt within 12 years but noted that the plan is premised on surplus projections. "He can't guarantee that any more than he can guarantee a nice day on Jan. 1, 2012," said Bixby.

Still, as Bixby pored over Gore's new softcover book, he said the budget aimed to achieve more debt reduction than anything he had seen from Bush.

Crossing paths with Bush, Gore was also in Detroit and was in Scranton, Pa., area on Wednesday.

Robin introduced Gore at the Cleveland campaign stop as a former White House colleague and "a force for doing what was right even when it was politically hard."

Comparing spending plans

Here is how Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Al Gore say they would use the surplus projected by the Congressional Budget Office at \$4.561 trillion over 10 years. Independent analysts say the spending projections of both candidates are not as precise as they appear, especially when spread over 10 years, and both likely overpound the surplus even though their plans show otherwise.

George W. Bush

Using the Social Security surplus to pay down the national debt:

\$2.388 trillion

Using some of the Medicare surplus to pay down the debt, and putting the resulting interest savings back into the program: \$435 billion

Adding a prescription drug benefit to Medicare and improving other parts of the program: \$340 billion

Tax breaks for retirement savings, education, health care and more: \$480 billion

Reserve fund to pay down the debt faster: \$300 billion

Health care, including expanding coverage for children and research: \$120 billion

Environment and energy, including cleaner power plants and mass transit: \$120 billion

Education, including universal access to preschool and higher teacher pay: \$115 billion

National security: \$100 billion

Interest costs arising from use of the surplus: \$255 billion

Total of spending, tax cuts and interest: \$4,851 trillion

Less \$90 billion in tobacco tax increases and other revenue

Total: \$4,561 trillion

Source: Compiled from AP wire reports

Al Gore

Using the Social Security surplus to pay down the national debt and establish a plan giving workers the option of putting some of their payroll taxes into their own retirement accounts: \$2,388 trillion

Cutting all income tax rates, eliminating the inheritance tax and more tax breaks: \$1,317 trillion

Subsidizing new prescription drug plans for Medicare beneficiaries, "modernizing" the program and restoring money that was cut to Medicare health care providers: \$198.3 billion

Health care, including tax credits for poor people to buy health insurance, tax breaks for long-term care, boost in medical research: \$131.9 billion

Education, including tax breaks for education savings accounts, money for after-school programs: \$47.6 billion

Defense: \$45 billion

Incentives for charity and volunteering, including letting states use unspent welfare money to set up state charity tax credit: \$20.6 billion

Agriculture, mostly for crop insurance: \$7.6 billion

Housing, including a program to help the poor buy homes: \$6.8 billion

Environment, including a conservation fund: \$5.3 billion

Other domestic programs, including expansion of adoption tax credit, workforce and telecommunications help for disabled, immigration services and crime: \$11.6 billion

Interest costs arising from use of the surplus: \$312.5 billion

Total of spending, tax cuts and interest: \$4,492 trillion

Minus \$196.4 billion in "government reform" cuts, including reduction of 30,000 middle- and high-level federal employees by attrition

Total: \$4,296 trillion

Leaving: \$285 billion

Bush knew of firm's troubles, record shows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Before selling his stock in a Texas oil company, a transaction that prompted an insider trading inquiry, George W. Bush was informed as a company director that the firm was suffering a cash "crisis," newly released records show.

The internal corporate documents, released by the Securities and Exchange Commission, provide the most detailed view yet of Bush's knowledge of Harken Energy Corp.'s financial problems when he sold his shares for \$948,560 in June 1990.

Bush's lawyer said Wednesday

the information, while new to the presidential campaign, was provided to the SEC as part of its investigation a decade ago and contributed to the agency's finding that Bush's trading was appropriate.

"The SEC did their job by the book, and this is old news," attorney Robert Jordan said. The Bush lawyer added that "the company's financial situation was well-disclosed to the public" through filings at the time with the SEC.

"By the time Bush sold his stock, the cash crisis had been largely resolved," said Jordan.

"By May 21, 1990, the major shareholders had agreed to a credit agreement which put \$26 million into the company immediately."

Insider trading allegations have been an issue in both Bush's run for governor in Texas and his presidential bid. The SEC in the last month released several hundred pages of corporate documents from its investigation under the Freedom of Information Act.

Bush has said he had no knowledge the Texas-based company was going to report a \$23 million loss two months after he sold his

stock. "I absolutely had no idea and would not have said it had I known," he said during his 1994 campaign for governor.

SEC investigators concurred there was no evidence Bush knew that the loss would be of that magnitude. At most, the investigators found, Bush was aware of a projected \$4 million loss, which was "consistent with Harken's publicly reported trend" of losses, states an SEC investigative document obtained

by AP. The same document projected the \$4 million loss, Jordan noted, projected a profit for the fourth quarter.

Bush's off-mike crack could cut both ways

By Howard Kurtz
The Washington Post

Among the questions reverberating across the country in the wake of George W. Bush's withering verbal assault on a New York Times reporter.

Could he actually win votes by calling a journalist a major-league boobhead?

Will television ever tire of replaying the bawdy bite?

Is it better, linguistically speaking, to be a major-league one or a minor-league one?

If I suppose calling a reporter an (ir)bert A-word here could never lose you votes in America, and might gain you some," says Roger Simon of U.S. News & World Report.

"This is the kind of humanizing I'm not sure George Bush needs," says Fred Barnes, executive editor of the Weekly Standard.

While most newspapers on Tuesday mentioned Bush's 1-1 though-the-mike-as-off swipe at Timesman Adam Clymer — and the New York Daily News covered it, "THAT GUY'S AN S&T!" — some also buried it. The Los Angeles Times, for one, relegated the incident to the third paragraph. Many recorded the word, not usually published in family newspapers, as an "a" — or an "expletive."

But the Big Three networks led with the story Monday night (with partial exception), and the clip every eight or nine minutes. Just as when Dan Quayle misspelled "potato" — which was kicked off by most newspapers at the time — pumping up any gaffe captured on videotape.

Journalists were split about Bush using the phrase "major-league a" — and how it would play among the citizenry.

"This is very telling," says Jake Tapper of Salon.com, adding that the Bush campaign has also cheered him out for his coverage. "Of all the heinous people Bush has encountered, the one we hear him saying something negative about is the one who pointed out the Bush's record on health care is pretty weak. What does he think it's going to be like if he actually gets elected president? It's been spoiled by a press corps that has generally been intimidat-

ed or lazy or fawning."

Barnes says Bush "has a reputation to complain. Clymer, who's written an admiring biography of Teddy Kennedy, is not favorably disposed toward George W. Bush or any conservative Republican."

Late last month, Clymer, a former deputy Washington bureau chief for the Times, wrote that a Bush ad on prescription drugs had "zero" accuracy because Bush had not proposed a plan on the



Republican presidential candidate Texas Gov. George W. Bush and running-mate Dick Cheney take the stage Monday in Naperville North High School in Naperville, Ill. Earlier in the day, Bush used an expletive to describe a New York Times reporter while talking to Cheney, unaware a nearby microphone was turned on.

being singled out in the crowd that way. But it comes with the territory."

Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer suggests Clymer has been getting a bit of a freeze-out. "When you're scrambling to return every call you can, some calls are more fruitful than others."

A sked if his usually genial boss harbors disdain toward lots of journalists, Fleischer says, "Bush, respect for members of the press. We think this is heading to the minor leagues now."

Soon after being branded a major-leaguer by Bush, Clymer was surrounded by 20 photographers; camera operators and sound men as he walked down the hall following Bush's running mate, Dick Cheney (who readily agreed with Bush's assessment of

the reporter).

Clymer, for his part, told reporters Monday he was surprised at the governor's language. Some detractors noted that Clymer became belligerent and profane when an officer stopped him from entering an area that had been roped off for an arrival by the prime minister of Spain.

Journalist Mickey Kaus, who runs Kausfiles.com, writes that Clymer "maintains a veneer of objectivity by using other experts to make his point," but that at least Clymer lets you know roughly what the arguments are on the other side." He adds that Bush's comment might actually help him: "Finally a genuine emotion, expressed with Trumanesque vigor!"

Environmental group spurns Greens, backs vice president

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Al Gore landed the endorsement of the most liberal environmental group in the nation, and analysts said it will help the vice president in this battleground region.

Friends of the Earth, based in Washington, D.C., came to Oregon to announce its support for the Democratic presidential candidate, saying an endorsement of the Green Party's Ralph Nader would only help Texas Gov. George W. Bush get elected.

"While Nader has a platform with which we are largely in agreement, the fact is third parties don't win presidential elections," Brent Blackwelder, president of the organization, said Tuesday at a news conference.

"So if you are concerned with these issues... you've got to be putting your money on one of the front-runners."

Political analysts said the endorsement boosts Gore's image

as an environmentalist, which has been tarnished among some conservation groups.

Making the announcement in Portland not only helps Gore's campaign in the green-conscious Pacific Northwest, which remains up for grabs, but could bring national attention to issues important to the region.

"This endorsement becomes very important for Al Gore, because his good environmental credentials have been muddied in the past couple of years," said Jim Moore, a political science professor at University of Portland. "Friends of the Earth has become a lot more radical."

"So its endorsement is what 'true' environmentalists look for."

"That kind of pull could make a difference in Oregon and Washington where environmental issues such as land conservation, salmon recovery and pollution control take center stage."

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EDITORIAL

Minimum farm wages skips the real problem

Idaho's minimum-wage exemption for farm workers has sparked a lot of impassioned rhetoric over the years, but the debate is more symbolic than substantive.

Fact is, we've yet to encounter a "victim" earning less than the federally mandated minimum wage of \$5.15 per hour. In these times of low unemployment, it's hard to find anyone who will show up for a job that pays less than \$6 per hour.

Where are all these underpaid farm workers, anyway? Given the news media's fondness for "victims," they should be familiar faces from one end of the state to the other.

There is less to this issue than meets the eye, which is why most folks have a hard time getting worked up over it. The only reason it still has legs is that it's an emotional cudgel for liberals to bash the state's conservative farm and ranch interests.

Now Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is jumping into the fray by urging legislative leaders to eliminate the exemption, while still allowing contractors to perform piece work. With Kempthorne applying his leverage, the logjam is likely to be broken.

There's nothing wrong with amending the law, but no one should be under any illusion that doing so will sweeten

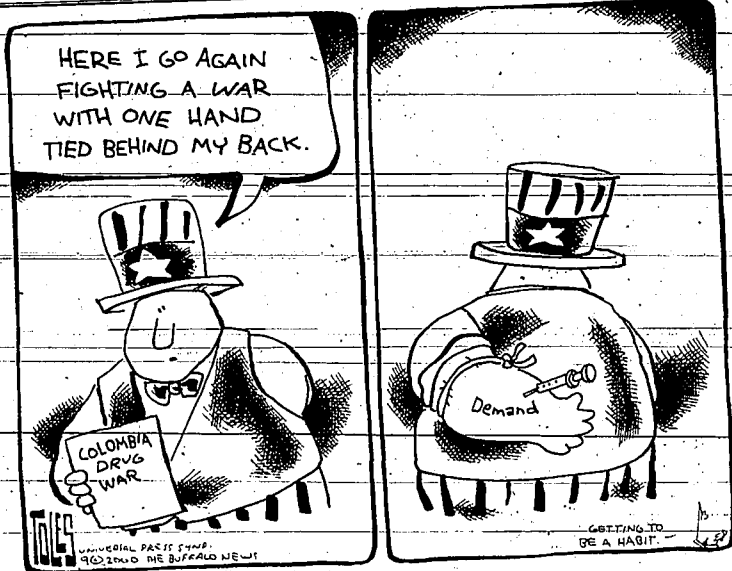
the pot for Idaho farm workers. If there is a problem with underpaid workers, we suspect it lies with some of the labor contractors who provide farmers with workers. Many of these workers speak little or no English; some are illegal aliens. Such workers are at a disadvantage when negotiating their wages, and unscrupulous labor contractors know it. The upshot is that such laborers become under-the-table workers who seek to avoid - rather than embrace - Idaho's labor laws.

The proposed change is unlikely to solve any real or perceived problem with this group, but it may be enough to satisfy a desire for the Idaho Legislature to "do something." The upshot will be yet another victory for symbolism, at the expense of substantive change.

Today is the day, really

On Wednesday, we encouraged residents of the Jerome School District to vote in today's \$875,000 supplemental levy election for improvements to Jefferson Elementary School. We regretably got the day wrong, but our message is still the same - This is a big decision, so don't let someone else make it for you. Get out and vote today.

There's nothing wrong with eliminating Idaho's minimum-wage exemption for farm workers, but no one should be under any illusion that it will sweeten the pot.



For sale: Your health and wealth data

Last winter, I asked the Legislature to consider enacting a new law to give Idahoans control of their most sensitive and personal information. The bill presented (HB 595) would require banks and others to obtain your permission before they sell specific financial and medical information about you for use in commercial solicitations. This approach, requiring advance consent, is known as "opt-in."

READER COMMENT
Al Lance

We also learned that many of the independent local and regional banks have not provided customer information to solicitors and at least one of the largest banks, Bank of America, has rejected these practices.

The bill covered nonpublic financial information which identifies an individual and includes account numbers, credit card numbers, account balances, certificate of deposit amounts and similar specific information.

According to the contract, the bank was to receive 22 percent of the telemarketer's gross revenue, with a minimum guarantee of \$3.75 million. The bank, which has substantially improved its privacy policies, ultimately settled with Minnesota. My office continues to negotiate toward a settlement with the bank.

It seems to me that your health and your wealth are no one's business but your own. If you have a mortgage or a certificate of deposit, that is between you and your banker. If you have a car or diabetes, that is between you, your doctor and your health insurance company. It is no one else's business. Although I believe that most Idahoans agree with me on this, there was substantial organized opposition to my bill.

It also covered nonpublic personal health information which identifies an individual and relates to his or her ailments and illnesses, medical condition and prescribed medications or treatments. (You can read HB 595 on the Legislature's Internet site.)

As my office continued to study the issue, we learned that this was not an isolated incident. Rather, many of the largest banks in the United States had similar contracts.

The Legislature decided an in-depth review was needed and created a special committee to examine the privacy issue. The committee will meet on Monday in the Capitol. Rep. Celia Gould, the committee co-chairman, has indicated she hopes to hear from Idaho consumers at this meeting.

I developed this proposal after my Consumer Protection Unit received complaints from Idahoans concerning automatic withdrawals from their checking account. The consumers were especially concerned because they had never given their account number to the company making the withdrawals.

It would be an understatement to say that the Idahoans who filed complaints about the withdrawals were shocked when they learned their bank had adopted their account number. I have to admit I shared their sense of disbelief.

In the end, I think the Legislature will address these privacy issues. The key question is whether Idaho will adopt an opt-in system, which puts Idahoans in control of their personal information, or an opt-out system. The answer may depend largely on whether Idaho consumers make their preferences known.

It turned out that the consumers' bank, pursuant to a contractual arrangement, had provided this company with their names, phone numbers, checking account numbers and quite a bit more personal information.

As my office continued to study the issue, we learned that this was not an isolated incident. Rather, many of the largest banks in the United States had similar contracts.

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LETTERS

Attack on 4-H was uncalled for

Monie Smith's attack on one of the better youth programs found in Idaho (Aug. 31) is totally uncalled for. How fortunate that Smith has the time off from work to walk through the barns after the fair to see the sheep. Buy a ticket and go during the fair so you can observe the efforts and preparation put forth by many clubs. Complaining about the final steps in marketing animals shows a lack of involvement and understanding. Please consider that 4-H market animal members must attend school the morning following the fair.

Smith indicates that 4-H market animal projects do not show the whole picture. I disagree. I have witnessed numerous projects, along with posters and demonstrations where members have learned about and then promoted awareness, respect and consumer education.

I can assure you that members experience more than the basic animal handling skills of quality selection, feeding, health and housing. Four-H animal projects teach planning, budgeting, purchasing, marketing, work ethics, patience, presentation skills, leadership, public speaking, citizenship and, most important, 4-H projects are family projects. It takes 4-H family effort to coordinate the tasks needed to get the cakes baked, the leather craft displays completed and all the animals to the fair. So when you attack 4-H youth projects, you attack respected Idaho families and their efforts.

Smith's letter stated that members should be made to see the butchering of animals. This would have no logical purpose. I would never take children to witness an abortion or execution; however, we know they occur and we explain them the best we can. It is more important that youth have direction and learn that with hard work, dedication and persistence, they can achieve goals.

I am confident that the businesses and families who support 4-H programs have a much more realistic view of what is being

accomplished. The educational benefits far exceed any negatives. The selling of a project animal is not the final step. Market projects include the completion of record books designed to show areas of profit and loss which help members understand the final results of their efforts.

I am amazed when reminded that there are people who do not understand that the health of our economy is reliant on an economic market.

PATTY HOOPER Bliss

4-H treats animals, children well

Regarding "4-H teaches animal betrayal":

I was appalled at the recent letter by Monie Smith regarding the 4-H program and her idea of what the 4-H program stands for.

First and foremost, the 4-H program most certainly does teach responsibility to our younger generation!

Second, these animals are named, groomed, pampered and fed a special diet to teach these young people how to care for and produce a quality product that will provide a pleasurable eating experience for the kind and generous people and businesses that support these young people at the market animal sales.

Third, these animals are named and, yes, some of these young livestock producers do actually get so attached that they sleep with their animals. However, these young people are taught how to let go by being raised with a lifestyle of farming and ranching that provides a means of feeding people. These animals are sold to the highest bidder, and for many of these young people, invested to help with college tuition to provide them with a quality education so that they may be able to educate uneducated hypothetical people.

KANDRA DANOS Gooding

George W. Bush told it like it was

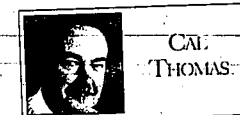
In one of the rare unscripted moments of this campaign, George W. Bush has called a reporter a name that, how to say, would be familiar territory to a protologist.

I like it that Bush hasn't apologized. Forget the explanations that it was a "private" remark to his running mate and that he didn't know the microphone was on. Bush should announce he meant exactly what he said and would say it again if he believes it to be true. Now that is "straight talk."

No one ever got into trouble with the public for dissing the press. It even worked to President Bush's advantage when he once stood up to Dan Rather and challenged the CBS News anchor for walking off the set to protest coverage of the tennis match that ran long and deprived him of precious air time.

The proper way to think it is above reproach in its reporting and beyond accountability for its bias and errors. If a president or a candidate doesn't like a reporter, he ought to be free to say so and tell why. Reporters get to say and do what they like to say and do.

Adam Clymer, the New York Times reporter Bush compared to a human orifice, reportedly unleashed a string of profanities at a Capitol Hill police officer in



CAL THOMAS

1997 after the officer denied him access to a ropeshed area near the Senate floor. He has been a major booster in print of Sen. Edward Kennedy and three years ago was the reporter who used an illegally recorded cell-phone conversation he obtained from the office of Rep. Jim McDermott (D-Wash.) in an attempt to undermine then Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Two weeks ago, while I traveled with Bush, NBC's David Gregory got into an argument with Bush communications director Karen Hughes. Gregory virtually called Hughes a liar as they debated what Bush had agreed to about debates. Hughes stormed back into the Bush cabin and told Bush what had happened. "I'm not going to let him question my credibility," she told the candidate. Bush seemed eager to go back and take Gregory on, but tape would have rolled and the media would have portrayed him as having lost his temper and then questioned his "fitness" for office. That's the way they play the game in media-land. They think a

GOP candidate should swallow biased coverage and like it. If he doesn't, he's labeled "incompetent" and "unguile." Democrats are labeled "passionate" and "principled" when they get angry at Republicans.

Writing in the New York Post, columnist Steve Dunleavy reminds us about a truly great insider, Harry Truman, who told a newspaperman for writing a bad review of daughter Margaret's performance in a vocal and piano recital. Truman threatened to punch him in the nose and in a far more sensitive place for males. The public loved it.

Most voters don't know that much about policy and budgets. What they want to know is whether a president is like them. Does he get angry when he has a right to? Can he occasionally let fly with an explosive, even if he is a regular churchgoer? Or is he, like Gore, such a scripted and programmed machine that all he can do is spout the poll-tested clichés associated with the Democratic candidate?

So, go, George, go. Tell it like it is. Sock it to 'em. And if some reporters resemble what a protologist sees in the office, the public will thank you for pointing that out.

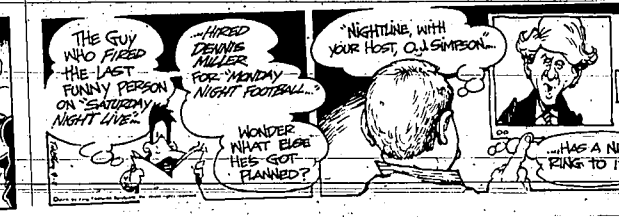
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Why agonize over Hiroshima, not Dresden?

LETTER

As we celebrate the 55th anniversary of the end of World War II, we might well look at America's fascination with guilt feelings about selected past sins. Why do some Americans feel guilty about our justified bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which immediately killed 120,000 Japanese, and not about the unjustified bombing of Dresden, which killed 135,000 Germans?

City bombing is always brutal, but sometimes it is a tragic necessity. In a just war, and certainly the Allied cause was just, all military action should be designed to destroy the enemy's capacity and will to continue fighting.

First, the key facts about the bombing of Dresden on the night of February 13-14, 1945, 10 weeks before Germany's surrender. Dresden was a beautiful Baroque city known as the Florence of the north. It had no war industry and little military value. Its population of 630,000 had been doubled by German refugees.

The concerted British and American attack dropped 650,000 incendiary bombs, causing a firestorm engulfing eight square

ERNEST W. LEFEVER

miles and killing an estimated 135,000 men, women and children.

Why visit such carnage on the cusp of Germany's defeat? Some analysts say it was merely a continuation of the Allied strategy to bring Germany to its knees, but a postwar U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey concluded that such bombing did little to erode civilian morale or impede war production. Others say it was vindictive anger over Hitler's bombing of London and other British cities.

But Hitler's barbarity did not justify the fiery destruction of Dresden. Dresden was not a legitimate military target. British historian Paul Johnson has called the bombing "the greatest Anglo-American moral disaster of the war against Germany." Yet few Americans have expressed shame or guilt.

So why do guilt-prone Americans continue to fault their government for Hiroshima while ignoring Dresden? Catholic

philosopher Peter Kreeft recently called Hiroshima a satanic act, placing it in the same moral category as Auschwitz, the Gulag, the Rwanda tribal massacres, and Mao's Great Leap Forward.

Most historians render a different verdict. They agree on the basic military situation in August 1945:

- America had broken the Japanese military code and President Truman had no substantial evidence that Japan was about to surrender.
- Though Tokyo and many other Japanese cities had been firebombed, Japan had made elaborate plans to resist an American invasion. It had assembled a Kamikaze suicide armada and mobilized 1 million soldiers and civilians equipped with a variety of suicide devices to stop the Americans on the beaches.
- The atom bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki killed 120,000 civilians and military personnel immediately, according to Paul H. Nitze's postwar bombing survey. But these terrible weapons ended the war.
- The war's abrupt end spared

some 400,000 American prisoners of war and civilian detainees in Japanese hands, all of whom were to be executed had the United States invaded. The U.S. Pacific command estimated that at least 500,000 Americans and three times as many Japanese would have died in an invasion.

Why, then, is the atom bombing demonized when the March 9, 1945, firebombing of Tokyo, which killed 85,000 Japanese in one night, is not? What is the moral distinction between killing people by an atomic blast or by a rain of fire bombs?

All war is hell, but our cause was just. We should be proud that America and its allies liberated hundreds of millions from the brutal empires of Hirohito and Hitler. Beating our breasts over Hiroshima distorts history, but an expression of contrition over the unnecessary firebombing of Dresden redeems it and us.

Ernest W. Lefever is a senior fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington. He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

Please don't kill park plan
Regarding the Sept. 3 editorial:

Sorry, I don't see a "bigger beware" blink surrounding the possibility of creating a park on the north canyon rim in Jerome County. I've had enough involvement to satisfy my questions about how this project might go forward and who might be involved in its operation. I don't see any collusion or under-the-table actions. I see a group of interested citizens who have taken this long thought of possibility to a new level.

I doubt that those who are involved in getting the concept to this point will have any more to say about the day-to-day operation of such a park than any other Joe Citizen who wants to be part of the process. There

seems to be room for many players.

Arian Call needs to be thanked, not bashed, for his gift of several hundred acres of ground to the College of Southern Idaho that will be an income producer for their foundation as well as a community gift via the park concept.

I've not agreed with everything that Steve Thorson or Roy Prescott have said or done over the years, but their involvement in this process seems not for personal gain but rather for the good of the region.

The park idea is more than 100 years old. How about we just let it reach a plateau of public involvement that might make it a reality before another hundred years passes.

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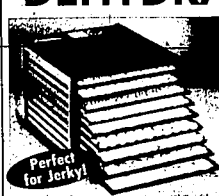
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Any Conover

Twin Falls cross country
It pays to have a good head on your shoulders when running cross country. Just ask Twin Falls High School senior Any Conover.



The games must be working. Through two meets this season, Conover's finished no worse than first. She was runner-up (21 minutes, 18 seconds) at the Burley-hosted meet around Lake Walcott on Friday after taking third at the Jerome Invitational with a time of 16:53 in 2.8 miles.

Her personal best is 19:03 on this year's relatively flat, 3.1-mile (5K) state championship course at Eagle Island near Boise. "I like it. It's got only one major hill and some sand," Conover says.

Conover says playing a huge part in her sport, where landscape makes a big difference in the outcome. "It keeps your mind off of running and the pain," she said. "Probably my favorite is the first thing I think of, usually about the second mile."

But it's her start and finish she's most concerned with. "I'm probably strongest at the beginning when I'm all psyched up and the adrenaline is running," she said.

It helps having a personal trainer in father Ray, a former runner at Brigham Young University, who has coached Conover through the spring and summer.

Away from running and school, Conover said she's an outdoor person, who likes horses, camping and hiking. She also learned how to wakeboard this summer.

In the spring, Conover runs the 1,600- and 3,200-meter events for the Bruin track team. Though she's never made it to state in track, she hopes to this year. She's even considering running at the prestigious Simplot Games at Pocatello.

But above all else, cross country is where it's at for Conover. "I'm not really excited about (the season)," she said. "I've trained hard and got my expectations high. I'm going to keep working until I reach the top."

Tom Bloxham Hansen football

He might not be the biggest Husky on the roster, but Hansen tall-back Tom Bloxham has shown he's capable of running with the big dogs this season.

With back-to-back 140-plus yard rushing performances to start the year, including last Friday's 170 yards, Hansen showed he's not just a show-off. Against Shoshone, the 5-foot 9-inch, 150-pound junior is quickly making a name for himself as one of the better runners in the local 8-man ranks.

Though the career of Bloxham's early season output might have come as a surprise to some, Hansen coach Brent Bjorn said his running back's dominating performance should have been expected.

"I'm not really surprised," Bjorn said. "I anticipated he'd break 1,000 yards for the season. Most good backs in 8-man are capable of doing that."

To better suit the talents of his personnel, the coach this year went to the option, a system in which Bloxham has flourished. As the pitch man on most carries, Bloxham has been able to get to the outside and utilize his speed to beat defenders in the open field.

Against Shoshone, he sprung four scoring runs of 35 yards or more. "He's pretty quick," Bjorn said. "Against teams, once he gets to the open field he can run away from a lot of kids."

Bloxham has shown equal improvement on defense, where he's smart as linebacker, Bjorn said. "He's become more aggressive," he said. "He's using his strength and speed to go to the ball."

Journey to the sun CSI heads to Arizona for Yavapai tournament

By Joe Summen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - CSI's month-long road trip resumes Friday, when the Golden Eagles take the floor for two days of marathon volleyball - this time against some of the best teams in Arizona and California.

Entering the Yavapai College Volleyball Tournament, which opens today in Prescott, Ariz., the Eagles are coming off a weekend at Utah Valley State College filled with more highs and lows than a mountain range. And things won't be slowing down anytime soon.

"We open up with Arizona

Hot times
When: The Yavapai College Volleyball Tournament
Where: CSI and 21 other teams from around the West
When: Yavapai College, Prescott, Ariz.
When: Today, Saturday
CSI's schedule Friday (CSI has no matches today):
CSI vs. Arizona Western 9 a.m., Casper College 11 a.m., Mesa Community College Noon, Glendale 2:30 p.m., Long Beach City College 5:30 p.m., Chandler-Gilbert Community College 6:30 p.m.

Western," coach Ben Stroud said. "And they're probably the best team in Arizona. They have a player we recruited (April Coffey) who's been on the national team caliber."



last-match Saturday
"California schools are usually good ball-control teams," Stroud said. "You're not going to see great athletes on their teams, but they are usually good volleyball players."

CSI should also be challenged by Glendale Community College when the two face off at 2:30 p.m. Friday. Glendale finished fifth in the nation last year with a 35-4 record and returns several impact players.

"Glendale has been at the national tournament for the last several years," Stroud said. "But I think the team to beat is probably going to be Arizona Western."

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Irish face bigger obstacle

By Richard Rosenblatt AP football writer

Notre Dame took a small step last week. Now it's time to take a bigger one back to national prominence.

The 23rd-ranked Fighting Irish play host to No. 1 Nebraska on Saturday before a sellout crowd of 80,232 at Notre Dame Stadium and another 20,000 Cornhusker fans expected to show up without tickets.

The Irish's much-anticipated game that Irish coach Bob Davie began his weekly conference call by asking if

College picks
any of his questioners had extra tickets.

For Notre Dame, playing Nebraska is a serious matter. Win, and the Irish are back to their much preferred status as national title contenders - for a week, anyway. Davie's job security? Not an issue anymore.

Lose, well ... it depends. If Notre Dame stays competitive, puts a scare into the Huskers and then gets beat, winning against Purdue, Michigan State and Stanford doesn't look so daunting.

Get blown out? At home? Davie probably won't be a step further out the door, and questions about the program pop up all over again.

The Irish plan to rise to the occasion.

"Our confidence is pretty high," Davie said following a season-opening 24-10 win over Texas A&M. "Our kids are excited. This is a great opportunity."

A look at the point spread - Nebraska by 13.5 - is another indication of how far the Irish have fallen. It's the first time in at least 27 years Notre Dame has been a double-digit underdog at home, according to Las Vegas Sports Consultants, whose records date back only to 1973.

The picks:
No. 1 Nebraska (minus 13.5) at No. 23 Notre Dame

"The fight is there, the manpower isn't," NEBRASKA, 27-21.

No. 2 Florida State (minus 22) at Georgia Tech
Seminoles should have easier time than '99 shootout. ... FLORIDA STATE, 35-17.

Rice (+27.5) at No. 3 Michigan
Drew who? ... MICHIGAN, 42-10.

No. 4 Miami (minus 15) at No. 15 Washington
Gans-WR-Santana-Moss is the difference. MIAMI, 34-31. Oregon (+8.5) at No. 5 Wisconsin

Ducks, not suspensions, bother Badgers. ... WISCONSIN, 27-21.

Louisiana-Lafayette (plus 45.5) at No. 6 Texas
Look for Horns QB Sims and Applewhite to split time. ... TEXAS, 52-0.

Middle Tennessee (plus 41) at No. 9 Florida
Gators aren't great, but don't have to be until Sept. 16. ... FLORIDA, 48-6.

No. 9 Georgia (minus 10) at South Carolina
Gamecocks hope for good showing after ending 21-game losing streak. ... GEORGIA, 31-13.

No. 10 Virginia Tech (minus 5.5) at East Carolina (Thursday)

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Twin Falls sweeps Minico

Dodds notches hat trick for girls

By Holly Key Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Bruin senior Debbie Dodds pulled out a hat trick to lead Twin Falls High School to a girls' soccer victory over Minico Wednesday.

After dropping their first three games of the season, the Bruins collected their first win by outscoring the Spartans 7-2.

"We're much improved from previous games," said Twin Falls coach Steve Schmid.

The Bruins started the game strong, scoring in the 12th minute. Sophomore halfback Mallory Tortorella's second shot went past the goalie and into the corner of the net.

Twin Falls junior Jennifer Andrews shot at the goal two minutes later and the ball went off the head of Minico defender to make the score 2-0. Dodds assisted senior Rachel Welch for the third goal of the outing.

"We're really working on trying to play ball-control rather than kickball," Schmid said. "I think we accomplished that today."

With 10 minutes left in the half, Dodds scored her first goal. She took control of the ball at midfield and dribbled to about 20 yards, where she shot, bringing the score to 4-0.

The Spartans answered with their first goal a minute later. Junior Nicki Terry scored on a corner kick, ending the half at 4-1.

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MINICO GAZETTE/PHOTO

Bruin boys prove too much for Spartans

By Matt Peterson Times-News writer

RUPERT - The calendar has barely turned September, so it might be a little premature to say the Twin Falls boys' soccer team has already found its mid-season form.

But the Bruins are darn close. Scoring four goals in the first half, Twin Falls coasted to a 7-1 road victory in a conference rival Minico Wednesday to remain unbeaten on the season.

But the perfect early season record wasn't what had Twin Falls coach Trent Felton smiling after Wednesday's match. Rather, it was the fact that six

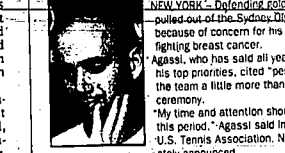
different players accounted for his team's seven goals. "That's the thing I'm happiest about," he said. "We're spreading it out around the entire team."

While the Bruins keep rolling through opponents, the Spartans continue to free-fall. Minico has now dropped four consecutive games - two of them cutters - on the winning end of a match this season.

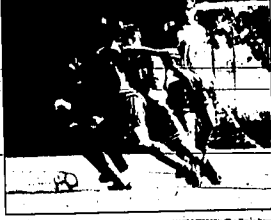
And if the 7-1 thumping weren't bad enough, the Spartans also temporarily because of concern for his mother and sister, who are fighting breast cancer.

Agassi, who has said all year the Olympics are among his top priorities, cited "personal reasons" for quitting the team a little more than a week before the opening ceremony.

"My time and attention should be with my family during this period," Agassi said in a statement released by the U.S. Tennis Association. No replacement was immediately announced.



Andre Agassi



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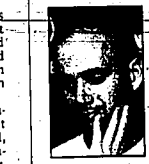
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Davenport silences Serena: All-Williams final is not to be

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Serena Williams fractured her racket on the court as her game fell apart, and Lindsay Davenport emerged from the shadows as a forgotten former champion to a berth in the U.S. Open semifinals.

Williams, the defending champion who was so eager to meet Venus, succumbed to her injury, and Davenport's deep, sizzling groundstrokes in a 6-4, 6-2 rout Wednesday night that took everyone by surprise.



Everyone except Davenport. The 1998 champion never fell

Andre's anguish
NEW YORK - Defending gold medalist Andre Agassi pulled out of the U.S. Open tennis tournament Wednesday after a long battle with breast cancer.

for all the hype over Williams sisters final, never worried about her record against Serena - five straight losses over the past three years. "That's the best she ever played against me," Williams said. "She should take that attitude toward everyone."

Three of their matches were close three-setters, including their semifinal meeting at the U.S. Open last year, and Davenport knew that she could beat Williams if she could hold serve, keep the pressure on her and pin her to the baseline.

That's exactly what Davenport did, and Williams finally cracked at 4-4 in the first set, slipping forehands long on the final two shots of her service game and screaming in frustration as she was broken.

Williams rapped her racket on the court, but not nearly as hard as she did in the next game when she netted a backhand for a second set point. The racket frame broke this time, leading to an automatic code violation for racket abuse, and for all practical purposes her game was undone, too.

-Matt Peterson

Tigers claw Broncos, stay perfect in soccer

The Times-News

JEROME—The Jerome High School boys' soccer team stayed undefeated on Wednesday, riding a two-goal outburst from senior striker Jorge Torres and junior Daniel Casterjon to a solid 5-2 win over Blackfoot.

The Tigers' second win of the season kept them perfect in conference play. Both Jerome's victory have come against league opponents.

"It wasn't pretty, but it was a win," said Jerome coach Vince Gibson. "We still have some things to work on."

Torres drilled the ball past the Blackfoot goal keeper on a one-on-one to open the scoring in the seventh minute. Blackfoot scored shortly after on a defensive breakdown, but the "Tigra" Benito Baringo scored on a header off a corner kick around the 30 minute mark.

Casterjon scored less than 10 minutes later on another one-on-one against the Blackfoot keeper, and it was 3-1 at the break.

"In the second half, we fell asleep," Gibson said. "We came out motivated, and they came out pumped. They didn't expect Jerome to be as good as they were."

But the Tigers proved their worth on a second Torres goal from 24 yards out roughly 20 minutes into the second-half, and Casterjon drilled in Jerome's final shot 10 minutes later.

Jerome next hosts conference power Century on Monday at 5 p.m.

Local sports

Cross country

Gooding sweeps meet

HAILY—The Gooding High School boys' and girls' cross-country teams ran away from the competition Wednesday at a meet at Elkhorn Lodge.

Gooding scored 45 points, easily outdistancing runners-up Declo (88) and Wells, Nev. (100) for the boys' win. The Lady Senators scored a low 32, edging Sprague Creek, Nev. (36) by four points. Declo took third with 52 points. In all, 65 boys and 45 girls took part in the races.

Individual winners were Oakley's Barry Jenks, who finished the 3.1-mile run in 19 minutes, 3 seconds over second-place Jared Wilkerson (19:37) of Spring Creek. Gooding's Lance Nebeker (19:26) finished third.

For the girls, Wood River senior Holly Hobson (23:52) posted defending state runner-up Carin Patterson of Gooding, by one second. Wood River's Eva Bach (23:58) came in third.

Hobson's win was her second consecutive victory over Patterson. Wood River next runs at Kimberly on Wednesday.

Team	Points
Gooding	45
Declo	88
Wells, Nev.	100
Sprague Creek, Nev.	36
Declo	52

High School Football Standings

Class A: 1. Jerome 10-0, 2. Blackfoot 9-1, 3. Arden 8-2, 4. Arden 7-3, 5. Arden 6-4, 6. Arden 5-5, 7. Arden 4-6, 8. Arden 3-7, 9. Arden 2-8, 10. Arden 1-9.

Class B: 1. Jerome 10-0, 2. Blackfoot 9-1, 3. Arden 8-2, 4. Arden 7-3, 5. Arden 6-4, 6. Arden 5-5, 7. Arden 4-6, 8. Arden 3-7, 9. Arden 2-8, 10. Arden 1-9.

Class C: 1. Jerome 10-0, 2. Blackfoot 9-1, 3. Arden 8-2, 4. Arden 7-3, 5. Arden 6-4, 6. Arden 5-5, 7. Arden 4-6, 8. Arden 3-7, 9. Arden 2-8, 10. Arden 1-9.

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Class E: 1. Jerome 10-0, 2. Blackfoot 9-1, 3. Arden 8-2, 4. Arden 7-3, 5. Arden 6-4, 6. Arden 5-5, 7. Arden 4-6, 8. Arden 3-7, 9. Arden 2-8, 10. Arden 1-9.

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Class V: 1. Jerome 10-0, 2. Blackfoot 9-1, 3. Arden 8-2, 4. Arden 7-3, 5. Arden 6-4, 6. Arden 5-5, 7. Arden 4-6, 8. Arden 3-7, 9. Arden 2-8, 10. Arden 1-9.

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CSI

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Arizona Western finished 34-10 last season, but should be much improved with the addition of Coffield and a strong freshman class.

And entering today's matches, the Eagles are still a team in the building process.

Tamekia Moore will be moving back to middle blocker, where she has had the most success after a failed experiment at the outside hitter position, and Stephanie Martin will take over the outside.

"The move is being made to allow Moore a chance to better utilize her athleticism."

"I have got probably the best middle in the country in Tamekia Moore, and I'm playing her at the outside," Stroud said. "That has been one of the dumbest things I have ever done. It just goes to show what kind of a genius coach I am."

The Eagles are also one week removed from their first loss of the season, at the hands of Ricks College, and have been bit by inconsistent play in several matches.

"Throughout the (Utah Valley) tournament we made way too many mistakes," Stroud said. "We gave up easy points and never put any pressure on. We had streaks like that the whole tournament, but when you run into teams like Ricks or Utah Valley and you make mistakes, you're going to pay — and we paid."

Yet CSI battled back from the brink of elimination twice to take the Utah Valley tournament title and celebrated the 700th win of Stroud's career when the Eagles defeated Dixie College in the first match of the tournament last Thursday.

"We just didn't give up," Stroud said. "We had chances in both of our last matches to fold up and go home. We had our backs to the wall so many times, but somehow we did it."

"Now the team is starting to think that they are pretty tough. We have some fight in us, and when the going gets rough, we know that we can play."

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Bruin Boosters are selling season passes

TWIN FALLS—The Bruin Booster Club, the athletic support group for Twin Falls High School, is selling season athletic passes for the first time this year.

The passes, which had in the past been sold by the school, will be available for purchase at the Twin Falls-Minico game on Friday night through any Bruin-Booster member, or by calling Bob and Janell Maloney at 734-9669 or 733-6765. Family passes are \$157.50, adult passes are \$63 and discount passes — for senior citizens or junior high school students — are \$42. Passes admit their bearer to all home games this school year.

The booster club is also trying to charter bus transportation to the Bruin football team's away game Sept. 15 in Genetennial. But the cost to reserve a bus has risen to \$450, and the boosters need to round up 45 people at \$10 each to make the trip possible.

A Bruin-Booster meeting is set for Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. upstairs in the downtown First Security Building.

Youth sign-ups are Saturday at Magic Bowl

TWIN FALLS—Saturday is the youth bowling sign-up day at Magic Bowl, with a registration session slated from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Young bowlers receive a free game of bowling with their sign-up. For more details, call 733-2566.

Fitzgerald, Thorne top Pins and Putts day

TWIN FALLS—Joann Fitzgerald and Dale Thorne captured first place overall at the annual Fitzgerald and Puts Tournament at Magic Bowl and Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

Second place in the Aug. 26 competition were Bill Kimmel and John Bonnett, with Ted Wasko, Jr., and Barbara Smith taking third. Kimmel and Bonnett finished first in the golf portion, and Sylvia Jones and Kathy McClure topped the bowling competition.

Toolson scores fifth career ace at Rupert

RUPERT—Golfer Don Toolson hit his fifth career hole in one Thursday with a 4-wood on the 180-yard, par-3 No. 2 at Rupert Country Club.

Witnesses were Bob Schenk and Dan Walton.

Pistons, Cleaves agree to three-year deal

AUBURN HILLS, Mich.—The Detroit Pistons and first-round draft pick Maren Cleaves have agreed to a three-year, \$4.1 million contract, his agent said Wednesday.

Cleaves, a guard who helped Michigan State to the NCAA title last spring, was taken with the 14th overall pick of the draft. The Pistons lost Grant Hill to the Orlando Magic in the off-season and are counting on Cleaves, as a local hero from Flint, for a box-office and marketing boost.

Carruth wins bid to have separate trial

CHARLOTTE—Rae Carruth won his bid Wednesday to be tried separately from two fellow defendants.

Superior Court Judge Charles Lamm scheduled the former Carolina Panther's murder trial for Oct. 23, splitting proceedings by the prosecution to begin Oct. 16 and by the defense for Nov. 6. Defense lawyer David Rudolf said the defendants' cases will hinge on accusations against each other. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for Carruth, Michael Eugene Kennedy and Stanley Drew Abraham.

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Boys

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In the 77th minute for taking out Twin Falls keeper Darren Van Hofwegen.

"The referees said he took the keeper out," said Alberto each Debra Haynes. "So it's an automatic red card."

Not only did the penalty remove Alvarez from the waning minutes of Wednesday's blowout, it also requires the start of Minico's next game, an important Sept. 13 home meeting with conference foe Pocatello.

Twj Jays jumped out to an early lead scoring twice in the game's first 14 minutes. Junior Steven Irwin got the Bruins on the board in the seventh minute with a short goal on a crossing pass from Brock Cooper. Seven minutes later, junior Dylan Smith — the only Bruin to score twice Wednesday — knocked in a back-site goal-off another pass from Cooper to put Twin Falls up 2-0.

Early in the contest, the Bruins found success breaking up the left wing, but that wasn't necessarily by design. Felton said his squad was just taking what was available.

"Their outside defender was coming into the middle and leaving that space open for us," he said. "They did fix that later in the game."

Minico looked to make a game of it by pulling within one on a back-kick pass by Brady Johnson in the 17th minute. But the Spartans proved unable to muster another score the rest of the game.

Twin Falls took a lead into the half on a goal by Cooper (31st minute) and Matthew McFarlin (33rd).

"I thought we were back in it (after Johnson's goal)," Haynes said. "But we relaxed enough that they took it over from there."

Minico caught at least two unlucky bounces in the first half, but on shots by Alvarez. Midway through the half, Alvarez bounced one off the crossbar. Then, just minutes before the break, he ricocheted a shot off the right post on a free kick.

Twin Falls tacked on three more goals in the second half, one from Sinclair (50th), another from Joseph Marala (54rd) and another from Cory Syre (79th).

Twin Falls (24-0 conference, 4-0 overall) hosts Wood River Saturday in a rematch of last year's Class A-2 state championship game, set by Wednesday. Minico (6-29 conference, 0-4-0 overall) hosts Pocatello next Wednesday.

Girls

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"I thought we played OK," said Minico coach Corey Wilson. "We had some jitters at first and that's hard to come back from."

The teams played most of the second half on Minico's side of the field. The first Bruin goal came about 21 minutes into the half as Torrelli found Dadds in the center of the net, about 3 feet out.

Minico junior Claire Bodensteiner received a long pass a few minutes later to gain possession, but Twin Falls junior Amber Deilh kept Bodensteiner from scoring, rocketing the ball out of bounds.

Dadds regained control of the ball on the left side of the field and passed to Welch, who tapped it in the right side of the net, making the score 6-1.

Bodensteiner went down to score in the last minutes of the game. JoAnna Swenson dove to the ground for the save.

A few minutes later, Minico's Lindsay Egbert increased the Spartans' score. Egbert received a pass from junior Lindsay Haynes and shot from 5 feet out, putting the ball over Swenson's head to make the score 6-2.

"The second goal ... was a good play," Wilson said. "We had some things going well on the game, and we met most of those goals. Everything is just a learning experience."

Dadds rounded out the afternoon by scoring her third goal in the last minutes of the game. Sophomore Megan Wimmeroff shot first, but the ball bounced off the goalie, and Dadds scored on the deflection.

"The hot trick came because of good passing," said Dadds. "I was kind of at the right place at the right time."

Dadds finished with three goals and two assists. Welch had two of the Bruins' scores and one assist and Dadds finished with a goal and an assist.

"It feels good to be on the winning side," said Dadds.

With the win, Twin Falls even its regional record at 1-1, 3-3 overall, and will play Highland next Wednesday. Minico drops to 0-4 overall (0-2 in regional play) and travels to Pocatello Wednesday.

In junior-varsity action on Wednesday, Twin Falls made it a sweep beating Minico 4-0.

Sosa's 46th homer soaks Rockies at Coors

DENVER (AP)—Sammy Sosa hit his major-league-leading 46th home run and Mark Grace hit a tiebreaking triple in the 11th inning as the Chicago Cubs beat the Colorado Rockies 5-5 Wednesday to stop a six-game losing streak.

Sosa, 3-for-5 with three RBIs, singled off Gabe White (9-2) leading off the 11th and scored on Grace's triple. Julio Zuleta followed with a two-run homer. Todd Van Poppel (3-4) pitched three innings, and Rick Aguilera got three outs for his 29th save.

Reds 11, Mets 8

CINCINNATI—Benito Santiago hit a go-ahead grand slam off Armando Benitez as Cincinnati rallied from an 8-5 deficit in the eighth, snapping New York to 1-5 in September.

Braves 7, Diamondbacks 1

ATLANTA—Chipper Jones had two run-scoring singles and Kevin Millwood (9-10) gave up four hits in eight innings.

Astros 13, Marlins 5

HOUSTON—Chris Truby hit a two-run homer in a seven-run fifth inning, and Jose Jimenez (7-15) allowed five runs and seven hits in eight innings.

Expos 7, Cardinals 2

ST. LOUIS—Vladimir Guerrero hit two home runs as Montreal stopped the Cardinals' six-game winning streak. He has six multi-homer games this season, 10 in his career.

Athletics 6, Red Sox 4

BOSTON—Mike Mulder pitched six strong innings and slumping

Major League Baseball

Matt Stairs homered.

Royals 3, Yankees 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Carlos Febles doubled home the tying run and scored on Johnny Damon's single as Kansas City rallied in the ninth off Mike Stanton (2-3), who blew his fourth straight save chance.

Blue Jays 7, Mariners 3

TORONTO—Carlos Delgado hit a three-run double, and Jay Hamilton (2-0) allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings as Toronto stopped a four-game losing streak.

Indians 6, Devil Rays 2

CLEVELAND—Roberto Alomar homered twice, and Chuck Ealey (10-12) combined with Paul Shirley on a four-hitter as Cleveland won its fourth straight.

White Sox 13, Rangers 1

CHICAGO—Frank Thomas hit his AL-leading 41st home run on a night when Scott Sheldon of the Rangers played all nine positions.

Angels 1, Tigers 0

DETROIT—Scott Schoeneweis (7-3) shut out Detroit on two singles for eight innings and Anaheim stopped a season-high six-game losing streak.

Twins 4, Orioles 1

MINNEAPOLIS—Brad Radke (11-14) pitched a six-hitter for his third complete game of the season and Jacque Jones drove in the ahead run in the seventh.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Rite Aid same-store

sales rise 10 percent

CAMP HILL, Pa. — Shares of Rite Aid Corp. climbed Wednesday after the drugstore chain with Twin Falls and Burleson stores reported a sharp rise in second-quarter same-store sales.

The company said for the quarter ending Aug. 26 same-store sales increased 9.9 percent compared with the same period last year. The breakdown of these sales consist of a 10.9 percent rise in pharmacy same-store sales and an 8.5 percent increase in front-end same-store sales. Total drugstore sales gained 7.3 percent to \$3.429 billion from \$3.196 billion in the same period.

Camp Hill, Pa.-based Rite Aid's stores sell prescriptions, as well as sell health and beauty products, convenience foods, and other items. Rite Aid has about 3,800 stores in 30 states and the District of Columbia.

Denver company signs contract with Ketchum

KETCHUM — Denver-based Clancy Systems International Inc. on Wednesday said it has entered into a contract for parking-creation issued and system management with Ketchum.

The start date for the system is Sept. 15, and it will fully integrate Ketchum's parking program, Clancy said. Near the Sun Valley ski resort, Ketchum handles a large volume of parking-related issues.

Clancy said it designs, develops and implements parking enforcement systems for municipalities, universities and private parking facilities operators, which include ticket-issuance systems, honor boxes and enforcement systems.

Oil prices soar to highest levels on Wednesday

NEW YORK — Oil prices soared Wednesday to their highest levels since the Gulf War in 1991 amid fears that an expected hike in output by key oil-producing nations will not be large enough to meet demand.

Many traders expect the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which meets this weekend in Vienna, to increase production, but some speculate the group will leave levels untouched or not raise them enough.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, crude for October delivery closed up \$1.07 at \$34.90 per barrel. October heating oil futures were up 169 points at 95.66 cents a gallon, and gasoline rose 309 points to 99.80 cents per gallon.

Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ali Naimi appeared to cast doubt over expectations that OPEC will raise output by 500,000 barrels a day (bpd) by saying the cartel must decide whether additional oil is needed when it meets Sunday.

OPEC members have an agreement to raise output by 500,000 bpd if its benchmark price stays above \$28 a barrel for 20 consecutive days. That requirement could be met Friday, two days before the group meets.

Crude oil prices were also strengthened by concerns that the American Petroleum Institute (API) weekly stockpile data is expected to show crude inventories rose by only 0.3 to 0.4 million barrels last week, a number that could make the market skyrocket if true.

Meanwhile, the European Union repeated its call for a substantial OPEC production hike to avoid undermining the world economy.

EU Transport and Energy Commissioner Loyola de Palacio said the EU is not seeking a drastic fall in oil prices, but "stabilization."

Although it is in the long-term interest of both the producing and consuming countries to be able to see which way prices will be moving, it will also be necessary for that price to find its level on a competitive market and not in a cartel group of producers' intention to maximize monopoly revenues," de Palacio said in Strasbourg after a European Commission debate on the current high oil prices.

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TF intermodal site needs tenants

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls' long-awaited truck-train transloading facility is shipping a local manufacturer's pork products to customers along the West Coast, but the "intermodal" center still has no other tenants.

Several potential tenants — companies looking at locating in Twin Falls — have put layouts and development cost estimates for the intermodal site, said project developer Todd Blass, a partner in the intermodal center's majority owner, InCom Development Co. He declined to name them and said both prospects are preliminary.

"You throw these things out to anyone

who has interest in industrial property ... you never know which one is the one," said Blass, whose tenant search has seen almost 15 months pass since the center's groundbreaking east of Twin Falls. Often he said, the company a developer least expects is the one to say yes.

But Blass said Wednesday he isn't discouraged by the process of trying to find neighbors for Independent Meat's leased cold-storage facility on the site. He would be, he noted, if plants were going up around him "and I wasn't getting a thing."

City and chamber of commerce leaders last year praised the intermodal center as a boon to the city and all of Idaho and predicted more industrial building — and more jobs — at the site. But, that activity is

slow in coming.

Twin Falls needs more high-paying manufacturing jobs and isn't getting them right now, Blass said.

"And that's what's discouraging," he said. The intermodal property will start to move when the local economy picks up, he added.

At least one real estate agent is hoping to put together intermodal deals.

Kelly J. Fox, an agent with Sun Land Investments Inc. in Ketchum, said he put out feelers in the Ketchum area because of the Wood River Valley's high traffic count of wealthy folks. And he drew some small manufacturers' interest to the intermodal site, Fox said, without naming companies.

"We were doing some open advertis-

ing," he said. "There's some great interest."

Opportunity there for industrial development could be a "tremendous outlet for the city's long-term growth," Fox said. If he lands a solid prospect, he intends to pursue a tenant agreement with intermodal owners.

The site's 25 acres — an area including a railroad spur and Independent Meat's cold-storage facility — have all been platted, Blass said. He and his partners prefer build-to-suit tenants, though they are willing to sell individual building pads, he said.

Blass said Independent Meat has a long-term lease from land and building

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Citigroup acquires Associates

Largest U.S. financial conglomerate to buy largest publicly traded finance company

BridgeNews

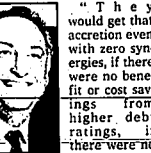
NEW YORK — Citigroup Inc., the largest U.S. financial services conglomerate, said Wednesday it will acquire Associates First Capital Corp. in a \$31.1 billion deal aimed at boosting its consumer lending business.

Associates is the largest publicly traded finance company in the United States, with managed assets of more than \$100 billion and shareholder equity of \$14.3 billion. The company has 2,750 offices in the United States and 13 other countries.

"This combination accelerates our consumer financial services expansion — globally," said Sanford J. Bell, chairman and chief executive officer of Citigroup. "In one step, we catapult our international earnings in these rapidly growing segments by more than 40 percent."

Under the deal, expected to close by the end of the year, Citigroup — which has a Citifinancial consumer finance office in north Twin Falls — will pay 0.7334 a share for each share of Dallas-based Associates First, worth \$42.49 based on Tuesday's closing price. The transaction represents a generous 51 percent premium for Associates shares, badly beaten down until recent months, though Citigroup is paying a reasonable 15.5 times expected earnings.

Citigroup's average dividend of a currency-trading-aid-21-times earnings per share this year, said the transaction will add "at least" 10 cents a share, or 3.3 percent, to earnings in the first combined year.



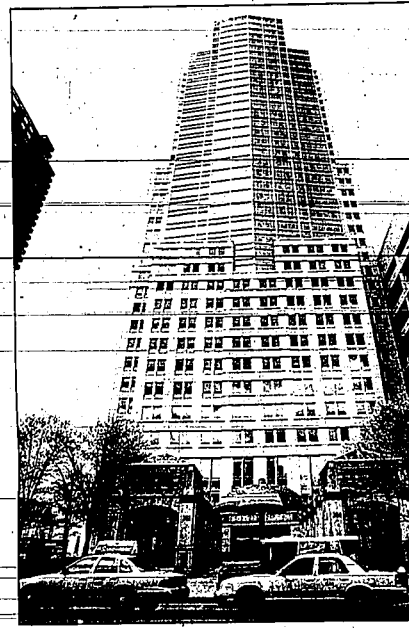
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"They get that accretion even with zero synergies, if there were no benefits or cost savings from higher debt ratings, if there were no revenue enhancements that's that large in the U.S. to quite large."

The purchase, Citigroup's biggest since Travelers Group and Citicorp merged in 1998, underscores the unprecedented pace of consolidation in financial services. In one swoop, Citigroup, with \$791 billion in banking, brokerage and insurance assets worldwide, bags the nation's largest "non-bank" consumer and commercial finance company.

Spun off from Ford Motor Co. in 1996, Associates assembled an international array of financial businesses and quickly became a Wall Street favorite with its ability to generate consistent financial earnings growth from a broad range of businesses and an enviable credit rating. Associates, through its takeover of Axco Financial, gained offices in 13 countries including a substantial presence in Japan.

Associates First's North American consumer-finance unit will combine with Citigroup's Citifinancial unit, its commercial credit operation will combine with Citibank's merged into Citic's Global Equipment Finance and Associates' credit card operation will combine with Citibank's cards business.



The Citigroup headquarters building in New York City is shown in this file photo. Citigroup Inc. is buying the lending company Associates First Capital Corp. for about \$31.1 billion in stock.

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Fill'er up please

Fuel company builds first new Mirastar station at Jerome Wal-Mart

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Jerome superstore that's one of Wal-Mart's newest already claimed a few more firsts. Mirastar, ever in-car, built food, for example, and one of just-10 test stores in the huge chain carrying prepackaged fabrics.

Now the store has the first Mirastar-brand gasoline station to be built on a Wal-Mart property.

Tesoro West Coast Co., a subsidiary of San Antonio-based Tesoro Petroleum Corp., in January announced its lease agreement with Wal-Mart Stores Inc. allowing Tesoro to build and operate retail fueling facilities at selected existing and future Wal-Mart stores in 11 Western states.

Tesoro said it was working with Wal-Mart to develop the new brand for use at those facilities in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. In addition to gasoline and diesel, Wal-Mart will sell a limited selection of convenience-store merchandise. Tesoro's Steve Rucker, manager of brands and advertising, said Tesoro bought some fueling facilities from another fuel company and rebranded them. But the Jerome Wal-Mart got the first Mirastar

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Productivity grows at 5.7 percent for quarter

WASHINGTON — American productivity, a key measure of rising living standards, surged at a 5.7 percent rate in the second quarter, the fastest pace since the end of 1999.

The revised figure tracking the growth in producing activity of the amount of output per hour of work was even stronger than the 5.3 percent rate of growth the government estimated one month ago, the Labor Department said Wednesday.

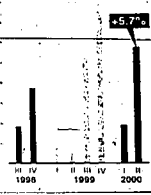
Many analysts were expecting productivity growth in the April-June quarter to clock in at a 5.4 percent rate. The latest reading on second-quarter productivity, which is seasonally adjusted, was considerably stronger than the first-quarter performance, which showed productivity growing at a 1.9 percent rate.

The strong gain in second-quarter productivity pushed unit labor costs, a key gauge of inflation pressures, down by a rate of 0.4 percent, the lowest since the end of 1999. That was an improvement from the 1.9 percent rate of increase posted in the first quarter. Gains in productivity are the key to rising living standards because they allow wages to increase without triggering higher inflation that would eat up those wage gains.

With the strength exhibited in the second quarter productivity has risen by 5.2 percent from the same quarter a year ago. That was the best showing since a 5.9

Productivity

Here is a look at non-farm business productivity, percent change from previous quarter.



Source: Department of Labor

percent increase in the third quarter of 1983.

Unit labor costs fell 0.4 percent from the second quarter of 1999, the lowest reading since a 1.3 percent drop in the fourth quarter of 1983.

The Federal Reserve has boosted interest rates six times since June 1999 to slow the economy and keep inflation under control. For two decades, from 1973 to 1995, productivity showed lackluster gains of just over 1 percent. However, since that time productivity increases have more than doubled. If productivity falters, however, pressures for higher wages could force companies to raise their prices sharply, thus triggering inflation.

Ore-Ida sales slip

Heinz beats profit expectations, but still early to get too optimistic

BridgeNews

KANSAS CITY — Ketchup king H.J. Heinz Co. edged ahead of earnings expectations Wednesday, but wary investors hammered shares of the Pittsburgh-based food giant as flat ketchup shipments and plummeting StarKist tuna sales continue clouding the company's outlook.

Excluding certain restructuring costs and the sale of Heinz's Weight Watchers business late last year, the company earned \$238 million, or 68 cents a share, during the quarter.

That was \$1 million, or 3 cents a share, more than the same period last year and 1 cent more than Wall Street's consensus prediction, as measured by surveys of analysts conducted by First Call/Thomson Financial. Including one-time costs, income totaled \$201 million, or 57 cents a share.

However, revenues during the quarter fell 1 percent to \$2.2 billion. Most analysts had expected the increase of 3.1 percent.

In addition, company officials said per-share profits for the current second quarter likely would match first-quarter results reported Wednesday. If so, they will miss First Call's current consensus of 70 cents per share by 2 cents.

The company also acknowledged current exchange rates could slide \$320 million off fiscal 2001 sales and \$70 million off annual operating income. That outlook has changed since the

company's fiscal year began in May.

"We had assumed at the beginning of the year that currency would not be a negative," said Paul Renne, the company's chief financial officer.

Renne said the company still plans to increase profits by 10 percent or more during fiscal 2001. But that didn't stop guarded investors from sending Heinz's stock down to a four-month low in morning trade on the New York Stock Exchange.

Some analysts said the continued weakness of the euro, which could reduce revenues at Heinz's European subsidiaries, and challenges in several of the company's product lines make its profit outlook too optimistic.

Ann Gurkin of Davenport & Co., however, was more upbeat.

"I thought the quarter was solid," Gurkin said. "It's not like they're missing numbers."

Renne said Heinz, having so far failed to join the consolidation craze in the global food industry, can succeed without a large acquisition or merger because of the strength of its brands. Its ketchup brand, Ore-Ida frozen potatoes and StarKist all dominate their product categories.

"We're able to compete just effectively as anyone," Renne said.

But Heinz also went after rivals Bestfoods and Nabisco Holdings before those companies announced mergers with Unilever and Philip Morris, respectively.

Meanwhile, investors wonder whether Heinz indeed can make it on its own, particularly given the recent performance of StarKist.

With a 45 percent share, StarKist dominates the U.S. market for tuna. But world tuna prices have dropped to a 34-year low, and a corresponding price reduction by Heinz backfired in the first quarter. Volume at StarKist dropped severely, even though Renne said it recovered substantially in August.

Meanwhile, sales of Ore-Ida have slipped as the company introduces resealable packaging for the brand. And although Heinz has experienced some recovery in its struggling pet food unit, its 9-lives cat food and canned dog food brands still are not faring well versus Ralston Purina and Procter & Gamble's IAMS brands.

Heinz's chief executive, William Johnson, has stung investors by saying the company's pet food line likely will increase because the company is shaving costs. She and other analysts also like the strength of the company's new Boston Market frozen-dinners line. Sales of that line boosted overall sales volume in the company's North America frozen food line by 5 percent in the quarter, despite a sales decline at Ore-Ida.

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Smith Equipment, at 361 S. 200 W. in Rupert, held its grand-opening celebration Aug. 22. Pictured are Rick Wrigley, Don Wrigley and owners John and Renee Smith.

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Qwest survey confuses respondents

About Accolades Knight Ridder News Service

DENVER — A new industry survey says Qwest Communications International owns nearly 20 percent of the long-distance phone market in its service area.

To comply with federal laws, Denver-based Qwest sold its long-distance business in the 13 states including Idaho when it bought local phone company U.S. West, whose service area includes the Magic Valley, on June 30. But respondents to a survey conducted by Subsum-Wolf Associates in Mountain Lakes, N.J., apparently didn't know this when they were polled in July.

"My guess is when we did this survey, people were totally confused," said S. Joey Wolff, a partner with the research firm. "Isn't that amazing? If I were a long-distance company in this area, I would find it hard to let the people who think they have Qwest know that they don't."

Qwest, which has worked hard to avoid its image as the nation's No. 4 long-distance carrier, said it has gained market share nationwide, the study showed.

Qwest more than tripled its market share to 9 percent in the past year, matching business from the long-distance phone industry's Big Three, according to Solomon-Wolff.

Qwest also disputes its out-of-region results, saying its long-distance market share is less than 2 percent. Thomas said she was not sure what Qwest's in-region market share was at the time of the merger.

Qwest is prohibited from selling interstate long-distance service in U.S. West's territory until it proves to federal and state regulators that it has opened its local phone markets in competition.

That's the reason it sold its in-region long-distance business, which produced annual revenues of \$300 million, to Montana-based Touch America for \$200 million.

"That's incomprehensible to me," Qwest spokesman Jan Thomas said of the results. "We, as you know, divested long-distance service in-region with the merger. We understand that

(Solomon-Wolff) is saying that there could be some respondent confusion, but I think that that's evident."

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Qwest also disputes its out-of-region results, saying its long-distance market share is less than 2 percent. Thomas said she was not sure what Qwest's in-region market share was at the time of the merger.

Novell says it will eliminate 900 jobs

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Software maker Novell Inc. is cutting 900 jobs, or 10 percent of its work force, in an attempt to lower operating expenses after dismal third-quarter earnings.

Novell said in announcing the cuts Wednesday that it expects to reduce its overall operating expenses by about \$25 million per quarter, beginning with the first fiscal quarter of 2001. The Provo-based company currently employs about 5,500 people.

Novell expected to cut between 400 and 450 workers in Utah, leaving between 2,050 and 2,100 workers in the state.

Weak sales of packaged business software and a slipping market share in networking software drove Novell's third-quarter earnings down 83 percent to \$8.6 million from a year ago on revenue of \$270 million.

When those results were announced, CEO Eric Schmidt said a much-needed reorganization of Novell's sales force had taken longer than planned and would trim its spending.

"Obviously, we committed to doing this on the earnings call, saying we needed to bring our expenses into line," Novell spokesman Bruce Lowry said Wednesday. "Unfortunately, this is the way we have to do it."

The cuts that began immediately will come from a broad range of departments worldwide, Lowry said.

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"They're surely under a lot of pressure, and their core product line is not as successful as it once was, and that's not going to change," said Charles Phillips, an analyst with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. "The layoffs today are realistic enough to get them back to profitability in the near term. But unless they come up with some new ideas, this is going to happen again and again."

Mirastar

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hand out flyers and direct traffic, he added.

Gift cards purchased at Wal-Mart can be applied to purchases at the nearby Mirastar station — with a discount of 3 cents per gallon, Hansen said.

"I imagine that that's the part of the iceberg for cross promotions," Rucker said, adding this is highlighting of Tesoro's relationship with the retail giant.

"When you have a 99 cent gas sale it gets really crazy," Rucker said. "Future Farmers of America members from Jerome High School will help fill cars."

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Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

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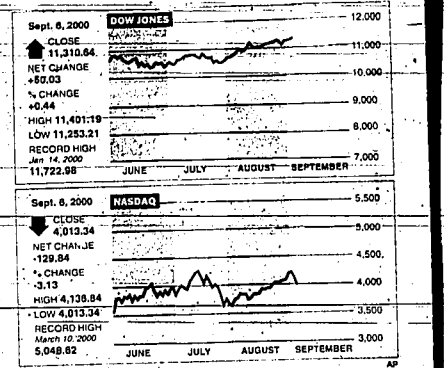
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A Minidoka school gets water safety lessons

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Jerome holds school levy election today

JEROME - The Jerome School District will hold an \$875,000 supplemental levy election from noon to 8 p.m. today.

Polling places are: Horizon, Jefferson and Central elementary schools, Jerome Middle School and Jerome High School. Gooding County residents can vote at the Chris Gibson residence, 3021 S. 2400 E.

On the ballot is an \$875,000 supplemental levy to build a 4,500-square-foot multipurpose room, an 1,800-square-foot library and two classrooms at Jefferson. It's the second installment in smaller, one-year levies to pay for school improvements. Since 1996, voters have rejected five school bond issue elections, with price tags of \$10.9 million to \$13.9 million.

The supplemental levy needs a simple majority to pass.

The proposed addition to Jefferson is estimated to cost \$950,000; the district is asking for \$875,000 from the taxpayers and would cover the difference.

Supreme Court Justice Scalia speaks at U of I

MOSCOW - Justice Antonin Scalia, a member of the United States Supreme Court since 1986, will be the featured speaker today at the Bellwood Lecture Series at the University of Idaho.

Sherman J. Bellwood was an Idaho native who began practicing law in 1941. He was elected to the bench in the early 1960s and served as an Idaho District Court Judge in Rupert until he retired in 1991.

Upon his death in 1995, it was discovered that his will stipulated an endowment to fund the Bellwood Lecture Series. It is the largest endowed lectureship at the University of Idaho.

Justice Scalia will speak at 4:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

Former series speakers include Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, author and philosophy professor Martha Nussbaum, journalist David Halberstam and law professor and author Charles F. Wilkinson.

Bids being accepted for Shoshone Falls project

TWIN FALLS - The City of Twin Falls is taking bids for a Shoshone Falls Park improvement project.

Sealed proposals will be accepted in the office of the deputy city clerk at 321 Second Avenue East until 2 p.m. Friday.

The proposals will then be publicly opened and read in City Council chambers at City Hall.

Contract documents with specifications and/or plans are available at the city engineer's office, 321 Second Avenue East. The fee for the documents and specifications is \$50 plus a \$15 mailing fee.

Wendell School Board will meet to select contractor

WENDELL - The School Board will meet at 7 o'clock in the high school library to canvas bids for installation of modular classrooms at the middle school. The board is also scheduled to select a contractor for the project.

The meeting is open to the public.

Fall weather prompts easing of fire restrictions

BOISE - Fall weather around the state has prompted fire officials to scale back fire restrictions, according to a news release from the Boise Interagency Logistics Center.

Starting today, restrictions in southern Idaho have been scaled back to stage one restrictions which limit open fires to developed recreation sites and restrict smoking to inside cars, buildings or cleared areas.

The restrictions are in place on Bureau-of-Land-Management and forest lands, including the Boise, Sawtooth and Salmon-Challis national forests, the release said.

Conditions and restrictions will be evaluated again next week.

More stories

Look for more Magic Valley stories on page B-4

Compiled from staff reports

Justice opposed removal

The Associated Press

BOISE - Chief Justice Linda Coppel Trout was on the losing side as the Idaho Supreme Court voted 3-2 to remove Justice-elect Daniel Eismann's authorization law from oversight of the West's biggest water-rights case.

The Aug. 31 decision came the day after Eismann, on the advice of Idaho Judicial Council Executive Director Robert Hamlin, said he would recuse himself from Snake River Basin Adjudication rulings after joining the high court in January.

Almost seven weeks earlier, on July 17, the Supreme Court

Chief Justice Trout: Judge Wood should have presided for continuity

voted unanimously that 5th District Judge Barry Wood would have to be reassigned from overseeing the process of legally sorting out about 180,000 water rights claims in 38 of Idaho's 44 counties.

Eismann's Aug. 30 letter to Trout provided another option she said.

"At the time we took our initial vote I didn't think there was any other alternative. I didn't believe we could ask Judge

Eismann to do anything and I thought that was our only alternative," said Trout, who was joined by Justice Gerald Schroeder last week in supporting reconsideration.

"I think that for the sake of continuity it's important to have Judge Wood preside. I think the litigants have a lot of confidence in him - all litigants - and I just think that that would have been the best way to handle it."

Wood has presided over the

Snake River Basin Adjudication since 5th District Judge Daniel Hurlbut left the court at the end of 1998. But Eismann, the 4th District judge who defeated Justice Cathy Silak in her bid for reelection in May, is married to Wood's sister. The two men also went to law school together, worked at the same law firm and practiced law together for three years.

Justice Wayne Kidwell, who joined Silak and Justice Jesse Walters in sticking with their original decision, said the integrity of the Supreme Court demands that all five justices

Housing issue stalls zone plan

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - This resort community is up to its ears in construction projects.

But that didn't stop the Ketchum City Council, the city Planning and Zoning Commission's work on a city comprehensive plan from getting hung up on the one key issue: city doesn't have enough of affordable housing, or housing priced below \$200,000.

That wasn't unexpected, though.

"It's the biggest issue we have," City Council member Maurice Charlat said.

One need only look at the "Help Wanted" signs in Ketchum store windows to know that there are not enough residents to do the work that needs to be done.

"We need affordable housing and I don't have a clue how to get it," he said.

Ketchum and Blaine County are working to hire a new director to oversee the development of affordable housing. City Administrator Jim Jaquet said.

The job has been advertised in newspapers in California and other states. The city and county hope to make an offer before the end of the year, he added.

The Planning and Zoning Commission deleted a "no-net-loss" affordable housing goal from the comprehensive plan after property owners complained, saying they wouldn't be able to sell their property.

And Charlat said the policy seemed upside down to him anyway - "I'm a captain on a ship saying, 'I don't want the ship to sink.'"

City Council member Christina Potters said the city will never get ahead if existing affordable housing isn't maintained while new housing is built.

Meanwhile, a fundamental question remains: Just how much should the city get involved?

Providing incentives for private developers to build affordable housing seems logical. But few developers have taken advantage of the incentives.

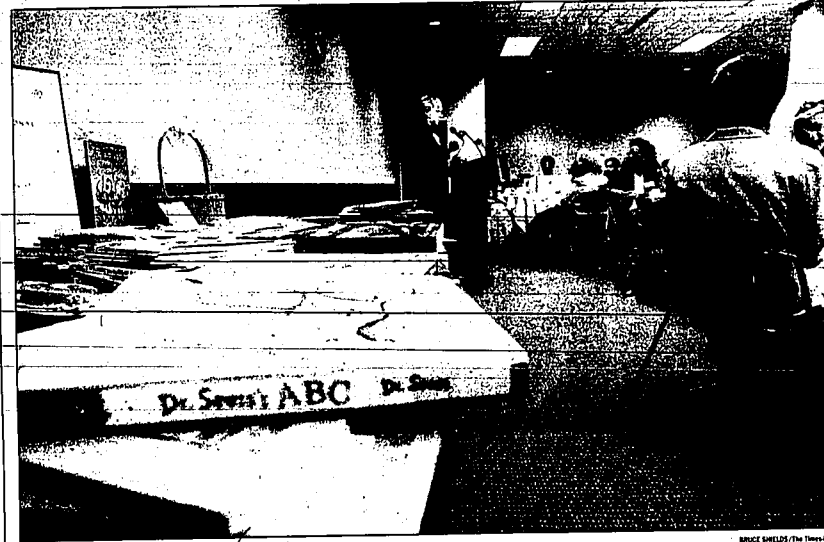
"Obviously, we're not doing something interesting enough," Planning and Zoning Commission member Peter Ripsom said.

The city also could use city property for affordable housing and identify local and federal money. It did, in fact, encourage the development of 17 affordable units in the past two years.

Problem is, Ketchum residents harshly criticized the council the last time it pushed affordable housing. Councilman David Hatcher, who lamented a lack of political will.

The city plans to continue the discussion at 9 a.m. Tuesday and at 4 p.m. on Sept. 19.

Idaho's first lady goes to school



Idaho first lady Patricia Kempthorne addresses the Zonta Club of Magic Valley literacy luncheon at the College of Southern Idaho on Wednesday. The goal of the luncheon was to raise money for the 'Born to Succeed' program and provide books for a migrant head start program. Kempthorne also visited area high schools to talk about drugs.

Patricia Kempthorne addresses club at CSI

By Brandon Flata
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - First lady Patricia Kempthorne stressed the importance of literacy and drug prevention in a series of speeches in the Magic Valley Wednesday.

The solution to the problem of drug abuse and the growing number of children in the criminal justice system is not more jails, but prevention through literacy, she said.

Kempthorne stressed the importance of literacy in her

address to the local Zonta Club, a worldwide organization serving women and children.

"It's such an important part of school readiness," she said. "Illiteracy is the root cause of so many problems."

Children who can't read are more likely to drop out of school and get into trouble, she said.

"We can make a better life for them," Kempthorne said.

During the meeting, Twin Falls Mayor Elaine Steele declared this week Zonta Literacy week, which coincides with Zonta's national literacy week,

said Eileen McDevitt, Zonta chapter co-president.

Some people who attended the speech donated books which will go to women at risk and the Migrant Head Start children's library, McDevitt said. In addition, a portion of ticket sales from the speech will go to Born to Succeed, a county-based program that helps pregnant young women, she said.

Kempthorne also visited area high schools where she told students to avoid alcohol. Students shouldn't feel pressured to drink or use drugs and instead should

get involved in school activities, she said.

Parents often don't talk to their children about the dangers of alcohol because it's legal, Kempthorne said.

"These kids are looking for answers, but often parents are too quick to judge," she said.

She said parents and teachers must be involved.

A counselor is available at the high school for students with drug problems, said Twin Falls High School Principal Ben Allen. There's also an all-night alcohol

State, federal grants help bankroll big increase in Jerome's budget

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - A variety of state and federal grants will trigger roughly a \$3 million increase in the city's 2001 budget.

The Jerome City Council Tuesday passed a \$9 million budget, with about one-fourth of the money coming from state and federal grants.

Meanwhile, the city's property tax levy will go down, city officials say. Recent growth in the city's industrial area has expanded the tax base, allowing a property tax reduction. The new city property tax levy will be .0082, or \$8.20 per \$1,000 of taxable property value, down from a levy of .0085.

Among the Highlights of the budget:

- A street improvement project for 12 blocks starting at North Lincoln Street and Eighth Avenue West, running west to North Duane Street, then south to West Main Street. The street will be resurfaced, curbs and gutters installed and a new bridge built over the irrigation canal located in the 700 block of North Duane.
- A new street sweeper, which will be covered by a \$102,000 state grant.
- A sewer line extension and roadway resurfacing to a milk processing company off East 100 South, covered by a \$200,000 community development block grant from the Idaho Department of Commerce.
- Upgrading a well, in the industrial park off South Lincoln Street, under a \$480,000 community development block grant from the Department of Commerce. The upgraded well would be connected to the city water system.
- Improving the sewer lift station in the industrial park, through a \$285,000 Environmental Protection

Agency grant.

- A poplar tree farm will be added at the city waste water treatment plant, under a \$12,000 U.S. Forest Service grant.
- The police department will pay for staff, training and equipment, with a \$35,000 Community Oriented Policing Services grant plus another \$13,200 grant. Both grants come from the U.S. Department of Justice.
- In other business, the city postponed a public hearing to discuss merchant assessments for a downtown local improvement district project.
- The merchants' share of the bill for the \$2 million project was \$360,000.
- Each merchant was assessed \$64.92 per street frontage foot. Incorrect assessments were recently mailed, based on an erroneous charge of \$75 per foot. City Clerk Kathy Miller said she had missed the deadline for mailing the corrected assessments, so the public hearing was postponed to Oct. 3.

JEROME - The City Council voted unanimously late Tuesday to uphold the validity of its decision earlier this year to suspend the city's chief of police.

But officials on both sides of the issue were tight-lipped Wednesday about details of the case.

Last June, the council suspended Jerome Police Chief Bill Reid for two weeks without pay after he refused to follow a three order from acting mayor Charles Correll. Officials, including Reid, council members, city attorney Rob Williams and mayor Dennis Moore have refused to give any details of Reid's suspension or the order he is accused of disobeying, saying only that it's a personnel issue.

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The council opted to recruit

City Council upholds police chief suspension

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

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TWIN FALLS



Pearl Mozelle Watson Ray

Pearl Mozelle Watson Ray, 87, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2000, at Heritage Manor in Twin Falls. She was born May 29, 1913, in Hyde Park, Utah to Israel E. and Fannie Watson. She was the seventh of nine children. She attended schools in Rupert, Buhl, Clear Lake and Hazlet, and graduated in 1931 as Salutatorian of her class. On July 26, 1932, she married Robert Kenneth Ray of Twin Falls in Elko. Neo The marriage was later solemnized July 8, 1935, in the Idaho Falls Temple. Pearl and her husband purchased a farm on the Salmon Tract where they lived for 58-62 years—raising a son and two daughters. In 1932, they purchased a home on Grandview Drive after the airport bought their home place. Pearl was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, belonging to the First, Ninth and Tenth wards. She taught six-year-olds in the Hazelton Ward at the age of 14 and had held many positions in her church, including teaching in the Sunday school and working in the Relief Society. She also served as Leadership Chairman on the Board of the Twin Falls Stake High School. Pearl also served as PTA president of the Mountain View School and was also a PTA Board member at Twin Falls High School. In addition, she was an active member of the Mountain Rock Grange and the Salmon Social Club. Pearl was employed in the news room of the Times-News for 6 1/2 years and then went to work as Office Manager and Representative in charge of the Federal Crop Insurance, USA office, a position she held for 15 years, receiving a sustained superior performance award. Pearl was an accomplished seamstress. Her daughters, granddaughters and great-granddaughters were the recipients of lovely dresses and play outfits. She made many lovely quilts, some of which won blue ribbon prizes at the Twin Falls County Fair. In later life she made and dressed lovely porcelain dolls. One of her children and granddaughters took one of her quilts each and every stitch put in with loving hands. Many were received at a quilt show in 1980. She was married and was loved by many. The light of her life was her family, her friends and her neighbors. Her soft gentleness will be missed. Pearl is survived by a son—Bill G. Ray of Twin Falls, Idaho, two daughters, Mary Lou Konzcos of Pocatello, Idaho and Roberta Lynn Crawford of Kimberly, Idaho, two grandsons, Mark (Clarence) Crawford of Kerns, Utah, Clint Crawford of Los Angeles, Calif., Tim (John) Crawford of St. Paul, Calif., Barry (Nicole) Crawford of Kimberly, Idaho, Kenneth (Anny) Ray of Salt Lake City, Utah, four granddaughters, Deborah (Dan) McHargue of Fair Oaks, Calif., Gail (Pamela) (Brody) Crawford Las Vegas, Nev., Lisa (Robert) Stacey of Jerome, Idaho, and Stacy Kaniotis of Pocatello, Idaho, step-grandchildren, Wayne (Paula) Hancock of Boise, Idaho, David (Emily) Hancock and Greg Hancock, both of Twin Falls, Idaho, two great-grandchildren and four great-step-grandchildren, one sister, Greta Bowen of Omaha, Neb., six sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law, and many nieces and nephews with whom she loved very much. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, six brothers, two sisters and one grand-granddaughter. The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, 2000, at the 10th Ward LDS Church on Park Ave. in Twin Falls, with Bishop Joe Allen conducting. Friends may call at White Mortuary on Friday from 4-8 p.m. and on Saturday from 11-4:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. at the church. The family suggests that memorial contributions be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

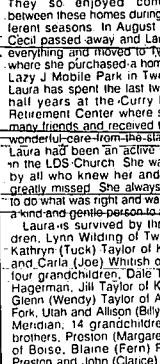
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Nieta Margaret Buxton

Nieta Margaret Buxton, 76, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday evening, Sept. 5, 2000, at her home. Nieta was born Sept. 20, 1923, in Royal, Neb., the daughter of John and Lulu Meyer. She grew up on a farm and loved to play the piano and treasured the memory of her mother playing the piano. On December 15, 1941, Nieta married Ralph Buxton in Lincoln, Neb. They immediately left Neb. to make their home in Southern Idaho. Nieta spent 59 years in Idaho, the last 14 in Twin Falls. She was a homemaker who enjoyed her family, country music, dancing, playing the guitar, singing, sewing, and cooking. Nieta is survived by her daughters, Ruby Buxton, a K. A. Ruby Buxton of Twin Falls, and Linda Parker of Vancouver, Wash., three sisters, Almeda Rose of Rupert, Idaho, Betty Emery of Fairfield, Calif., and Jessie Taylor of Stockton, Calif., six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Ralph, her sister Valida Meyer, and her brothers, Albert, Wilbert, and Gordon Meyer. The funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, 2000, at the Grogan Funeral Home in Pocatello, Idaho. Burial will follow at the services. Friends may call at White Mortuary on Monday, Sept. 11 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Memorial contributions be given to Idaho Home Health and Hospice, 200 2nd Ave. N., Twin Falls, Idaho 83402, or Magic Valley Hospice Services, PO Box 409, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

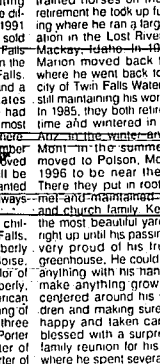
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John Hammer

John Hammer, 95, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. John was born Jan. 7, 1905, in Olds, Alberta, Canada, the son of John and Ida Hammer. He married Irene Rhoades on Feb. 11, 1931, in Butte, Idaho. He and Irene farmed in Burley, Paul and Jerome, moving to Twin Falls in 1958, when he retired from farming. He was a member of the Kootenai Cement Company and Amalgamated Sugar Company until his retirement at age 70. John was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and seven brothers and sisters. He is survived by three daughters, Bonnie Sampe and Peggy Hansen of Twin Falls and Patty Duane of Boise, four grandchildren, Torri, Rich, Lori Sampe, Michael McGuire and Jeffrey Hansen, two great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Graveside services will be held at Sunset Memorial Park at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2000. Friends may call at White Mortuary Thursday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

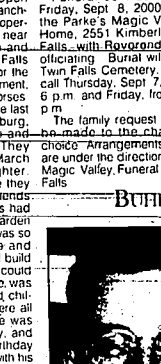
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William Kenneth Royer

William Kenneth (Ken) Royer, age 80, died Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2000, at his home in Polson, Mont. He was born July 14, 1920, in Newton, Kan., to Arthur Leonard and Ella Pierce Royer. In 1937, at the age of seventeen, because of health problems with the Kan. climate, he moved to Jerome, Idaho to live with his mother. He was a member of the Marion Joan Evans and they were married on Nov. 8, 1940. They were later joined by two sons and a daughter. In 1945, Ken joined the Twin Falls Fire Department where he became Assistant Fire Chief for a time and later retired in 1965. While working as a fireman he always ranched, farmed and broke and trained horses on the side. Upon retirement he took up full time ranching when he owned a large cattle operation in the Lost River Valley near Mackay, Idaho. In 1976, Ken and Marion moved back to Twin Falls where he went back to work for the City of Twin Falls Water Department, still maintaining his work with horses. In 1985, they both retired for the last time and wintered in Wisconsin, Mont. in the summertime. They moved to Polson, Mont. in March 1996 to be near their daughter, Thelma. In 1997, they moved there and maintained many friends and church family. Ken always had the most beautiful yard and garden right up until his passing and was so proud of his fruit trees and greenhouse. He could and did build anything with his hands and could make anything grow. His life was a joy and he and Thelma were all happy and taken care of. He was blessed with a surprise party, and family reunion for his 80th birthday where he spent several days with his children, grandkids and great-grandkids and many other family members and he was so happy with them all came and spent time with him to celebrate. He is survived by his wife of 60 years at their home in Polson, a son, Jerry P. Royer and wife Mary of Houston, Texas, a daughter Diane and husband Lee Atteridge of Polson, a son Richard K. Royer and wife Janet of Phillipsburg, Mont., eight grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren, three brothers and four sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and two brothers. A memorial service will be held at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson, Mont. on Friday, Sept. 7, 2000, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations be sent to Polson Community Church Building Fund, PO Box 103, Polson, Mont. A reception will follow the services at the Polson Senior Citizens Center. Arrangements under the direction of the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson.

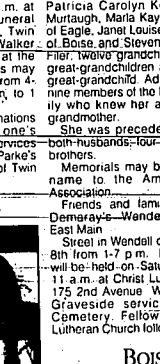
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Clifford S. Lowe

Clifford S. Lowe, 78, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, after suffering a heart attack. Cliff was born Jan. 31, 1922, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the son of Stanley G. Mabel-Mason-Lowe. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving his country from 1940-1944. On June 30, 1947, he married Regina Johnson and they were married for 53 years. After his marriage, he worked in several parts of Idaho and Wash. before settling in Twin Falls. He worked for 20 years at independent Mont. until another six years at CSI before retiring. Cliff enjoyed many years of camping, hunting and fishing in Idaho's mountain country. He was especially known for his ability to cheat on his nephews who were competing. He was a life-long fan of country music and loved to dance to big band music. Cliff was a kind, warm and loving husband and father, and he took great interest in the lives of his many friends, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Regina, one son, Dale (Kathy) Pore, two brothers, Marlin and Dave, four grandchildren and live great-grandchildren, along with several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Bonnie Jean

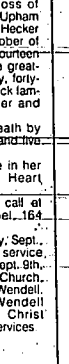
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Caroline Katharina Lapp-Kober Kirkpatrick

Caroline Katharina Lapp Kober Kirkpatrick, twin sister to Carl Lapp, passed away on Sept. 5, 2000, at the age of 79 in Twin Falls, Idaho. She was born in Bismark, N.D. on May 5, 1921, to German immigrants John and Catherine Lapp. Caroline attended schools in Mont. and Wyo. She moved to Idaho and married Ernest Kober in Jerome on Nov. 29, 1938. They resided in Jerome and later moved to Wendell where they owned a farm west of town. She married Eric H. Kirkpatrick in Nov. 1977. Caroline spent her life caring for her husbands and family. She was especially known for her ability to prepare a delicious meal from meager means. She shared card games, fishing and embroidery with many close friends. She enjoyed Christian fellowship as a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Wendell. She showered her abundant love

BOISE



Kathryn Swim Herrick

Kathryn Swim Herrick of Boise passed away unexpectedly at home on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2000. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2000, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9 at All Saints Episcopal Church, The Fairview David Wettstein will officiate. A private graveside service will follow at Morris Hill Cemetery. Services are under the direction of the Parkersville Funeral Chapel. The family will host a reception in Kathryn's memory at a location to be announced at the service. Kathryn is the daughter of Walton 'Jeff' Swim and Jean Gillette Swim. She was one of three children. Growing up her favorite times were spent with her family at the cabin her grandfather and his sons built in the 1920's on Pettig Lake in Idaho's Stanley Basin. She often related stories of her magical childhood to her children, and she held fond memories of her friends and acquaintances. Her high school sweetheart, Gerald D. Herrick at Twin Falls, Idaho. He later became her husband. Kathryn and Jerry had four children. They made homes around the country during their years at Utah State University, his wife as an instructor. Kathryn and Jerry shared his career with Ore-Ida Foods and the H. J. Heinz Company. Wherever the family went, Kathryn instantly created a sense of home and all her children have wonderful memories of their fun-loving, warm and caring mother. The family moved to Boise in 1968, and she remained in that city home in the years following. After her children were grown, the family continued to spend as much time as possible in the area and traveling around the world with grand-children too. Each grandchild has special memories of time spent traveling with their grandmother. We all loved her and will miss her terribly. Kathryn and her husband Jerry made significant contributions to their community and Idaho. They were ardent supporters of the Peregrine Bird World Center for Birds of Prey. Together they spearheaded the fundraising drive to complete the tropical reptile center at the Fund's Boise headquarters. She was also a long supporter of Albion College. Her alma mater to both her parents. Kathryn and Jerry arranged to leave a sizable legacy to both organizations following their deaths. Kathryn is survived by three children, all of Boise, daughter Tracey Girds of Troy, Texas, they graciously agreed to fundraise together to complete the tropical reptile center at the Fund's Boise headquarters. She was also a long supporter of Albion College. Her alma mater to both her parents. Kathryn and Jerry arranged to leave a sizable legacy to both organizations following their deaths. Kathryn is survived by three children, all of Boise, daughter Tracey Girds of Troy, Texas, they graciously agreed to fundraise together to complete the tropical reptile center at the Fund's Boise headquarters. She was also a long supporter of Albion College. Her alma mater to both her parents. 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Minidoka Elementary students get annual water safety training

By Aaron Brock
Times-News Writer

RUPERT—Many young students would rather spend an hour in a swimming pool than a classroom.

And for second graders at four Minidoka County elementary schools, that wish has become a reality.

The students, who hail from Heyburn, Memorial, Paul and Big Valley elementary schools, are based on Neptune Pool in Rupert for an hour each school day. The program started Wednesday and will run through the end of next week.

Students at the Mini-Cassia Opportunity Center can receive an exchange for giving the second graders swimming lessons.

Heyburn—Principal Nancy Kunaui started this program 11 years ago when she was the head nurse for the Minidoka School District. It is now run by Minidoka elementary nurse Laurie Stimpson and Lisa Adams, who has taken the head nurse position vacated by Kunaui's move to Heyburn.



Big Valley second grader Tyler Garner, right front, takes a break as his instructor, Melissa Tamayo, watches. Garner's classmate Josh Graham, left, practices his paddling with the aid of instructor Kim Sumner.

"It's been a really positive thing for the kids," Stimpson said, adding that it was also a good experience for the MCOC students to act as mentors and role models.

"It gives (the MCOC students) an opportunity to interact and think of services for others," MCOC Principal Lew Roberts said.

MCOC students have been earning health credits through the program for three years, teaching basic water safety and swimming to small groups of second graders. The MCOC students see it as their chance to get as much attention as he or she needs.

"We try to make sure we don't have more than five (second

graders) in a group, and we usually have two instructors 'a group,'" Stimpson said. "A lot of times it is one-on-one or two-on-one (instruction)."

Many of the MCOC students are fluent in Spanish, Stimpson said, meaning they can easily instruct Spanish-speaking second graders.

Minidoka School Superintendent Nick Hallett pointed out that while the program is fun for the students, it also had a practical side.

"We see it in a large part as a safety program," he said, noting the potential for drownings in the Snake River and the many canals in the area.

"A lot of these children have never even been in a swimming pool before, so we're giving them water safety and an idea of what to do if they ever do fall in the water," Stimpson said.

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Merchants talk beautification

By Ruth Stréeter
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BURLEY—It's been a long time since Burley had a road sign reading "Don't Commit Manslaughter."

It's unlikely to have one again. But other historical elements of Burley's downtown area can be salvaged and new ideas can be born.

The idea for a fountain outside Burley City Hall took on new meaning for Councilwoman Adria Masoner when she visited downtown Eagle on a hot July evening and let her children run through the fountain there.

"That's the whole point of bringing people to your downtown," Masoner said. "That really has to do with it."

With the help of John Bertram, a Boise city planner hired by the city for a \$39,000 seven-month study, the city will start to make downtown Burley a place where people want to shop. The efforts of Bertram and a team of architects, a graphic designer and a sign specialist will be paid for largely with private funds.

Bertram wants to capitalize on the city's history. A collection of brick buildings still inhabit Burley, and the city's original

streetlights, long since gone, "are the most stunning," he told almost 20 business owners, city officials and chamber of commerce officials Wednesday.

Bertram will meet with local merchants once a month and each meeting will focus on a different idea. A "storefront works" is planned Oct. 4, and from that meeting Bertram hopes a half-dozen merchants will agree to a "painting, cleanup" project of their own building that will get the ball rolling.

There are no tax incentives or public money available, Bertram said, but low-interest loans may become available down the road.

Before the city can hope to attract new businesses, it has to become a place businesses want to locate, Bertram said. Trees and attractive light fixtures pull the downtown together. Attractive and shopper-friendly sidewalks and safe, accessible parking are part of the preliminary plan.

"We need to get our ducks in a row before we can even think about bringing those stores in," Bertram said.

The city faces numerous obstacles: a struggling ag economy, lack of a central shopping center, no anchor stores, unsafe parking,

and truck traffic on Overland Avenue have been topics of discussion at previous public meetings.

"If we don't address trucks, I'm not sure we're not just throwing money in the wind," said business owner Brent Kerbs.

Mayor Doug Manning said an engineering company is currently looking at traffic and the results of a study are due soon.

Tourism might be the key to Burley through a better directory, having compelling freeway road signs advertising Burley, and having the chamber of commerce continue to do everything it can to get people passing through to see its much of Mini-Cassia as possible.

Burley could be the gateway to the City of Rocks National Reserve and the historical communities peppering Cassia County, Bertram said.

"Some people don't like tourism," Bertram said. "But tourism is one of the fastest growing economies in the state."

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Surgeon: Ketchum hospital didn't offer help for breast-care center

KETCHUM (AP)—One of three general surgeons in the area says she left because St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center offered no support for a much-needed breast care center.

"The frustrating thing about St. Luke's was that we had to believe for many years that they would be interested in creating a breast care center. I just realized in the last year that they were never going to do that," Dr. Alice Reilein said.

Police 47, said she is moving to Newport Beach, Calif., so she can work at a hospital with the advanced breast-care equipment she needs.

She estimated her practice

generated more than \$1 million a year in hospital-billing, with about 40 percent of that from breast-care patients. She said she serves up to 600 patients each year and operates on 50 percent to 60 percent of those.

She estimated the cost of a breast care center at less than \$1 million, an amount she said local philanthropists had informally pledged to donate.

"What that would mean for patients is they could stay here and get state-of-the-art breast care, which is not available anywhere in the state of Idaho except for some places in Boise."

"There is absolutely no equip-

ment that Police asked for that the hospital isn't in the process of purchasing," said Jon Moses, St. Luke's Wood River chief executive officer.

Moses said also St. Luke's is building a mammography suite in its new hospital under construction south of Ketchum.

"Police is not the only doctor who said she cannot get needed equipment from St. Luke's," the valley's only ophthalmologist, Dr. Stephen Graham, said the hospital has refused to purchase the equipment he has requested.

Moses replied Graham has never given the hospital a list of the equipment he needs.

Abion approves leaner budget

By Mary Lynne Bristol
Times-News correspondent

ALBION—The city trimmed about \$11,000 from its annual budget.

The City Council on Tuesday approved the city's 2000-2001 \$376,776 fiscal year budget—down from last year's \$387,825 budget.

The city gets most of its revenue from about \$220,500—from utilities. Its highest expense is electricity—spending about \$88,000 a year. This is followed by salaries at \$59,000 and insurance at \$26,000. Administrative costs, including

maintenance and supplies, total \$26,000. The city pays the Cassia County Sheriff's Office \$2,500 for law enforcement.

The 1999-2000 budget was amended to include the \$15,800 grant the city applied for on behalf of the Albion Four Leaf Clover Club to renovate the fountain in the center of the city park. Funds are also being used to beautify the area around the fountain.

Albion Fire District Commissioner Lamont Young said the district wants to improve fire protection and lower insurance rates by building a new facility and acquiring a better firetruck.

Kerry McMurray, the city's attorney, will look into whether the city can give property to the district or if it has to be leased.

Also Tuesday, Don Danner, spoke to the City Council about the new Albion Valley Planning Council. He said six subcommittees of volunteers have been formed and another is being formed to represent the various entities and aspects of the valley.

He said the purpose of the planning council is to preserve the education advisory panel, which the community would like to keep while allowing room for growth and economic stability.

Budget surplus could prompt debate

BOISE (AP)—With an eye to next year's legislative budget battles, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has created a pair of advisory groups to advise him on how to handle what could be a substantial budget surplus.

The state Division of Financial Management is expected to announce sometime this week the administration's best revenue estimates for the current fiscal year.

If, as expected, those forecasts show an even greater cash surplus than the Legislature anticipated last winter, it could trigger another fierce debate in the 2001 Legislature about how much of

the extra money should be spent on "tax relief" and how much should be spent on other things.

Idaho fires are only expected to cost the state between \$8 and \$10 million because most of the fires are fought with federal employees on federal lands.

Also competing for a share of the added tax collections will be Kempthorne's initiatives for children health and education programs. Kempthorne has created what spokesman Mark Snider described as "very much an informal group" to advise the governor on taxes and education.

"The groups are made up of

legislators, educators, business folks, financial experts and others," Snider said. "They're the same kinds of groups that the governor has sought out for their views all along."

Snider said membership on the two groups changes as they gather information to present to Kempthorne in the fall and winter.

University of Idaho President Robert Hoover is currently on the education advisory panel, while Rep. Delores Crow, R-Nampa, the chairwoman of the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, sits on the budget panel.

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free graduation party, he said. "The student body reflects the problems of society," Allen said. "Surveys indicate alcohol is the drug of choice. It's the beginning of the year and we want to be positive."

"I hope we can stop these problems," he said.

on water cases, especially from the tone of the action as I interpreted it," he said. "I think there was a responsibility for us to follow through on what the voters of Idaho had said."

Voter support of Eismann's bid to oust Silak was enhanced by the majority opinion she wrote last year in the court's 3-2 ruling that the federal government has a reserved right to all inappropriate water in three Idaho wilderness areas and the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area.

The court now is reconsidering that opinion.

Eismann got almost 59 percent of the 188,000 votes cast on May 23. But he said on Tuesday that he would have been willing to live with the recommendation he

solicited from Hamlin.

It concluded "that your impartiality could reasonably be questioned and that you should disqualify yourself from any case that is appealed from Judge Wood's court."

Any other course could create the appearance of a conflict of interest and risk having the case moved into federal court, Hamlin wrote.

How the justices resolved the problem, however, is different than some would have liked. While leading lawmakers and the state's top water lawyer accepted the court's rationale, they said Wood would be missed on what now is a 13-year-long case that has cost the state tens of millions of dollars.

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Firefighters begin returning home

HELENA, Mont. (AP)—Firefighters are leaving Montana by the plane-load as officials begin demolishing from the worst fire season in decades.

By Wednesday, 1,328 firefighters had gone through a fire camp in Missoula either to head home or go to other fires across the country. At least 300 firefighters returned to their homes in the southeastern and southwestern United States on Tuesday.

"The pendulum has now swung the other way," said Bill Cowin, incident commander for a fire camp that has been set up in Missoula to handle demobilization.

As of Wednesday, 86 large fires were burning on 1.6 million acres in Arkansas, California, Idaho, Mississippi, Nevada, South Dakota, Montana, New Mexico, Wyoming and Texas, according to the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho.

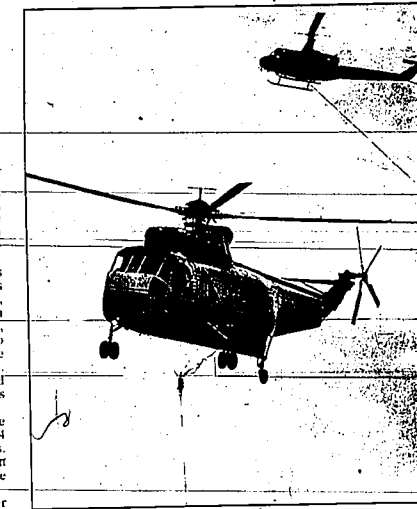
Nationwide, fires have burned more than 6.6 million acres this year.

Nearly 10,000 firefighters are in Montana battling the state's 24 largest fires on 645,289 acres. Cooler temperatures and rain have lessened the threat for more fires.

Mike Stearns, a firefighter from Ruscommon, Mich., joined nearly 500 other firefighters waiting for word on their next step.

"We were hoping for another assignment," he said. "We have 14-day assignments on these Western fires, and our assignment won't be up until next Monday, but it looks like we're going to be (demobilized) because there's no fire activity right now. The rains really helped."

Public land remained closed in parts of Montana's Bitterroot National Forest, where hundreds



A Sikorski helicopter strains to lift its 900-gallon bucket of water from Sheridan Lake, 5:07, while a Payette National Helitac helicopter, rear, returns to the lake empty Wednesday. At least 23 new fires broke out Tuesday afternoon and evening during thunderstorms in the Black Hills.

of homes were evacuated during the summer and 64 of them were destroyed.

"It's just important people realize that these are areas still closed to our forests," said Cass Cairns, public affairs officer for the Forest Service. "We still have active fire out there, and in terms

of public safety, it's important that we keep some of those areas closed."

Montana officials opened up millions of acres of public lands Tuesday. Favorable weather also enabled Idaho to reopen more than 2 million acres.

Burned teens updated to serious condition

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Two Utah boys who suffered serious burns when they fell into a hot spring in Yellowstone National Park last month were updated from critical to serious condition Wednesday.

"They are doing well, but they still have a long way to go," said Jeffrey Saffle, a University of Utah burn trauma surgeon for Tyler Montague and Lance Buchi, both 18.

Park rangers say Montague, of

Salt Lake City, Buchi, of Sandy, and Sara Hulphers, of Orville, Wash., were on their way back from swimming in the Firehole River the night of Aug. 21.

It was dark, rangers say, and the three were accustomed to running over a number of streams along the way home. They were walking arm-in-arm when they tried to jump over the horseshoe in the Lower Geyser Basin and ended up plunging into the 178-degree thermal pool.

Hulphers died about 14 hours after becoming completely submerged in the burning water.

She suffered third-degree burns over her entire body. Saffle said Montague and Buchi face multiple surgeries during the next few weeks as skin grafts become available from the Boston laboratory where they're being grown.

The teens likely face several more months of hospitalization.

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Elko has usual turnout for primary election

By Karen Terrell Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. — More than 35 percent of Elko County's registered voters went to the polls Tuesday to select candidates for November's general election...

Tuscarora, won his bid for the Nevada Senate with 2,668 votes. Challenger Gene Gustin of Spring Creek garnered 1,855 votes...

incumbent Roberta Skelton in the general election. Republicans Todd Schwandt and Warren Russell will advance to the November election for the county commission seat in District 5...

each other in the general election. Other candidates for the non-partisan office were Laura Grant with 1,035 and George Swett with 780 votes.

Dredge described the 35.43 percent turnout at the polls as "average" for a primary election.

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Murtaugh man takes mayoral seat

By Julie Pence Times-News correspondent

MURTAUGH — Paul Larusso is a man you will never see at a city council meeting...

On Tuesday, his fellow council members appointed him to fill the mayor's seat until the general election.

Larusso replaces Stacey Reyes, who resigned from the post. The council appointed resident Robert Scher to fill Larusso's seat.

He said charges are pending and if the juveniles are found guilty he will seek reimbursement for damages.

Larusso agreed to take on the responsibility of policing Murtaugh's streets after longtime peace officer Carl Tomin retired...

Councilman Dee Hunsaker Board the Murtaugh City Council Board in budget to help pay for an officer certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training academy.

Hunsaker said the council will speak to the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office about supplying a part-time certified officer.

Also Tuesday, City Clerk Joanne Bennett said the recent 31-13 vote against hiring a garbage pickup service clearly indicated residents didn't want the service.

Plaintiffs seek \$11.26 million from Aryan Nations

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A lawyer for a mother and son who were attacked as they drove past the Aryan Nations headquarters asked jurors Wednesday to award \$11.26 million in damages.

Following six days of testimony, lawyer Morris Dees, of the Montgomery, Ala.-based Southern Poverty Law Center, asked the jury to "send a message" to hate groups across the nation.

Dees suggested the jury award \$1.26 million in punitive damages and \$10 million in punitive damages. The jury began deliberating late Wednesday and could come back with its own figures.

The 12-member jury was to decide whether Aryan Nations leader Richard Butler and chief of staff Michael Teague were negligent in selecting, retaining, training and supervising the white supremacist sect's security staff.

In arguing for the defense, lawyer Edgar Steele blamed two security guards who took part in the attack — Jesse Warfield and John Yeager — and said Butler was not responsible. Steele argued that Warfield and Yeager were drunk, against regulations, when they attacked plaintiff Victoria Keenan and her son Jason on the evening of July 4, 1998.

Steele, who represents Butler, Teague and the sect, suggested jurors award the Keenans \$4,000 to \$10,000 each for their distress. Warfield and Yeager, who represented themselves as defendants, briefly addressed the jury, taking responsibility for the attack, but steadfastly refusing to implicate Butler. Steele's defense rested earlier in the day.



Spokane resident Wallace Keith makes his feelings known about Aryan leaders during the trial recently in Coeur d'Alene. He said he could not sit alone and be silent.

Dees asked the jury to award hefty punitive damages to send a message "to people who are evil, who are dangerous, who get on this stand and lie, who shoot at people down a public road."

Dees characterized Butler as a purveyor of hate who controls an army recruited in prisons across the country. Butler's vision of America is one of white superiority that ignores the accomplishments of the country's minorities, Dees said.

Warfield confessed the conscience of this community," Dees told the jury. "Tell Richard Butler, 'We don't

believe in your America,' Mr. Butler."

Dees has previously won large awards against the Ku Klux Klan and other hate groups. He has said he hopes the case will bankrupt the Aryan Nations.

Steele conceded there was "no question Victoria Keenan and her son are good people who were terrorized," but blamed Warfield and Yeager, whom he called "winnings."

"But for their drunkenness, these good people wouldn't have been injured," Steele said, arguing their wrongful acts could not have been anticipated by Butler and Teague.

He urged the jury to disregard Butler's racist, anti-Semitic views. "He may not be, in your eyes, an attractive man, and you may not like what he says or thinks," Steele said. "...but he's got a right to believe what he wants as long as it doesn't hurt people like the Keenans."

In his 90-minute closing, Dees argued Butler created an army of disaffected young men, using hatred of Jews and minorities to build loyalty.

"Butler uses white-hot words to get his followers to pick up the gun for the white race," Dees said.

Steele said Butler preaches intolerance, except in self-defense.

The 82-year-old Butler has tried to distance himself from the actions of Warfield, Yeager and a third former guard, Shane Wright, remains a fugitive. Warfield and Yeager were convicted of assaulting the Keenans and are serving prison sentences.

Supremacist: Lawsuits just push racists underground

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Lawsuits such as the Keenan vs. Aryan Nations trial drive fringe groups underground rather than put them out of business, said white supremacist Tom Metzger.

Metzger, 62, and his White Aryan Resistance remain vocal in the racist movement, despite losing a civil trial against Morris Dees and the Southern Poverty Law Center in 1990.

A California jury awarded \$12.5 million to the family of an Ethiopian student killed by a White Aryan Resistance-inspired gang.

"I lost my little old house, a small business and my wife," said Metzger, who came to Coeur d'Alene Tuesday from Fallbrook, Calif., to support Richard Butler and his Aryan Nations.

"You pick up the pieces and go on. I never stopped publishing my newspaper," Metzger said, holding an issue of the tabloid, "WAR."

But if Butler loses, his opponents may be shooting them in the foot, he added.

"If you take away his gathering place, you won't know where they are going to be," he said. Metzger said he has not attended the annual Aryan Nations Congress for several years because he does not agree with Butler's open organization. "I promote the lone-wolf cell

structure," he said. That philosophy calls for a few people to commit violent or criminal acts without exposing an entire movement or organization to liability.

"We're moving into Phase II," Metzger said. "I want to see pasteurized Butler rot with the dignity he deserves. It will be the end of a certain type of era. I think you can imagine what phase two is."

Metzger declined to elaborate, but threw out the example of suspected abortion clinic and Olympic bomber, Eric Rudolph, who was charged in the 1996 bombing of Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta and killed a number of people.

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Gooding puts up gates to protect irrigation water

By Almea Wilson Times-News correspondent

GOODING — The city has replaced its wooden irrigation gates with iron gates after complaints about the misuse of Silver Creek irrigation water.

Tuesday told the City Council the sturdier gates were put up at Fourth and Kansas streets.

Also Tuesday, the City Council approved the city's 2000-2001 \$2.9 million budget.

College of Southern Idaho's law enforcement program in July.

Police Chief Paul Brown announced that officer Anna Gonzalez had received her basic certification from the state of Idaho.

Audit questions Idaho department's travel costs

BOISE (AP) — Control over travel costs was lax during the final months of former state school Superintendent Anne Fox's administration and the first months of her successor, Marilyn Howard, legislative auditors found.

A new report cites expensive airline tickets, personal side trips billed to the state and unnecessary car rental costs as contributing to more than \$336,000 in travel spending by the state superintendent of public instruction's office during the budget year through June 1999.

Auditors cited problems including the fact that while travel requests required a supervisor's approval, actual expenses were not reviewed.

"Airfares to Washington, D.C. and Spokane, Washington, were higher than necessary because the most economical airlines were not used; this resulted in as much as \$22,000 in additional costs," said the report, dated Sept. 1.

But Lindy High, a spokeswoman for Howard, said travel is a necessary — not a luxury — for the Department of Education.

"Our consultants are supposed to be out traveling, working with people in those school districts," High said. "The expectation is

that they will help with training and technical assistance. We can't have everybody coming to Boise."

Among other things, auditors found that employees received full-size cars costing \$41 to \$100 per day instead of using less-expensive mid-size cars. Employees also let rental agencies refuel the cars rather than the cheaper option of filling up before returning them, according to the report.

Howard agreed with the conclusion that travel procedures should be tightened.

"We will now require supervisor approval of both travel requests and travel reimbursements to ensure compliance with travel guidelines that require that travel be conducted in the most economical and practical manner for the state," she wrote.

The audit report also recommended putting a stop to personal use of vehicles rented by the department. Auditors found that some employees allowed personal use of those rented vehicles by family members.

High said the Education Department recently issued a memo banning that practice.

FOR THE RECORD

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GOODING — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following:

Arraignments and appearances

Robert D. Binges, 89, 2142 S. 1400 E., No. C, Gooding, driving under the influence (excessive), sentencing today; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

William C. Eason Jr., 42, 523 Washington St., Gooding, driving under the influence (failure to purchase, invalid license), nonappearance to appear at hearing; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

John A. Amel, 28, 1222 Washington St., Gooding, driving under the influence, resentencing Sept. 14; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Rene Gomez-Gonzalez, 28, P.O. Box 421, Hagerman, walking, jury trial Monday; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Clara L. Kingston, 29, 3604 N. 1400 E., Twin Falls, maintenance, careless driving, jury trial today; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Martin H. Knowlton, 28, 2210 Cassman St., Gooding, driving under the influence to license, drug, arraignment continued today; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Walter L. Llanos, 31, 815 S. Fillmore, Jerome, domestic battery, pleaded guilty; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Shawn J. Miller, 23, 747 S. Wallace, Wendell, domestic assault, pretrial conference Oct. 12; jury trial Oct. 23; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Lance Edward Strout, 25, 117 Wyoming St., Gooding, battery, four counts, jury trial Oct. 23; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Kevin P. Eason, 42, no address available; driving without privileges, unlawful use of driver's license, court trial Sept. 13; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Donald S. Wenink, 19, 1404 S. 1800 E., Gooding, driving under the influence, sentencing today; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Harold James Perch, 19, no address available; burglary, \$34.00 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$25 public defender fee; 180 days' jail, suspended; 12 months' unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Ryan F. Jensen, 19, 2414 Fair Meadows, Boise, maintenance, careless driving, pleaded guilty, \$400 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days' jail, suspended; one-month probation suspended at the discretion of probation officer, possession of controlled substance; pleaded guilty, \$500 fine, \$400 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days' jail, suspended; 12 months' unsupervised probation; imposition to use drug paraphernalia; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days' jail, suspended; 12 months' unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Raymond J. Mathiak, 40, 250 E. Orchard St., Hagerman, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$225 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$25 public defender fee; 90 days' jail, suspended; 12 months' unsupervised probation; \$300 fine, \$225 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$25 public defender fee; 90 days' jail, suspended; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Amanda M. Mullins, 19, 1215 Utah St., Gooding, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, \$25 public defender fee; 12 months' unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Manuel Perez-Delacruz, 19, 2150 Main St., Gooding, battery; \$500 fine, \$63.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; 180 days' jail, suspended; 12 months' unsupervised probation; Immigration and Naturalization Service hold; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Charles Lee Putman, 31, 713 Montana St., Gooding, driving under the influence, \$2,000 fine, \$1,500 suspended, \$74.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; 365 days' jail, \$35 suspended, 24 months' unsupervised probation; 365 days' driver's license suspension; absolute driving with no license; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Adrian J. Meyers, 26, 309 N. Park, Dietrich, possession/intent to use drug paraphernalia, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

John Lester Smith, 21, 2501 Ave. E., No. 2, Wendell, battery; pleaded guilty, \$90 fine, suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; 180 days' jail, suspended; 12 months' unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Dismissals

Adrian J. Meyers, 26, 309 N. Park, Dietrich, possession/intent to use drug paraphernalia, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

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Court rejects relief for Idaho killer

BOISE (AP) — A federal judge on Wednesday refused to void the death sentence imposed on a Blackfoot man convicted of one of the most vicious murders Idaho has every experienced. In rejecting the claims of Richard Albert Leavitt, U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winnill also upheld the constitutionality of the state law used to justify Leavitt's execution. The rulings were appealed to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Leavitt, 41, was convicted of the July 1984 slaying of Dannelle Jean Egan, 31, who had been stabbed 15 times and sexually

mutilated. Her body was discovered in a blood-spattered apartment days after she died. Leavitt's attorney George ordered Leavitt executed under the state law that authorizes the death penalty for murderers that are "especially heinous, atrocious or cruel, manifesting exceptional depravity." Idaho's Supreme Court last year rejected Leavitt's arguments for reversing his conviction and overturning the death penalty, but he pressed them in federal courts. Leavitt contended that the heinous, atrocious and cruel pro-

vision of the death penalty law was unconstitutionally vague and did not provide unfair application of the death penalty. Winnill acknowledged that the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed with Leavitt claim in challenges to similar language in other state laws. But he pointed out that Idaho's Supreme Court has further limited the law to make it applicable only to a murder "accompanied by acts setting it apart from the norm of murders and that its commission manifests such depravity as to offend all standards of morality and intelligence."

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Town's Main Street endures hard times

COLFAX, Wash. (AP) — This Palouse farm town's Main Street is only about 10 blocks long, so the disappearance of just a couple shops and restaurants can have a big impact.

In the past couple years, more than a dozen such businesses have shut down. Residents blame a lengthy state project to rebuild Main Street — and they blame low wheat prices.

"It's something that's happening to a lot of small towns," Mayor Norma Becker said of the business decline.

"Right now we have very few stores where people can shop for their needs," Becker added. "We have one good clothing store. A place where you can buy sheets and pillow cases is nonexistent here. That's about the size of it."

The latest closure came last week, when a shop that had sold gifts and antiques shut down. Owner Sonja Hansen used some of her Social Security income to keep the business afloat in recent years.

"I've held on three bad seasons," she said. "It's cost me a lot of money. And it's not going to get better."

Colfax, founded in 1870 in what would become the heart of the Palouse wheat and barley country, has 2,700 residents today and serves another 2,300 in outlying areas. Colfax is the seat of Whitman County.

Many of the town's oldest buildings still line Main Street, but nearly half of them are empty.

Downtown's troubles started with a mid-1990s state project to tear up and rebuild the street and sidewalk on Main Street. Then came several years of Washington



The Hickman horse on Main Street in Colfax, Wash., is shown in this photo taken last month. Hickman Saddery is just one of several businesses that has folded or moved out of Colfax in the past year. The Palouse town of Colfax is enduring hard times due to low wheat prices and a lengthy Main Street repaving project.

Department of Transportation work on Washington-195 north of Colfax.

The highway links Spokane — 59 miles north of Colfax — with the Palouse, including Pullman, home of Washington State University.

Several business owners say the road projects drove customers out

of town.

"There's a lot of the retail stores on Main Street that depend heavily on the traffic driving through this community," said Gary Kopf, a Colfax Chamber of Commerce board member. "If they wait 40 minutes, when they get to town they're angry. There's no way

they're going to stop and have a pop-or-shop-in-our-antiques stores."

Meanwhile, prices for wheat and other grains have slumped several years in a row, draining income from area farmers and, in turn, the businesses they patronize.

Department of Corrections could get education program

LEWISTON (AP) — National Institute of Corrections auditors are looking into the possibility of colleges or private contractors providing educational programs for the Idaho Department of Corrections.

They also are studying how the department's educational programs can improve cooperation with other state agencies and Corrections Corp. of America, which operates the state's new prison south of Boise.

This week's audit comes at the request of Correction Department officials, who said they welcome recommendations aimed at improving efficiency and effectiveness.

"We probably should have done it sooner," Jake Howard, the agency's institutional services administrator, said Tuesday.

Howard cited questions about whether prison education programs have been effective in reducing the return rate of inmates to prisons, and Senate Education Chairman Gary

Schroeder's failed bid to transfer control of those programs to the state Board of Education.

The department plans to spend about \$1.1 million of its \$93 million state budget this year on education programs. It also gets about \$650,000 in federal funds for prison education.

Meanwhile, legislative leaders have appointed Sen. Betsy Dunklin, D-Boise, and Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, as ex-officio members to a new advisory committee on correctional education. The panel will include representatives of the Correction and Education boards, the Department of Juvenile Corrections and state schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard's office.

Dunklin said the committee's creation is clearly an effort to avoid legislative approval of Schroeder's bill.

"I hope it's a sincere effort to improve the quality of education for prisoners," she said. "It remains to be seen where it goes."

Judge puts white sturgeon proposal on a faster track

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A federal judge has ordered the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to speed up the mapping of critical habitat for the Kootenai River white sturgeon.

U.S. District Judge Samuel Conti ruled the agency must release a final habitat proposal by year's end — still five years late.

Conti's ruling pleased both environmentalists and local private-property owners. Both want to see what the government has in store for sturgeon recovery.

Boundary County commissioners, who do not normally agree with environmental groups, applauded the decision. Commissioner Kevin Lederhos conceded, "They probably would like a large area of critical habitat designated, and us a smaller one."

But farmers and landowners along the river want to know what restrictions will accompany sturgeon protections, Lederhos said.

Under the Endangered Species Act, the government was supposed to designate habitat critical for its survival and recovery by 1995.

In a lawsuit filed in Conti's San Francisco court in 1999, the

Center for Biological Diversity accused Fish and Wildlife of failing to map habitat needs for sturgeon and three other species.

The sturgeon thrived in the river system until the mid-1960s. Sediment from farm fields and construction of Libby Dam drove populations down, biologists speculate.

The fish were listed as endangered in 1994, and the critical habitat designation was required within a year of that.

Fish and Wildlife officials told the judge budget cuts forced their delay and asked for a stay until Jan. 15, 2002.

But Conti ruled the government must not be justified further delays. He ordered a draft habitat designation within 60 days and a final proposal in 120 days.

"The solution of being over-obligated and underfunded rests with Congress and not with the court," Conti wrote in his opinion.

The agency will have trouble meeting his time frame, said Susan Martin, Fish and Wildlife Spokane supervisor.

The other species named in the decision are the Bay checkerspot butterfly, the Monterey spineflower and the robust spineflower.

Police charge Utah chiropractor with sexual battery after session

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — A chiropractor has been charged with one count of sexual battery after police say he improperly touched a woman during an office visit.

Morgan Dee Carlson, 43, of Logan, was booked into the Cache County Jail on Monday, but was released shortly afterward.

Logan Police say a 24-year-old woman complained about Carlson's actions during a March 17 office visit.

City attorney Lee Edwards, acting as prosecutor in the case,

declined to comment.

Wally Bugden, Carlson's attorney, said Carlson is innocent until proven otherwise.

The doctor is anxious to have an opportunity to defend himself before a jury of his peers. We believe he will be acquitted," Bugden said.

Bugden said the charges arose from a miscommunication about what kinds of touching are required by chiropractors or acupuncturists in order to make diagnoses.

Court sends Idaho man to prison

BLACKFOOT (AP) — A husband and father of two will spend at least the next 11 years in prison.

Juan Martinez Rios, 27, was sentenced in Bingham County District Court on Tuesday after pleading guilty to first degree murder in July for shooting Victor Rosales, 22, at a trailer court in Aberdeen last October.

He could serve up to life in prison but will be eligible for parole in 11 years.

Rios had asked Judge James Herndon to consider that he and many other men had been drinking, arguing and fighting before the shooting.

Rios' wife and children, ages 3 and 9, live in Mexico. He had come to Aberdeen to work during the summers to support them, his mother Maria Martinez said.

Since the murder, she and his father have moved to St. Anthony because they fear repercussions from Rosales' friends and family.

There has been a long-standing dispute between the two families, she said. Rosales' father, Roberto, cried before the court and told Herndon he wanted the stiffest penalty possible for the man who shot his son.

"I invited them into my home and this is how they repay me," he said.

Rios' 48-year-old father, Juan Martinez Maldonado, will be sentenced for evading police when driving his son away from the scene of the shooting. He could face up to five years in prison and a \$50,000 fine.

A GOOD-BYE KISS



Tiffany Barnes gets a kiss from her mother, Joanna, as Tiffany starts her first day of classes at Shaeta Elementary School in Klamath Falls, Ore., on Tuesday.

Flour reveals century-old body

PAROWAN, Utah (AP) — A body unearthed by a flash flood is believed to be that of a white male who died more than 100 years ago.

Iron County sheriff's Deputy Mark Gower said Tuesday there was no evidence of trauma.

The body, which could be as much as 150 years old, was discovered late Friday east of Parowan by a private property owner, Gower said.

The body was found partially exposed and in remarkable shape for its age, Gower said.

Government aims anti-drug ads at Indians

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration on Wednesday unveiled a \$2 million advertising campaign aimed at fighting drug abuse among American Indians, who have the highest rates of drug use in the country and suffer the crime and other social problems that accompany addiction.

"I'm dismayed at how poorly we've responded to this problem," Clinton drug control adviser Barry McCaffrey said. He spoke at a conference of tribal leaders and substance abuse experts organized by the White House and other government agencies.

A federal study released last week found that 19.6 percent of teenagers use illicit drugs, the highest rate of any group in the nation. The national average for those aged 12-17 was 9 percent.

And although a lower percentage of Indians drink alcohol than the general population, alcohol-related deaths among Indians aged 15-24 are 17 times higher than the national average, McCaffrey said.

McCaffrey showed off anti-drug print and radio ads his office is backing that will run in 79 tribal newspapers, eight national newspapers or magazines and scores of radio stations. The print ads include images of Indian fathers and sons, telling readers to "pass down the traditions and communicate to our youth that drugs are not part of our Native cultures."

"Doing drugs is not the Indian way," the young announcer in one of the radio ads says.

Jumbo Foods issues a recall

BOISE (AP) — Jumbo Foods, Inc. in Mukilteo, Wash., issued a recall of its Lunch Box Smoked Turkey sandwiches distributed to convenience stores throughout the state, including Jacksons Food Stores.

The company said the product is potentially contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, the frail or elderly or people with weakened immune systems.

The recalled sandwiches bear a red and blue label with the words "Smoked Turkey" enclosed in a lunch box design. They expire Sept. 25.

Jumbo-Foods said no illnesses have yet been reported. The company has stopped making the smoked turkey sandwiches while the Food and Drug Administration investigates the cause of the contamination.

The sandwiches were also sold in Washington, Oregon, Arizona and southern California.

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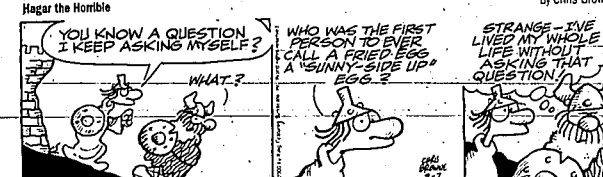
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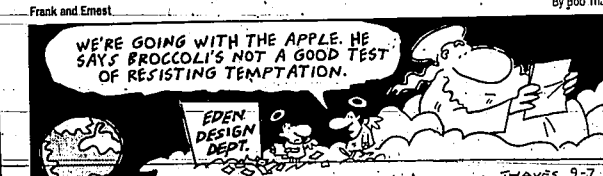
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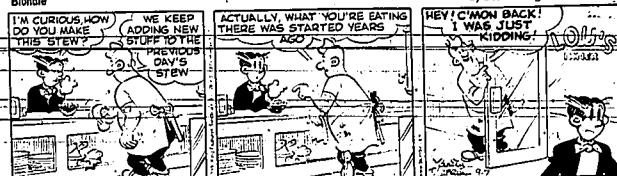
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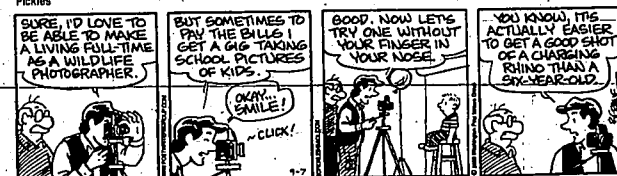
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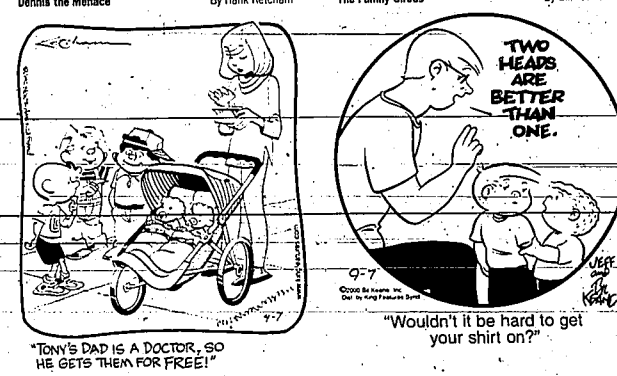


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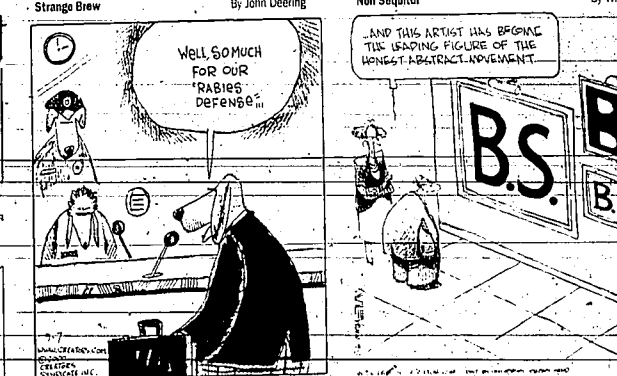


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WORLD

U.S. Marine faces jail for fondling teen-ager

TOKYO - A U.S. Marine who pleaded guilty to charges of fondling a teen-age girl on the Japanese island of Okinawa was sentenced Wednesday to two years in prison by a military court. Lance Cpl. Kenny K. Titcomb, 19, an electrician at the 1st Marine Corps on Station in Okinawa, was found guilty of committing an indecent act, unlawful entry into a residence, drunken driving, underage drinking and disorderly conduct, said Marine Corps spokesman Capt. Joseph M. Pfenzer. Titcomb pleaded guilty to all charges Wednesday and was convicted the same day at a court-martial at Camp Butler on Okinawa, Pfenzer said. Titcomb's rank will be reduced to private, and all allowances and pay forfeited. Upon completion of the sentence, he will be given a bad-conduct discharge, which is slightly less severe than a dishonorable discharge. Titcomb's hometown was not immediately available.

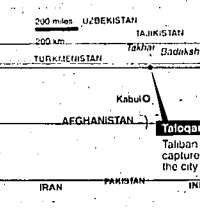
Russian troops detain, beat AP reporter in Chechnya

MOSCOW - An Associated Press reporter was detained, beaten and held in a covered pit overnight by Russian troops sweeping Chechnya's capital for rebels. The treatment was similar to that meted out to Chechens daily by Russian forces trying to regain control of the breakaway republic. The incident came amid tight security to ward off anticipated rebel attacks on Wednesday's anniversary of Chechnya's 1991 declaration of independence.

Reporter Rustan Musayev, an ethnic Chechen, was buying food at Grozny's central marketplace Tuesday afternoon when Russian troops stopped him and demanded his documents. Musayev's passport does not show him as registered as a resident of Grozny, so the servicemen took him to a military base at Kankalaka. Troops often use Russia's strict residency registration laws to detain people, usually fighting-age men, in Chechnya, Musayev did not have documents identifying him as a reporter.

Fighting in central Somalia claims at least 25 victims

MOGADISHU, Somalia - Fighting involving hundreds of Somali gunmen armed with heavy machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades left at least 25 people dead and 18 injured in clashes in villages north of Mogadishu, witnesses said. The clashes broke out for more than five hours Monday in villages near Jidwahr, 55 miles north of the capital. Last month, Somalis meeting in neighboring Djibouti elected their first president and parliament in a decade. The deal has yet established a permanent president in the war-torn country. A government has yet to be named, and there is no public security force to impose order.



Taliban says it has taken key northern Afghan city

KABUL, Afghanistan - Taliban fighters, including Taliban units captured the key northern city of Taloqan after heavy fighting, dealing a major blow to the opposition. The soldiers entered the city early Wednesday, taking at least

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80 opposition fighters as prisoners and seizing a large amount of weapons, including tanks, said Taliban spokesman Sohail Shahzad. But a Russian security officer, Col. Gen. Aleksei Kozlovskiy, denied that Taloqan has fallen to the Taliban, the Russian Interfax news agency reported. Taloqan had been under siege for several weeks after the Taliban soldiers captured several key northern towns in a string of victories last month. Both the opposition and the Taliban have refused to release casualty figures.

French government ends negotiations with truckers

PARIS - Prime Minister Lionel Jospin refused to negotiate further with French truckers angry about soaring fuel costs, urging them to end a three-day blockade of fuel depots that has forced airplanes to cancel flights and gas stations to run dry. "The government will not go any further," Jospin said. France's largest trucking union rejected a government proposal to reimburse truckers for fuel costs and threatened to step up a massive blockade of oil refineries and fuel depots. The proposal would have given drivers a 20-cent reimbursement per gallon of fuel this year and a 14-cent refund per gallon on gasoline taxes next year. But the union wants an additional tax break of 5.6 cents per gallon in 2001, said a statement by the federation, which noted truckers were preparing to "reinforce their mobilization."

Rebels say European hostages will be released

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines - Six Europeans held hostage for months in a southern Philippine jungle will be freed Friday, their Muslim rebel captors said Wednesday. Their release would leave one foreigner - an American - and 12 Filipinos in the hands of the Abu Sayyaf rebels. Rebel commander Ghalib "Robot" Andang telephoned negotiators to notify them of the date of the Europeans' release, chief government negotiator Rodrigo Duterte said. Andang had promised 10 days ago to free all the Europeans within two weeks. His rebel faction is holding two Finns, a French and a German, all kidnapped April 22 from a Malaysian diving resort, and two French journalists.

Hezbollah celebrates Israeli withdrawal, election wins

BEIRUT, Lebanon - After years of battling Israeli troops in south Lebanon, the Hezbollah guerrilla movement now looks set to play a significant role in Lebanese politics after voters rewarded the "party of God" with gains in parliament elections this week. Hezbollah, treated as heroes by many Lebanese after Israel's May 24 withdrawal from the south after two decades of occupation, has said little about its political agenda, but is talking about focusing on the social services they're already providing to their Shiite Muslim constituency. In voting Sunday in south Lebanon, the Bekaa Valley and Beirut, Hezbollah increased its delegates in the 128-member legislature from seven to nine - with three Hezbollah-backed candidates also winning seats. Since the Israeli withdrawal, Hezbollah has provided services, such as water and health care, that the Lebanese government was slow to supply in the former occupied enclave, wire reports

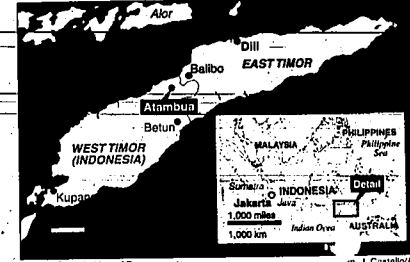
U.N. force prepares to evacuate workers

Anti-independence forces storm aid office, killing three

DILI, East Timor (AP) - Thousands of pro-Indonesian militiamen and their supporters stormed a U.N. office in West Timor on Wednesday, killing an American and two other foreign U.N. staffers who worked to help refugees and burning their bodies. A U.N. force flew into the Indonesian territory to evacuate remaining workers, officials said. Witnesses said Indonesian security forces, long blamed for Timor's continuing tragedy, stood by and did nothing to prevent the killings and the torching of a U.N. office in the West Timor town of Atambua. In addition to the three dead, several foreign staffers for the U.N. refugee agency escaped and three were injured, one of them seriously, police in Atambua said. The seriously injured staffer was a young woman who was hacked by an ax-wielding attack-

UN workers killed in West Timor

The United Nations evacuated its staff from Atambua, West Timor, by helicopter after at least three foreign staffers were killed by armed pro-Indonesian militia members and their supporters. Thousands stormed the Atambua office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees and beat the workers to death, burning their bodies in the street. Fifty-four people have been evacuated to East Timor's border town of Balibo.



Source: Compiled from AP wire reports. Three dead workers were identified as Samson Aregabehn of Ethiopia, Carlos Case of the United States and Pero Simundza of Croatia.

West Timor is controlled by Indonesian, while East Timor voted last year to separate from Indonesia and is now administered by the United Nations. Pro-Indonesian militiamen in the region rampaged after the East Timor independence vote, and clashes between pro-Indonesian groups and U.N. peacekeepers have become more frequent of late. "These were peaceful, unarmed humanitarians who gave their lives trying help those who had lost everything in conflict," U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Sadako Ogata said in a statement issued in Geneva. "Words cannot express the sorrow of all at UNHCR as we feel today, and our hearts go out to the families of the victims." Four helicopters flew to Atambua and safely evacuated 54 people to East Timor's border town of Balibo, said Norwegian army Col. Brynar Nymo, a peacekeeping spokesman. Nymo said the mercy mission was launched with permission from the Indonesian government.

Australia natives focus on spotlight

Aboriginal rights activists hope to use Olympics for cause

Chicago-Tribune. BOTANY BAY, Australia - By the eucalyptus trees on the bay where the first white man landed to claim Australia for the British Crown, Kevin Buzzacott of the Australian people fueled a fire that has been smoldering Down Under for two centuries. His flames have kindled the passion of tens of thousands of aboriginal people, moderates and radicals alike, who want to turn the Olympics that start next week into a platform for lost land rights and better treatment. They also demand an apology for past crimes white Australia committed against its indigenous population.



Aboriginal residents warm themselves around a fire in the Sydney slum of Redfern. Many Aboriginals feel bitter about the Olympic Games, saying they will be hidden away or exploited. Others, however, are excited and say they'll have an opportunity to explain their struggles to millions of viewers around the world.

The Sydney Games, already lambasted for their exorbitant corporate sponsorship and commercial greed, may become the Games during which a forgotten native people, and not the gold medal winners, move into the limelight. In the beginning "Uncle Kevin's" fire was only a symbolic gesture for reconciliation between white and black Australia. Today it has become a rallying cry for the remnants of an Aboriginal population whose voice rarely is heard or taken seriously in world forums. The flame, carried in a long-burning native hardwood, was lit in early June during a ritual ceremony of tribal elders at central Lake Eyre and carried on-foot by the 68-year-old Buzzacott for 86 days and 1,500 miles across the continent to this bush National Park on the river's drive south of Sydney. There it flickers as a log fire, a reminder of pre-colonial days when tribal messengers walked across the country, sometimes for weeks, to carry the fire of peace and friendship to other tribes. It was a "time, Buzzacott says, when "fire was our totem, our peace offering. It warmed our hearts, our souls and stillled our spirits. With fire we called on our ancient spirits and fire overcame hard times."

Today the fire he lit is also burning at an aboriginal tent camp outside Parliament in Canberra and in Victoria Park, next to Sydney University, places he visited to spread the flame. In Sydney nearly 100 Aboriginals are living in igloo-type tents and makeshift hovels under a sign: "Aboriginal Tent Embassy." A totem pole pays tribute to the heroic Eora People whose land was in Sydney. Their chief, Penulway, fought a guerrilla war against the British settlers for 12 years before he was caught and killed. The campers are the vanguard of an expected 100,000 Aboriginals and their supporters who are determined to make their voices heard during the Olympics: one way or the other. "Our country is sick and the healing should be done here, right on this spot where it all started," said Buzzacott, a tribal elder who is famous as a healer. "From the time of (white) land, the country became sick. They took away our lands. They knocked off our medicine and our bush trees and replaced them with their own plants. They cut

our land open for their mines, dumped waste in our deserts. Oh, mate, there's a lot of sickness out there and all I want is people to think about that and talk about it." But fires can burn out of control. The government has given the Aboriginals a permit to protest near Sydney's airport, but radicals want to take their cause right into the Olympic Village. "To really protect you need to do it in an illegal manner and not one that's totally coordinated by police-and-nice-and-clean," said activist Murrando Yanner. As Australia made the final preparations for the Sept. 15 Olympics, the United Nations Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination added fuel to Buzzacott's fire of peace by criticizing Canberra for its treatment of aboriginals and asylum seekers. The unexpected criticism was a cold shower for a nation brimming with confidence after weathering the Asian economic meltdown without major damage. Australians today seek a global role after their nation's troops successfully lead a U.N. peacekeeping mission in East Timor. The Olympics are the

newly acquired self-confidence. "Right now we might act like a mob of five-year-olds at a party. Just hope the present government has enough sense not to let things get out of hand," said Richard Laidlaw, a senior political adviser. "The opposite may be happening," crime Minister John Howard said. "The government already notorious for refusing to apologize to Aboriginals for the Stolen Generation debacle in the 1960s and 70s, during which aboriginal children were taken from their parents and bluntly told the United Nations it was meddling in Canberra's internal affairs. U.N. human rights committees no longer would be welcome in Australia, the government said. "We'll only agree to visit someone to do so," said Foreign Minister Alexander Downer. This was a few days before Downer joined Western nations in condemning the Myanmar government for human rights violations of opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

Croat police arrest war crimes suspects

ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) - Police arrested two Croat men suspected of belonging to a group that waged a killing spree in a Bosnian Muslim village in 1993 during Bosnia's war, an interior ministry official said Wednesday. The two men, both 35, were found hiding in the rural Adriatic city of Zadar and were immediately arrested, said police spokesman Ivan Jelic. The arrest of the two men may

help vindicate a Bosnian Croat army general who was convicted by the international war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, earlier this year for taking part in the killings in a village, a village of central Bosnia. It is widely believed that Gen. Tihomir Blaskic, who was sentenced to 45 years in prison for ordering the ethnic purges that left hundreds of Muslim civilians dead, was framed by top Croat

political officials. One-time allies against Bosnian Serbs, Bosnia's Croats and Muslims turned against each other in 1993 and fought a year-long war for territory. Many political analysts believe the conflict was ignited by secret plans by Franjo Tudjman, the late authoritarian president of Croatia, and his nationalist party, then in power, to carve out territory for Bosnian Croats and join it with Croatia proper.

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Wapiti

The lowdown on elk

Here is the elk hunting forecast from Bruce Palmer, Jerome-based regional wildlife biologist for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game:

- **Smoky Mountains and South Fork of the Boise River (Unit 43)** - Weather will determine elk-hunting success. With adequate rain, it will be good, but if conditions remain hot and dry, hunting will be mediocre at best.
- **San Valley to Galena Summit (Units 48 and 49)** - Elk survival has been good and the area has good hunting potential. The Big Wood River is low, but there's still water in the area.
- **North of Timmerman Hill between Carey and Fairfield - The Little Wood is quite low, but has enough water to get through the season. The elk could be hard to find if fall is warm and dry.**

Wapiti hunting could be challenging

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

Elk hunting could be a mixed bag this year. The big guys are out there - and they've sired a bumper crop of calves to follow in their hoofprints, thanks to a mild winter and spring.

But biologists are worried about declining bull numbers. And the dry conditions that made elk hunting tough last fall threatened to put a damper on this season too - at least until the cool,

It's coming

Opening Day: Oct. 5 or Oct. 15, depending on area.

wet spell over Labor Day weekend. Though there were no winter kills, summer's sizzling temperatures and lack of rain have left even the hardiest of these animals hurting - especially if they've had trouble finding good forage.

The same thick skin that helps elk withstand bitter cold also makes them more susceptible to heat because they have a hard time regulating their body temperature. Hunting season for elk begins Oct. 5 or Oct. 15, depending on the area.

If you plan on hunting elk this fall, you'll have to be smart about it, said Bruce Palmer, Region 4 wildlife biologist for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

If the weather reverts to warm and dry,

you'll need to head for the hills where it's cooler and avoid hotter, open areas. That said, Bellevue outfitter Jim Super observes that he's seen plenty of big game down low in the Warm Springs drainage near Ketchum.

Watch where you're walking and avoid crunchy pine needles and fallen-tree boughs when stalking elk. If it's extremely dry, you should plan on hunkering down next to a big game trail and let them come to you. You're not going to see them before they hear you in dry

brush and grasses, said Richard Simerly of Simerly's, a Wendell sporting good store.

Moisture plays a huge role in the lives of these animals, so you'll likely find elk near water sources, in aspen pockets where the leaves haven't fallen off, and on north-facing slopes with decent timber stands.

They're likely to be most active after dark. "The biggest thing a hunter can do this year to ensure a good hunt is to pray for rain," Simerly added.



AP photo

Several years of mild winters should make for plentiful deer this fall, Fish and Game officials say. The only question is whether the drought has made for less robust animals.

Weather could set stage for good deer hunting

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

Forget about Boise State vs. Idaho football: Deer hunting should be the best game going in the Gem State this fall.

The past few winters have been mild, ensuring the survival of lots of fawns. The only question is whether

Get ready

Opening Day: Oct. 5

this summer's hot, dry conditions have left deer less robust than they might be after a more normal year. And hunters transferring tags from areas closed by fire may add to the competition

for deer this hunting season.

But Labor Day weekend's rains may have helped immensely, making tracking conditions less crunchy.

"It just really depends on what happens weather-wise between now and the opening of hunting season on Oct. 5," said

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With a few exceptions, upland bird prospects look promising

By Stu Murrell
Times-News correspondent

This should be a good fall to hunt quail, gray partridge, chukar, sharp-tail and forest grouse.

But pheasant and sage grouse are a different story. The two popular upland bird species may have been hit hard by alfalfa harvest, drought or fires.

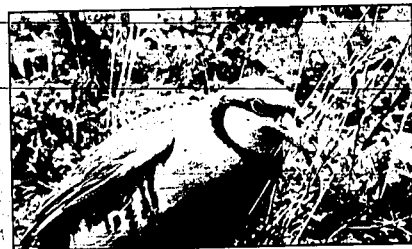
Before you hunt, keep in mind that the rules have changed this year. The state upland game and waterfowl stamps have been eliminated, but anyone hunting sage grouse or sharp-tails must have a \$150 permit.

Also, the federal migratory bird harvest valuation for \$1.50 is still required. Hunters after doves, ducks, geese, coots, sand-hill crane or common snipe must have this permit.

Here's the forecast for upland bird hunting in south-central Idaho:

- **Forest grouse (ruffed, spruce and blue)** opened Sept. 1 and these birds should be plentiful.

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STU MURRELL/The Times-News

Chukar partridge have been spotted in large numbers in some of southern Idaho's rugged canyons.

Isolated tract maps available

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation have published a new map that shows more than 100 isolated tracts available for public hunting in the Magic Valley.

These areas are managed for wildlife under a cooperative program developed by the three agencies. The map also shows the public land available for access in the valley.

It's free and available from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game office in Jerome, as well as BLM offices in Twin Falls, Burley and Shoshone.

OUTDOORS

TIME FOR A TUNE UP

Proper firearm preparation is necessary for a successful hunt

By Stu Murrell
Times-News correspondent

Hunters have a better chance of bagging a trophy buck or a game bird if they take care of their guns.

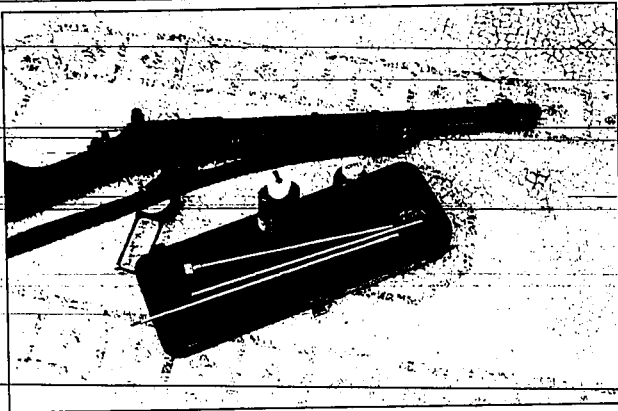
The first step is to clean the firearm and check it over closely. Does the safety function as designed? Will it feed the cartridges smoothly? Are all the screws tightened?

To properly clean a rifle or a shotgun, you'll need the right kit for the caliber and length of barrel. These kits are labeled for different guns and come with instructions.

First, make sure the gun is unloaded and double-check the magazine for additional shells. It's hard to fathom how someone can be shot accidentally while "cleaning his gun," but it happens now and then.

Most cleaning methods involve a solvent on a brass or nylon brush to dissolve powder, lead or copper fouling. This is passed through the barrel several times.

The second step is pushing a dry patch through the barrel until it comes out clean. There is usually enough residue from the solvent to keep the barrel free from



Take time to clean and oil your shooting iron before hunting season arrives.

rust in a dry climate such as southern Idaho.

Step No. 3 is wiping the outside of the barrel and action with oil on a rag to prevent rust. Salt from a shooter's hands can cause a light rust to develop on blued surfaces.

Lightly oiling the working parts of a firearm also helps in its operation, but avoid overlubrication as this can cause dirt to col-

lect or even freeze the action in extremely cold weather.

Once your gun is ready to go, take time to select the proper ammo. For example, don't use varmint loads if you're going after big game. Once a gun is sighted in for a particular bullet weight and brand of ammo, the shooter should stick with that load. For hunting deer, any caliber of adequate size — .243, .30-

.30, .270, 30-06 and on up through the Magnums — will work well.

Practice is vitally important. Sighting in your gun before hunting season and then practicing from various positions and distances is the best way to prepare for a hunt. Just picking up a gun shortly before opening day, then blasting away at a can and calling it good isn't enough preparation. Choose a safe practice site with



Practice shooting your gun with the same ammo you'll be using during hunting season.

a good backstop for your bullets. A paper plate, which is about the size of the kill area on a deer's chest, makes a great target.

Try to find the distance at which you can't hit the target consistently. That way, you'll know which shots are out of range when you're hunting. This might be only 100 yards for an iron-sighted 30-30 rifle or 300 yards for a scope-sighted rifle in the hands of an experienced marksman.

Shotgunners should practice on clay targets in preparation for the bird season. Local skeet trap or sporting clays ranges are available throughout southern Idaho. Enlisting a buddy to throw clays can also make a fun outing.

When to clean your gun is an individual choice, but if you've used the firearm in wet weather a thorough cleaning is probably in order. Use your judgment, but a properly cared-for gun can be a treasure for future generations.



Pheasants will be hard to find this fall.

Birds

Continued from D1: ful because of the mild spring. Hunters may want to scout their intended hunting areas since large fires have wiped out a lot of habitat. Dry conditions in the high country may also cause a redistribution from the normal haunts of these birds, and some public lands have been closed because of extreme fire danger.

• Sage grouse season opens on Sept. 16, and hunters can expect to find them concentrated around water sources if dry conditions continue into the fall. Look counts were about the same as last year, according to Randy Smith, Jerome-based regional wildlife manager for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Drought conditions may have killed some young sage grouse and big range fires have affected their distribution.

• Sharp-tail grouse are a bright spot in the bird forecast, Smith said. Mild spring weather should

produce a bumper crop of these birds.

They're concentrated on Cropland Reserve Program lands and on the Curlew National Grasslands south of American Falls and Pocatello. Private lands under CRP are set-aside and planted with permanent cover that benefits wildlife as well as preventing erosion. Most farmers are willing to let sportsmen hunt on their CRP lands.

• The hunting season for California and bobwhite quail also starts Sept. 16, and they appear to have had a good hatch. Lower-elevation birds, evidently started nesting earlier than normal with the warm conditions, and some quail will be full sized by the opener. They are commonly later nesters, with broods coming off in late June or early July.

• Chukar season begins on Sept. 16, and reports of large broods are coming in from peo-

ple who frequent the canyons where they live. These birds also will be concentrated in wet areas, where hunters should find good numbers. But many springs have dried up this summer, so chukar chasers may have to look elsewhere.

• The gray partridge (Hun) is always a wild-card until hunters report their findings. Last fall was a banner year, but populations of these speedsters fluctuate for no apparent reason.

• Pheasants were hit hard by the early cutting of alfalfa this year, Smith said. Pheasants are attracted to this crop for nesting in early spring since it's still enough to protect the hens.

This year, the first cutting of alfalfa came in mid-May to early June — when most hens were still on their nests. Swathing or chopping destroys nests and can kill the hens. In a typical year, the first cutting occurs in mid to late June.

Deer

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Bruce Palmer, Jerome-based wildlife biologist for the Idaho Department of Idaho Fish and Game.

Richard Simerly of Simerly's, a Wendell sporting goods store, agreed.

"The hunting season really does depend on the weather," he said. "If we get early snows, it'll bring the animals down from the mountains so they'll be more congested and easier to track."

Here are Palmer's hunting predictions, area by area:

• South Fork of the Boise River and Smoky Mountains (Unit 43) — This area should be exceptional since many does gave birth to twin fawns this year and at least one had triplets. Forest conditions are good.

• Sun Valley north to Galena Summit (Unit 48) — Good hunting potential because of above-average survival of deer and elk. Unit 49 also looks promising, due to the mild winter.

• South Hills (Unit 54) — The mild winter and spring helped fawns survive. Going into the fire season there were lots of twin fawns and a good number of deer. The big question is how fires affected this tender deer.

• Albion Mountains — The deer



Mule deer have been making a comeback in southern Idaho.

numbers aren't as good as elsewhere in Region 4, but they're better than last year. Focus on the denser timber stands.

• Sublet Mountains — Deer numbers are better than last year, thanks to the mild winter. The area hasn't had any major fires so there are decent stands of

timber and aspen in which to look for deer.

• Bennett Hills — This is a great area for hunting mule deer. Some pretty significant fires in the area probably won't affect the hunt this fall, but loss of feeding habitat may hurt deer numbers next year.

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OUTDOORS

Volunteers deliver fish to remote lakes

Modified scooters take off

COFFEE CREEK, Calif. (AP) — Charlie Steele wrestled coolers filled with tiny swimming fish onto his mule, lashing the load down with a rope hitch. His family developed during 150 years of running pack trains into the Trinity Alps Wilderness.

Steele and others ferrying trout to remote mountain lakes were carrying on a tradition dating to the 1920s, when Trinity County residents first started saddling up their pack horses and mules each summer to stock isolated lakes.



Volunteer horsemen have been saddling up to deliver trout to remote mountain lakes of California.

Roads were poor or nonexistent through the Klamath Mountains of northwest California early in the last century. That hasn't changed.

The area is so remote the state Department of Fish and Game has been using airplanes to drop fish into the larger lakes since the 1950s.

However, the quality of fishing had seriously declined by the early 1990s, particularly in smaller lakes and streams the airplanes couldn't reach.

Local members of the Backcountry Horsemen of California talked the state into letting them take up where their parents and grandparents left off. In 1993, they again began the annual trek into the mountains northwest of Redding.

"You can't imagine what a thrill it was the first time we went in," said Mary Hamilton, whose family ran fishing trips from 1909 until their resort was flooded by Clair Engle Lake in 1959. "Those lakes hadn't been stocked since the '50s, and to see those fish swim out... You'd eat lunch, then go see how your fish were doing."

Earlier residents lashed oval, slot-lidded "fish cans" to mules and horses to carry in the fish. At night, the cans — similar to old-fashioned milk cans — were laid on their sides in swift-running streams, so the water rushed in and kept the fish alive.

Today, plastic picnic coolers are lined with 10 pounds of ice. Two to 3 pounds of 2-inch fingerlings — 400 to 600 tiny rainbow and eastern brook trout — are laddied into plastic bags with 5 gallons of cold water. Oxygen is

pumped into the bag and the top sealed.

The ice and oxygen keep the fish healthy as the coolers are fitted into large leather-and-canvas saddlebags for the sloshing trip up steep mountain pathways. Despite the heat and stress, generally only a fraction of the fingerlings die before they can be delivered.

"If we lose just a few fish, we think that's a lot," said Redding resident Alan Hill, board chairman of the national Backcountry Horsemen of America, who holds the event each year on his ranch near Trinity Center. "There's a lot of tradition and history and friendships here. Families have been doing this for years and years."

Each mule carries two coolers, or at least 600 wringing fingerlings. Using 27 pack animals over two days this month, about 30,000 fish were delivered to 14 lakes — with mixed results.

One group of mules and riders wound their way seven miles through thick stands of redwood, cedars, ponderosa pine and Douglas fir, across marshy meadows spread beneath sawtooth ridges, to the rocky shore of Union Lake. The shallow lake was heated to bathwater temperature by the hot sun, however, and at least four dozen of the ice-cooled fish soon sank to the bottom and died.

"Come on, children," Jim Griffith of Palo Cedro called to the fingerlings. He aid others tried stirring the water and gently tossing stunned fish deeper into the lake to revive them.

"You can never find water this warm when you're backpacking," Griffith groused. "Then it's right off the snow."

As he and the others settled down for lunch, an osprey — also called a fish eagle — flew across the lake with a shrilil cry and settled in a bare-topped pine tree.

Things went better the second day, when not a single fish was lost at Eleazar Lake. After a steep scrambling climb up a high ridge overlooking snowcapped Mount Shasta — however, the group inadvertently missed restocking heavily fished Shimmy Lake. Hill said he thinks the group mistakenly stopped about a half-mile short and left its load of fish in a tiny unnamed rock-strewn lake instead.

This year's mortality rate may have been unusually high in part because the fish were stressed during their trip from the hatchery, said Bernice Aguilar, the Department of Fish and Game's district fisheries biologist for Trinity County.

The cost to taxpayers is minimal because the horsemen are volunteers and the fish would be grown anyway, he said.

"It's good for them, it's good for us," said Aguilar, an honorary member of the horsemen. He regularly quizzes backwoods anglers on their success at mule-stocked lakes and streams and monitors marked fish.

"You can catch 14, 15-inch trout on a fly rod. This is a tremendous difference to what was there before," said John Ellery, a veterinarian from Anderson who helped pack in the fish. "If they can catch three or four fish and have them for dinner, that's a big deal. Whether you're 8 years old or 80, that's pretty neat. We went through a 10- or 15-year period where you couldn't do that."

Fish are among the easiest cargoes packed into the Trinity Alps. Steele's great-grandfather began hauling in supplies for gold miners in 1849 — including 16-foot-long pipes that stuck out 8 feet in front of the mule and 8 feet behind. His great-grandfather once packed in an upright piano slung between two mules. Cast-iron stoves and heavy mining equipment were moved the same way.

His mother, Ethel, 83, still rides her mule and helps out on knarled hands and surgery on both hips and a knee.

"I have a little trouble getting on, but after I'm on I'm fine," she

said. She started her own pack train at age 11; her son, Charlie, said he shed his first horse at age 9 and led his first pack trip at 12.

Like others who lived in the remote area early in the last century, her family first started packing in mining equipment, then switched to running hunting and fishing trips after World War II. Her late husband, Nathan A. Steele, had a contract to stock about 25 lakes in the 1950s, just before the state switched to dropping the fish in from airplanes.

Henry Carter, a miner born on a Coffee Creek homestead ranch in 1874, helped start the annual fish pack trips with his brother, Jess, in 1924.

Working with friends at the Mount Shasta Fish Hatchery, he and Jess basically swiped the first batch of 16,000 fish from shipments intended for other lakes because they hadn't ordered them a year in advance as required, Carter told a nephew in a 1969 interview.

Carter, who died in 1973 at 99, recalled blasting a mule trail around one rocky point a few years later, so he could stock the distant Caribou Lakes.

Such lakes often lack adequate food and spawning areas to support a self-sustaining fish population, and can freeze solid or cut off oxygen in a harsh winter, Aguilar says.

In addition, many of the larger breeding-size fish are caught before they can reproduce, meaning the lakes must be periodically restocked.

Hill's father, Clair, was a 14-year-old Boy Scout in the mid-20s when he was recruited by his scoutmaster, Jess Carter, to drive the fish truck from Redding to Coffee Creek. Then, as now, the fish site came from the Mount Shasta Hatchery, though in the early days they were sent by train to Redding.

Hill himself was just 12 when he helped pack in fish along the McCloud and Pit Rivers in the early 1950s. He spent the summer helping care for the horses his father's civil engineering firm used to survey land for a Pacific Gas & Electric hydroelectricity project along the McCloud and Pit rivers.

BRIAN HEAD, Uiah (AP) — Try 'em. You'll like 'em.

It's a cycle shop at the Brian Head Ski Area. Lock up the mountain bike, strap on a helmet and ride down the mountainside on a scooter.

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That's what they're called: Digglers. What they are is a modified scooter with big wheels, a big baseplate and brakes front and rear. Still, they're just a scooter. They're a grown-up version of the scooters kids ride down drive ways and sidewalks.

The manufacturer says they're stable, even on the roughest mountain trails, and they are, it also says they can go down anything a mountain bike can and they will. And it says they are easier to ride than mountain bikes and for some, they are.

"With the lower center of gravity, in fact, the baseplate is lower than the axle on the wheels it is, much more maneuverable than a bike. Also, the wheelbase is longer than on a mountain bike, which makes them more stable," said Peter Herzog, director of communications in the Diggle offices in Petaluma, Calif.

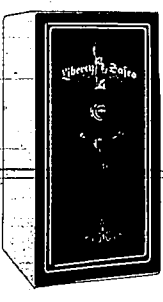
Apparently the inventor, Rob Freuchtenicht, grew up riding skateboards, bikes and, of course, scooters, and wanted to enjoy the experience in the mountains.

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Backpacking duo survives trailblazing

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — On their last epic journey, Mike Coronella of Salt Lake City and Joe "Mitch" Mitchell of Heber City came away overwhelmed by the raw beauty of southern Utah and northern Arizona.

"This time, while making a 101-day, 600-mile backpacking trek, it was human nature, more than anything nature, that impressed them."

"This trip was supposed to be a wilderness trip and it turned out to be more of a people-trip," Coronella said. "Usually people were pretty surprised to see us. Most of the time, they would ask us if we were lost. I was really impressed with how well people treated us."

"One man offered them cash, which they couldn't really use, and when they jokingly asked if he had a cold beer, the man returned an hour and a half later with a six pack. On other occasions, motorists stopped to give them water and two canyoners from Colorado gave them a water filter after their gave out."

However, not everyone was glad to see the grizzled pair.

Coming out of Zion, high water on the east fork of the Virgin River made a canyon section called the Barracks impassable, so they had to climb their way out. Over the process of the 6 1/2-hour climb, all of their water containers were destroyed, so they had to hike into the nearest town for water containers.

While they found a store in the polygamist enclave of Hildale where they could buy two-liter soda containers (and turn them into water containers), Coronella and Mitchell were not welcomed by the townsfolk.

"That is a weird, weird place," Coronella said. "We could not wait to get out of the town. People would stop their car in the middle of the road."

Coronella said, "We could not wait to get out of the town. Nobody would say hello to us."

Fortunately, the soda-bursters they purchased held up better than their high-tech water containers. Their journey, combined with a similar trip last year, was designed to map a national trail connecting national and state parks, using public land. The biggest burden, particularly because of this summer's drought, was finding water. The pair was resupplied every few weeks for food, but they were always on the hunt for more water, eventually ending their trip 16 days early by cutting out the San Rafael Swell, because of the lack of drinkable water.

"We ran into some elderly sheep ranchers who told us the water we could expect to find in the San Rafael Swell, if it was going to be there, would be so

alkaline and so contaminated with heavy metals, we couldn't drink it anyway," Coronella said.

Mitchell and Coronella, two days from a resupply, cut their trip short, hiking overtime to their final destination outside Arches National Park.

While Coronella and Mitchell didn't need to hike through the Swell, they still plan on another trip to hike the 70 miles they skipped by the Barracks that they need to complete their trail, which links six national parks, one national monument and one national recreation area in Utah and northern Arizona. The trail will eventually run about 750 miles and will be exclusively on public land.

Beginning in March, they ran into waist-deep snow in Zion National Park. They had jettisoned some lightweight snowshoes, so they fashioned homemade snowshoes out of juniper branches. There were plenty of snakes, and in the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, they camped too close to what turned out to be cougars in heat.

"They were howling," Coronella said. "It's a pretty unnerving sound when you're lying in the dirt."

The terrain turned out to be

more dangerous than wild animals, particularly the North Rim of the Grand Canyon.

"The virtue of us wanting to go on was the biggest danger," Mitchell said. "There were times when we were wondering whether or not we could advance."

"That place tried to kill us pretty much every day around every bend," Coronella said. "It was so intense. Concentrate on the task at hand or die."

The stress of finding water every day and navigating occasionally wore on the two. They admitted they had a few "Blair Witch Project" type moments.

"We experienced that a few times," Mitchell said, "where we were arguing over which way to go. We were definitely relying on each other, so that helped take some of the strain off."

The most difficult part of the trip may have been ending it.

"The hardest part is coming back to the valley and it being so crowded here with the heat," Coronella said.

After speeding along at 2-4 1/2 mph for months, Mitchell was in for a shock when his girlfriend drove him home.

"Traveling that fast was really, really weird," Mitchell said, "I kept stomping on an imaginary brake. When you come out of the wilderness, you also notice the way your voice sounds inside. I found myself talking in hushed tones because of the echoes. I had gotten used to my voice disappearing."

'Super pipe' will have boarders doing flips

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — Snow-groomers-turned-heavy-equipment-operators are spending the dog days of summer bulldozing the largest Olympic snowboard halfpipe ever into a hillside at Park City Mountain Resort.

And immediately after the last rider jumps down his last trick in the 2002 Winter Games, they'll give it an unceremonious burial. Snowboard and alpine ski racers will then trample the snowy grave-on-their-way-through the parallel giant slalom and giant slalom courses, respectively, that will be set over the top of it.

Park City and the Salt Lake Organizing Committee have come up with a unprecedented way to accommodate spectators and satisfy an International Olympic Committee requirement that snowboard events, including slalom and halfpipe, all finish in the same place.

Tractors are moving some 50,000 cubic yards of dirt to widen and steepen the snowboard venue finish area in the Eagle Race Arena at the base of the resort. The venue calls for more than 500,000-square feet of mostly man-made snow, an area greater than 33 football fields.

The halfpipe at the bottom of C.B.'s Run will be one-third below ground.

Park City will bring in a special, high-priced machine known as a "pipe dragon" to carve out a bigger-than-usual halfpipe known as a "super pipe."

At the conclusion of the halfpipe competition, the trough will be filled with snow and groomed for the snowboard races that begin two days later.

"It didn't happen this way in Nagano," said Melissa O'Brien,

Park City communications manager.

Workers will have 48 hours to push tons of snow over the halfpipe and transform the run into a slalom course for both snowboard and alpine skiing.

"Based on my experience and the experience of the groomers," said Hervig Demschler, SLOC director of alpine sports. "It depends on how much grooming equipment you have, and you have enough at Park City."

The existing halfpipe on the PayDay run has two major drawbacks.

First, many snowboarders say it's too small and therefore too dangerous for the kinds of aerial stunts and twists they want to perform. (That argument helped prompt the International Ski Federation, which governs snowboarding worldwide, to approve a super pipe for the 2002 Olympics.)

Second, it is only accessible via Sno-Cat or riding the chairlift and skiing down.

"That's what these events are all about: people being able to watch. That feeds a lot of the athletes' passion for the sport," O'Brien said. Park City will erect bleachers in the finish area and build a mound parallel to the halfpipe for viewing.

Halfpipe riders also have a passion for "phant" tricks, meaning exceptional maneuvers that catch big air. Traditional halfpipes on the World Cup tour aren't big enough to satisfy their craving to soar higher and twist more. Americans particularly prefer the spacious dimensions of a "super pipe," seen in only a handful of North American resorts.

"The hardest part is coming back to the valley and it being so crowded here with the heat."

— Mike Coronella, backpacker

Titanium cookware: Less will cost you more

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Ever try eating hot-Ramen noodles with a spoon with the handle cut off? Instead of merely burning your tongue, you can scald your thumb, chin, throat, nose and lips all at once with big-sputtering dribbles. Not to mention go hungry.

Serious backpackers are more wary-conscious than a Slimfast spokesman: They trim tags off their sleeping bags and drill holes in their toothbrush handle. While packing, they count matches and skip the salt to shave ounces, but have to accept the weight of their high-country cookware.

Now they may have to worry about it blowing around in the wind instead.

New titanium cookware weighs on average half as much as comparable stainless steel, is tougher, non-rusting, or corrosion-resistant, and lacks the bad flavor of aluminum. Picking up a titanium mug the first time is astonishing.

It also costs twice as much. Hikers and campers buy about 80 percent more traditional stainless and aluminum cookware than titanium because of the price, says Steve Wendel at Recreational Equipment Inc.

"It's pricey, but nice," he said.

"If you want really lightweight, it's the way to go."

The hottest thing in cookware is actually a terrible heat conductor, said Nate Borne, spokesman for Snow Peak camping gear, a Japanese company that debuted in the U.S. last year. But titanium, the 22nd element on the periodic table, is so strong it can be made super thin, allowing heat to transfer.

"Thin means light. How about a stove with no joose parts weighing in at 2.5 ounces, about five cups keys. Or a double-wall insulated 11-ounce mug weighing 3 ounces (\$35), compared to 7.6 for a stainless one of the same size (\$15).

Comfort level when backpacking is largely a matter of how much stuff you can carry. Hikers in Japan love high-end equipment, and Snow Peak has 2,000 products there, ranging from tents and sleeping bags to tables.

They choose to bring only the titanium compact backpacking and mountain climbing equipment to the U.S., along with their Giga Power titanium stove, winner of Backpacker Magazine Editor's Choice Award 1999.

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Galan starts up Tejano music show this week

RUPERT - Gloria Galan will host a Tejano music show from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, starting this weekend on La Fantastica, KTFA 970 in Rupert.

The station was looking for a Tejano disc jockey and the job just fell into place, said Galan, a Twin Falls City Council member.

"I'm excited because I've never done anything like this," she said. "It will give us an opportunity to give the Magic Valley area the Tejano music. A lot of people come from Texas and stayed here."

The number of request songs will be 1-877-369-2028.

Although born in Oregon, she was raised in Texas and loved the music and the dances, Galan said. "All of my family are dancers," she said. "Back then in Texas you had the music every day and knew the artists by name."

Her program will spotlight such Texas-based bands as Grillo Maz and Los Palominos. Tejano music has a distinct sound peppered with accordion and sax, she said.

Las Hermanas Vega will take the stage at El Dorado

BURLEY - Las Hermanas Vega, a popular singing group of four sisters from Salt Lake City, will perform live with Banda Santa Maria de Michoacan from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday at El Dorado 2000 in Burley. Tickets are \$30 per couple and available at the door.

'Fusions' Sunsplash 2000 offers 'Beach Bash' dance

TWIN FALLS - Fusions' Sunsplash 2000 beach bash dance will be held from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sept. 16 at the National Guard Armory on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

The cost is \$5 per person and only people 18 years and up will be admitted. Bring identification and dress in island attire. The event is sponsored by Fusion Entertainment Mobile DJs.



Noticias

Critically acclaimed group from Mexico City performs

BURLEY - Los Angeles de Charly, a critically acclaimed group from Mexico City, will perform chart breakers including recent number one hits "Me Vas a Recordar," "Mentiras" and "Amor Secreto" at El Dorado 2000 in Burley.

Also performing will be Los Miller and El Indio Chamo. The dance begins at 8 p.m. Sept. 15.

There will also be a beauty pageant for girls ages 3-7 to mark Mexican Independence Day. Tickets are on sale now at Aguilas Con El Techo and at all Video Mexico locations.

Radio show welcomes variety of guests

RUPERT - Upcoming guests on Amanecer Idaho, the talk show on La Fantastica, KTFA 970 include:

Friday - Farhana Hibbert,

Sept. 13 - Doug Manning, mayor of Burley

Sept. 14 - Maria Jensen, Options Counseling.

The show starts at 9:30 a.m.

Hispanic Business Association meets Monday

BOISE - A meeting of the Hispanic Business Association will be held at 6 p.m. Monday in the Cancun restaurant, 6919 Overland Road in Boise.

For more information, call Elizabeth or Alice at (208) 322-7033, Ext. 242.

Gates Foundation closes gap with donation of computer software

By Kellee Gaston and Pat Marcantonio, Times-News writers

TWIN FALLS - Yangot en Espanol.

Four area towns can better serve Spanish-speaking people with a *gracias* to a donation from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Twin Falls, Burley, Oakley and Jerome public libraries each received a computer gift package from the foundation. The package includes four computers, Internet access, printer, software, training and technical support. At some libraries, one computer is set up with Spanish-language software and Internet access and one is specialized for children.

"The Gates Foundation is concerned that there is a gap between lower-income people and automation," said Arlan Call of the Twin Falls Library. "We are happy to receive them (new computers) as they are the nicest computers we have."

The gap, termed the "Digital Divide" by the Gates Foundation, defines the technology and those who do not. The foundation says it strives to bridge that divide. Its program assists libraries in communities with a poverty rate of at least 10 percent, based on U.S. Census Department data for 1990.

"It's pretty neat stuff really," Call said of the gift. "I wish more billionaires would play the game this way."

Overall, the four additional computers have doubled the number of visitors to the Burley Public Library and the Spanish



At the Twin Falls Public Library, Barbara Allen with the library foundation watches as Twin Falls City Council member Gloria Galan tries out a new computer which caters to Spanish-speaking people. The computer was one of four donated to the library by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

software is used by several library patrons, library director Julie Woodford said.

"What is really fun is to watch the small children," she said. The educational games in Spanish are an easy way for people to gain computer literacy, Woodford said. She also invites Latinos to let the library know of any programs the library should add.

Staff members at the Burley Library can also help Hispanic people locate Spanish versions of Internet pages and establish e-mail accounts on free services like Hot Mail and Yahoo, she said.

Twin Falls City Council member Gloria Galan tried out the Spanish-language computer at a



Buhl Mayor Barbara Glotzen checks out the new Spanish-language computer in the Buhl Public Library. The computer will have the same programs as other library computers and access to the Spanish web sites on the Internet.

recent open house in Twin Falls.

"It's going to be fun," she said.

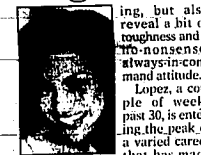
Lopez still looks good in newest project

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - There are certain constants, certain truths. No matter what goes on around us, these will not change: blue.

Death, and taxes, are inevitable. And Jennifer Lopez looks good. The native New Yorker is plugging her latest, a science-fiction thriller "The Cell."

It is the eyes of Lopez, though, that jump out at you. On screen, Lopez's eyes convey seductiveness. Up close they remain entic-



Jennifer Lopez

ing, but also reveal a bit of toughness and a bit of non-sense, always in command attitude.

Lopez, a couple of weeks past 30, is entering the peak of a varied career that has made her rich - she made about \$10 million for "The Cell" - famous, and one of the hottest stars on Earth.

The movie represents a different type of role for her. "The Cell" is a somewhat surreal film in which much of the action takes place inside the mind.

Lopez plays a child psychologist who has been recruited to explore - using a radical scientific process - the mind of a demented serial killer (played by Vincent D'Onofrio), to try to find clues to the disappearance of one of the killer's possible victims.

Lopez said she wanted years to play this role.

"It was (the type of role) I had never seen before."

Vida Latina Brazilian writer enjoys popularity

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil - With some 28 million books sold in 45 languages and more than 120 countries, Paulo Coelho is by far Brazil's most widely read author.

Awards have poured in from

France. Coelho made him a Knight of the Legion of Honor - and his fans include Julia Roberts, Madonna and even President Clinton.

His appeal seems boundless. On a recent visit to Iran, 1,500 fans were on hand to meet his plane - at 2 p.m. A book signing drew 5,000 people, then was canceled when

security agents said they couldn't control the raucous crowd.

"I don't know what the secret is," he says. "I mean, there's no secret. Or maybe it's that I just offer the question, not the answer, like a direction to find your own way home."

"Before my first book, I thought the spiritual search was complicated. I thought it was for an elite. But it's just a question of looking around and perceiving."

Coelho's books have been on the charts for 10 weeks. "The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho is the best-selling book in the world.

Other titles include "The Pilgrimage of the Soul" and "The Book of Miracles."

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COMMUNITY

THANK YOU LETTERS

Compassion continues to sustain family over loss

We wish to thank everyone who made donations to the Kara Leigh Memorial Fund and to the Leah Medical Expense Account which included the Catholic Benefit Dinner and the Castledorf Quick Response Unit Benefit Auction. We recently received reimbursement of our medical expenses and have chosen to use your donations in the following manner:

A donation was made to the Castledorf Schools, which Kara attended for four years and where her interests began. She and her community began. Donations were made to the Buhl Drama and Music departments and the balance of these funds were incorporated into the Buhl School Foundation where a perpetual yearly donation will be made to the Buhl Music Department in Kara's name. Your compassion continues to sustain us as we mourn the loss of our precious daughter.

Thank you,
ROB AND CATHY LEITH Buhl

Minico FFA members appreciate support

The Minico Future Farmers of America members would like to express their gratitude to the buyers of their projects at the recent Minidoka County Fair and to the supporters of the spring raffie. The buyers who supported the Minico FFA members were Northside Dairy, Brian Bott, DL Evans Bank of Rupert, Fife Dairy, Horizon Dairy, Feeders Grain, Butter Irrigation, John Remberg III, Minidoka Beet Growers and Mart Produce.

The Minico FFA would like to thank Leonard and Betty Martin for donating the raffie heater and for all of their support. A special thanks also goes out to Reminder Printing for donating the tickets for the raffie. We thank you all for supporting such a great cause and your sincere generosity.

CONNIE REINISBERG
And the Minico FFA
Rupert

Benefit lets community know that people care

The Pub in Heyburn and Plaza Pub in Rupert held their fourth annual golf scramble for charity Aug. 6 at the Rupert Elks. Plaza Pub won the scramble. The prize was a Michael Pollard as beneficiary of \$2,055 raised.

Thanks to Bob Lantz and the members of the Rupert Country Club for use of the golf course; to everyone who participated in the event; to Wally Winningham, Leo Vasquez, Dan O'Connell, Michelle Jones and Brenda Anderson for organizing the scramble and making it successful; to Donna Nelson and Marc Crowley for helping with the ticket sales; to The Times-News for covering the event and letting the community know there are special people who will help.

Thanks to the following restaurants:

- Blue Room, Micassa Italian Restaurant, Red's Sport Shop, We's Bar and Grill, Great Western Chemical, Gail Oswald, Norco Gases, Consolidated Freightway, Richard Hiltnerbach, Pastoral Center, Gal-Horton, Kaman Bearing and Skyline Bar.

TONIA O'CONNELL
Rupert

Businesses' support make golf scramble a hit

Thanks to the following for sponsoring a raffie held with the golf scramble hosted by The Pub and Plaza Pub:

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Rupert

Class reunion successful amidst a beautiful setting

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Pomerelle Ski Resort for hosting our Burley High School Class of 1980 class reunion. The reunion committee would also like to thank Wandy and Sandy Anderson and John and Jodi Burrows for making our event a wonderful success in a beautiful setting.

Everyone appreciated the great meal, facility and ski lift rides.

DAVE WESTFALL
BHS 1980 Reunion Committee
Burley

Money helps educate mothers to help children

Messengers to End Crimes Against Children and Abuse (MECCA) would like to thank the Idaho Children's Trust Fund for its generous grant of \$1,000 for our Moms Helping Moms interaction program. The money will be used for education and health guidance for mothers so they can help their families.

We are grateful for recognition by the Idaho State Department of Health and Welfare and look forward to helping build a healthy future for our children.

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Tile business shines in eyes of homeowner

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Thank you, Craig, for the very best of service and quality work.

We really appreciate you!
LARRY AND ANN BRAGA
Twin Falls

LINC picnic draws many people with disabilities

Living Independence Network Corp's annual picnic, attended by more than 60 people with disabilities, their families and friends, was held at Rock Creek Park on Thursday, Aug. 10.

LINC would like to thank St. Edward's the Confessor, especially Father Ernest Anderson and Steve Hammer for its donation of the meat, and thanks to all the wonderful people who attended and helped at the picnic and made it such a success.

MELVA HEINRICH
Resource Director
PHYLLIS WILLIAMS
Disability Advocate
Twin Falls

Injured man says thank you for boxes of food

A sincere and heartfelt thank you to whomever placed the boxes of food on the steps leading to my apartment on Saturday, Aug. 26. I have exhausted my "list of suspects" and don't know who recognized my need, and I will be forever grateful.

I never expected to be disabled for this length of time nor to need morphine twice each day to combat pain. Again, thank you and bless you.

JOHN WALSH
Burley

Thanks to everyone who helped with parade

On behalf of the Gooding Police Department, I would like say thanks to the following:

Carl Wormsbaker and the staff at Gem Equipment Co. in Twin Falls and Tri-Country Tractor in Wendell for all of the police department to use the John Deere "Gator" during the Gooding County Fair parade on Aug. 17.

The size and maneuverability of the "Gator" made the job of traffic control during the parade much easier. The citizens who so graciously helped with traffic control during the parade by blocking the intersections along the parade route.

It is the willingness of people like you to help that makes the Gooding County Fair Parade a truly community event.

The police department couldn't have done it without you.

The officers of the Gooding County Sheriff's Department, who lent their support by providing additional traffic control during the parade.

PAUL G. BROWN
Chief of Police
Gooding

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Home for bluebirds



The Future Thinkers 4-H Club of Twin Falls completed its community project by building 12 bluebird houses for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. The project was led by Dan Brown and Don Morishita. All materials were donated by Dan Brown. Members include, from left to right, top row: Meredith LaPraeta, Hannah Morishita, Tim Fox, Eric Rietveld, Lindsey Roper, Wes Morishita and Lauren Kolojehchick-Kotch; bottom row: Samantha Roper, Dana Wright, Adam Kolojehchick-Kotch and Will Brown.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Minidoka District Committee meeting set

RUPERT - Minidoka District Committee meeting will be from 7:24-9 p.m. Thursday at East Junior High.

All district committee members are encouraged to attend.

Scout Leader Roundtable for All Scout leaders in Minidoka County will be from 8-9 p.m. that evening.

At this time, will be Scout merit badge classes.

The merit badges featured this month are Personal Fitness and Communications - Personal Fitness is only for those scouts finishing up. The Scouts need all their paperwork and a blue card.

All Scouts need to be picked up promptly at 9 p.m.

Buhl Arts Council schedules classes

BUHL - The Buhl Arts Council will hold three classes during September and October.

"Drum Circle" - Feel them "grooving" will be held from 8-10 p.m. Sept. 15. The class is for all ages and free. Participants are encouraged to bring hand-drums, rhythm instruments or other noisemakers.

"Playin' in the Mud - Pottery Sculpting" will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 20-21. The class will be held at Wilma Southwick's studio and focus on basic clay sculpting techniques and tricks of the trade. Supplies will be provided, but participants must bring a smock or apron and a sack lunch. The class is \$20 for adults for both days and \$10 for Buhl Arts Council members or seniors.

Dutch Oven Cooking with David Ross will be held at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 22. The class will teach tricks and techniques of Dutch oven cooking. Ross will prepare bread, a main course and a desert. He will also discuss the history of the Dutch oven and provide recipes. Dinner will be cooked for sampling. The class is

for all ages and costs \$5. For more information, call Kelly Dalusio at 543-2888.

Fund-raiser aids Shoshone resident's medical expenses

SHOSHONE - A fund-raiser is scheduled to help Roger Fields pay for his medical expenses from 5-10 p.m. Saturday.

Fields was injured in a motor-cycle accident and spent two weeks in intensive care. He is now rehabilitating at The Elk's Rehab in Boise; organizers say.

The fund-raiser will include a live-auction with auctioneer Roy Rogie and a dance with music by Split Second. There will also be a barbecue and raffie.

The barbecue, auction and raffie will be held from 5-7 p.m. The dance will follow at 7-10 p.m. Cost is a \$5 donation at the door which includes dinner, dance and one raffie ticket.

For more information, call Mike Williams at 886-2210.

Health care service will offer free question hot line

SALT LAKE CITY - Deseret News and Intermountain Health Care will offer a free hot line for questions on circulation and blood flow problems from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday.

The hot line will be answered by Greg R. Goodman, vascular surgeon at LDS Hospital, and Colleen P. Harter, diagnostic radiologist at LDS Hospital. All calls are confidential.

IHC says it is a community-owned, nonprofit health organization based in Salt Lake City that serves the health needs of Utah and Idaho residents.

For more information on circulation and blood flow problems, go to www.ihc.com.

Magic Valley Astronomical Society hosts presentation

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Astronomical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Herrett Center classroom on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

Jay Sneedon will present "Shroud of Pluto," a presentation on one of our solar system's biggest unknowns.

After the presentation, telescopes will be set up in front of the Herrett Science and Arts building. The public is invited to attend the meeting and look through the telescopes.

For more information, call Forrest Ray at 736-8678.

LDS Singles and Alumni sponsor dance on Friday

TWIN FALLS - The LDS Singles and Alumni will sponsor a dance at 8:30 p.m. Friday at 667 Harrison St.

Music will be performed by "The Gals." The theme is western and casual clothes are appropriate.

Married couples are invited to join and everyone is encouraged to bring a friend. Suggested cost is \$2.50.

GHS will welcome parents to open house on Monday

GOODING - Gooding High School will hold an open house from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Monday.

Parents are invited to meet new staff, visit classrooms and look at samples of student work.

Applications from parents interested in serving on the high school parent advisory committee will also be available.

Parent planning meeting set at West End Head Start

BUHL - The West End Head Start at 230 N. 11th Ave. will hold a parent-planning meeting and potluck at 6 p.m. Monday.

For more information, call 543-5618.

Elementary schools hold open house for parents

TWIN FALLS - Two elementary schools will hold open houses.

Bickel Elementary School will hold its open-house from 7-8 p.m. today.

An open-house also will be held at Morningside Elementary School from 7-8 p.m. today.

CSI North Side offers antique courses

GOODING - Antiques and porcelain dolls are among the classes offered by the College of Southern Idaho-North Side Center.

In Golda's Antiques Show and Tell, Golda Watkins will share her knowledge of antiques and her expertise in determining if items are antiques, collectibles. Students will learn how to recognize trademarks and other identifying features of all kinds of items such as glassware, china, kitchen items, buttons and furniture. Students are encouraged to bring an item to each class session for discussion. The courses meet from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 20 and Sept. 27 at Golda's Antiques and Collectibles at 428 Orchard Dr. in Gooding. The fee is \$15. Pre-registration is required. An introduction to QuickBooks provides hands-on training in the use of the small-business bookkeeping software. Prerequisite is Introduction to Computers or permission of the

If you want to attend

For registration information, call the CSI North Side Center at 934-8678.

instructor. Darrell Muck will instruct from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Sept. 19 to Oct. 17 at Gooding High School. The fee is \$88.50. Introduction to PageMaker will be offered from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesdays, Sept. 20 to Nov. 8, at Jerome High School. A home PageMaker for Windows will show systems how to develop publications such as newsletters, advertisements, flyers and business cards. A good working understanding of the computer, Windows, use of the mouse, opening and saving files and using Windows Explorer is necessary. This course is offered on one credit or no credit. The fee is \$88.50.

Wheat Weaving will show students popular ways to create five different heart-figures and an additional project of their choice. The course meets from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesdays, Sept. 19 to Oct. 24 at the CSI North Side Center. Bring scissors and a ruler to class. All other supplies are included in the \$60 fee. Creating Porcelain Dolls instructed by Shirley Peterson will guide students through the complete process of making their own doll from cleaning, firing and painting and adding special features.

The class will meet from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Sept. 21 to Oct. 26 at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind. The fee is \$50 plus supplies, which may be purchased from the instructor.

Genealogy I will provide hands-on experience in finding, organizing, sorting and evaluating family information and use of the Internet to access genealogical information. The course meets from 7-9 p.m. on Thursdays, Sept. 21 to Oct. 26 at the CSI Center. The fee for the course is \$25.

Kelly enchants everyone who meets her

Personality: With a "Tweety Bird" personality that matches the design on her favorite bathing suit, Kelly enchants everyone from the women they meet to the men who love her. Her brother and sisters but she also has a hand in her own. This trait is a crucial part of her resilient character. Kelly responds to positive regard with a dimpled smile that is warmer than sunshine. The petite girl is trusting and generous. She likes holding hands, being hugged and knowing that others believe in her.

Interests: Like her brother and sisters, Kelly enjoys outdoor activities. She also likes playing with dolls and dressing up. Her

curious mind responds with excitement to storytelling, reading and discovering the world around her.

Needs: Kelly needs parents who will access available medical and supportive services. She will succeed in areas of physical control if her parents will adopt a playful and curiosity-filled response based on natural consequences. The rewards of naming Kelly and her three siblings could be tremendous for the right family. Adoption assistance is available.

"Thursday's Child" profiles children awaiting adoption. For more information about this child or others, call the Idaho CareLine at 1-800-926-2588.

Thursday's Child



Kelly
Age 5

COMMUNITY

Minidoka fair participants win ribbons

HUPPET - The Minidoka County Fair, July 31 through August 6, was a success... The following is a list of winners...

Advanced Adult Oil... Jimmie Rasmussen, blue... Advanced Adult Oil, Unusual Art... Jimmie Rasmussen, blue...

HEADING OUT



Malita Lds 1st Ward Women, Sara Campbell and Carmen Jones left their camping gear before a three-day excursion earlier this summer. The young women and their leaders from Malita enjoyed a summer camp experience at Willow Bay near American Falls.

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ORDINANCE NO. 495
An annual appropriation ordinance of the City of Kimberly, Idaho, levying Ad Valorem taxes for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of October, 2000...

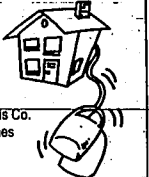
Escarp 3 block of land along the North boundary of said Lot 7 Block 5 being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 7 Block 5...

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The Trustee has knowledge of a more particular description of the above referred real property...

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100-200 9th Ave. N.
100-200 Fillmore St.
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Casa Grande Court
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"What is the use of running when you are not on the right road?" German proverb

Today's declarer saw an opportunity to discard a sure loser and he ran for it. But he paid a high price. He eliminated not only his loser, but his best chance for slam as well.

South's bidding might have been more delicate to elicit more information. However, with sufficient controls, it often pays to blast rather than tell the opponents too much about one's holding.

West-led the diamond queen to dummy's ace, giving South a quick way to discard his unavoidable spade loser. South took his quick discard and then followed with six rounds of trumps, hoping to see one or two club discards.

West tried to realize that clubs were South's second suit, so he blanked his spade ace and held on to all four clubs. South had no counter for East's defense, and two unavoidable club losers sent the slam one down.

A better approach is to avoid the spade discard at trick two. Instead of discarding, South should cash six trumps in force. This would discard if the defenders are indiscreet enough to discard clubs. South can cross to dummy's club king and discard his spade on dummy's high diamonds. Then he tries for three club winners.

If East holds on to all his clubs, South then leads a spade toward dummy, forcing the take when West follows low. With East's spade ace gone, South discards two club losers on dummy's spade king and the high diamond, holding his losses to only one trick.

NORTH ♠ K J 9 6 2 ♥ A K 7 3 ♦ A K 7 3 ♣ K 1 0 2

WEST ♠ Q 8 3 ♥ 10 4 3 2 ♦ Q J 1 0 9 ♣ J 5 EAST ♠ A 10 5 4 ♥ 5 ♦ 8 6 5 4 ♣ Q 9 8 4

SOUTH ♠ 7 ♥ A K Q J 9 8 6 ♦ A 7 6 3 ♣ A

Vulnerable: Both Dealer: North

The bidding: North East South West 1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass 3NT Pass 4♠ All pass

Opening lead: Diamond queen

BID WITH THE ACES 09-07-00

South holds: ♠ K J 9 6 2 ♥ 7 ♦ A K 7 3 ♣ K 1 0 2

South North 1♠ 2♥ 2♠ 2♥

ANSWER: Read the description of your partner, leaving partner in a good position for his next decision.

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