



GOOD MORNING

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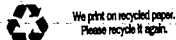
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Surplus estimates surge

The Times-News and The Associated Press

Local lawmakers express surprise, caution on \$285 million forecast

BOISE — Magic Valley lawmakers first expressed surprise, then cautious optimism about the Kemphorne administration's announcement Monday of a significantly increased estimate for tax collections during the current

budget year. The new forecast for \$1.95 billion in general tax receipts, the product of one of the nation's strongest state economies,

swelled Idaho's unprecedented cash surplus to \$285 million — the equivalent of 15 percent of the general tax spending authorized during the current 2000-2001 fis-

cal year. Though the new numbers guaranteed legislative approval of a substantial permanent tax cut next year, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and key lawmakers said tax relief should not be the only priority in disbursing the windfall. "It's an opportunity to help do ... Please see SURPLUS, Page A2

Snowmobilers, skiers hammer out compromise

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — Ten skiers and snowmobilers have accomplished what even some of them thought could never be done. They've divided up the northern Wood River Valley into skier and snowmobile areas.

The Winter Recreation Coalition plans to present its recommendation to Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor Bill Le Vere on Sept. 19.

In general, the recommendations would open the Boulder Mountain Foothills and Baker Creek to snowmobilers. Snowmobilers would be permitted to ride on 10 miles of groomed trails in the East Fork of Baker Creek. And they would be allowed into the Hyndman Basin beginning March 15 each year, after allowing skiers a few months to enjoy skiing on slopes surrounding a yurt in the area. The rest of the area would be designated skier-only.

The group presented its plan to snowmobile users from Gooling, Fairfield, the Magic Valley and other areas a few days ago with about 96 percent of the snowmobilers warning to the plan, Hailey snowmobiler Kim Nilssen said.

"The group plans to present the plan to the Skiers Alliance in the Wood River Valley tonight. "I came to the first meeting eight months ago thinking there was really no way we were going to reach agreement on such an emotional issue," said Kathie Rivers, a Hailey lawyer, writer and skier. "I think now given enough time everyone could reach an agreement."

Le Vere challenged snowmobilers and skiers last year to find a way to divvy up the snow country near Sun Valley to resolve growing conflicts. If they couldn't, he warned, he'd decide the issue for them.

Skiers had complained that snowmobilers' noise and gas fumes ruined their outdoor experience and compromised their safety.

Snowmobilers had complained about skiers who threatened them with ski poles.

The Winter Coalition began meeting eight months ago. They have met three to four hours three nights a week.

Before they ever looked at the map, Ketchum mediator Bob Werts had the 10 spend the first month exploring values and communication skills and getting to know each other. As time passed, they were able to get blunt without fear that someone

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Study: Addiction can start with first puffs

The Associated Press

LONDON — Scientists have confirmed a suspicion held by some smokers but never proven: It could take just a few cigarettes to become addicted.

Some 12- and 13-year-olds showed evidence of addiction within days of their first cigarette, according to research reported this week in the British Medical Association journal Tobacco Control.

"There's been a suspicion that many people become addicted very quickly, but this is really the first hard evidence that we've had that this occurs," said Dr. Richard Hurt, director of the Nicotine Dependency Unit at the Mayo Clinic. Experts have tried for years to determine how long people have to smoke before becoming addicted, and "the best answer to date had been 1-2 years," said Hurt, who was not involved in the study.

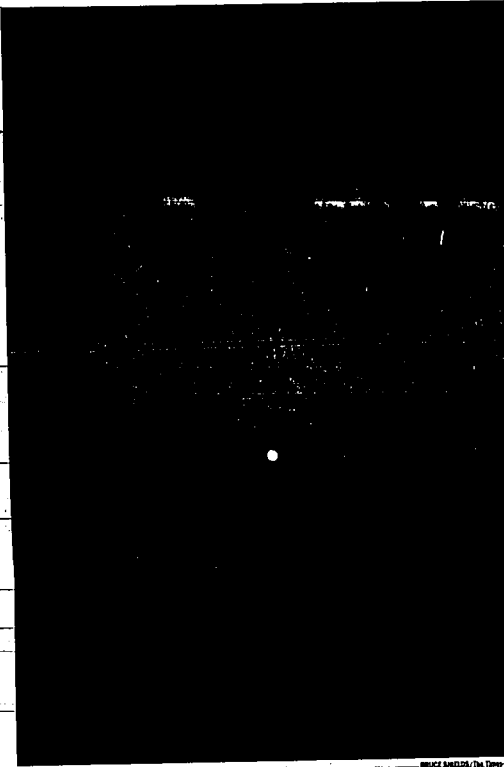
He said the findings will help scientists better understand the biology of nicotine addiction and lend more plausibility to the idea that some people may be more genetically susceptible to it than others.

"The really important implication of this study is that we have to warn kids that you can't just fool around with cigarettes or experiment with cigarettes for a few weeks and then give it up," said Dr. Joseph DiFranza, who leads the research at the University of Massachusetts. "If you fool around with cigarettes for a few weeks, you may be addicted for life."

The study, conducted in 1998, followed 681 12- to 13-year-olds in central Massachusetts for a year and tracked their smoking habits.

The researchers did not label any of them addicted because the standard definition of nicotine dependence assumes addiction cannot happen without prolonged heavy smoking. The scientists simply recorded symptoms that indicate addiction.

HARVEST MOON



A harvest moon rises under an irrigation pivot in a field near Hansen on Monday evening. Though autumn usually means cooler weather, temperatures are headed back up and may reach the low 90s near midweek.

WHY DID THE GOOSE CROSS THE ROAD?



Rod Robbins, center, shows Spruce Goose restoration manager Mike Wright, left, and Terry Nalg how the Spruce Goose, seen behind them, will be moved across the road to its new, permanent hangar Sept. 17. Howard Hughes built the Spruce Goose — a wooden transport military plane that never flew except for a brief test over Long Beach harbor — is the world's largest plane, with a wingspan of 320 feet, but has been in pieces since 1933. It will be re-assembled in the Captain Michael King Smith Evergreen Aviation Educational Institute in McMinnville, Ore.

Retirement bill gains backing in Congress

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After two years of Republicans passing tax cuts and President Clinton vetoing them, the one tax measure with broad appeal to middle-class voters that could still become law, this year would raise contribution limits for IRA and 401(k) retirement plans.

Earlier this summer, the House passed its version of the legislation with 401 votes in favor. Last week, the Senate Finance Committee unanimously approved a somewhat different package.

"It's getting a bit of steam, and well it should," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont.

Last year, Clinton vetoed a 10-year, \$792 billion GOP tax cut — it included similar retirement provisions but was vetoed for other reasons — and has vetoed bills that would have eliminated inheritance taxes and reduced the tax marriage penalty on two-income couples.

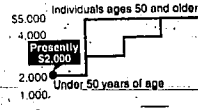
The Clinton administration has expressed concern that the retirement package wouldn't be enough to help lower-income people save, but those reservations may not withstand an election-year Congress eager to pass the measure by veto-proof majorities.

"There should be no reason for any further resistance by the Clinton administration to ultimately signing these provisions into law," said James Klein, presi-

Proposed changes for IRA, 401(k) limits

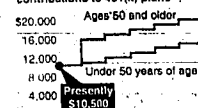
Congress is considering a bill that boosts limits on contributions to individual retirement accounts and 401(k) plans. The bill passed the House in July. The Senate will consider it in the next session. Highlights:

Proposed contribution limits for traditional and Roth IRAs



Note: After 2005 the amount is adjusted for inflation.

Proposed maximum tax-deferred contributions to 401(k) plans



Note: Limits on contributions are also increased after 2005 the amount is adjusted for inflation.

dent of the Association of Private Pension and Welfare Plans.

A White House spokesman said Monday the administration is working toward compromise.

What's next?

Jerome denies sewer service to Crossroads

By Brandon Flata
Times-News writer

JEROME — A controversial development in Jerome might have permanently lost an option for sewer service.

Lack of sewer service has long been cited as a key barrier to Crossroads Ranch development, and the Jerome City Council is now opposed to extending sewer services outside city limits.

Crossroads: Ranch owner Arlen Crouch plans to appeal to the council at its meeting on Sept. 19. But the council is unanimously opposed to extending sewer services, Jerome Mayor Dennis Moore said, and probably won't change its mind.

"We will not extend city water or city sewer to land outside city limits that cannot be annexed or is not likely to be annexed," he said. "To be annexed, the land must be contiguous or adjacent to the city and Crossroads does not meet that test."

Crouch was unavailable for comment Monday, and Crossroads manager Steve Thorson declined comment.

The Crossroads Ranch, at Interstate 84 and U.S. Highway 93, Jerome, the site has more than 400 acres of undeveloped property.

"Hooking up to city sewer was one of the first options for Crossroads," Councilwoman Marge Schmidt said. "They are re-visiting that to make sure it's no longer an option and then they'll move on."

Other options include building a treatment facility or piping waste to Twin Falls, she said. A treatment facility might pose a danger to the aquifer which supplies most of Twin Falls' water, Moore said.

"There's a lot of concern about Twin Falls water with a treatment facility or a lot of septic tanks," he said.

A treatment facility in the area could be safe, though, Twin Falls City Engineer Gary Young said.

"If you build a waste water treatment facility, it would be a problem if it was properly designed and maintained," he said.

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THE REGION

Carnas Prairie

High 74 Low 33
Sunny after local morning low clouds and fog. Clear and cold tonight. Partly cloudy tomorrow.

Treasure Valley

High 85 Low 56
Sunny and warmer with light winds. Clear tonight. Mostly cloudy and warm tomorrow.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High 72 Low 33
Sunny and warmer with southwest winds to 15 mph. Clear tonight. Sunny and warmer tomorrow.

Eastern Idaho

High 81 Low 41
Sunny and warmer with southwest winds to 15 mph. Clear tonight. Sunny and warmer tomorrow.

Northern Idaho

High 73 Low 47
Partly cloudy. Mostly clear tonight. Partly cloudy tomorrow.

Northern Utah

High 85 Low 54
Sunny. Clear tonight and sunny again tomorrow.

Northern Nevada

High 84 Low 53
Mostly sunny with light winds. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow and warm.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

| Today | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| High 86 Low 55 Mostly sunny with light wind. | High 91 Low 48 Mostly sunny. | High 92 Low 46 Partly cloudy. | High 86 Low 43 Partly cloudy. | High 84 Low 43 Partly cloudy. |

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

| Twin Falls | Precipitation |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Yesterday 75 | Yesterday in Twin Falls |
| Last year 77 | Month to date: |
| Normal 82 | Normal mo. to date: |
| | Water year to date: |
| | Normal year to date: |

Idaho

| Boise | Max | Min | Pep | Idaho: High | Idaho: Low |
|---------------|-----|-----|-------|-------------|------------|
| Boise | 78 | 48 | ..... | 81 | 41 |
| Burley | 77 | 44 | ..... | 80 | 40 |
| Coeur d'Alene | 59 | 48 | ..... | 68 | 40 |
| Grangeville | m | m | ..... | 107 | 47 |
| Logan | 81 | 49 | ..... | 77 | 47 |

Idaho Falls

| Idaho Falls | Max | Min | Pep | Idaho Falls: High | Idaho Falls: Low |
|-------------|-----|-----|-------|-------------------|------------------|
| Idaho Falls | 75 | 46 | ..... | 81 | 41 |
| Lewiston | 73 | m | ..... | 80 | 40 |
| Nalla | 70 | 52 | ..... | 80 | 40 |
| McCall | 64 | 42 | ..... | 80 | 40 |
| Pocatello | 76 | 54 | | 80 | 40 |
| Salmon | 70 | 43 | | 80 | 40 |
| Stanley | 65 | 43 | | 80 | 40 |
| Sun Valley | 71 | 30 | | 80 | 40 |

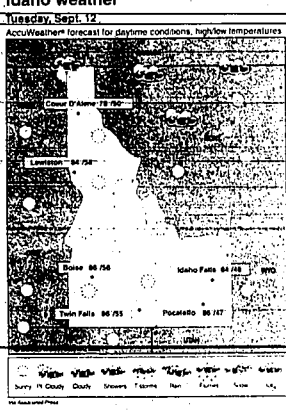
The Nation

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|----------------|--------|-----|-------|
| Albuquerque | 88 | 61 | |
| Anchorage | 57 | 42 | .09 |
| Atlanta | 66 | 52 | .10 |
| Boston | 76 | 59 | |
| Chicago | 87 | 72 | .57 |
| Denver | 80 | 61 | ..... |
| Des Moines | 97 | 73 | ..... |
| Detroit | 90 | 64 | 2.54 |
| Honolulu | 88 | 76 | ..... |
| Houston | 92 | 72 | .01 |
| Indianapolis | 88 | 68 | .05 |
| Kansas City | 102 | 76 | ..... |
| Las Vegas | 98 | 71 | ..... |
| Los Angeles | 95 | 78 | ..... |
| Los Angeles | 98 | 78 | ..... |
| Miami Beach | 89 | 78 | .37 |
| Minneapolis | 75 | 71 | 1.16 |
| Minneapolis | 82 | 63 | ..... |
| New Orleans | 88 | 76 | .11 |
| New York | 79 | 68 | ..... |
| Oklahoma City | 105 | 75 | ..... |
| Oklahoma City | 93 | 73 | ..... |
| Pittsburgh | 82 | 69 | ..... |
| Portland, Ore. | 76 | 61 | .01 |
| Portland, Ore. | 80 | 48 | |
| Portland, Ore. | 75 | 61 | .25 |
| St. Louis | 84 | 54 | |
| San Francisco | 70 | 74 | |
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| Spokane | 68 | 47 | |
| Washington | 82 | 60 | |
| Yuma | 101 | 82 | |

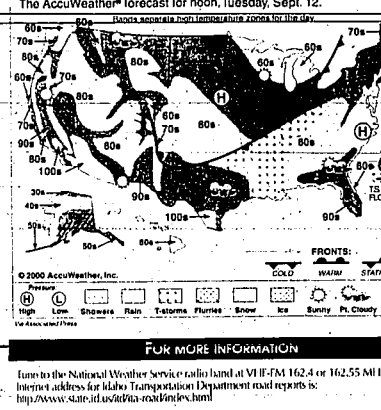
Canadian Cities

| Montreal | Toronto | Vancouver |
|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Montreal | 78 | 59 |
| Toronto | 76 | 49 |
| Vancouver | 63 | 49 |

Idaho weather



National weather



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Burn time: 24 minutes

FIRE DANGER

The BLM's fire danger in South-Central Idaho: Mountain High Prairies (High)

SKYWATCH

Sunset today: 7:54 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:15 a.m.
Lunar phase: Full, Sept. 13; last quarter, Sept. 21; new, Sept. 27; first quarter, Oct. 3

ACROSS THE NATION

The eastern third of the nation had turbulent weather that brought heavy rain on Monday, while temperatures dropped into the 50s across several states in the Upper Midwest.

Surplus

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Some things we need to do, Idaho Speaker of the House Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, says we have a chance to be proactive and address some problems we haven't in the past.

The co-chairmen of the Legislature's budget committee agreed, but stressed they need for caution when lawmakers decide what to do with the record surplus.

"First of all we have to keep in mind it's just a projection," said Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, who will preside over the powerful Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee along with Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, when the Legislature convenes in January.

"We're only got \$98 million cash in hand over the surplus that's obligated. We'll have to wait and see how rest of year plays out."

Bell had similar sentiments, but like Newcomb and Cameron, she sees opportunity in the news. "It's not in the bank," Bell said. "I know the job growth is up, but I still have to wait for the other shoe to drop. However, it does

give us a great opportunity to some good."

There already are claims for \$45 million to \$50 million against the surplus for increased health care for the poor, wildfire suppression and payment of a settlement with the trucking industry.

A break in personal income tax, which accounts for half of all general revenue collections, is the main remedy most lawmakers favor for some of the surplus. Corporate tax relief is the next most popular.

But the local legislative leaders, especially Cameron, said maybe some kind of aid to cash-strapped county governments may be worthy of consideration.

Twin Falls County Commissioner Bill Brockman likes the sound of that idea.

"It would be a good investment, Brockman and Cameron said. While looking for ways to trim their budget, Twin Falls commissioners are also being asked to expand the consistently full county jail. But it will be at least two years before the county would be able to afford a major building purchase or construction project, Brockman said.

"There are a lot of programs in the county that need to be enhanced - this sounds like a good opportunity," he said.

Newcomb agreed that spending on infrastructure - such as fiber optic cable - could be a strong investment in the economic viability of struggling rural areas.

Cameron sees such spending as a priority.

"Local communities are really struggling, especially in rural Idaho," Cameron said. "If we don't give them some of this money, we'll regret it."

CORRECTION

Buhl - The Times-News incorrectly reported the organizers of the Spreading the Thompson and Neumann Year 2000 family reunion and luau on July 23.

The event was put on by the children of Marie Neumann, Jim and Emma Thompson and Helen Spreading.

The event drew family and friends from Washington, Utah, Arizona and Washington.

The Times-News regrets the error.

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COMPROMISE

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What to react with anger, said Owen Downard, a Hailey snowmobiler. On weekends the skiers outfitted the snowmobilers took the skiers riding.

"It took me a long time to gain a real appreciation for what skiers need when they go out and for them to understand what I need," Nilsen said. "I finally realized we used identical things."

The process was nearly derailed last spring when an arsonist destroyed the Boulder Mountain Yurt.

"But the group decided the person who burnt the yurt down was a criminal. It didn't matter how he got there or how he recreates - he's a criminal," said Nilsen.

The group divided the valley into segments based on natural boundaries and historic use patterns. They considered criteria, such as economic ramifications for both sides, the number of users in each group, accessibility, quality and quantity of snow and scenic corridor issues.

The area around Bald Mountain, Elkhorn and Silver Valley was not considered because there is not much snow

mobile use there. The group is still debating a restricted snowmobile corridor over Galena Summit.

More acreage was set aside for non-motorized use, but the number of acres was not a determining factor, participants said.

"I don't really see that there were concessions," said Hailey snowmobiler-skier Chris Klieck. "The whole thing was a matter of give and take. If you get it, we get that. The whole thing was not adversarial. It was 10 people who worked on a map who happened to be five skiers and five snowmobilers."

Klieck cautioned that it is still just a recommendation. "Legs are may not approve it. But the group has decided it will encourage skiers and snowmobilers to follow the recommendations even if the Forest Service doesn't approve it," River said.

The group hopes to print brochures and maps showing the areas and to make them available to locals and tourists. Group members also promise to put up lots of signs and mount a courtney patrol made up of volunteer snowmobilers, snowshoers and skiers to educate others.

Sewer

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"Our wells are far away from the site," Piping the waste to Twin Falls has been discussed and is possible, but is not likely, Young said.

The economics of this include the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant, and that's a capital cost I haven't heard the developer interested in paying," he said. "But no one has said, 'No way, there's no hope.'"

Crossroads could create as many as 2,500 jobs over several years, and developers envision a complex of service and technological manufacturing operations. WestFarm Foods, which is planning a new cheese plant somewhere in Jerome County, has secured options to acquire land at Crossroads, but no development deal has been signed

with ABC Agra. But some say the economic boost to Jerome County might not benefit the city of Jerome, and instead would pull money away, Moore said.

Economic development would be good for Jerome County, "increasing the tax base," he said. "But our responsibility is very clear. We are charged with doing what's best for the city of Jerome," Councilman Jerry Crozier said. "It's not in the best interest of the city to extend service past city limits because it looks to be problematic," Schmidt said.

LOTTERY UPDATE

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| <p>Saturday, September 9 numbers</p> <p>POWERBALL</p> <p>14 18 20 29 42</p> <p>POWERBALL NUMBER 7</p> <p>Saturday, September 9 numbers</p> <p>WILD CARD</p> <p>6 14 15 17 19</p> <p>WILD CARD: Ace of Spades</p> <p>Monday, September 11 numbers</p> <p>PICK 3</p> <p>Idaho</p> <p>4 5 9 34 41</p> | <p>Have you heard about the Idaho Lottery's latest lotto game? Roll Down... All the prize money is paid out every drawing... no matter what. Which means a lot more winning! Spread the Wealth.</p> |
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Hollywood denies marketing violence

Gore threatens federal action

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The entertainment industry rejected federal accusations Monday that it sells violence to children in music, movies and video games. Executives suggested they deserve praise for cleanup efforts rather than government "bludgeoning."

Political leaders, including President Clinton and the man campaigning to replace him, said the industry must do much more. Vice President Al Gore suggested action should be taken if changes aren't forthcoming.

Industry leaders and spokesmen lined up to challenge a Federal Trade Commission report that concluded that movies rated "R" which require an adult to accompany children under 17 - and video games that carry an "M" rating for 17 and over are routinely targeted toward younger people.

On CDs: "As an industry, we do not market violence; we market artists," said Hillary Rosen, president and chief executive officer of

Taking aim at violent entertainment

The political response was swift to a government report on the marketing of violent entertainment to children. Vice President Al Gore, for example, vowed federal action within six months if the entertainment industry does not change its methods.

Violent films
Of 44 R-rated films studied... 64 percent specifically target children in media plans or promotions. 15 percent targeted rough cuts of the film or its advertising on an audience including teen-agers under 17.

Music with explicit-content labels
Of 55 marketing plans studied... 27 percent identified teen-agers as part of the target group, with language such as "the 13-35 year old male demographic..." 73 percent did not expressly identify target audience, but detailed similar plans, such as placing advertising in media with significant teen audiences.

Violent Mature-rated games
Of 118 M-rated games studied... 51 percent of the marketing documents had at least one plan that expressly included children under 17 in the targeted audience... 19 percent of the marketing documents included plans to advertise the games in media with a majority or substantial under-17 audience.

Source: Federal Trade Commission

the Recording Industry Association of America. "When material is explicit, we clearly

label it for parents and guardians to make informed buying decisions for their kids."

Knee injuries increase arthritis risk

WASHINGTON (AP) - You may think you rebounded fine from that knee injury playing hoops or soccer at age 16, but it could haunt you by your 40s or 50s.

Scientists are proving what some sufferers have long suspected: A single knee injury as a teenager or young adult can triple the risk of arthritis in that knee by middle age.

Now researchers are seeking ways to prevent injured knees from deteriorating, and joint specialists say doctors must start telling young patients, especially athletes, how to protect their knees.

Nobody's advising giving up

Advice for battered knees

Until such research is really... specialists advise some commonsense precautions for battered knees:

- See a doctor right away if a knee injury causes severe pain or if swelling lasts more than 24 hours. Also seek help if pain lasts more than a few days.
- Lose weight. Being overweight is an arthritis risk, so adding pounds adds

trouble to an injured knee. • Try joint-friendly exercise, like swimming. A fast walk on a treadmill is easier on knees than jogging. Whatever the exercise, do stretches first to limber joint-supportive muscles.

my knee, but I still play on weekends. I just run through the pain," well-known arthritis expert Dr. Roland Moskowitz said with a sigh.

time astronauts visited in May. Zvezda, the Russia-made control module, was added in late July.

Killer whale likely to spend another winter in captivity
PORTLAND, Ore. - Keiko the killer whale - once a sickly and lethargic "amusement" park attraction - will likely spend another winter penned in icy waters off Iceland.

But the famous whale's keepers say he came closer to freedom this summer than ever before. He has made about 40 forays out of the "net" bay where he lives into the open ocean, experiencing wind, waves, currents - even pods of wild whales.

Use of Napster service quadruples

NEW YORK - Despite the uncertain legality of the Napster online music-sharing service, the number of people using it more than quadrupled in just five months, Media Metrix said Monday.

That made Napster the fastest-growing software application ever recorded by the Internet research company.

Napster use rocketed to 4.9 million home users in the United States in July, from 1.1 million in February. In the first month Media Metrix tracked the application. That represents 6 percent of U.S. home PC users who have modems, Media Metrix said.

Napster Inc. has been sued by the recording industry for allegedly enabling copyright infringement. The federal government weighed in on the case Friday, saying the service is not protected under a key copyright law, as the San Mateo, Calif., company claims.

Nation in brief

navigation-tool-and-dislodging-a jammed piece of equipment.

The astronauts and cosmonauts next turned their attention to the inside of the space station.

"Basically, it's a cabin we have that we're trying to get some furniture into and get it ready to move into," said mission operations director Milt Helflin. The crew of space shuttle Atlantis planned to enter the space station late Monday. It was expected to take a few hours for the seven men to make their way through the 140-foot-long complex and all 12 hatches.

The space station is almost double the size it was the last

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Justice, Labor, other agencies fail computer security review

WASHINGTON (AP) - More than a fourth of the government's major agencies, including the departments of Justice, Labor, Interior, Agriculture and Health and Human Services, flunked a computer security review.

The review is given to seven of the 24 major agencies led to a government-wide grade of D, said Rep. Stephen Horn, R-Cal., chairman of the House Government Reform Committee's technology subcommittee.

The departments that flunked all-keep-important-computer

data, said Horn, who called the scores the first government-wide assessment of computer security.

All 24 agencies have significant problems in allowing unauthorized access to sensitive information, said Joel Willens, director of the GAO's accounting and information management division.

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Judge dismisses complaint on roadless issue — once again

BOISE (AP) — As he did the state's complaint in February, a federal judge dismissed a challenge from Boise Cascade Corp., livestock producers and two mountain counties in the Clinton administration's roadless forest proposal.

U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge said he has no jurisdiction until the Forest Service issues its

final decision on the plan to set aside nearly 60 million acres of national forest land nationwide, including more than 8 million acres in Idaho.

But Lodge also made it clear in the order he issued Friday that the agency had better pay attention to allegations that it gave short shrift to some interested parties in initial development of the

roadless plan. "The court, as well as the public, is very concerned about the speed at which the Forest Service is attempting to impact a significant portion of the national forest lands and the scope of public and tribal participation in the ongoing roadless rulemaking process. The decision to be made by the Forest Service will have a significant impact on

the way people use the forests, the livelihoods of those who work in the forests, and the local communities and schools that have relied on the timber industry for their income," he wrote.

"The court appreciates the need for final agency actions in order to avoid piecemeal litigation, but due deference to agency action will only be given credence if the

concerns of the plaintiffs and plaintiff-intervenor are addressed in a meaningful way by the Forest Service."

President Clinton announced his plan on Oct. 13, 1999. The comment period on a draft environmental impact statement ended July 17 and a final rule is expected to be issued during the coming winter.

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Federal judge approves settlement

SEATTLE - A federal judge recently approved a settlement between Albertson's and the United Food and Commercial Workers that will compensate thousands of employees who said they were forced to work extra hours without pay.

Up to 150,000 current and former workers could be eligible, said Greg Denier, the union's communications director.

The class-action lawsuit, filed in 1997, claimed the Boise-based grocery chain, the second largest in the country, did not record and compensate employees for "off the clock work." For example, some workers were forced to work through breaks and lunches, the lawsuit said.

Albertson's and the union reached a settlement in November but continued to haggle over who would be eligible for compensation. The settlement approved includes only "back-end workers" such as stockers and meat, produce and deli employees. Denier said the union would file a new lawsuit to compensate cashiers.

The amount of the settlement was not disclosed, but the company said last year it would take a \$37 million one-time charge to cover the cost of the lawsuit. Workers will have to file claims to be paid. Forms will be mailed out within the next six weeks.

For more information, workers should call 1-888-BACK-PAY.

Aqua Vie to begin distributing hydrators

KETCHUM - Aqua Vie Beverage Corp. said Monday that Gourmet Award Foods, Tree of Life will begin distributing Aqua Vie Hydrators initially in Texas and portions of the Southeast, later this month.

Gourmet Award Foods, Tree of Life is the world's leading marketer and distributor of natural and specialty foods, serving more than 15,000 retail stores including natural food stores, gourmet grocers, supermarket-chains and major drugstores nationwide, Ketchum-based Aqua Vie said.

"The Gourmet Award, Tree of Life distribution system has the strongest North American presence in the natural food industry," said Thomas Gillespie, president and CEO of Aqua Vie. "It is a system well-known for its ability to create merchandising synergies that transcend regional boundaries, and has an operating philosophy that is well suited to Aqua Vie's mass-merchandising strategy among natural, gourmet and specialty food outlets."

The Times-News changes time for news submissions

TWIN FALLS - The Times-News this week changed its deadline for submission of news items to print in the Sunday Money section to the Your Business column.

For the upcoming Sunday edition, the deadline for Your Business submissions is noon Wednesday.

Next week, the deadline will return to the customary noon on Thursday.

Compiled from staff reports

Retail store names new head

Sears shares gain Monday, after announcement

Bridge News

HOFFMAN ESTATES, Ill. - Shares of retail giant Sears, Roebuck and Co. gained Monday following Sunday's announcement that Alan Lacy



Alan Lacy

will become president and chief executive, succeeding Arthur Martinez at the top.

Lacy, 46, who was also elected to the firm's board, will take office Oct. 1, while Martinez will continue as chairman until his

retirement in December. Lacy is currently the head of Sears' services division, which includes home remodeling and appliance repairs. He joined Sears in 1994 as senior vice president for finance and became chief financial officer a year later. In 1997, he was named credit division president, a unit that generates half of the company's annual profit.

During his tenure as president, Martinez worked to win

back shoppers to Sears - which has 'veral Magic Valley stores - by revamping the variety of merchandise in its stores and boosting customer service. However, over the last few years Sears has struggled to compete with discounters and specialty clothing chains, its stock tumbling more than 41 percent from a \$60.875 high in June 1998.

Nonetheless, Martinez is leaving the helm with Sears poised to stage a comeback. Sears'

stock has risen 18 percent since the beginning of the year as the retailer matched or exceeded monthly sales forecasts on strong appliances and electronics sales.

Sears supplies its own brands of apparel, tools, and appliances through 850 shopping malls in the U.S. The firm's specialty store operations include about 1,400 automotive and hardware stores, and 700 independently owned stores.

WORDS TO LIVE BY



A mural of the Iranian oil ministry is seen in front of a gasoline-tanker-truck at a gas station in Tehran, Iran, Monday. The mural, part of the ministry's campaign on conserving fossil fuel-based energy, translates, "Oil resources are exhaustible. Let's consume correctly with a view to the future." Iran is the second largest exporter in OPEC. OPEC's official agreement to boost oil production by 3 percent may not add enough new crude to world markets to roll fuel prices back decisively from 10-year-highs, analysts say. For effects on the stock market see page A6.

Hewlett-Packard says it's in talks to acquire technology consultancy from accounting giant

Bridge News

NEW YORK - Major Idaho employer Hewlett-Packard Co., the third-biggest computer maker in the world, said Monday it is in talks to acquire the technology consultancy arm of accounting

HP HEWLETT PACKARD PricewaterhouseCoopers
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Hewlett-Packard said the terms had not yet been agreed for a deal that would turn the Palo Alto, Calif.-based company into a full-service computer manufacturing and services firm along the lines of rival International Business

Machines Corp.

The transaction would "mildly" dilute cash earnings per share in fiscal 2001 and be neutral in 2002, Hewlett-Packard said.

Investors showed little enthusiasm for the deal, however, as Hewlett shares closed down \$8.06, or 6.63 percent, at \$113.56 on the New York Stock Exchange.

The announcement took analysts by surprise, but they said the deal would fit with HP's current direction.

"It comes as a surprise, but not a total surprise," said PNC Advisers analyst William Gorman. "They've wanted to strengthen their services business; they're not sitting on systems integration and consulting, and this is a way to

fix that."

In its fiscal third-quarter ended July 31, HP said revenue from its IT services business rose 17 percent to \$1.8 billion, and the unit's profit was \$178 million, a 42 percent increase in a year earlier.

Gorman said in today's aggressive takeover environment Hewlett may have felt it had to move quickly with Pricewaterhouse before another company beat it to the punch.

A deal was also seen as benefiting PricewaterhouseCoopers.

SG Cowen & Co. analyst Richard Chu said it is generally known "the clock is ticking" for the accountancy firm to break itself up. It must shed some businesses to comply with Federal Trade

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J.C. Penney Web site flourishes

Convergence with stores, catalogs helps

Knight Ridder News Service

PLANO, Texas - J.C. Penney Co. is struggling to jump-start its department stores - which include Twin Falls and Burley locations - but online it's succeeding where others are failing fast.

The Web site ranks No. 1 on the Nielsen/NetRatings list of online apparel and home merchandise retailers. It ranks No. 7 on a broad list, PC Data's Top 20 Online Retail Report.

This year, JCPenney.com has received 40,000 Web orders a week averaging about \$400 each.

"The pendulum has swung back toward traditional retailers on the Web, and you can hear their sighs of relief," said Carol Ferrara, director of research for the Gartner Group. "There is a recognition in the industry now that they can dominate in the online channel, and J.C. Penney is in a very good position to do that."

The 98-year-old retailer has one of the more advanced click-and-mortar models. It's supported by a \$4 billion-a-year catalog operation, and all merchandise bought online can be returned at Penney stores.

"We have the opportunity to create a seamless experience, and that is something other retailers don't have," said Paul S. Pappajohn, president of e-commerce at J.C. Penney.

This cum laude business graduate of Yale University, who also has an MBA from Insead, a French business school, says Penney's numbers are limitless.

"We're in such a unique position: We're the nation's fifth-largest retailer, the Western Hemisphere's largest catalog, and we're leading the ranks of apparel and home merchandise sites on the Internet under a brand that carries the reliability and convenience of a 98-year-old company."

This multichannel shopping is the theme of Penney's new "It's all inside" advertising campaign that debuted on television Sunday.

Store-catalog-online shopping - "3-tailing" in retailing lingo - has obvious benefits. And Internet shoppers are turning to names they've known for years as catalog or store customers, Pappajohn says.

"We know that our customers who shop all three channels are spending four times more than those who are shopping just one channel," he said.

Today, Penney has 2 million online customers. "Our mission is to introduce all 52 million J.C. Penney customers to JCPenney.com," he said.

There's no talk of cannibalizing sales from

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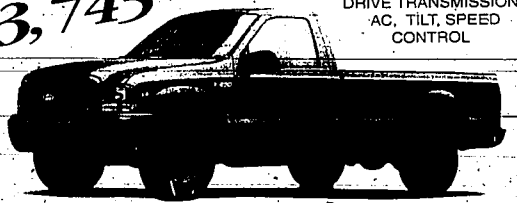
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Romance of ranching lures buyers

Open ranch land in Colorado dwindles due to appeal of rural lifestyle

Investment portfolio, he said. Dick Kensler, with Vail's Sifer Dick & Frampton, has been selling only ranches since 1985. Most of all the ranches he sells are recreational ranches, and as such are more expensive than those of more. But they can only offer what he calls "90/10" ranches.

"That's 10 percent of what the buyer wants and 90 percent extra," he said, describing buyers who come to him wanting open space near a ski area, bordered by public land, with live water, open plains and mountain views.

The same type of ranch sales can be seen on the Western Slopes, said Greg Cranston, a Grand Junction-based broker who last year sold four ranches.

"Hardly anyone gets exactly what they are looking for. That's why Greg Cranston says, 'And we don't have ranchers buying these ranches to run cattle on ... there's more demand for recreation as opposed to cattle.'"

The unconstrained market pressure, the intangible value of privacy and recreation crushing the painfully low value of cattle, the staggering wealth of today's economy - all these influences are changing the mountain ranching industry.

"So what does the future hold? Real estate brokers say look to see less ranchland on the market and prices to continue their upward climb. Land trust organizations are bundling together ranches and ranching communities in a fight to protect ranching's heritage and their own future.

Both groups agree that as the market pressure and conservation pressure increases, the land will remain just as it is: valuable by both financial and aesthetic standards, untamed by growth, and owned by people who have paid either money or sweat to keep it just as they found it.

Open ranch land in Colorado dwindles due to appeal of rural lifestyle

individual ranchers.

Groups of landowners are coming together, said Steve Shuler, executive director of the Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust, which since its inception in 1995 has preserved 66,000 acres of private ranchland and could double that by the end of this month. "It's hard to conduct agriculture or a viable ranching operation when the guy next door doesn't even understand the business you are in."

Viable ranching in the Rocky Mountains is becoming an increasingly difficult task. Property values have pushed real ranchers, the ones who play their trade to feed their family - out of the state and into Nebraska, Idaho, Wyoming and Oregon. In their stead have emerged successful businesspeople who don't need the ranch to provide food for their family. The new mountain rancher can afford to upgrade irrigation systems, restore wildlife habitat and create better agricultural and ecotour operations.

"These are solid businesspeople with good business sense," said Dick Kensler, a ranch broker in the Vail Valley who has sold more than 85,000 acres of ranchland, including the largest ranch ever sold in Eagle County.

"Of course, ranches appreciate over time, but that's not the motivation for today's ranch buyers. It's all about building a legacy for their children."

There are two primary reasons for placing a conservation easement on ranchland, or selling or giving away development rights to a conservation easement, and a desire to see it remain exactly as it is now open, undevel-

Open ranch land in Colorado dwindles due to appeal of rural lifestyle

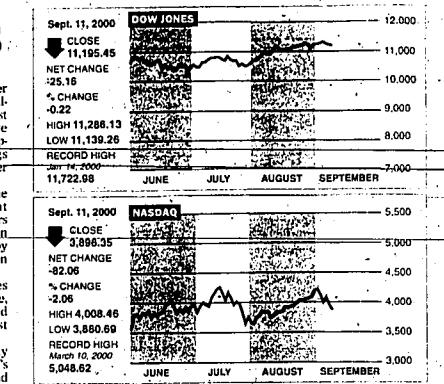
oped, pure. The other reason is more pragmatic. The National Revenue Service values land according to its most valuable use, which for ranches can be the development of subdivided, 35-acre parcels. That means an estate tax, which comes when a ranch is passed to the next generation in a ranching family, can be astronomical, often more than a rancher's children can afford. But if the land is in a conservation easement, the property can only be appraised for its agricultural value.

In Colorado, 37 land trusts are guardians of undeveloped land, 32 of which are local and five national. At the end of last year, 630,000 acres were under conservation easements in the state.

In today's economy, where millions are almost completely jobless, there is a handful of mega-wealthy businessfolk who can handle their property without a conservation easement. These are the new stewards of the West, the ultra-wealthy who worry little about taxes and would never consider development. These are today's mountain ranchers.

"I will be a good steward of the land, especially if it's a working ranch, takes resources," said Ron Morris, executive vice president of Fuller Western Real Estate and one of Colorado's leading ranch brokers. Morris has been selling ranchland since the early '90s and every sale has been a cash transaction. These are sales that are often more than \$20 million, prices that exceed the land's agricultural production value by more than 100 times.

"With all this new wealth we are seeing, these buyers are getting ranch properties as a lifestyle purchase. It's a diversity in their



Tech drops, oil surges

NEW YORK (AP) - Investor concerns about technology stocks pushed markets lower Monday for a second straight session, despite a surge in some energy and financial services stocks.

After fluctuating throughout the day, the Dow Jones industrial average closed down 25.16 at 11,955.49.

Oil prices surged Monday despite OPEC's announcement that it will add 800,000 barrels to its daily production target of 25.4 million barrels. Energy stocks also moved higher after analysts expressed concern that the boost would not be enough to bring fuel prices down. Schlumberger traded up \$2.75 at \$85.25. Halliburton was up \$2.17 at \$54.23, and Baker Hughes rose \$1.88 to \$38.75.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of New York Stock Exchange data including NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ indices, and a list of individual stocks with their prices and changes.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ indices, including Most Active, Gainers, and Losers lists.

DIARY

Table showing market activity for the Diary sector, including advanced, declined, and unchanged stocks.

INDEXES

Table of various market indices such as S&P 500, Dow Jones, and others.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing stocks of local interest with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and YTD % Chg.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the NASDAQ National Market and the 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are 1,115 largest. Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Company names made up of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.

Table providing detailed information on how to read the market report, including fund names, net asset value, and price changes.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Large table of NASDAQ National Market data, including individual stock prices, changes, and volume.

MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES table with columns for Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Includes sections for SOYBEAN OIL, SOYBEAN MEAL, and various livestock contracts.

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CHEESE table with columns for Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Includes sections for CHEDDAR, SWISS, and OTHER.

POTATOES table with columns for Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Includes sections for IDAHO FALLS (A), IDAHO FALLS (B), and IDAHO FALLS (C).

SUGAR table with columns for Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Includes sections for NEW YORK (A), NEW YORK (B), and NEW YORK (C).

MUTUAL FUNDS table with columns for Name, Sell Chg, 1-Month, 3-Month, 6-Month, 1-Year, 5-Year, and YTD. Lists numerous fund names and their performance metrics.

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Penney said his catalog operation two years ago. A staff of about 20 people was moved into offices...

Penney's organization now has a staff of about 120 people. "We're growing, and we're hiring. We plan to double our organization over the next 18 months to two years," Pappajohn said...

The site has evolved quite nicely," Ferrara said. "Merchants with catalog operations have had a much easier evolution online because of the infrastructure, it's such a tremendous advantage..."

Just the distribution centers alone would cost \$250 million to build from scratch, Pappajohn said. "Federated Department Stores tried to duplicate Penney's catalog operation when it purchased Fingerhut for \$1.7 billion last year..."

"This system enables us to manage content on the Web site from what would take weeks down to days," Ferrara said. "But all the Web sites, including J.C. Penney.com, need to make improvements in how they work, Ferrara said..."

In a Garner Group functionality study of the top 50 consumer shopping sites, even the most popular e-tailers have only average execution when it comes to customer service on the Web. No site rated an A for even good execution, Ferrara said. Twenty-three percent were average, 73 percent were fair and 4 percent were poor in the Web research last month...

Maybe Penney will want to add that to his to-do list.
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Commission mandates to separate its consulting arm from its auditing business, he said, since the FTC has been cracking down on offering tax, auditing and consulting services under scrutiny...

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Hewlett-Packard said it expects the acquisition to add to its earnings beginning in 2002.
White
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"White is surprised if they're looking at more than a 10 percent increase in dilution relative to 2001 earnings," Chiu said. Analysts surveyed by First Call/Thompson Financial expect Hewlett to earn \$4.21 a share in fiscal 2001...

Table with multiple columns listing various financial data, likely related to the J.C. Penney article or other market news. Includes columns for various metrics and values.

WORLD

Albright finds room in decision

NEW YORK (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright sees some breathing room for U.S. diplomacy in a decision by the Palestinians' leaders to postpone for two months the declaration of a state.

With an unyielding deadline in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians, however, Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Yasser Arafat are showing signs they are ready to turn a page — Barak to

focus on domestic needs, Arafat possibly to defer his drive for Jerusalem to his as yet undesigned successor.

And Albright, welcoming Sunday's decision by the Palestine Liberation Organization's Central Council, acknowledged Monday that American mediation efforts are in a tough patch. "There is a difficult road ahead," she said at a news conference.

The council, meeting in Gaza City, backed off from a pledge to declare statehood by Wednesday. The deadline set last year by Barak and Arafat for a settlement.



Secretary of State Madeleine Albright

Statehood delay disappoints refugees

EIN EHILWEH, Lebanon (AP) — Waiting in a long line at the U.N. refugee office, knowing she would not be returning home to a Palestinian state anytime soon, Hamida Abbas was close to tears.

Abbas, a resident of the squalid Ein el-Hilweh camp that is home to 75,000 Palestinians, was hoping to get money for medical tests for her daughter — a process that can take up to 20 days.

"What does (Palestinian

leader) Yasser Arafat know of our misery? What can he do for us? Nothing!" she burst out.

Many among Lebanon's 350,000 Palestinian refugees reacted bitterly Monday to the decision to put off a declaration of statehood for at least two months in order to give faltering peace talks with Israel a chance.

The fate of Palestinians in Lebanon — many of whom fled their homeland more than 50

years ago — as well as tens of thousands of other refugees and their descendants scattered across the Arab world is one of the toughest issues before the negotiators.

"The Palestinian leadership has lost its credibility in the eyes of the refugees," said Ghazi al-Asadi, a 50-year-old procer in Ein el-Hilweh, the largest of Lebanon's 12 refugee camps.

"Nobody trusts him (Arafat) anymore."

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Pep talks encourage teen to keep trying

DEAR ABBY: I read with distress the letter from "Depressed Teen in the Desert", the 14-year-old who lost a martial arts tournament. As a youth coach for many years, I am convinced there is entirely too much emphasis placed on winning as a measure of success in sports today.

True success is overcoming adversity and performing to the best of your ability. There will always be someone who is better than you. That doesn't mean you won't win, but most likely, you won't win every match. In sports, success should be measured in progress and effort.

"Depressed Teen" may have come up short on the scoreboard, but he is not a failure. A failure is someone who gives up, or gives less than his or her best effort.

—COACH
IN WASHINGTON

DEAR COACH: I hope the young person who wrote takes your letter to heart. Adults recognize that success is a process, a road that is constantly under construction. Young adults often hard on themselves when they don't succeed right away. Read on.



DEAR ABBY
Abby Cadabby

DEAR ABBY: Please remind "Depressed Teen" that Babe Ruth—who held the record for home runs—also held the record for striking out. Also, at one time, both Scottie Pippen and Michael Jordan were considered no good enough to play on their school's teams. Abraham Lincoln, one of our greatest presidents, lost more elections than he won.

The one consistent factor with all of these guys is that they kept trying. Nobody considers them "losers."

At age 14, "Teen's" body hasn't come close to the peak of what he will be able to do if he doesn't give up now. The fact that he even made it to the tournament puts him way ahead of most spectators.

A loser? No, sir—no way! Please give him this message.
T.J. THE TEACHER

DEAR T.J.: Well said! Read on.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 15 and also a martial artist. I have been training for more than three years and have my black belt. After every class, we recite the "Tenets of the Martial Arts." The first is perseverance.

Perseverance is vital; it's the key to achieving. If I didn't believe that, I would have given up long ago. Every body fails before they ever win. (I know I have). "Teen" should be proud he made it to the state championships (what an honor!). Although he lost, he must get back up and keep trying. It's the only way to succeed. I hope this martial artist doesn't sacrifice his talents because of a one loss.

—PERSEVERANCE
ALWAYS WINS

DEAR "PERSEVE": I'm sure "Depressed Teen" will be grateful for your pep talk. You're very wise. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: May I offer a comment to "Depressed Teen in the Desert"? At age 14, there are many more martial arts

tournaments ahead of you. Remember that Thomas Edison tried many times to create the electric light. His last attempt is the one people remember!

—C. JOHNSON,
HANFORD, CALIF.

DEAR C: That's succinct and astute. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: Please ask "Depressed Teen" to consider this—Chuck Norris failed his first black-belt test. (Read about it and his successful second attempt in his autobiography, "The Secret of Inner Strength.")

In the long run, do you think that experience held him back or pushed him forward?

—TOM NORDLE,
GAINESVILLE, FLA.

DEAR TOM: Good question. I'll bet few people know that Chuck Norris ever failed. Thanks for the interesting tidbit.

And thank you to all the editors who made the effort to offer encouragement to a young athlete who clearly had a bad day.

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Longest-running radio show ends after 75 years

NEW YORK — "Rambling with Gumbling," the longest-running radio show in America, has rambled to the last note.

WOR decided not to renew the contract of John Gumbling, whose grandfather originated the show 75 years ago. Although the contract does not expire until December, Gumbling decided his Monday would be his last.

"I just could not see myself day after day dying a slow pathetic death," he said.

Gumbling continued the tradition of news, interviews and light-hearted banter started by his grandfather and continued by his father. Gumbling joined his father as co-host 15 years ago and took over as the main host 10 years ago.

Gumbling said his ratings were good and improving, but station management was seeking a younger audience more attractive to advertisers.

People in the NEWS

The auctioneer said one bidder told him that his wife didn't want him to buy it because of the Kennedy family history.

Kennedy died last year when his single-engine plane crashed off Martha's Vineyard with his wife and sister-in-law on board.

Pop culture artifacts will be sold at auction

• EAGLE, Wis. — The eyepiece worn by Col. Klink on "Hogan's Heroes" and the suspenders used to hold up Chester's pants on "Cuscutto" are among the pop culture artifacts going on the auction block next week.

The items are left over from a long-defunct traveling museum run by the late Helen and William Rowell.

—compiled from wire reports

Aries: You can handle major domestic crisis

IF SEPTEMBER 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are a many-sided person. People understand you one day and could misunderstand the next. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play major roles in your life — could have these letters, initials in names: C, L, U. December will be your most memorable, romantic, profitable month of 2000.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You help family members emerge from emotional shell. You evade warm adults can handle major domestic adjustment. Libra plays dominant role.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You win friends and influence people. You do so almost effortlessly. Maintain aura of mystery, intrigue. You'll be urged to tell all, but don't.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Focus on production, promotion, distribution. Spotlight on career, leadership, dealings with superiors. Your wit, humor gets you in and out of tight spots.

GANGER (June 21-July 22): Strive for universal appeal. Toss aside preconceived notions. Focus on philosophy, theology, communication. Long-distance call verifies views. Do right thing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Check accounting procedures, computer error possible. Make fresh start. Take a plunge into future. Don't follow others, let them follow you.

Another Les involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If single, you could encounter future soul mate. Focus on protection of property, family. Be near water if possible. Seafood dinner prepared by Cancer native.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Diversify; give full play to intellectual curiosity. Co-worker shares fascinating discovery. New meaning of love for you—Sagittarian helps in arranging priorities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): What had been a barrier will flat. You'll be tripping the light fantastic. People comment on your charm.—Taurus, Leo individuals figure in exciting scenario.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be alert for subtle clues.

Spotlight on change, travel, variety of sensations. Refuse to accept second best. You are going places. Read and write.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Attention revolves around home, family, possible change of residence, marital status. You will be ultra-sensitive to sound. Music is in the air. Number 6.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Lost valuable will be recovered. Focus on money, payments, collections, invoices. Outline boundaries. Define terms. See people, relationships in realistic manner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Focus on involvement in many affairs. Be especially cognizant of different ways of distribution. Love relationship sizzles. Virgo will play paramount role.

Cinderella's stepsisters were named Anastasia and Drizella

Two of the most famous females in fiction were Anastasia and Drizella. Mention them to any woman, and she'll probably identify them. But hardly a man alive can do so. They were Cinderella's stepsisters.

Traditionally, when two Nigerians meet, they clap hands. Q. Did you ever find out if a wolverine can kill a polar bear?

A. That has happened. The wolverine has been called one of the three most fearless animals. The other two: the tiny shrew and



WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

the big Cape buffalo. Size has nothing to do with it, clearly.

Q. What does "pto" mean in the margin of a book?

A. "Please turn over." Meaning

the page. Make a good pillow sampler, what?

An octopus can make itself transparent, almost.

On Feb. 26, 1916, the French auxiliary cruiser "Provence" sank in the Mediterranean with loss of more than 3,100 lives. About twice as many as the 1,517 lost on the "Titanic" nearly four years earlier. Everybody knows about the "Titanic." Hardly anybody has ever heard of the "Provence." Curious.

In the Far East are pear-shaped

oranges, cherry-sized oranges, and double oranges wherein one perfect orange encloses another.

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Kennedy airplane sells lower than expected

CALDWELL, N.J. — The tragedies that have befallen the Kennedy family may have helped keep down bids on the first airplane owned by John F. Kennedy Jr.

Auctioneers on Saturday opened bidding for the 1977 Cessna 182Q Skylane at \$300,000, but the plane eventually sold for only \$120,000 to an Oklahoma car dealer, The New York Times reported Monday.

MOVIES

Twin 12 Cinema - Twin Falls

This Week's PG Rated Movies
Disney's The Kid Nightly 7:00 - 8:15

This Week's PG-13 Rated Movies
Coyote Ugly Nightly 7:30 - 8:15
Perfect Storm Nightly 7:15 - 8:15
Nifty Professor 2 Nightly 7:30 - 8:45
What Lies Beneath Nightly 7:15 - 8:45
Autumn in New York Nightly 7:00 - 8:30
The Crew Nightly 7:00 - 8:30

This Week's R Rated Movies
Whipped Nightly 7:30 - 8:45
Highland in the Storm Nightly 7:00 - 8:45
The Way of Sam Nightly 7:00 - 8:30
The Watcher Nightly 7:30 - 8:45
The Art of War Nightly 7:15 - 8:45

The Odyssey 6 - Twin Falls

This Week's PG Rated Movies
Disney's Dinosaur Daily 7:15

This Week's PG-13 Rated Movies
The X-Files Daily 7:15 - 8:15
Space Jam On Daily 7:15 - 8:15
Space Cowboys Daily 7:00 - 8:30
Game in 40 Seconds Daily 8:00
The Replacements Daily 7:00 - 8:30

This Week's R Rated Movies
The Patriot Daily 7:30

The Ophileum - Twin Falls

The Call On Day 7:00 - 8:15

Jerome 4 Cinema - Jerome

This Week's PG-13 Rated Movies
What Lies Beneath Daily 7:15 - 8:30
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EDITORIAL

Idaho Legislature needs another Mack Neibaur

Idaho sure could use Mack Neibaur now.

The Paul-area farmer, who retired after 14 years in the Idaho Legislature, was a budget hawk with a critical eye for unnecessary spending. He died last week, too young at 77.

During his tenure as vice chairman of the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee, Neibaur became a master at wrestling with big budget deficits.

When it came to additional spending, he didn't often take "yes" for an answer.

"As valuable as Neibaur was then, he'd be even more so now. It's always easier to say "no" when times are tight, which they were in Neibaur's day.

Being careful with money and standing his ground were two of Mack Neibaur's signature qualities.

programs only when necessary, and save some money for a rainy day. The 2001 Idaho Legislature would be wise to heed those suggestions - and one more: Give back what's left over.

With a budget surplus of hundreds of millions of dollars, there should be plenty left over. Here are suggestions we're confident Mack Neibaur would have favored:

- Enact a significant and permanent reduction in state income taxes. Don't create targeted tax breaks for families, or the handicapped, or any other special interest group. Give it back in the same way it was collected, with those who paid the most taxes getting the biggest reduction.

• Consider a sales tax holiday, as many American states are doing. For a few days each year, the state sales tax could be suspended - to the delight of customers and merchants alike.

• Abolish the inequitable property tax scheme that supports the College of Southern Idaho and North Idaho College. As things stand, property owners in Twin Falls, Jerome and Kootenai counties pay a community college tax, while those in 41 other counties do not. Just like its public universities, Idaho's community colleges are statewide assets. They should be funded as such - casting an unfair burden on three counties.

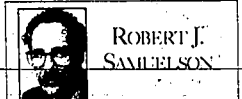
All of these are ideas that Mack Neibaur probably would have supported. They match the conservative vision he brought to the Legislature.

Neibaur's careful way with the taxpayers' money has been missed since his retirement. Come January, when the voices of spending gather in Boise, it could be missed even more.



Bush needs to stop stumbling

The great paradox of this presidential election is that Al Gore is the "candidate of substance," while George W. Bush - the force of the campaign's few fresh ideas - is typic- ally a hopeless dunder. This Bush is mainly to blame, and it could cost him the election and deprive the nation of a needed debate about how to make government more effective and trustworthy.



Most of Gore's proposals (from new spending programs to targeted tax breaks) are leftover Clinton policies. Fair enough. Though claiming to be his "own man," Gore is essentially promising an extension of the Clinton administration.

By contrast, Bush endorses a vague form of school vouchers, personal investment accounts for Social Security, a large income-tax cut and a sweeping review of military preparedness.

But to be a candidate of ideas, you have to understand them, defend them and convince people that they have merit. On all counts Bush has so far failed. A few weeks ago he tried to explain his \$1.3 trillion tax cut (over a decade); in the process he confused billions with trillions and lapsed into near incoherence. His discussion of the military involved some claims that, on inspection, turned out to be untrue.

Good questions. There are others. Let's take education. Gore proposes spending \$115 billion over the next decade. This sounds like a lot of money - and is. But public-school spending (most of it by states and localities) totaled almost \$360 billion in the 1999-2000 school year. Assuming conservatively that this spending rises 3 percent a year, school spending during the next decade would total \$4.2 trillion. Gore's \$115 billion would increase that less than 3 percent. Would the extra funds really improve student achievement?

One Gore proposal would increase teachers' salaries and create more stringent licensing requirements. Yet a recent study by the Rand Corporation, a California think tank, of student performance in 44 states found that higher teacher salaries had "little effect" on outcomes. Are many of Gore's proposals mainly public-relations gestures, intended to impress the public and satisfy a large Democratic constituency (teachers' unions)?

People may not grasp all the details, but Gore's mastery of them conveys an impression of substance. It shows that he can think. What that doesn't show is that his ideas are either original or effective. They may simply be costly and complex. Bush's problem is the opposite: He gives little evidence of thinking at all. He has trouble going beyond slogans.

Bush doesn't seem quite enough to pick apart the other two's ideas. The point is not that all virtue lies with one candidate and all vice with the other. (For example,

I don't like Bush's tax cut.) It is that voters deserve a legitimate contest of ideas; otherwise they may endorse an agenda that they don't understand and that, if adopted, won't do much good. Nowhere is the lapse greater than in Social Security and Medicare, where boosting benefits today - which both candidates now support - would compound the problem of paying for baby boomers' retirement in a decade or so. Bush once seemed ready to take the longer view; now he seems to be edging away. The fault for Bush's stumbling lies not with his staff. Almost all of Gore's attacks on Bush were predictable, but somehow his staffers weren't prepared. One result was last week's hastily crafted Medicare drug proposal.

But Bush is Bush's biggest problem. He sets his campaign's tone and staff. Although he may be no genius, he's sufficiently bright (Yale, Harvard degrees) to become conversant on major issues. He doesn't seem to have worked hard enough. Perhaps his disdain for intellectuals deterred him. Maybe he figured that once he showed "compassion," he could win on charm. Possibly he thought that Clinton's moral taint would transfer fatally to Gore.

Whatever the explanation, Bush made a huge miscalculation: Voters don't mainly want charm and compassion. Peace and prosperity put the burden on Bush to create a case for change. His ideas aren't nuts. Last week Robert Reich - Clinton's former labor secretary - endorsed school vouchers in The Wall Street Journal; the Democratic Leadership Council shares Bush's approach to Medicare overhaul. But if Bush can't make his case coherently, then voters will harshly (and justly) discount his convictions as well as his competence.

Robert J. Samuelson is a Newsweek columnist.

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LETTERS

Asking never hurt anyone

You better not kick our R. Rickards out. He knows what he is doing, has for 12 years. Besides, you don't know unless you ask. He's the best man you've got.

GERALD AND LUCY ANDERSON
Twin Falls

911 dispatcher fell down on job

Recently, Dena and S.K. Belveal, their 6-year-old daughter, Brook, and her 6-year-old friend, Gabby Bartlett, were involved in a traffic accident south of Jerome on Golf Course Road.

The other driver ran a stop sign and hit cars were badly damaged. S.K. was injured, his leg was crushed and he was in pain. Gabby sustained a back injury and was also in pain. Brook was banged up and badly bruised. The person in the other car was injured too. Nobody knew how badly. Everyone was scared, especially the children.

Dena had a cell phone with her and called 911. She told the dispatcher that she was "northbound on the Jerome Golf Course Road several miles south of Jerome." The dispatcher informed her that they "could not dispatch an ambulance without an exact location." Dena said she didn't know the exact mile marker number of her location but that she was "a mile north of the Jerome Golf Course on the Golf Course Road." Still the dispatcher insisted that without an exact mile location with east and west, north and south noted, she could not dispatch an ambulance. There was

no mile marker sign handy at the wreck. In frustration, Dena cursed and hung up the phone.

Luckily, about that time a Jerome County deputy sheriff came by and called for an ambulance.

Our question is, what if the sheriff's deputy hadn't come by? The injured people might have sat there for hours. What's wrong with the directions "a mile north of the Jerome Golf Course on Golf Course Road?" Why can't the 911 dispatcher center provide a map for the dispatchers to refer to so they can figure out locations? When people are involved in accidents and have cell phones, why can't they get help? When people are injured or excited and worried about others in an accident, they probably won't know the exact mile marker numbers of their locations. But with local landmarks and a little cooperation on the dispatcher's part, together they could probably figure it out.

We are not happy with the service 911 provided on that particular emergency call and want an explanation.

MARGARET AND ANNA KENNISON
Twin Falls

JOE AND JOANN HAWK
Jerome

WEGAN KENNISON
Twin Falls

DOUG AND LEANN JACOBSEN
Wendell

ROSE AND PAUL MADSON
Bliss

GREG AND DONNA VANHOOZER
Hagerman

Surplus could help local counties

The editorial in the Sept. 4 issue of U.S. News and World Report says "Don't blow the surplus." It also reminds everyone that "the national debt belongs to the taxpayers" and that "paying down the federal debt is the best, and most sensible, kind of tax cut." The efforts of Robert Rubin and Alan Greenspan would be eroded by a big tax cut for the wealthy and possibly interest rates would have to be increased to cool the economy. Paying the debt down as surplus occurs is safer and less complicated than a huge tax cut and going back in more debt.

Our state has a surplus this year, but on our own terms we're told the Statehouse needs repair. Twin Falls County is desperately looking for money and asking for ideas on economizing. Maybe Idaho's surplus should be used this year to help Twin Falls and Jerome counties fund the College of Southern Idaho

and also the county in a similar ranch funding, the college and the Statehouse. What did it cost Idaho in administrative expense just to cut the checks and mail last year's tax refund? Probably as much as the rebate. Most Americans seem not interested in tax cuts. Their interest in George Dubya's plan to put Medicare and prescription drugs safely in the hands of HMOs and private insurance companies isn't going to fly either.

Recently, Ron Reagan (son of the former president) wrote of George Dubya, "What are his accomplishments? That he is no longer an obnoxious drunk." Why are the Republicans and the religious right so enthusiastic about this rich papa's boy who spent the first 40 years of his life in debauchery? Naked table dancing at age 40 is what is needed to restore dignity to the Oval Office? Give us a break. Clinton's failures won't be erased with such conduct by the Republican.

LETTERS

This election cycle, the GOP was desperate. They had no one in Congress or much of anywhere else to run, but they have picked a loser.

Read my lips:
EARI, D. OLSON
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: The writer is chairman of the Twin Falls County Democratic Party.)

Sorry about naming wrong Arlen

Oops. I need to get my Arlen's right letter to the editor, Sept. 6). Arlen Crouch, not Arlan Call, gave property to the College of Southern Idaho near the I-84 and U.S. 93 intersection.

Isn't it great to have two nice people named Arlen C. in our valley?

A. KENT JUST
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: The writer is executive director of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.)

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

OPINION

Everyone has a stake in health issues

Public health providers can never sit back and breathe a sigh of relief. Although public health measures contributed greatly to increased life expectancy during the past century, health threats continue to emerge. With constant vigilance, the quality of that extended life may lessen.

Providing a variety of programs aimed at prevention of disease, promoting healthy living and protection of healthy communities is central to our mission. But it is not enough. South Central District Health Department must also do everything possible to educate and inform citizens regarding the benefits of public health.

The health district cannot afford to be a "best kept secret." If there is a lack of awareness about our programs on the part of those needing services, then our goal of prevention, promotion and protection is not completely realized.

That is why, earlier this year, the health district began an extensive Public Awareness Campaign. We began by holding

READER COMMENT
R.C. Parker

one-on-one interviews with 30 community leaders. These interviews provided valuable insight on how well we are reaching communities with our services.

Beginning in this month, we will be holding several focus groups. In particular, we are tapping into the medical community, the educational community, the Hispanic community, the business community and parents of school-age children. These roundtable discussions will further deepen our understanding of how we are perceived and how well we are known.

In a few days, the health district will mail about 4,000 random surveys to homes in the region we serve - the counties of Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls. Responses to the 16 questions on the survey will provide a broad cross-section of information on which to further

refine our outreach efforts. Based on the information received from community leaders, focus groups and mail surveys, South Central District Health Department will develop a media outreach campaign early next year. It is hoped this campaign will encourage people to realize that public health is for everyone and that it is a service vital to improving the quality of human life.

Public health begins with each of us as a personal choice in the way we live our lives. Helping people make healthy choices is a prime function of South Central District Health Department. So it really does take all of us working as a team.

To those of you who have already taken part in our outreach efforts, thank you. To those who may be asked to help during the next month, we hope you will take the time to complete a mail survey or join a focus group. The information you provide is important to all of us.

Dr. Charles Parker, a retired physician living in the Wood River Valley, is the chairman of the South Central District Health Department Board of Directors.

Know the score?
Read The Times-News sports pages to see how your favorite team is doing.

Notice of Availability



Agencies Sign Cleanup Decision for INEEL's Central Facilities Area

The U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and state of Idaho have signed a Record of Decision for cleanup of the Central Facilities Area at DOE's Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

Citizens may request a copy of the document or briefings by calling the INEEL Community Relations Plan Office at (208) 526-8484 or INEEL's toll-free number, (800) 708-2680.

Central Facilities Area

Original buildings at the Central Facilities Area were constructed in the 1940s for Navy gunnery range personnel, administration, shops and warehouse space. The Central Facilities Area now includes INEEL research laboratories, a cafeteria, workshops, offices and a commercial/industrial waste landfill.

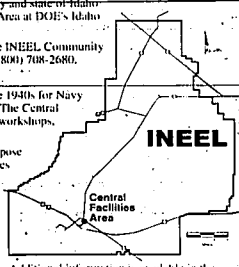
The document identifies the agencies' plans to clean up three sites that pose a potentially unacceptable risk to people or the environment. These sites must be remediated under the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (Superfund).

Selected cleanup alternatives are:

CFA-04 Pond - Characterizing the site and excavating soil that exceeds mercury concentrations of 0.5 milligrams per kilogram of soil; stabilizing the soil to meet waste acceptance criteria for the INEEL CERCLA Disposal Facility landfill slated to open in 2003; hauling the soil to the new landfill; sampling the excavation to verify that soil exceeding the 0.5mg/kg mercury concentration is removed; and back-filling the pond to grade with uncontaminated soil and revegetating it.

CFA-08 Sewage Plant Drainfield - Constructing an engineered soil cover and using clean native fill material as needed; contouring and grading surrounding terrain to direct surface water runoff away from the cover; and restricting future access to the site. The cover and access controls are designed to isolate the cesium-137 from people and the environment for the 189 years it will take for the cesium's radioactivity to decay to concentrations that would no longer pose a significant health risk.

CFA-10 Transformer Yard - Characterizing the site and excavating soil that exceeds lead concentrations of 400 milligrams per kilogram of soil; sampling the excavation to verify that soil exceeding the 400 mg/kg lead concentration is removed; using cement as necessary to stabilize removed contaminated soil that is dug up, to ensure it meets land disposal requirements; and hauling the contaminated soil to a permitted treatment, storage and disposal facility away from INEEL.



Additional information is available in the Administrative Record file for Operable Unit 4-13. The Administrative Record is located at the DOE Reading Room of the INEEL Technical Library in Idaho Falls. Copies can be found at Albionson Library on the Boise State University campus and the University of Idaho Library in Moscow. The Administrative Record also can be accessed via the Internet at <http://ar.ineel.gov/home.html>

LETTERS

Apology to 4-H program due

I also feel that Monie Smith owes an apology to the 4-H program. How can someone write something that so many people will read with so little information?

First, Monie implies that all 4-H projects are market animals, which is certainly not true. There are hundreds of projects to pick from, and all of them teach some thing different. Did you go through the Tom Patrig Pavilion and see the small engine project display or the entomology display? Four-H'ers who pick the market animal projects know what to expect from the beginning. They will have to market the animal and they need to do a good job of feeding and showing that animal's best qualities to a judge in order to sell for a premium price. They also learn how to get it done for a profit.

My daughter took a market hog project along with a breeding project of a different species. She learned from each of the projects there are some animals that need to be used in the gene pool and there are some that should not and these animals are perfect for market projects. My daughter, a first year 4-H'er, changed from being slightly underconfident and insecure to a much more mature, confident and self-reliant little girl. Yes, she was sad to see her pig not come home with us, but she knows why and she's geared up to pick a pig for next year's market project. She is also very excited about breeding her pygmy goat and spending another year improving her skills with an animal that can be a lifetime pet.

Monie, you say that only the youngest 4-H'ers cry. How wrong you are. I never cried harder or longer than my last year. I will not go so far as to compare slaughter houses with abortion clinics or places of execution because these are unnecessary evils in society, but an animal slaughter house is very important and a necessary link between getting a live animal into a consumable product. I think almost anyone can understand this concept, and you don't have to experience it to become a responsible person.

A present 4-H mom and past 4-H'er,
SILVANA BREEDING
Kimberly

LETTERS

fuse affected a lot of people on a recent Saturday afternoon. The vision of Mr. Johnston lying in the main street of Ketchum with his injuries will be forever in my mind.

If gunpowder is so unstable in the rain (as reported in your subsequent newspaper article), I feel

very fortunate that the soldier was the only injury.

In addition, I want to say the speedy arrival of the paramedics was a blessing to Mr. Johnston and those of us helplessly watching from the sidewalks.

LOUISE PERRY
Jerome

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Mayors flock to conference held in Boise

BOISE (AP) - Dozens of mayors are traveling to Idaho this week for the fall meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Among the participants will be San Francisco's Willie Brown and Oakland's Jerry Brown, the former California governor. Boise Mayor Brent Coles was installed earlier this year as president of the organization.

This week's participants represent only a fraction of the conference's 1,100 cities. They are the ones Coles chose to serve on 10 committees he formed when he was inaugurated in June. Those committees address issues such as drug control, growth and creating a technologically astute work force. But the presidential election

will dominate the mayors' discussions. A panel on Thursday afternoon will talk about how to ensure the Bush and Gore campaigns are aware of the cities' agendas. Two former White House liaisons to cities, one from a previous Democratic administration and one from a Republican administration, will serve as

panelists. High-profile representatives of both major party presidential candidates will be in Sun Valley Saturday morning for a closed-door meeting with the mayors. Bush is sending his top domestic policy adviser, Stephen Goldsmith, the former mayor of Indianapolis. Representing Gore will be Elaine Kamarck, a senior

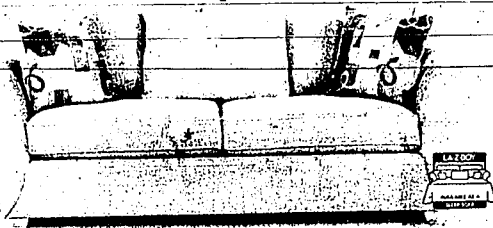
policy adviser. The conference's fall meeting typically is in the home city of the organization's president. The winter meeting is always in Washington, D.C., in January, two days before the presidential inauguration. The annual meeting, which includes all the mayors, will be in Detroit in late June.

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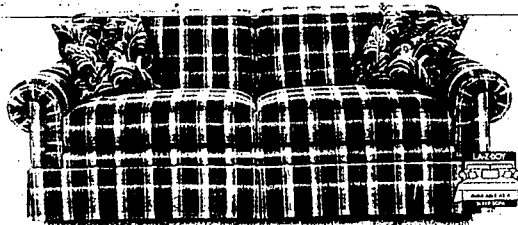
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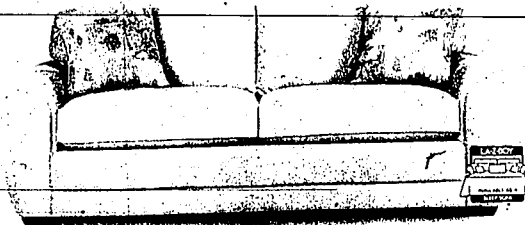
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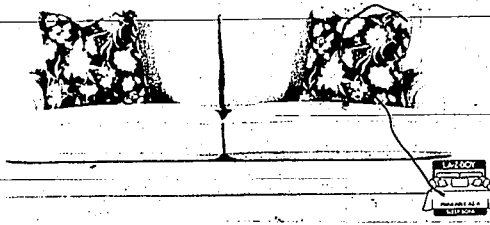
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Richfield teen's sentencing delayed

SHOSHONE - A sentencing for a 15-year-old Richfield boy involved in a case that stirred up community concern, originally scheduled for Monday, has been delayed until Oct. 2.

Justin Stewart last month pleaded guilty to grand theft and burglary charges, on the same day he was set to go to trial on those charges.

Magistrate Judge John Varin last month sentenced Stewart's co-defendant, Richfield resident Archie Biegler, 16, to 450 days in a detention center, with 380 days suspended, credit for 50 days served and a 20-day discretionary sentence.

Varin, who handles juvenile court cases in the Magic Valley, also sentenced Biegler to two years' probation and 30 hours of community service in Lincoln County.

Biegler and Stewart were arrested after a Richfield School Board meeting in April, when angry parents said students had reported Biegler taking a knife to school and threatening students. The boys were charged in connection with the theft of two World War II Japanese rifles from a local shop.

It was unclear Monday exactly why the sentencing had been postponed.

Bickel parents head to School Board meeting

TWIN FALLS - The School Board today is scheduled to hear from parents of Bickel Elementary School parents, who are unhappy with the reassignment of a kindergarten teacher.

The district has said teacher Erin Fox was reassigned to a third-grade classroom at Morningstar Elementary School to balance disproportionate class sizes in the district.

In other business, the board is scheduled to review the impact of another enrollment downturn on the district budget. Enrollment this fall dropped by 178 students compared with fall 1999, the district reported. The district had prepared for another downturn this year but did not expect to lose so many students. Total district enrollment this year is 6,796.

The board is scheduled to review a number of other items including city plans for soccer fields on property donated by the district; the district's share of state money for a preschool peer role model pilot program; and college entrance exam scores.

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

Freeway altercation results in no charges

BURLEY - No charges will be filed in connection with an altercation Monday on Interstate 84 about seven miles west of Burley, involving a Burley man and an Oregon couple. A Burley man, driving eastbound on I-84 reported just before 11 a.m. that a passenger in another vehicle had brandished a gun.

Upon investigating, Idaho State Police troopers concluded the woman with the gun was acting in self-defense. ISP trooper Sean Walker said.

No injuries were reported.

The Burley man apparently signaled the Oregon couple to pull over, because he felt they were driving too slow, Walker said. Both drivers got out of their car and exchanged words before the Burley man got a golf club out of his car, Walker said.

The Oregon man's wife took out a 22-caliber semiautomatic handgun and told the Burley man he should think twice about using the club, Walker said.

All parties left the scene, Walker said.

Troopers interviewed the couple, discovered the handgun was registered and decided the woman had been acting in self-defense, Walker said.

Program offers free pesticide disposal

TWIN FALLS - Southern Idaho residents can get rid of unwanted chemicals through the Idaho Department of Agriculture's annual pesticide disposal program this week.

The program will pick up chemicals at various sites around the state, including a pickup in Burley on Wednesday and pickups in Twin Falls and Jerome on Thursday. The program is free and it's confidential. For more information, call the state pesticide disposal program at 332-8615.

Compiled from staff reports

Arts council updates officials

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Arts Council is looking for donations for a downtown art project.

"People should realize that when they are donating, they are donating to Twin Falls history," said Rhonda Schaff, vice president of the arts council and Millennium Sculpture Project facilitator.

Schaff, along with Ted Clausen, the resident artist hired for the project, updated the City Council on the project's progress Monday. The total project, including Clausen's fees,

More Information

To make a donation to the Magic Valley Arts Council's Millennium Sculpture Project call the arts council at 733-0931 or send checks to The Magic Valley Arts Council, Millennium Sculpture, P.O. Box 1158, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

Here's a look at the city's Millennium Sculpture Project. Where: The two-part project, which celebrates Twin Falls' history, will be in

City Park and downtown in front of Wells Fargo Bank. What: The downtown part will include a six-foot-tall basalt rock with historical inscriptions, a life-size bronze casting of a horse harness and sagebrush and trees on the side. The City Park part will include four or five basalt rocks, engraved with historical text. Water will seep from pores in the rocks. It also will include a bronze casting of a plow.

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"We want 30 businesses to donate \$1,000 each and 200 individuals or families to donate \$100 each."

Raising more money shouldn't be a problem, either, Schaff and Clausen agreed.

More than 20 businesses and numerous residents have taken part in the fund-raising effort so far.

"I hope you are as proud as you have reason to be with the level of community support," Clausen said Monday.

Schaff said donors will be recognized in four categories based on their donations.

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Hospital waits to choose air ambulance

By Brandon Flata
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The county's hospital is waiting for more information before it chooses an air ambulance provider.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is considering air ambulance service after canceling an agreement with Access Air of Boise in August, officials said during Monday's hospital board meeting.

More information is needed, specifically flight information from Life Flight Medical Center administrator Jerry Hart said.

"We are in the data gathering phase," he said. "We met with Access Air last week, but we are still waiting for information from Life Flight."

Hart said he will try to get the information by next month. The hospital also is working on a proposal to buy or lease the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital building, which won't affect air ambulance negotiations, he said.

Access Air President James Hutchens said he was shocked when the board decided to cancel an agreement with his company, but is glad the hospital is looking at his new proposal.

Access Air's proposal has a special feature, Hutchens said. Access Air will give the hospital's corporation all of its membership money, which could pay for the entire operation, he said.

If the hospital could sign up just 1,000 members each year for five years, that would generate \$250,000, the amount the hospital thought it might lose with Access Air.

"My proposal is very generous, and should take away any fear of losing money," he said.

For now, Life Flight continues to operate at Magic Valley Regional.

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CUTTING CORN



With schools back in session and fall in the air, harvesting of the Magic Valley's crops is in full swing. Many farmers have harvested their grain and beans and a few are beginning to cut corn.

Idaho lawmaker will be remembered as man of integrity

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

PAUL - Mack Neibaur was celebrated and remembered Monday as a man of his word.

Close to 200 friends and family members attended a funeral for Neibaur Monday at the Paul Stake Center. Neibaur died Thursday of natural causes at the age of 77.

After a friend of his convinced Neibaur to enter the political field, the Paul farmer quickly developed a reputation as a conservative lawmaker and a skilled budget-writer. He joined the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee in 1979, and was elected vice chairman of the Legislature's budget-writing committee in 1980.

Nearly 200 people attend Mack Neibaur's funeral

"Mack was very frugal with money, but he was very generous to anyone who needed anything," said John Stevenson, a 31-year farming partner of Neibaur.

Trust was also important to Neibaur. Stevenson and Neibaur operated as partners for many years without a legal contract.

"Mack and I shook hands and for 15 years we lived by that handshake," Stevenson said. "If he told you he was going to do something, he would do it. And if you told him you were going to do something, he'd expect you to do it."

Neibaur worked in the

Legislature with the same thorough, meticulous attention to detail with which he worked on the farm, Stevenson said.

Because of his hesitance to enact new bills, "Mack was sometimes accused of being anti-education," Stevenson said. "But he loved education more than anything. He just did not want to raise taxes. (He felt) that was the people's money."

He was also remembered as a wealth of wisdom. "They say when an old person dies, we don't just lose a friend, we lose a library," said his daughter, Bonnie Jean Cook, who said this was especially true of her father.

Neibaur's famous dislike of long meetings allowed his daughter, Elaine Blunck, a moment of humor on an otherwise somber occasion.

"This is the only way we could have gotten Mack to stay at something like this," she said. "But prematurely in 1922, Neibaur barely survived his first few days. But his frailty during infancy was soon replaced by strength as a young man."

Neibaur joined the Marines in World War II and received the Purple Heart after being shot in the arm during the Battle of Tarawa. When he was shot, he was several days from proper

medical attention, so Neibaur's wound was packed with salt to keep it from healing until a doctor could look at it.

Returning home after the war, he attended the University of Idaho, where he played on the offensive line for the football team for two years and earned a bachelor of science degree in agronomy and a master's degree in soils.

He married Edna Hemsley in 1944, moved to Paul in 1951, and in 1956 built the house in which he raised his six children.

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Blaine commissioners bow to Supreme Court

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Blaine County commissioners Monday bowed to the Idaho Supreme Court and approved a Bellevue woman's application to subdivide 119 acres south of Baseline Road into four lots.

The decision overturned commissioners' earlier denial of the subdivision. It followed a similar ruling last week, which involved a request by Johnny Urrutia to subdivide his family's 160-acre parcel south of Bellevue into seven lots.

Commissioners initially approved both requests and then denied them after one of Reed and Urrutia's neighbors appealed the decisions to 5th District Court. The Supreme Court remanded the denials in April, saying the comprehensive plan that commissioners cited in making their decisions should be

viewed as a "guide," not a zoning ordinance.

The applicant, Virginia Reed, said she was relieved at the ruling but added that she still has plenty of details to attend to in the next three months.

"All I wanted to do was keep my home and 20 acres and sell the rest because you can't make a living farming," said Reed, who submitted an application to subdivide her property in 1995. "It was simple but it didn't turn out that way."

Commissioners clearly were not happy about having to reverse their decision.

Commissioner Dennis Wright pointed out that the comprehensive plan is among the criteria the subdivision ordinance spells out for evaluating the appropriateness of the subdivision in an agricultural zone. The application did not and does not conform with the county's comprehensive plan.

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Mystery vehicle damages Hazelton home, crushes a stone chimney

By Aaron Brock
Times-News Writer

HAZELTON - No one seems to know what hit Elmer and Ona Moore's house hard enough to crush the stone chimney and mangle inside.

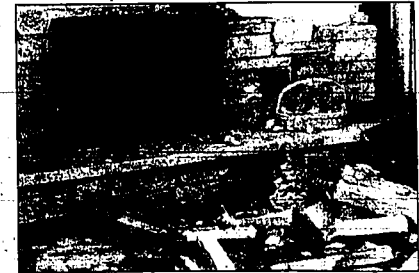
On Aug. 30, a large, unidentified vehicle stopped briefly in the Moore driveway on Crest View Road and hit the side of the house.

The Moores were away at the time. But when their daughter, Carol Bomer, returned home from work between 4:30 and 5 p.m., she realized major damage had been done.

"I just started trying to find a possible reason for what had happened," Bomer said.

But the search for information has been fruitless. And the Jerome County Sheriff's Department hasn't turned up any clues.

"Something hit it hard, looks



Rubble remains on the floor in Elmer and Ona Moore's house in Hazelton. No one has come forward to accept responsibility for the damages, which Elmer Moore estimates is at least \$5,000, like maybe a swinging boom, said contractor George Toner, who built the house 25 years ago and was contacted about repairing the damage. "I have no idea

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MAGIC-VALLEY/WEST

Confessed killer faces Texas jury

The Times-News and The Associated Press

DEL RIO, Texas — A drifter and former carnival worker who has confessed to a multistate spree of murders, including slayings in southern Idaho, will face a jury that could send him to death row.

Opening statements in the capital murder trial for Tommy Lynn Sells, 36, were scheduled for today.

Earlier this year, Sells confessed to killing three people in the Magic Valley 12 years ago, two in Twin Falls County and one in Gooding County.

Sells led investigators to a spot along the Snake River near Bliss where he said he buried a woman in 1988. But a landslide has added 40 feet of soil since then, and no body has been found.

Sells is accused of slipping into an acquaintance's mobile home near Del Rio on Dec. 31 and slitting the throats of two girls.



Tommy Lynn Sells, who confessed to three killings in the Magic Valley, is led from the Val Verde Justice Center in Del Rio, Texas last week.

One, 13-year-old Kaylene Harris, died. But Krystal Sures, now 11, who had been sleeping above Sells on a bunk bed, survived and investigators draw a sketch that led to Sells' arrest two days later. She will be among the first witnesses to testify against him.

Authorities in Del Rio, 160 miles west of San Antonio, say they have a strong case against Sells: an eyewitness, videotaped and signed confessions and the knife, retrieved from a field near Sells' trailer. DNA tests confirmed the blood on it was Kaylene's.

Victor Garcia, Sells' court-appointed attorney, said if his client had been offered an opportunity to plead guilty to a lesser charge of murder, he might have accepted.

But Garcia said he will fight the capital murder charge. Sells is facing the more serious charge because he is accused of killing the girl while committing another felony — breaking into her house to rape her. He also is charged with attempted murder in connection with Krystal's injuries.

If Sells is convicted of capital murder, he will be sentenced either to life in prison or lethal injection.

"The death sentence can only be given to those individuals that the jurors find are going to be a continuing threat to society, are going to be a danger in the

future," Garcia said. "I don't think Tommy will."

He said that although Sells has not provided a reason for killing Kaylene, he believes his client is sane.

After his confessions, Texas Rangers accompanied Sells to other states to meet with investigators, but some leads failed to pan out. An Arkansas man apparently shot by Sells in 1982 did not die as he had believed.

In Kentucky, however, Sells has been charged in the May 1999 killing of 13-year-old Haley McElmore, whose body was left by railroad tracks less than 150 feet from her Lexington home.

Although he has not been charged in any other cases, Texas Ranger Sgt. John Allen expressed confidence in the validity of at least some of Sells' confessions, saying he provided details only the killer would know.

Sells has offered little explanation but claimed to have been drinking or on drugs while killing, Allen said.

The St. Louis area native, who is believed to have no more than an eighth-grade education, told authorities he killed some people "silently" because they're witnesses.

Allen said, and others "because they tried to rip him off on drugs."

"If somebody tries to steal his drugs, that seems to anger him," Allen said.

At the Del Rio courthouse, relatives struggled to find appropriate words.

Kaylene's grandmother, Glenna Harris of Grove, Okla., her voice shaking, could manage only this statement: "She was a beautiful teen-ager who was a joy to be around."

Police investigate standoff suspect for bank robberies

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — An armed man who held police at bay for more than nine hours before being arrested had been sought for more than 30 bank robberies in California, authorities said Monday.

James J. Lizotte, 36, was dubbed "The Cell Phone Bandit" because of his alleged practice of using a cellular telephone while waiting in line for a bank teller to rob. Lizotte, a police department said in a news release.

Lizotte, a hairdresser, also is being investigated in recent robberies in Seattle and El Paso, Texas, the department said. He was being held in the Spokane County Jail on a federal bank robbery warrant from Sacramento and for investigation of assaults.

Lizotte was not injured when he was arrested in his room on the 15th floor of the DoubleTree Hotel in downtown Spokane on Sunday, police said.

The incident began about 6:25 a.m. when a hotel security guard investigating reports of two men fighting was confronted by a man

with a handgun. Police sealed off the floor and moved other guests.

After diverting the man's attention, the SWAT unit entered the room about 3:40 p.m., police said. A handgun was found on the bed.

The FBI was called after police learned Lizotte's identity, Spokane Deputy Police Chief Chuck Brown said.

The man to whom the \$129-a-night room was registered received minor injuries in the scuffle with Lizotte, but didn't require medical treatment, Brown said.

Lizotte's arrest came after a two-month investigation by Torrance police detectives and Long Beach, Calif., FBI agents, who interviewed Lizotte's friends and conducted surveillance at known hangouts.

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Aryan Nations must relinquish property after suit

HAYDEN LAKE (AP) — There's a silver bust of Adolf Hitler in the church. A guard tower is adorned with Nazi flags. German shepherds roam the grounds. Swastikas are everywhere.

This is the wooded, 20-acre compound that the Aryan Nations will have to relinquish after losing a civil lawsuit.

But it's not clear when the winners of the lawsuit can take possession. And it's unlikely the loss

of the compound means the end of Aryan Nations.

"This isn't over," Aryan Nations founder Richard Butler said at a weekend news conference. "We are going to find a way to go on."

Butler, 82, could move his Church of Jesus Christ Christian/Aryan-Nations to another location. Or he could concentrate his activities on the Internet, where Aryan Nations already has

a home page.

Perhaps the most immediate decision is whether to appeal the \$6.3 million judgment a jury awarded to a woman and her son who were assaulted by Aryan Nations security guards.

Butler has said repeatedly he doesn't have the \$960,000 bond required by Idaho law to file an appeal.

But he is planning to ask for a new trial before the Sept. 18

deadline. If District Judge Charles Hosack denies a new trial, Butler would have 54 days to file an appeal.

Butler was also ordered to appear at a hearing on Oct. 13 to testify under oath about his assets.

The plaintiffs could then pursue a court order to force a sheriff's sale of the Aryan Nations assets. Or Butler could be forced into bankruptcy.

Three-year flood project almost finished

COBUR D'ALENE (AP) — One of the biggest public works projects in Silver Valley history wraps up this month.

The Milo Creek flood control project has taken three years and cost more than \$15 million.

For Carol Stoddard, branch manager at the U.S. Bank in Kellogg, its conclusion means banking gets back to normal after construction forced drive-through customers to pull U-turns all summer.

For Wardner Mayor Jo Ann Groves, it means people in the tiny community just south of Kellogg can drive straight home instead of following intricate detours to dug-up driveways.

SERVICES

Shirley Ann Harkins-Peterson, of Dallas, Texas, memorial graveside services at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 18, 2000, at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Bessie Ethel Lee, of Fairfield, funeral services at 2:30 p.m. today at the Gooding LDS Church. Graveside inurnment services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, at Mountain View Cemetery in Fairfield.

Madena Wilson, of Paul, funeral services at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2000, at the Paul LDS Stake Center. Friends may call today from 6-8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary Rupter Chapel 710 6th and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the church.

Jean Booth King, of Burley, funeral services at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2000, at the United Methodist Church, 450

East 27th Street, Burley. Friends may call today from 6-8 p.m. at the Rasmussen Funeral Home.

DEATH NOTICES

Edward U. Rodriguez RUPERT — Edward U. Rodriguez, 65, of Rupert died Monday, Sept. 11, 2000, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, 2000, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert. Burial will follow in the Oakley Cemetery. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2000, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church.

Family and friends may call one hour prior to the rosary on Wednesday and one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary-Rupter Chapel.

Paul W. Hood HEYBURN — Paul Warren

Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, and from 1:45 p.m. on Wednesday at the church.

Hood, 61, of Heyburn, died Monday, Sept. 11, 2000, at the SunBridg Care & Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

At his request there will be no formal service held. Cremation services are under the direction of the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, Idaho.

Alva M. Humbert PATTERSON

TWIN FALLS — Alva M. Humbert Patterson of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2000, at Twin Falls Care Center.

At Alva's request, no services are planned. Cremation will take place under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls.

HOSPITALS

Admitted Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Some names are omitted at the patient's request

Admitted David Douglas of Rupert, Sara Bernabe de Declu, Jack Richard of Rupert, Donna Taylor of Salt Lake City

Admitted Joan Morris of Twin Falls

Dismissed Mary Ann Shaff and baby boy of Heyburn, Sarah Bernabe and baby of Declu, Jack Richard of Rupert, Brooke Cantrell and baby girl of Rupert, Randy Thompson of Rupert

Minidoka Memorial Hospital Some names are omitted at the patient's request

OBITUARY

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BIRTH Lillian Irene Fairchild Lillian Irene Fairchild, age 82 of Burley, passed away Saturday, Sept. 9, 2000, at her residence. Mrs. Fairchild was born Aug. 19, 1917, in Twin Falls, the daughter of James and Ethel Kennedy Shappae. She was raised in the Wendell-Jerome area and it was there that she

received her education. On December 2, 1933, she married Acl M. Fairchild. He preceded her in death in 1994. The couple resided in Meion Valley near Burley for many years.

Survivors include two sons, Fred L. Fairchild of Hugo, Colo. and Thomas Fairchild of Burley, two daughters, Lorene Wilson of Gooding and Linda McCurdy of Burley. Lillian is also survived by one brother, three sisters, 17

grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, David, a daughter, Melissa, Smiley and two grandchildren.

Memorial Services will be conducted 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2000, at the Burli LDS Church on Main Street. Private interment will be in West End Cemetery. Arrangements by Farmer Funeral Chapel, Burli.

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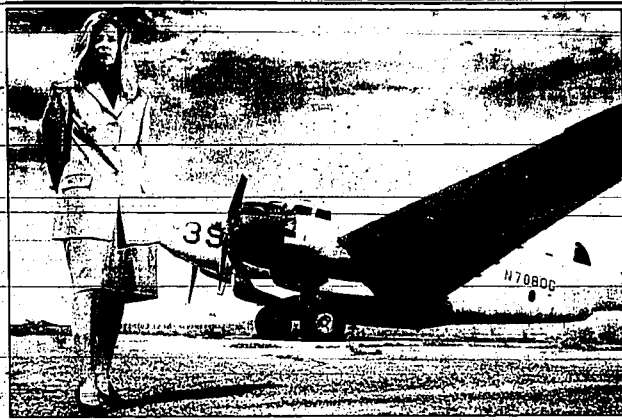
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Connie Hirth, owner of Hirth Air Tankers, stands on the tarmac at Johnson County Airport near Buffalo, Wyo., last week. Her Lockheed PW-2 Harpoon, shown in the background, is registered as Tanker 39 with the U.S. Forest Service, but remains grounded because the Forest Service will no longer contract tankers that hold less than 2,000 gallons.

Fire season doesn't employ tanker

BUFFALO, Wyo. (AP) — Connie Hirth's tanker plane company has a pilot, a mechanic, an airport, a hangar and a plane fitted with all the necessary equipment for dumping fire retardant at any wildfire in North America.

But in the midst of the worst fire season in 50 years — so bad the federal government has mobilized Air Force and private Canadian aircraft to fight fires — Hirth Air Tankers could get no work.

A federal regulation says Hirth's Lockheed PW-2 Harpoon is too small for her company to secure the industry's most important contract.

"It's embarrassing to me when people say 'Well, you're out fighting fires this summer,'" Hirth says. "And I say, 'No, I don't have any contracts.' And they say, 'Why don't you have any contracts?'"

And I say, "I don't carry the capacity that they want. People don't really understand that."

"I wonder if they think, well, we're bad operators, or whatever," Hirth's one plane prepped to

fight fires can carry up to 1,200 gallons of fire retardant. The U.S. Forest Service requires planes to hold at least 2,000 gallons of the retardant.

"I'd like to get my foot in the door," she said. "We've paid our dues. We have a good reputation. Our equipment always worked. We weren't always switching around pilots; we had good pilots who were loyal. We paid them really well for the work they were doing. So it's not a problem with our operation."

It all comes down to finances. Larger planes like C-130s, DC-6s and DC-7s may be costlier to fly, but they carry enough retardant to be more economical than planes like Hirth's, according to a 1996 multiagency air tanker study.

Bob Martin, assistant director of fire and aviation for the Forest Service, said the optimal air tanker capacity is about 3,000 gallons. The agency hopes to push that to 5,000 gallons by contracting for more turbine-powered planes.

"If Connie were to have something we could use, we'd sure be doing business with her. In fact, we'd welcome the competition," he said. "But a 1,200-gallon tanker is not something we are looking at."

Meanwhile, the Bureau of Land Management employs single-engine air tankers, or SEATs, that dump 400-800 gallons of retardant at spot fires and grass fires, according to Charlotte Larson, a fixed-wing aircraft specialist for the Forest Service.

"They're a lot like a helicopter. They're good at hitting a target," she said.

That puts Hirth's planes at an awkward size as far as the federal government is concerned.

Still, Hirth maintains that her World War II-era planes, which began life as U.S. Navy patrol bombers, can play an important role fighting fires.

"They can land and take off at shorter airstrips than many other multiengine planes, and their performance is superior."

Oakley Forest Service volunteer receives national recognition

By Ruth Streever
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The keen eye of a local U.S. Forest Service volunteer is getting national recognition.

A photo — a colorful shot of unusual lichens from the South Hills, taken by biologist Miriam Austin — recently won honorable mention in a national Forest Service photo competition. The photo will hang on a wall in the nation's capital.

Austin's field work also has earned her a national award for volunteer work with the Forest Service.

"Which I was surprised and honored with, especially with all the flak I've been through," Austin said.

Although she volunteers for the Forest Service, Austin recently completed a controversial report for an environmental group, the Idaho Watersheds Project, criticizing grazing man-

agement on federal allotments.

Austin owns a biological research company in Oakley, near Willow Ridge, and is a volunteer rehabilitator for injured wild animals.

Austin submitted the photo, which will hang in the Forest Service's Washington bureau, Chris Frisbee of the Sawtooth National Forest in Twin Falls nominated Austin for the volunteer award, for work in conservation and management of natural resources. Forest Service Chief Mike Dombeck signed the award in April.

"She keeps her eyes open for things that are going on that shouldn't be going on," said Frisbee, a Forest Service botanist in Twin Falls.

Austin didn't win one of the highest awards, but did receive a certificate of achievement, Frisbee said, which means she is recognized to be one of the nation's best volunteers.

"Besides being one of the most

observant people I have ever met, Miriam is meticulous in the way she records observations," Frisbee wrote. "Miriam has produced reports, field notes, photographs and paintings that are indicative of the number of hours she spends in the field and the special identifying plant species."

Al Winward, a regional ecologist with the Forest Service's Ogden, Utah, office, says Austin's work "far exceeds that expected from a volunteer," he wrote on the nomination form.

"She obviously has a passion for natural resource observation as she spends long hours in the field, often alone. She is an excellent observer and notices details that most people would miss."

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Patron of the arts and community dies at home; Burley mourns loss

By Ruth Streever
Times-News writer

BURLEY — People remember Jean B. King for her patronage of the arts, and for her community service. But they also remembered the 84-year-old Burley resident, volunteer, artist and friend for the woman she was.

"She's such a great lady. She's such an intelligent, great person," said Rachel Kircher, King's friend of more than 40 years.

King died Friday at her home. She spent 61 years in Burley with her husband, Hermon E. King, who survives her. The couple donated more than \$1 million for the King Fine Arts Center, and they ran the King's department stores that Hermon King's father, M.H. King, started.

The King Gallery at the College of Southern Idaho's Herrett Center for Arts and Science was named after King when it opened in 1996. A

ceramic artist, King was one of the center's major donors.

The Faulkner Planetarium also has a room because of the King's contributions, said Dennis Byington, president of the Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation.

But as her obituary suggests, they were an unpretentious couple, Kircher said.

"They have been very benevolent," she said.

They were financial supporters of the arts, and they were involved in the design and planning of the King Fine Arts Center, Byington said.

"She's going to be a real loss. She was such a gracious lady, and so sweet," Byington said.

Cassia County Superintendent Jerry Doggett said Jean King was always a strong backer of education in the community.

"She was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church, and recently served on the building committee for the new

church. She spent 14 years as the Service to Military Families officer for the American Red Cross, and 50 years with the Philanthropic and Educational Organization Sisterhood.

She was a long-time member of the Burley Library Board, and she served as a volunteer at the Idaho Youth Ranch, the Parent Teachers Association, the Cassia Memorial Hospital and the Community Concert Board.

In the 1970s, she and three friends founded the Eccentric Wheel, a pottery studio. Over the years she expanded her efforts to include jewelry making, paper making and painting.

A funeral service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday at the United Methodist Church in Burley.

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Nevada coalition says 'protection of marriage' plan is discriminatory

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A statewide grassroots coalition has launched its campaign against a proposed constitutional amendment to ban gay marriages in wide-open Nevada.

Members of Equal Rights Nevada — including about two dozen ministers of various denominations — gathered Monday in Las Vegas and Reno to protest the "protection of marriage" initiative on the November ballot.

In Las Vegas, the Rev. Valerie Carrick of Northwest Community United Church of Christ said Question 2 is unnecessary because Nevada already has a law requiring marriage to be between a man and woman.

"The ballot plan 'makes discrimination against gay and lesbian people part of Nevada's constitution,'" she said. "That's wrong."

"It's discriminatory and divisive," added Gary Peck, executive director of Nevada's American Civil Liberties Union. "It's not about protecting mar-

riage at all."

In Reno, the Rev. Denise Conner of the Metropolitan Community Church of the Sierras said backers of the initiative claim to speak for all Christians and faiths but "We want to make it clear by your presence today that that's not the case."

Other representatives of religious groups included Jewish rabbis from Las Vegas and Reno, gay and lesbian Mormons, and ministers from Lutheran, Christ Episcopal, United Methodist and Unitarian Universalist churches in Nevada.

Previously, the former Roman Catholic bishop of Las Vegas, Daniel Walsh, asked priests and parishioners to support the traditional family but not to support Question 2 because it fosters ill-will toward gays.

The Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, a nonprofit organization that advocates for numerous public-interest causes, also has announced its opposition.

While Equal Rights Nevada can claim a lot of backing from various churches, it faces what the Center for Gays and Lesbians of Southern Nevada terms a David and Goliath struggle in funding its campaign.

"They have \$750,000 and we have \$1,700," said Steve Wickson, the center's executive director.

Richard Ziser, head of the Coalition for the Protection of Marriage that got the proposal on the November ballot, didn't deny that his group is well-funded. But he did argue about the initiative's intent.

"It's not hateful," said Ziser, who attended the Las Vegas rally against Question 2. "It's simply keeping judges and legislatures from other states from changing the laws of Nevada."

Ziser's group is heavily supported by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which also orchestrated antigay marriage efforts in Hawaii, Alaska and, most recently, in California.

California creates America's biggest state scholarship program

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California is promising to spend at least \$1.2 billion a year to create the nation's biggest state scholarship program, covering college tuition for all low- and middle-income students with at least a C average.

Under legislation signed Monday by Gov. Gray Davis, all California students whose grades are high enough and incomes are low enough can get a Cal-Grant scholarship, starting with the 2001-02 academic year.

"We'll say to all students, we're putting our money where our mouth is," Davis said at a bill-signing ceremony in front of the Student Union at California State

University, Los Angeles. "You do your job well to get the grades, college will be a reality."

Most other states are increasingly targeting their scholarship programs at students' grades and not financial need, said Ed Elmendorf of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities in Washington, D.C.

"I don't know of any other state that would guarantee support such as this and at the same time use it to target low-income families," he said. "I have to give them a lot of credit for having the guts to do that."

California actually promised college access to all students with good grades four decades ago. But

the state has never before spent enough to cover everyone eligible for a Cal-Grant, instead ranking applicants according to need and grades.

For example, five years ago only 23 percent of eligible Cal-Grant applicants received awards. For the 2000-01 academic year, the state gave awards to 57 percent of those eligible and is spending \$503 million on 130,000 students.

When the Cal-Grant program fully expanded in 2006, it will cost the state an estimated \$1.2 billion a year and provide scholarships for about 250,000 students, according to the state Student Aid Commission, which runs the program.

Sculpture

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Millennium — Donors of \$1,000 to \$5,000 will receive a professional photograph of the City Park art project.

Bronze — Donors of \$500 will receive a calligraphy quote from the sculpture.

Basalt — Donors of \$250 will receive a print of a quote from the sculpture.

Harness and Plow — Donors of \$100 will get a magnet with a quote from the sculpture.

The basalt rocks for the project are at Lytle Sinks in Twin Falls, and engraving will begin this fall. Dedication of the art piece is scheduled for December.

The project has moved along swiftly, Clausen said.

The arts council had several obstacles to overcome, including a compromise with the city's Tree Commission over a pine tree in the project's downtown spot.

The arts council recently sought the Tree Commission's permission to remove the tree on the concrete platform in front of Wells Fargo Bank, with part of

the project will be constructed.

The tree, on the city's public right-of-way, was worth about \$2,900, according to International Society of Arboriculture estimates.

The commission and the arts council have agreed that if the tree is removed, another tree would be planted on the west side of the platform.

The kind of tree has not yet been chosen, said Dennis Bowyer, superintendent of the city parks and recreation department.

The arts council would pay for the tree replacement. It would also provide two additional 1 1/2-inch and 2-inch trees for downtown. Those trees could be put in the new pocket park behind the old Rogerson Hotel.

The city's Urban Renewal Agency is building a park behind the hotel and had no problem with trees being planted in the park.

Clausen said the art project is unique: It is one of few city art projects in the United States

with two specific sites.

"There will be a journey," Clausen said. "There will be an opportunity for you to reflect on what you read at one site on the way to the other."

In other city business Monday:

The city fire department presented Kenneth Jacobson a certificate of recognition. Jacobson was delivering newspapers for the Times-News Sept. 2 when he discovered a house fire.

"Kamrud did exactly what he should have done," Fire Chief Ron Clark said. The fire was in the basement, which held a lot of antiques.

Nobody was in the home at the time of the fire. Jacobson alerted a neighbor to call 911.

"We just wanted to give Kamrud the recognition he deserves for being a junior firefighter," Clark said.

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Chimney

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what the heck could have happened there?"

Whatever hit the house is surely showing signs of damage from the impact, Toner said.

"It would have had to have hit harder than heck," he said. "It would have been scarier than heck for anyone who was in the house."

There are oil spots from the culprit vehicle in the driveway and a faint tire-print. The Moores figure that it stopped in their driveway to change a tire.

The damage on the outside of the house looks pretty minimal. Some of the siding has been pushed in and a small sapling was broken off at the base, but the major damage is inside.

"The roof inside the wall was pushed in several inches, and it hit the chimney, causing the damage, Toner said.

Ona Moore said that they have no idea what could have caused so much damage.

"There have been any (serious) theories, but we've heard a lot of jokes," she said. "The

immediate thought is maybe some harvest equipment (hit the house)."

The Moores still have not examined the damage that remains under the rubble in the living room, but they have lost more than just a fireplace.

Several pictures, including a figurine that Ona Moore considered precious, were smashed during the incident.

"The repair bill has not been figured, but Elmer Moore estimates at least \$5,000 in damages.

Blaine

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blaine, he added.

Blaine County's comprehensive plan cites the value of preserving agricultural land for agricultural, environmental and recreation purposes and scenic open space.

Commissioners also are concerned that allowing small subdivisions in the midst of agricultural property will invite conflicts with new residential homeowners over tractor noise and the smell of cow manure. And they're concerned that extending services to remote subdivisions will burden county services.

Unlike the Urrutia case, the Supreme Court did not chide commissioners for retroactively applying the 1994 comprehensive plan to Reed's case, since Reed filed the application in 1995 after the plan had been revised.

But, as Commissioner Len Harlig noted, that was a moot issue since the Supreme Court ruling seemed to discourage utilizing the comprehensive plan for formulating their denial.

"The board may have used the right plan but even if we used the right plan we can't use the right plan," he said, wryly.

Also Monday, commissioners reworked a couple of paragraphs on last week's ruling granting Urrutia's subdivision application, before signing off on it.

At Wright's suggestion, commissioners deleted a paragraph that said the subdivision satisfied the county's comprehensive plan. They rewrote it to say they had overturned their previous denial based on the Supreme Court's direction.

"We only agreed to it because our attorney told us we had to. I'm not sure the court told us we had to," Harlig said.

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APPRECIATING ART

Grace Hall examines an exhibit at the new Bottega Gallery in Twin Falls on July 15. The work was done by the 'Creative Crew' from the Boys and Girls Club in Twin Falls and the Foster Children Program through a grant by the Twin Falls HealthNet and the Idaho Commission on the Arts. HealthNet is a coalition of agencies working to build Assets - developmental building blocks needed by young people to succeed in life. In this case, the project promoted creativity.

Photo courtesy of South Central District Health



MaLynda Poulsen-Jones, art director for the Twin Falls Boys and Girls Club, discusses her art with Pat Harder of Twin Falls, who is a member of the Idaho Commission on the Arts.



Photo by Mike Leahy

Army Spec. Brett Weatherbie, a modern pentathlete with the Army's World Class Athlete Program, jumps a hurdle during a competition. The WCAP is a unique unit of soldier-athletes who train full time in pursuit of Olympic gold.

Soldier goes for gold

By Elaine Terello
Special to the Times-News

FORT CARSON, Colo. — Though physically fit and well-versed in the art of combat, the son of a Twin Falls couple is far from being a typical soldier. He's traded the high tech tanks and rifles of the modern battlefield for a saddle and fencing sword. His opponents aren't enemy armies but rival athletes and the medal he earns is more likely Olympic gold.

Army Spec. Brett Weatherbie, son of Niel and Judith Weatherbie of Twin Falls, is a modern pentathlete in the Army's World Class Athlete Program (WCAP), a group of soldier-athletes on a quest for a gold at this summer's Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

This unique unit hand-picks gifted, world class athletes like Weatherbie and gives them the opportunity to live the "Olympic dream" by training full time for national, international and world competitions in sports ranging from bobsliding to biathlon. Since its inception in 1994, WCAP athletes have earned more than 600 medals in national and international competitions.

Weatherbie has taken the sport of modern pentathlon by storm. He took fourth place in the 2000 Modern Pentathlon 3, first in the 2000 U.S. Modern Pentathlon 2, second in the 1999 U.S. Modern Pentathlon 1 and first in the 1999 CISM Modern Pentathlon (team competition).

"I had just graduated from college and was finishing up a swimming career," said Weatherbie, a 1991 graduate of Tom C. Clark High School, San Antonio, Texas and a 1996 graduate of Auburn University, Ala. "My high school swim coach told me about the modern pentathlon because he thought I might be good at it. I was always a decent runner so I decided to try it. The Army offered the perfect opportunity to try out a career, so then I signed up for WCAP."

The competition is brutal and Weatherbie said he has to push himself past his limits to stay at the top of his game.

"Since the modern pentathlon involves swimming, riding, fencing, running and shooting, training is varied and intense," Weatherbie said. "My day starts early with a long swim. Then I horseback ride and care for my horse and go for a run. Fencing-practice is in the evening. This schedule is fairly typical but sometimes we add shooting or cross training." "Athletes provides me with challenges and obstacles most people don't normally encounter," Weatherbie said. "These struggles help develop my self confidence and discipline, and make me a better soldier."

"I feel prepared to make it to the Olympics," he said. "A medal is what ultimately drives me to train and compete. I enjoy challenges and like the fact the Army gives me the support I need."



Photo courtesy of Immanuel Lutheran School

Students at Immanuel Lutheran School in Twin Falls hop for a good cause, that is to raise money for the MDA Labor Day Telethon.

Students hop for a good cause

TWIN FALLS - The Immanuel Lutheran School pre-school, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten were invited to send a representative to the 2000 MDA Labor Day Telethon to present their check for \$2,240.87.

The money was raised this spring by approximately 75 students ages 4-6, their teachers and parents at a hopathon, which is held annually at the school.

"The annual Labor Day Telethon gives MDA the opportunity to recognize sponsors who are vital to the process of finding treatments and cures for neuro-

muscular disease," said Deborah Furey, the district director.

This year's local show was broadcast live from the KTRV Fox 12 studio in Nampa on Sept. 4. Yerna Sherets represented the Immanuel Lutheran group.

The Immanuel group turned in the second largest amount in this district. They were topped by a group from the Nampa area.

An awards assembly followed at the school with prizes awarded to the top hoppers.

The telethon raises money for muscular dystrophy research.

Young models win trip to California

PAUL - Two Paul youngsters are taking babysteps to modeling careers.

Austin Rasmussen and his little brother, Logan attended a talent search in Salt Lake City recently. Out of 500 children auditioning, the brothers were selected, winning an all-expense paid trip to California to attend a modeling conference with other children from all over the United States, says their mother, Cindy Rasmussen of Paul.

Fifty of the top agencies for photography, acting and modeling were present to sign people to their agency. Both boys made the first two callbacks and Austin was selected during the final callbacks, she says.

After extensive interviews, Austin was



Austin Rasmussen



Logan Rasmussen

signed by two prominent agencies, one of them does casting for movies and commercials and the other does photography mainly for catalogs, Rasmussen says.

Logan was chosen as one of the chil-

dren invited to come back to the convention again next year. Organizers say he was still a little young, though they were very interested in his future potential.

Rasmussen says: "Austin earned a trip to New York, where he is scheduled to attend numerous auditions by his agent, his mother says. The trip was scheduled this month, but an actors strike and a case of the chicken pox caused the trip to be rescheduled for later this year."

"I don't expect Austin to become a famous star. I don't want that type of life for him. But, if he could make enough to secure a college education, I would be very happy," his mother says. "I am extremely proud of both of my boys."

Moose serves community, members, youth

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - One of the oldest and largest organizations in the world is the Loyal Order of Moose and Buhl Lodge 305, chartered in 1935, is one of the most active in Utah and Idaho.

The club owns the building at 1101 Main St. and has about 100 members. The lodge contributes regularly to city functions, supports the Buhl Quick Response Unit and the North Park project.

Other activities include a camper club, Wednesday night bingo, chairs-out and on many Saturday nights, music and laughter is heard coming from a good old fashioned dance at the hall.

The hall is also used by people for reunions, parties, meetings and banquets. The Red Cross uses the hall for blood donations several times a year and it becomes a polling place during election time.

The club has several members who have been active for 50 years.

The lodge is dedicated to serving members, serving the lodge and community service, members say. Recruiting new members is a continuing goal.

In 1998, Buhl Lodge incorporated about 70 members from the Jerome lodge because Jerome had to relinquish its charter.

An international convention is held yearly with the main supreme lodge deciding on the city. This year it is Chicago.

The Idaho-Utah State Convention also wrapped up in Twin Falls Sept. 7-10. It is one of the two conventions a year for Idaho-Utah association.

The Buhl Moose Lodge is also high on supporting community services and sponsoring local families in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, T-ball teams, Little League, men and women's bowling teams and a



MARY LOU POTTS/The Times-News

Left to right, Thelma Tippett, Vivian Dalsa and Chuck Tippett are 50-year Moose members.

Want more information?

Moose members meet on second and fourth Thursdays and officers have a monthly meeting on the third Thursday. A joint meeting is held occasionally with the auxiliary. Women of the Moose - Tom Walton is governor of the Buhl Lodge and Gordon Christophersen is administrator.

Hunter Safety Program, members say.

Youth Awareness programs are a special project for the Moose. Children ages 4-9 are given the opportunity to talk to high school students about drugs and other problems that face youth today. Scholarships are available, through the

Moose programs.

The Moose also have programs across the nation.

Yellowstone Conservation Corporation is a forestry project, where students volunteer to work two months learning to preserve the natural resources.

Another project is Moose-Heart-in-Illinois, where children from broken homes from infancy to high school ages live on a 1,200-acre campus. Upon graduation from the high school, some students continue on to college.

Moose Haven in Jacksonville, Florida is a senior retirement center, with medical facilities and under renovation to meet the growing needs. Moose members may join the retirement program

COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

Wireless systems allow more mobility

By Paul Andrews
The Seattle Times

Remember when a telephone consisted of a handset and a key-pad console? Today that type of phone is almost extinct.

Experimenting with a few new phone devices has me wondering if the telephone of the future will consist only of some type of headset or earpiece. That's right — no touchpad at all. Or cords.

Exhibit A: The Tellme service. Dial 1-800-555-8355 (TELL) and you can call a world where the phone's keypad is irrelevant. You can dial a number, check news, weather and sports, find a restaurant or movie, even play blackjack, simply by speaking into the phone.

All of this without having to "train" the phone to your voice.

Exhibit B: Sprint's new voice-calling service. To dial a number, once your phone is properly configured, you simply press the asterisk and TALK buttons together and speak.

Then there's the new generation of Plantronics cordless headset phones. These allow you to roam the office or home with a small module attached to a pocket or belt and connected to an earpiece or headset.

I've used Plantronics headsets for years at The Times and in my home office. They are indispensable to anyone who does a lot of talking on the phone, or needs hands free while using the phone.

With the booming popularity of wireless phones, headset options are exploding. Plantronics recently released a new line of earpiece units that augment hands-free telephonics while solving a couple of nagging problems with headsets.

I've been testing the CT-10, a tiny earpiece with a keypad the size of a cell phone. Clip it to your belt and the keypad is right side up, so you can read it more easily — a nice touch. In previous units I've used, keypad have faced down, making punching in phone numbers awkward.

The unit slides into a caddy for recharging and keeping track of

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Bluetooth is the name of a wireless technology that lets a computer and other devices to communicate with one another when they are in close proximity.

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Development is being driven by several companies, including 3Com, Ericsson, IBM, Intel and Microsoft; 1,900 companies are adopting the technology

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the module. Like all cordless phones, this one can get lost easily. A page function on the base unit lets you track it down, assuming the battery has not run out. A full charge will last two to three days.

Right now, most earpieces and headsets are connected to phones or keypad modules by cords. But a new industry-backed, short-distance wireless standard called

Bluetooth will eliminate the need for cords. Combine Bluetooth with the speech-recognition of Tellme and Sprint voice services, and pretty soon it's look may no longer be for the headset, or ear-piece phone caller.

Headsets may look and feel strange at first, especially for wireless callers strolling down a street or sitting at the airport. But their convenience soon over-

comes quills over style. They also offer safety advantages for phones operated while driving. For those concerned about radiation, headsets reduce exposure from wireless phones held close to the ear.

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MSN simplifies online matters

Chicago Tribune

This preview of Microsoft Corp.'s long-planned attack on the hugely popular America Online service, which boasts 23 million subscribers, is beta software. But MSN Explorer is so much fun that you may want to download and fire it up even before the final version is ready.

First and foremost, the software works for everyone with Internet connections (including AOL customers) irrespective of

their Internet service provider. Microsoft's plan is to offer a Web-based interface as easy to use as is America Online's own famous software to attract numbers of users well beyond the handful of MSN's paying subscribers.

The beauty here is that MSN Explorer puts an extremely happy face on the Internet and greatly simplifies such vexing matters as finding and playing MP3 music files, video clips and Internet radio stations.

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Games that help kids think make learning more fun

Knight Rider News Service

My teenage daughter popped in when I was taking "Thinking Games" for a spin. In the strategy sequence, she rolled her eyes and went back to her own computer, a sign that the age limit for this educational CD was a few years below 14. And so it is.

"Thinking Games" for kids age 6 and up, has about 40 learning activities in five key areas: memory, problem solving, strategy, math and logic. A friendly rabbit is their guide for seven arcade games, with names such as "Lucky Rocks," "Math Machine," "Concentration" and "Magic Numbers," among others. There are five skill levels, which means that even your 10-year-old can play and learn.

The concentration game is played on a board-like graphic and each square has an arithmetic problem. If you click on 6+4=6, you need to find the square that has 3=5 on it for a match. As you try a higher level, the problems get more difficult. When you've matched all the squares, you have a pretty picture on your monitor.

The math game starts with a slingshot-type device in which you try to knock down the duck that matches a problem. Each duck

Review

These are reviews of programs for Windows 95 and 98 and for Macintosh computers. Educational programs are available from Internet Web sites such as <http://www.download.com/>

has a number, and only those ducks that solve the problem count. For logic, you build a machine by solving equations. The problem-solving game helps your student learn geometrical shapes, and the strategy game pits a turtle against some bears that wander around a maze.

Learning hasn't been this much fun since we tied a string of cans on the back bumper of Mr. Olson's Studebaker.

The "Thinking Games" CD-ROM can be found in software stores or from this column. It will run on Windows 98, 95 or 3.1 and on Macintosh computers.

For a copy of the "Thinking Games" for Windows or Macintosh computers, send \$22, plus \$3 for shipping, to Shareware, P.O. Box 17356, Long Beach, CA 90807. Credit-card orders: (800) 395-7797. E-mail: share@mindspring.com

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VANCOUVER — British Columbia (AP) — A program that could bring the Internet to fishing and logging camps and remote mountain villages where there isn't so much as a phone line.

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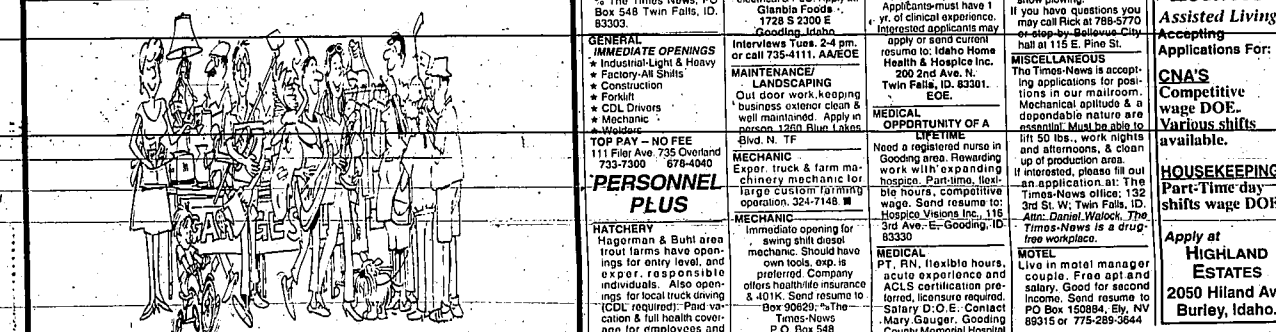
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ROUTE 558
300-600 Bk. Adams Street
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400-600 Bk. Washington Street

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ROUTE 524
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Alder St
Gods-Street
Date Street
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WEENELL (5)

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ROUTE 511
100-600 Bk. East Ave. C
100-600 Bk. East Ave. D
500 Bk. East Ave. E
200 Bk. East Ave. F
200-600 Bk. Idaho St.
400-500 Bk. Miller
200-500 Bk. Wendell St.

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TWIN FALLS (7)

THE TIMES-NEWS CURRENTLY HAS THE FOLLOWING INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER ROUTES ON THE EAST SIDE OF TWIN FALLS

ROUTE 711
1300-1600 Bk. 11th Ave. East
1300-1600 Bk. Maple Ave. East

ROUTE 219
1100-1200 Bk. 11th Ave. East
1000-1200 Bk. 10th Ave. East
900-1000 Bk. Blue Lakes Blvd.
1000-1400 Bk. Poplar Ave.

ROUTE 746
1800-2000 Bk. E. 11th Ave. E.
200-400 Bk. Morningside Dr.
400 Bk. Wakelield St.

ROUTE 831
200-400 Monroe Street

ROUTE 833
400 Bk. Borah Ave.
100-400 Bk. Harrison St.
100-400 Bk. Van Buren St.

ROUTE 836
100-300 Bk. Tyler St.

ROUTE 839
100 Bk. Borah Ave.
200-400 Bk. Elmora St.
200-400 Bk. Taylor St.

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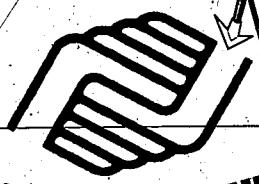
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Olympic update
An Uzbekistan track and field coach stopped at the airport last week with 15 vials of human growth hormone claims he was using the drug for a skin disorder. Customs officials are continuing their investigation.

March to the medals
C.J. Hunter's injured knee will keep the gold medal favorite from competing in the shot put at Sydney, giving John Godina - who won the silver medal at the Atlanta Olympics - another chance.

Olympic footnote
The manager of the U.S. marching band scheduled to perform at the Olympic opening ceremony was injured in a traffic accident. Bill Lutw was hospitalized following the two-car accident in Baltimore.

MORNING LINE

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school volleyball
Twin Falls at Burley (3:5), 5 p.m.
Shoshone at Bliss, 6 p.m.
Richfield at Camas County, 6 p.m.
Gooding at Valley, 4 p.m.
Declo at Wood River, 5:15 p.m.
Terdon at Wood River, 6:15 p.m.
Oakley at Hansen, 6 p.m.
Century at Pocatello, 5 p.m.
Idaho Falls at Minico, 6 p.m.
Murriah at Glens Ferry, 6 p.m.
Buhl at Kimberly, 5:15 p.m.
Ketchum/Raft-River at Carey, 5 p.m.
Castelford at Hagerman, 6 p.m.
Mackay at Dietrich, 5 p.m.
Filer at American Falls/Preston, 5 p.m.
ISDB at MYCA JV, 6 p.m.
High school girls' soccer
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Buhl at ISDB, 4:30 p.m.
Ketchum at Wood River, 5 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Burke, Spalding win Vineyard Greens

GLENN'S FERRY - Rick Burke and Will Spalding became the 2000 Vineyard Greens Country Club club champions Sunday.

Burke cruised to the championship flight gross title with a two-day total of 133. His 69-64 rounds outdistanced runners-up Dan Hall (79-75-153) and Jack Stram (86-74-160). Spalding earned the net win with a 123 total, 12 strokes better than second-place Kevin King. Jon Brennan finished third with a 136 total.

First flight gross went to Mike Kennedy (158), who beat Dick King (164). Gordon Brown garnered net honors with a 114. Jody Allen (190) took the second-flight gross with Joe Ortega capturing the net award.

Canyon Springs cuts prices, holds tourney

TWIN FALLS - Canyon Springs Golf Course hosts the Hitch's Canyon Classic Saturday and Sunday. The event is a two-person better ball with men's, women's and couples' divisions. Spots remain available.

The club also announced it has reduced greens fees. Nine holes now cost \$9, \$15 pays for 18 holes and \$19 is the weekend and holiday rate.

Triple Crown Sports announces tournament

CALDWELL - The third annual, double-elimination Caldwell Fall Spud Bowl Triple Crown Softball Tournament will be held Sept. 22-23.

Registration deadline is Sept. 20 at 5 p.m. and the entry fee is \$200. For more information, call (801)737-0500.

Compiled from staff reports

General's iron will still carries weight at Indiana

The Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - The General's iron hand is still on the Indiana basketball team. At the urging of Bob Knight, junior guard Dave Fife decided Monday to leave the Hoosiers. He said he does not think there is any reason to stay, now that his coach has been fired. Assistant coach Mike Davis, Knight's top recruiter the past two seasons and the key link to the team for many players, also said his future-in-Bloomington rests with Knight. "Whatever coach tells me to do, whatever the players say, I'm going to do," Davis said Monday, walking out of Assembly Hall. Other players - many came to Indiana solely because of Knight -

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were also turning to their former coach for guidance. Junior forward Jarrod Ode said Knight made it clear to the team he's available anytime they want to talk. "He's going to be a friend to us now instead of a coach," Ode said, standing outside the building where banners mark Knight's three national championships. "He's being a friend to us and trying to get us to the best place we can be." What remains to be seen is whether the best place will be Indiana. Knight, an old-school disciplinarian known as The General, was fired Sunday for a "pattern

Knight speaks

Former Indiana basketball coach Bob Knight will respond to his firing in a live interview today at 5 p.m. (MDT) on ESPN. Knight, who was fired Sunday for "a pattern of unacceptable behavior," will sit for a one-hour interview with Jeremy Schapp. The interview will be rebroadcast at 10 p.m. on ESPN2.

of unacceptable behavior." The university now faces the task of replacing one of college basketball's great coaches while keeping together a team many considered the most talented Hoosiers squad in years.

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Knight fired after three decades at Indiana

Indiana University president Mike Bland announced Sunday that he had fired Bob Knight after 33 seasons. The announcement came after an 11-hour session with Bland and other university officials. Bland said he had a "strong conviction" that Knight's behavior was unacceptable.

Timeline of Knight's career at Indiana from 1967 to 2000, including his coaching record and the circumstances of his firing.

FLYING HIGH AGAIN

Top gun Chrebet leads New York comeback

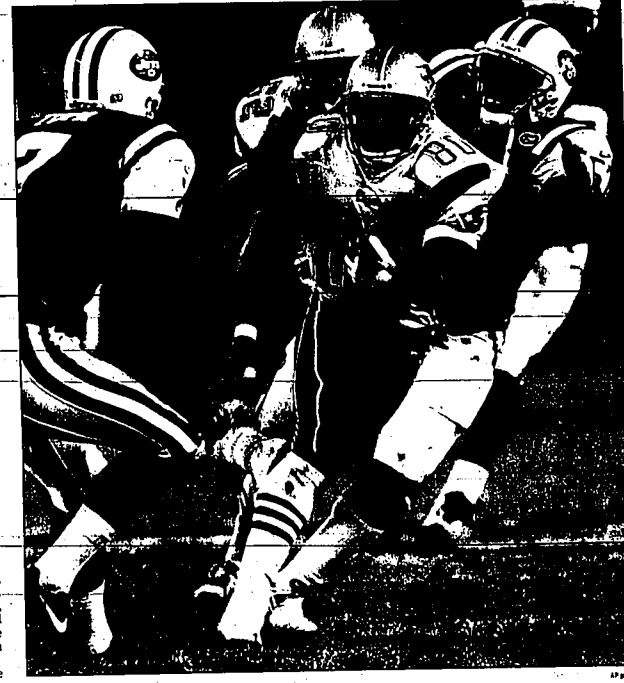
The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - So much for Keyshawn Johnson. Wayne Chrebet, who stepped up for the Jets' No. 2 receiver to their top gun, caught a 28-yard touchdown pass from Vinny Testaverde with 1:55 left as New York scored twice in the final 6:25 to beat the New England Patriots 20-13 Monday night.

It was a dramatic ending to a game that had a lot of grinding around midfield until the final quarter. New England built up a 12-7 lead on four Adam Vinatieri field goals and extended it to 19-7 on Drew Bledsoe's 4-yard TD pass to Eric Bjornson, with just under 10 minutes left. That seemed to energize the Jets, who drove 85 yards in 10 plays to score Testaverde's 2-yard TD pass to Chrebet. Fullback Richie Anderson had five catches for 78 yards on that drive. New York got the ball back with 2:28 left. On the first play, Testaverde hit Detric Ward for 44 yards, then threw to Chrebet, who caught the ball at his knees in the corner of the end zone.

The 2-point conversion failed, but New England went nowhere. John Abraham and Shaun Ellis, two of New York's first-round draft choices, combined on one sack of Bledsoe, and Abraham got another.

The Jets are 2-0 while the Patriots are 0-2. This game had a special significance in New York as New England, where it was known as the "Tuna Helper Bowl," a contest between the Patriots' Bill Belichick and New York's Al Groh, who spent much of their careers interning under Bill Belichick's tutelage. The Jets moved the ball only



New England wide receiver Troy Brown tries to break away from the Jets' Mo Lewis (57) Monday. One during the first half, going 74 yards on 12 plays on their first possession, scoring on Testaverde's 4-yard pass to Fred Baxter. Despite his three TD passes, Testaverde was just 16-of-37, although he did throw for 291 yards. Meanwhile, the Patriots plugged along between the 20s. They led 12-7 at halftime, courtesy of Vinatieri's field goals from 32, 35, 30 and 33 yards. New England drove from its own 26 to the New York 11 with the opening kickoff of the second half. But Vinatieri's field-goal attempt appeared to be deflected and went wide left. Bledsoe completed 25 of 43 passes for 229 yards but just the one touchdown. The rest of the scoring was Vinatieri and that made the difference.

Sore McNair spends a second night in hospital

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Tests show Steve McNair only has a bruised sternum, but the Tennessee Titans took the precaution Monday of keeping the quarterback in the hospital a second night.

Coach Jeff Fisher insisted the extra-hospital time was a precautionary move since a variety of tests showed that nothing was broken in McNair's chest. He said McNair would be released today after going some rest and treatment.

McNair walked to the sideline and then laid down, grimacing in pain. He was carted off the field several minutes later. McNair was injured Sunday in the fourth quarter of the Titans' 17-14 overtime victory over the Kansas City Chiefs. He was hurt on a third-and-12 and cut back inside where Chiefs end Duane Clemons hit him hard in the chest, which Fisher called a clean play.

Washington loses Westbrook for season. ASHBURN, Va. - Michael Westbrook, who led the Washington Redskins in receiving yards last season, is out for the season after tearing a ligament in his left knee in Sunday's 15-10 loss in Detroit.

Westbrook, who had 69 receptions for 1,191 yards and nine touchdowns last season, was hurt in the third quarter of the game. He will be replaced by a combination of James Thrash and Irving Fryar along with Zeron.

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POWER PRINCIPLE

Williams, Safin lead sport's vanguard

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Both are at the vanguard of tennis, pushing the sport forward by mixing pure power and all-over-the-court athleticism as few ever have. And both have come a long way in a short time, turning around rough starts to 2000 by winning singles titles at the year's last major tournament, the U.S. Open.

Venus Williams and Marat Safin, both just 20, have futures as promising as their strokes are puny. It didn't seem that way in January. Williams sat out nearly six months because of tendonitis in both wrists, and her father mused aloud about whether she'd retire. When Williams stepped back on the court, she lost two of her first four matches of the year. Safin was fined at the Australian Open for not putting in enough effort during a defeat,

one of five straight first-round exits to start the season. He even considered quitting. Now, no less an authority than Pete Sampras says Safin is "the future of the game."

Williams is already on top, even if the rankings say otherwise. Women's tennis has evolved since the 1970s, from the finesse of Chris Evert, to the athleticism of Martina Navratilova, to the power-based power of Steffi Graf, to the strength of Monica Seles.



Now there's Williams, legs and arms churning, her wrists taped like a boxer's, pounding the ball from all angles, racing to reach an opponent's hard-struck shots and returning them harder.

"I really have some wheels on myself," Williams said. During Saturday night's final at Arthur Ashe Stadium, two girls held up side-by-side signs proclaiming: "Venus Rocks." Indeed she does.

"I've just gotten to the point where I go out and take it," Williams said, "not just hope that someone will give it to me by making mistakes." That aggressiveness helped Williams beat

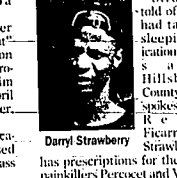
Lawyers: Strawberry blacked out in accident

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. - Darryl Strawberry, the suspended New York Yankees outfielder who has battled cancer and drug abuse, was jailed Monday after hitting a street sign and then running into a vehicle stopped at a red light.

Strawberry, who had cancer surgery last month, "blacked out" at the wheel from prescription medication while driving by a probation officer supervising him since a cocaine conviction in April 1999, said the outfielder's lawyer, Joseph Ficarrotta.

"He took some kind of medication and that apparently caused some reaction and made him pass out," said Ficarrotta. Strawberry, 38, was taken into custody at a jumpout by an off-duty officer who saw the collisions and County Jail without bail, pending a court hearing today. The eight-time All-Star faces two misdemeanor charges, driving while impaired and leaving the scene of an accident with dangerous traffic without bail, pending another SUV at a red light. Police said he wasn't speeding when he struck the sign at about 4 a.m. MDT.



Darryl Strawberry

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SPORTS

Lady Pirates steal tri-match victory

The Times-News HAGERMAN - The Lady Pirates were on fire Monday, blasting the Indians 15-3, 15-5 and defeating Wendell 15-13, 15-9 to sweep their home tri-match. In the late match, Wendell downed Shoshone, 10-10, 15-6. "Our defense played very well and I'm glad to see the girls are doing so well," said Hagerman coach Susie Choules. "It was definitely a team effort." Hagerman junior Teresa Oswley led five serves in Game 2 against Wendell. "Oswley really helped us to secure the win over Wendell with five consecutive serves," said Choules. The Pirates (4-1) play Castleford at home today.

Twin Falls def. Buhl, 7-15, 15-9, 15-7 BULL - After winning Game 1, the Indians were unable to get back on their feet, falling to the Bruins 7-15, 15-9, 15-7 on Monday. Buhl senior Amanda Morin had 10 kills to lead Twin Falls (10-2 overall, 2-0 region). "We played well in the first two games but Twin Falls just played an outstanding defensive game," said Buhl Coach Roger Shield. Buhl's junior varsity defeated Twin Falls. The Indians (10-8) travel to Kimberly tomorrow, Twin Falls visits Burley today before hosting Minico on Thursday. Raft River def. Valley, 15-8, 8-15, 15-9 MALTA - Raft River outscored the Vikings, 15-8, 8-15, 15-9 for the upset win Monday. Raft River senior Amy Carpenter served 11 points in the deciding

Game 3 for the win. Valley's junior varsity team defeated Raft River. The Lady Vikings (3-5) travel to Carey today for a tri-match with the Ketchikan Community School. Camas County def. Hansen, 9-15, 15-13, 15-8 HANSEN - The Huskies took care of Camas County in the first game of their non-conference match Monday, but fell behind in the next two as the Musher Dogs took the win. Alicia Stimpson had six hits, seven blocks and nine points for Hansen, but the Huskies ran into some serving problems throughout the match. The Camas junior varsity team also defeated Hansen. The Huskies (1-3) host Oakley today. Boys' soccer Century 5, Jerome 1 JEROME - The Diamondbacks came out strong, scoring two

goals in the first half and three in the second as they rallied over Jerome Monday night. George Torres scored the Tiger's only goal of the night in the 25th minute of play. Largeville's first boys' travels to American Falls today. ISDB 1, TFCA 0 TWIN FALLS - Don Fredrickson's corner kick at the 38th minute was enough to give the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind its first boys' soccer win of the season, 1-0 over host Twin Falls Christian Academy (1-1-1). Other scoring opportunities saw TFCA's Rob Smith's penalty kick stopped by the ISDB keeper at the 68th minute and an ISDB indirect kick was headed out-of-bounds. ISDB (1-2) hosts Buhl today while the Tribe on Thursday at 6 p.m.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Rupert Country Club releases winners

RUPERT - The team of Bryan Sprague, Mark Beebe, Lonnie Sports, Tony Wilson and Greg Cannell took home the 2000 Tres Amigos Tournament title Sunday with a round of 57 at Rupert Country Club. In first flight play, John Garrard, Lynn Payne, Ryan Payne, Matt Payne and Aaron Payne posted a winning score of 57.5.

Broncos kicker Elam may miss 3-8 weeks

DENVER - Better known for his kicking prowess than his tackling ability, Jason Elam's futile pursuit during a kick return will cost him at least three weeks on the sideline. The Denver Broncos placekicker is expected to miss 3-8 weeks after breaking parts of two vertebrae in his lower back while trying to make a tackle on Sunday's victory over the Atlanta Falcons. Elam, one of the NFL's most consistent kickers over the past seven seasons, was chasing Atlanta's Derrick Vaughn down the sideline when he was leveled by a powerful block from Johnடைမာတင်.

ISU kicker receives Big Sky honor

OGDEN, Utah - Idaho State place kicker Javier Garcia was named the Special Teams Player of the Week after kicking seven extra points to lead the Bengals to a 58-10 win over Montana Tech. Garcia also booted a 39-yard field goal. Other league players of the week went to Montana-quarterback Drew Miller, who threw for 505 yards last week in the Grizzlies' 45-38 win over Idaho, and was named the Big Sky offensive player of the week. Defensive player of the week honors went to Portland State's strong safety Steve Morse.

Boise State, Utah State players get award

LOGAN, Utah - Utah State wide receiver Aaron Jones, who had five receptions for 127 yards in last week's 30-14 win over Southern Utah, was named the Big West Conference's offensive player of the week for last week. Jones also scored three touchdowns, including one on a 70-yard catch. He shared the offensive award with Boise State sophomore Brock Forsey, who set a school record by gaining 252 yards, including 167 on rushes. Forsey also scored two touchdowns to lead Boise State to a 42-17 win over Northern Iowa. The conference named North Texas linebacker Brad Kassel its defensive player of the week. North Texas punter Jason Ball was the Big West special teams player of the week.

Griffey leaves game after collision

CINCINNATI - Ken Griffey Jr. left Monday night's game with the Chicago Cubs after colliding at home plate with Cubs catcher Joe Girardi. Griffey had walked and was trying to score from first on a double by Dmitri Young to left field. The relay by shortstop Ricky Gutiérrez got to the plate well ahead of Griffey, who crashed into Girardi. Griffey lay on the ground several minutes before limping to the clubhouse. The Reds said Griffey had a strained left hamstring and would be evaluated daily. Compiled from staff and wire reports

Red Sox blank Bronx Bombers 4-0

NEW YORK (AP) - Rolando Arrojo pitched shutout ball into the eighth inning, Jose Offerman and Manny Alexander homered and the Boston Red Sox beat the New York Yankees 4-0 Monday night. The Yankees swept a three-game set during the weekend in Boston. Not since July 8, 1959, did the longtime rivals play at Fenway Park and Yankee Stadium on consecutive days. Arrojo (5-2) gave up five hits in 7 1/3 innings, struck out seven and did not allow a runner past second base. Orlando Hernandez (11-11) dropped to 3-8 at home as Boston struck the Red Sox's four-game winning streak. The Red Sox trail the Yankees by eight games in the AL East, but closed within three games of Cleveland in the wild card race.

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to eight games over idle Cleveland. Detroit lost its sixth straight game. Mike Sirotka (14-10) won his fourth straight decision and matched his career high in wins, set in 1998. He gave up three runs and six hits in seven innings. Bob Howry finished for his seventh save. National League Giants 8, Astros 7 HOUSTON - Barry Bonds tied the game with a two-run homer off Octavio Dotel in the ninth, and Bill Mueller tripped home the ahead run off Mark Valdez in the 10th. San Francisco, which led 5-0 in the third, won for the 10th time in 12 games and stopped Houston's six-game winning streak. The Giants began the night with a 7.5-game ahead of second-place Arizona in the NL West.

Cardinals 8, Pirates 4

PITTSBURGH - Mark McGwire homered for the first time in more than two months and Edgar Renteria hit a tiebreaking single in the eighth inning Monday night, leading the St. Louis Cardinals over the Pittsburgh Pirates 8-4. McGwire hit a two-run homer in the first, his 31st of the season and first since July 1. He had been limited to one plate appearance in each of the four games since he came off the disabled list last week. Brewers 8, Mets 2 NEW YORK - Paul Rigdon (3-3) allowed two runs and five hits in 2-3 solid innings and Richie Sexson homered, dropping the Mets to 2-8 in September. The Mets dropped three games behind idle Atlanta in the NL East. New York entered the day 4.5 games ahead of Arizona in the wild card race. Reds 7, Cubs 6 CINCINNATI - Sammy Sosa hit his major league-leading 49th

homer but Jason LaRue had a career-high five RBIs, hitting a three-run homer in the second and a two-run homer in the fourth. Ken Griffey Jr. left with a strained left hamstring after colliding with Joe Girardi at home plate in the seventh, trying to score from first on a double by Dmitri Young. Phillies 5, Expos 2 PHILADELPHIA - Geoff Blum atoned for his two errors in the opener by hitting a go-ahead, two-run homer off Vicente Padilla (4-6) in the eighth inning of the second game as Montreal gained a split. Blum's first-inning errors in the opener led to four unearned runs for the Phillies, eliminated Montreal from playoff contention. Guillermo Mota (1-1) got the final out in the seventh for the win, and Scott Strickland got three outs for his fourth save. "I guess we went on a 5-6-8 in the doubleheader, with a homer in the first game and two RBIs in the nightcap.

Tribe prepares for rough two weeks of play

CLEVELAND (AP) - By the end of next week, the Cleveland Indians and Boston Red Sox are going to be pretty tired of each other. As if they aren't already. The two teams are among six currently fighting for the AL wild card and they'll play eight times in the next 10 days, beginning with a three-game series at Jacobs Field tonight. After three games with the Red Sox, the Indians, who were off Monday, will play a four-game series in New York before playing in a straight-inning head-to-head doubleheader - at

Fenway Park on Sept. 20-21, makeup games scheduled after the teams were rained out twice in April. That's 12 games in 10 days against two of baseball's best. "I guess we'll find out how good we are," Roberto Alomar said. Boston and Cleveland know each other very well, having met in the postseason each of the last two years. "Neither team will admit it, but there's bad blood between the Red Sox and Indians.

And Pedro Martinez is responsible for at least a few quarts. Martinez, who will pitch Thursday, is 8-0 during his career against Cleveland, and beat the Indians twice in last year's playoffs. Martinez, who had to let loose the opener because of a pulled muscle in his upper back, returned to pitch six no-hit innings in Game 5 as the Red Sox won 12-8 to complete their improbable comeback from a 2-0 deficit. "He's in his first start against the Indians this season, Martinez brushed back Cleveland's Einar

Diaz, who hit two doubles against baseball's best pitcher. Indians starter Charles Nagy responded by hitting Boston's Jose Offerman, and Martinez then drilled Roberto Alomar in the backside despite being warned by the umpire. Martinez was ejected and suspended five games. The Indians don't like Martinez. He's cocky and he owns them. But they also know there's no one better. "I guess we went on a 5-6-8 in the doubleheader, with a homer in the first game and two RBIs in the nightcap.

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Flemister, an undrafted rookie who has one catch. In his two games this year, Westbrook was second on the Redskins to Larry Centers with nine receptions for 103 yards. Giants send Eagles a reality check PHILADELPHIA - One week after dismantling Dallas and prompting comparisons to last year's St. Louis Rams, the Philadelphia Eagles got a dose of reality. If Philadelphia sent a message to the league last week with a 27-point victory over the Cowboys, the New York Giants sent one back with a dominating 33-18 victory Sunday; the Eagles aren't quite ready to be contenders. Injuries delete players from Panthers' roster CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The Carolina Panthers' top receiver won't catch a ball all week, and half of their defensive line probably won't practice. Injuries to three of their top players means the Panthers could be without receiver Muhsin Muhammad and defensive ends Sean Gilbert and Chuck Smith when they play Atlanta this week. Muhammad dislocated his left

ring finger in Sunday's victory over San Francisco. The injury required stitches and two of his fingers to be splinted together. So safety and top receiver will be joining Smith and Gilbert on the sidelines during practice this week. Jaguars: Optimism still runs high after 39-36 setback JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Mark Brunell looked as sharp as ever after his biggest passing game in four years. Jimmy Smith had the fifth-highest receiving day in NFL history. Jacksonville scored 36 points against a tough defense. And it still wasn't enough, as the Baltimore Ravens rallied to beat the Jaguars 39-36 on Sunday.

Falcons' soft play mystifies Reeves FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. - Driving to work Monday, coach Dan Reeves wanted to pinpoint why the Atlanta Falcons offered no resistance in a 42-14 loss at Denver the day before. By mid-afternoon, he was still searching. The Falcons (1-1) looked nothing like the team that opened the season with a 36-28 victory over San Francisco on Sept. 3. Quarterback Chris Chandler completed only 9 of 22 passes for 128 yards.

Open

Continued from D1 Lindsay Davenport 6-4, 7-5 to add the U.S. Open title to her Wimbledon championship from July. It was her 26th straight victory. "I also extended a streak indicative of the state of the game. The last six Grand Slam tournaments have been won by players who rely - not solely, but significantly - on outlasting their opponents. Beginning with Davenport's win at Wimbledon last year, the parade of power has included Serena Williams (U.S. Open), Davenport (Australian Open),

Mary Pierce (French Open) and Venus Williams. Add in Graf's farewell title at the 1999 French Open, and you have to go all the way back to January of last year, when Martina Hingis won in Australia, to find a full-blooded fitness champion. "I still play in the WTA Tour's ranking system has Hingis at No. 1, Davenport at No. 2, and Venus Williams at No. 3 (due to her long layoff), there's little doubt about who's the best today. "Well, she's definitely the No. 1 player right now. She's played like it the last few months, hasn't lost a match since the French Open. That's too good,"

Davenport said after frittering away a 4-1 first-set lead under Williams' onslaught Saturday. The 6-foot-4 Safin, who whips serves at 135 mph, is a deft returner, can trade baseline blazes with anyone, and knows when to slip in a cradled drop-shot topspin. His 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 dispatching of the 29-year-old Safin was the most one-sided U.S. Open final defeat for a former champion in a quarter century. "He serves harder than I did at 19. He's more powerful," said Sampras, who won the first of four U.S. Open titles a decade ago and brought a 13-2 career

record in major finals into Sunday's match. "He doesn't have many holes. He moves well. He's going to win many majors." Only twice has a younger man, won the Open: John McEnroe in 1979 and Sampras in 1990. McEnroe went on to win seven Grand Slam titles; Sampras' 13 are a record. Asked how he approached playing Sampras, tennis' most intimidating serve-and-volleyer, Safin replied, "I know I have to risk sometimes. I have to return to his legs and after I have to pass him. "So, it's very simple." Perhaps for him.

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Knight

Continued from D1 "That squad gave IU athletic director Clarence Doninger an ultimatum Monday afternoon, saying that if he doesn't elevate Davis or assistant coach John Tréolar to interim head coach, the entire team will quit. "You've got some quality people, and they're stunned by all of this," Doninger said earlier in the day. "They are hurt by all of this. There's no question they came to Indiana University to play for coach Bob Knight." Doninger made it clear that he wants Davis and Tréolar to stay. When it comes to appointing an interim head coach, Doninger said the university was examining its options. As for Knight, Davis and Ollie

said they're sure the coach won't have trouble finding work. "He told us he's going to coach again," Ollie said. "There's no doubt in my mind, he's one of the best coaches in the nation and for him to not come on to another school would be a shame." Across the campus Monday were remnants of the previous night's rallying, where thousands of students displayed pro-Knight banners and burned university president Myles Brand in effigy. Hanging by a rope outside one off-campus house was a stuffed human figure with the name Kent Harvey written on its shirt. Harvey is the 19-year-old freshman who had a run-in with Knight that sparked the events leading to the coach's dismissal.

A sign by the hanging figure said, "This is what we do to traitors." Harvey said Knight grabbed him by the arm and cursed at him after the freshman greeted the coach at Assembly Hall by saying, "Hey, what's up, Knight?" Knight said he had simply held the student's arm and lectured him about manners. "His spirit will surely stick around. Once a new coach is hired and the team moves forward, Ollie said he believes his old, red-sweatered coach will continue having an impact. "He's at home and he watches us on TV and doesn't like the way we play," Ollie said, smiling for the first time. "I'm sure we'll hear about it."

Hoosier players threaten to bolt IU

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) - The post-Bob Knight era at Indiana began Monday in a style one might expect from the Hall of Fame coach himself: an ultimatum. Players demanded that assistant coaches Mike Davis and John Tréolar be retained and that one of them be hired as interim coach. Otherwise, center Kirk Hoston said, there would be "serious repercussions." "I'd say we'd have several guys leave-I couldn't put a specific number, but several would leave," Hoston said. "If they want to keep this team together, we'll give you some support, and that means they'll keep coach Tréolar and coach Davis here." Athletic director Clarence Doninger said he has asked Davis and Tréolar to stay, although not

necessarily as the interim coach. One player, junior guard Dane Fife, said he has decided to transfer - at Knight's urging - "because there's no reason for me to be here with what's going on and how we've been treated." Another, freshman swingman A.J. Moye, said he likely would leave, too, and lashed out at university president Myles Brand, who has treated a day earlier. "I just feel like the whole administration, this whole school is screwed-up, basically," Moye said. "We were lied to, we were deceived and now it's over, all because people wanted coach out. They got their way. I hope they're happy. Twelve players like are never going to be the same because of them." Knight's son, Pat, an assistant coach, said his father likely will

coach somewhere else, and he would go with him. "I'm out of here. I wouldn't stay in this place after the way they've treated my father," Pat Knight said. "There's no way." "He's excited, and wants to go someplace," the younger Knight said of his father. "A Hall of Fame coach that's available is a pretty hot commodity in my book. Everybody's thinking ends here. It doesn't end here. This is a new beginning for us."

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SPORTS

Gymnast White withdraws from Olympics due to stress fracture

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Morgan White, the youngest member of the U.S. gymnastics team, withdrew from the Olympics Monday night because of a stress fracture in her left foot and was replaced by someone even younger.

The 17-year-old White has been bothered by the injury since last month's Olympic trials. She sat out all but one of the events at the team's exhibition in San Marcos, Texas, earlier this month.

The selection committee, headed by team coordinator Bela Karolyi, unanimously picked second alternate Tasha Schwikert, 15, to take White's place, even though she finished a sporadic first alternate Alyssa Beckerman at the Olympic trials.

Schwikert was chosen because of more consistent performances at the pre-Olympic training camp. "We have great confidence in Tasha's ability to step forward and meet the challenge of helping Team USA," U.S.A. Gymnastics president Bob Colerossi said. "Tasha has proven herself throughout this entire year by always being ready for significant competi-



USA Olympic women's gymnastics team member Morgan White, right, shakes hands with fans during a "Send-Off to Sydney" exhibition in San Marcos, Texas, Saturday, Sept. 2.

White left Sydney for Cincinnati late Monday.

"It just got to the point that it was so painful, she wouldn't have been able to compete at the level she wanted to compete," White's doctor, Timothy Kremchek, told The Cincinnati Enquirer.

White won't require surgery, Kremchek said she left because she doesn't want to distract the team.

White was the all-around competi-

tion at last year's Pan American Games. She finished fourth overall at the U.S. Olympic trials and was one of Karolyi's favorites because of her consistency. A year ago, she was a longshot to make the team. She made the U.S. World Championship team as an alternate.

Schwikert inherits the title as the Olympic team's youngest gymnast. Under new rules, she is allowed to compete because she turns 16 on Nov. 21.

America's sweetheart, Hamill rebounds from osteoarthritis

BALTIMORE (AP) — Former Olympic gold medalist Dorothy Hamill has built a reputation for being upbeat, energetic and graceful on the ice.

Just over a year ago, however, the woman once known as "America's Sweetheart" was feeling tired, achy and old.

Getting out of bed in the morning was a chore, ice skating was becoming increasingly difficult and working out in the gym was virtually impossible because of the constant pain she felt in her shoulders, back and neck.

"It was really depressing. I was exhausted all the time," she recalled. "I didn't even have the energy to walk to the park for a picnic with my daughter. That's pretty pathetic."

Hamill, 44, figured it was all part of middle age. She considered drastically reducing her participation in the Championships on ice, and even thought about retirement.

Desperate for relief, she visited a physician. The doctor determined that the 1976 Olympian has osteoarthritis, sometimes-called-the-wear-and-tear disease.

The doctor prescribed Viiox, an anti-inflammatory medicine, and Hamill has since performed in hundreds of shows and has resumed her two-hour sessions at the gym.

"I feel so much better these days," Hamill said. "I feel like I've got another 20 years left in me."

Hamill and fellow gold medalist Bruce Jenner, who also has osteoarthritis, on Tuesday will launch a campaign designed to alert the public about the disease. The message: "If you feel pain in your joints, talk to your doctor."

"There is no cure, but medication can help the pain and ease the inflammation," Dore said.

Instead of cutting back her shows, Hamill is moving forward to performing a double axel in February to mark the 25th anniversary of her winning performance at the 1976 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria.

Osteoarthritis affects an estimated 20 million Americans. The cause of the disease is unknown but women are at greater risk. Other risk factors include increasing age, history of joint trauma and repetitive stress. The bumps and bruises Hamill took early in her career no doubt contributed to her condition, according to Dore.

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