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TF Board reassigns students

Split board says overcrowding and concern for dangerous precedent warrants the move

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Four Sawtooth Elementary School students must be sent back to their regularly-assigned schools, out of fairness to all students.

That's the decision a split Twin Falls School Board made late Tuesday evening, after an emotional meeting in which parents tearfully asked the board not to move their children.

On a 4-1 vote, though, the board decided to make no exceptions.

School Board Chairwoman Vern Redman said the board felt for the parents of the Sawtooth students, but said allowing the students to remain at Sawtooth would set a dangerous precedent.

The School Board will review the district's student transfer policy at its Oct. 10 meeting, but is not scheduled to take action.

Parent Jan Simmons said she understands the conflict - she is protecting the interests of her 7-year-old daughter, while the School Board is taking all students into consideration.

Simmons said her daughter suffered severe stress after an initial transfer to Morningside Elementary School this year. That was remedied once her daughter got back to Sawtooth.

AN OLYMPIC SMILE



Tegan Nicholl-Caddell waits with other performers for the start of the opening ceremonies Wednesday in Adelaide, Australia. The city will be host to soccer matches.

Area man takes Ag opening

Former state senator will be liaison to the Legislature

By Michael Juones
Times-News writer

BOISE - A longtime ag industry insider, former Magic Valley lawmaker and former adviser to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has taken up residence at the Department of Agriculture.

Darrel McRoberts, a Republican state senator for western Twin Falls County from 1985 to 1988, took up his duties Monday as the department's primary legislative liaison and planning team member.

Most recently McRoberts has worked as the governor's agricultural adviser, where he dealt with ag and public land issues as Kempthorne's liaison to the federal Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service.

McRoberts also served as Kempthorne's agricultural field representative when Kempthorne was in the U.S. Senate.

The move to the Agriculture Department was in large part a realignment of natural resource priorities in the Kempthorne administration. Many of McRoberts' duties as ag adviser are being shifted over to Kempthorne's new Office of Species Conservation.

Kempthorne named last week retiring Clearwater National Forest Supervisor Jim Caswell director of the new office.

Caswell will advise the governor on issues regarding the Endangered Species Act.

"With them taking over a lot of my duties, it just wouldn't have been much fun," McRoberts said. "I just felt I could do more for the state out here."

McRoberts said Caswell will be an natural in the job.

"He knows ESA from front to back," McRoberts said. "He'll do a wonderful job for the governor."

McRoberts has put in more than 40 years working with the ag industry. He retired from the Green Giant Co. after 35 years - 20 years in senior management.

Since, he's been working with Kempthorne on ag issues in the Senate and the Statehouse.

McRoberts will serve as the department's legislative liaison in the upcoming 2001 session, and assume some additional responsibilities in addressing the

which approved the legislation in May after a lengthy, contentious debate and an all-out lobbying duel between business interests

TV goes to the tape: Time difference means delays

By Paul Farhl
The Washington Post

The games - B1

The Opening Ceremonies of the Sydney Summer Olympics are still two days away, but already George Michael is starting to feel a bit let down.

Maybe not - not when these Olympics are occurring half a world and 15 time zones away. Not when every second of the coverage on NBC, the exclusive U.S. Olympic broadcaster, will be taped, edited and reassembled for viewing later.

able to show news clips until the network's prime-time package is over.

The 15-hour time difference between Australia and the eastern United States (17 hours for states in Mountain Time) seems likely to create a curious ritual for rabid Olympic fans.

That's been true of previous Olympics, of course, but it could be harder than ever to maintain the bubble with the 2000 Games.

The vast time difference will enable Eastern newspapers to scoop TV coverage by more than 12 hours. Michael and other TV journalists will be on the air with results (but no footage) hours before NBC cranks up its evening show.

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Panel hopes to illuminate rural lights problem

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

Meeting set

TWIN FALLS - Many county residents have seen the light - and that's exactly the problem.

The Twin Falls County commissioners will meet at 10 this morning at the Twin Falls County Courthouse to discuss rural lighting.

"The amount of lighting that is done in the county has increased multiple times in the last 20 years," said Richard Showell, a local electrical contractor and committee member.

Showell has been working on a new ordinance alongside four other residents for about two months. The commissioners are not contemplating any decision today.

"This isn't just Twin Falls County, this is really a nationwide effort to control lighting. The purpose is to get the right type of lighting into the right place," he said. "There is no question that lighting is needed. People need security in their

yards, in their parking lots, in their corals - but it needs to be done in a manner that doesn't trespass."

County officials say the proposed ordinance will make each property owner responsible for fixing the problem.

"We are not saying that you have to tear down your whole lighting system tomorrow. There will be time given."

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Senate clears path for China trade

Bill will ease any barriers to business

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - The Senate on Wednesday cleared the way for final congressional approval of landmark legislation to bolster U.S.-China trade, shooting down a proposal to clamp down on Chinese-aided proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

How they voted

Sen. Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo voted with the majority in rejecting an amendment to the China trade bill. The amendment, which would have required closer U.S. review of weapons sales by China, North Korea and Russia, would have delayed - and possibly killed - the bill. Passage of the measure is now likely, resident Clinton says he will sign it.

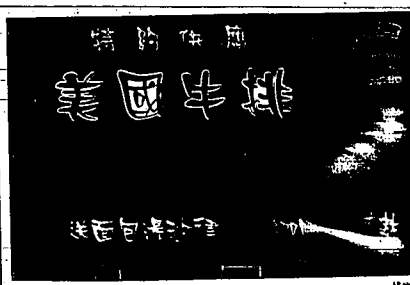


Sen. Larry Craig and Sen. Mike Crapo

days. Then it would go to the White House for President Clinton's certain signature.

Any successful amendment added by the Senate to the bill would force it back to the House.

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A man walks past a restaurant serving U.S. Deer Wednesday in Shanghai.

THE REGION

Camas Prairie
High: 85 Low: 43
Mostly clear today and tonight. Partly cloudy Friday; high 86.

Treasure Valley
High: 95 Low: 61
Mostly sunny today and partly cloudy tonight. High winds. Partly cloudy Friday; high 93.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley
High: 87 Low: 50
Mostly clear today and tonight. Partly cloudy Friday; high 86.

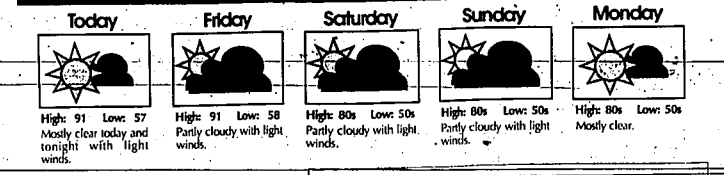
Eastern Idaho
High: 89 Low: 46
Mostly clear today and tonight. Partly cloudy Friday; high 89.

Northern Idaho
High: 87 Low: 52
Partly cloudy today and tonight. Light winds. Partly cloudy Friday; high 84.

Northern Utah
High: 89 Low: 62
Mostly clear today and tonight. Sunny Friday; high 90.

Northern Nevada
High: 93 Low: 56
Mostly sunny today and partly cloudy tonight. Light winds. Partly cloudy Friday; high 91.

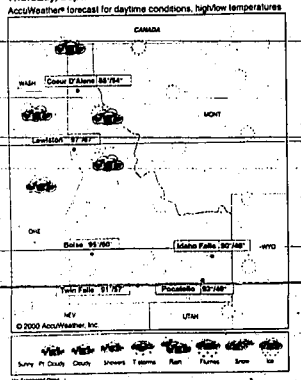
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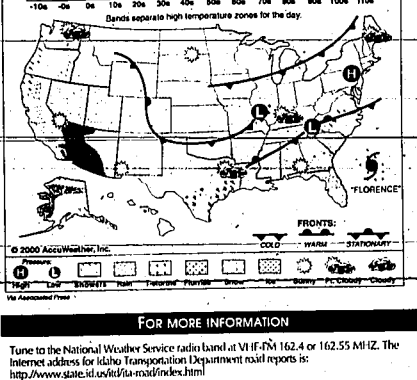
YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation	Idaho: High: 93 Temp. at Twin Falls
Yesterday 89-58	Month to date: 51	Idaho: High: 93 Temp. at Twin Falls
Last year 83-52	Normal mo. to date: 61	Idaho: High: 93 Temp. at Twin Falls
Normal 80-43	Water year to date: 313	Idaho: High: 93 Temp. at Twin Falls
	Normal year to date: 1005	Idaho: High: 93 Temp. at Twin Falls

Idaho weather



National weather



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UV INDEX **FIRE DANGER**

Index: 8
High: 11
Burn time: 15 minutes

The BLM's fire danger in South-Central Idaho is: Mountains: High Prairies: High

ACROSS THE NATION

Nation: Scattered thunderstorms formed over parts of the South on Wednesday, and a band of showers slid across the upper Midwest.

In the West, light showers spread into northern California. Isolated showers also were possible in Oregon, southern Idaho and northern Wisconsin.

Showers that formed along the Gulf-coast moved inland during the afternoon, stretching from southern and eastern sections of Texas across Louisiana and Mississippi into much of Alabama.

Rainfall amounts were generally less than an inch, although heavier rainfall was possible.

Further north, an area of low pressure moving across the northern Plains produced scattered showers across North Dakota and northern Minnesota into northern Wisconsin. Showers also were possible in South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas as the low pressure pressed southward.

Showers moved through parts of the Northeast during the morning as a cold front rolled across the region.

—The Associated Press

SKYWATCH

Sunset today: 7:29 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:18 a.m.
Lunar phase: Last quarter, Sept. 21; New Moon, Sept. 27; first quarter, Oct. 5; full, Oct. 13.

Olympics

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place and show almost as they happen.

In a survey of on-line users, America Online found that 75 percent don't want to know the results before they're broadcast. But that also means a sizable minority do want to know. To accommodate both, AOL plans two approaches. Those who can't wait can zip into the "real time" section of the site, which will have up-to-the-minute information. Those who don't want to know will be escorted into a "silenced environment," the internet equivalent of walking around with blinders on.

"What we kept hearing with the '98 Winter Olympics was, 'I've tuned out to AOL—and it ruined my TV viewing,'" said AOL spokesman Jeff Corbett. "So this time, we might tease things with a question like, 'Did Michael Johnson win the gold? Click here.'"

For NBC, which paid a record \$705 million to the International Olympic Committee for domestic rights to the Sydney Games, the suspense scenario is for the networks to be so viewers will tune out the network's five hours of coverage each night.

The ominous precedent is the 1998 Winter Olympics from Nagano, Japan, 14 hours ahead of the East Coast. Those telecasts earned the lowest prime-time ratings for an Olympics in 30 years, and CBS was widely criticized for the "suspense scenario" it used.

Such as Peabo Bryson's gold medal slam run, almost a day after the fact.

Unlike in 1992, NBC will own up to the tape job. At the Barcelona games, the network described its taped coverage as "plausibly live." This time, Sydney host Bob Costas will

explore the delay.

"As is true of all Olympics, NBC will be dependent on great story lines to maintain viewer interest," says CBS spokesman Gil Schwartz. "As NBC was quick to point out two years ago, this is an even more critical consideration given the challenges presented by the time difference from Sydney."

NBC has already sold out its Olympics advertising time, raising some \$900 million and guaranteeing itself a small profit. But it is clearly lowering expectations. The network is projecting that its nightly telecasts will attract about 17.5 percent of the nation's 100.8 million TV households. That's an improvement over the Nagano games (which averaged 16.2) but far below the record-setting 21.6 rating NBC drew in Atlanta in 1996. The network says a falloff is inevitable, given the overseas location and the tape-delayed coverage.

Even so, NBC executives think they have two advantages, over both the Internet and any other news source: superior storytelling (all those "up close and personal" sales and exclusive control) over Olympic footage.

"We know the Games aren't just about results," says NBC President Randy Falco. "If people come to the Games through the eyes of the athletes—their struggles, their hardships and triumphs—we know they enjoy it and they'll keep watching. ... It doesn't matter what time of the day it happens."

NBC and its cable network will air a record 441.5 hours of coverage, 162.5 hours of it on NBC proper. Many of the story-telling techniques will seem familiar to viewers by now—the athlete who overcame hardship is a staple—but NBC's head of production,

David Neal, promises some new wrinkles. In the track events, for instance, a robot camera will follow runners around the turns for 380 of the 400 meters. In swimming, NBC will identify competitors by placing computer images of their national flags in their lanes, making it appear as if the flags are floating.

NBC "knowers" have no alternatives. Under its deal with the IOC, no Internet site or U.S. broadcaster can show a second of Olympics video before NBC has. (This includes the network's own Web site, NBCOlympics.com.) NBC's Falco says the network, owned by General Electric Co., has an investment to protect.

"This is a (potential) copyright infringement issue," he says. "We're no different than Hollywood in our desire to protect" exclusive images.

But NBC's deal is such that it can dictate what footage other news organizations may use. The fact: Rival news outlets, for example, are limited by agreement with NBC to showing no more than two minutes of taped Olympic highlights an hour. Michael, of WRBC, says he'll read results as they become available, but he's under the same video restrictions as every other reporter.

Trade

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who want freer access to Chinese markets and labor unions who worry about the effect of such trade on U.S. jobs.

Another House vote so close to the Nov. 7 elections would put the legislation in jeopardy, many lawmakers said. But with the defeat of the anti-protection amendment, that scenario has all but vanished. While other proposed amendments are pending in the Senate, none is seen as a serious threat.

"This clears the decks. It's the last hurdle," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., a prominent backer of the push for normal trade relations with China.

The bill would end the annual congressional review of Beijing's trade status with the United States—a procedure critics of China's communist regime have used to assail its record on human rights. Despite such criticism, the United States and China have enjoyed normal trade ties since shortly after the two countries established formal diplomatic relations in 1979.

What has given urgency to the bill to end the annual review process is China's expected accession to the World Trade Organization, a Geneva-based group of 138 nations that polices "global trade rules. Member countries are supposed to grant all other member unconditional access to normal trade benefits, such as low tariffs. The current system of yearly review of China's trade status would, in theory, violate that principle.

The Clinton administration, allied with business leaders and the Republican congressional leadership, also contends that the trade bill's passage is necessary to ensure that China abides by terms of an agreement it reached last year to reduce commercial barriers for a wide variety of U.S. goods and services.

Santana gamers Grammys

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Not content with his record eight Grammys in February, legendary guitarist Carlos Santana—born Lucindo Alvarez—won the inaugural Latin Grammy Awards, including the top prize—record of the year.

The veteran rockers' duet with Mexican crooner Luis Miguel also won three awards, including album of the year for "Amarte Es Un Placer." Mana won one award in addition to its two with Santana.

Santana, who alternately dedicated his awards to Africa, to the women of the world, bilingual education and Nelson Mandela, said winning so often doesn't make him jaded.

McRoberts

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growing number of critical issues facing Idaho's agriculture industry and rural communities, Department Director Pat Takasugi said in a press release.

McRoberts is taking the place of Lorraine Joffille, who retired in August. McRoberts' salary is \$60,000.

"Darrel comes to us with an established relationship with Idaho's agricultural industry. I am looking forward to the wealth of experience he brings to ISDA," Takasugi said.

McRoberts said his experience should make his new job a joy.

"It seemed to fit really well," he said. "It will actually let me do some things in ag that I wasn't able to do in the governor's office. I'm looking forward to it."

McRoberts' wife, Joyce McRoberts, served in the state Senate from 1989 to 1996, eventually serving as the GOP's majority leader. She is now a Department of Health and Welfare deputy director.

Students

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Simmons granted power of attorney to an adult living within Sawtooth attendance boundaries.

Parents of these other children made similar attempts to get their children into Sawtooth.

The power of attorney was limited to school-related issues, Simmons said, but that didn't turn out to be enough.

To keep their children at Sawtooth, parents would need to relinquish all parental rights and send their children to live with the legal guardians.

"It was asking too much. I wasn't willing to go to that extreme," Simmons said.

Attendance boundaries are determined by a student's primary residence. The district allows parents to apply annually for transfers to attend another Twin Falls school.

Parents seek transfers for a variety of reasons, and according to the policy, the transfers can be revoked at any time during the school year if space no longer is available. Sawtooth saw unexpected bulges in first through third grades when school opened.

Lorrie Budd said she faces a different scenario.

She enrolled her third-grade daughter in Sawtooth last year after district personnel directed her there, she said. Budd lives on the street that serves as a dividing line for Sawtooth and Harrison Elementary School zones, and it turns out she actually lives within Harrison's boundaries.

"That was discovered this year, she said. Her daughter now is considered a Sawtooth transfer student, and is being sent to Harrison.

"That's not my fault, and I shouldn't be penalized for it," she said.

When children enroll, Sawtooth officials find the child's home on a map to verify attendance boundaries. Sawtooth Principal Randy Rutledge said Rutledge said he isn't sure what happened in Budd's case.

In the confusion of Tuesday's heated meeting, it had appeared the School Board might consider each child's case individually. But that did not happen.

Redman said the board did not make a formal decision about how it would proceed, but when it took up the issue, made a blanket decision to uphold the policy.

Budd doesn't agree with the board's decision, and thinks each case should have been handled separately.

School Board member Bryan Matosuka cast the lone dissenting vote Tuesday. He was out of town Wednesday and could not be reached for comment.

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Daniel Walock, circulation director

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Wednesday, September 13 numbers

POWERBALL
2 13 21 22 47
POWERBALL NUMBER 31

Wednesday, September 13 numbers

WILD CARD
6 13 21 27 29
WILD CARD: Queen of Clubs

Wednesday, September 13 numbers

Rollover
3 11 19 34 40
PICK3
Idaho 6 3 5

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House fails to override tax cut veto

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House voted Wednesday to sustain President Clinton's veto of a bill that would have cut income taxes for millions of married couples, killing a major piece of Republicans' tax agenda but also giving them ammunition for the fall campaign.

"Americans understand it is wrong to tax marriage," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas. "We will have to put it up on the floor next year and have a president who will sign it."

The 270-158 vote was 16 fewer than the two-thirds necessary to override the veto of the "marriage penalty" bill. Forty-nine Democrats joined all 220 Republicans and one independent who voted to override, with 157 Democrats and one independent voting to back the president.

The bill was aimed at cutting taxes for 25 million dual-income couples who pay more than they would if single. But almost all married couples stood to benefit from the legislation, which would have cut their taxes by \$292 billion over 10 years.

The bill also would have cut taxes for millions of couples who already enjoy an income tax bonus, generally those in which one spouse earns significantly more than the other.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said Congress would not revisit the marriage penalty issue this year and would shift attention away from broad individual tax cuts toward paying down the national debt. Clinton previously vetoed a \$105 billion measure that would have abolished estate taxes over 10 years.

"If he's going to veto tax relief - the next choice at the table is

paying down the debt, and that's what we're going to do," Hastert told reporters.

In a statement, Clinton said the bill would "knock America off this path of fiscal discipline" which has produced growing budget surpluses and paid down federal debt - as part of an unrepentant GOP tax relief plan costing \$2 trillion over 10 years.

"I urge Congress to work with me on a middle-class tax cut to help Americans send their children to college, provide long-term care for elderly or disabled relatives, make child-care more affordable and provide targeted marriage penalty tax relief," the president said.

House Democrats accused Republicans of pushing for an enormous tax cut purely for political reasons instead of negotiating for compromise. House Minority Leader Dick

Gephardt, D-Mo., said voters prefer "tax relief that is affordable, feasible and reasonable, and is targeted at the people who really need it. Let's stop the posturing."

Republicans, however, believe the marriage penalty is a winning campaign issue that will help them elect George W. Bush president and preserve their slim grasp on Congress.

"This is a people's issue," said Rep. Zach Wamp, R-Tenn. "I clearly believe we're on the side of the people here."

Even if the House had approved the override, the effort had virtually no chance in the Senate.

Last week, the House fell 14 votes short of overriding Clinton's veto of a bill abolishing estate taxes, another issue the GOP will highlight in fall election campaigns.



Belvin Weller, 46, of Dallas, catches some rain drops Tuesday on his front porch. Much of Texas has been hard-hit with a hot, dry summer.

Summer of 2000 was hot, but didn't rank in top 10

WASHINGTON (AP) - Summer 2000 was warmer than normal in the United States, though it didn't quite make the top 10 hot summers, government scientists reported Wednesday.

Indeed, this year's meteorological summer - June through August - was the 11th warmest U.S. summer since records were begun in 1895. June to August average temperatures in Idaho, Washington and Oregon was 64.6 degrees, above the 63.7 normal.

The average temperature for the season was 73.2 degrees Fahrenheit, 1.1 degrees above average, the National Climatic Data Center reported.

There was considerable variation, however, with cooler and wetter than usual conditions prevailing in the Northeast and Midwest, while it was warmer and drier than normal across many states in the deep South and West.

For the year as a whole, the nation continues to run a fever. With a nationally averaged

year-to-date temperature of 57.3 degrees, 2.7 degrees warmer than the 106-year average, it was the warmest January through August period on record, the data center, an agency of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, reported.

In Texas, meanwhile, rain soaked much of the north-central part of the state for the first time in more than two months, falling everywhere except the place where it would have counted in the record books.

But since no rainfall was recorded at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport - where official measurements are taken - the dry spell officially dragged on into its 74th day.

"It just shows you how small-scale the atmosphere can work when part of the country gets a significant amount of rain and a site 10 miles away gets nothing," said Gary Woodall, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Fort Worth.

New telescope will peer inside black holes

The Associated Press

Astronomers have developed a design for an X-ray telescope so powerfully powerful that it could see black holes gulping matter in distant galaxies.

Government and university scientists successfully tested a small prototype at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. A full-size instrument based on the new design would be a million times more powerful than today's observatories, the researchers said.

The preliminary results were published in today's issue of the journal Nature.

"It will make it easier than previously thought to obtain a black hole image," said physicist Nicholas White of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, who reviewed the study.

"A black hole is an extremely dense object at the center of a galaxy with such powerful gravitational pull that not even light can escape. That is why black holes are invisible to conventional telescopes that use visible light."

To find them, astronomers observe stars and gas swirling around the center of a galaxy before they fall into the cauldron of its invisible core. The matter is condensed and heated during its journey, generating X-rays. X-rays can directly penetrate conventional flat mirrors. So to catch them, telescopes must use ultra-smooth mirrors in creative designs.

The \$1.5 billion Chandra observatory is the most powerful X-ray telescope. Orbiting Earth since July, it uses four cylindrical nesting mirrors to funnel

Going the distance

In hopes of observing cosmic objects as elusive as black holes, astronomers have designed an X-ray telescope that could vastly improve on current designs. How? The new telescope would help compare to other imaging equipment.

The human eye is capable of discerning a dime at 30 meters.

Telescopes developed by Galileo in 1609 could discern a dime at 900 meters.

The Chandra X-ray Observatory, put into orbit above Earth in 1999, records the direction and energy of radiation emitted from objects deep in space. Chandra can discern a dime at 10 kilometers.

NASA's Hubble Space Telescope, put into orbit in 1990, can discern a dime at 30 kilometers.

The design for a new X-ray telescope suggests that it could potentially discern a dime on the surface of Mars - more than 30 million kilometers.



incoming X-rays. Computers process the data into images.



The International Space Station is illuminated by an orbital sunrise over the United States in this view from television Wednesday.

Space work requires hammer, brute force

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Space shuttle Atlantis' astronauts plugged four fresh batteries into the international space station on Wednesday, a job that required a hammer, chisel and brute force.

"The crew did a little bit of garage work," said flight director Mark Ferring.

American Daniel Burbank and Russian Boris Morukov could not remove a bracket in the floor of the Russian module Zarya to get at a battery component, because of interfering nut plates. To their surprise, the plates were riveted down.

The crew conferred with Mission Control in Houston, which conferred with Mission

Control outside Moscow. The consensus: Go with the old-fashioned method.

Burbank held the chisel while Morukov, bracing himself to get some leverage in the weightlessness of space, pounded it with the hammer.

"We proceeded to go whack at that a couple times and we got the nut plates off," Ferring said. The aging battery was removed in the 2-year-old Zarya module, and a new one was installed.

In May, shuttle astronauts replaced four other batteries inside Zarya that had weakened apparently because of careless overcharging by Russian flight controllers.

Lee is set free; judge apologizes for U.S. actions

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - Nine months after he was branded a threat to national security and put in solitary confinement, Wen Ho Lee was set free Wednesday with an apology from a judge who said the government's actions "embarrassed our entire nation."

Supporters cheered as a smiling Lee left the courthouse alongside his family and attorneys. He thanked his supporters and said, "I'm very happy to go home with my wife and children today."

With a chuckle, he added: "The next few days, I'm going fishing."

A few hours later, the diminutive, graying scientist was swamped by a crowd of about 150 supporters in the back yard of his neighbors, who waved flags and signs and sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

"The last nine months were

pretty tough for me," he said, "but I survived."

Lee, 60, pleaded guilty to a single count of mishandling nuclear secrets as the government all but abandoned its crumbling case against the former Los Alamos scientist.

Under the terms of the plea bargain, he was sentenced to 278 days - essentially the time served since his arrest - last December.

Lee had been charged with 59 counts of breaching national security and facial life in prison if convicted. Fifty-eight of those counts were dropped.

"I sincerely apologize to you, Dr. Lee, for the unfair manner in which you were held in custody by the executive branch," U.S. District Judge James Parker said.

Parker said the Departments of Justice and Energy "have embarrassed our entire nation

and each of us who is a citizen of it."

Lee, a Taiwanese-born naturalized U.S. citizen, read a statement in court in which he admitted using an unsecured computer

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FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS, Ill. (AP) - A farmer who spread pesticide across a field and killed 27,000 migratory birds was fined \$5,000 Wednesday and placed on three years' probation.

Harvey Cullis, 80, pleaded guilty in June to illegally taking migratory birds and misusing a pesticide.

Cullis spread four gallons of water mixed with pesticide across his sons' field in

Mascoutah in October, federal prosecutors said. He hoped to kill birds that were damaging his family's crops.

The 20,000 red-winged blackbirds, 5,970 brown-headed cowbirds, 887 common grackles and 10 horned larks that died were protected under federal law.

The state has also sued Cullis to recover \$1 million it says is needed in repair and repopulate the habitat.

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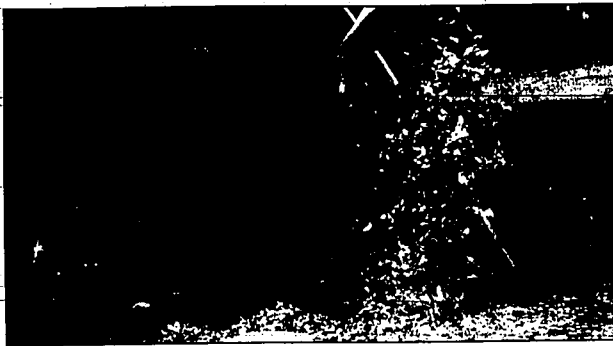
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U.S. agents watch as police go after jungle drug labs

TUMACO, Colombia (AP) — Arriving aboard a U.S.-made combat helicopter, the head of Colombia's national police and the top U.S. drug official in the country watched as heavily armed officers torched a drug lab and dumped coca leaves into a river.



Anti-narcotics police dump coca leaves, which are used to make cocaine, into a river where they were being transported in a canoe near Tumaco, Colombia, Tuesday. The police have recently been on a stepped-up anti-drug effort. Nationwide, 91,400 acres have been sprayed this year, police said.

Other helicopters swept back and forth overhead, keeping an eye out for gunmen, and police stood guard over four people they caught at the site — allegedly workers at the drug lab.

The daylong operation Tuesday underscored Washington's deepening involvement in the drug war in this South American nation. The offensive is to get fully under way when 60 additional combat helicopters arrive from the United States next year and U.S. special forces troops finish training two Colombian army battalions.

About 75 rifle-toting Colombian police officers swept through a section of jungle in southwest Colombia on Tuesday as part of "Operation Mangrove." Police say 26 drug labs and 12,500 acres of cocaine-producing crops have been destroyed by aerial fumigation in the monthlong regional

know there is no safe place for them," national Police chief Gen. Luis Gilibert told journalists during Tuesday's mission.

Gilibert and Leo Arreguin, chief of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in Colombia, watched as a plane swooped down and dumped a load of herbicide on a coca plantation.

Three combat Black Hawk helicopters flew overhead, ready to fire back at rebels who have been protecting drug crops and earning millions of dollars a week by taxing drug producers. There was no resistance to the raid, which was observed by about 30 journalists flown in from the capital, Bogota, 370 miles to the northeast.

Later, anti-narcotics police clad in combat fatigues found three bags bulging with coca leaf, from which cocaine is made, in a canoe. They dumped the contents into a river.

The officers then torched a rudimentary coca-processing lab and arrested three boys and a man who allegedly had picked the coca crop and worked in the lab.

Clinton touts hate crime bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Armed with more data showing hate crimes often go unreported, President Clinton on Wednesday appealed to Congress to pass hate crimes legislation.

Clinton convened an event at the White House to release a new Justice Department report that shows information on hate crimes sometimes is not forwarded to the FBI. The report also says victims of hate crimes tend not to report them and sometimes police lack sufficient training to handle such cases.

The president planned to direct Attorney General Janet Reno to work with state and local authorities over the next three months on a plan to improve hate crimes reporting. He was to be joined by the widow of Ricky Byrdson, a former Northwestern University basketball coach killed in a 1999 hate-motivated shooting rampage, and Laramie, Wyo., police investigator David O'Malley, who handled the 1998 slaying of gay college student Matthew Shepard.

Clinton acted as the House prepared for a nonbinding vote on whether hate crimes provisions should be part of a defense bill. The Senate voted 57-42 in favor of the hate provisions in June.

Hate crimes legislation was a high priority for Clinton in his final year in office.

Vice president candidates criticize entertainment industry

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators decried the level of sex and violence in movies, videos and TV shows Wednesday and warned entertainment industry executives to clean up material aimed at children or face federal regulation.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, the Democratic vice presidential nominee, expressed dismay at "a culture of carnage" fostered by the industry. Lynne Cheney, former head of the National Endowment for the Humanities and wife of Republican vice presidential nominee Dick Cheney, echoed many of Lieberman's concerns about youth exposure to sex and violence.

But she also took a swipe at the Democratic presidential ticket, asking them to deliver her message of accountability when they attend a fund-raising event Thursday with Harvey

Weinstein, co-chairman of Miramax Films.

The heads of major movie studios declined invitations to testify before the Senate Commerce Committee, prompting Chairman John McCain to call for another hearing in two weeks.

"Their hubris is stunning," said McCain, R-Ariz. "I have never seen such a thing before."

He has asked the chiefs of Time Warner, Walt Disney Co., NewsCorp., Viacom, Miramax and others to speak at the follow-up hearing.

The industry's top lobbyist, Jack Valenti, denied that the executives intentionally avoided the hearing.

Their absence "is not because they are ducking and running," said Valenti, head of the Motion Picture Association of America. "It's because they literally have other things on their schedule

that they could not erase."

Valenti pledged to go to California and discuss with studio heads what improvements could be made in their practices, based on a Federal Trade Commission report released this week that found the entertainment industry aggressively peddles inappropriate material to young audiences.

Parents feel "locked in a losing competition with the culture to raise our children," said Lieberman, a longtime critic of violence and sex in the media whose presence on the Democratic ticket has helped bring the issue into the campaign.

House votes in favor of Boy Scouts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House came down solidly behind the Boy Scouts Wednesday with a 362-12 vote against a proposal to revoke their eight-decade-old federal charter because of the scouting organization's policy of excluding gays.

Republicans, who brought the legislation to the House floor to show the lack for support for critics of the Scouts, labeled it an

attack on American values.

Rep. Cass Ballenger, R-N.C., said he had the members of the House were former Scouts and would defend an organization "as American as apple pie and baseball."

While the bill's opponents accused its few Democratic supporters of extremism, Democrats complained that the GOP's only intent was to embarrass them.

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Children's advocacy group calls for halt to classroom computers

Knights Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA - An international children's advocacy group this week called for a moratorium on the introduction of computers in preschools and elementary schools until researchers have examined whether computers are harmful to young children.

"It is time to stop for a moment," Joan Almon, a former kindergarten

teacher and the U.S. coordinator of the Alliance for Childhood, said during a news conference Tuesday in Washington. "It is time to take a breath and look at the children again."

The 18-month-old alliance, based in College Park, Md., released a list of more than 75 educators, child-development experts, health professionals and technology experts who have endorsed a moratorium except in cases involving

children with certain disabilities.

"Computers are reshaping children's lives, at home and at school, in profound and unexpected ways," said the group's report, "Fool's Gold: A Critical Look at Computers-in-Childhood."

"Common sense suggests that we consider the potential harm, as well as the promised benefits, of this change," it said.

Instead of sitting in front of computer

screens, alliance members said, children need to be developing personal relationships with their teachers, playing outdoors, participating in hands-on learning, and creating and imagining for themselves.

But area preschool and elementary-school educators said that even with computers in the classroom, children still have plenty of time for those types of activities.

William Raiguél, Mattison's principal, said he agreed that young children could develop problems if they were spending long periods in front of a computer.

"We use it as a tool for learning," he said.


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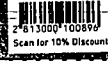
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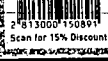
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EDITORIAL

A change in tactics has aided Jerome schools

Leaders of the Jerome School District have stopped trying to hit a home run. By instead trying to string together a few singles, they're advancing the prospects for local public education.

Last week, Jerome-area voters approved an \$875,000 supplemental levy to fund improvements to Jefferson Elementary School. It was a well-aimed request, and it succeeded.

It wasn't the first time Jerome voters had approved a well-aimed request. Last year, they authorized a slightly larger levy to add more classrooms to the high school. The upshot is that two modest levies succeeded after five multi-million-dollar bond issues failed.

There are many reasons for the change in the district's fortunes, not the least of which is the differing margins of approval required for levies and bond issues. School levies, which come straight out of the revenue stream, require a simple majority for approval. Bond issues, which are long-term debts, require two-thirds voter approval. Last week, voter approval was 65 percent - not enough to authorize a bond issue, but easily enough to pass a levy.

Elections involving school construction are one of the rare instances

when voters get to decide whether their taxes will go up. It's a tough sell in Jerome County, where the tax burden is heavy.

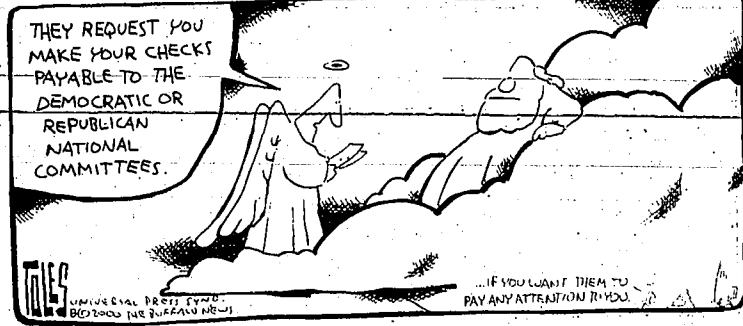
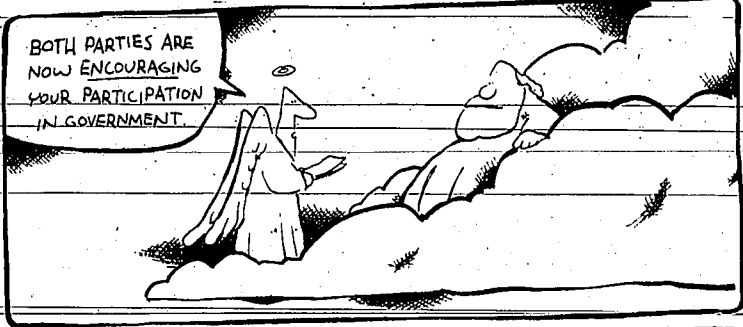
Under those circumstances, it's not surprising that a supplemental levy for less than \$1 million is easier to swallow than a bond issue of more than \$10 million.

Money aside, it's easier to show the need and make the case for construction projects of limited scope. Having abandoned their quest for a big pot of money to solve all their problems, Jerome school officials are now asking voters to solve the most pressing problems one at a time.

The down side of a succession of nibbles, rather than one big bite, is that it doesn't lay out a comprehensive goal for what the Jerome School District wants to achieve. There are still major, unanswered questions - not the least of which are what's to become of Washington School and whether any new buildings must be constructed.

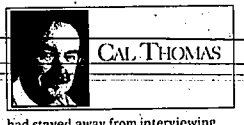
The first example of supplemental levies swept to easy approval once the school district changed its tactics. That trend might not continue if important long-range questions remain unsettled.

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Women adore Gore for wrong reasons

Vice President Al Gore's appearance on Oprah Winfrey's program on Monday was an unpaid commercial for his presidential candidacy designed to enhance his appeal to those women who care more about the way a man looks than how he thinks.



had stayed away from interviewing politicians because "I never felt like I could have a real, real, honest conversation with them." She was right. She didn't have a "real, real, honest con-

versation" with Gore, possibly because she said the entire process of electing a president "boils down to ... who do you like? Who do you like?" It shouldn't. It should boil down to what candidates believe and how much of our money they will let us keep.

Gore kissed up to Oprah, "remembering" her when she was a teen "reporter" for a Nashville TV station and he worked for the newspaper. Oprah accepted this extraordinary memory from a man who has had trouble recalling whether he was in the room when decisions were made about illegal campaign contributions.

Gore said: "I think we've got to make some changes in this country." Why? What did you and Clinton do that needs changing? Partners and spouses need more time. Parents need more help in raising their kids. That's easy to fix. Give them a tax cut so they don't have to work just to pay government. Give them school vouchers so

"The audience was no better. ... What puts a smile on your face?" asked one woman. "What do you believe is the greatest problem America faces today?" asked another. Gore answered that one: "We need more meaning in our national life. We need more people to believe in our ability as a people to make it what it's supposed to be. This country is what we make it, and we have the power because of our freedom, but there are a lot of people who - who kind of stay at arm's length from the political process because, you know, it's politics. And - and it is politics, but we can change politics if we have enough people who are willing to push past fear, disillusionment and disappointment and do what our founders did and each generation has done, and really seeing the opportunity to make this country what it's supposed to be."

That answer makes Pabulum look substantive. Oprah, a donor to Democratic candidates and causes, might have asked, "Mr. Vice President, after eight years of you and Bill Clinton, why do you suppose people are disillusioned and disappointed?" In her introduction, Oprah said she

When we arrived back home, we had our horse s--- out front and more in the new construction area. When we walk the dogs, we clean up after them. If I knew where you lived, I would return your gift to your front doorstep. Why not ride away from homes? BEVERLY WARD Twin Falls

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

LETTER

Horses left behind reminders
To the two ladies who were riding horses on the side walk on Sept. 9 through the Magic Valley Ranch residential area:

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LETTER

Answer to 911 Incident
To all of those who want an explanation of the 911 call on Golf Course Road: First of all, it seems if someone requires an explanation of facts, they should go to the source and ask for that explanation. This did not happen in this case, therefore, I will also answer through the media. Ms. Belvel had a tape of this incident and she, too, should have been able to answer the queries. The following is a transcription of the actual 911 call:
Caller: Oh, yes, just got into a wreck on Golf Course Road.
Dispatcher: Hello (lots of background noise).
Caller: Oh, my God.
Dispatcher: Hello, how can I help you?
Caller: We just got into a wreck on Golf Course Road.
Dispatcher: There's a wreck on Golf Course Road?
Caller: Yes, it's Jesus Christ.
Dispatcher: Are there any injuries?
Caller: Yes. What road is this?
Dispatcher: Oh, it's Golf Course Road.
Where at on Golf Course Road?
Caller: Curtis, what road's this? Oh, my God, Curtis!
Dispatcher: Ma'am.
Caller: I don't know what road I'm on. I'm out by the golf course.
Second dispatcher: How far out?
Caller: Oh, my God. Oh ---, I don't know where I'm at.
Second dispatcher: Ma'am, what's your name? How far out are you from the golf

course?
Caller: A cop's turning around right now.
Dispatcher: You've got a cop right there?
Caller: Hey, you guys. You're OK. You're OK. You're OK.
Dispatcher: OK. We know where you're at.
Call terminated by caller.
As you can see, there was a lot of misinformation in the previous letter and in the headline above that letter. The officer was on scene approximately 40 seconds into the call, and an ambulance was already being dispatched by the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center to Golf Course Road. The officer was advised of this by dispatch.
It is clear that the parties involved do not have a good understanding of this incident or how their 911 system works. We have an excellent staff of dedicated employees who do a superb job of dispatching ambulances, fire departments and law enforcement for a four-county region and surrounding areas. I encourage all of those involved to come to SIRCOMM with their questions and, as stated in their letter, with a little cooperation, receive answers to their queries.
GLORIA FALCONBURG
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(Editor's note: The original letter, which appeared in Tuesday's paper, misidentified the adult passenger in the vehicle. The adult passenger was Curtis K. Belvel, not S.K. Belvel.)

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A series of comic panels showing a man talking to a woman about a religious message. One panel says: 'THE MESSAGE OF THE RELIGIOUS RIGHT HAS BECOME CLEARLY TO BE THE HIGHWAY TO HELL, BUT AN INCLUSIVE GOD CHURCH IS A MUCH BETTER MESSAGE.'

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley
A cartoon showing a man talking to a woman about a field guide for the terminally undecided. One panel says: 'A ONE-PERCENT RETURN ON MY INVESTMENT! COOOO!' Another panel says: 'YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD SOCIAL SECURITY IS: IF IT AIN'T GONE BROKE DON'T FIX IT.'

Tire makers say 'Don't Tread On Me'

DENIS HORGAN

Consider exactly what is happening with these bad tires. They are killing people.

They are not inconveniencing people or costing them a bit more money or delivering a rough ride. They're killing people. Because these tires were made badly and because the companies took their own sweet time in doing anything about it, people died.

Nothing, of course. If I steal a candy bar or poke someone in the nose, I risk jail and humiliation. As I should. But if I manufacture tires and cars that fail and people die as a result of that, I'm not hearing if that.

Possibly the grand scope of the Bridgestone and Firestone mess and the public relations effort of the Ford people have diverted some of us from the central truth: There are people who are dead today and there are people in pain and mourning because of these companies. Yet all the system does is hold hearings, ponder legal action of some obscure sort and express some stylized but meaningless outrage.

If some chump government employee washes his car on the public dime, we eat bananas. If some significant government employee acts like a dope, not even hurting anyone, we swoon. When our neighbors behave badly, below our lofty standards, we pile on the scorn. There's likely to be some sort of minor consequence in terms of people being disappointed or dismayed.

Yet when a business actually kills or pollutes or destroys, the knowtowing system, bought and paid for, can barely work up a yawn. In fact, we are constantly advised that our governments would be so much better off if they were run like a business when there are few enough governments that routinely do the harm that do businesses. If people did what businesses do,

there wouldn't be prison cells enough.

Where the tire meets the road, the tire should meet the road and not peel off and endanger the lives of people riding in their vans and cars. Chemicals should not be poured into the waters and onto the land. The air is not a dumping ground for chemicals that will, ultimately, end up in so many human lungs. Products should work, not maim. If it is a crime for an individual to steal, it is a crime for a company to steal, to cheat, to shortchange, to damage or kill.

Yet any effort to punish a company for actions detrimental to the public runs into the obfuscation, sleight-of-hand and diversions disguised as mock outrage of the trickle-down larders of the special interests, it being cheaper to buy a legislator or bog down the courts in three-piece lawsuits than to actually correct a problem, businesses enjoy doing business - and pass the cost on to the consumer, doubly victimized.

And the problems continue. I have a plan. When I succumb entirely to the dimmer side of my nature, entering more formally into a life of crime and mayhem, I will incorporate. Then, if I behave reck-

lessly, I might have to endure the airy criticism of a few senators with an eye on the cameras but certainly nothing such as I'd face as a mere human. If the corpses stack up like Lincoln logs, I might run the possibility of coughing up some fines but a lot less consequence than I might anticipate were I to be caught shoplifting.

As a citizen, I would worry that my freedom, wealth and life off onto the customers, I would launder through the shareholders. And, in a pinch, I would apologize like crazy, which costs nothing.

Yet the poor victims would remain victims. The apologists and politicians will call for relaxing the burdens on my business-shoulders - all those pesky restraints on poisoning, producing shoddy materials and abusing the population. There's money in it; that's enough for them.

It's not a case of a double standard. In the matter of businesses, it's a case of the only standard being the gold standard.

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Times are good - especially for Gore

JAMES P. PINKERTON

The presidential election is eight weeks away. As the days count down, here are three key factors to keep in mind: First, George W. Bush has run a good campaign. Second, Al Gore has run a better campaign. Third, the basic conditions of the country strongly favor the Democrats.

Bush has put forward an attractive policy agenda that would, if enacted, improve educational accountability, increase retirement benefits, and involve religion in social problem-solving. (That last idea, for "faith-based charitable choice," was so attractive that Gore endorsed it, too.)

As for Bush's much-decried tax plan, it would lower rates and thereby lessen loopholes, drop millions of people from the income-tax rolls altogether, and still "spend" only a quarter of the projected surplus.

Bush's problems of late have been tactical; obvious bloopers over debates and open mikes aside, the Texan was slow to connect with the press-conference plan, and he missed an opportunity to connect Gore to Bill Clinton's handshakes last Thursday with Fidel Castro; an alert campaign would have demanded to know whether Gore would have done like his boss, forcing him to choose between Clinton and Florida.

For his part, Gore appears to thrive only under pressure. He floundered around in pre-campaign 1999, but when Bill Bradley seemed to be gaining on him, he got his act together. Yet after Bradley disappeared, Gore faded, too. Finally, in August, confronted with a double-digit deficit, he woke up again. In contrast to the Bushies, who

seemed to think that the fall campaign would consist merely of filling up the calendar with events, the Gore-ers had a specific plan for showcasing their man in a new way; the vice president would distance himself from the president by picking Clinton critic Joe Lieberman when further distance himself by planting a big kiss on a woman - who was his wife.

The Gore types had the swiftest brilliant insight: The further voters they need to win are the yuppie liberals they worked with in Washington, but ordinary folks out there in the heartland who worry, not about inheritance taxes or over-abortion rights, but about making the mortgage. That's the point made by Ruy Teixeira and Joel Rogers in their new book, "America's Forgotten Majority: Why the White Working Class Still Matters."

As a author Teixeira explained in an interview, one of his motives in writing the book was to counteract the media stereotype of the SUV-driving soccer mom with a cell phone that, he said, "bore a creepy resemblance to the spouses of reporters" who cluster along the two coasts. "America's Forgotten Majority" is about a different, and much bigger, slice of the population: the 55 percent of the electorate that is white, that earns a moderate-income in blue-collar labor or at a Durbertish white-collar job and that scrapes by in some nonglamorous suburb.

Gore's challenge seems sim-

ple, at least in retrospect: Promise to spend the surplus on these voters - by plugging expansion of Medicare, Social Security and preschool - while keeping faith with Middle-American values. Thus, he and his running mate defied the Boy Scouts' anti-gay protesters and warn Hollywood to "clean up its act" on sex and violence.

And so, in a time of peace and prosperity, with falling crime and welfare rates, Gore is ahead, albeit narrowly. Indeed, he may still have some upside. At a convention of the American Political Science Association in Washington late last month, seven forecasters presented their mathematical projections - usually combining public-opinion findings and economic data - of the upcoming November election. All seven projected Gore as the winner, with percentages ranging from 52.3 percent of the vote to 60.3 percent of the two-party vote.

Wishful thinking by a bunch of professors? Perhaps, but the real question, in any election with an incumbent in the White House, is whether the American people will want to "fire" that incumbent. Political and policy much credit Clinton, let alone Gore, should get for the good times, but history suggests that most voters care only about the bottom line, retaining or dismissing incumbents accordingly.

The next two months will feature more moments of high drama and low comedy on the campaign stage; but the basic plot line favors Gore. To mix a metaphor, Gore has the ball. And if he keeps it, he can't lose.

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WORLD

Indonesian car bomb explosion kills 13

JAKARTA, Indonesia - A car bomb tore through a packed parking garage beneath Jakarta's stock exchange on Wednesday, killing at least 13 people, injuring 27 and shaking confidence in Indonesia's attempts to reform after decades of corrupt dictatorship.

The blast damaged or destroyed 400 vehicles in the garage, filled with cars and drivers waiting for stockbrokers to finish work, said national police chief Gen. Rusdihardjo.

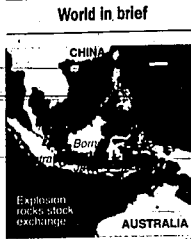
No one claimed responsibility for the blast, the deadliest in a series of unexplained recent bombings in Indonesia. The bombing was a major blow to efforts by President Abdurrahman Wahid to restore confidence in Indonesia's crisis-ridden economy and end violence across the world's fourth-most populous nation.

In the past, Wahid has complained bitterly that his opponents have used terrorist-like tactics to destabilize his year-old reformist government.

Weaker twin growing faster, doctors say

LONDON - Doctors caring for infant Siamese twins believe the weaker one may be thriving at the expense of her better developed sister, attorneys told an appeals court panel Wednesday.

The three appeal judges must decide whether to permit the separation of the Siamese twins, in effect condemning one to die. The parents, who are Roman Catholics from an unidentified Eastern European country, oppose the operation and have appealed a lower court's decision in favor of surgery. They say they wish to let God's will take its course.



World in brief
Explosion rocks stock exchange

Judge sentences farmer to prison for vandalism

MILLAU, France - A militant sheep farmer was sentenced Wednesday to three months in prison for vandalizing a McDonald's restaurant in a protest that made him a hero in the eyes of the French in the battle against rampant globalization.

About 200 supporters of Jose Bove chanted and banged sticks outside the small courthouse in this town in southern France. But it was nothing like the raucous atmosphere of his June 30 trial when he was carried to court in an ox cart amid cheering crowds. Bove and his lawyers appealed the verdict. The sentence exceeded that sought by the prosecution during the two-day trial, which drew 15,000 people. The prosecution asked for 10 months with

nine months suspended.

Protests at economic conference wind down

MELBOURNE, Australia - Protesters linked hands Wednesday and walked one last time around the casino complex in Australia they had put under siege for three days to protest globalization.

But as the protest ended and police in this southern city breathed easier, their colleagues in Sydney were preparing for the demonstrators planning to target the 2000 Olympics, which will officially open Friday.

Protesters' attempts to block the third and final day of the World Economic Forum-sponsored Asia Pacific Economic Summit were foiled by dwindling numbers and an overwhelming police presence.

Suspects face accusations of helping Basque group

MADRID, Spain - Masked police arrested 20 people in raids on political party offices and private homes Wednesday in a sweep that officials said all but uprooted the fund-raising wing of the armed Basque separatist group ETA.

The raids, which included the offices of a political party closely

linked to ETA, reflected Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar's more aggressive drive to crack down on separatists after a string of bombings over the summer.

Throughout the Basque region of northern Spain and in Madrid, police, many with faces covered to prevent retaliation, seized documents and other belongings in the move against the EKIN group, which bills itself as a grassroots coordinator of Basque pro-independence groups.

ETA has killed some 800 people since 1968 in its campaign for Basque independence.

Gunman shoots veteran newspaper crime reporter

MONTREAL - A veteran crime reporter for Le Journal de Montreal was shot Wednesday morning in the newspaper's parking lot, police said.

Michel Auger's injuries were not life-threatening, and he was in stable condition at a hospital.

Auger was attacked as he walked into the newspaper's offices. On Tuesday, the tabloid published a two-page spread written by Auger about recent

biker-related murders.

Le Journal Publisher Paule Beaugrand-Champagne said Auger has covered crime for 25 years and has been threatened in the past.

"This is disgusting because it's an attack on democracy," Beaugrand-Champagne said.

Leader calls diplomatic sanctions a 'complete flop'

VIENNA, Austria - Hailing the lifting of European Union diplomatic sanctions, Austria's right-wing firebrand Joerg Haider on Wednesday labeled the measures a "complete flop."

Haider, whose far-right Freedom Party's inclusion in the government led to the sanctions, said the measures failed in their goal to force the party out of the ruling coalition.

Austria's 14 European Union partners lifted the seven-month sanctions against Austria on Tuesday after a panel said the measures stoked the nationalistic feeling they were meant to punish.

The sanctions took effect when the Freedom Party joined the coalition government of Chancellor Wolfgang Schuessel in February. The Freedom Party had waged an anti-foreigner and anti-EU expansion campaign in last year's elections.

Prime minister rejects tax concessions amid protests

LONDON - Prime Minister Tony Blair, joined by leaders in Belgium and Germany, on

Wednesday defiantly rejected demands to lower fuel taxes, despite spiraling protests that have left gasoline pumps bonedry and disrupted schools, businesses and transport across Britain.

"Real damage is now being done to real people," Blair said on nationwide television, blaming protesters for fuel shortages that triggered school closings, delayed non-vital surgery in hospitals and even threatened deliveries by Britain's famously reliable Royal Mail.

Late Wednesday, the National Blood Authority went on alert, saying it feared its blood supplies soon could be affected. The government put military fuel tankers on standby in case they are needed to get deliveries through, and banks reassured worried customers they would still be able to get cash.

William Hague, leader of the opposition Conservative Party, urged that Parliament be called back from its summer recess to deal with the crisis, as Blair prepared for more urgent meetings Thursday with top advisers.

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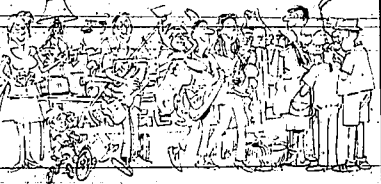
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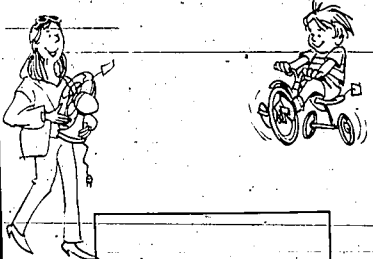
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Section B

RISING STARS

Lindsay Phillips

Minico volleyball
With jet black hair, one powerful swing and a court savvy gained from years of experience, Minico opposite hitter Lindsay Phillips stands out on a volleyball court.

Being hasn't hurt much either. In addition to being the tallest player on the Minico roster, Phillips is also one of the biggest reasons the Spartans are off to one of the best starts in recent history (2-0 conference, 9-2 overall).



Averaging about 15 kills and six blocks a match, the senior southpaw and three-year varsity player brings a dominant presence to the Spartan front.

"She's able to get big kills for us on that left side," said Minico coach Kelly Feenstra. "She can hit it down the line and that opens up the defense for us."

Though the team has seven seniors - six of which have played together since junior high - Phillips said she considers herself a team leader, someone to be looked to when things go wrong.

"Leadership-wise, they kind of lean on me," Phillips said. "I kind of try to lead them up when we get down."

After high school, Phillips said she wants to fulfill a long-time goal of playing volleyball at the collegiate level. So far, Idaho State University and the College of Southern Idaho have expressed interest in obtaining her services.

Following an unofficial visit to Pocatello, Phillips said she's leaning toward becoming a Bengal - not only because of the athletic opportunity it would provide, but also because the school would better suit her academic interests. Phillips, who carries a perfect 4.0 GPA, said she eventually wants to work in the medical field.

—Matt Peterson

Elvis Medina

Castleford football

Elvis Medina will gladly trade in his "Blue Suede Shoes" for a pair of football sneakers anytime.

Though he wasn't named after Elvis Presley, Medina's ability to swivel his hips and brush off would-be tacklers is reminiscent of "The King."

In the Wolves' ground-based, option attack, the sophomore has rushed for nine touchdowns, tallying 82 yards - second most among the valley's 11-man football programs this year. Through the air, he's completed 7 of 12 passes for 47 yards. He also has 28 tackles and three sacks as a middle linebacker.

And his 18 catches for 238 yards and three scores were tops among receivers last fall.

But the only numbers that interest Medina are the ones in the win column. "Just as long as it's a W, that's all I care about," he said.

Head coach Shawn Scow described Medina as unselfish. "I've never heard him even brag or talking about himself or stats," Scow said. "His work ethic is the main thing. He works hard and he's a good athlete."

In the Castleford's season-opening 34-16 win at Shoshone Aug. 25, Medina scored one touchdown and ran for 124 yards but was quick to point to his teammates. He said his offensive line, along with running backs Jake Bokma and Ryan Blick, deserved the credit. Since then, the Wolves have posted two more victories on their way to a 3-0 start.

"Without them, I wouldn't do anything," he said.

Though football is fun, Medina said basketball is his game. He's also the school's starting shooting guard and plays AAU basketball in the spring and summer.

"I love basketball," he said. "He's also the youngest sophomore in his class. Scow said Medina turned 15 in May."

At 5-foot-11, 185 pounds, Medina is also deceptively strong. He holds the school dead lift record at 545 pounds while benching 205 and squatting 365.

During football camp, every-body was dead tired and just wanting to go home," Scow said. "He was the only guy running back down field ready to run the offense. His motor just keeps going."

—Kevin Hall

CONFERENCE KICKOFF

CSI dances the Utah three-step

By Joe Sunun
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - After spending the first three weeks of the season clawing its way to the summit, the trail to the top of the mountain just got steeper for the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team.

The Golden Eagles begin Scenic West Athletic Conference play with a three-match road swing against Snow College, Dixie State and Eastern Utah - and the SWAC season-within-a-season has the never been more important.

"Conference play is a big deal this year," said coach Ben Stroud. "The winner of the league hosts the regional tournament, so even though we may

SWAC opener

What: CSI begins Scenic West Athletic Conference play

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Saturday: at College of Eastern Utah - Price, Utah, 7 p.m.



end up first in our half, if we don't win the league then we will have to travel - and that will be a battle."

CSI easily defeated all three teams at the Utah Valley tournament earlier this month. But with the way the conference is

shaping up, winning the league crown and bringing the Region 18 Tournament into the CSI gym may prove difficult.

Utah Valley is off to a strong start, pushing CSI in every meeting so far, and Ricks College entered conference play with the second-best overall record at 16-2. The inspired Vikings are also the only team to defeat CSI this year.

"If we lose a match on the road, especially to one of the teams we play this weekend, then we won't host," Stroud said. "I guarantee you that."

The Eagles were challenged briefly by Snow College in the teams' earlier matchup and will face a solid middle blocker in Stacie Smith when they take on Dixie State Friday night.

"The three teams (we play this weekend) are decent, but not great," Stroud said. "We have more talent than any of the three. Dixie State could give us the most trouble because they are more physical. They also play a lot better at their place than anywhere else."

And even though the Eagles are 2-1 this season, they aren't the same type of team that rolled through the conference in years past. With the season nearly halfway over, CSI still lacks a true setter and the team's offensive playbook is almost non-existent.

"I don't think we can do anything until our setters (play at the level) they need to be at," Stroud said. "It doesn't matter."

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Soccer debuts with a tie

The Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia - The U.S. men's soccer team won't march in the opening ceremony at the Summer Games. Instead, it will settle for taking a small step forward in its Olympic debut - which is more than the hosts can say.

The Americans battled to a 2-2 tie Wednesday with the Czech Republic in a game where they nearly managed to pull out a victory. The U.S. team held a 2-1 lead and missed several scoring opportunities as the games

kicked off 46 hours before Friday's official start.

But there was no good news for the 93,000 Olympic early birds packed into the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The home Australians lost 1-0 to Italy despite a raucous crowd.

That defeat followed a similar fate for the Australian women's team, which went down 3-0 to Germany.

The soccer games came two days before the Olympics' opening ceremony, but the competition was already fiery. Chris Albright and Josh Wolff scored for the United States in a physical contest with the Czechs.

"We showed we're a solid team and created a lot of opportunities for ourselves," said Wolff. "I think we matched them from the get-go and got in as hard on them as they did on us. We could have won, so we're a little disappointed."

The Americans will stay in Canberra until Saturday's game with Cameroon, forcing the team to miss Friday's opening ceremony.

A half-dozen soccer games kicked off the Summer Games, with both men and woman taking the field for the first glimpse of the competition.

In other men's action, defending gold medalist Nigeria managed a 3-3 tie against Honduras, while Cameroon defeated Kuwait 3-2.

Women's soccer

Earlier, with the Melbourne Cricket Ground nearly empty, the games began with the Brazilian women's soccer team defeating Sweden 2-0. The Australian women, the first of the home athletes in action at the Summer Games, lost 3-0 to Germany before a sell-out crowd of 23,000 at Canberra's Bruce Stadium.

Not all of the fans saw the game's start, though, as heavy security caused long delays getting inside.

A flag for Cliff

Cliff Meidl, who survived a 30,000-wolt of electricity in a construction accident and ... Please see OLYMPICS, Page B3

Olympic television schedule

Thursday, Sept. 14
MSNBC
4:30-7 p.m.
Women's soccer
USA vs. Norway

Jerome sweeps mountain meet

By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer

HANSEN - Running in the race might have been less painful than watching Oakley High's Barry Jenks cross the finish line.

But the agonizing scene that transpired in the flagged finish area following Wednesday's grueling cross country competition at the Kimberly Invitational said a lot about his sport.

And the exertion required to win. Stumbling and gasping, his knees buckling like a cheap marionette, Jenks crossed the finish line first, outlasting Adam Miller of Twin Falls and winning the overall boys' title in 17 minutes, 48 seconds on a punishing up-and-down course on the slopes of Magic Mountain.

"I don't know (what it was)," an exhausted Jenks said, "but I think it was just the altitude (about 6,500 feet) and the fact that I couldn't breathe. It felt like it was cold. And just the altitude too - it burned my lungs."

Jenks, who took the lead midway through the race, was the only Idaho runner from a Class A-4 school to finish in the top 25. But the win didn't come easy.

"The Twin Falls kid, he followed me the whole way," Jenks said. "He was just right there all the time."

Miller ended up finishing 11 seconds' back, while Jared Wilkinson, from Spring Creek, Nev., finished 13 seconds off the pace.

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Barry Jenks, of Oakley High School, won the Kimberly Invitational cross country meet at Magic Mountain Wednesday in a time of 17 minutes, 48 seconds.

LOGAN CATYRE/
The Times-News

Quarterback questions pepper college games

The Associated Press

College picks

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When the Gators visit the Volunteers, the Vols will start A.J. Suggs over demoted - and now injured - Joey Mathews. Freshman Casey Clausen, recovered from an inflamed rotator cuff, backs up Suggs.

Florida coach Steve Spurrier says Jesse Palmer will start, but freshman Rex Grossman will probably play. Palmer was pulled in the second quarter last week, and Grossman came on and threw three TD passes in a 55-0 victory over Middle Tennessee State.

And Notre Dame, ranked 21st, takes on Drew Brees and No. 13 Purdue without quarterback Arnaz Battle, likely out for the season after breaking his left wrist in last week's 27-24 overtime loss to No. 1 Nebraska.

Gary Godsey, the 6-foot-7, 230-pound brother of Georgia Tech quarterback George Godsey, starts against the Boilermakers.

"I think he gives us the best opportunity, right now, to win," Notre Dame coach Bob Davie said.

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The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas - Cal Ripken had four hits and rookie Chris Richard drove in five runs as the Baltimore Orioles bested the Texas Rangers 9-4 Wednesday night.

Ripken's first-inning single gave him 3,054 hits, moving him past Rod Carew into 18th place on the career list. Ripken later moved past Robin Yount for 12th place in all-time doubles with 584.

The Orioles won for the first time in six games at Texas this season.

The Associated Press

Major League Baseball

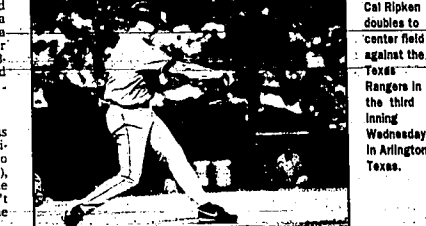
Twins 7, Athletics 6
OAKLAND, Calif. - Jacques Jones homered and drove in three runs as the Twins snapped their three-game losing streak. Eric Milton (13-9) pitched 5 1/3 strong innings to beat the A's for the third time this season.

Indians 10, Red Sox 3
CLEVELAND - Barolo Colon was finally the No. 1 starter Cleveland needs him to be and

Manny Ramirez homered and drove in four runs. Ramirez hit a three-run double off Tomo Ohka (3-5) in the fourth and later added his 29th homer. Colon (13-8) allowed two earned runs and six hits in seven innings.

Yankees 3, Blue Jays 2
NEW YORK - Roger Clemens won his ninth consecutive decision, pitching shutout ball in the eighth inning. Clemens (13-6), given a standing ovation when he came out of the game, didn't allow a runner past first until the

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Baltimore's Cal Ripken doubles to center field against the Texas Rangers in the third inning Wednesday in Arlington, Texas.

Football

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 The picks:
 North Carolina (plus 25) at No. 2 Florida
 Seminole must contain Tar Heels QB
 Curry, a Vick clone ... FLORIDA STATE,
 34-14
 No. 3 Michigan (minus 5) at No. 14
 UCLA
 Battle of the backup QBs ... MICHIGAN,
 28-24
 Cincinnati (plus 14) at No. 4 Wisconsin
 Badgers haven't forgotten on last year's
 loss ... WISCONSIN, 31-13
 No. 5 Texas (minus 12.5) at Stanford
 Cardinal recall last year's 69-7 loss, but
 Horns too strong to lose ... TEXAS, 41-24
 No. 6 Florida (minus 3) at No. 11
 Tennessee
 Once again, this should decide SEC
 East winner ... TENNESSEE, 24-21
 Ball State (plus 45) at No. 7 Kansas

State
 Oh please ... KANSAS STATE, 55-0
 Rutgers (plus 34) at No. 8 Virginia Tech
 Battle of unbeatens, can you believe it?
 VIRGINIA TECH, 56-20
 No. 9 Washington (plus 3.5) at Colorado
 QB-Ruffs-center Spuky coach Kirk
 Newhouse's return to Boulder ... COLORADO,
 34-31
 No. 13 Purdue (minus 6) at No. 21 Notre
 Dame
 Injury-plagued Irish could be in trouble
 against QB Drew Brees ... PURDUE, 26-
 21
 No. 25 Southern Mississippi (plus 5.5) at
 No. 15 Alabama
 Tide still trying to find their stride ...
 ALABAMA, 27-20
 Wake Forest (plus 31) at No. 16
 Clemson
 Tommy's Tigers averaging 50 points per
 game ... CLEMSON, 45-10

MIAMI (Ohio) (plus 23) at No. 17 Ohio
 State
 Buckeyes still far from a polished prod-
 uct ... OHIO STATE, 31-21
 California (plus 14.5) at No. 19 Illinois
 Illini QB Kurt Kittner looking for a field
 day ... ILLINOIS, 41-19
 Northwestern (plus 12.5) at No. 20 TC
 U
 Frogs play host to first Big Ten team
 since Purdue in '69 ... TC U, 34-19
 No. 22 Michigan State (minus 11) at
 Missouri
 Be aware the Tigers, who lost by 53
 points last week ... MICHIGAN STATE,
 28-21
 LSU (plus 7) at No. 24 Auburn
 Auburn has won its last eight SEC open-
 ers ... AUBURN, 34-24
 Last week: 16-4 (straight); 11-9 (vs.
 points)
 Season: 36-6 (straight); 24-15 (vs. points)

Olympics

Continued from B1
 came one of America's top sprint
 kayakers, was picked to carry the U.S.
 flag in the opening ceremony at the
 Sydney Olympics.
 Meidl, 34, from Redondo Beach,
 Calif., was chosen in a vote of the U.S.
 squad from a list that also included
 Tim Lincecum, a former Olympic
 Armstrong, soccer player Brandi
 Chastain and swimmer Dara Torres.
Men's volleyball
 Still stinging from its last-place
 finish in 1996, the U.S. men's volleyball
 team is in its first game in Sydney and
 it gets worse for that.
 The Americans are grouped in Pool B
 with three teams — Italy, Russia and
 Yugoslavia — that coach Doug Beal
 believes are the top medal prospects.
 Their first match Sunday is against
 Argentina, and Beal says that's no

pushover.
 "I think we're a little stronger than
 in 1996, maybe have a little more
 depth and I think there are more
 experienced players on the team,"
 said Mike Lamberti, who was a
 member of the team four years ago.
 A new scoring system, that will
 make matches shorter, might allow
 less-touted teams such as the
 Americans to spring surprises. With
 every rally, replacing an earlier system
 where only the serving team could earn
 one. Matches will last about half as
 long under the new system.
 The American team, while falling
 in recent years, have a solid tradition.
 The United States, where volleyball
 was invented, took the men's gold
 in the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984 and
 defended their title successfully four
 years later at Seoul.

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE BOX SCORES
 MONDAY, SEPT. 24

Team	AB	R	H	E	LOB
Blue Jays	25	3	4	1	5
Toronto	27	5	7	1	10
White Sox	27	2	3	0	10
Chicago	27	3	6	1	10
Minnesota	27	2	4	1	10
Seattle	27	2	3	0	10
Los Angeles	27	2	3	0	10
San Diego	27	2	3	0	10
San Francisco	27	2	3	0	10
Oakland	27	2	3	0	10
Arizona	27	2	3	0	10
Cleveland	27	2	3	0	10
Detroit	27	2	3	0	10
Kansas City	27	2	3	0	10
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NATIONAL LEAGUE BOX SCORES

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Reds	27	2	3	0	10
Pirates	27	2	3	0	10
Cubs	27	2	3	0	10
Cardinals	27	2	3	0	10
Brewers	27	2	3	0	10
Padres	27	2	3	0	10
Rockies	27	2	3	0	10
Mets	27	2	3	0	10
Mariners	27	2	3	0	10
Giants	27	2	3	0	10
Braves	27	2	3	0	10
Melroses	27	2	3	0	10
Phillies	27	2	3	0	10
Expos	27	2	3	0	10
Yankees	27	2	3	0	10
Rangers	27	2	3	0	10

AL STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Toronto	52	39	.569
Seattle	49	42	.541
Minnesota	47	44	.515
Chicago	46	45	.505
San Diego	45	46	.495
Los Angeles	44	47	.484
San Francisco	43	48	.474
Oakland	42	49	.463
Arizona	41	50	.453
Cleveland	40	51	.442
Detroit	39	52	.432
Kansas City	38	53	.421
Baltimore	37	54	.411

NL STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Atlanta	48	44	.521
St. Louis	47	45	.511
San Francisco	46	46	.500
Philadelphia	45	47	.489
San Diego	44	48	.479
Cincinnati	43	49	.468
Florida	42	50	.458
Los Angeles	41	51	.447
Colorado	40	52	.437
Milwaukee	39	53	.426
Arizona	38	54	.416
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Detroit	39	52	.432
Kansas City	38	53	.421
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NATIONAL LEAGUE

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TENNIS

Tennis

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Feds cite concern over trout

Twin Falls schools host lawmakers

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls School District will host legislators and civic leaders Friday on a tour showcasing school efforts to improve student achievement.

The district has organized the tour for Back to School Day, a day designated by the Legislature for the Legislature.

Friday's tour will begin at 8 a.m. with breakfast at Magic Valley High School. The tour will stop at Robert Stuart Junior High School, I.B. Perrine Elementary School and Twin Falls High School. The tour ends around lunch time.

Jerome County dairy leaks liquid waste

JEROME - State officials are inspecting a Jerome County dairy that leaked liquid dairy waste into a nearby borrow pit this week.

An underground pipe apparently burst, causing liquid dairy waste to leak from the D&J Dairy northwest of Jerome, state Dairy Bureau Chief Marv Patten said.

Officials still are reviewing the incident to determine whether action against the dairy is warranted, Patten said.

Jerome County Zoning Administrator Art Brown said the leak appeared accidental and not an intentional discharge. The leak was fixed the day it was discovered, and Brown commended state Agriculture Department officials, local highway district officials and the dairyman for the quick response.

Dairy owner Doug Benson could not be reached Wednesday. No one answered repeated telephone calls at Benson's home or in the barn Wednesday afternoon and evening.

State and county officials had warned Benson they would shut his operation closely after the 4,000-cow D&J Dairy was cited for three waste discharges last year.

A Bureau of Land Management report estimated that the dairy had pumped more than 11 million gallons of liquid waste over about 14 acres of neighboring public land. BLM fined him \$100.

Benson also was penalized \$23,500 by the state Department of Agriculture for spraying liquid dairy waste into an irrigation canal.

Kimberly council gives OK on sewer project

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly City Council has voted to give JUB Engineers Inc. permission to proceed with the engineering for the city's sewer improvement project.

The council also approved a service contract with Susan Riddle, community development consultant, who will write a grant application for the project to repair old sewer lines.

City leaders hope the reconstruction project can be done for less than \$2 million.

In other city business:

- Library commissioner Lee McKinlay said the library is now open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturdays.

- The council discussed a contract to allow U.S. West and NewCom to build a communications pole next to City Hall. The council voted to table signing the contract until some wording could be changed. The two companies will lease land from the city for the pole and the police department will use the pole for new communications equipment, which will be used throughout the county in the near future.
- Fire Chief Burl Duncan reported there had been six fire calls in the city and 12 calls in the Rock Creek Fire District during August.

Irrigation district sets canal emptying date

RUPERT - The Mindoka Irrigation District's board of directors has set Oct. 13 as the tentative date for the water to be emptied out of the district's canal and lateral system.

Water users who have any concerns should call the district at 436-3188.

Compiled from staff reports

By Karen Terrell
Times-News correspondent
and The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. - Citing public safety concerns and a need to protect bull trout habitat, the federal government has asked U.S. District Court Judge David Hagen to close South Canyon Road near Jarbidge, Nev., to motorized vehicle travel.

Forest Service officials say the dispute over jurisdiction of the South Canyon Road near Jarbidge has left the dirt road in an unsafe condition.

Vehicles have been entering the river from a steep dropoff, causing erosion, Ben Siminoc in the Elko office of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest said Wednesday. There is some indication that vehicles have slid off the narrow roadway.

Humboldt-Toiyabe Supervisor Bob Vaught said the road is unstable in places and does not have a turnaround area.

Delay in road closure increases instability

"As hunting season begins and rain and snow falls, the potential for erosion will increase and only add to the difficulty of vehicles turning around and the instability of the area," he added.

Continued motorized vehicle use in the river could impact fish habitat and bull trout spawning, federal officials say. Bull trout spawning is beginning in the headwaters of the Jarbidge River. The larger spawning fish pass through the South Canyon area before going downstream to winter habitat in southern Idaho.

"Water levels are very low and vehicles can easily damage fish habitat and create conditions that restrict fish movements and disrupt spawning," said Robert Williams, Nevada supervisor for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Assistant U.S. Attorney General Lois

Schiffer and U.S. Attorney Kathryn Landreth of Las Vegas said the federal government remains open to further negotiations. But in new legal filings, they argued court-ordered mediation already has cost federal taxpayers at least \$100,000, with no resolution in sight.

"Each day that passes without resolution allows damaged areas to further degrade and unacceptable additional impacts to continue unchecked," they wrote in a request Tuesday for expedited action.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service declared the bull trout an endangered species on an emergency basis in 1998, then reduced the listing to threatened last year. The Forest Service, citing possible effects on the fish, backed off its original plans to reconstruct a section of the South Canyon Road, washed out in a 1995 flood.

The result has been sometimes heated opposition from county commissioners and local citizens who maintain the road was there before the Humboldt National Forest was established in the early 1900s, and therefore is outside the jurisdiction of the Forest Service.

Hundreds of protesters dubbed the "Shovel Brigade" converged on the road along the Jarbidge River July 3 and 4 to rebuild a stretch of the road and remove large boulders the Forest Service had set up to block vehicles from getting near the bull trout habitat.

Organizers of the "Shovel Brigade" have said hundreds, if not thousands, of protesters might show up if the U.S. Forest Service tries to close the South Canyon Road a second time.

"If they close it I think it would be the dumbest thing they can do," brigade leader Demar Dahl said in a recent interview with The Times-News.

SEPARATING BULLS FROM STEERS



Calvin Wright, top, and William Scheibe, both on the College of Southern Idaho's rodeo team, separate the steers from the bulls during Wednesday's practice.

GOP chair

Public television is needed, but under new umbrella

By Michael Jurnea
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Republicans are getting a bad rap as public television haters, Idaho GOP Chairman Trent Clark said Wednesday.

A resolution endorsing the privatization of Idaho Public Television, approved by Idaho Republicans at their state convention in June, is not anti-public television, but rather attempts to fix a contentious problem using a common solution, Clark said.

Last year's debate over Idaho Public Television's merger with the Elementary Talking About Gay Issues in School, a documentary depicting how some schools teach tolerance of gays and lesbians, was more about how much say the government has over the way public television spends public money, Clark said.

And the GOP's resolution that Idaho Public Television be made a private, not-for-profit organization - similar to the system used by many states and the federal public television system - was simply an attempt to quell similar debates in the future.

"It raised very legitimate questions about whether the state should be involved in broadcasting," Clark said. "I'm old members of The Times-News editorial board."

Making public television a private, not-for-profit charter agency based on the federal model is an option, but not one don't like public television, Clark said. Such an option would give Idaho Public Television's board programming freedom while maintaining the benefit of state funding.

"It creates a healthy distance between politicians and programming decisions," Clark said. Clark said public television serves an important educational function that should be maintained.

"It's an important way to give kids exposure to diversity they might not otherwise get in Idaho," Clark said.

On Tuesday, Clark met with Idaho Public Television's sponsors, at the request of the station's director of marketing, because of his position with the GOP and Solutia Inc., which sponsors "Bill Nye, the Science Guy" and other science programs on Idaho Public Television. Clark is the director of philanthropy for Solutia Inc.

The debate over public television centers on programming such as "It's Elementary" and "Our House," another show about tolerance of homosexuals.

The shows have drawn the wrath of conservative lawmakers and citizens - many from eastern Idaho - who contend they advocate the homosexual lifestyle.

Since Idaho Public Television gets almost a third of its funding

Hospital budget includes wage, rate hikes

By Brandon Flata
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Patients at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will pay more for hospital care starting this fall.

The hospital's 2000-01 budget, approved by the hospital board this week, includes higher patient fees and higher staff salaries.

Average patient fees will increase by 6 percent, about a "typical hike," Magic Valley Regional Administrator Jerry Hart said.

The fee increase could help boost expected 2000-01 patient

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center budgets		3,444,962	2,200,814
1999-2000	*2000-01		
Total patient revenue **	103,517,291	112,284,031	
Total operating expense ***	27,038,396	39,744,116	
Deductions from revenues ****	66,478,894	72,806,915	
Net patient revenue *****	67,038,396	73,806,915	
Total operating expense	67,229,236	73,806,980	
Income from operations	67,038,396	73,806,915	

revenue by nearly \$9 million from the estimated 1999-2000

reach programs and other programs are expected to increase revenue, Hart said.

But expenses are up, too.

Operating expenses are expected to jump by nearly \$7.4 million, dropping total income for the county-owned hospital by about \$1.2 million. That income is money the hospital uses for one-time improvements.

Increased salaries and higher supply costs are driving up expenses.

"We have to adjust salaries to the market, and that represents some of the increase," Hart said. A personnel shortage prompt-

United Way kicks off annual fund-raising campaign

By Ruth Stretter
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Low-income families saved some money on school supplies Wednesday, while local nonprofit agencies were saving some expense on housekeeping and renovations.

The United Way's Day of Caring kicked off the organization's three-month fund-raising campaign. The goal for the eight-county district is \$400,000, and 99.5 percent of the money raised goes back to local organizations.

United Way campaign director Jim Pozzo said.

"That's the great thing, I think, about the United Way, he said.

Last year, the United Way raised \$362,000, said Diane Boyd, the district's executive director.

Employees from businesses such as United Parcel Service, J.R. Simplot and McCain Foods



J.R. Simplot employee Jim Bronson gets in some yard work at the Head Start office in Burley Wednesday. Simplot was one of many local employers giving back to the community as part of the United Way's Day of Caring in Minicassia.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

DEATH NOTICES

Carol M. Hedges
POCATELLO — Carol M. Hedges died Monday, Sept. 11, 2000, at the Twin Falls medical center. Graveside memorial services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, 2000, in Restlawn Memorial Gardens. Pocatello with the Reverend Janie Gebhardt of the First Congregational United Church of Christ officiating. The family will receive friends from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturday in Henderson-Cornelson Funeral Home.

Elizabeth 'Betsy' Spencer
BURLEY — Elizabeth 'Betsy' Spencer, 82, of Burley died

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2000, at her home. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, 2000, at the United Methodist Church, 450 East 27th St., Burley, with the Reverend Al Trachsel officiating. Interment will be at Cloverdale Memorial Park in Boise. Friends may call at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th St., Burley, on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2000, from 6-8 p.m. An obituary will appear at a later date.

Patricia Ann Looney Smith of Buhl, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Buhl (Farmers Funeral Chapel).

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.

Eduardo U. 'Chapo' Rodriguez, of Burley, funeral services at 2 p.m. today at the Saint Nicholas Catholic Church.

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TWIN FALLS
 Numerous great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and one great-great-great-grandchild. Iwahmani enjoyed doing hand-drawings, tending her garden, hunting, and fishing. She maintained a wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed traveling, especially going to the seaload buffet in Jackpot, Nev. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2000, at 11 a.m. at Demaray's Wendell Chapel. Viewing will be from 10-12 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, 2000, at Demaray's Wendell Chapel. Burial will follow at the Wendell Cemetery. The family would like to extend special thanks to Sheryl Ford, Pastor James Stevens and Dixie Jackson, RN of Hospice, and deepest gratitude to her brother, Robert Bailey, for his kindness and care which enabled mother to enjoy her final months in her own home. Thank you, Bob!

Katherine Veatch
 Katherine Veatch, beloved Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, and Sister, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2000, at Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls.

She was born July 4, 1908 in Hampton, Kan., to Henry and Christina Kraeger Dick. Her family moved to Montana when she was very young. They lived around Billings and Hardin, Mont., where she attended school. Her family moved to Filer, Idaho in 1926. Katherine worked at the Twin Falls Hospital for four years. On Oct. 17, 1931, she married James Everett Veatch. They lived in several communities in the Magic Valley and also in Eureka, Nev. for ten years, until moving back to Filer in 1971. In 1981, Katherine and Everett celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Katherine was a life-long member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

She is survived by four children, Margery (Dale) Jordan of Castleford, Idaho; Barbara (Bill) Schaefer of Twin Falls, Idaho; Shelia Veatch of Clayton, Calif.; Bob (Charlene) Veatch of Twin Falls, Idaho; ten grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and two brothers, John Dick of Otnello, Wash. & Dan Dick of Oakland, Calif. sister-in-law, Laura Dick of Twin Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents, four sisters and three brothers. Funeral services for Katherine will be held Monday, Sept. 18, 2000, at 2 p.m. at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Officiating will be Pastor Steve McCandless. Burial will follow at the Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Friends may call Sunday, Sept. 17, 2000, from 1-4 p.m. at the Parke's home.

WENDELL

Iwahmarie 'Ivah' Malissa Bailey
 Iwahmarie 'Ivah' Malissa Bailey was born May 19, 1927, in Elk City, in the Oklahoma Territory. She married Benjamin Bailey on Denver, Colo., Jan. 7, 1927. She retired in 1970. She died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2000 at her residence in Wendell.

Mrs. Bailey is thought to have been the oldest citizen of Wendell. Her husband and her two sons and two grandchildren.

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ELKO, NEV.

Milton Burlie Bridwell
 Milton Burlie Bridwell, age 60 of Elko, Nev., formerly of Twin Falls, went home to be with the Lord on Sept. 10, 2000, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Milt was born March 10, 1940, in Pontotoc, Okla., the son of Chalice and Laura Weaver Bridwell. Milt was raised in San Diego, California. Later he moved with his family to Hawthorne, Nevada in 1957. Milt entered the U.S. Marine Corps and he served his country until 1963. After leaving the Marine Corps, he went to work at the Hawthorne Naval Base. Later, he moved to Wendell, Idaho, where he was a professional Longhaul Driver. He worked for several companies throughout the years, like Ambrose Distributing, Airco Lubi, Robby Dean, and Suburban Propane.

Survivors include his wife, Jean, and four daughters, Cathy (Gary) Susan, Lori (Preston), Dusti, and one son, Joe. He has two sisters. Four grandchildren, two granddaughters.

WENDELL

Cecil Allen Olson
 Cecil Allen Olson, 89, passed away Aug. 31, 2000, in Wendell, Idaho.

He was a resident of Wendell, Idaho since June of 1976. He made his living there after retiring from civil service as a welder in the shipyards of the Bay Area. He enjoyed living in Wendell and enjoyed traveling to Arizona, California, and Nevada with his wife Ruth.

She preceded him in death December 17, 1998. He is survived and greatly missed by two daughters, Kayeble Chesley of Nevada and Joysa Frequia of Wendell, five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. He was active in the Methodist Church and enjoyed the men's group activities.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, September 16, 2000, at 5 p.m. in the United Methodist Church, 250 N. Main St., Wendell, Idaho, with Reverend Dan Houghton officiating.

He was born July 4, 1939 in Twin Falls, Idaho to Edward and Helen Meyers. He married Joyce Marion on May 15, 1975, in Jerome, Idaho. Merilyn is survived by her wife, Joysa of Jerome; three sons, Merlin E. Meyers Jr., of Twin Falls, Richard Marion Meyers, and Theodore E. Meyers of Jerome; daughter, JoAnn (Peter) Strouse, of Tulsa, Okla.; his mother, Helen Meyers of Twin Falls; four brothers, Victor R. Meyers of Nampa, Idaho, Lenny A. Meyers of Jerome, Harold Meyers of Twin Falls, Ray Shaffer of Reno, Nev.; two sisters, Flora (Don) Bellomy, of Meridian, Idaho, Julene (Kenneth) Pearson, of Jerome. He is also survived by three grandchildren: Sara, Michael, and Kylie Strouse of Tulsa, and numerous nieces and nephews.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Arley 'Petie' R. Peterson
 Arley 'Petie' R. Peterson, 78, passed away Sept. 11 at Kansas City VA Hospital. Arley was born Oct. 14, 1922 in Sweed, Idaho, to Floyd and Katherine Peterson.

Arley served in the Navy in World War II from 1942-1945. He worked as a mechanic for John Deere in Jerome and on farms. He also owned the 88 Club in Jerome. He lived in Seattle then Kansas City, Mo., with Florence.

Survivors are, one daughter Karen Nunnery of Jerome, one son Ronnie Peterson of Kansas City, Mo., and one daughter, Linda Donovan, Angel, Justin, Dawson, and Chalis. Also surviving are his four sisters, Makina of Eureka, Nev., Doris Fatig of Monroe, Mo., Emma Mitchell of W.V., Patti Goodhart of Wendell, two brothers, Arthur Peterson of Jerome and Danny Peterson of Wendell.

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Blaine County schools see an as-expected enrollment hike

By Barb Nelwert
 Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — The Blaine County School District was prepared to welcome the 95 new students who enrolled this month. This increase, to a record enrollment of 3,086, came as no surprise to administrators. It was precisely the figure they forecast last year. Superintendent Jim Lewis said the district is predicting annual enrollment increases of 3.2 percent over the next 25 years. These 95 students represent a 1.8 percent increase, making their forecast right on target.

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"We would just like to clear this up and get additional property for the expansion," Blaine County Commissioner Mary Ann Mix said.

Curriculum Director Mary Gervase said the district will use computer testing for student assessments this fall to measure reading and computer skills. Also, the district is piloting an accelerated math program similar to a successful accelerated reader program. If the program does well this year, the district will decide if it should be incorporated district-wide.

Sandy Sanders, chairman of the Education Foundation, said the foundation has established a fund to provide money for students with exceptional talent but limited resources. It will enable students to take part in educational programs they would otherwise miss. Sanders also said a student art show will be organized as a fund-raiser for the Education Foundation, a nonprofit group that provides financial support for various classes and programs in Blaine County schools.

A recent recall on school buses with anti-lock brake systems has not affected any district-owned vehicles, transportation director Rex Squires said.

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Numbers drop in Gooding schools

By Almee Wilson
 Times-News correspondent

GOODING — Enrollment is down slightly in Gooding schools. The total enrollment of 1,292, down about 2 percent from last year's head count of 1,319. Superintendent Darrell Hatfield told the School Board this week. The enrollment breaks down as follows:

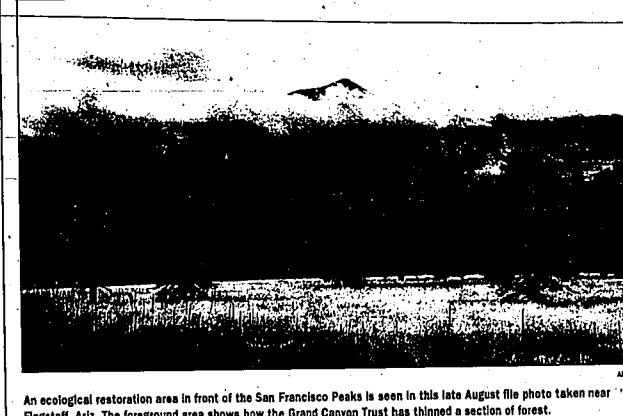
- Elementary school enrollment is 573 students, down from 579 last year.
- Middle school enrollment is 277, down from 285.
- High school enrollment is unchanged at 403 students.
- Alternative school enrollment is 39, down from 52.

In other business, City Superintendent Todd Bunn said crews will begin placing sod within the next 45 days for the fitness run to be built over three years around the elementary school and middle school property. Workers will begin at the hayfield going south, then east.

The fitness run is funded by a Department of Education 21st century grant.

In another 21st Century grant project, board members approved a \$80-per-week stipend for aides who will work in the before and after-school program. This program offers activities two days per week, plus a homework academy.

Area residents wishing to share an idea, craft or skill for an after-school six-week activity should call Maryann Floyd at 934-8443 or 934-8303.



An ecological restoration area in front of the San Francisco Peaks is seen in this late August file photo taken near Flagstaff, Ariz. The foreground area shows how the Grand Canyon Trust has thinned a section of forest.

GOP lawmakers question President Clinton's wildfire prevention plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republicans on Wednesday faulted President Clinton's wildfire prevention plan as too vague and questioned whether the administration will carry it out.

House Republicans said the plan, which will cost an additional \$1.6 billion to implement next year, is a chance to reverse years of administration reluctance to log and thin national forests to reduce fire risk.

But Rep. George Radanovich, R-Calif., said he and his colleagues question whether the administration is committed to the task.

"After all, there has been a minimal response by this administration to the years of warnings ... that fires like those burning now would happen someday," he said.

Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage, R-Idaho, said Clinton's plan announced Saturday, contains few details as to how the \$1.6 billion would be spent, including the location and amount of federal land the administration wants to thin.

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"This is simply the latest in a series of broad-brush, vague administration plans, none of which are supported by any meaningful detail," she said.

Clinton's plan seeks more money from Congress this fall for firefighter training, equipment and supplies, and for clearing debris, stabilizing soils and cleaning watersheds hit by fires.

The plan also seeks \$257 million to thin forest and conduct prescribed burns in an effort to reduce future fire risk.

Administration officials included no estimate of how many acres they want to thin, but a draft version of the plan called for cutting fire risk on 16 million acres over five years.

Hoping to avoid a logging fight, administration officials said their thinning effort would focus on smaller trees and brush near fast-growing communities in the West, not the large trees that are most valuable to timber companies.

Barry Hill, an associate director with the General Accounting Office — Congress' investigative arm — said Forest Service and Interior Department officials are not estimating how many communities, watersheds, ecosystems and species are at risk of catastrophic wildfires.

"Therefore they cannot prioritize (areas) for treatment or inform the Congress about high risk after the appropriated funds are expended," he said.

But Randle Phillips, deputy chief of the Forest Service, said the agency has increased nearly a fourfold — to 1.4 million acres last year — the amount of acreage it has burned and thinned since 1994.

He said progress would continue under Clinton's plan, though he cautioned it is not a quick fix.

"Hazardous fuels buildups in the West occurred over many decades," he said. "Restoring the health and resilience of these ecosystems while protecting nearby communities ... will take many years."

911 plans at quicker response

By Aaron Brock
Times-News Writer

HEYBURN - Emergency 911 calls from Heyburn could get faster response under a plan to route the calls directly to the Cassia County Sheriff's Office.

The Heyburn City Council approved the plan Wednesday night.

Heyburn is in Minidoka County, but Cassia County emergency units, located in Burley, are closer to Heyburn. Minidoka County units are stationed in Rupert.

Calls to 911 from Burley's 677 and 678 prefixes already go to Cassia County, but calls from Heyburn's 679 prefix had gone to Rupert, where they were usually routed to Burley.

The approved plan takes Rupert out of the loop and makes 911 more efficient, said Kent

Searle, who volunteers with the Cassia County 911 office.

The counties have a mutual aid agreement, so the agency that is available and closest to a 911 call will respond, without regard for county lines.

In other action:

- **Aerial view:** The council approved a motion to get an aerial photograph of Heyburn. This picture will be used to determine contours and elevation for drainage systems.
- **Volunteer honored:** The council honored volunteer Marilyn Moon for her involvement as chairwoman of Heyburn's beautification committee over the last four years.
- **"She has been instrumental in a lot of beautification projects,"** said administrator Celia Spalding said. "This presentation is to express our appreciation." Moon has put in a lot of effort

to work for beautification against what were sometimes tough odds, Spalding said.

"When we didn't have water at some of our sites, she carried water in the back of her Cadillac," she said. "We call her our little gardening angel. She has really made a difference."

Moon is retiring from her post to "give others a chance," she said.

"She's been one of those faithful volunteers for the city of Heyburn," Mayor Cleo Cheney said. "We hate to lose her."

• **Rate hike:** A public hearing about a proposed electric rate increase will be held at the next City Council meeting, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.

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Republican presidential candidate Texas Gov. George W. Bush stands on the bank of the Skykomish River after speaking and meeting with land owners about environmental concerns and salmon recovery in the area Wednesday in Monroe, Wash.

Governor names forest supervisor as director to Office of Species Conservation

BOISE (AP) - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has named Clearwater National Forest Supervisor Jim Caswell director of his new Office of Species Conservation.

Caswell, whose appointment was announced late Tuesday, will coordinate development of state policies on species that could be headed for federal protection and recovering plants and animals already listed as endangered or threatened. He is expected to begin his new state duties in November after becoming eligible for retirement from the U.S. Forest Service. He will earn \$72,000 a year. In the past, the Idaho Fish and Game Department has spoken for the biological needs of threatened and endangered animals, but it has not always meshed with the views of the state's other agencies that prompted the Kempthorne administration and legislative leaders last winter to propose the new group, within the governor's office, to ensure the state speaks with a single voice on often divisive issues reaching far beyond species survival to economic, social and scientific questions.

"The Endangered Species Act impacts so many people in Idaho that I felt it important that the administrator of the Office of

Species Conservation be someone who understands the restrictions federal law impose on communities and industries," Kempthorne said. "I think Jim Caswell appreciates that impact."

Caswell said he looks forward to the new approach and working with diverse groups affected by listings.

"He acknowledged that threatened and endangered species issues often lead to some highly contentious land management decisions.

"Maybe through this office we can take some of that away," Caswell said. "I think maybe this may have some real benefit to not only the species but potentially to other states if we can make it work."

A 32-year Forest Service veteran, Caswell has been Clearwater National Forest supervisor for seven years. He previously was supervisor of the Targhee National Forest and deputy supervisor of the Boise National Forest.

He received a forestry degree from Michigan State University in 1967. Caswell is given high marks by timber industry officials who said his experience will help the state sit through the complicated social, economic and scientific questions.

"He's got the kind of experience that can build real coalitions of people and get things done," said John McCarthy, executive director of the Clearwater, Carroll and Co. "He certainly has the qualifications and we are optimistic."

Alex Irby of Orofino, an Idaho Fish and Game commissioner and Kenokville Lumber Co.'s resource director, said he is confident his friend will be able to focus the state's strategy without alienating the Department of Fish and Game.

Some people view creation of the office as retaliation against Fish and Game for agency biologists' support of breaching the four lower Snake River dams to recover salmon and steelhead - a position opposed by almost all elected officials.

"I hope that we use to the fullest extent the scientists we already have in the Fish and Game Department," Irby said. "Jim is the kind of guy who can do that. I don't think that will be a problem."

John McCarthy of the Idaho Conservation League praised Caswell for his program to obliterate the roads on the Clearwater, but also said he remains a forest supervisor overly focused on timber harvest.

Bush swings through the West pushing environmental themes

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) - On the foggy banks of a salmon spawning ground, George W. Bush promised to spend \$4.9 billion on national parks that rival Al Gore had left "crumbling."

He also criticized Gore for failing to take a stand on a hot local debate over dams and endangered salmon. "I think you deserve an answer," Bush, who opposes breaching the region's dams, told more than 100 supporters at an invitation-only event. "I think you need to know where he stands on this important environmental issue."

Seeking to regain his footing after weeks of gains by Gore,

Bush kicked off a three-day Western campaign swing on one of the vice president's favorite subjects and in a region the Texas governor described as a "battleground" of environmental and environmental policy.

Democrats mocked his environmental record. "Governor Bush is the worst governor on environmental issues in 50 states," said Robert F. Kennedy Jr., director of the Environmental Law Project at Pace University. "There may be a good reason to vote for Governor Bush, but it's not his environmental record."

Bush took Gore to task for not taking a position on a raging

debate here over whether proposals to breach dams on the region's major rivers would endanger the region's economically crucial salmon population. Frodded by Democratic officials to take a position, Gore has said he refuses to "play politics" with the issue and wants to find a way to both use the rivers for hydroelectric power and protect the species.

"We do not need to breach the dams to save the salmon and should I become the president, we won't," Bush said Wednesday, pledging to give local governments, landowners and farmers flexibility to solve the issue together.

Voters approve bond to rebuild two schools

RIGBY (AP) - Voters have passed an \$11.95 million bond to replace two schools built during the Franklin Roosevelt administration.

Larry Vandell, Superintendent of Jefferson County School District, said the bond passed with about 91 percent approval.

Tax rates will not rise. The new bond payments will replace those of an expiring bond that was paid for Rigby High School.

"We're extremely pleased," Vandell said. "It shows that our board of trustees did an excellent job informing the public, and it also shows the public is

committed to providing a good education."

The \$11.95 million will replace Kinghorn Elementary and Midway Middle schools.

The money will also pay for four new classrooms at Roberts Elementary School. Vandell said the new schools could be open in two years.

Kinghorn Elementary was built in 1939. School district officials have said the building's fire, heating and ventilation system need to be replaced. It also does not comply with Idaho safety laws or the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Fire alarms and detection systems do not meet current standards and student-loading areas are not separate from the parking lot. Officials also say the school is overcrowded.

Midway Middle School, built in 1938 and rebuilt in 1954 and 1978, needs new wiring, heating, plumbing and sewage systems. That building, too, is out of compliance with state safety laws and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Students are housed over a coal boiler without proper fire separation and there are no staff toilet rooms.

Crapo calls on feds to help save fish

The Associated Press

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo on Wednesday urged federal agencies to work with states and other regional interests in the Northwest to ensure there is sound science behind efforts to recover endangered salmon runs.

So far, the Idaho Republican said, there has been precious little collaboration.

"The imposition of bad process or bad science will result in a distrust of retreat into self-interest. Such a tragic path backwards will have severe penalties for the Pacific Northwest and ultimately result in the loss of these incredible fish," Crapo said after the first day of a two-day hearing before his Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Water.

Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, a representative of Montana Gov. Marc Racicot and officials from the National Marine Fisheries Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bonneville Power Administration, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Northwest-Indian tribes testified Wednesday. Fisheries biologists, environmentalists and water users were scheduled to testify on Thursday. Crapo said he favors the approach taken by the region's governors, focusing not solely on fish recovery but on the delicate balance of inter-

ests affected by proposals for saving salmon and steelhead.

"They have generally followed a track that focuses more on the real problems that the fish have, made recommendations on how to deal with those problems, and developed their recommendations in a collaborative fashion," he said.

Kempthorne criticized the federal government's so-called "All-Action" strategy - which among other things calls for improving habitat, limiting harvest and reforming hatcheries to recover a dozen stocks in the Columbia Basin protected under the Endangered Species Act.

The former senator said the plan fails to give deference to the objectives outlined in recommendations submitted by himself and the governors of Montana, Oregon and Washington.



Sen. Mike Crapo

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U.S.A. spent Wednesday doing community service projects, after they were treated to breakfast at the Mini-Cassia American Red Cross building.

"Instead of ringing the cash registers at Kmart and Wal-Mart, they'll be cleaning up around the community," Ponzio said.

From Wednesday's efforts, more than 200 children will receive free backpacks and school supplies from Costco.

Today, Twin Falls area businesses - including Target, Fred Meyer, Moore Business Forms, Sears and Lamb Weston - will take their turn, taking on painting work and other projects.

The South Central District Health Department and the Idaho

Department of Health and Welfare offered free immunizations in Mini-Cassia Wednesday.

Last year, 70 children were immunized on the Day of Caring, said Lori Oleska, a registered nurse with the department. A Rupert location was added this year, and the goal is to immunize 100 children, she said.

Today, free immunizations will be available at Health District offices in Twin Falls, 1020 Washington St. N., and in Gooding, 145 Seventh Ave. E.

The United Way has been directing donations mainly toward children ever since research showed that the area's No. 1 priority was adequate and affordable child care, Boyd said. The second priority is affordable housing.

Of the contributions the United Way receives, 33 percent goes to children's services, 24 percent to abuse and neglect, 17 percent to health and education, and 11 percent to senior services.

The United Way of South Central Idaho had changed its name earlier this year from the United Way of Magic Valley.

United Way officials thought some people believed the name "Magic Valley" excluded regions such as Mini-Cassia, the Wood River Valley and Hagerman.

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From the state, legislators have criticized general manager Peter Morrill for programs that Sen. Bob Lee, R-Renburg, said "sacrificed the innocence of children in the name of tolerance."

Sen. Mel Richardson of Idaho Falls has promised to sponsor a bill that would privatize public TV.

Clark discussed other issues with The Times-News Wednesday.

• **Candidate visit?** It's "iffy," Clark said, but he said the candidates on the GOP's presidential ticket might make a brief visit

Idaho next week.

Because the airport in vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney's campaign base, Jackson, Wyo., doesn't allow aircraft to take off with a full fuel tank, the candidate's plane often lands in eastern Idaho to top off its tanks for long flights.

Clark said he has been in contact with the area's No. 1 priority, necker in Texas about having Cheney or presidential candidate George W. Bush stay on the ground a little longer so local supporters can hold a rally for them.

Clark said he received a postcard in response from the campaign, but is still unsure if the visit will

occur.

• **Turnout:** Clark said Idaho Republicans must not assume the GOP's grip on Idaho politics automatically means the state's four electoral votes will go to Bush.

"This is a year Idaho Republicans cannot take things for granted," Clark said.

With Bush's once-commanding lead in the polls diminished, Clark said he expects a neck-and-neck race against Democratic Vice President Al Gore, Republican votes are needed at the polls more than ever, he said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Weather slows wildfires

BOISE (AP) - Favorable weather conditions have slowed one of the worst wildfires across Idaho, and firefighters across Idaho and the West are being demobilized.

"Overall, it's looking pretty good," National Interagency Fire Center spokeswoman Priscilla Hammon said. "It's safe to say we are winding down from our heights of a few weeks ago."

Hammon said 1 million acres of forest and rangeland is still burning nationwide. A total of \$802 million has been spent on firefighting efforts. Support workers, including retirees and military personnel, are being demobilized before the full-time firefighters in Montana and Idaho.

Central Idaho's 206,000-acre Clear Creek Fire near Salmon - the state's largest wildfire - is 83 percent contained, and fire bosses recently demobilized more than 100 support personnel.

"We've had some light snow on the ground that has allowed us to increase containment on the fire," Hammon said Tuesday.

Business owners in Salmon hope to see the tourist trade come back.

"It's beautiful up here. But business was so dead today, we could have closed shop and floated the river," said Norma Cook, whose family owns the Silver Spur Sport Shop.

City increases safety rules for trailer parks

ST. ANTHONY (AP) - The City Council has decided the safety of mobile home tenants is more important than the financial well-being of trailer park owners.

More than two years ago, the council passed an ordinance regulating mobile home parks but has never enforced it. On Tuesday, council members voted 3-1 to amend the ordinance and hire a "certified" inspector to make sure the parks comply.

Amendments include charging park owners a one-time \$25 fee to pay for inspection. Two more readings are required before the ordinance is finalized. R & F Trailer Court owner Tharen Garrett said enforcement would put him, and probably the three other park owners, out of business.

Part of the ordinance would require homes to be separated by at least 20 feet, but Garrett said it would be very expensive to move trailers and foundations to comply. He said existing parks should be grandfathered out of the ordinance.

"While I respect the trailer park owners and their concerns, I think they have a vested interest in maintaining the status quo," council member Joyce Ellefson said. "The residents of the trailer parks are my constituents also."

Enforcing the law became a top priority after a fire destroyed three mobile homes at Targhee Trailer Court in November. No one was hurt, but two families were left homeless.

Project slowly stamps out weed

DOWNEY (AP) - Southeastern Idaho has pulled out all the stops against the noxious weed leafy spurge, releasing spurge-specific beetles, using pesticides and even grazing goats.

The goats and their range-restoring grazing habits were the subject of the 2000 Brannock County Showcase Project Tuesday.

About 50 people - including spurge-invaded landowners, goat producers and representatives from Brannock County and local agencies - got an update on the project, as well as a tour of the goat pens and rangelands. County Extension educator Reed Findlay said persistent, deep-rooted leafy spurge no longer has the resources to send out stems following years of attack.

"I'm convinced that grazing will lower the stem counts," he said, but added results will take time. All residents must continue fighting the weed.

Aryan leader files appeal of \$6.3 million judgment

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Aryan Nations leader Richard Butler on Wednesday filed a notice of his intent to appeal last week's \$6.3 million judgment against his white supremacist sect.

The move was expected to delay by at least two weeks the court-ordered seizure of property from the group's northern Idaho compound near Hayden Lake. Kootenai County Sheriff Rocky Watson said.

First District Court jurors found on Sept. 7 that Butler, his organizer and his corporation, Saphire, Inc., were negligent in selecting and overseeing security guards who assaulted a mother and son, Victoria and Jason Keenan, outside the compound in 1998.

Butler walked into county offices here and filed the appeal notice shortly before the close of business Wednesday.

A copy of the notice, which Watson sent to reporters, indicates Butler did not post an appeal bond that would shield Aryan Nations property from seizure pending the outcome of the appeal.

To obtain such protection under Idaho law, Butler would need to post \$900,000, or 10 percent of the estimated \$9 million appeal bond.

Butler states on the appeal notice - which contains some misspelled words - that he is exempt from paying various filing fees due to indigence.

A handwritten portion of the notice states only that the appeal to the Idaho Supreme Court is expected to be based on "all issues."

It was unclear whether Butler made the filing on the advice of his lawyer, Edgar Steigel Steele, or not.

Butler did not return a message left at his Sandpoint, Idaho, office after business hours, and a message left for Butler at the Aryan compound was not returned. Plaintiffs lawyer Kenneth B. Howard, reached at his Coeur d'Alene home, said he expected to prevail in any appeal. "I really don't see an appeal for appeal in this case," he said, adding that he believed the trial was conducted fairly.

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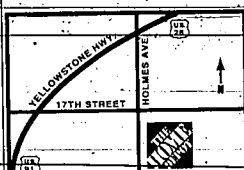
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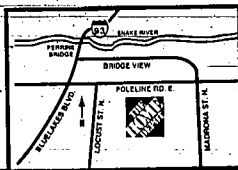
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THANK YOU LETTERS

Emergency workers respond quickly to tragedy on Interstate

We were recently involved in a terrible tragedy on Interstate 84 west of Wendell. We would like to thank the volunteers who responded so quickly to our "911" call.

The professional skills of the Wendell Quick Response Unit, the Wendell Volunteer Fire Department, the Gooding Ambulance Service and the Idaho State and Gooding County law enforcement officers were greatly appreciated by all of us who were involved. Several of these groups even followed up with a phone call the next day to express sympathy for our emotional distress.

We have increased faith in the abilities of these varied members of local emergency teams. Thanks to all of you.

**KIRK AND STEVIA WEBB
Wendell**

Wendell youth thanks

sponsors for trip to Australia

I would like to thank the following sponsors; if not for them, my trip to Australia would not have been possible:

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Thank you to all the sponsors of the Second Annual Pins & Putts Tournament held on Aug. 26:

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Livestock buys help youngsters be successful in 4-H program

Thank you, Siren Insurance, for purchasing my 4-H swine (hog) at the Twin Falls County Fair Livestock Auction. You and others make it possible for kids like me to be successful in the 4-H program. This program and others like it are valuable for kids across the nation who take what they have learned and use it on a day-to-day basis as we grow into young adults.

Thanks again, Siren Insurance, and all the other buyers. See you next year at the fair.

**ASHLEY VASQUEZ
Football Lads & Lassies 4-H Club
Twin Falls**

Kindness and generosity make world of difference to family

The Mike Pollard Transplant Committee, along with Mike and his family, would like to thank all who have volunteered their time and given of their means to help raise the funds needed to receive his transplants.

About one-third of the necessary funds have been raised. Your kindness and generosity have made a world of difference. We hope you will enjoy participating in the upcoming fund-raising events.

Thank you again to those both far and near that have come to Mike's aid.

**LESLIE ANDERSON
Fund-raising Coordinator
Mike Pollard Transplant Committee
Declo**

Community Library Association extends thanks for help

The Community Library Association would like to thank all those that supported its 2000 Tour of Homes and helped make it successful, including:

The homeowners - Gail Allison, Jean Paul and Isabelle Montupe, Michael and Joan O'Neill, Ambassador and Mrs. Alan Blinken, and Ray and Wendy Carincross; the 1,000 ticket buyers; Friends of the Library for financial support; Terry Crawford and KART; Trinity Springs bus underwriters; Tully's Coffee; McCann Daech Fenton Realtors; Bishop Builders; Bigwood Golf Course; Robert M. Golden Foundation; Express Printing; Perry's Restaurant; Entertaining Sun Valley; Webb Landscaping; Cottard Flower Market; The Clothing Co.; Courtney Gift Garden; Mazza; First Bank of Idaho; Tim Brown of Balance Productions; Fred Lindholm; Roger Wade Studio; Julie Casey Lynn; Evelyn Phillips; The Open Room; Atkinson's Chapter One Bookstore; Read All About It Cricket Clothing Co.; Courtney Gift Garden; Tribes; newspapers, radio and TV stations; and numerous volunteers.

**ROBIN BROWN
Chairman, 22nd Tour of Homes.
Community Library Association
Ketchum**

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- Organizations thanking contributors or supporters
- Individuals thanking public agencies and businesses for extraordinary service.

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Jana Wilding competes in the Miss Teen Rodeo Idaho contest at the recent Gooding County Fair. As it turned out, the Idaho Falls young woman won the competition. At the state contest, she represented the 2000 Halley Days of the Old West as its queen.

BOB YARBRO/The Times-News

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Harrison Elementary welcomes parents to open house

TWIN FALLS - Harrison Elementary School welcomes parents to an open house from 6-8 p.m. today.

ICO-C Trails Association marks Hudspeth Cutoff

MALTA - The Idaho Chapter of Oregon-California Trails will mark a previously un-marked section of the Hudspeth Cutoff. Members will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Sinclair service station/food mart at Interstate 84, Exit 245 Sublett, Malta. Fred Dykes will lead the expedition. Participants are recommended to use a high-clearance vehicle, dress appropriately for fieldwork and bring a lunch and extra water. Participants may also bring a copy of Emigrant Trails of Southern Idaho publication.

The Hudspeth Cutoff was opened on July 10, 1849 by a large wagon train guided by Benoni Hudspeth and John J. Myers.

Burley woman celebrates 80th birthday with open house

BURLEY - Ora Jones Barlow will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 4-6 p.m. Sunday at the Golden Heritage Senior Center at 2421 Overland Ave. in Burley. Family and friends are invited to attend. Organizers request



Ora Jones Barlow no gifts.

Christian Women's Missionary Service hosts a salad luncheon

TWIN FALLS - The Christian Women's Missionary Service of the First Christian Church will host a salad luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the church, 601 Shoshone St. N. Marty Mead will be the guest speaker. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a friend. The elevator will be tended. Please RSVP by Friday. For more information, call the church at 733-2209.

Chamber members and family set first annual picnic Friday

BURLEY - The public is invited to attend the first annual Chamber Member and Family Picnic from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Burley Boat Docks/Elek's Pavilion.

There will be live music and a special fly-in appearance by the Life Flight Helicopter.

The cost is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children. For more information or if you plan to attend, call the chamber at 679-4793 or fax 679-4794.

Minico Booster Club outlines 2000-2001 school schedule

RUPERT - The Minico Booster Club met in August to outline the 2000-2001 school schedule. At the meeting, the Minico cheerleaders received \$50 to help purchase a new mascot costume. The Boosters also attended the

junior and senior high school registrations. All parents and students involved in any school activity were asked to sign up with a family membership of \$10 per year. This drive will continue throughout the school year. Booster Club membership does not require monthly meeting attendance.

The club will attend all the parent meetings involving football, volleyball, soccer, cross-country, drill team, cheerleaders, and music.

A tailgate party will be hosted by the Boosters at Minico's first home football game against Poietello on Friday and hot dogs will be furnished. Minico's next home game will be against Burley. This will be the club's annual Souper Bowl competition, the service project for the Christmas Council. Canned food will be collected at schools the week before the game and at the gate.

Mid-October brings homecoming week with the football game on Oct. 13. The Boosters are planning a float and will set up a potato bar in the little gym at Minico until game time.

Minico fans are encouraged to dress in red to promote school spirit, club members say.

Burley man celebrates 80th birthday at Zion Lutheran Church

BURLEY - Bill Jones will celebrate his 80th birthday from 12-3 p.m. Sunday at Zion Lutheran Church at 2410 Miller Ave. in Burley. Jones was born and raised in Burley. He married Emma Kerbs on June 2, 1943. She died in Feb. of 1994. They had five children. Larry Jones, Steven (Shelly) Jones, Charlene (Gary) Bartlome, Jack (Barb) Jones, all of Burley, and Rick (Cheri) Jones of Ilwaco, Wash. He also has 11 grandchildren.



Bill Jones

Helping Hands Mission seeks donations to continue work

BURLEY - The Helping Hands Mission seeks the following items and donations to operate, to help the power bill, overhead insulation for chapel, wood, kerosene, coal, blankets, sleeping bags, coats, hats, gloves, boots, paper plates, cups, napkins, towels, forks, toilet paper, 39 gallon and 13 gallon garbage bags, dish soap, hand soap and laundry soap.

Christian Women's Missionary Service will meet today

TWIN FALLS - The Christian Women's Missionary Service will meet at 2 p.m. today in the Kum Double at the First Christian Church at 601 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls. Leslie Hughes will give lesson no. 9 in the books.

Kimberly High School welcomes parents to parent issues meeting

KIMBERLY - Kimberly High School will hold a Back to School with Parent Issues meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in Room 21 and 32 in the Round Building at Kimberly High School. The meeting will cover the Student Assist Program, information on drug trends, drug test-

ing, community resources and the Parent-to-Parent handbook. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety holds bike ride

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety will hold a bike ride Saturday. Registration is from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Shuffle Inn and riders will leave at noon. A barbecue will follow after the ride at the Shuffle Inn. All makes of bikes are welcome. For more information, call Brenda at 733-0151 or Bruce at 549-9261.

Free appraisal fair set at Second Time Around Saturday

TWIN FALLS - A free Appraisal Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Second Time Around at 689 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls. The event will feature a certified appraiser and several qualified antique dealers on hand. Free appraisals on antiques and collectibles will be available, as well as buyouts.

Ducks Unlimited sets Feathers and Lace banquet

TWIN FALLS - The Feathers & Lace Twin Falls Ladies Ducks Unlimited Banquet is Oct. 7 at Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs at 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. Participant attendance and donations to the banquet and other Ducks Unlimited events throughout the Magic Valley and Idaho will help provide the needed funds to further the conservation efforts of the oldest conservation organization in the United States and Canada, organizers say. The mission of Ducks Unlimited is to fulfill the annual life cycle needs of North American waterfowl by protecting, enhancing, restoring and managing important wetlands and associated uplands; organizers say.

Helping Hands Mission seeks donations to continue work

The mission reports it has installed a wood stove in the men's dorm as well as acquired kerosene heaters and there is a need for wood, kerosene and coal for the winter. The facility says it requires about \$1,200 per month and operates strictly on donations and support from the community. Its purpose and goal is to serve anyone who is in need to the best of their ability, organizers say. All support and donations are tax deductible.

Brandon has personality that soars; a family will love his eagerness for life

Personality: When it comes to finding out the who, what, where, when and why of things, Brandon has got it handled. This inquisitive boy loves to learn. He shows a curiosity about most anything in nature. His ability to concentrate and memorize sports statistics and details of sports history is also amazing. Once he gets to know and trust a person, Brandon is outwardly friendly and seeks attention. He is described by his current foster parents as an easy child to parent, one-one nature. He follows directions well, loves to be a "helper" with household chores and is fun to be with during outings.

Interests: Brandon enjoys the outdoors, keeping up with all sporting events and traveling. He also enjoys quieter indoor pursuits such as reading books and watching Disney movies. Needs: Although friendship with adults comes more easily for Brandon, he needs someone to model effective social skills aimed at children his own age. He responds to lots of encouragement and support related to making friends and keeping them, overcoming discouragement and turning fear of change into triumph. Brandon has been very committed to finding an adoptive family who will give him the consistent reassurance and acceptance he seeks. He has experienced six foster placements and several difficult losses in his life. Although he is an affectionate child, he is sometimes per-

Thursday's Child



Brandon Age 9

ceived as superficial in identifying and expressing feelings. For the right parents who will delay their needs for genuine affection and acceptance, Brandon will learn to trust the permanence of one final relationship. Prospective parents should contact Brandon's adoption worker concerning adoption assistance funds set aside for needed services.

"Thursday's Child" profiles children awaiting adoption. For more information about this child or others, call the Idaho CareLine at 1-800-926-2588.

Participants win ribbons at the Blaine County Fair

CAREY - The Blaine County Fair awarded open class ribbons.

Canning - Pickles
 Muriel Sparks - Dill Pickles - Red
 Sweet Dill Pickles - Blue
 Kerr 2nd Place Food Preservation Award
 Candy Wright - Green Salsa - Blue
 Tinned Salsa - Blue
Sauces
 Sweet Pickles - Red
 Asparagus - Red
Canning - Pickles - Ball
 Jean Pyrah - Pickled Asparagus
Canning - Jam - Kerr
 Orange - Diabennet, Choke Cherrys/Apple
 White
 Choke Cherry - White
 Apple Butter - White
 Strawberry - White
 Transparent Apple - White
 Africne - Fife Plum - Red
 Bumble Juice - Blue
 Cindy Wright - Golden Raspberry and
 Red Raspberry - Red
 Jean Pyrah - Currant - Blue
 Mary Stocken - Red Raspberry - Red
 Candy Wright - Plum - Red
 Crab Apple - White
 Apple/Quince - Red
 Cherry - Red
 Pear Butter - Red
Canning - Jam - Ball
 Faith James - Raspberries - Red
 Cran Raspberry - Red
Adhesives - Labels - Chokecherry - Blue
Ball Pecten Award
 Apricot - Blue - Ball Pecten Award
Food Preservation Award
 Winner of the Ball Soft Spreads Best of Category Award
 Orphan - Mocha Strawberry - Red
 Jan Wozan - Peach - Red
Canning - Vegetables - Kerr
 Linda Pyrah - Wax Beans - Blue
 Green Beans - Blue
 Kerr Food Preservation Award 1st and 2nd Place
Canning - Meat - Kerr
 Apple - Blue
 Candy Wright - Venison - White
Canning - Meat - Shared
 Candy Wright - Lamb Breast - White
Canning - Food - Ball
 Candy Wright/White
Canning - Fruits - Kerr
 Wend Anderson - Peaches - Blue
 Kerr Food Preservation Award 1st and 2nd Place
 Athens - Fife Apricots - Blue

Plums - Blue
 Cinnamon - Marks
 Elderberry - Blue
 Linda Pyrah - Bing Cherries - Blue
 Cherry Pie - Red
 Candy Wright
 Spring Peaches - Red
Potatoes - Red
 Sunflower - Blue
 Plum - Blue
 Cherry Dandelion - Blue
 Elder Berry Juice - Blue
 Peas - Red
 Cherry Squash - Blue
 Apricot - Red
 Honeyed Peach - Red
Canning - Fruits - Ball
 Melissa - Blue
 Lisa - Blue
 Carving - Fruits - Mixed
 Africne - Fife
 Candy Wright/Peach - Red
 Sweet and sour Plum - Red
 Strawberry Jam - Blue
Dried Fruits
 Arlene - Dill/Peach/Cherry - Blue
 Candy - Walnut/Cherry - Blue
 Culinary - Blue
 Lisa - Blue
Clothing - Senior Division
 Jo Ann Marles - Hand Woven Shawl - White
Flowers - Arrangements
 Fern - Anderson
 Gleditsia - Blue
 Oca Lee/Bismect - Mixed - Blue
 Yellow Flowers - Red
Hydrangea - Blue
 Daisy - Petals - Yellow - Blue
 Garden Flowers - Blue
 Linda - White
 Larkspur - Blue
Flowers - Dried
 Corvina - Marks
 Linda Pyrah - Arrangement - Blue
 Flowers - Blue
Flowers - Open Vases
 Fern - Adamant - Callamint - Blue
 Reschita - Blue
 Arlene - Blue
 Poppy - Red
 White - Blue
 Wild Flower - Blue
 Lisa - Blue
 Phyllis - Bums - Rose - Blue
 Oca Lee/Bismect - Dahlia - Blue
 Aster - Blue
 Cottone - Marks
 Sunflower - Blue
 Lisa - Blue
 Gleditsia - Red
 Larkspur - Blue
 Mini Zinnia - Blue

Goldenrod - Blue
 Mini Rose - Red
 Yarrow - Blue
 Delila - Blue
 Margold - Red
 Holly Glen
 California - Red
Flowers - Dried
 Sunflower - Blue
 Yellow Lark - Red
 Jean Pyrah
 Muriel Sparks
 Candy Wright
 Phis - Blue
 Goldenrod - Blue
 Flowers - Potted Plants
 Joyce Edwards
 Purple African Violet - Red
Flowers - Live
 Blue
 Purple African Violet - Red
 Gersonna - Marks
 Impatiens
 Flowering Jenny - Blue
 Linda Pyrah
 Impatiens - Red
 Edith - Blue
 Flowering Cactus - Blue
Foods - Candy - Junior Division
 Mini Casser - Chocolate Peanut
 Butter Fudge - Blue - Sugar
 Candy - Blue - Sugar
 Erica Genier/Chocolate Fudge - White
 Candy - Red
Foods - Cookies - Junior Division
 Walgamott Boys - Chocolate Chip
 Cookies - Red
 Sugar Cookies - Blue
 Brian Erwin
 Sugar
 Natalia Ferris - Cookies - Red
 Foods - Cookies - Adult Division
 Terra - Hansen - Kitchen Sink Cookies - Red
 Mrs. Hill/Oatmeal/Peanut Cookies - Red
 Dawn Peterson - Sugar Cookies - Blue
 Trip Award
 Ginger Snap - White
 Oatmeal Chocolate Chip - White
 Million Dollar Sugar Cookies - Blue
 Candy - Wright/Breakfast Cookies - White
Foods - Cakes - Junior Division
 Sherry - Hazew - Cakes - Blue - Sugar
Foods - Cakes - Adult Division
 Lisa - Blue
 Microwave Cake - Blue - Sugar
 Phyllis Bame - Banana/Apple Bread - Red
 Betty Erwin
 Dawn Peterson - Lemon Cake - Blue
 Peach Upside Down Cake - Blue
Foods - Bread - Adult Division
 Dawn Peterson - Banana Spice - White

Foods - Fresh Vegetables - Junior Division
 Austin Hennefer - Largest Zucchini - Blue - Best of Show
 Bonnie Olen/Largest Zucchini - Red
 Zachary Olen - Largest Zucchini - Red
Foods - Fresh Vegetables
 Chuck - Barnes - Crook Neck Squash - Red
Foods - Squash - Red
 Green Beans - Blue
 Mary Ann Hennefer/Spicy Chili Peppers - Blue
Coriense
 Onions - Blue
 Red Onions - Blue
 Green Beans - Red
 Red Potatoes - Blue
 Wella Wella - White
 Zucchini - Red
 Celery - Blue
 Juli Olen
 Zucchini - Red
 Lynde Pyrah - Carrots - Red

Green Arrow Peas - Blue
 Cucumbers - Blue
 Wax Beans - Blue
 White Onions - Red
 Tomatoes - Blue - Best of Show
 Hill of Peatoes - Red
 Beets - Blue
 Carrots - Blue
 Head Lettuce - Blue
 Sugar Snap Peas - Blue
 Largest Zucchini - Blue
 Holly Rivera
 Burquidly Royal Beans - White
 Candy Wright
 Chilled Blue
 Banana Peppers - Blue
 Acorn Squash - Blue
 Garlic - Blue
 Yellow Onions - Blue
Foods - Fresh Vegetables - Senior Division
 Edith - Conrad - Zucchini - Blue
 Oca Lee/Diabennet - Golden Russet Potato - Blue

Carrots - Red
 Cabbage - Blue
 Bell Peppers - Blue
 Beets - Red
 Zucchini - Red
 Green Beans - Blue
 Garlic - Blue
 Carrots - Blue
 Orlan - Mechin/Hubbard Squash - Blue
Utah Vegetable Award
 Muriel Sparks - Green Peppers - Red
 Carrots - Blue
Foods - Fresh Fruit - Adult Division
 Coriense - Marks/Strawberries - Blue - Best of Show
 Candy Wright - Raspberries - Blue
 Phyllis Bame - Gooseberries - Blue
 O'Connell
 Raspberries - Blue - Best of Show
 Phyllis Bame - Raspberries - Blue
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 Raspberries - Blue - Best of Show
 Crater - Miscellaneous - Junior Division
 Taylor - Strawberry - Blue

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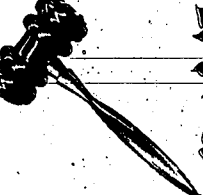
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I'd heard about it, I'd read about it, and a few weeks ago, it finally happened to me.

I got married. For most of my adult life, I'd regarded weddings as a spectator sport replete with food, drink and jolly guests. The concept of actually starting in one was as distant as Zanzibar.

Somehow, the relentless march of time has a way of bringing distant things closer. I spent a month on Zanzibar about 10 years ago, and less than three weeks ago, I agreed to a full domestic merger.

My free-wheeling bachelor days are over, but I'm not lamenting the fact—alone, he led a full and varied life. I've had my share of setbacks and successes. Now I'm embarking on a life that isn't just about me anymore.

I surrendered my solitary ways in a short ceremony near my

bride's childhood home in coastal Connecticut. The venue was a stately old mansion on Long Island Sound. The only hitch was a noisy Jet-Ski—probably piloted by one of

her "old boyfriends"—that briefly drowned out the service. After that, we danced and made merry with our guests deep into the night.

The next day, we drove in coastal Maine for five days of bicycling, sea kayaking and lobster dinners. On balance, the wedding and honeymoon comprised one of the best weeks of my life.

Now we're back and, frankly, not much has changed. Even before we left, I felt like I was married; the ceremony just tied up a few loose ends.

Entering this partnership was probably one of the wisest decisions I'll ever make, but it does involve some tradeoffs. On the one hand, my bride is lovely, loving, and a whole lot smarter than I. On the other hand, she is a master organizer with strong opinions about the allocation of time.

Regular readers are aware that my leisure activities have been, er, "evolving" in recent months. I've done a little bicycling and boating this summer, even less hiking, and no climbing whatsoever. On the other hand, I'm getting plenty of training as a homeowner.

On Sunday, with expert help from my domestic associate, I tracked down an electrical short and replaced an early 60s ceiling light in the kitchen. On Monday, with a bow saw and brute force from my Jeep, I removed a dead aspen tree from my front yard.

I don't know what's next on the homeowner hit parade, but I'm sure I'll find out soon.

In the meantime, I'm doing my best to pack the calendar with outdoor adventures. Regardless of marital status, I'm still a Western Viking who can't live on house-plant projects alone.

Fortunately, my bride is an Eastern funhog whose idea of a good time mirrors my own. In the next few weeks, we plan to mountain bike in the Adirondack Mountains from Pomeroy to the City of Rocks. After that, we'll canoe the South Fork of the Snake River with a few good friends.

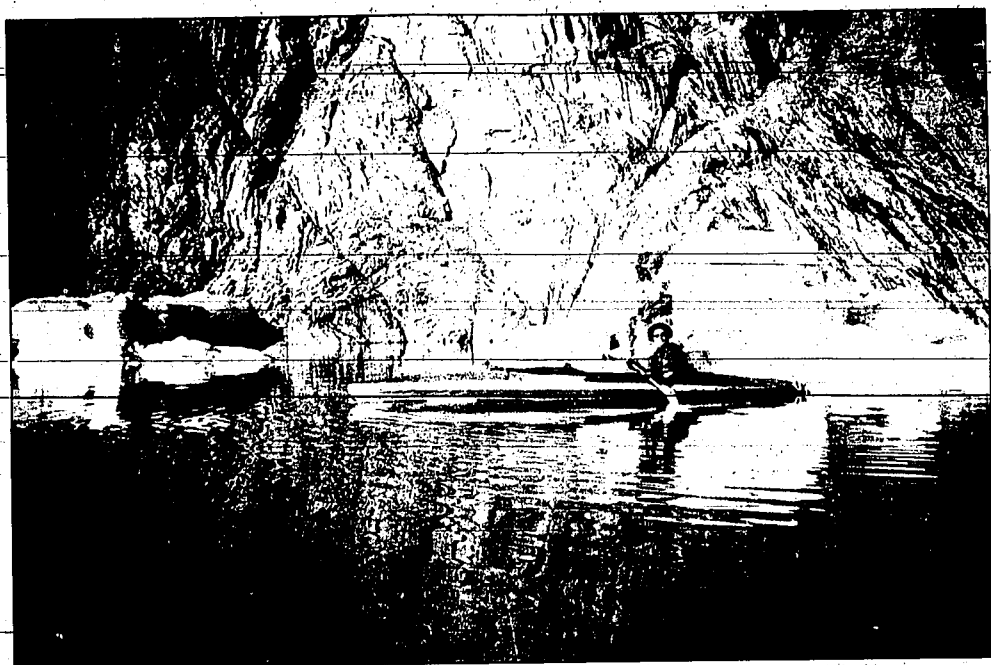
There will be a backcountry hut trip, or two, this winter. Next spring, we're locked in for a voyage down the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River.

The trick is to strike a balance between the rigors of town and the rewards of an outdoor life. I'm optimistic we can pull it off, but we should be vigilant lest one aspect of our lives—career, maybe, or children—overwhelm everything else. I suspect it won't be easy, but I've got a good feeling about what lies ahead.

Some day, decades hence; I hope my wife and I will concur with the sentiments of Antarctic explorer, Sir Ernest Shackleton:

"In memories we were rich. We had pleased the viceroy of outside things. We had suffered, starved and triumphed, groveled down yet grasped at glory, grown bigger in the bigness of the whole."

Outdoors Editor William Brock plans to do a lot of backcountry skiing, or, household chores this winter.



Twin Falls resident Bill Studebaker, director of the Outdoor Adventure Program at the College of Southern Idaho, prowls the coast of northern Greenland in search of gyrfalcons.

NORTH BY NORTHWEST

Local father, son prowls coast of Greenland

By Bill Studebaker
Times-News correspondent

If you want a challenging vacation, with a view from the top of the world, try northern Greenland in summer.

It will take two, maybe three weeks. But weeks will pass as a single day under the midnight sun. Travel will be governed by weather, which is generally good in late July and early August. Temperatures range from 35 to 50 degrees.

You'll probably see musk ox, caribou, arctic fox, arctic hare, polar bear, seal, walrus, beluga whale and the amazing nar-whale, with its 8-foot ivory tusk. Pods of whales swim through the fjords as seal bob and mingle curiously.

Numerous and varied seagulls wheel overhead, obnoxiously governed by arctic terns.

Choosing a campsite on a small peninsula provides constant sunlight and steady warmth. If there were days and nights, they would be defied by the clock alone because the sun never dips below the horizon. Summer in Greenland is exceptional, but winter is five months with no sun at all.

It's big country, and big things happen out there.

Glaciers push off the polar ice cap and icebergs calve from the glacial fronts with thunderous booms and heart-stopping cracks. After that, they drift toward the open ocean. Some icebergs are born as large as football fields, others merely the size of a compact car.

All icebergs melt. As they do, they break apart, splitting and rolling, creating huge waves and dangerous whirlpools. It is theatrical, an amazing show of snow-white and aqua-against-a-deep blue sea.

Most impressive are the bergs that explode. Any size, anytime, in mere seconds an iceberg can miraculously fume, boil and burst into stush—hurling chunks of ice hundreds of yards.

My son, Robert, and I were there on behalf of the Peregrine Fund, which is the parent organization for the World Center for Birds of Prey, and the High

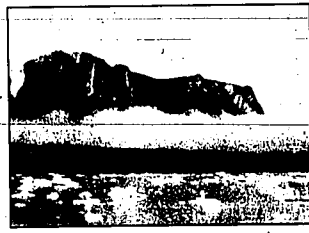


Arctic Institute. Our mission: to paddle kayaks through the fjords of Inglefield Breeding Inlet. We spent 11 days in search of gyrfalcons in an attempt to determine their northern-most nesting areas. Greenland is a Danish colony and it is managed for wildlife. That means motorized access is restricted in many areas while whales calve. Only in northern Greenland, near Qaanaaq, do our writers—the "unicorns"—whales—bear their young. We traveled from Twin Falls to Albany, N.Y., where we boarded an Air Force C-130 and

flew with cargo and military personnel assigned to arctic duty. We airt in Kangerlussuaq and boarded another military flight to Thule Air Force Base, 660 miles north of the Arctic Circle. From there, we took a helicopter to Qaanaaq, but commercial flights also are available. Qaanaaq is an exotic travel-ers' destination because it's the northernmost village in the world. Life is hard there, 760 miles north of the arctic circle, nearly 300 miles north of the most northerly point in Alaska. Flower's stretch barely 3 inches

into the air. There are no trees, so there are no campfires. Just the silence of a raw world, melting and freezing. Still, Qaanaaq is growing. There are brightly painted, Danish-style homes, a hotel, a cafe (if you can find the owner). There's also a supermarket that does out food for 11 months while the port is frozen. Selection is limited because the supply ship comes once a year. From Qaanaaq, we traveled in a small, open boat piloted by an Inuit Indian (Eskimo) to the "no motor" zone. From there, we went alone, paddling sea

kayaks crammed with all our gear. In addition to flare guns, we carried shotguns and pistols for defense against walrus and polar bear attacks. With information from the Eskimos, we skirted the walrus colonies. But no one could predict the whereabouts of polar bears. We took our chances and we were lucky. Our only means of communication with the outside world was through Inuits who paddled seal-skin kayaks while hunting for seals. If necessary, we proba- Please see GREENLAND, Page D2



At left, using a shotgun intended to ward off marauding walrus and polar bears, Boise resident Rob Studebaker supplements his diet with wild ptarmigans.

At top, Bill Studebaker records his observations of northern Greenland in summer. Note the lightweight equipment, all of which fit inside two sea kayaks. Above, a towering cliff face looms over an iceberg-filled bay in northern Greenland. Behind the cliff lies the polar ice cap.

Photos courtesy of Bill Studebaker

OUTDOORS

Twin Falls, college offers kayaking class

TWIN FALLS - A beginning kayaking class will be offered later this month at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department and the College of Southern Idaho Outdoor Program.

"Introduction to Kayaking" will meet from 4 to 6 p.m. Sept. 19, 21, 25 and 29, with the first class at the CSI Outdoor Program office and the following four classes at the Twin Falls city pool.

The class will include instruction on proper equipment, river strategies, strokes and rolling. Ages 13 and up are encouraged to participate. Cost is \$25 per person.

For more information or to register, call the parks and recreation department at 736-2265.

Fish and Game Commission moves refund deadline up. BOISE - With more backcountry blazes being reined in, the Idaho Fish and Game Commission moved up from Nov. 15 to Oct. 1 the deadline for sportsmen to apply for refunds on big game hunts closed or delayed by wildfire.

All five commissioners who participated in Tuesday's conference call meeting supported the change. Department of Fish and Game spokesman Jack Tweed said it reflects the fact that interest in refunds has waned as more hunting areas reopen.

Through Monday, requests had been submitted for refunds on 199 big game tags worth \$4,156. Tweed said most of those requests involved deer and elk tags and were from nonresident hunters.

The Fish and Game Commission voted unanimously last month to extend some general seasons and controlled hunts in areas affected by wildfire closures. Even after some areas are reopened, damage to trails could inhibit access, he said.

On Tuesday, only two major fires remained uncontained in Idaho: The Clear Creek fire in the Salmon-Challis National Forest was burning on more than 206,000 acres, and the wilderness blaze covered almost 183,000 acres of central Idaho backcountry.

Proposed Antelope Island hunt proves controversial. SALT LAKE CITY - A divisive proposal to hunt for trophy deer on Antelope Island is drawing fire from conservationists.

A Utah sportsman's group wants limited hunting on the island and has petitioned the Board of Utah State Parks, the caretakers of the island sanctuary to approve the sale of two deer tags - one to the highest bidder and the second through a regular draw to a Utah sportsman.

Conservation groups, including the Great Salt Lake Audubon Club, the Sierra Club, Friends of Great Salt Lake and Western Wildlife Conservancy as well as some sportsmen's organizations, are vehemently opposed to the plan.

Outdoors in brief

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Big game animals and upland birds are out there and hunters have to overcome the obstacles. A mild winter and spring helped big game and upland bird populations increase.

Because of the mild winter, nearly all the critters are showing positive results," said Lou Nelson, a regional wildlife manager with Idaho Fish and Game.

Deer Outlook: Deer populations, north of the Snake River, are in good shape, especially in the Boise River drainage. Fawn survival was around 80 percent for the second year in a row.

Statewide, fawn survival is 65 percent, which is also good. That means lots of young bucks (two-pointers) running around during the hunting season.

Elk Outlook: Expect a reasonably good hunting season. It was a mild winter with no major snow or winter kills. The animals should be out there.

Doves Outlook: They're all over the place and the cold snap in August that usually sends them south before the season opens hasn't materialized.

Sage grouse Outlook: Good habitat has been burned by wildfires in southern and eastern Idaho. Generally, bird populations remain down substantially.

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GOOD HUNTING

Fish and Game officials predict a banner year in Idaho

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Idaho wildlife officials are predicting good hunting for outdoorsmen this year. High survival rates have led to increased deer populations.

but nesting success was average. Hunters will find birds but it will take a lot of work. Season: Sept. 16-Sept. 22, most of southern and eastern Idaho; Sept. 16-Oct. 8, Central Idaho and a major part of Owyhee County.

Chukars Outlook: Chukar populations look good because of a mild spring during nesting season and because of a good hatch. Look for good hunting in remote hunting areas.

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Ducks Outlook: All indications point to excellent hunting, if the birds arrive from the north. The total estimate for North American ducks is the third highest on record.

Geese Outlook: Pair counts on the Boise and Payette rivers last spring were up. Look for a good supply of local birds.

Here's an update from Fish and Game:

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again this fall: When brush and grasses are dry, it makes stalking big game difficult because of the noise.

Forest grouse do a reverse migration. They head to higher elevations as it gets colder. Season: Sept. 1-Dec. 31.

Fish and Game has seen record numbers of birds on lakes at nesting grounds and it points to good hunting in eastern Idaho.

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Idaho has the nation's best mountain biking, group says

BOISE (AP) - When it comes to mountain biking, Idaho is at the top of the class.

The International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) has issued the first state-by-state mountain bike ranking report, and Idaho came away with the highest grade in the country: a solid A.

With miles and miles of accessible trails on public land, very little conflict and tough land managers, IMBA's rating merely formalizes what Idaho's mountain bikers have known for years.

"Boise has some really fun, versatile trails," said Kevin Pavlis, 28, of Boise.

Pavlis has been mountain biking avidly for four years and said he hits the single-track three or four times a week.

"You can't get a lot of different trails that aren't crowded. There are some hidden loops near Bigus Basin that you can ride and never see anyone," he said.

Idaho's grade and the fact that it scores the highest in the nation has caught some riders by surprise. Many thought Utah, with its mountain biking mecca at Moab, would have rated higher.

ed better than expected but they have a lot of trails and a much lower population. The population crunch really affects the rating."

The results of the grading system came from opinions from 100 IMBA staffers, state IMBA representatives and IMBA clubs.

South Dakota managed an A minus, while Alaska, Arizona, Maryland, Michigan, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah all scored a B plus.

The three states that fared lowest were Kansas (farming rules, cycling suffers), Louisiana (bayou bians) and Ohio (few legal trails).

And it's not just the Boise foothills that are helping to garner all the attention. Twice each week during July and August, groups of 10 to 13 mountain bikers fly into the state for a five-day, four-night mountain biking tour in the Sun Valley-Ketchum area.

Western Spirits Cycling in Moab, Utah plans to organize and guide two separate tours, one for intermediate riders who travel 28-35 miles a day and one for experts that travel 18-35 miles a day, all on single-track.

Tours range between \$800 and \$900. They draw riders from all over the country as well as Italy, Switzerland and Germany.

Greenland

Continued from D1. They could get a message out to Qanaaq.

Fortunately, we didn't need any help from the outside world. We did visit Inuit hunting camps and stayed in small villages where the locals provided us with valuable information.

Most of the time, however, we were alone. We sweltered through endless days of sun. We shivered through 70-mile-per-hour winds. At one point, we spent 16 consecutive hours in a two-man tent.

Our great adventure ended with another boat ride and another Inuit guide. Too soon we were back in the western world with television and telephones, fresh bread and firewood.

Idaho Power alters river flow for fish experiment

BOISE (AP) - Idaho Power hydrologists continue to fluctuate the dam from Hell's Canyon Dam to aid scientists studying the impact of flow changes onurgeon in the Snake River.

The company is increasing flows from 8,000 cubic feet per second to 23,000.

"We're looking to see how extreme load following can influence these fish," said Ken Lepha, Idaho Power biologist. "We'll closely monitor the activity of

urgeon that have been tagged with miniature radio transmitters."

The study should conclude on Friday.

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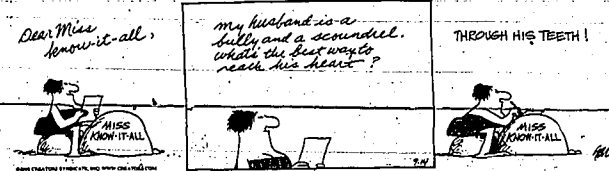
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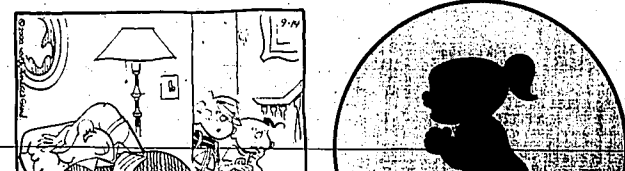


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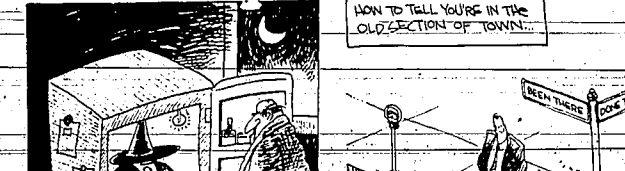


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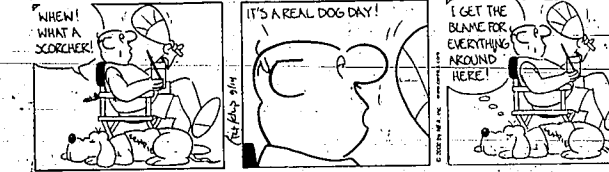
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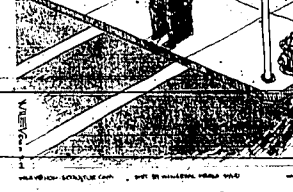
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MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Art, music, gallery reception marks celebration

TWIN FALLS - Mexican Independence Day will be celebrated with art, music and food. A gallery reception of Bottega Art Center's newest show will feature Latino artists of all ages from 7:30 p.m. Friday. In addition, visitors are invited to "An Art Adventure," where they can decorate a Mexican tile for free at the gallery, which will fire it for pick up later.

A street dance, Cumbia, break dance battle, Loteria (Mexican bingo) and Mexican food will take place on the street from 8 p.m. to midnight. The festivities are sponsored by the Bottega Gallery, Idaho Migrant Council and Twin Falls County HealthNet.

"We hope we've been able to reach most of the Hispanic artists in our area. We're really excited about including as many people in our community as possible," says gallery co-owner, Sharon Cleveland.

Representatives of HealthNet, a coalition of agencies, say the organization worked closely with the

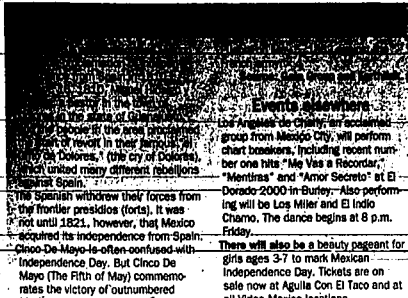


Photo courtesy of Twin Falls County HealthNet

Larissa Cleveland, Janet Ceballos and Sonia Ceballos, all of Twin Falls, compare Mexican tiles they are painting for display at the Bottega gallery reception in conjunction with Mexican Independence Day. The gallery and Twin Falls County HealthNet partnered to sponsor youth art that will be displayed through Oct. 15.

gallery to include as many young Latino artists as possible in the show. Young artists painted Mexican tiles which will be displayed until Oct. 15. HealthNet promotes programs which build 40 "Assets," those are

developmental building blocks needed by young people to succeed in life. One of the Assets is creative activities. A survey of Magic Valley young people showed that only between 17 to 23 percent said they spent three or



more hours per week in lessons or practice in music, theater or other arts.

The gallery is supporting creative activity, says Roy Villaseor, employment and training counselor for the Idaho Migrant Council and member of the Twin Falls County HealthNet executive committee.

Another Asset in play at the event is cultural competence, organizers say. The youth survey

showed that between 33 to 47 percent of young people said they had knowledge of and comfort with people of different cultural, racial or ethnic backgrounds. "In their Mexican Independence theme, cultural competence is getting as big a boost as the arts," Villaseor says of the event.

For more information, call the Bottega at 733-3018, Villaseor at 734-3335 and Melanie Shouse, a HealthNet facilitator, at 423-5915.

Vida Latina Bronx woman heads for stardom

NEW YORK (AP) - Politely but firmly, Tarsht Vega corrects anyone who wonders how her life will change if she becomes a big music star.

"When," she says, "I deal not in life."

Either way, Vega doesn't bother to doubt where she's heading, judging by her debut, due out in October, she has the goods to back it up. Her infectious, modern pop is calculated for mass appeal and RCA, the record company that launched Christina Aguilera's career, is giving her a big push.

"If all happened very fast," said Vega, who declines to give her age, she's heading for something I had to struggle for or knock down doors. I purposefully put it in my brain to be instant, and it happened that way. If I think about something and I believe in it, it happens instantly."

The song, "Be Ya Self," is on the radio now. A rapping message of self-determination to teens, it's built around the hook and key lyric of Rick Nelson's "Garden Party": "If you can't please yourself, you've got to please yourself." Vega's version urges listeners to "be yourself."

"I knew all my life that I would be an entertainer," she said. "I just didn't know where. So I've always been preparing for it."

Luis Fonsi hits the top Hot Latin Tracks

- Billboard lists the top Hot Latin Tracks:
1. "Imagina Sin Ti" (Imagine Me Without You) - Luis Fonsi
 2. "A Paso Doble" - Son By Four
 3. "Como Me Diste Perdon" - Gloria Estefan
 4. "Jurame" - Giselle
 5. "Secreto De Amor" - Sebastian
 6. "Si Te Ves" - Alphonso Fernandez
 7. "Way Down" - Mi (You Sang To Me) - Marc Anthony
 8. "Por Amarte Asi" - Christian Castro
 9. "Cuando Una Mujer" - Melina Leon
 10. "Cuando Una Mujer" - Melina Leon

MASK ARTISTRY



Sara Delon, 10, and Charles Cochran, 8, finish painting a mask at a booth during the 13th Annual Hispanic Heritage Fiesta, *Un Dia en el Valle* (A Day in the Valley) at Twin Falls City Park on Aug. 12-13. The fiesta is sponsored as a nonprofit community cultural event.

Frijoles recipe stands on tradition

La Voz



MUCHO GUSTO Viviana Carballo

Black beans are mother's milk to Cubans, but I grew to love Mexican-style pinto beans young from my Chicana friend. When she made them, they were more than just beans; they were an expression of her friendship and her desire to share something of her childhood.

Epatote, an essential herb in Mexican cooking, is what sets them apart. It has a rather bitter taste and pungent smell, and unless you are born to it, it might be considered an acquired taste. The word *epato* comes from the Nahuatl language of the Aztecs, from the words "epati" and "trotl," which literally mean a malodorous animal or dirty.

Nevertheless, it is indispensable in some dishes and Mexican-style beans simply cannot be made without it. (For one thing, it reduces gases.)

Also known as Mexican tea and worm seed, *epato* (*Chenopodium ambrosioides*) has flat, pointy leaves and is used fresh or dried. It can be

Frijoles De Olla (Casserole Beans)

- 1 pound pinto beans
- 3 epatote leaves (dried or fresh)
- 1 onion, peeled and quartered
- 1 to 2 tablespoons salt

Pick beans over, removing any impurities; rinse well. Place in a large, heavy pot. Cover with 8 cups water; add epatote and onion. Bring to a boil, lower the heat, partially cover and cook for about 25 minutes. Add boiling water if necessary to maintain the water level at about .5 inch above beans. As soon as beans are tender, add salt. Continue to cook until beans are completely soft. The cooking liquid should not be completely absorbed. Makes 6 servings.

Per serving: 240 calories, 15 grams protein, 44 grams carbohydrate, 1 gram fat (trace saturated).

Viviana Carballo is a restaurant critic for *The Miami Herald*.

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The Mini-Cassia Operations Center in Heyburn is Making a Change.

Idaho Power Company is changing its Operations Centers to focus on local power quality, reliability and emergency service. Starting Friday, September 15, the Mini-Cassia Operations Center will no longer process customer bill payments.

To pay your Idaho Power bill, we offer many convenient, time-saving options. For information please call our toll-free Customer Service Center at 1-800-488-6151.

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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

Passenger loadings for SkyWest Airlines - a Delta Connection carrier - at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport:

August 2000: 9,020
CSI's a nearly 25 percent increase over August 1999.

January-August 2000: 24,459
That's a 2.5 percent increase over the first eight months of 1999. (Those totals don't include charter flights.)

August's improvement was particularly welcome after July's 5 percent drop from July 1999 loading totals. Year-to-date performance still falls short of airport officials' 4 percent annual growth goal.

Data source: David Allen, manager of the Twin Falls airport

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

CSI program receives national honor

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho's Automotive Technology Program has been selected as one of the top 10 automotive service programs in the nation by the Industry Planning Council, the college said.

CSI said it was chosen by General Motors, Ford, Chrysler and Toyota representatives in the manufacturer-affiliated category for its General Motors-sponsored auto-tech program. CSI Trade and Industry Division director, David White said, CSI received the award once before, some 16 years ago for the same program.

Sherwin-Williams slumps on gloomy outlook

NEW YORK - Stock of Sherwin Williams Co. tumbled Wednesday after the largest U.S. paint manufacturing company warned it would miss third-quarter earnings estimates by 5- to 6 cents a share because of high raw material costs in its consumer paints line.

The company - which has stores in Twin Falls and the Blue River Valley - said it expects third-quarter earnings of 66 to 69 cents a share, compared with First Call's earnings forecast of 71 to 75 cents a share. For 2000, the company expects to report earnings as much as 9 cents a share below the low end of First Call's estimated range of \$2.05 to \$2.10 a share.

JP Realty Inc. declares cash dividend of 48 cents

SALT LAKE CITY - JP Realty Inc. Wednesday declared a cash dividend of 48 cents per share for July 1 through Sept. 30.

Jerome chamber hires specialist

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

JEROME - Jerome's business community likes the idea of regional cooperation in economic development, but it's tending the home fires, too.

The Jerome Chamber of Commerce announced Wednesday it has hired Twin Falls native Bob Richards as a part-time economic-development specialist, tasked with bringing new jobs to Jerome.

"We've had a lot of leads we've been working on for a long time," chamber President Bonny Ross said. "As volunteers, we've just not been able to keep up."

So the chamber - with the help of the city of Jerome and Jerome County - has worked for close to two years to round up funding for a Jerome economic-development specialist.

"It isn't a sudden thing that we did," Ross said.

The way cleared when Richard BWSXT

Twin Falls native takes part-time economic-development job

Idaho, the joint-venture contractor that runs the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, brought Jerome a \$10,000 grant check late last week, she said. The chamber had asked Bechtel for the money to pay for an economic-development hire.

The chamber made the hire Monday, and Richards started work Monday.

Ross said the chamber is trying to raise other money to supplement the \$10,000 but declined to elaborate Wednesday. The business organization hopes to make the new position full-time eventually.

Richards, who has been in banking and finance most of his career, said he came to Jerome in August 1986 as assistant vice president and manager of Washington Federal Savings in Jerome and he became

involved in economic development almost immediately through the chamber and a local task force. He retired in 1996 but stayed active in Jerome's development through the task force and another Jerome development group.

Richards' new job with the chamber has no set hours - he works as needed. As business-recruitment leads arise, he'll cut back hours until more new-jobs possibilities appear.

"Right now it's almost full-time, just catching up," Richards said Wednesday. Richards said Jerome must by no means ignore its agricultural base, but it needs to diversify. He would like to see higher-paying, salaried jobs come to Jerome, perhaps in technology fields.

Ross said leads have been plentiful for businesses interested in locating in the Jerome area. "They're widely varied, she said, "and we're getting some really good interest in Jerome for jobs that pay a little more."

Meanwhile, Ross said, the Jerome chamber voted to support a consultant's recent recommendation that Magic Valley work regionally to market itself to bring new and expanding employers' jobs to the valley. The Jerome chamber also supports the concept of a regional economic-development specialist.

She and her Jerome chamber colleagues are happy, too, about their healthy cooperation with Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce leaders.

"I think that does our whole area a lot of good," she said.

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A NEW MAC EXPERIENCE

Apple releases test version of new operating system

The Associated Press

PARIS - Apple Computer chief Steve Jobs released a long-awaited test version of the Macintosh operating system on Wednesday, offering sleek graphics and easier computing.

The ambitious OS X upgrade departs from the familiar linear windows that have long organized computer screens.

"It's unlike anything you've ever experienced on a Mac before," Jobs told an audience of more than 3,700 at the opening of the Apple Expo in Paris. "It's the future of the Macintosh. It turned out incredible."

A public test version of the OS X - the X stands for 10 - went on sale Wednesday in English, French and German at the Paris trade show and Apple's online stores for \$29.95.

OS X has been delayed several times. In May, Jobs said the public test version would be out "this summer."

A more complete and fine-tuned commercial version will go on sale early next year, Jobs said. Apple has not yet announced the price of the final version.

Jobs also announced the release of two upgraded versions of the company's iBook laptop, starting at \$1,099. The translucent machines have a faster processor, larger hard drives



Apple Computer CEO Steve Jobs presents Apple's new iBook computer as he delivers the keynote address Wednesday at the start of AppleExpo in Paris. Jobs announced the launch of a new line of iBook laptop computers and the release of the public beta version of Apple's new operating system, OS X.

and come with FireWire ports for fast transfer of data and video.

In his characteristically relaxed garb of faded jeans and a black turtle-neck, Jobs told a packed hall that the company's goal for its new operating system was to simplify the computing experience while revving up the power.

"It's very easy to do things without a lot of complexity, but when you need the complexity you have it in a very elegant way," Jobs said about the operating system.

The revised file organizer in OS X lets movies, music and text files be previewed before being opened. The new system comes with an MP3 player and an audio

player, as well as Microsoft's Internet Explorer 5.0 Web browser.

"One of the coolest features of the new Mac operating system," according to Jobs, is its revised taskbar, known as the "Dock," which makes it easier to organize and work with several documents, applications and windows.

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Twin Falls airport to close runway

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - This month's travel plans might need adjusting.

Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport will close its primary runway from Saturday through Sept. 25 for a resurfacing project.

"During that period, no commercial passenger service will be available," said Airport Manager David Allen. Airport officials coordinated the closure dates with airlines last spring, and all flights for Twin Falls during that time were removed from the schedule.

The \$1.6 million project is 90 percent funded by a Federal Aviation Administration capital improvement grant, Allen said. The airport budgeted the other 10 percent in the current budget.

Richard Engineering is the project engineer, and Granite Construction of Salt Lake City is the contractor.

"The project is necessary to replace the 'porous friction course' surface, which is designed to enhance drainage and prevent hydroplaning, an airport statement said. The existing FFC surface was expected to last 10 years but held up for 17.

"It is showing signs of deterioration that will quickly spread unless it is replaced," the statement said.

During the closure a smaller runway will be available for light aircraft during daytime visual meteorological conditions only. That 3,210-foot runway will be temporarily shortened to 2,640 feet during the project to allow for some of the construction work.

If all goes well with weather and equipment, the runway will reopen the morning of Sept. 26, the airport said. For more information, call Allen at 733-5215.

Australian-themed restaurant chain looks at Twin Falls sites

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A Tampa, Fla.-based chain of Australian-themed restaurants, said Wednesday it is exploring Twin Falls for a new restaurant site.

Outback Steakhouse Inc. and a joint-venture partner are looking for a site in Twin Falls for a fifth restaurant, said Stephanie Amberg, director of public relations. But they're still working on several specific site options in the city, she said, without naming the sites.

So Amberg said she couldn't confirm when Outback will arrive here.

"We look at so many sites across this country, so it's a little premature to go with something," Amberg said Wednesday.

Knights Riddor News Service

TAMPA, Fla. - Bob Merritt, Outback Steakhouse Inc.'s chief financial officer, doesn't sound real happy with Wall Street.

And why should he be? Last month, the company reported another strong quarter earnings analysts' expectations comparable store sales rose significantly, and the chain's 631 store restaurants averaged \$67,000 in sales per week - one of the industry's best performers.

Still, investors' reaction was cool, if not downright cold. Outback's stock (NYSE: OSE) already depressed, dropped 10 percent the same day on news that high beef prices may cut into profits next quarter.

On Wednesday, the company's stock closed at \$23.06 a share, well off its 52-week high of \$34.44 in early April.

If you put \$100 into Outback's stock a year ago, Twin Falls Outback restaurant. Outback already has restaurants in Coeur d'Alene, Nampa, Boise and Idaho Falls.

Stock of Outback Steakhouse fails to sizzle

your investment would have been worth about \$83 about a month ago. For the same period, that \$100 investment would be worth \$111 in the S&P 500 index and \$113 for S&P's mid-cap restaurant stock index, which includes Outback.

"There is a degree of frustration, but we have always said we're going to manage the company the best we can and eventually things will fall into place," Merritt said. "There aren't any real long-term investors that care about the long-term health of an industry."

Outback is suffering from a stock malaise gripping the entire restaurant industry.

From Red Lobster to Applebee's to Steak 'n Eat, companies that own restaurants aren't exactly eating up the market. Most restaurant analysts blame technology stocks, which are steering investors away from restaurants.

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Patient outreach Cancer center establishes new Mini-Cassia clinic

The Times-News

RUPERT - Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center, a service of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, said Wednesday it is establishing an outreach clinic for cancer patients at Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

The clinic will be open from 9 a.m. to noon on the fourth Wednesday of each month, beginning Sept. 27.

"We were very pleased to staff this new clinic at Minidoka Memorial Hospital," said Susan Courtnay, director of the Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center, in a statement.

Christina Holm, a very skilled and compassionate oncologist, will be providing vital services to cancer patients in the Mini-Cassia area and saving them the long drive to Twin Falls.

The outreach Idaho Regional Cancer Center said it is the only cancer-care service in south-central Idaho approved by the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer. SIRCC is also accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Holm, medical oncologist at SIRCC, will provide cancer patients with chemotherapy consultation and treatment at the new clinic. Holm is board-certified in medical oncology and internal medicine.

"It's great that Dr. Holm can come to Minidoka Memorial Hospital to treat Mini-Cassia patients," said Carl Hanson, Minidoka Memorial administrator, in the statement. "We also appreciate the support of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in helping make this clinic possible."

For information or to make an appointment, call SIRCC at 737-2441 or 1-800-947-4852.

and service, generous portions at moderate prices and a casual atmosphere are a distinctive of the rustic Australian outback."

Outback says it features uniquely seasoned steaks, prime rib, chops, ribs, chicken, seafood and pasta, plus a full liquor service featuring Australian beer and wine. The chain's average restaurant size is 6,000-square feet, with seating for about 200 customers, the Web site says.

Outback, founded in March 1988, says its restaurants' interiors have "subtle decor" featuring blond woods, large booths and tables, and Australian memorabilia - boomersangs, surfboards, maps and flags.

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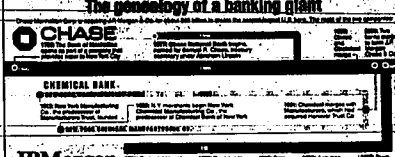
Chase Manhattan to buy J.P. Morgan

NEW YORK (AP) — Chase Manhattan Corp. is acquiring J.P. Morgan & Co. for about \$36 billion in stock, uniting two of the oldest and most prestigious financial companies in the United States.

The boards of both companies have approved the deal announced Wednesday to create J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., the companies said in a statement.

J.P. Morgan Chase will have about \$660 billion in assets, rivaling Bank of America Corp., with \$679 billion in assets, as the second largest bank holding company in the United States. It will trail Citigroup, which had \$791 billion as of June 30.

A merger of Chase and J.P.



Morgan was seen by analysts as a good match because the banking powerhouses' array of services complement each other.

Each share of J.P. Morgan will be exchanged for 3.7 shares of Chase, or about \$207.75 a share, a 16 percent premium above Tuesday's closing stock price for J.P. Morgan. The companies will

also exchange preferred shares.

Shares of J.P. Morgan fell in early trading Wednesday, however, dropping 56 cents to \$177.88, after rising 10 percent Tuesday. Shares of Chase Manhattan also fell, dropping \$2.56 to \$49.94.

J.P. Morgan chairman and chief executive Douglas Warner will become chairman of the new company and Chase chairman William Harrison will become its president and chief executive.

J.P. Morgan played a legendary role in the development of U.S. industry. Its roots are tracing to a London-based bank firm established in 1838 by American businessman George Peabody. Junius P. Morgan became Peabody's partner 16 years later.

Pier 1 posts big gain in second-quarter earnings

Knights Rider News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas — Pier 1 Imports said its second-quarter earnings rose nearly 50 percent compared with the same quarter last year, beating analysts' estimates and giving company executives reason for optimism heading into the third quarter.

Second-quarter earnings rose to \$17.7 million, or 18 cents per share, from \$11.9 million, or 12 cents per share, in the same period a year ago, said Pier 1, which has a Twin Falls store.

Analysts had expected Pier 1 to make 16 cents per share in the most recent quarter, according to average estimates compiled by First Call/Thomson Financial.

"We're seeing no signs of weakness in any category of our business," Chief Executive Marvin Girouard said in a conference call with analysts.

Sales increased 15.8 percent, to nearly \$338 million, for the second

quarter, which ended Aug. 26. Sales at Pier 1 stores open as same-store sales — increased 12.1 percent.

Girouard said Pier 1's same-store sales for September are already on track to post a gain in the double digits.

"We're very confident we expect third-quarter comparable-store sales to post a gain at least in the high single digits and third-quarter earnings to reach 20 to 22 cents a share. The company made 16 cents per share in the same quarter last year."

Pier 1 continues to consider buying or developing a second retail format to ensure long-term growth, Girouard said.

Dennis Talarow, an analyst at the Hoak Brecklow Wesneski investment firm in Dallas, said he was pleased with Pier 1's gross margins, which improved to 40.1 percent from 38.8 percent in the year-ago quarter. Gross margin is

the difference between sales and the company's cost of an item, as a percentage of sales.

"I think people are happy with what they're doing," he said.

Lynn Detrick, an analyst with the Sanders Morris Harris investment firm in Houston, also praised the company's performance. But she said investors should be more definitive news from Pier 1 about its plans for a second store concept. Pier-1 has discussed such plans for nearly two years.

"To really build confidence, we really do need to have a clearer sense of what that strategy is going to be," Detrick said.

But she said investors have recognized Pier 1's improved performance. The stock price has gained significant ground since the beginning of the year, when it dipped below \$6 a share.

"It's not like this turnaround has gone unnoticed," Detrick said. Last summer, Pier 1 struggled, with high prices forcing it to use pro-

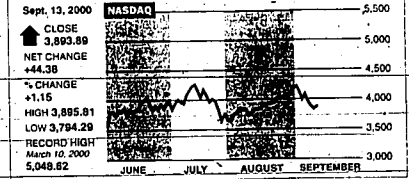
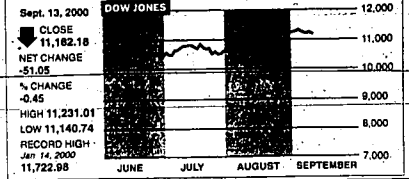
motions to sell merchandise. The problems were compounded by increasing freight rates and low inventory.

But a new, value-pricing strategy and sharper merchandising focus have helped the company rebound with strong sales and earnings growth.

"Our merchandise offering appears to be right on, and the customers have returned," Girouard said. "I feel very positive about where we are."

Pier 1 has had 845 stores at the end of last fiscal year, it plans to open 30 stores and close four in the third quarter. The company also said it plans to add about 50 stores next year.

Pier 1 has made additional efforts to attract customers with a new advertising campaign called "Get in touch with your senses." The company has already launched parts of the campaign with in-store signs, direct-mail and television ads.



Blue chips fall, tech climbs

NEW YORK (AP) — Blue chip stocks fell on profit-taking Wednesday while high-tech investors' demand for higher dividend stocks' concern about the direction the market itself is headed.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 51.05 at 11,818.19.

Broader indicators moved higher. Standard & Poor's 500 index edged up 2.92 to 1,484.91 and the Nasdaq composite index rose 44.38 to 3,893.89.

The numbers were a reversal of Tuesday's close, when blue chips ended the day up and tech stocks fell.

"It's hard to pin it all one stock, but I'd have to say J.P. Morgan was the biggest drag on the Dow today," said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co.

"Very Nasdaq stocks, which were overvalued, had a nice rally today."

Before the market opened, Chase Manhattan Bank announced it was acquiring J.P. Morgan for about \$36 billion in stock. J.P. Morgan traded down \$4.19 at \$181.25, as investors took some profits after watching the stock's price move upward for days on rumors that it was an acquisition target. Chase Manhattan fell \$1.31 to \$51.19.

The deal is the third in the financial services industry in September. Last week, Citigroup announced it was buying Associates First Capital for \$29.5 billion in stock and, on Tuesday, Goldman Sachs said it would buy market maker Spill Leeds & Kettinger for \$6.5 billion in stock and cash.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Symbol	Price	Change	Volume	Symbol	Price	Change	Volume
ABC	57	+3.15	44	IBM	112	-0.25	100
AES	48	+0.25	100	INTC	22	+0.25	100
AMT	34	+0.25	100	JPM	51	-0.25	100
AMZN	34	+0.25	100	KR	14	+0.25	100
ASX	10	+0.25	100	MSFT	40	-0.25	100
AT	70	+0.25	100	ORCL	28	+0.25	100
ATT	70	+0.25	100	PFE	28	+0.25	100
AW	20	+0.25	100	QCOM	45	+0.25	100
AX	15	+0.25	100	SAP	110	+0.25	100
BAC	30	+0.25	100	SPY	112	-0.25	100
BBK	10	+0.25	100	TSLA	10	+0.25	100
BID	10	+0.25	100	VZ	35	+0.25	100
BIO	10	+0.25	100	WMT	50	+0.25	100
BIZ	10	+0.25	100	XOM	45	+0.25	100
BK	10	+0.25	100	YUM	10	+0.25	100
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MARKET SUMMARY

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NASDAQ	3,893.89	+44.38	400,000,000
S&P 500	1,484.91	+2.92	1,100,000,000
NYSE	11,818.19	-51.05	1,100,000,000
AMEX	3,893.89	+44.38	400,000,000
NASDAQ	1,484.91	+2.92	1,100,000,000

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NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

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Source: The Associated Press. Rates figures are unofficial.

MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

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Table listing prices for various types of beans, including Soybeans and Green beans.

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NEW YORK (AP) - Spot nonferrous metal prices

Table listing prices for various nonferrous metals like Aluminum, Copper, and Zinc.

NEW YORK (AP) - Futures trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange

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Huge cattle could overwhelm market

Chicago: Unprecedented cattle supplies have the potential to overwhelm the market, said a livestock analyst...

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REVENUE SHARING FUND: State Citizens Recreation Fund 1,000.00 Fireworks (4th of July) 2,000.00...

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PROPOSED REVENUES Capital Improvement Fund 265,075 Total Capital Improvement Fund 265,075

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Idaho Code 5-6-805, that First Security Bank, N.A. will hold a public sale on...

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

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If you are unable to call or come by The Times-News office, simply clip and mail this order form to our classified department so that we can get your ad started without delay.

- Please print clearly with dark pencil or pen. There are approximately 23 characters (including blank spaces) per line. Please pay according to rate schedule which is printed below. We will notify you if there is a special going on which might result in a discounted price. 3 line minimum - Private Party Only.

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Do to phenomenal growth, Western Himes is seeking professional sales people. If you're a top producer looking for a professional working environment with first year earnings of 45K, benefits. We want to talk with you. Candidates should be extremely motivated & be experienced in selling self starter sales calling your selling expertise and we provide the rest. Fax resume to: 208-732-5719. Attn.: John Up. or call 208-732-5710.

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SALES
Full time plus delivery, \$6 per hr. Mo's Cak., Warehouse, 502 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

SALES
Women and men needed. Outside sales rep. Great earning potential. Previous sales experience helpful but not needed. Willing to train. Call Julie 208-266-2100 or oves 208-523-0635.

SECRETARY-LEGAL
733-0931. 9:30 AM-5:00 PM. MUST have 3 yrs.-legal exper. Must type at least 40 wpm. Exp. in Word & Word Perfect. Only exper. individuals need to apply and resume to: Office Manager, P.O. Box 302, Twin Falls, ID 83303

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SUPERVISOR
KFC is currently looking for a Daytime Night shift supervisor. \$16.40 hrs. a week. Pay depends on experience, must have 1 year to 2 yrs. experience. Apply at the Burley KFC.

TIRE TECHNICIANS
We are looking for outside service truck operators needed. 5 day work week. Steno. 1st shift. 2 yrs. experience. Must be experienced in mounting of tires, balancing & tire repair. Contact Howard at: 679 Polaine Rd., Twin Falls.

VETERINARY ASSISTANT
Must be trustworthy, dependable. Will train. 4 hrs. Some wknd. Call 733-4633.

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WATTPERSON
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ROUTE 400
5th W-Highroad Ave. Park Ave. - Overland
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ROUTE 553
County Road 100 Bk. Davis St. 100-300 Bk. Huddleston Road 100-500 Bk. North St. 100 Bk. Ramsey Dr.

ROUTE 569
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TWIN FALLS (8)

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ROUTE 810
400 Bk. Caswell Ave. N. 2nd & 3rd Ave. Placa Rosa Street North

ROUTE 819
200 Bk. 1000 6th Ave. N. 200-600 Bk. 5th Ave. N.

ROUTE 817
100-200 9th Ave. N. 100 Fillmore 800 Shoshone

ROUTE 822
700-800 Meadows Dr. 10-10 Robbins Ave. 700 Washington St. N.

ROUTE 861
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ROUTE 862
500 Bk. Bolton 200-300 Bk. First Ave. W. 100-200 Bk. Wirsching.

ROUTE 865
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ROUTE 866
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ROUTE 872
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ROUTE 876
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ROUTE 881
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ROUTE 882
1000-1200 Blake St. N. 300-bk Ridgway 1100-1200 Sunburst

ROUTE 883
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RUPERT

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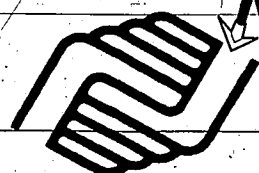
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