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Smokey Bear too effective?

By N.S. Niekirk
Times-News writer

BOISE - The primary cause of forest fire is firefighting, says one fire expert.

The extent of the summer's wildfires in Idaho were exaggerated and the benefits all but ignored in the media.

That was the message University of Idaho fire ecologist

Improper firefighting creates more blazes, fire ecologist says

Leon Neunswander left the Wednesday meeting of the Idaho Environmental Forum in a review of the recent fire season.

"It's certainly been an active fire year," Neunswander said. "We're going to have more in the future."

This year fires in the West covered about 6.5 million acres. The 10-year average is about 3 million acres, and the low is about 1.5 million acres, he said.

But those numbers are only the fire perimeter - not the amount of land burned. Only a few areas within the perimeter burned intensely, some areas burned

lightly and other areas did not burn at all.

The result is what forest managers call a mosaic pattern, a natural fire pattern that helps promote diversity within the forest.

In Idaho, fires this year covered about 1.3 million acres and in Montana about 900,000 acres. The big fires of 1910 covered about 3 million acres by comparison, Neunswander said.

The Clear Creek fire near Salmon was estimated at about 200,000 acres, but only about 40 percent of that actually burned. And the 65,000-acre Bergdorf fire in central Idaho burned mostly in high elevation forest that benefits

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GOODBYE TO THE COLE SAILORS

Clinton honors victims, warns attackers

Combined wire reports

NORFOLK, Va. - Under mournful gray skies, with their wounded crewmates and heartbroken families gathered on a Navy pier here, the 17 victims of the USS Cole bombing were honored Wednesday morning by President Clinton and other leaders who paid tribute even as they vowed to avenge the deaths.

"In the names and faces of those we lost and mourn, the world sees our nation's greatest strength," Clinton told the thousands who filled the largest pier of the largest Navy base in the world. "People in uniform, rooted in every race, creed and region on the face of the Earth."

"To those who attacked them, we say, you will not find a safe harbor," Clinton added. "We will find you and justice will prevail."

In Aden, Yemen, meanwhile, local investigators looking into last week's explosion found the vehicle and trailer that carried a small boat used in the bombing. Yemen's president announced Wednesday.

The landlord of a dwelling here where bomb-making equipment was found earlier this week was taken into custody Wednesday by police investigating last week's attack on the U.S. warship, Yemeni officials said.

Investigators found explosives and diving equipment inside the vehicle, the Yemeni daily newspaper Al Ayyam reported Wednesday. The landlord said the dwelling had been rented for a month to at least one Arab from outside of Yemen, the newspaper reported, and police had determined that a tenant gave the landlord forged identification documents.

The president, accompanied by several Cabinet members and his wife Hillary and daughter



A wounded sailor from the USS Cole grieves with his wife during memorial services for his 17 dead shipmates Wednesday at Norfolk Naval Station in Norfolk, Va. The sailor attended the service in his hospital bed rolled to the service.

Chelsea, spoke privately with sailors injured in the bombing and the families of the victims.

For Jesse Abrams, the ceremony was a way to pay tribute to the crew he knew so well, and a time to once again realize how very lucky he is: He is a co-ole on the Cole's mess crew, but was on

medical leave for surgery in Norfolk when the ship was bombed.

"They all came through my chow line," Abrams said, "so I knew just about all of them."

For him, the signal moment of the ceremony happened at the end, when John Clodfelter,

whose son Kenneth was killed in the blast, stood up in the crowd and appealed to Clinton that the Cole and its victims not be forgotten.

Clinton saluted him, and appeared to mouth, "Thank you."

"That," Abrams said, "said it all for me."

Land swap helps with new park

Congress OKs deal for City of Rocks, Hagerman preserve

By Hampton Stephens
States News Service

WASHINGTON - Outdoor recreation enthusiasts in southern Idaho will soon have access to more land for rock climbing, camping and hiking.

A bill, which cleared its final congressional hurdle Tuesday, clears the way to create a new state park just north of the City of Rocks National Reserve, and attempts to resolve other longstanding land use issues in the area. It executes a complex land swap involving a conservation group, the state of Idaho, the Interior Department and area ranchers.

"This land transfer is an excellent example of how state and federal agencies and local stakeholders can work together to create solutions to benefit public access and the conservation of some of the most spectacular land in the country," Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, said in a statement.

The Castle Rock Ranch Acquisition Act, backed by the Idaho delegation, was introduced in the Senate more than a year ago and passed the House unanimously Tuesday.

The bill authorizes the Interior Department to buy 1,240 acres of land north of City of Rocks from The Conservation Fund, a national conservation group. The purchase price has been projected at about \$700,000.

That land, known as Castle Rock Ranch, would then be traded to the state of Idaho in exchange for state-owned land within Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument.

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The writing on the wall

Twin Falls sees spate of graffiti, but officer doubts gang influence

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Enough new graffiti has hit walls around Twin Falls to catch the police department's attention, and most of it is apparently gang-oriented, said Twin Falls Police officer John Wilson.

But it's doubtful the recent spate of spray painted symbols, or "tags," is indicative of hard-core gangsters moving in to stake their claim in the local methamphetamine trade or other criminal activity around the valley, he said.

"It could be just a couple of kids

Reading graffiti - A2

out there trying to raise the hair on the back of people's necks," Wilson said.

Even so, Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver thinks most of the "taggers" are - at least in their own minds - real gangsters.

"I think all of it's gang-related," Weaver said.

The Jerome County Sheriff's Office has occasionally put low-level prisoner "work detail" crews on graffiti removal patrol, he said.

Still, Weaver said he's noticed no

"unusual activity" beyond the graffiti that would indicate serious gang muscle-flexing.

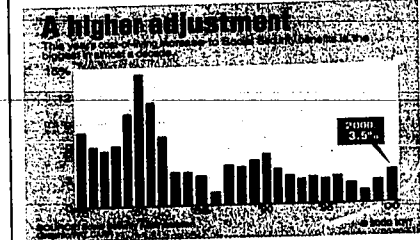
In any case, police are anxious to catch whoever is behind the graffiti and put a damper on it, Wilson said. Twin Falls currently doesn't have an organized "graffiti busters" program but people should report graffiti as soon as it pops up, he said.

The most recent graffiti doesn't seem to be isolated to any particular section of Twin Falls, Wilson said. And police know only that it's been going up "during hours of

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Dave Buddecke, a volunteer with 'Graffiti Busters,' paints over graffiti on the side of a Main Avenue building.



Inflation boosts Social Security checks

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Retirees will get the biggest cost-of-living increase in their Social Security checks in nine years - an average of \$29 a month - beginning in January.

The cost-of-living announcement, affecting 45.2 million Americans getting Social Security checks, came Wednesday, just weeks before a hotly contested presidential election in which senior votes could make the difference in several

crucial states.

The 3.5 percent boost is aimed at preventing rising inflation from eroding beneficiaries' buying power.

"I'm always glad to get a raise," said retiree Robert Simmons, 81, of Pendleton, Ind.

The elderly are the segment of America most likely to vote, and of the five states with the largest percentage of people 65 and over in their populations, four - Florida, Iowa, Pennsylvania and West

Virginia - are close battlegrounds in this election. Other states with large senior populations are also very competitive.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush, and Vice President Al Gore have repeatedly clashed over Social Security.

Bush proposes allowing individuals some control over how to invest their retirement funds, while Gore says that would threaten the long-term solvency of the nation's huge retirement system.

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

IDAHO

Idaho Extremes Yesterday:
High 76°
Low 23°
Sunley
Stanley

ALMANAC

Twin Falls through 8 p.m. yesterday
Temperature: High 71°/Low 42°
Normal High 71°/Low 42°
Record High 78°/Low 30°
Precipitation: 0.1"
24 hours ending 8 p.m. year: 1.8"
Month to date: 0.50"
Normal month to date: 0.34"
Year to date: 6.41"
Normal year to date: 7.78"
Humidity: 65% at noon, 58%
Barometric Pressure: 30.00 in.
Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls:
Grass: Absent
Weed: Absent
Mold: Absent
Trees: Absent

Shows today's weather
Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.	City	Today	Fri.
Boise	68-74	69-74	Missoula, MT	50-56	50-54
Butte	58-64	59-64	Phoenix, AZ	67-78	67-74
Coeur d'Alene	58-64	59-64	Portland, OR	54-62	54-60
Idaho Falls	60-66	61-66	Portland, ME	50-56	50-54
Kalispell, MT	54-60	55-60	Portland, VA	56-62	56-60
Lewiston	58-64	59-64	Portland, WA	54-60	54-60
Malta	61-67	62-67	Portland, UT	50-56	50-54
			Seattle, WA	50-56	50-54
			Spokane, WA	56-62	56-60
			St. Paul, MN	48-54	48-54
			Yellowstone, MT	54-60	54-58



Doctors' group pushes Hispanic health

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Hispanics, while just 11 percent of the U.S. population, account for 35 percent of those without health insurance. One doctors group plans to meet with the presidential candidates this week and pressure them to do something about it.

"It's going to take a collaborative effort, and not just on the

Graffiti

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"darkness," most likely between midnight and 3 a.m., he said.

Wilson — who has worked in Twin Falls for two years — said he had extensive experience with gangs while working as a police officer in Southern California. He's seen symbols of Chicago's "Folk and People Nations" gangs and the notorious Los Angeles-based "Sur 13" syndicate spray painted around Twin Falls.

But Wilson hasn't seen or heard anything indicating those or other established gangs are moving into the Magic Valley.

Wilson said the only hard-core members he knows of are "old" gangsters — in their late 20s or 30s — who got fed up with the constant risk and violence and fled big cities to "retire" peacefully in Idaho.

Some of those people might occasionally get tagging for a safe taste of the old life, Wilson said.

A more troubling possibility is that the tags are the work of local "wannabes" trying to be the real thing, he said. Wannabes, anxious to prove themselves, can sometimes be more dangerous and unpredictable than real gangsters, Wilson said.

Parents should also look out for gang-type text or symbols on

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Daniel Walock, circulation director

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Sunny to partly cloudy and pleasant.	Mainly clear.	Increasing clouds; chance of showers late.	Breezy, cool; some sun, chance of a shower.	Partly to mostly sunny.	Sunshine and a few clouds.
▲ 68°	▼ 40°	▲ 68° ▼ 38°	▲ 54° ▼ 30°	▲ 54° ▼ 28°	▲ 60° ▼ 34°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Sunshine and occasional clouds today with a comfortable afternoon. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Increasing clouds tomorrow; showers will move into the west, mainly during the afternoon.

Boise: Sunshine and occasional clouds today with a comfortable afternoon. Partly cloudy tonight. Becoming cloudy tomorrow; showers will move in, mainly during the afternoon.

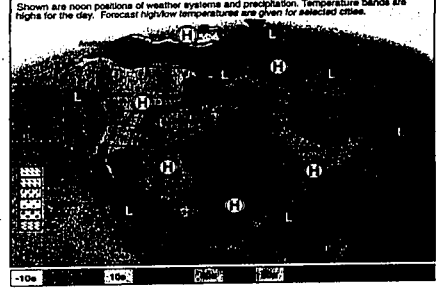
Northern Nevada: Sunshine and a few high clouds across the northern part of the region today, while southern areas are sunny. Partly cloudy tonight. Clouds and some sunshine tomorrow; a few showers will move into the west.

Northern Utah: Expect sunshine and no more than a few clouds across northern Utah today with a pleasant afternoon. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow. It might shower late in the west.

Northern Idaho: A mixture of sunshine and high clouds today with a seasonably afternoon. Increasing clouds tonight with showers moving in late. Mostly cloudy and windy tomorrow with showers.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 95° in Coolidge, AZ Low 16° in Gunnison, CO

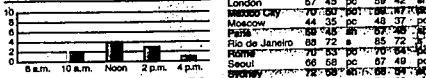


CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Fri.
Calgary	42-50	45-50
Edmonton	38-48	40-48
Halifax	42-50	45-50
Kingston	52-60	55-60
Montreal	52-60	55-60
Ottawa	52-60	55-60
Regina	52-60	55-60
Saskatoon	52-60	55-60
Toronto	52-60	55-60
Vancouver	48-58	50-58
Winnipeg	48-58	50-58

SUN AND MOON

Phase	Time
Burnet tonight	8:40 p.m.
Moons tonight	8:40 p.m.
Moons tonight	2:33 p.m.



0-1, Minimal; 2-3, Low; 4-6, Moderate; 7-9, High; 10+, Very High. Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	68-74	69-74
Boston	54-60	55-60
Chicago	54-60	55-60
Cleveland	54-60	55-60
Dallas	68-74	69-74
Denver	54-60	55-60
Detroit	54-60	55-60
Houston	68-74	69-74
Los Angeles	68-74	69-74
London	54-60	55-60
Madrid	68-74	69-74
Mexico City	68-74	69-74
New York	54-60	55-60
Philadelphia	54-60	55-60
Portland, ME	54-60	55-60
Portland, OR	54-60	55-60
Raleigh	68-74	69-74
San Diego	68-74	69-74
Seattle	54-60	55-60
St. Paul	54-60	55-60
San Francisco	68-74	69-74
Washington, DC	68-74	69-74

Senate OKs Cuba trade, farm assistance measure

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate gave final congressional approval Wednesday to a bill modestly easing the trade embargo on Cuba and providing \$3.6 billion in disaster assistance and other election-year aid to farmers.

President Clinton has agreed to sign the \$78 billion agricultural spending bill, which also will allow the import of U.S.-made prescription drugs that are sold more cheaply abroad.

The bill, which the Senate approved 86-8, would allow sales of food to Cuba for the first time in four decades, but the move is largely symbolic, because it bars the federal government or U.S. banks from financing the shipments. Idaho Sen. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo voted with the majority.

Among the provisions of the agriculture spending bill:

- Some \$2 billion in aid to farmers who have lost crops or pasture to drought this year. The bill also provides subsidies to honey producers, whose government price-support program was phased out in the 1990s.
- Egg farms will undergo mandatory testing for salmonella bacteria about once a year under a plan worked out by consumer groups, producers and government regulators.
- Up to 900,000er eligibility restrictions aimed at signing up more low-income working families. Participation in the food stamp program has fallen by a third since 1996.

The eight senators who voted against the bill included one Democrat, Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, and seven Republicans: Wayne Allard of Colorado, Phil Gramm of Texas, Jon Kyl and John McCain of Arizona, Don Nickles of Oklahoma, Bob Smith of New Hampshire and George Voinovich of Ohio.

McCain said the bill was stuffed with wasteful projects earmarked for senators' home states.

Swap

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This swap would consolidate federal ownership of the fossil beds. Idaho owns 493 acres in the heart of the fossil beds, although the National Park Service manages all of the monument.

Federal ownership of the entire monument is the final step in a cooperative agreement that has existed for years between Idaho and the National Park Service, monument Superintendent Neil King said.

"We have been managing that land as if it were ours for the last eight years," King said. Nonetheless, he said, federal ownership is important to the monument's long-term health. "It will certainly put our minds at ease," he said. The exchange continues efforts

Fires

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ed from fires. On most of those fires, the timber value was less than the cost of fighting the fires, Neuschwander said.

The notable exception was in the Blitterroot Valley where dozens of homes were burned up. But that brings up the question of spending \$1 million to save a \$100,000 home, Neuschwander said.

"If it's my house, you bet," he said.

Fighting fire is a big industry in the West — a \$10 billion industry. And this year, Congress gave the U.S. Forest Service a \$1.3 billion increase in next year's budget.

"That's the biggest increase I've seen in my 22 years, and most of it is related to fire," Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor Bill LeVerre said recently.

By comparison, the dairy industry in Idaho brings in about \$800 million.

Neuschwander would like to see that money spent where it would do the most good.

In dry, low elevation forests, he recommends thinning to remove most of the small trees and pruning low branches so any fires will stay on the ground, making them easier for firefighters to control. Once a fire gets into the tree tops, there is little firefighters can do, he said.

Most of these dry, low elevation forests are on private land and lower federal lands, where the forest meets the expanding towns, and most fires are started by people.

He recommends thinning and cleaning up brush around homes and other structures, near communities, along roads, railroads and other corridors.

In high elevation forests — mostly lodgepole pine — the probability of fire is low. But in these dense forests, fires are intense and large, and most are started by lightning. Here thinning would be ineffective — except around homes and structures and along roads, Neuschwander said.

Thinning or other "fuel treat-

LOTTERY UPDATE

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CORRECTION

An article on Wendell's \$621 million bond issue election contained an error. If approved, the bond issue would be used to construct a 57,000-square-foot middle school and a separate 5,000-square-foot vocational-technical building. The Times-News regrets the error.

Spacewalkers fire up their jetpacks

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Two spacewalking astronauts wrapped up construction work outside the international space station on Wednesday, then fired up their jetpacks and cruised around.

Jeff Wisoff and Michael Lopez-Alegria took turns jetting over and around space shuttle Discovery's payload bay to test the small nitrogen-powered rock-backpack that could someday save an astronaut's life.

They were on a leash the whole time. But it was a loose leash.

"Jeff, what's it like being a satellite?" one of the astronauts inside Discovery asked as Wisoff propelled himself 240 miles above Earth.

"Pretty awesome," Wisoff replied. Later he murmured: "Like falling in love."

NASA is tethered for the spacewalkers to the jetpack demonstration. Because Discovery is docked to the space station, the shuttle could not immediately dash after the astronauts if their jetpacks failed.

The miniature jetpack, called Safer, is meant for use on a space station. Without the jetpack, an astronaut could drift away and become lost in space.

Safer is much smaller and less powerful than the Buck Rogers-like jetpack that was used a few times by shuttle astronauts in 1984. That device has long since been retired.



Astronauts Jeff Wisoff, left, and Michael Lopez-Alegria test a jet powered backpack over the tail of the shuttle during a televised space walk Wednesday.

Earlier Wednesday, the two astronauts completed the Discovery crew's fourth and final spacewalk in as many days to install two new space station components.

The astronauts prepared the space station for the arrival of huge solar panels in December, an American lab module in January, and the orbiting out-

post's first full-time residents, scheduled to move in in November.

Wisoff tried out the jetpack first, slowly propelling himself toward the shuttle cargo bay and passing to perform some twists and turns. It was deliberately slow-going to simulate an emergency.

Lopez-Alegria was at Wisoff's

side the entire time. Then they changed places. Each test flight lasted just minutes and spanned only 50 feet.

There was no continuous TV coverage of the gymnastics because the shuttle's main antenna failed earlier in the flight.

The last time Safer was tested in orbit, two years ago, it malfunctioned.

Congress nears approval of debt-relief package

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Urged on by an Irish rock star, a televangelist and other odd ideological bedfellows, Congress is nearing approval of a major package to help write off debt for some of the world's poorest countries.

The \$435 million Clinton administration proposal — nearly double what the House approved last summer and more than five times what the Senate had previously agreed to — is meant to fulfill the U.S. end of a much larger, multilateral initiative supported by other wealthy nations.

Advocates such as Bono, lead singer of the rock group U2, and the Rev. Pat Robertson, founder of the Christian Coalition, have argued that debt relief is a moral obligation for a nation enjoying unparalleled prosperity at the turn of the millennium.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said Wednesday that he expects a debt-relief deal to be announced within days. His comment followed what he described as "congenial" talks between Democrats and Republicans — a sharp contrast to the heated negotiations over several other remaining issues in the fiscal 2001 budget.

Most of those involved in the debt-relief debate agree that something must be done to help the world's poorest countries emerge from a staggering debt load that they are likely never to repay in full.

In 1996, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank launched an initiative to help erase nearly \$200 billion in debt owed by 41 countries, mostly in Africa. Last year, leaders of the major industrial powers meeting in Cologne, Germany,

promised to accelerate the debt relief.

But critics charge that the proposed action, which presidential candidates Al Gore and George W. Bush both support, may benefit corrupt regimes while not achieving its avowed aim of helping people in Africa and Latin America out of poverty.

Those voicing doubts over the proposal include Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, who in a speech Wednesday complained that the leader of Uganda had bought a \$47 million Gulfstream jet as his country was getting an installment of debt relief. And he noted that Chad, another African nation in line for relief, has been criticized by the State Department for allowing security forces to torture, rape and kill.

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Oldest living organism found hibernating

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — About 250 million years ago, before the dinosaurs ruled the Earth, back when all the continents were stuck together in single landmass we now call Pangaea, a little creature lived in a salty sea covering what is now New Mexico.

As the briny water evaporated, crystals of salt formed, trapping the microscopic organism in a bubble of fluid inside. The organism wrapped itself in a thick, hard shell and sat there until two years ago, when scientists found it and brought it back to life.

That in brief is the biography of the oldest living thing ever found on our planet — an as-yet unnamed, salt-loving bacterium. Bacteria have been around for

almost 4 billion years, but never before has one this ancient been revived. "It's incredible that there is a God who would care for something as small as this and would protect it," said Russell Vreeland, a biologist at West Chester University in West Chester, Pa., who reported the discovery in today's edition of the scientific journal Nature.

"While this thing was in a state of suspended animation, the continents split apart, mountains were built and destroyed," Vreeland said in a telephone interview. "It's mind-boggling that a biological system is so well designed that it can do this."

The new organism is 10 times older than the previous record-holder, a bacterium recovered from the gut of a bee that was

caught in a glob of amber — fossilized tree sap — 25 million years ago. Vreeland said he and his colleague, William Rosenzweig, took great pains to make sure their own sample was not contaminated by more recent bacteria. Such contamination has upset a number of alleged discoveries of ancient life.

"There are always going to be doubters," Vreeland said. "Bill Rosenzweig and I decided not to publish this until we really had our ducks lined up and could defend it. We wanted to be able to say here's how careful we were." Four independent experts reviewed the two scientists' work for Nature, a respected scientific journal, and pronounced it solid, according to Vreeland.

"I see no reason to doubt this is possible," said Robert Simon, an

authority on salt-loving bacteria at the State University of New York in Buffalo. "We can preserve organisms in salt and have them live for years and years."

"This is really exciting," said Paul Renne, an authority on ancient geology and director of the Berkeley Geochronology Center in Berkeley, Calif. "If this is really 250 million years old, it's a snapshot of life just before the biggest crisis for life in our history — the Permian extinction — when 95 percent of all living species disappeared."

According to Vreeland, the salt crystal containing viable bacteria was found 1,850 feet below ground in the wall of an air shaft at the Department of Energy's nuclear Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad, N.M.

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Broadway's premier dancer dies at 75

NEW YORK (AP) — Gwen Verdon, Broadway's premier female dancer who was the seductive Lola in "Damn Yankees" and the saucy, love-struck Charity in "Sweet Charity," died Wednesday at 75.

Verdon died in her sleep at the home of her daughter in Woodstock, Vt., said her agent, Sam Cohen. The lithic redhead did her best work with director and choreographer Bob Fosse, to whom she was married for 15 years. The dancer worked with Fosse not only in "Damn Yankees" (1955) and "Sweet Charity" (1966), but in "New Girl in Town" (1957), "Redhead" (1960) and "Chicago" (1975).

She won four Tony Awards, beginning with "Cats" in 1982, the 1958 Cole Porter musical.

She was first cheered by Broadway audiences in the Porter musical, which starred the French chanteuse, Liza. The then-unknown Verdon stopped the show with her sexy "Garden of Eden" ballet.

Two years later, she was elevat-



Gwen Verdon

ed to stardom as the devil's amorous assistant in "Damn Yankees," a musical about a baseball fan who sells his soul so he can play for his favorite team, the Washington Senators.

The show's first poster featured Verdon in a baseball uniform, but when ticket sales lagged the advertising was changed. Verdon was put in sexy black lingerie. Box-office receipts soared.

Fosse, whom she married in 1960, created the dance for "Damn Yankees" as well as for Verdon's four other Broadway musicals. In "New Girl in Town," based on Eugene O'Neill's "Anna Christie," she played a former prostitute who returns to her New England roots. In 1959, Fosse tailor-made "Redhead," a murder-mystery musical set in Victorian England, for her. He did the same

with "Sweet Charity," based on the Federico Fellini film "Nights of Cabiria." In it, Verdon played Charity Hope Valentine, a taxi dancer who wore her heart on her sleeve. "Chicago," which opened in 1975, featured Verdon as the Windy City murderer Roxie Hart. The Kander and Ebb musical is currently enjoying a long-running revival on Broadway.

Verdon was born on Jan. 13, 1925, in Culver City, Calif. Forced to wear corrective boots as a child because of badly bent legs, she took dance lessons to strengthen them. As a teen-ager, Verdon found work as a dancer in Los Angeles nightclubs, eventually getting a job as an assistant to dance director Jack Cole, who coached such stars as Lana Turner, Betty Grable, Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell.

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NATION

With images sharpened, Bush and Gore hit the homestretch

By Ron Fournier
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The debating done, Al Gore hitched his election hopes to the volatile economy Wednesday and rival George W. Bush plunged into Democratic terrain for the final 20 days of their rip-and-tuck presidential campaign.

Jitters about ground lost to Bush since early October, Democrats welcomed the vice president's new focus but wondered why he took so long to seek political advantage from the economic recovery under Clinton-Gore.

"I'm not sure why he avoided that. It's been nuts to wait," said Democratic operative Ken Brock of Michigan. People in both races said the dynamics might have changed little after the third and final debate Tuesday.

Heading into the homestretch, Gore is promising to fight big business on behalf of working families — a populist theme he struck repeatedly during the race.

Bush is sticking with his message of civility, smaller government, lower taxes and a break from what he refers to as the cynicism and scandal of Washington. He mentioned bipartisanship at least 10 times Tuesday night.

Both campaigns lined up millions of dollars in TV ads to spread their messages in the final three weeks.

Republican strategists are considering increasing their efforts in California, Minnesota and maybe even Vermont, traditionally Democratic states that Gore can't afford to defend.

Gore advisers were trying to decide whether to give up on Ohio, a key battleground state, or renew their TV ad campaign there. Nervous Democrats in California want Gore to siphon money from battleground states to slow Bush's inroads there, knowing Gore can't win the presidency without the Golden State.

The decisions are critical in a race that could be the closest since John F. Kennedy defeated Richard Nixon in 1960. In national polls and the race for state



Democratic presidential candidate Vice President Al Gore greets students during an unscheduled stop before campaigning Wednesday in Des Moines, Iowa, electoral votes, the contest is tied or Bush holds a slight edge.

The end game comes amid rising uncertainty about America's peace and prosperity. Even as Gore made the economy the cornerstone of his closing message, the stock market took a roller-coaster ride Wednesday. Turmoil in the Middle East and the terrorist bombing of a U.S. Navy ship cast a shadow over a campaign otherwise dominated by domestic policy.

Both campaigns claimed victory in the final debate, though less-partisan analysts said it produced no winner — only a clear contrast for undecided voters.

"Both candidates were on their game," said Pat Anderson, a GOP operative in Michigan. "Undecided voters clearly walked away with the impression that Al Gore was going to spend more money on social programs and George Bush was for smaller government and bigger tax cuts."

Democrats said with a hint of frustration that the race had become a contest between style and substance. While Bush looks relaxed and sure of himself, Gore's own allies said he had trouble connecting with voters, even those who backed the vice president on the issues.

"It's going to come down to an

issues versus personalities race. I think that's good for us," Ohio Democrat Jim Ruvoletto said, though he added that Gore won't find it easy closing the sale. "We have to challenge the American voters to say, 'Hey, do you want to take a risk on this guy Bush? Do you want to go back to how things were 8 years ago?'"

Gore acknowledged that he struggled to find his voice in the debates. "It was kind of like the story of Goldilocks: the first one was too hot, the second one was too cold and the third one was just right," he said.

Quoting from the third debate, Gore said in Iowa, "When Governor Bush says 'of course' his plan benefits the wealthiest 1 percent, I agree with him. It was a moment of candor. Of course, my plan benefits middle class families."

Aides say Gore will deliver an economic address Thursday and will focus on the issue through Election Day.

His campaign is spending \$5.5 million this week in ads that promise more good times under Gore against tax cuts for the rich under Bush. The Democratic National Committee is spending \$2 million this week for ads accusing Bush of endangering Social Security.

Debate watchers rate candidates about even

WASHINGTON (AP) — Viewers of the third and final presidential debate tended to support George W. Bush, but were about evenly split on whether he or Al Gore did best in their matchup.

They found Bush more likable by a 2-1 margin in a CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll.

When asked who won, 41 percent said Democrat Gore and 41 percent said Republican Bush in an ABC News instant poll. In the CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll, 46 percent said Gore did a better job, while 44 percent said Bush. A CBS News poll gave Gore a slight edge at 45-40, just outside the error margin.

Debate watchers leaned toward Bush by about 10 points before the debate and didn't change their support, according to the polls by ABC News and CNN-USA.

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Debating the divide over tax proposals

Gore focuses on credits, lower income families; Bush targets highest tax rates

By Glenn Kessler
The Washington Post

In the fierce debate over tax cuts between Vice President Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush, one fact has gone unnoticed: Both men would allocate roughly the same amount of money—\$500 billion over nine years—to people making less than \$100,000 a year.

The other \$800 billion of Bush's tax cut, including repeal of the estate tax, would mostly go to people in the wealthiest tax brackets, according to Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation. Gore offers virtually nothing for taxpayers making that much money.

But even for people earning less than \$100,000, there are large differences between the candidates' tax plans—differences that reflect a deep philosophical divide between Democrats and Republicans.

Gore selectively targets his tax cuts to married couples and families with single, childless Americans generally ignored—and also offers credits to nearly 30 million of the working poor who have little or no tax liability. Bush's plan proposes about 30 targeted tax cuts, generally in four areas: retirement savings, health care, education and the environment.

Bush, instead, emphasizes cutting tax rates, especially the highest rates, so that most of the cuts flow to the people who pay most of the taxes. Bush would create a new 10 percent bracket, leave the rest of the 15 percent bracket intact, reduce the 28 and 31 percent brackets to 25 percent and cut the 39.6 percent bracket to 33 percent.

In the Bush plan, two-thirds of that \$500 billion goes to people making between \$50,000 and \$100,000—and less than 5 percent of the overall tax cut goes to people making less than \$30,000. People with no income tax liability—but who still pay payroll taxes—get almost nothing under the Bush plan.

Democrats shy away from cutting rates because in a progressive system where 20 percent of Americans pay 80 percent of the federal income taxes, that invariably rewards the richest members of society. Under President Clinton, Democrats have sated the desire for tax cuts by promoting tax cuts that meet certain needs, such as college education, and that begin to phase out when income reaches about \$75,000.

Alan Blinder, a former Federal Reserve vice chairman who advises Gore on economic matters, said there is no need to give a tax cut to people earning more than \$100,000. "These are the people who have done smashing well in this boom," he said. "Al Gore wanted to keep the total value of the tax cut to a reasonable size, and wanted to target these benefits on the people and social purposes deemed to have the greatest needs."

But Bush advisers dismiss that as picking winners and losers, not to mention making the tax code much more complex—though the GOP nominee doesn't advertise that he has also proposed another \$115 billion in tax-related deductions (such as for paying for health insurance and dependent care) that the campaign labels as spending programs.

Republicans, such as Bush, focus on cutting rates because they believe that marginal rates—the amount that goes to taxes for each extra dollar earned—are a disincentive to work and productivity. Bush frequently cites the experience of a struggling waitress with two children trying to make ends meet on \$2,000.

"If you're a single mother making \$2,000 a year and you've got two children, under his tax code, for every additional dollar you make, you pay a higher marginal rate on that dollar than someone making \$200,000 a year," Bush said in the first debate. "And that is not right."

Bush is referring to the fact that each extra dollar this waitress earns will result in her receiving less from a tax credit for the working poor. The phaseout of this credit—and having to pay income taxes and payroll taxes—could leave her with a little more than 50 cents of each additional dollar.

But this waitress probably pays only about \$100 in income taxes

(while receiving about \$1,700 in money back through tax credits). That limits her ability to receive much from Bush's tax cut, including his expansion of the per-child credit, unless she begins to move up the income ladder. Lawrence Lindsey, Bush's chief economic adviser, said this is the point—to assist this waitress if she gets, say, a \$5,000 raise.

Gore, by contrast, would increase the credit for the working poor and also make available a tax credit for dependent care that is denied to taxpayers with little or no tax liability. That would result in additional tax refunds of about \$120 for this hypothetical waitress, according to the Gore campaign.

Republicans have tangled repeatedly with the Clinton administration over whether to make tax credits available to people with no tax liability. Bush's health insurance credit would be available to the working poor, which is why the Bush campaign calls it spending. "The basic principle is you can't cut taxes for someone unless they pay taxes," Lindsey said.

Such definitions for tax cuts have helped confuse the tax debate. The Bush campaign has said that Gore's plan leaves out 50 million taxpayers, a figure reached by labeling half of Gore's tax cut—including his most expensive item, retirement savings accounts—as spending programs. Bush frequently cites the cost of his plan over nine years; Gore gives a 10-year number and disguises part of the overall cost by saying he will close about \$90 billion in corporate loopholes.

Lieberman talks environmental protection

WAUSAU, Wis. (AP) — Democratic vice presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman said Wednesday that to him and Al Gore, protecting the environment is "a matter of faith."



Sen. Joe Lieberman

"The environment is the work of God," Lieberman told about 500 people at Bluegill Bay Park. Lieberman tried to keep the pressure on Texas Gov. George W. Bush's environmental record with his visit to this battleground state the day after Gore and Republican Bush tangled in their third and final presidential debate.

A day earlier in Little Rock, Ark., Lieberman said Houston has "the dirtiest air in America."

"Texas has the most industrial air pollution of any state in the country, has the third worst water pollution," he said. "I hope Governor Bush doesn't want to do for America what he's done for Texas."

Polls show that Wisconsin and its 11 electoral votes are up for grabs. While Vice President Gore has led in the most recent polls, his advantage has been within the margin of error.

Lieberman is simultaneously running for re-election to the Senate back home in Connecticut and there have been suggestions that he should drop out of that race and allow another Democrat to run.

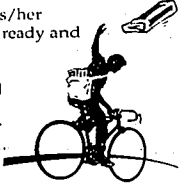
In Arkansas, Lieberman also told about 700 supporters that he and Gore would sustain the country's economic boom and that Bush would return the country to a time of deficits and recession.

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EDITORIAL

Stick with familiar faces on CSI Board of Trustees

At the end of the ballot every two years, voters in Twin Falls and Jerome counties run into a puzzling choice that most have never thought about.

Who to elect to the College of Southern Idaho board of trustees?

In most cases, it's no choice at all: The average tenure on the board is 21 years, and in the past decade most CSI board elections have been uncontested.

But not this time. Twin Falls financial planner Burke Richman is challenging incumbent Donna Brizee, and Kimberly clergyman Pat Branch is taking on incumbent Bill Babcock.

And, for the first time in a while, they're focusing serious attention on the folks who oversee the operations of CSI.

Richman's and Branch's participation is timely. The Legislature appears ready to address the thorny issue of funding for Idaho's two state-owned community colleges - and offering property tax relief to residents of Twin Falls, Jerome and Kootenai counties.

And it's likely that, if not next year then soon, community college funding will be spread among all of the state's taxpayers.

That means a welcome tax break locally, but it also means a loss of some local control. The State Board of Education, not the CSI board, will be ultimately responsible for CSI and North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene.

But while the CSI board's role is likely to be diminished, it's unlikely to be eliminated any time soon.

And the trustees will have a significant role in any transition to a fully state-funded institution.

While we welcome Richman's ideas and Branch's enthusiasm, it seems to us that are better suited for this challenge.

Brizee has served on the board for 12 years; Babcock for 24. Both have overseen CSI's growth from a sleepy junior college to a thriving commuter campus.

In our view, there have been times when the CSI board's oversight could have been more energetic. Some decisions - such as blocking the proposed Fillmore

Street extension and allowing non-academic buildings on campus - are questionable. But by large, these trustees have done a creditable job.

They understand what this community wants from what is arguably its greatest asset. They've positioned CSI well for its future as part of an academic and technologically integrated system of higher education in Idaho.

Yet the fact that these are contested races this year is important. Government - even by unpaid community college trustees - works best when governance is logical and integrated.

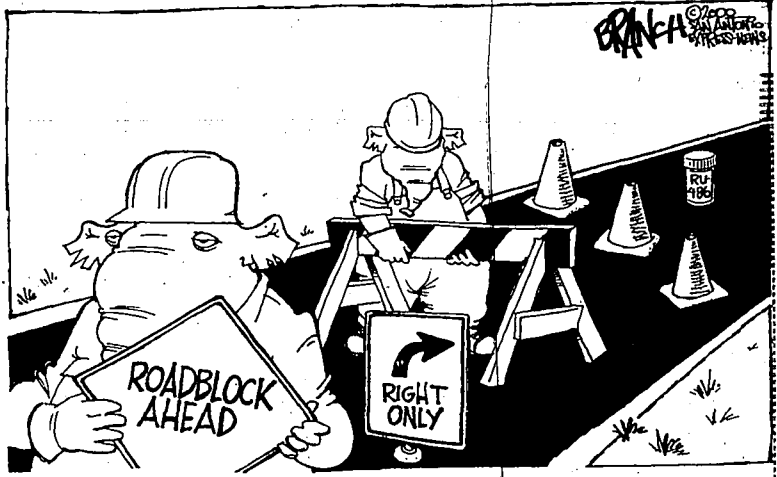
Richman and Branch are making CSI a more responsive institution. But in this election, experience counts. That's why we're supporting Brizee and Babcock for new six-year terms on the CSI board of trustees.

There are two contested races for the College of Southern Idaho Board of Trustees:

- Burke Richman vs. Donna Brizee
- Pat Branch vs. Bill Babcock



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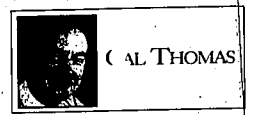
Who to trust for our new president

Most people who vote in next month's election will not enter their polling places able to pass a pop quiz on the details of each candidate's positions. Except for activists and the few for whom politics is life, most will vote their perceptions about which one can be trusted to say what he means and mean what he says.

Despite Vice President Al Gore's better speaking and walking skills in the third debate, a fair observer would have to concede the trust factor and possibly the election to Gov. George W. Bush.

Gore was not as blatant in his exaggerations and misstatements as in the previous two debates, but there were plenty of inaccuracies. Perhaps the biggest howler was Gore's claim that the military is "the strongest in the history of the world."

Stronger than Eisenhower's D-Day force? Stronger than in the Persian Gulf war? The Washington Post reported last week that the military is suffering from a mass exodus of captains from its ranks. Recruitment is down. Morale is low. Divorces are up because of lengthy and repetitive foreign "peacekeeping" missions and adventures. Gore claimed credit for cutting government, but most of the reductions came from his Pentagon. Divorces are up because of lengthy and repetitive foreign "peacekeeping" missions and adventures. Gore claimed credit for cutting government, but most of the reductions came from his Pentagon.



Gore frequently descended into the minutiae of his various plans on taxes, education and health care, but Bush kept coming back to his strongest themes, leaving it to others to sort out Gore's political sleights of hand. Repeatedly, Bush stressed his belief that government should allow individuals to do more for themselves and keep more of the money they earn to do it. He portrayed Gore as a big-spending liberal and obsessive regulator.

On education, Gore wants to tinker with a broken system, the nation's largest monopoly. Bush would insist on accountability for teachers and students and empower parents, not the state or the teachers unions, to decide what is in the best interests of children when schools fail to do the job we pay them to do.

On health care, as on education, Bush is pro-choice, believing competition improves quality and lowers costs. He would allow the kinds of health-plan choices Congress and congressional employees get. Gore again blasted FMOs and insurance companies for overruling doctors' decisions. But that is precisely what Medicare bureaucrats do and what Hillary Rodham Clinton tried to impose on us when she failed to socialize medicine. Gore said in the St. Louis debate he will give us Hillarycare but "incrementally." Do we really want government-run medicine? A Democratic

controlled Congress rejected it. Let government fix airlines - delays and safety concerns. It was on taxes that Bush scored best. Gore again engaged in class envy by invoking his tired mantra of Bush tax breaks going to "the wealthiest 1 percent." Bush countered that the people who pay the taxes ought to have them lowered in an era of projected surplus. Bush thinks it is immoral that anyone should have to pay more than one-third of his or her income to government. His plan would eliminate taxes for a family of four earning less than \$35,000 annually. Families making more would get less of a tax break and even those earning above \$100,000 would see their taxes reduced 10 percent. Gore thinks everyone should seek government permission, and funding to run their lives. Bush thinks "we the people" is still best.

As a debater, Bush may leave a lot to the people are right. Gore's inclinations are in the direction of government. To him, the government is our keeper, we shall not want. Though we walk through the shadow of darkness, the government will be there to comfort us with program underwritten by the hard work of others and wealth created by others.

That's about as stark a philosophical choice as one gets in an election. The question is, when Election Day comes, will we be there to understand the difference between liberty and limitation, between dependence and independence to make the right choice? And will they promise based on focus groups, are the central issues in this campaign?

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LETTERS

Homosexuality is a serious issue

The homosexual lobby, assisted by President Clinton and Al Gore, is targeting our Boy Scouts for action to punish them for not accepting homosexuals as scout leaders. The ruling on June 28 by the Supreme Court stated that, by a 5 to 4 decision, the Boy Scouts did not have to accept homosexuals as scout leaders.

Does this bother anyone else? I mean, does it take very much of our brains to figure out that we do not want homosexuals teaching our children at any level of society in this country?

Boy Scout leaders take our kids on overnight camping trips. Wake up, America! Homosexuals are targeting your kids and mine. It is your child's safety that is under attack here.

The homosexuals cannot convince you and I that their lifestyle is OK, but tell a first-grader that it is an accepted practice for the people of the same sex to have sex and they will believe you. Yet, here is our president and his staff targeting our Boy Scouts because they won the right to keep "morally straight," as their motto says.

Isn't that our mad yet? Doesn't this upset you that our own elected officials are taking government assistance from our own kids and putting pressure on local governments to do the same? All in the name of tolerance? It is the homosexuals who have no tolerance.

Christians are not intolerant. It is God's word that says homosexuality is wrong, not Christians.

It is sad to see that the churches across America have not spoken out. Where are you? Why isn't the natural urge to protect our children moving more of us to speak out?

I am very upset! California now has a

law that states all children must be taught about homosexuality.

In the name of God almighty, what has happened to us? Now is the time to act. Call your government officials and let them know you do not want homosexuality taught anywhere to any child. President Abraham Lincoln said, "The morality in the classroom of the government will be the morality of the government in the next."

Get involved now or lose your right to teach your own child right and wrong. This is a serious issue now, not later!

JERRY HUGHEN
Declaro
(Editor's note: Jerry Hughen is a minister with Christ Our King Fellowship in Declo.)

Support better school facilities

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Thank you!
ALLEN KELSEY
Wendell
(Editor's note: Allen Kelsey is a teacher at Wendell Middle School.)

Democrats aren't dead

In response to your editorial asking where are Magic Valley Democrats, I want to reassure your readers that there are lots of us around. In the last election for U.S. Congress, the Democrats won more than 150 of the 474 precincts in the 2nd Congressional District, which includes Twin Falls and the surrounding area.

Another 100 of the precincts were within 35 votes. Yet another 100 precincts were within 85 votes. With more than 170,000 votes cast, fewer than 7,000 swing voters could have changed the outcome. As I travel through the district, my message to all Democrats is that you are not alone.

The Democratic Party is coming back in organization, technology and "grassroots." The use of the Internet in my own campaign is an example. It enables me to contact thousands of Democrats throughout the state.

The fantastic management of Carolyn Boyce, our new state chairman, is further energizing our grassroots organization. Candidate recruitment and party building is our focus during the next two years.

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I know that many people fear they will be pilloried in the press or mocked by opposing candidates. So let me tell you,

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Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



Counsel concludes first lady's testimony inaccurate

WASHINGTON (AP) - Independent Counsel Robert Ray concluded that first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton gave "factually inaccurate" testimony about her role in the White House travel office firings but should not be prosecuted. Ray wrote in his final report released Wednesday, just three weeks before Election Day, that the evidence established beyond

a reasonable doubt that Mrs. Clinton played a role in the 1993 firings of White House travel office workers. But the prosecutor said he decided not to bring criminal charges against the first lady because she may not have understood her conversations with White House aides back in 1993 were interpreted as an impetus to fire the workers.

Mrs. Clinton flatly denies having a part in the firings, carried out in 1993 by then-White House administration chief David Watkins. "The independent counsel concludes that Mrs. Clinton's sworn testimony that she had no input into Watkins' decision or role in the travel office firings is factually inaccurate," the prosecutor wrote.

Capital approves visitors' center design

WASHINGTON (AP) - The grounds of the U.S. Capitol will soon undergo their biggest change in 150 years. But the 200-year-old structure itself will not be upstaged by a new three-story tourist center at its east front. The final design of the \$265 million center - all of it underground - was approved Wednesday by the Capitol Preservation Commission, chaired by House Speaker Dennis

Hastert, R-Ill., and Senate President pro Tempore Strom Thurmond, R-S.C. Hastert and Thurmond said the new facility will be a "seamless addition to the Capitol complex." "There's not going to be anything sticking up to detract from the view of the Capitol," said Bruce Millhans, spokesman for the Architect of the Capitol Alan Hanman, who is responsible for

the building, its grounds and adjacent office buildings. The center, scheduled to open sometime in 2005, will provide about 4,000 tourists at a time with historical displays, theaters, restrooms and food while they wait to enter the Capitol. Pre-construction activities began last January; actual construction should begin in the winter of 2001.

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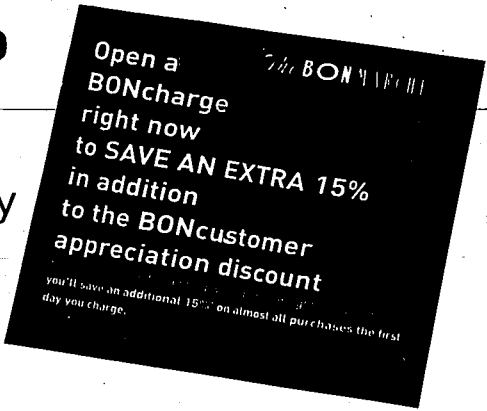
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RISING High School Sports STARS

Erin Allen Filer volleyball

Filer High School's Erin Allen may be small, but what she lacks in height she makes up for in aggressiveness.

The senior outside hitter plays like a Swiss army knife - she has the tools to do anything. But Allen in the back row and she becomes one of the team's best passers and most agile defensive players. Whether in the front and she's an instant threat to drop a ball on the line for a kill.

Behind the service line, and she can drop a top spin serve in for an ace.

"It is hard to convince people that you can hit and you can jump," Allen said. "They're like, 'You're 5-foot-4. We don't want you in the front row.'"

Allen is averaging six kills per game and has helped Filer to a 16-11 record. Yet of all the skills that Allen displays on the volleyball court, it is the one to which she is least suited that she enjoys the most.

"I love blocking," Allen said. "It's so much fun because (to players) you're giving it all they have and then you can put it straight down. It feels good because some players are big, and when you get up and stuff them, I don't think they expect it."

Allen's jumping ability and court savvy allow her to avoid the same fate as her opponents at the net. Despite her slight stature, she is able to get blocked and is often able to hit over the top of taller players.

"If a player is real big you can adjust to where you know they are," Allen said. "But sometimes their hands just shoot up and then you have to adjust or tip."

Allen played defensive specialist and worked in as a back-row player for her first few years at Filer, then moved to outside hitter full-time this season.

"It wasn't until this year that I actually got to play all the way around as an outside hitter," Allen said. "I don't think anyone thought I could there, and it took a long time to develop consistency and get aggressive enough to tell people that I could do it."

-Joe Sumner

Jono Barker

Burley boys' soccer

His team's state title hopes are still very much alive, so the last thing Burley High junior Jono Barker wants to do is dwell on individual accomplishments.

But when you're having the kind of season Barker is, everything eventually comes back to the numbers.

Before Wednesday night's play-off showdown with Century, he'd scored 15 goals this season - a Burley single-season record. And with 22 goals (and counting) in 16 games, Barker is closing fast on the Bobcats' all-time career scoring mark of 23. Though Barker still has next season to best the career mark, coach Wes Nyblade would like nothing better than to see his star forward get the record this season - in the district or state tournaments.

"I look for that record to disappear here pretty soon," Nyblade said. "Hopefully within the next couple games."

After scoring seven goals as a sophomore, Barker said he cried a more straight-forward approach this year.

"I've been working a lot harder on finishing," he said. "Instead of just kicking it when I get the ball, I'll do what I can just to put it by the keeper."

In short, he's been less flashy and more focused.

"This year, he's an awful lot more aggressive going to goal," Nyblade said. "He can stop the ball on a dime and line the shot up before you're even ready for the shot a lot of times."

The increased output has drawn more attention Barker's way. In a game against Bonneville, Barker was double-teamed throughout.

"He's garnering all kinds of respect from the opposition now," Nyblade said. "They're putting it in the back of the net - so they're cuiping with two, sometimes three, players."

-Matt Peterson

Bragging rights, baby

Big Apple ballers for ballyhood ballgames

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - As if the Big Apple needed anything else to brag about.

Now it's got the Subway Series, baby!

Don't like the Yankees or Mets? Fuhgeddaboutit. "It will give New York an opportunity to be even more arrogant," Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said early Wednesday. "We'll be able to go around and say we have the two best teams in baseball."

And the whole thing played out on the biggest platform of all - the World Series. Game 1 is Saturday night at Yankee

The lineup

Schedule for the World Series between the New York Yankees and New York Mets. All games will be televised on Fox.

Saturday
N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 6 p.m.
Sunday
N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 6 p.m.
Tuesday
N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, 6:18 p.m.

Wednesday
N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, 6:18 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 26
N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, 6:18 p.m., if necessary

Saturday, Oct. 28
N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 6 p.m., if necessary
Sunday, Oct. 29
N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 6 p.m.



Stadium, with Andy Pettitte probably pitching against Mets ace Mike Hampton.

"I hope all people behave themselves, because it's going to split a few families up, I think," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

"I have a feeling the city is not going to be the same for this next 10 days and maybe for some time after that."

Even *The New York Times*, the old gray lady herself, is giddy.

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A New York City Subway No. 7 train pulls into the Willets Point-Shea Stadium station atop outside the New York Mets' Shea Stadium Wednesday. The Mets will face the cross-town rival New York Yankees in the World Series, now dubbed the "Subway Series," in Game 1 Saturday.

Bruins bag title

Twin Falls boys clinch state spot

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Emotions flared and yellow cards flashed, but Twin Falls is still heading to state.

Dylan Mikesell's penalty kick highlighted three second-half goals by the Bruins boys' soccer team as Twin Falls rocked an antagonistic Pocatello 4-1 Wednesday to win the Region III district soccer title at Ascension Field.

Adding to the Indians' enmity was the fact they played most of the second half a man down after midfielder Mark Green received a red card for insulating the referee.

The Bruins (14-3) advance to next Thursday's Class A-1, Division I State Tournament opener at Boise's Simplot Complex where they'll play the No. 2 seed from District VI.

With one goal reached - namely, qualifying - Twin Falls coach Trent Felton said now his team must aim higher.

"We're very happy," he said. "My problem now is to convince the kids to set a higher goal for themselves because our top goal this season was to make it to state. Now we're there and we'll have to readjust."

Twin Falls certainly readjusted after settling for a 1-1 first half dominated by the Bruins, who outshot the Indians 10-3. A Nick Waters rebound in the 14th minute scored the Bruins only goal. White-Pocattello's Dave Burawog tied it four minutes later with a diving header past Twin Falls goalkeeper Darren Van Hofwegen.

"It was my fault," Van Hofwegen said. "I didn't talk to my sweeper but I made up for it the rest of the game."

The senior finished with six saves.

"All the hard work's finally paid off," he added. "We had a



Pocatello High's Adam Farrell heads a ball against Twin Falls' Dylan Mikesell in Wednesday's A-1, Div. I Region III championship high school soccer game at Ascension Field in Twin Falls. The Bruins won the game 4-1 and advanced to next week's state tournament.

really good season. We worked hard all year so it's kind of a relief to make it (to state)."

The Bruins took some of the pressure off their goalkeeper

when Matthew McFarlin scored on a nifty dribble-and-slash move at the 57th minute lifting the Bruins to the 2-1 lead. Forward Brock Cooper provided the

assist.

An already physical game turned even more aggressive over the next several minutes as

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HILL OF A TIME

Gooding runners lead charge to Eagle

By Karen Bosack
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - The hill. Every Class A-2 high school cross-country runner at Wednesday's District IV meet had something to say about it.

It was the king-maker and the dream-maker, the wrapped-up in the wooded side of Adams Gulch, a popular hiking and biking area north of Ketchum.

Gooding High runner Lance Nebeker chugged up it past the two runners in front of him and then blew down it, finishing far in front by nearly the length of a football field to win his first race of the season - the district cross-country meet - in a top time of 18 minutes, 26 seconds.

The top eight girls and 10 boys in Wednesday's race advanced to the state finals at Eagle Island State Park outside Boise next Saturday.

The Gooding and Wood River high school girls' teams will also compete at the state finals, based on the results of Wednesday's race. The Declo and Gooding boys' teams also will go.

Andrew Slough, a Wood River High student, had been running neck and neck in the boys' race with Kimberly's Wes Hopwood until the hill.

"We thought it was between the two of us. Then (Nebeker) came out of nowhere. I don't know where he got the energy burst, but he ran a good race," Slough said.

Hopwood ended up second at 18:50, and Slough was third at 18:55.

"I just figured I'd pass them on the hill and go for it," shrugged Nebeker.

Among the girls, Gooding run-

ners Carin Patterson and April Homan traded leads with Wood River's Holly Hobson and Ava Bach at the midway point of the race and then charged up the hill as best they could to maintain a 20-second lead.

Patterson came charging out of the dark green pines dotted with golden aspen to beat her teammate by a step in a time of 21:36.

Homan clocked in at 21:40.

"I felt like I was walking up the hill. I haven't really done much hill work since state only has two hills," said Patterson, who still found enough energy following the race to scream her lungs out for her teammates as they crossed the finish line.

Holly Hobson of Wood River, one of the favorites in the race, said she wasn't disappointed in her third-place showing at 21:57.

"I'm never disappointed," she said. "It was an awesome race. Hopefully, I saved up something for state."

Patterson hopes to do at least as well at Eagle Island State Park on Oct. 28 as her elder brother Chris, who finished third at the same state venue state a few years ago.

There was one casualty in Wednesday's race. Gooding runner Steve Anderson tripped and rolled down a saccharine-covered incline opposite the big hill, bloodied one knee and possibly breaking an ankle.

Also, boys' entrant Skyler Richards of Filer High was disqualified from the state finals even though he finished sixth because his team wasn't big enough.

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Wendell jumps Canyon

Trojans win district, move on to state

By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer

HAZELTON - In recent years, the Valley High volleyball team has come to expect an extended season.

One that lasts well into October, one that bursts with state title dreams.

That's what the Vikings experienced last year, at least, when they played their way into the Class A-3 state tournament with a thrilling victory over Declo. Dito for the year before.

So perhaps that explains the dejected looks and teary eyes that followed Wednesday night's Canyon Conference championship game against Wendell.

For the first time in two years, the expectation failed to become the reality. After knocking off Glenns Ferry in a loser-out contest earlier in the evening, Valley fell to the Trojans 15-5, 13-15, 15-10 in Hazelton. And with the win, Wendell earned District IV's lone berth in the state volleyball tournament.

"I thought both teams played hard," said Valley coach Julian Escobedo. "And yes, Wendell is a tough team. They played tough defense and they played tough on the net too."

Though scrappy defense has been Valley's trademark all season, Wednesday it wasn't enough to counter Wendell's powerful

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Wolverines storm SCIC

Wood River downs: Buhl for district title

By Nathan Jarke
Times-News writer

FILER - Wood River finished off the Class A-2, District IV high school volleyball season with a 15-12, 15-12 win over

the Buhl Indians Wednesday. Buhl needed to beat the Wolverines twice to earn an outright berth to the state tournament, but after a hard win over the Filer Wildcats the Indians couldn't find what they needed.

While district champion Wood River begins its run at the state title next Saturday at Hillcrest High School, Buhl must play-up Saturday in a one-game play-off at Century High School for a chance to play in the state tournament.

Wood River started the first

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- The boys' top 10:**
1. Canyon (Gooding) 21:36, 2. Andrew Slough (Wood River) 21:40, 3. Holly Hobson (Wood River) 21:57, 4. Ava Bach (Wood River) 21:57, 5. Steve Anderson (Gooding) 21:57, 6. Skyler Richards (Filer) 21:57, 7. Wes Hopwood (Wood River) 21:57, 8. Carin Patterson (Gooding) 21:36, 9. April Homan (Wood River) 21:40, 10. Chris Patterson (Gooding) 21:57.
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SPORTS

Bucs face Lions needing win

By Dave Goldberg AP football writer

It wasn't supposed to be this way for Tampa Bay and its new impact player, Keyshawn Johnson. The 3-D route was fine, but not the O-3 segment that followed.

Starting slowly is not unusual for Tony Dungy's team, however. Last season, the Bucs began 3- within two minutes of the Super Bowl.

That's why they're 8-point favorites at home tonight over Detroit, which is a game ahead of them in the NFC Central. Oddsmakers have long memories. One of the problems for the Lions is offense. Even in the Silverdome, they've had trouble with Gerome Crowell - and while Herman Moore is around to replace him, it just makes the Lions thinner and more vulnerable.

Figure that Dungy got things straightened out. St. Louis (minus 7) at Kansas City. Does someone know something? This game opened at 0.5 and enough money came in to drop it to 7. Hey - St. Louis has to lose sometime. This is the time and place - a team coming off a bitter division loss in a stadium where it's one of the toughest in the NFL for road teams.



Tampa Bay Buccaneers defensive tackle Warren Sapp, left, grabs hold of Chicago Bears quarterback Dave McBrown for a third-quarter sack Sept. 10 at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla. Sapp won't be satisfied with waiting until November to pull out of a current tailspin.

CHIEFS, 34-33
* Miami (plus 3) at New York Jets (Monday night)
For all of Miami's defensive heroics, the Dolphins are only 1-1 on the road and the win was at Cincinnati, a 1-AA team, meaning it doesn't count in the BCS standings.
JETS, 20-13
* Tennessee (plus 1) at Baltimore
The Ravens have to score a touchdown some week. Don't they?

TITANS, 13-9
* New England (plus 8) at Indianapolis
The Patriots won't happen again next to Ferway Park. His Red Sox, haunted by the Yankees for most of the 20th-century, lost the 1986 World Series to the Mets.
In Des Moines, Iowa, 48-year-old Stephanie Netolicky rolled her eyes when asked about the Subway Series.
"I thought you were talking about a sandwich shop," she said.
No matter, New Yorkers will be able to supply all the juice necessary for this matchup. It will be the 14th Subway Series overall, and the first since the Yankees played the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1956.
"Here were only three channels then," recalled comedian Billy Crystal, celebrating in the clubhouse after the Yankees beat Seattle 9-7 late Tuesday

night to clinch the AL championship series. "Now, the whole world will be watching."

A day earlier, the Mets finished off St. Louis in the NL championship series. They had their star power, too - actors Tim Robbins and Susan Sarandon poured champagne in the winning locker room.
And while there's next few days will feature next matchups on the field - Tim, Tim, Bernie vs. Benny - there also might be a lot to watch in the stands.
Mets star Piazza dates the Playboy Playmate of the Millennium, Yankee star Derek Jeter has been linked to Miss Universe.
The Yankees got a day off Wednesday to rest. A few Mets pitchers threw at Shea Stadium, though rain washed out a full workout.

Clinton opens Presidents Cup with humor

GAINESVILLE, Va. (AP) - The Presidents Cup won't be played as fast as the president plays golf. That was ensured Wednesday with a quick presidential edict on the eve of today's opening round.
The world's best golfers, the country's top hacker opened the event with a ruling that they must play the Robert Trent Jones golf course much differently than it does. "Much against my own instincts, I hereby declare this a non-mulligan zone," President Clinton said.
The fourth Presidents Cup pits golfers from the United States against those from an international team.

Subway

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For the first time in memory, the newspaper ran a banner over its masthead, above news of the presidential debate and the Midwest crisis.
It's red ink, no less.
In a subway Series Yankees Join Mets," the paper proclaimed.
Giuliani, a huge Yankees fan, predicted his favorite team will win in six games. He appeared Wednesday night on Late Letterman, reading a Top Ten list of "Cool Things About Having the World Series in New York."
Among them: "We're gonna add a Mike Piazza-style mustache to the Statue of Liberty."
Forgive fans in other parts of the country for being far from excited.
"It's a horror, is what it is,"

said Chris Gerstell, 24, who works at Boston's Fenway Park. His Red Sox, haunted by the Yankees for most of the 20th-century, lost the 1986 World Series to the Mets.
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Road to roses goes through Eugene

By Richard Rosenblatt AP football writer

Those Arizona Wildcatters sure are tough to figure.
They opened the 1999 season ranked No. 4 after a 12-1 campaign, then lost to Penn State in the Kickoff Classic and struggled to finish 6-6.
This season, coach Dick Tomney's Wildcatters were picked eighth in the Pacific-10 Conference. Guess what?
On Saturday, No. 21 Arizona (5-1, 3-0) plays at No. 7 Oregon (5-1, 3-0) for sole possession of first place and the inside track to the Rose Bowl.
"This is the time where we have to find out what kind of team we are," Arizona quarterback Ortega Jenkins said.
While the Wildcatters have the toughest part of their schedule remaining after Oregon, it's No. 2 UCLA, at No. 9 Washington, No. 19 Oregon State and Arizona State. The Ducks have an easier task. Oregon is at Arizona State next week, followed by games against Washington State, California and Oregon State.
Oregon takes an 18-game home winning streak at Autzen Stadium into the game, the longest streak in the Pac-10. Arizona has never been in the Rose Bowl; Oregon's last trip to Pasadena was 1995.

College football picks

- * California (plus 16) at No. 9 Washington
Huskies look to make it 18 in a row over Golden Bears ... WASHINGTON, 34-21.
* Texas Tech (plus 32) at No. 10 Kansas State
Wildcats coming off first loss, but Tech passing game may cause problems ... KANSAS STATE, 31-14.
* No. 11 TCU (minus 27) at Tulsa
Horned Frogs looking for first 60 start since 1938 ... TCU, 34-14.
* No. 12 Georgia (no line) at Kentucky
Dawgs likely to be without injured QB Quincy Carter ... GEORGIA, 28-17.
* No. 13 Mississippi State (minus 5.5) at LSU
Bulldogs lead nation in rushing defense ... MISSISSIPPI STATE, 28-21.
* No. 14 Ohio State (minus 18) at Iowa
Hapless Hawkeyes show up at right time for an once-better Buckeyes ... OHIO STATE, 34-14.
* Michigan State (plus 15.5) at No. 16 Michigan
Volunteers out to avenge last year's shutout loss to Spartans ... MICHIGAN, 38-17.
* No. 17 Purdue (minus 3) at Wisconsin
QB Drew Brees needs 169 yards to set Big Ten career passing record ... PURDUE, 28-24.
* No. 18 South Carolina (minus 6) at Vanderbilt
RB Derek Watson (748 yards, 9 TDs) a key to Gamecock victory ... SOUTH CAROLINA, 28-21.
* No. 19 Oregon State (plus 3.5) at No. 23 UCLA
Bruins remember last year's 55-7 loss - their worst in 69 years ... UCLA, 35-28.
* No. 20 Notre Dame (minus 3.5) at West Virginia
Irish make first visit to rowdy Morgantown ... NOTRE DAME, 27-21.
* No. 22 Minnesota (minus 7) at Indiana
Golden Gophers are 1-13 in Bloomington since 1969 ... INDIANA, 31-28.
Last week: 15-4 (straight); 10-9 (vs. points)
Season: 106-31 (straight); 72-60 (vs. points)

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Flynn takes silver

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Local fighter Jacen Flynn, competing in the Grapplers Quest West Submission Grappling Tournament Oct. 7, where he took second place in the intermediate heavyweight division. Submission grappling involves take-downs, much like judo and wrestling, but once on the ground, the object is to cause the opponent to tap-out or submit using chokes and joint manipulations, as opposed to the usual pin in other grappling sports.

Flynn is featured in the November 2000 issue of "Grappling," a magazine dedicated to wrestling and No Holds



Jacen Flynn

return to the King of the Cage event in November to try to improve his 8-0 professional record.

Barred competition. The article includes a photo of Flynn's victory over Ryan Painter at the King of the Cage in Hemet, Calif., on June 24. Flynn will

NISKA ADVANCES

Seth Niska, shown with instructor K. Seth Owen, recently received his blue belt ranking in the Art of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu under Pedro Sauer of Santa Lake City. Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu is a ground fighting art developed by the Gracie family of Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. It is one of the most technical and difficult martial arts in which to receive a black belt, taking a minimum of 10 to 25 years of training. Blue belt is the first ranking.



SUPER SHEAFFERS

Members of the Sheaffer family of Flier advanced in belt rankings at Master Jay Hartwell's Intermountain Martial Arts recently. From left to right are: Kevin Sheaffer - low yellow belt, Cassie McClure - low yellow belt, Kasi Sheaffer - high green belt, Kay Sheaffer - low blue belt.



TRACKING THE LOCALS

Paula Alania Bishop Kelly girls' soccer

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Life hasn't been the same since former Buhl High soccer standout Paula Alania left home. Nor has it been easy.

The goals are a little tougher to come by. And the homework takes a little more time.

But Alania, now a junior at Bishop Kelly High in Boise, says it's a move she's getting used to. "It's very different," Alania, 16, said. "It's been kind of tedious. I've been home-schooled since second grade so all the note-taking and homework is different."

On the field, the transition has been easier. Though she didn't make the varsity team this season, Alania has excelled on the junior varsity squad, scoring five goals in 13 games. For most of those contests, she's been a starter. She might have started them all had she not suffered a concussion in a Sept. 6 game against Boise.

"I went past (a defender) and the girl slid me from slightly behind," Alania said. "And she flipped me ... I landed on my head, neck and shoulder."

The injury put Alania out of contention for two games. Recovery has been slow. She's only scored one goal since, but



said she's feeling more comfortable and getting more of her touch back every day.

Even though the move has given her an opportunity to get a better education and play a more competitive brand of soccer, Alania said there are still things she misses about home. "I miss a lot of things," said Alania, who's living with her grandparents now. "I miss my friends ... There are all new people (here) and you kind of feel like an outsider."

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MARTIAL ARTS PICNIC

Master Dan Lonney of Burley demonstrates an advanced knife-dismantling technique on attacker Sean Kay, also of Burley, at the Annual Intermountain Martial Arts picnic held at Dierkes Lake. This year's event drew around 150 martial art students from northern Idaho.



Next Frame prevails

The mixed doubles teams battled it out at the Bowldrome last weekend to share in an \$880 prize fund.

The Next Frame team rolled into first place with a score of 2,736. Team members were Scott Henning, Kay Puschel, Charles Henning and Hank Marion. For their win they will receive \$400.

Second place went to the Burley team known as the Three T's — Jim Thompson, Floyd and Brandee Thomas and Carol Squire. They'll divide \$240 for their team total of 2,726.

The Gutter Dogs, Monica and Rich Morrow and Margaret and Dewey Watson, rolled 2,704 to win \$160 and third place. Rounding out the prize list in fourth place at 2,656 was the BAKJAK team. All were Thompsons — Blaine, Bobbie, Kathleen and Jerry.

In other bowling news, if there were an award for the love of bowling, Rich Farnsworth would be first in line. His 1999-2000 ending average was 178. But very painful arm problem. He is now under a doctor's care and hopes to get that left arm back to bowling. His love of the game has kept him going, however, and



LET'S GO BOWLING Thelma Tucker

now he's learning all over again — right-handed.

Hang in there, Rich, we all encourage and admire you!

Junior leagues at Bonanza Lanes in Burley started last Saturday. However, they will still accept bowlers. Cost is \$40 per child, which includes eight weeks of bowling, sanctioning and a T-shirt. Call 678-8395 and get those juniors signed up.

Finally, just a reminder of the adult Junior Halloween No Tap at the Bowldrome on Oct. 28. Action starts at 2 p.m. Also, those Idaho State Senior Championship entries need to be in by this weekend.

So let's go bowling!
Thelma Tucker writes a weekly bowling column for The Times-News. You can contact her at 733-4257, by email at tucker@magidink.com or by fax at 733-3197.

Rapids end the season with two ties, win, loss

Twin Falls Rapids 2; Wood River 1
Wood River 3; Twin Falls Rapids 0

The Twin Falls Rapids ended their season with a 1-1 series record against Wood River. Midfielder Kody Graham scored from outside the eighteen.

Assistant coach Tom Wunderlich said Chandler Warr played a strong midfield and improved the most throughout the season. The teams met again two hours later with Wood River hoping for its first victory against the Rapids team. Twin Falls played well with strong play by Art Corrie, Blake Packer, and Conner Watkins but Wood River overpowered a flat Twin Falls team. Eagle Rock was the official sponsor of the Rapids.

TFJH (U-13 girls) 3; Wood River JH 0
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The TFJH girls ended their season on a winning note, as second-half goals by Alyssa Anderson,

Abbey Waters and Kristi Grindstaff broke the confidence of the junior-high team from Wood River. Dominating midfield play by Hannah Evans and Angie Hegman were also key to the victory.

In the second match, TFJH looked to avenge an early season loss to Caldwell but had to settle for a tie on a late goal. Eri Donnelly turned back at least three sure crowd when she retreated to the goal to turn back a possible goal that was deflected off the hands of Donnelly.

In Sarah LaMarche's last match as coach of this group of girls, she expressed pleasure in how the team improved throughout the season. Kurt's Pharmacy and the booster clubs from Robert Stuart and O'Leary Junior high were the official sponsors of season.



Kelly, Jerome rule tourney

The Times-News

GOODING — The twosome of Kevin Kelly and Scott Jerome paired up to shoot a gross 141 and win the Gooding Best Ball golf tourney last weekend at Gooding Country Club.

Second gross in the championship flight were Kerry Daniel and Nelson Childs with a 144, while Andy Fink and Clay Pond fired a 122 for low-net honors. Second net with 123 were Thornley Williams and Ed Nost, while lap went to Bill Kinyon and Dan Gross with a 59.

Stan Ayers and Rich Roberts tied 152 for a share of first gross in the first flight with Roger Banner and Rob McCoy. First net with a 119 were Larry Simis and Mel Marshall, followed by Gary Yost and Daryl Erikson, who recorded a 122. Lap were Kevin Koonce and Tim Pereira with a 60.

Gordon Elfinger and Tom Northcut carded a 158 to win the second flight gross, two strokes ahead of Mike and David Butler. First net were Ron Cook and Kevin VanHooser with 116.

Joe Andrusen with a 120, and Jeff Wilson and Charlie Cutler collected lap honors with a 59.

Foursomes finish close at Vineyard tourney
GLENNIS FERRY — The races for first, second and third were hotly contested on Sunday at the Members Only Tournament at Vineyard Greens Golf Course.

First gross with a 55 were Rick and Lisa Burke and Jon and Gert Breanan. Second with a 58 were Jack and Lori Wilson. Oscar Ogden and Mary Blackwell, while Will Spalding, Gordon Brown, Betty Browne and Mary Janousek nailed down third with a 63.

Low net went to Stan and Leslyn teamed for a 24. Roger Jones, Jody Allen, Jimmy Orr and Debbie Walter were second net with a 29.2, and Dave and Hazel Bush and Dan and Peggy Campbell shot a 31.1 for third.

Jones, LaMoynes win best-ball event
TWIN FALLS — The foursome of Kevin and Kim Jones and Henri and Maria LeMoynes made the most of an Indian summer afternoon Sunday, carding a nine-hole 23 to win the annual Frost is on the Pumpkin Best-Nine

Local golf happenings

Couples Scramble at Candleridge Golf Course.

Second gross were Eric Hovey, Beth Beck and Dick and Betty Pettit. Roy McDowell, Carolyn Satterfield and Jim and Gayle Lee earned first net, followed by Doug Bryson, Ronya Taylor and Troy and Laura Bartlett.

The next couples event at Candleridge will be the Howling at the Moon tourney Oct. 28. With a noon shotgun start, the format will be four-person teams playing nine-holes-of team best ball and nine of scramble. Call the pro shop at 733-6377 to enter.

Clear Lake ladies conclude golf season

JUHL — The Clear Lake Ladies Golf Association wrapped up its weekly play Oct. 12 with a nine-hole scramble. Oleta Roberts, Marge Skinner and Betty Lou Wilson took first gross with 31. Coming in with 33 were Eddie Whitney, Janice Stover, Freida Walden and Phyllis Taylor. Low net were Joyce and Bev Gandiga, Rose Block and Jeanne Alban.

Most improved golfers for the year awards were handed out at a meeting following play. Honored were Rita Schvaneveldt and Karna Koch. A presentation was also made to club champion and medalist Oleta Roberts. New officers for the year are Phyllis Taylor (pres.), Bev Gandiga (vice pres.), and Donna Pierce (secy.treas.).

A new member on the tournament committee is Joann Cannon, with Deb Richards and Nicola Wierman.

Mary Potucek was high winner at the bridge table and Rose Stoney took second. Rose McClain was the winner of the penny pot.

Henderson holes out at Pleasant Valley

KIMBERLY — Dave Henderson recorded a hole in one at Pleasant Valley Golf Course on Saturday during the Pleasant Valley Men's Association's closing scramble.

Henderson aceed the sixth hole with a 3-iron. Witnessing the shot were Kirby Nebeker, Vic Darnall and Will Eaton. Henderson's team also won the scramble with a 62.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Automobile accident injures three from TF

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls woman was in serious condition in the intensive care unit of a Boise hospital Wednesday after being injured in an early-morning automobile accident.

Kasey Weeks, 23, was taken by LifeFlight to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise after the one-vehicle crash at 12:15 a.m. Wednesday near 131 South Grand View Dr. in Twin Falls, said Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Nancy Howell.

Weeks and Dustin Schetmer, 24, of Twin Falls, were passengers in the vehicle driven by Penny Hollon, 29, also of Twin Falls, Howell said. Hollon apparently lost control and the vehicle hit a brick building near the side of the road, she said.

Hollon and Schetmer were taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Hollon was listed Wednesday in fair condition, while Schetmer had been treated and released, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Hollon faces a charge of aggravated driving under the influence, Howell said.

Elderly man's family seeks help finding him

TWIN FALLS - The family of a missing elderly Soda Springs man and law enforcement officials are seeking the public's help in finding him.

Roy McAllister, 73, was last seen Saturday in Malad, according to a news release.

McAllister's sister, Tutty McAllister of Twin Falls, said Roy McAllister has family all over the Magic Valley and might have been headed here to close a land purchase. Roy McAllister and his brother own a construction company in Rupert, she said.

Roy McAllister is 5 feet, 9 inches tall and weighs 150 pounds. He has brown eyes, gray sideburns and salt and pepper graying hair. He wears dentures and requires a hearing aid, which he might have been without. He also requires regular medical attention because of a colonoscopy. He was last seen wearing big overalls and a baseball cap.

Roy McAllister was last seen driving a 1992 Dodge diesel extended cab pickup. The license plate number is 3C44GT. The truck is blue and gray and has a large fuel tank blocking the rear window. It has body primer on the front and rear. "McAllister" is written on both sides of the truck.

Information about Roy McAllister should be reported immediately to the Caribou County Sheriff's Office at 208-547-2561 or the State Police at 735-3050, or any other law enforcement agency.

Volunteers sought to help with testing plan

TWIN FALLS - The State Board of Education is looking for volunteers to serve on a committee that will develop a statewide testing plan for new public school achievement standards.

Development of a testing plan to accompany the new state standards is generating controversy in Idaho - as it has done in other states. Students would be required to pass state tests to graduate.

The Commission for Assessment will be working with a specialist who will act as a consultant for the State Board of Education. Commissioners will be asked to make a long-term commitment to the appointment and be prepared to travel to several meetings a year. Travel expenses will be reimbursed according to standard state policies. This is a voluntary, unpaid service position.

Applicants can be selected to serve two-year terms or term lengths determined by the board. One commissioner will be chosen from each of the state's six geographical school district regions. The other three commissioners will be chosen as at-large members.

Applicants can submit a letter of interest outlining personal background, community involvement, and educational interests. Letters are due before Nov. 1. Selection review will be ongoing, so the State Board encourages potential volunteers to submit applications as soon as possible. Application materials can be sent to Gregory G. Fitch, Executive Director, State Board of Education, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, 83720-0037.

Compiled from staff reports

Commissioners prepare for re-election bid

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - For new commissioners Gary Grindstaff and Bill Brockman, the orientation period has been a challenge.

The longtime residents and new commissioners, both appointed to the job by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, have been facing a slew of contentious issues: budget cuts, problems with the Southern Idaho Regional Communication Center, the regional 911 dispatch center; and a continually prob-

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lematic county livestock issue. Now, in the Nov. 7 election, they face opponents who have been active critics of large-scale livestock operations: independent candidate Bill Chisholm faces Grindstaff, and write-in independent Mike Ihler faces Brockman. "This job is so different than anything I've ever done in my life," said Brockman, appointed in November 1999. "But it kind of grows on you. It kind of makes you want to go to work in the

morning. I don't like the controversies and hurting people's feelings. But you're the one who has to make those decisions and I guess I'm beginning to like those responsibilities."

Grindstaff, appointed in February, is hoping people will take into consideration the job the commissioners have done, and are working to do.

"They have been telling us that we're doing the best job we can. There are certain laws we have to follow; we can't just go outside of those and do what we want to," Grindstaff said.

Both incumbents say the job has been stressful, and both challengers are aware of the

headaches that go with the job.

So why are they running? "I don't really want the job," Ihler said. "I'd rather be out farming. But there comes a time when you see these things happening and nothing is being done about it and you need to get involved."

As a longtime environmental activist - who, like Ihler, has been active in the debate over the 3-year-old county livestock ordinance - Chisholm said he knows how to handle contention.

"I would be an activist commissioner. No, let me put it another way - I would be an active commissioner," said Chisholm, of Buhl, who has run for several county and state positions before.

The two challengers could face an uphill climb in a predominantly Republican county. But an upset would change not only the debate over issues such as dairies, but the working relationship on the three-member commission.

"If (Chisholm) wins, it wouldn't change my goals or philosophies," Brockman said. "I guess I would change the question around - would he be able to work with me?"

"I think Bill Brockman and I have a good enough relationship where we could sit down at the table and discuss the issues," Chisholm said.

CAREER DECISIONS



Neil Mogensen, left, talks to Carl Berrier, a recruiter for ITT Technical Institute, at a career fair Wednesday night at Twin Falls High School. Students talked with representatives from colleges all over the region as well as recruiters from several branches of the military.

Twin Falls resident, Santa performer dies

By Brandon Flala
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Christmas may be a little less complete this year.

A popular Twin Falls resident who has played Santa Claus every Christmas for 11 years died Tuesday.

Wesley Hirschhorn faithfully put on a red Santa outfit each year, but friends and family say he wasn't acting.

"He was honestly Santa Claus. You couldn't look at him and not know it," said his wife, Geri Hirschhorn.

Hirschhorn was even mistaken for the jolly round fellow when he wasn't performing.

"He grew a beard in the wintertime to go hunting and we were going through the line at a

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buffet restaurant on Blue Lakes when a little kid there said he looked like Santa Claus, and I stepped back and told him he did too," Hirschhorn said.

Hirschhorn performed as Santa for any group that asked him, including the Special Olympics, Boy Scouts and local banks.

"That was the highlight of his year," Hirschhorn said. "One performance stands out."

A woman in her mid-20s in the Special Olympics program told Wesley Hirschhorn that she had never stopped believing in Santa Claus. The woman's response brought tears to people's eyes, Geri Hirschhorn said.

Wesley Hirschhorn first started performing as Santa Claus in California in the early 80s, Geri Hirschhorn said. He never accepted money.

The Hirschhorns moved to Twin Falls in 1993, where Wesley Hirschhorn continued his role as Santa Claus.

"People in church would ask him if he would perform as Santa, and he would say he is Santa," Geri Hirschhorn said.

The longer Wesley Hirschhorn performed, the more popular he became.

"It just snowballed," Geri Hirschhorn said. "Every year he

would add more people and some nights he would go to four or five houses."

Wesley Hirschhorn performed from early December until Christmas Eve each year.

"He was great with our niece and nephew," said Brad Stimpson of Kimberly. "He did a great job."

Hirschhorn visited the Stimpson home accidentally, not realizing the home's former occupants had moved, Stimpson said.

"I knew who he was though because my mother lived by him," Stimpson said. "In my book, he was a great Santa Claus."

Times-News writer Brandon Flala can be reached in Twin Falls at 735-3246.

Judge delays malpractice trial

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A medical malpractice trial involving a Burley doctor originally scheduled for Oct. 30.

The case involving family practitioner Wendell Wells, who has been sued by Pam and Don Swenson of Burley, will be rescheduled for sometime after Feb. 1, 2001, said 5th District Judge J. William Hart.

The Swensons are alleging Wells misdiagnosed Don Swenson's illness.

In a complaint dated November 1997 and filed in 5th District Court in Minidoka County, the Swensons say Wells failed to "consider the possibility that (the) plaintiff's symptoms were indicative of non-Hodgkins lymphoma," did not conduct an exam and failed to recognize Don Swenson's needs were beyond the physician's scope of care.

Wells was not at Tuesday's hearing and his receptionist said

Wednesday that Wells said he couldn't talk about the suit. But in an April 1998 affidavit, Wells denied the Swensons' allegations. "My treatment and care of Don A. Swenson complied in all respects with the standard of health care practice applicable to physicians engaged in the medical specialty of family practice in Burley," Wells wrote.

Wells had filed a motion for the delay in order to obtain medical documents from the Swensons and other medical documents that would support Wells' defense, Wells' attorney Hans Mitchell said in court Tuesday. The Swensons' Boise attorney, Debra Carnahan, said she did not oppose the motion because some of the records she sent through the mail had been lost. Carnahan also said there were documents she hadn't received from the defendant.

The trial had been originally set for May 30.

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Burley skate park may only cost half as much

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The price tag for a Burley skate park just got marked down.

Burley officials developing a skate park for Burley once thought a concrete park for skateboarders and in-line skaters would cost close to \$200,000.

But a recent look at skate parks in Utah showed that the facility the size Burley wants to build would be \$10 per square foot, or about \$90,000, said city administrator Mark Mitton.

The original figure was based on estimates from representative firms of Purkiss-Rose Landscape Architect, the California company that recently completed a design for Burley's skate park. The differ-

ence was due to the materials that are typically used, Mitton said.

That design, which cost the city \$6,000, will now cost the city a little more to have tweaked. Utah architect Brent Morris recently told the city the design was too geared toward intermediate and advanced level skateboarders, Mitton said.

Morris met with city officials, parents and young people Wednesday to find out what the people of Burley want in a skate park.

Morris said he's seen skate parks geared for advanced skateboarders. He cites the skate park in Ogden, Utah, as an example. As a result, some young people travel to Brigham City to use the park there, he

said. "Something needs to be done."

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DEQ works on guidelines

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The state Department of Environmental Quality is working on guidelines that will hopefully help control odors at dairies and other livestock operations, the agency's regional administrator said Wednesday.

But Doug Howard of the DEQ said the tricky part will come in trying to enforce those guidelines.

"It will be a win-win situation for everybody if the county can get the operations to operate without strong odors," Howard told a group of county, state and city officials at a discussion about livestock operation regulations Wednesday. "How we get there, I don't know."

Howard said the DEQ's guidelines include sending out "trained sniffers" to sites that receive odor complaints. The "trained sniffers" are agricultural workers who will attempt to work with the operation on its waste management and odor control plans if there is a noticeable problem.

If the operation continues to be a nuisance the Department of Agriculture can take legal action.

Under state rules, no industrial or animal operation can emit gaseous odors into the air.

But actually enforcing those rules has, to Howard's knowledge, not yet been successful. In some cases, farmers are working with the operations, nothing else can really be done, Howard and others said Wednesday.

"As a county administrator, the thing that concerns me is the level of frustration in the county," said Bill Crafton, Twin Falls County planning and zoning director. "I think some things need to be done on a state level. Otherwise you're going to see an explosion that is going to affect a lot of people."

The odor issue has hit a boiling point among residents in Twin Falls County and other Magic Valley counties. Residents and officials have long complained about strong odors from dairies.

Nothing can be done in court until bad operations down.

The Department of Agriculture has authority to cite animal operations that are in violation of state surface and

lotion of enforcing state surface and enforcing odor rules will be tough because of the state's nuisance waiver for agricultural operations in the Farm to Farm law.



"The Right to Farm Act does a real service to Idaho," Howard said. "But it may need to be tweaked a bit."

Until more stringent laws and regulations are drawn up, residents and officials will just have to sit back and wait it out.

Twin Falls County Commissioner Gary Grindstaff said he was hopeful the new guidelines would help the county. "There is a bad odor problem in the county," Grindstaff said Wednesday. "Something needs to be done."

Commissioner candidates Q&A

Incumbent Republican Gary Grindstaff will face Independent Bill Chisholm for the Twin Falls County District 1 commissioner's seat. Twin Falls County commissioners are paid \$39,390 a year.

About the candidates	Does the county have enough autonomy to regulate confined animal feeding operations, or does it need more help from the state?	How can the county's budget be controlled? Should the county investigate increasing user fees?	Should the county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center buy Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital?	Should Twin Falls County continue to participate in the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center, or look at starting its own 911 dispatching in the future?
 <p>Age: 60 Occupation: Former Political experience: Former Chairman of the Idaho Soil Conservation Commission, Regional chairman, Idaho Republican Party, Incumbent commissioner, appointed in February.</p> <p>Gary Grindstaff</p>	<p>He said the county needs more help from the state. "One of our problems is enforcement. We're finding that our ordinances are hard to enforce. You have to go through the court system to get things enforced."</p>	<p>Commissioners are attempting to control the budget this year by keeping department spending in line and with budget cuts. Grindstaff said the county should look at increasing planning and zoning user fees, including building permits and administration fees.</p>	<p>"If Magic Valley look over the clinic it would make it (hospital) more efficient because it would have more doctors in there to compete and in my mind it would bring the medical costs down in the Magic Valley."</p>	<p>"I think we should still continue to try to keep SIRCOMM in place. It's saved a few lives, especially in the outlying areas, like Castleford, that didn't really have coverage before. It has had some bugs and still has some bugs to work out, but we should continue to use it."</p>
 <p>Age: 54 Occupation: Carpenter, yoga instructor. Political experience: None. Has run unsuccessfully for various local and legislative offices.</p> <p>Bill Chisholm</p>	<p>"The county commissioners have enough clout to handle the issue and fix it. But there could be some increased assistance from the state. The county should be able to make these guys clean up their act or shut them down."</p>	<p>"There's always room to do it better." Chisholm said the wasteful spending should be cut out of departments, while keeping valuable resources.</p>	<p>"If it's going to increase the quality of service and fill a gap that's not being filled, then I guess you could look at it in a positive light. But if it's just to expand the tentacles of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, then that is not reason enough."</p>	<p>"In my mind, you should see if you can work out some of the problems. I really think all problems are solvable. There has to be a genuine commitment on all the players' part."</p>

TF Junior Club hosts sculpture gala event

TWIN FALLS - The Junior Club of Twin Falls is hosting a Millennium Sculpture Project gala at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Main Street Plaza on Main Avenue.

The event will support fundraising efforts for the sculpture project. The Magic Valley Arts Council has committed to raising \$100,000 to make the project a reality. A \$20,000 grant from the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation is paying for the artist's stipend. A light dinner will be served Saturday featuring Falls Brand Prime Rib of Pork. A no host bar will be available and dance music will be provided by Mr. D.J. A carriage ride around the sculpture sites in City Park and on the corner of Main Avenue and Shoshone Street. Tickets are \$20 for the semiformal event.

A silent auction will feature calligraphy by millennium sculpture artist Ted Clausen. Tickets are available at the Magic Valley Arts Council's new office in the Main Street Plaza or by phone at 734-2787.

Valley in brief

challenges facing the county and region."

Brockman faces write-in candidate Mike Ihler and Grindstaff faces incumbent candidate Bill Chisholm in November.

Secretary charged with stealing almost \$58,000

HAILEY (AP) - The secretary for the Hailey Cemetery Maintenance District has been charged with embezzling nearly \$58,000.

Donna Rae Murphy, 63, of Richfield, is scheduled to be arraigned Oct. 30 in 5th District Court on two counts of grand theft and 36 counts of forgery. She remains free on \$5,000 bond.

The alleged incidents occurred between Oct. 19, 1998, and July 28, 2006. Sgt. Ron Taylor, a Blaine County sheriff's deputy, said Murphy admitted making out checks from the cemetery district's account to herself and family members, James Stuart, and cashing them in Twin Falls.

She allegedly told Taylor she had taken \$16,000 to \$17,000 from the cemetery district, but that she had paid it back.

Murphy could not be reached for comment.

Blaine County Treasurer Vicki Dick said the cemetery district levied almost \$140,000 in taxes in 1999 and almost \$126,500 through September this year.



Volunteers sought to help with testing plan

TWIN FALLS - The State Board of Education is looking for volunteers to serve on a committee that will develop a statewide testing plan for new public school achievement standards.

- compiled from staff reports

Commissioner candidates Q&A

Incumbent Twin Falls County Commissioner Bill Brockman, appointed 11 months ago to the District 3 commission seat, will face independent write-in candidate Mike Ihler in the Nov. 7 general election. Commissioners are paid \$39,390 a year.

About the candidates	Does the county have enough autonomy to regulate confined animal feeding operations, or does it need more help from the state?	How can the county's budget be controlled? Should the county investigate increasing user fees?	Should the county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center buy Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital?	Should Twin Falls County continue to participate in the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center, or look at starting its own 911 dispatching in the future?
 <p>Age: 65 Occupation: Semi-retired rancher. Political experience: Named county commissioner in November 1999, replacing Commissioner Dennis Maughan.</p> <p>Bill Brockman</p>	<p>More needs to be done, on the state level, in setting up regulations to control odors at dairies.</p>	<p>"We don't think the budget is out of control. The few cuts we could make, we already made this year. We definitely need to explore increasing the user fees, like building permit fees."</p>	<p>"I haven't even seen the figures on that. I'm not sure the Magic Valley hospital board even had all the figures to make a judgment call on that. It's way too early to speculate."</p>	<p>"That's not even an option because SIRCOMM is working. But I think we're working through the problems we have."</p>
 <p>Age: 40 Occupation: Farmer. Political experience: None.</p> <p>Mike Ihler</p>	<p>"Because we start getting rules put in county to county... (It) messes everything up... There needs to be more input from the state on regulating animal operations."</p>	<p>The county's officials should start small and then build up when looking at the budget. Ihler said the county should look into increasing user fees.</p>	<p>He said he didn't have enough information to comment about a possible purchase.</p>	<p>The most economically feasible thing would be to work with SIRCOMM and look to improve it."</p>

Denver official to oversee fire prevention plans

WASHINGTON (AP) - The former head of the U.S. Forest Service's Rocky Mountain region will oversee the agency's \$1.1 billion effort to reduce fire dangers in national forests, officials announced Wednesday.

Lyle Lavery, who headed the Forest Service regional office in Denver, also led a team that came up with a new fire prevention plan for the Forest Service in the wake of this year's devastating string of blazes across the West.

In his new post - so he doesn't have a job title yet - Lavery will coordinate Forest Service efforts to ease the overcrowded forest conditions that contribute to fires. Fires charred 6.96 million acres this year.

Next year's plans include treating 1.8 million Forest Service acres as well as areas where housing developments are spreading into forests or in watersheds that provide drinking water for growing Western

cities like Denver, Albuquerque and Seattle.

Lavery acknowledged that the total is just a fraction of the 89 million acres of Forest Service land at moderate to high risk of catastrophic fires, or the 26 million acres of that which are the agency's top priority.

"It's an enormous task, as you can imagine," Lavery said in a telephone interview Wednesday. "We've got about a hundred years of changed conditions on the land, and we have to deal with that."

He was referring to the long-standing federal policy to suppress wildfires, which Lavery said is the main culprit for forests which have gone in some areas from 1,000 trees per acre to as many as 100 trees per acre. Western Republicans have complained about federal policies restricting logging in national forests also have contributed to the problem.

Both Democrats and Republicans praised Lavery's selection.

State settles defamation claim

BOISE (AP) - The state of Idaho has settled a defamation claim by paying an engineering firm \$300,000, settling what many believe is an unprecedented public apology and barring two employees from ever dealing with the company again.

In making the settlement, the Department of Environmental Quality did not admit any liability for a Feb. 12, 1998, letter that prompted the legal action by J-U-B Engineering Inc.

"Clearly, neither one of us agreed with the allegations of Steve Allred said on Wednesday. "But we made a business decision and got on with business."

The settlement followed rejection of the state's bid to have the damage claim dismissed. Judge District Judge Eismann did throw out two of the allegations lodged by J-U-B against the state in his Aug. 7 ruling. He let stand the charge that the letter essentially accused the company of overcharging the city of McCall for work on a multimil-

lion-dollar sewer improvement project.

The letter was written by then-Regional Engineer Jim Peterson, who has since resigned. In addition to him, J-U-B also cited his superior, Regional Administrator Stephen West, Assistant Administrator Jim Johnston and then-Administrator Wally Coy.

Allred replaced Coy when he was elected governor nearly two years ago. The settlement prohibits West and Johnston from reviewing any J-U-B contracts or plans and specifications. That work must be done by a third party, which can be compensated only for its review work and not for any other work on the specific project. Peterson's letter prompted the city to hire a Washington-based engineering company to review J-U-B's work. Within months, the city terminated its contract with the review firm. Peterson is a friend of the now-dismissed McCall city manager.

Trial

Continued from C1

"We're not happy at all," Pam Swenson said Tuesday of the most recent delay.

Pam Swenson said last week her husband's health is continuing to deteriorate.

The Swensons are seeking damages for medical expenses, loss of earnings, physical pain and suffering, mental anguish, attorney's fees and the cost of the suit.

The Swensons are letting the jury decide on the dollar amount, Carahan said.

According to the Swensons' complaint, Don Swenson began complaining in July 1995 of episodes of chest pain, fever, night sweats and coughing. Mitchell declined to comment Wednesday on the specific allegations mentioned in the suit while the matter is being litigated.

The Swensons said Wells diagnosed Don Swenson's condition as bronchitis and prescribed a medication appropriate to that ailment, the complaint said.

Park

Continued from C1

"Hopefully we can take your ideas and mesh them into a wonderful facility that everyone can enjoy," Morris said.

An investment in a redesign might save the city a lot more money in the long run, Mitton said.

In addition to the design work, the city of Borley has budgeted \$90,000 over two years for construction. The rest of the money will come from fund-raising.

No money has been raised so far, said Councilwoman Adria Masoner, who is also on the recreation committee.

Organizers have been waiting to know the exact cost of the project before soliciting donations, she said.

Organizers have been

encouraging young people to take ownership in the park through their comments and fund-raising efforts.

As part of the fund-raising, young people will offer their services to businesses in exchange for donations, Masoner said.

The city may also allow residents to contribute to the project by donating money through their utility bills. Local construction companies will also be asked to contribute to the project.

Those who would like to make donations should contact Mitton at 678-2224.

Times-News writer Ruth Streeter can be reached at the Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042, Ext. 109, or by e-mail at rstreeter@magicvalley.com.

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- If you have flat hair, try putting a little baby powder at the roots. This will give you more volume.
- If you want to prevent split-ends, always use a wide-tooth comb after washing your hair.
- If you blow-dry your hair, start at the roots, you will give it more body and allow your hair to dry more quickly.
- If you have build-up in your hair, try a cup of apple cider vinegar in your rinse. No more build up. The apple cider vinegar will give your hair some shine, too!

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- If you use eye liner, only line the bottom lid half way across. This will make your eyes look fuller.
- If you need to dry nail polish quickly, dip your nails in ice water.
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Indian dancers converge on Elko this weekend

By Karen Terrell
Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. - Indian dancers from throughout the West and Canada will wear their colorful traditional dress this weekend to participate in the Elko Te-Moak Powwow. Organizers estimate more than 500 dancers will participate in the event.

"Thanks to the support of the Elko Band Council, we are able to host the fall powwow once again," Melanie Tom said Wednesday. She explained that the annual event had to be canceled about three years ago because of a lack of participants and money.

"The council has provided the committee with physical support as well as helping out financially. Their interest in the community has enabled us to go forward with the traditional pageant of Native American culture," Tom said.

Being one of the last powwows prior to winter the event will bring many dancers into Elko, Tom said. In previous years up to 600 people have competed in the various categories and the grand entry each day. The powwow attracts dancers of all ages with competition open to dancers over 55 as well as other age groups including toddlers.

In addition to the dance competition, Elko Colony girls will compete for the titles of queen and princess of the powwow. The

Just the facts

The Elko Te-Moak Powwow will be held Friday through Sunday at the Indian Colony Gym at 504 Sunset St. in Elko. Grand entries are scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday. Dance competition will follow each day. A community breakfast will be held from 9-11 a.m. Saturday. The public is invited to watch the festivities and there is no charge for any of the events including breakfast.

winner will be crowned Saturday evening. The new royalty will lead the grand entry on Sunday, Tom said.

The host drum will be Little Island Cree from Loom Lake, Saskatchewan. Donny Stanley from California will emcee and Alex O. Shepherd from Utah will be the arena director.

Booths offering Native American food, including Indian tacos, as well as native crafts and artwork will be open during the three-day event.

Tom said community support for the powwow has been "great" with many local business owners helping with rooms for the participants as well as other support.

Times-News correspondent Karen Terrell can be reached in Elko, Nev. at 775-730-2733.

Board suggests protection for Idaho rivers

BOISE (AP) - Acknowledging the history of political resistance, the state Environmental Quality Board on Wednesday voted to recommend only two wilderness stream segments for protection under Idaho's highest water quality standards.

The so-called outstanding resource water designation for the Selway River and four tributaries within the Selway-Bitterroot watershed and the Middle Fork of the Salmon River and four tributaries within the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness are the first to be submitted to the nation's most Republican Legislature since

Republican Dirk Kempthorne became governor 22 months ago.

The rivers are also the least controversial selections for consideration by a Legislature that has refused to enact the protection for any stream segment in the 11 years that authority has existed. The same Selway-Middle Fork proposal was rejected by lawmakers four years ago.

"This will further test the political will of the Legislature to deal with this issue," said board member Randy MacMillan, research director for Clear Springs Foods fish hatchery in Bullh.

Kempthorne has not commented on the nominations, but con-

servators maintain he recognizes their value.

The Idaho Conservation League and Idaho Rivers United had also petitioned for the St. Joe River in northern Idaho, the South Fork of the Snake River in eastern Idaho and the three forks of the headwaters of Boise River in central Idaho.

But board members made it clear in July that in light of the problems wilderness water designations have faced, it would make little sense to propose the designation - and the land use restrictions that would accompany it - for rivers running through private and even public land that is cur-

rently open to multiple use. Considering the existing use restrictions in the Selway and Middle Fork outstanding resource waters would be largely symbolic. But they conceded that if lawmakers could be convinced to take that step, it would be a major political victory and could pave the way for review of more sensitive streams. And Marti Bridges of Idaho Rivers United warned that if this proposal fails, conservationists could mount an initiative drive to impose the designation in the ball box in 2002.

Lawyer: Spokane man will plead guilty today to murders

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - Robert L. Yates Jr. will express remorse when he pleads guilty to 13 murders and one attempted murder, his lawyer said Wednesday.

Yates has asked to make a statement during the plea hearing today in Spokane County Superior Court, Public Defender Richard Fasy said. "He wants to express remorse," Fasy said. "He realizes he's done some horrible things... he feels for the family members of the victims."

Yates will be sentenced Oct. 26 to more than 400 years in prison, but the plea bargain ensures he will escape the death penalty for those crimes, Spokane County Prosecutor Steve Tucker said Wednesday.

The agreement doesn't cover two slayings in Pierce County and one more in Spowas tied to the unearthed Monday in Yates' Spokane yard.

The decomposed body was found using a map drawn by Yates, but a Tuesday autopsy failed to positively identify the remains as those of Melody Murlin, 43, a prostitute who had been missing for two years.

Yates, but a Tuesday autopsy failed to positively identify the remains as those of Melody Murlin, 43, a prostitute who had been missing for two years. Tucker said Wednesday, however, Tucker said yesterday found with the corpse matched jewelry described by Murlin's relatives.

"Last night by telephone, family members verified the rings she had on and the necklace," Tucker said. "Everything matches."

Idaho teen saves siblings, neighbors from downed line

POCATELLO (AP) - Cassy Cole thought she had avoided being shocked up until a surprise recognition from Idaho Power Co. for protecting her family and neighbors from a severed electrical line.

Utility officials visited Century High School on Tuesday to thank Cole, 16, in her zoology class.

On Sept. 13, just moments after her parents finished going out to dinner, lightning hit the line which cast stray currents through the ground.

Cassy heard a buzzing outside when the line broke and looked outside to see flames coming

over the fence. She gathered her siblings and other children away from the line and called 911.

"I just did what I've been taught - stay away from it and call someone who knows what to do," Cole said.

Idaho Power workers responded and were relieved to control what had been a potentially lethal incident.

"I could hear the power line arcing on the ground. I was afraid to look over the fence for what I would see," line crew foreman Mark Turner said.

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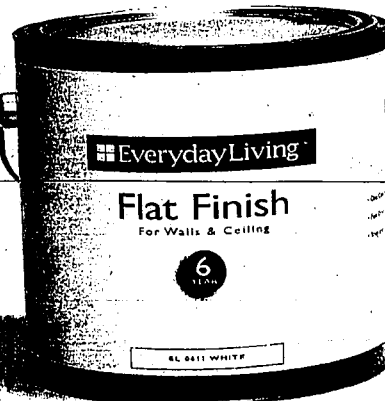
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IDAHO / WEST



Nick Black takes his dog Clyde for a walk in downtown Idaho Falls, Idaho, Sunday. Black said that his younger sister had dyed his dog pink on Friday while he was gone and was quite surprised when he returned. The pair got lots of stares as they went for their walk.

Police find dead infant's mother

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - City police are investigating whether a newborn baby girl found dead in a Dumpster Tuesday was stillborn or if it ever breathed.

It is the second time since 1998 that a dead infant has been discovered in a trash bin in Idaho Falls.

Police Lt. Steve Roos said an autopsy in Pocatello will help determine what charges should be brought against the baby's mother.

The baby, whose umbilical cord was still attached, was born Sunday in the apartment of the 18-year-old woman shares with her father and brother.

The woman, who apparently hid her pregnancy from her family, left the baby in the Dumpster behind the complex Monday, Roos said. She has not been charged and is free while the investigation continues.

Kermit Villaneuve, 65, who discovered the infant Tuesday morning as he searched for aluminum cans, and then immediately placed the girl in a towel inside a black plastic garbage bag.

Police Lt. Jared Fuhrman said the mother was found Tuesday morning while officers knocked on doors of homes near the Dumpster. They asked residents if they knew anyone who was pregnant or had seen anything unusual. The woman's sister did not know anything.

After the officer walked away, he told his daughter of the baby. She cried and told him it was her infant. The father said he hugged his daughter and then immediately found the policeman.

The father said he noticed his daughter had put on weight but was unaware she was pregnant or had given birth.

Debbie Rhoades, then 19, pleaded guilty in 1998 to a misdemeanor illegal disposal of a body. Rhoades spent several weeks in jail. A murder charge against her was dismissed after a forensic pathologist ruled the baby was stillborn.

This time, such a pathologist has been called in immediately to do the autopsy.

Villaneuve said he made a route stop at the Dumpster to look for cans. When he slipped a small hole in the bag, it ripped open because of the weight of the baby. He shined his flashlight and, he said, it took a few seconds before he realized it was an infant.

City's water-boil order remains

POCATELLO (AP) - City officials say Arimo residents should continue to boil their water at least through Thursday.

They were advised on Oct. 10 that water was unsafe to drink following routine tests that revealed elevated counts of the local coliform, which may not be dangerous in itself but can indicate the presence of harmful bacteria.

Acting Mayor-Derald Armstrong said a natural spring that supplements the city's well was shut down as soon as the problem arose. Last weekend, the city drained a water storage tank and discovered a dead bird that had entered through a rusted screen.

"Sunday we drained the tank and increased chlorine," he said. "If water tests are within normal ranges through today, the boil order will be lifted."

Montana's state Land Board approves increase cabin fees

HELENA, Mont. (AP) - The state Land Board has endorsed an increase in lease rates for hundreds of cabin sites on state property to comply with last year's Montana Supreme Court ruling that the rates were too low.

The action means proposed regulations to enact the 43 percent increase will be subject to written public comment and hearings in Kalispell, Missoula and Billings before final approval.

The proposal raises the lease rate from 3.5 percent to 5 percent of appraised value. The existing rate has been unchanged for 11 years.

The increase drew criticism from some leaseholders, but board members said they have little choice but to boost the rates in order to fulfill their constitutional duty to get the most money possible from use of state lands.

The Idaho State Land Board is in the midst of imposing its own increase in lease rates for hundreds of lots on Payette and Priest lakes, although its plan calls for annual rents worth just 2.5 percent of the appraised value.

The Montana board agreed the five years to lessen the effect on lessees. Idaho lessees, many of them nonresidents, rejected phasing in the increase, which a number have not challenged.

Higher rates in Montana are necessary because the state Supreme Court last November overturned the existing leasing scheme because it failed to produce a fair market value for the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation to rewrite regulations on how much citizens pay

for certain uses of state land.

Clive Rooney, chief of the agency's Special-Use Bureau, said 5 percent was the consensus of the special committee that assessed the issue. He noted the costs of leases already increase annually as the value of improvements added by lessees goes up.

Monty Cassidy, who leases a cabin site near Seeley Lake, said the committee ignored the concerns of leaseholders. The higher rate is too much for many lessees on fixed income and will force some to abandon their leases, he said.

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Cattle will be rounded up after ranchers ignore BLM

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The hay-dryers are over for cattle grazing on public land in the drought-stricken Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

After warning ranchers for months to get their cattle off the land, the Bureau of Land Management is bringing in horses and helicopters to round up the animals. The Salt Lake Tribune reported Tuesday in a copyright story.

The livestock will then be taken to federal impound lots.

"We had been hopeful the ranchers would have done themselves," monument manager Kate Cannon said. "We gave them lots of opportunities to do it."

The impoundment, the first since the new monument was designated four years ago, follows more than \$5,000 in fines levied last week by the BLM against Gene Griffin and Quinn Griffin, both of Escalante, and Mark Bullock of Kanab.

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Groups play at the Jerome County Fairgrounds



JEROME - Playa Suave of Blackfoot and local band K-risma will play from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday at the Jerome County Fairgrounds. Advance tickets are \$10 and available at Video Mexico, Mercado in Jerome, El Arcech in Twin Falls and Video Centro in Wendell. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

Noticias

Author crosses multi-cultural barrier

Michela Serros launched her first book with a traditional Mexican coming out party. She held a *quinceañera*, with a court made up of 14 of her closest friends. All of them - men and women - wore traditional Mexican gowns.

But ask Serros to define herself and the word Latina doesn't even come up. Her answer is strictly all-American: "A corn-dog-loving, TV-watching romantic. I like everything on HBO... I'm picking my friends on... whether they have premium channels. It's not about values or credibility, but TV channels. I'll bring the corn dogs if you have HBO."

In fact, like many Latinos in the United States, Serros came of age in that space between traditional Mexican life and American mainstream - a place where brown-skinned people sometimes defy labels such as Chicana, Latina and Hispanic.

And her writing - humorous and sometimes irreverent glimpses of Chicano life - reflects an identity who is used to straddling two cultures. Sometimes more successfully than others. Serros is a fourth-generation Latina who lives in New York City. She grew up in Oxnard, Calif., a small agricultural town about an hour's drive north of Los Angeles. Both of her parents worked two jobs to provide for Serros and her sister.

Stories help Latino children find voice

LOS ANGELES - At Bell Gardens High School, teacher Natalia Vargas and Gigi Cronin, a



Vida Latina

visiting creative-writing teacher, hope that stories by Sandra Cisneros and Luis J. Rodriguez will resonate in the hearts and minds of a ninth-grade class.

Their assignment: to write 32-page picture books about their own names, which they will share with schoolchildren. But, first, Cronin knows she must get them hooked.

She reads Rodriguez's story of a Mexican girl, named America, who refuses to express herself in her Chicago school because she overhears her teacher referring to her as "an illegal."

"Why can a girl called America not belong in America?" the girl in the story asks.

Cronin's students are mesmerized. All 24, mostly boys, listen attentively for the ending. One girl has tears in her eyes.

A Puerto Rican poet in the story encourages America to express herself on paper: "When you use words to share feelings with somebody else, you are a poet, and poets belong to the whole world."

By the end of the story, America has found her voice in poetry. By the end of the lesson, the students apparently have also. Eagerly, they write their first drafts.

Helping Latinos fulfill dreams

Benedictine Sister helps low-income people at legal aid office in Twin Falls

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Sister Barbara Gonzales is simply known as Barbara Gonzales at the Legal Aid office in Twin Falls.

Gonzales is a Benedictine Sister of St. Gertrude's Monastery in Cottonwood. At Legal Aid, she helps low-income people with services related to employment problems, wage claims, access to public benefits, housing, health, education, consumer problems, disability and discrimination.

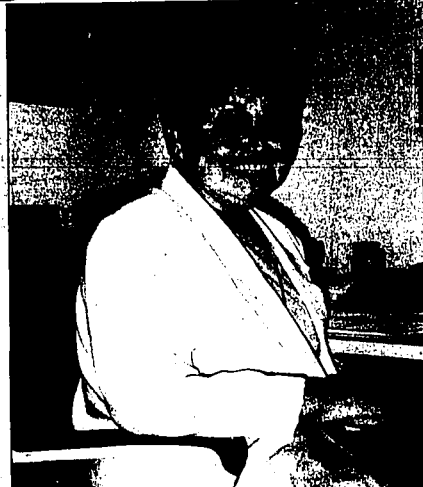
"Because my religious community's emphasis is on social justice issues, they have been very supportive to enable me to do this work. I do it as a representative of my sisters at the monastery," Gonzales says.

She is trying to help area Latinos recognize their dream for a better life, the sister adds.

Gonzales grew up in the Gooding and Shoshone areas, where she worked on a farm and in the fields.

"I can understand and relate to the migrant farm workers," she says. "I recognize the challenges and see that many of them didn't have many opportunities."

Gonzales spends two days in the office and three days traveling north to Sun Valley, east to Rupert and Burley and west to Glenn Ferry.



Sister Barbara Gonzales helps others at the Legal Aid office in Twin Falls.

"I try to go where the people are," Gonzales said. "A lot of my work is done on weekends and nights because that's when farm workers are available."

Education is a big part of her outreach.

"There is often a language barrier, the fact they don't have an education and they don't have an opportunity here, the work is very hard. They often put themselves in a situation where they're not able to help themselves just

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Legal Aid provides free legal services for low-income people. For more information, call 734-7024.

because they're not knowledgeable (about available services)," Gonzales says.

"She's made a tremendous difference," says Karen McCarthy, a Legal Aid attorney. "We had been without an outreach worker for a number of years. And unless you go out to migrant farm workers, you don't reach them so we have not been visible to them."

McCarthy says Gonzales has brought in approximately 30 cases in the past two months.

"It has really revitalized the entire section of law for us," McCarthy says. "She brings a lot of legal competence to this office."

"Personally, I feel both blessed and privileged to be doing the work I am doing," Gonzales says. She knows the daily challenges farm workers face.

"I am sure we can all relate to their desires for a better life for themselves and their children and appreciate how hard they work in order to become contributing members of their communities and this country," she says.

The Benedictine sister also says she is proud to work for an organization providing legal services to those who wouldn't otherwise have access to the justice system.

"I am happy to be able to share in the efforts of so many wonderful people within the community who are working together to make this dream of a better life a reality for the poor of Idaho," Gonzales says.

Sister RoseMary helps in every way she can

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Ask anyone who knows Sister RoseMary Boessen and they will tell you she is an invaluable asset to the Latino community.

As pastoral associate for the Diocese of Reno (Our Lady of Guadalupe at Jackpot Community Church) and director of La Posada Ministry in Twin Falls, Boessen helps every way she can.

The ministry is dedicated to helping Latinos in need.

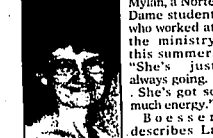
"She has done a lot for the Hispanics. She never gives up," said Rosalinda Larios, La Posada

program developer. "She doesn't let obstacles get in her way."

"She has taught me patience," said Maria Bibeiro, recipient at La Posada. "I admire her... She's very dedicated."

"She gives more than she gets," added legal assistant, Sonia Carpenter. "She's always the one giving more."

"She never sleeps," said Katie



Sister RoseMary

Mylan, a Norte Dame student who worked at the ministry this summer.

"She's just always going... She's got so much energy."

Boessen describes La Posada as an "outgrowth of my service of about 1,000 clients in seven years." For more than a decade, she worked out of the Guadalupe Catholic Church in Twin Falls.

Of the challenges facing Latinos, Boessen cites the lack of

a minimum wage for migrant farm workers are one of the largest.

"I have sympathy for the farmer (as well)," she said calling herself a "farm girl." "I hear their story."

Boessen said she would also like to see Hispanic women have the opportunity to grow personally to improve their quality of life.

The Catholic nun says she has learned much from working with Latinos.

"They're very devoted to their family, hard-working people," she said. "They are so understanding. They remind me how important the person is and the importance of hospitality."

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Arthritis Foundation offers free workshop

MOUNTAIN HOME - The Utah/Idaho Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation will hold a free workshop titled "Speaking of Pain" from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday at the Mountain Home Senior Center at 1000 N. 3rd E. in Mountain Home.

Mike Marks, a physical therapist, will be the guest speaker.

The workshop is part of a national campaign to help people improve their communication with their health care providers.

Participants will receive a brochure with pain card that includes tips and suggested questions to help prepare for a doctor's visit.

For more information, to register or receive the free Speaking of Pain brochure, call the Arthritis Foundation at 1-800-444-4993 or visit www.arthritis.org.

Fund helps Kimberley family with medical costs

KIMBERLY - Family and friends have set up a fund to help a Kimberley family with medical expenses.

Ashlynd Nichell Smith, who died recently, suffered from Zellweger syndrome, a rare, congenital disorder for which there is no cure, organizers say. The baby was less than 3-months-old and was the daughter of Aleesha M. Cochran and Justin Smith of Kimberley.

Hospital and medical care costs exceed \$250,000. Donations to the fund can be made to any Wells Fargo Bank in Twin Falls.

Papoose Club schedules 10th annual holiday bazaar

KETCHUM - The Papoose Club will hold its 10th annual holiday arts and craft bazaar from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 2 and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 3 at Hemingway Elementary School at 111 8th St. W. in Ketchum.

More than 50 vendors will be selling holiday arts and crafts, clothing and jewelry. Raffle items will also be available.

The Papoose Club promotes and facilitates cultural, social, educational and athletic activities for the children of the Wood River Valley.

Twin Falls Public Library hosts Fridays at Four

TWIN FALLS - Fridays at Four with Claude Cash will be held at 4 p.m. Friday

at the Twin Falls Public Library. This week, Cash will share mouse tales. Kindergarten through early elementary students are invited. There is no registration.

Kimberly Nurseries presents children's holiday workshop

TWIN FALLS - Kimberly Nurseries, 2862 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, will present a pumpkin painting workshop for children Saturday.

The cost will be \$3 for supplies. A free seminar on mulching roses will be offered Oct. 28.

Pre-registration is necessary. For more information or to register, call Kimberly Nurseries at 733-2717 or visit its web site at www.kimberlynurseries.com.

First United Methodist Church holds rummage sale

TWIN FALLS - The First United Methodist Church will hold a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church at 360 Shoshone St. E. across from City Park. Proceeds will go to missions.

Edward Jones holds free 'Smart Women' seminar

TWIN FALLS - Edward Jones will hold a free "Smart Women Finish Rich" seminar at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Edward Jones at 1031 Eastland Dr. in Twin Falls.

The speaker will be Leslie Ashton. Refreshments will be served. For more information or to RSVP, call Sue at 734-9106.

CSI offers free 'Finally Home!' classes in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - Free "Finally Home!" classes will be offered from 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 8 and Nov. 15 in room 117 in the Shields Building on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

Part I will be held Nov. 15 and part II will be held Nov. 15.

For more information or to register, call Penny Johnson at 733-9554, Ext. 2287.

Twin Falls resident celebrates 103rd birthday

TWIN FALLS - Rebecca Daiss will celebrate her 103rd birthday today.

The family encourages friends and relatives to send cards or letters to Daiss at the Woodstone Retirement Center, 291

Caswell Ave. W., Room 54, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Free appraisal fair set at antique business

TWIN FALLS - A free appraisal fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Second Time Around antique mall, 689 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls.

Art Selin will conduct book appraisals. For more information, call 734-6008.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service looks for artwork

NAMPA - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is looking for artwork for the 2001 Idaho Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest. The contest is open to all public and private school students. Artwork will be judged in four groups: Group I, grades K-3; Group II, grades 4-6; Group III, grades 7-9; and Group IV, grades 10-12.

The state contest is modeled after the Federal Duck Stamp Competition held by the Fish and Wildlife Service each year.

The winning artwork from each state will be entered in the national contest where first, second and third place winners, one of their parents and art teacher will receive a free trip to Washington, DC. First place also receives a \$2,500 scholarship.

Junior Duck Stamp designs will be accepted until March 15, 2001. For more information, call Todd Fenzl at the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge at 467-9278.

Calvary Chapel holds rummage sale Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The Calvary Chapel will hold a church rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the old Calvary Chapel building at 241 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Jerome library group presents 'Mom's Night Out'

JEROME - Friends of the Jerome Public Library will present "Mom's Night Out" from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome Public Library.

Moms will learn how to access magazines, newspapers and books through the Internet to help their children with school assignments.

There will be free refreshments and baby-sitting provided.

For more information, call Daralynn Crozier at 324-5499, Partry Bryant at 324-2678 or the library at 324-5247.

9TH-GRADE OFFICERS



Hansen School ninth-grade officers are Krystal Kenney, vice president; Remington Barnes, president; and Kayla Bates, secretary.

10TH-GRADE OFFICERS



Hansen School 10th-grade officers are Karen Urfo, president; Cody Fowers, vice president; and Danielle Vandijk, secretary.

We want your news

- If it's news to you, we want to hear about it.
- Community meetings.
- Celebrations
- Social events
- Reunions
- Individual achievements.
- Your kids and their activities.



Pat Marcantonio

Trina Tegan

Deadlines

- For the Thursday page: noon Wednesday
- For the Sunday page: noon Monday
- For the Tuesday page: noon Friday
- For the Saturday page: noon Wednesday
- For the Wednesday page: noon Friday

Fax: 677-4543 or 734-5538
E-mail: patm@megvalley.com

Siblings need caring, loving home

These children are full of personality. Suzi likes to socialize and is the more gregarious and independent of the twins, Gabby. Suzi moves at maximum velocity, while Gabby cruises on overdrive. Suzi usually leads-Gabby likes to follow. Gabby and Suzi are in first-grade where 40 percent of their class time is devoted to special education services. Miguel thrives on individual attention and is a lovable and active boy who loves to rough-and-tumble. He attends kindergarten where he is receiving special education services for speech/language delays.

Interests: Both girls love to swim, teach their younger brother-and-listen to 'story books. Miguel enjoys activities that involve water, motion or the one-on-one attention of an adult or older sibling.

Family needs: The children want to be together. They would do best in a two-parent family where they are the

youngest. Preference will be given to an experienced couple, possibly with older children who look forward to being "big brother" or "big sister." They need a dependable routine, a stimulating environment, connection with their Hispanic heritage and opportunities to use their bilingual abilities.

They need advocates who will pursue needed services to maximize their full potential. Adoption assistance is available to support special services for the children.

The children have a 9-year-old brother who lives in Oregon. Ongoing contact would contribute to each child's emotional development.

Suzi, Gabby, and Miguel are available for adoption through the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. To find out more, call the Idaho CareLine number, 1-800-926-2588.

Thursday's Child



Suzi, Age 7
Gabby, Age 7
Miguel, Age 6

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you for radio, television coverage

In addition to the participants and sponsors, the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation would like to acknowledge and thank the following radio and television stations for informing the public of our recent "Scramble for Books" Golf Tournament. The coverage was essential to the success of our event. Many thanks to:

Impact Radio Group (KTFI AM 1270, KMXM, KIXX, KTPZ), KART-AM, KEZJ, 95.7 FM Country, K96.5 Kool Oldies, KIXD 1310 AM News, KMXV MIX 103, and television stations AT&T Broadband (Cable), KDDP PAX 55, KMVT (CBS), KSAW (ABC), KFTT (NBC) and KXFF Fox 35.

Thanks also to Barb Hurlbutt for donating the materials and artistic talent for our raffle prize signs.

All volunteers the day of the tournament were invaluable! Helping our board members were Mary Barron, Carol Boyd, Dave Brock, Linda Butler, Rex Leforgee, Bill and Scott Van Engelen, Steve and Debbie Soran, Dave Mead and Jeanne

Sinclair.
Thank you!
GEORGINA WOLVERTON
Board of Directors
Twin Falls Public Library Foundation
Twin Falls

Businesses help make homecoming golf success

Various businesses assisted the Twin Falls High School Junior Class (Class of 2002) with the construction of its homecoming parade float. Randy Hansen Autoplex allowed us to work at its location, as well as assisted with locating a trailer. They provided assistance and allowed us to use their equipment.

Anderson Lumber allowed us to purchase materials at a reduced rate and loaned materials for use during the duration of the project. Latham Motors allowed us to use a Dodge Viper for office presentation, and Wonder Bread donated material for use on the float. The float would not have been possible without the donation of a flatbed truck and driver provided by Twin Falls Truck and Equipment. SwernMart donated spray paint and various other items.

Thanks to all the businesses that graciously assisted with the project. Also, all the students who donated their time, effort, tools and money are greatly appreciated.

J.B. TARTER
Junior Class President
Twin Falls

TFHS golf team sends thanks for support

The Twin Falls High School Golf Team would like to thank everyone who participated Oct. 1 in our annual fund-raiser. We would also like to thank those who were unable to play but still made a financial donation. Individual prizes were donated by Donnelley Sports, Canyon Springs Golf Course, Gary VanEngelen of Chandleridge Golf Course, Golf USA and Southern Idaho Distributing.

Special thanks go to Mike Hamblin for allowing us to use the golf course and for donating team prizes. Mike and his staff, through their support and enthusiasm, are largely responsible for the achievements of Bruin golf.

The golf program at Twin Falls High School has been very successful because of the support we receive from the community.

Once again, thank you to all who made a donation to our program.
PAUL STOVER
TFHS Golf Coach
Twin Falls

Customers, employees at Kmart show kindness

This is a thank you letter to the people who helped me when I fell going into Kmart, recently. I fell with a cane for support, but I didn't move fast enough to get clear of the door. I appreciate how quickly customers and the Kmart employees were there for me, especially the young boy who held my purse for me and the young lady who stayed with me until my husband returned after parking the car.

My faith in human kindness has always been strong!
PHYLLIS GILLENWATER
Kimberly

Royal Order of Moose No. 612 lends support to team.

We would like to thank the Royal Order of Moose No. 612 for its recent donation to the Twin Falls High School Football Association. Due to budget cuts, the Twin Falls High School program was without sufficient

funding for adequate transportation and post-game meals for these student athletes. This prompted a fund-raising effort to assist these young people and the Moose were generous in their support as we have now accomplished our fund-raising goal.

This will allow the players to have improved bus transportation to games distant from Twin Falls, along with a light meal for the long trip home.

The Royal Order of Moose has assisted more than \$40,000 gross dollars in support of the Magic Valley Breast Cancer Endowment, making this year's event the most successful to date!

Fox Floral, The Cookie Basket,

Barbara Mieliak

Foundation experiences success thanks to donors

The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital foundations would like to take this opportunity to thank our "Epicurean Evening" donors of product and services greater than \$50. Thanks to donors like yourselves, the foundations generated more than \$40,000 gross dollars in support of the Magic Valley Breast Cancer Endowment, making this year's event the most successful to date!

Fox Floral, The Cookie Basket,

Bill Stuart Painting, Dr. Zobel, High Adventure River Tours, Buds & Blooms, Every Bloomin' Thing, Dr. Hammond, Cactus Petes, The Hetherington's Ketchum Grill, Blue Shield, Idaho Power, Fomeroid's Barzraits, The Bon, T. Desmond's, Morgan, Jeno, Mel Quales, Carmela Winery, Imagination Station, BabySafe, Valley Club, Elevation Sports, Miracle Hot Springs, Trives, 4-Ways Travel, The Reserve Casino, Blue Cross, Claude's Sports, United Dairymen, Party Time, Kent and Cindy Collins, Reynolds Chapel, White Mortuary, Hayden Beverage, Blue Lakes Country Club, Dunken's, Kuggen's, Rock Creek, Thomas Management, Pranal, Vinarna and Uptown Bistr.

BARBARA MIELIAK
Twin Falls

The Letters of Thanks column will publish letters of up to 150 words from:

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

If you would like to purchase a classified ad to express gratitude of a personal rather than public nature, call The Times-News Customer Service department at 733-0931, Ext. 270.

COMICS

Classic Parents By Charles M. Schulz

"IN THE MEANTIME, WE WANT TO THANK OUR GUEST FOR BEING WITH US THIS MORNING."

"WE'LL BE BACK WITH THE REST OF OUR CHEAP SHOTS IN A MOMENT..."

Dibbert By Scott Adams

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WERE RAISED IN A DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY.

YES

YOU'RE GONNA WORK SEVENTY HOURS A WEEK OR YOU'RE WORTHLESS!!

YOU LOVE ME.

ARE THERE ANY MORE LIKE YOU AT HOME?

B.C. By Jim Davis

SHOW ME A DOCTOR WHO LIVES A HOOP-TO-MOUTH EXISTENCE...

AND I'LL SHOW YOU A VET THAT MAKES HORSE CALLS.

SHOW ME

Garfield By Jim Davis

OKAY, I ADMIT IT. I WAS WRONG. WHADDA WANT, AN APOLOGY?!

ALL RIGHT, FINE! I'M SORRY, DO YOU HEAR ME?!... SORRY!

S-O-R-R-Y!!!

THE WEATHERMAN IS LOSING IT

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

QUICK! CLOSE THE DOOR!

WHY?

I HAVE TO MAINTAIN CONSTANT HEAT AND HUMIDITY IN MY ROOM AT ALL TIMES!

ALLERGIS? NO, BASE-BALL CARDS!

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

I HATE MONDAYS

IT'S THURSDAY

I HATE GETTING OLD

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD

I DO FEEL KINDA LADY...

I GUESS I HAVE SOME FEVER

HOW CAN YOU HAVE FEVER EVERY OCTOBER?

MAMA ALWAYS A LITTLE SLOW

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

BEEBLE HAD AN ACCIDENT IN YOUR JEEP!

WAS HE HURT?

NO, BUT THE AIR BAG DID HIM IN

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

DOES THIS MEDICINE HAVE ANY ADVERSE SIDE EFFECTS?

I'LL SAY! IT'S ALREADY PUSHED ME INTO A HIGHER TAX BRACKET.

PRESCRIPTION PHARMACY

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

THE SHAVED HEAD IS 30" IN...

I'VE DECIDED I MIGHT AS WELL GIVE IT A TRY! BREAK OUT THE SHAVING CREAM... AND RAZOR, GLADYS!

SHAVING CREAM AND RAZOR? A FEW TUGS WITH THE TWEEZERS WILL DO!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

BO SANDRINE CALLED YOU SAID I WAS GOING HERE AND YOU FOLLOWED

WHATE ABOUT IT?

SHE NEVER REALLY HAD A CHANCE!

WHY DIDN'T SHE JUST INTRODUCE US?

BUT HEART IN THE LAUNDRY MAT?

IT'S A PUBLIC PLACE - LIKE A PARK, REEF, AURANT

YOU DON'T SEE PEOPLE UNDER AURANT?

NO...

YOU'VE GOTTA GO TO THE OCEANFRG FOR THAT!!

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

ANY SUGGESTIONS ON IMPROVING OUR BUSINESS?

LET'S MOVE WITH THE TIMES AND OPEN A BRANCH IN CHINA

BUMSTEAD, NO ONE CAN EVEN UNDERSTAND YOUR PROPOSALS WRITTEN IN ENGLISH

IMAGINE HOW THEY'D LOOK IN CHINESE!

Pickles By Brian Crane

I WANTED TO GET YOU A BIRTHDAY PRESENT, GRAMPA, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY.

THAT'S OKAY, NELSON. I KNOW A PRESENT YOU CAN GIVE ME THAT WON'T COST A DIME.

WHAT IS IT?

MASSAGE MY TIRED OLD FEET.

HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

TO GO FIND SOME MONEY!

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

"BUT I KNEW THE ANSWERS TO A LOT OF QUESTIONS THAT WEREN'T EVEN ON THE LIST!"

The Family Circus By Bill Keane

"BUT I KNEW THE ANSWERS TO A LOT OF QUESTIONS THAT WEREN'T EVEN ON THE LIST!"

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

HE'S ASLEEP. I'LL CARRY HIM TO BED.

OH! THERE'S STATIC ELECTRICITY IN HERE!

I'LL TURN UP THE HUMIDIFIER.

Zita By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

I COULD USE SOME HELP WITH THE CIRCULARS, SANDY AND KAREEM.

AND AFTER THAT WE'RE RAISING THE BASKET TO SEVEN FEET

Luann By Greg Evans

ISN'T IT A GOOD THING TO GO AROUND ALL DARK AND SAD?

LIFE ISN'T JUST JOY AND JOES, Y'KNOW. THERE'S LIGHT IN DARKNESS. THERE'S BEAUTY IN SADNESS.

AND THERE'S THORNS ON A ROSE, BUT WHY TOSS THE ROSE AND GRAB THE THORNS?

THE PAIN OF THE THORNS ENHANCES THE FRAGRANCE OF THE ROSE.

YEAH, WELL, YOU'RE A THORN AND YOU'RE A PAIN.

AND YOU'RE A ROSE AND YOU'REEK.

Strange Brew By John Deering

COULD YOU PLAY SOMETHING BESIDES A FOX TROT?

Non Sequiter By Wiley

IF I FIGURED WHAT THE HECK... IF PAT BUCHANAN CAN DO IT...

NOTE: PLEASE ANSWER TO PERSON WITH NAME PAT BUCHANAN

MORNING BREAK

CROSSWORD puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Wednesday's Puzzle Behind: A grid with clues for Across and Down.

Bluegrass awards revive down-home rags

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — One of country music's raw, willful stepchildren steps forward today when the International Bluegrass Music Association holds its annual awards show in Kentucky.

The show at the Kentucky Center for the Arts in downtown Louisville will be in stark contrast to the slick Country Music Association awards shown on CBS earlier this month. At these awards, Lance Bass of boy band 'N Sync was a presenter, and stars like Reba McEntire performed while Las Vegas-style dancers pranced behind them.

Since the bluegrass show isn't televised, the pressure for such commercial concessions is gone. Artists like Doc Watson, Jerry Douglas and Rhonda Vincent & The Rage are free to focus on unadorned, powerful music. "I don't think the bluegrass has ever been wholeheartedly accepted as a part of country music," said Marty Stuart, a country star who got his start playing in the band of bluegrass great Lester Flatt.



The Del McCoury Band, from left, Ronnie McCoury, Del McCoury and Mike Bub, perform 'Nashville Cats' Oct. 21, 1999, during the 1999 International Bluegrass Music Awards in Louisville, Ky. The Del McCoury Band was awarded Vocal Group of the Year. The 2000 edition will be held on Thursday.

Stuart will host the award show, which will be broadcast live in more than 3,000 U.S. radio markets and 14 foreign radio networks. "I think it's kind of like rockabilly," Stuart said. "They're both kind of steepkids, you know?" The IBMA has 2,600 members who nominate and vote for its winners.

A week of bluegrass activities is planned around the award show, including a trade show from Monday to Sunday, and performances through Tuesday by bluegrass stars. Stuart called it a homecoming to "It's kind of like going to a revival, kind of getting my batteries recharged, and broadening my vision and my faith a little bit concerning the kind of music we play," Stuart said.

Bluegrass really began with country music great Bill Monroe, who formed Bill Monroe and the Blue Grass Boys in 1938 after his duo act with brother Charlie Monroe split up. Along with key band members like Flatt, Earl Scruggs and Jimmy Martin, he developed a style so imitated by other musicians that it evolved into a separate genre. Bluegrass uses acoustic instruments like banjos and fiddles to create intricate, emotional music. Many numbers are done at breakneck tempos, and sentimental ballads tell tales of murder, love and family. Monroe died in 1996. But other founding fathers like Scruggs and Martin are alive and well, and usually attend awards events. "The Galt House hotel turns into one big bluegrass jam for most of the week. "It's like an outdoor bluegrass festival," Stuart said. "When the parking lot jams, they just bring them inside the hotel."

Gemini: What once was lost will now be found

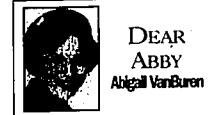
OCTOBER 19 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are an original thinker. Some people claim you are arrogant. It doesn't matter. During November, important domestic adjustment could include possible change of residence, marital status.

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on cooperative efforts, partnership, marital status. Cancer, Capricorn persons could dominate scenario. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Highlight versatility. Give full play to intellectual curiosity. Act on findings.

Man objecting to profanity gets a double dose

DEAR ABBY: After many hours of delays and waiting, my parents and I finally got on the plane to return home. When the flight landed, we sat on the runway for almost an hour waiting for a gate to open up. A man in the row behind us turned on his cell phone and called someone explaining the situation, using the "F" word in between just about every word he said. He was standing in the aisle and his voice was loud. My father turned and said, "Excuse me, but there are women and children on this plane. Would you mind watching your language, please?" The man became belligerent and said, "If you got on my feet, I could hear you." Someone traveling with this foul-mouthed person turned to my father and said, "You don't know who you are messing with? Next time I see you, another person involved himself, verbally abusing and threatening my father. The flight attendant just stood there and watched the entire episode without saying a word. Abby, the exchange left me feeling that there is no common decency left in this world. Instead of saying, "Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't realize I was talking so loud," or, "I apologize for using that language in front of your wife and daughter," he looked for an excuse. Whatever happened to having respect for those around you when you're in public? Are we supposed to tolerate anything and everything that comes our way, and refrain from standing up for what is right, for fear of an altercation? Was my father wrong to turn and say what was on his mind? -SICK OF DISRESPECT IN DALLAS



DEAR ABBY: I have been digging a wonderful guy for almost three months. We fell madly in love almost immediately, and have been having a great time ever since. He recently gave me a "promise ring" - a promise that he will ask me to marry him. I love the idea, but I have one problem. It fits my ring finger, but I don't know which hand to wear it on. Do you have any suggestions? I don't want to commit a wrong hand, yet I would like it to be obvious that I am spoken for. -JANELLE IN SOLANA BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR JANELLE: If you want to communicate the idea that you are spoken for, I can't think of a better way to communicate that fact than by wearing the promise ring on the third finger of your left hand.

Natural causes never claim bacteria

Bacteria never die of old age. Q. What sort of living thing in all the animal kingdom has the largest brain in proportion to its size? A. The ant. Q. You said the lightning bolt we see is travelling up, not down. Why? It goes back up its original downward path. Think of it as the retaliatory foul in basketball, the only one the referee sees. The Panama Canal is almost due south of Pittsburgh, Pa. Psychology is big in Buenos Aires. One psychologist for every 1,000 people there. New York City's ratio is one for every 3,000. The older you get, the more slowly grow your fingernails. When a husband or wife is unfaithful, which of the two is less likely to admit it later? So inquires a client. Our Love and War man says the wife tends to be better able to keep her silence with her husband, but may be more likely to tell a close female friend. The Roman historian Tacitus said, "It is human nature to hate the man whom you have hurt." Was he right? Our Love and War man is studying it. Consider all the words so spelled that you'd think they'd rhyme but don't. Like: Freak and break. Sew and few. Horse and worse. Beard and heard. Cord and word. Cow and low.

WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd. Shoe and foe. Goose and choose. Nose and dose. Any others? Tough lingo. I wouldn't want to have to learn it. Q. After trying to have a baby for three years, my husband and I are wondering how long most couples who try have to wait? A. About 25 percent of the

wives conceive during the first month. Then 50 percent within six months. Figure 60 percent within 12 months. And 90 percent within 18 months. Q. Doesn't Santa Claus have a brother? A. According to Pennsylvania Dutch and French tradition, I do. The faithful say he shows up in households every New Year's Eve to put cookies on empty plates left out for him. If you're looking for a hobby you'll never completely master, collect butterflies. Those who do so say there are more, probably far more, than 100,000 species.

Advertisement for IDAHO CENTRAL CREDIT UNION. Text: 'Your account has been taken over. Your money is in alien hands. Resistance Is Futile.' Includes a photo of a person in a dark, hooded outfit. Text: 'Does it feel like an extraterrestrial has landed and taken over your bank? First, they change the name. Then they change your accounts. Next thing you know, the faces of your favorite tellers start changing. When you complain they tell you, "do not be afraid of the unknown. You'll get used to it. Have a nice day." If this sounds more like fact than science fiction, remember: Idaho Central Credit Union. For over 60 years, the name Idaho Central has stood for friendly, local, down-to-earth service. And that hasn't changed. Put your money in our hands today and get out-of-this-world results... right here in Idaho.' Includes NCUA logo and address: 640 Poleline Road, Twin Falls, 733-4777.

LAMPHOUSE THEATRE THE CUP ENDS TONITE! 4:30 7:00 9:15 PM

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TWO VERY ENTHUSIASTIC THUMBS UP! THE CONTENDER INTERSTATE AMUSEMENT - TWIN CINEMA 12 - 734-2410

Today listings for The Odyssey, Jerome 4 Cinema, The Orpheum, Twin 12 Cinema, and Jerome 12 Cinema.

Don't let the thorns deter you

He is a modest man and a steward of the land. On his 80 acres in the woods near Two Harbors, Minn., he has worked to improve habitat for ruffed grouse, white-tailed deer and other creatures. He has created a small wetland where a pair of mallards nests most years.

"He called me a couple of weeks ago, asked if I'd like to come up and see what he's done. He had been seeing plenty of grouse, and asked me to accompany him on a little hunt down through the popple and pincherries and thornapples. Only one condition, he informed me as the hunt unfolded. He wasn't looking for any notoriety so he preferred to remain unnamed. But he agreed to let me talk about what he's done on his property to benefit ruffed grouse.

And what he's done is working. We flushed 27 grouse about four hours. It's the best grouse hunting I've seen in years.

"We walked from the hunter's home down some mowed paths and into the woods. This was the high ground, with stands of aspen and trails seeded with clover. Nice looking country. At nearly every bend, my companion talked about having seen or shot birds.

"I often see them sitting in the sun up here." He stopped to point out pincherries, hanging like bright red bulbs from bare branches. Then we dropped into the bottom country, thick with

tag alders and the trees he calls thornapples. The trees are accurately called hawthorn, and this time of year they're bare except for small berries about the size of marbles.

When you find the thorny trees and see the red berries against the blue October sky, get ready for the sound of a flushing grouse.

Hawthorns are small trees, growing to about 15 feet, and they're armed with nasty, sharp thorns more than an inch long. The trees were thick where the hunter was leading me, although there was usually enough room to maneuver around them.

"I've had other people come out here to hunt with me," the hunter said. "But after I take 'em down here, they never come back." One man called the grove of hawthorns a "bayonet orchard." We let my host's golden retriever work through the thick places.

We veered apart for a time, and I heard my companion's 20-gauge Remington shatter the morning's silence. The bird was a full adult gray-phase. He looked it over before sliding it into his vest.

We kept bumping birds all morning and into the afternoon. It was unusual, most of the time, to go 15 minutes without a flush. I was split apart a short distance and walk slowly through the thick cover. Rarely could we see each other, but always we were within easy voice contact.

Many birds flushed from cover so heavy we couldn't see them. Others appeared for milliseconds, then vanished. Some, in the thinnest of the thick cover, presented decent shots. Through the day we shot four birds and missed a few others. Nearly all of the birds were found in close association with the hawthorn trees. My host had been planning more hawthorn by taking berries from established trees and pushing the red nuggets into the soft ground with his thumb. Some have grown. Some haven't.

The grouse like the trees for a couple of reasons. Their dense branches and menacing thorns offer protection from hawks and owls. And the berries - called "haws" - are a preferred source of food this time of year.

At the end of the hunt, I took the four grouse home and cleaned them. As always, I checked the birds' crops to see what the birds had been eating.

Two of them had not been feeding. The other two crops were full of hawthorn berries. One bird had eaten 17, the other 27.

I emptied them on a picnic table and left them there to be figured there by other birds in the neighborhood that could use them.

Sam Cook is an outdoors writer for the Duluth News-Tribune in Duluth, Minn.

THE LAST RIDE



The view stretches away to tomorrow from the high point of the Oregon Gulch Loop. The Smoky Mountains are in the foreground and White Cloud Range is in the distance.

Looking to go out in style? Try Oregon Gulch Loop

By Mark Weber
 Times-News Correspondent

As summer draws to an end, so does another season of mountain biking. Miles of singletrack have spun beneath your wheels, and the scratches and bruises of numerous adventures have healed. Well, mostly healed. Is it finally time to stow your bike in the garage for the winter?

Not so fast! Fall is the perfect time for a serious singletrack adventure. After months of riding, most cyclists have honed their muscles and polished their technique. It makes sense to save the "Ironman" of mountain biking until you're in top form.

There are many challenging trails in the region, but few can match the rigorous character of the Oregon Gulch Loop in the Wood River Valley. Hidden in the shadowed folds of the Smoky Mountains, this network of singletrack features varied and consistently difficult terrain. Unlike many rides that gain elevation at first then allow cyclists to "coast," the Oregon Gulch Loop is a series of hill climbs and white-knuckle descents stacked back-to-back. It is a trail that's sure to test even the most experienced cyclists.

The trail begins casually, running alongside a small stream that meanders through a series of quiet beaver ponds. For the first couple of miles, the trail gains little elevation and cyclists are gradually swallowed by the forested flanks of the Smoky Mountains.

When the valley narrows, the trail's pitch increases, providing a harbinger of what lies ahead.

The trail forks after about three miles. This intersection is well signed and points the way to Fox Creek. Once riders turn left and cross the stream, the trail rears up and the serious business begins. The pitch is unrelenting, taunting even the most experienced cyclists, and the angle doesn't relent until riders throw top out on the ridge. Throw in loose dirt and the occa-

Getting there

The Oregon Gulch Loop ride covers roughly 12.5 miles, and will take accomplished cyclists anywhere from two to five hours to complete. The trailhead is located approximately 10 miles north of Ketchum on Highway 75. Turn left (west) on the second gravel road past the North Fork Store. Some of these trails are new and not listed on the older guides or maps. An up-to-date map is available at Swain, 340 N. Main in Ketchum, phone (208) 726-4501.

sional steps formed by tree roots or rocks and it's doubtful that anyone will make it to the top without touching down. Once at the ridge, most will pause to soak in spectacular views of the Boulder Mountains to the northeast.

The shady ridge makes an ideal spot to tank up on water and gobble some energy food in preparation for the descent. Dropping into the Fox Creek drainage is much the same as the ride pulling out of the Oregon Gulch valley - rugged, steep and technical with sharp turns, loose dirt and a few ruts thrown in for good measure. This is not a place for speed. Most cyclists will be happy to throttle it back and simply stay upright. A single miscalculation can send riders over the handlebars.

The steep terrain gradually subsides as the valley flattens out. The dense evergreen forest encountered earlier on the ride gives way to sage-covered, south-facing slopes.

The reprieve afforded your legs by the descent into the Fox Creek drainage ends at the Junction with the Chocolate Gulch Trail. At the signed intersection, a left turn leads up Chocolate Gulch and over a rocky saddle.

This is where the finest downhill of the entire ride begins. The trail banks and swoops along a narrow path through the trees as it drops toward the Wood River Valley. The descent



Here's a bug's-eye view of the Oregon Gulch trail through the Smoky Mountains.

is steep and tricky enough to keep riders focused, but it's moderate enough to let 'em roll fast.

Cyclists encounter another signed intersection as the trail nears familiar landmarks in the Wood River Valley. The left fork guides riders up the Saddle Trail, which switchbacks through the Smoky's thickly forested slopes. Although the elevation gain is gradual and the trail well manicured, this last section of climbing is a tough challenge for cyclist's tired legs. Once the Saddle Trail breaches the ridge, it's downhill all the way back to the trailhead.

With this ride as the finale to your season, it could be a little bit easier to hang up your bike for winter.



A lone rider keeps 'em turning on the Oregon Gulch Loop.

'Idaho - A Climbing Guide' exceeds original edition

New guidebook offers detailed descriptions

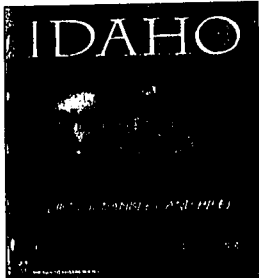
By William Brock
 Times-News Outdoors Editor

Anyone who enjoys climbing, scrambling or hiking in Idaho's mountains will be interested in a newly revised edition of a classic guidebook.

"IDAHO - A Climbing Guide" is available from The Mountaineers Books for \$35. You can call (206) 223-6303 to order.

The original edition (entitled "Exploring Idaho's Mountains") has been out for a decade, but author Tom Lopez has substantially improved his definitive guide. Bigger and thicker than the original, the revised edition is a true compendium of Idaho's highest and wildest places.

It is not light reading, but that's not its



niche. "IDAHO - A Climbing Guide" is for serious high-country wonks. The book provides detailed descriptions of every significant mountain range

and peak in Idaho. Lopez offers an overview of each range, then launches into a thumbnail sketch of each peak. Here's an excerpt from the overview on the Sawtooth Mountains:

"The Sawtooth Range is the home of Idaho mountaineering and is the best-known of Idaho's many mountain ranges. The range is an extremely rugged collection of granite peaks and alpine lakes with an eastern escarpment that is perhaps Idaho's most impressive mountain wall. Scattered throughout the range are 33 peaks that exceed 10,000 feet, and many spires and towers crown the high Sawtooth ridges. The main Sawtooth crest stretches more than 32 miles from north to south. From east to west, the range measures 20 miles across at its widest point and includes several impressive divides. Thompson Peak is the highest Sawtooth summit at 10,751 feet."

Where the guide really shines is in the hundreds of individual route descriptions. For example, Lopez describes six Grade II routes and a Grade III line up Mount Heyburn - the most legendary peak in

the Sawtooths. The entry for the Star Chimney route on Heyburn's west summit (Grade II, 5.2) typifies the guide's attention to detail:

"The first pitch climbs 40 feet up the chimney, crosses a chockstone, and then continues to a large room in the chimney that serves as a good belay station. The second pitch leaves the room by climbing out onto the west face, over the nof and into a small pocket above. From this point, there are two alternatives: climb out of the chimney on the right on good cracks to the open pocket 30 feet below the summit, or continue to climb the chimney directly. The second alternative requires a move out and over the second, larger chockstone. This move involves maintaining one hand jam under the chockstone while the other hand searches for a hold above the stone."

"IDAHO - A Climbing Guide" isn't good bedtime reading, but it is an invaluable resource for people who want armchair reconnaissance before venturing into Idaho's high country.

OUTDOORS

Magic Valley Fly Fishers October meeting features guest speaker

TWIN FALLS - Matt Powell will be the featured speaker at the October meeting of the Magic Valley Fly Fishers, 7 p.m. tonight at the Rock Creek Restaurant, 206 Addison Ave. W.

Powell is a research scientist at the University of Idaho's Hagerman Fish Culture Experiment Station. The station is affiliated with the Aquaculture Research Institute at the university in Moscow. The station is divided into two "center" the Center for Sustainable Aquaculture and the Center for Salmonid and Fresh Water Species at Risk, which conduct nutrition and genetic research on both wild and commercial populations of rainbow trout and other salmonids.

The public is invited to attend

Outdoors in Brief

tonight's meeting.

Idaho Steelhead and Salmon Unlimited to meet

TWIN FALLS - Idaho Steelhead and Salmon Unlimited will hold a public information meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the meeting room at the Obenchain Insurance building, 264 Main Ave. S.

Mich Sanchotena, executive coordinator for ISSU, will conduct a question-and-answer discussion concerning Idaho's steelhead and salmon runs, the future of Idaho's fishing, and concerns about Idaho's water. Anyone with questions about these issues

should plan to attend. For more information, call Tim Crist at 733-3741.

CSI Outdoor Program offers beginners kayaking class

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Outdoor Program is offering a kayaking class for beginners.

The first class will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 30, at CSI, and water sessions are set for 4 to 6 p.m. on Nov. 2, 6 and 9 at the Twin Falls City pool. All equipment and instruction will be provided. Space is limited to 12 participants. The fee is \$25.

For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2637.

-compiled from staff reports



Jamie Landwehr, left, signs autographs for students at Bryan Elementary School in Coeur d'Alene Oct. 6, after speaking at the school about his hiking experience.

Colorado park merits accolades

By Bob Downing
Knight Ridder News Service

ESTES PARK, COLO. - Rocky Mountain National Park, like certain Rodney Dangerfield - it just doesn't get enough respect.

The snow-capped park features a breathtaking highway with spectacular, eye-popping scenery and lots of wildlife, especially elk and even bighorn sheep. It features a back country with enough trails, peaks, fir-scented forests and flower-filled meadows to delight outdoor enthusiasts.

The 265,727-acre park, however, never seems to get mentioned in the same breath as Yellowstone, Yosemite and the Grand Canyon. Still, it is a genuine Rocky Mountain high.

It's a park that's wild and rugged, truly a domain of hikers and climbers, yet is close to civilization. Denver is only 70 minutes away.

The park, created in 1915 as the 10th national park, sits at the foot of the Rockies with 113 named peaks higher than 10,000 feet; 17 of those rise more than 12,000 feet.

Longs Peak at 14,255 feet dominates the park with its crown of rock visible for miles. Along the Continental Divide, you will find a triangular-shaped Hallett Peak with a tough Rock of Gibraltar face at 12,713, one of the park's most photographed peaks; Flattop Mountain at 12,324 feet; Mount Meeker at 13,911 feet.



Richard and Jeanne Moore from Omaha, Neb., join spectators viewing the elk mating practice in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colo., earlier in Sept. The elk mating season draws many tourists to the park every fall.

the United States. It is a three-hour trip, depending on how many times you stop at the 12 turnouts along the way.

The best advice is to get an early start: Be on the road by 8 a.m. You will avoid traffic and have increased the likelihood of seeing wildlife.

Trail Ridge Road is more of an experience than a drive. You are looking out and at times looking down on a dizzying world of clouds and mountain peaks.

Built in 1932, Trail Ridge Road (U.S. 34) reaches an altitude of 12,183 with 11 miles of the highway above the tree line - and with stunning, expansive vistas in all directions.



A bull elk bulges while attempting to attract a harem of female elk during mating season.

You look close you will find a land of subtleties, including 200 species of tiny plants. It's a hands-on-knowledge experience. Visitors are asked to stay on paved trails along the road or to be careful in traversing the fragile tundra on foot.

The changes in climate and nature are similar to what you would experience if you headed north to the Arctic Circle.

The westward climb begins near the park's Beaver Meadows Visitor Center west of Estes Park. The route climbs through stands of fir and aspen, past beaver colonies and trout-filled streams.

The tree line starts to fade near Rainbow Curve at 10,829; although a few snarled, stunted and wind-swept trees cling to the rocky slopes.

The overlook at Forest Canyon at 11,716 commands a view of Hayden Gorge along with a close-up look at the tundra where the vegetation grows for 10 weeks a year.

At the Rock Cut, the road reaches 12,110 feet. A short hike provides a peek into 2,000-foot-deep Forest Canyon. The park's Alpine Visitor Center at 11,706 feet looks out on Mount Chapin and Sundance Mountain. Elk and bighorn sheep may be seen on the surrounding slopes.

Even healthy people may find themselves short of breath due to physical exertion at such altitudes. Don't worry.

If you are lucky, you might see three high-altitude animals: the marmot, a groundhoglike mammal; the pika, a guinea-piglike mammal with a high-pitched squeak you are more apt to hear than than see them; and the ptarmigan, a white-feathered grouse.

Returning from a walkabout

Idaho men walk nation from top to bottom

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Jamie Landwehr and Josh Smith stood at the Mexican border facing north. It was spring and they set off for Canada brimming with confidence.

Five months later they were reunited with friends and family, after walking the Pacific Crest Trail, a grueling 2,700-mile hike through California, Oregon and Washington.

Landwehr and Smith have been friends for a long time. The played soccer together at Coeur d'Alene High School and Lake City High School. Last summer, while working together at a golf course, they came up with the idea to walk the Pacific Crest.

"It is pretty common for buddies to talk about something and never do it," said Landwehr. "We try to think of ourselves as guys who actually do the stuff they talk about."

When he returned to college, Landwehr decided to make the hike happen. He left school after the winter break, got a job and began saving for the trip.

It didn't take long for Smith and Landwehr to realize their dream was going to take a lot more money than they thought. On their first trip to the grocery store they spent \$300 on macaroni and cheese, freeze-dried noodles and other camping staples. They thought they had bought enough for five months, but they only bought enough to fill one of a dozen boxes they needed.

In May, they flew to San Diego and a friend dropped them at the Mexican border.

Landwehr and Smith had done some hiking of trails in the Rockies, but their hike on the crest was a lot more intense.

"On a three- or four-day trip you are high the whole time, it is always good times," Landwehr said. "But when you are gone for five months there is a lot of bad times out there too and a lot of times you want to drop out or give up."

Heath Petersen started the trip with Landwehr and Smith but took a nasty fall off a log in southern California and had to return to Idaho for surgery on torn shoulder ligaments.

Landwehr and Smith pressed on.

"The PCT is a mental trial. Physically you know you can do it, but mentally you are out early in the day and you just have to try to keep your head in the game. It's pretty ruthless," said Smith.

Endless expanses of desert in Southern California test the will of hikers.

The trail is broken into geographic segments to help hikers set small goals. Each part has its own personality and vistas. The trick is to stick it out long enough to see it all.

"There was always something cool ahead that we felt like we had to get to. When you are in the desert there was the Sierras that we had to get to, and then you get done with Sierras and feel like you had to get to the Oregon border," said Landwehr.

The difficulties of the trail aren't the only obstacles. Tempers would flare even between the best of friends. The trail would heal their rifts.

"We'd get at each other and all of a sudden we had done something really cool or reached a new place, and we brought ourselves together that way," said Landwehr.

The hikers also got help in unexpected ways. A woman in Agua Dulce, Calif., washed their clothes and fed them. She was one of the "trail angels," people who live near the trail and help hikers. Angels leave their names and phone numbers in phone booths or at post offices.

Hikers, recognizing no one can make it alone from Mexico to Canada, rely on friends and fam-



Jessica Amendola looks into a tent used by Jamie Landwehr and Josh Smith of Coeur d'Alene Oct. 6, during the hikers' visit to Bryan Elementary School in Coeur d'Alene.

If you want to go

Colorado's Rocky Mountain National Park has five visitor centers: at Beaver Meadows, Newvueche, Falls River, Alpine and Lily Lake. There is also a museum at Moraine Park.

The park gets most of its visitors in July and August.

The summer weather typically features sunny mornings, afternoon thunderstorms and cool nights.

The winter can be severe with winds of 50 to 150 miles an hour atop the mountains.

Conditions can change quickly in the mountainous and snow-covered year-round. The best advice is to wear layers of appropriate and comfortable clothing, dress for the season and bring along rain gear and sunscreen.

In fact, the summer thunderstorms are one of the greatest dangers. Visitors are directed to get off ridges and peaks when lightning strikes and to avoid large rocks and trees.

The park has five campgrounds with about 580 sites. Three are first-come, first-served: Longs Peak, Aspens and Timber Creek, Moraine Park and Glacier Basin are reservation campgrounds. Call 385-2287 for reservations and additional information.

Backcountry camping is by permit only. There are nearly 270 designated sites and zoned areas.

There are no lodges in the park, but there are plenty of overnight accommodations ranging from Spartan to fancy in Estes Park and Grand Lake. The park entrance fee is \$10 per vehicle for seven days.

For more information, contact Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, CO 80517; 970-586-1206 (general information); 970-586-1333 (recorded message); 970-586-1242 (backcountry information); 970-627-3471 (west side information).

When you get to the top of Trail Ridge Road, get out of your vehicle and look around. It's a humbling experience. You are suddenly engulfed in the mountains. It makes you realize what makes the park so unique, so special.

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Black bears taken by nonresident hunters raise concerns; limits may be answer

KALISPELL (AP) - There is increasing concern about the number of black bears taken by nonresident hunters, especially in the northwestern part of the state. Jim Williams, regional manager of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, said the agency may ask the next Legislature to allow limiting of black bear hunting by nonresidents. "People are coming from far and wide," Williams said. "Black bears have become a prized, big-game trophy." Current law prohibits the

Commission on Fish, Wildlife and Parks from limiting black bear hunting, but legislation proposed by the state wildlife agency could change that. If so, the commission could then set limits on nonresident hunters, district by district. Williams said an obvious increase in the number of nonresident black bear hunters has raised complaints. "We've heard an awful lot of resident hunters cry foul," Williams said. "It's a who-gets-what share-of-the-pie issue." More than 50 percent of all black bears harvested in

Montana are killed in the northwestern part of the state. Nonresident hunters now account for 42 percent of all black bears harvested, and in some hunting districts, Williams said, they account for more than 70 percent of the black bear harvest. Last year, Montana had black bear hunters from almost every state, plus the countries of Austria, Germany, Norway, Spain and Mexico, Williams said. Utah hunters accounted for 16 percent of Montana's nonresidents, by far the most.

Hunting season sees ample game

By Rob Thornberry Post Register

IDAHO FALLS - The gun shops are quiet and the meat lockers aren't. That means the deer hunting season is good. "We aren't hearing complaints like we did a year ago," said Reed Payne of Ross' Coin & Gun in Idaho Falls. "We always hear the complaining, never the praise. So the quiet must mean the hunting is good." Mitch Hansen of Ball Meat Picking shares Payne's theory. "People are happy over here," he said. "We always get to see the happy people, but we're seeing lots of them this year." Hansen said more than 40 deer are hanging in the meat locker, which is "probably double what we've had over the last couple of years." In fact, the hunting in eastern Idaho is the best it has been in more than 10 years, said Idaho Department of Fish and Game biologists in Idaho Falls, Salmon

and Pocatello. Seventeen percent of hunters who stopped at three check stations in the Upper Snake River Valley were successful on opening weekend. That's the highest percentage of successful hunters since 1988. "People seemed to be happy," Fish and Game's Brad Compton said of opening weekend. "Most people reported seeing pretty good numbers of deer, especially lots of does, fawns and little bucks." On Saturday and Sunday, biologists checked 163 deer at check stations on Highway 20, Highway 26 and Interstate 15. That is twice as many as last year, said Compton. "It's a fairly significant jump in harvest that surprised us a little," Compton said. The jump can be attributed to two things, Compton said. First, lots of fawns survived last winter, which was mild and relatively free of snow. That means there are lots of two-point bucks on the mountain this year. Secondly, there was little rain this summer, which concentrated deer around springs, creeks and seeps. "The dry summer concentrated deer," Compton said. "We had good reports of people seeing deer lower on the mountains around CRP fields." Compton said 60 percent of the bucks were yearlings, which are those deer that normally have two points on each side of their antlers. "Again that points to good survival over the winter" he said. While young bucks made up the bulk of the harvest, there was an increase in the number of older bucks, Compton said. He said 14 percent of bucks had 20-inch spreads, which is up from 8 percent last year. Twenty inches is generally considered a buck that is 3 years old or older. As for trophy bucks, Compton said only one 30-inch buck went through a check station. That doesn't surprise him, though. "People aren't seeing the adult bucks but that's by design," he said.

CASTING THE FALL AWAY



A fly fisherman casts his line as early fall morning mist rises above the Boise River near Boise in this file photo. In fall, the air is chilly in the early mornings, when trout find their way around in slow-moving pools. In most cases, anglers will just catch a glimpse of their dorsal fins. If the light is right, they'll see the rising head of a rainbow as it snatches something from the surface of the water.

Ski areas hope for snow dump

VAIL, Colo. (AP) - For two consecutive years, many resorts in the Rockies have had to wait until January or February for their famed dumps of champagne powder. This year, early snowfalls from California to Montana have raised hopes for a good season. "People are getting jazzed about it. They say the last time we had a big fire year it was followed by a major snow winter. We're lue," said Brian Schott of Big Mountain resort near Whitefish, Mont. Last year, many Western resorts didn't have good bases until it was too late to draw healthy numbers of skiers. Combined with Y2K fears, the resorts didn't see good numbers of skier visits until after the Christmas-New Year's holidays. It was the second straight year of late snow and lower skier numbers. But skiers are already on some slopes this fall. Big Sky in Montana got 3.6 feet already this month. "The storm came in, it hit and parked over us. Everybody around here got real excited. We decided we would be the first to open in the Rockies this year," said resort spokesman Dax Schieffer. "People were already hiking in on their own and making turns." Boreal Mountain Resort near Lake Tahoe on the California-Nevada line was the first Western resort to open this year. It offered limited skiing and snowboarding last Wednesday after getting a foot of snow. Warmer weather forced it to close Saturday afternoon. It will reopen again when conditions permit. A stagnant number of skiers and unpredictable snow have kept tourists in the driver's seat this season. The competition is so intense Vail is trying to draw skiers from its sister resorts, Breckenridge and Keystone. Season passes for the Breckenridge and Keystone, only \$299, will allow holders to spend 10 days at Vail. Sales were up 25 percent in early October.

Go fish! Children learn joy of reeling in a live one

By Susan Cocking The Miami Herald

MIAMI - Tawanya Norwood reeled in her first fish on her first boat trip Saturday on Biscayne Bay. The fish was a six-inch mangrove snapper, and it made the 11-year-old scream and scramble for the stern of captain Jimmy Moore's pontoon boat. After the initial shock had worn off, Tawanya racked up 16 more snapper and pinfish releases - far more than her five companions. She rooted through a pile of slimy bait to pick the choicest shrimp for her hook. She experimented with casting. She put a few of her fish back into the water herself. Her co-anglers showed similar progress. "All these ladies are self-sufficient now," pronounced Wendy Carr, who served as Moore's mate on the trip. "You girls did great."

The girls were among 96 youngsters from the Perrine-Cutler Ridge neighborhood who were treated to a Kids' Fishing Day out of Black Point Marina in Homestead. Members of the South Florida Sport Fishermen club provided 26 boats and crews. The Greater Miami Kiwanis Club cooked food and organized logistics. The Capt. Bob Lewis Billfish Challenge and Youth Fishing Foundation donated free rods and reels for the kids from Miami-Dade Parks Dept. served as chaperones. Moore said he had just as much fun as the girls he took on his boat. "I love doing it. It's great," Moore said. "They learn so much, and they appreciate it." After fishing, the entire group enjoyed a cookout and awards ceremony. Trophies were awarded for outstanding catches.

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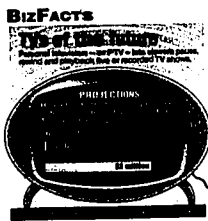
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Friday is last day to file for disaster aid

JEROME — Certain Magic Valley residents are almost out of time to claim special joblessness benefits. Idaho workers who are unemployed due to this year's severe fires have until Friday to claim federal Disaster Unemployment Assistance, the Idaho Department of Labor said.

Eligible disaster areas in Idaho include Elmore, Jerome, Blaine and Lincoln counties.

The assistance program provides weekly benefit payments to workers who are not eligible for regular unemployment insurance claims. Claims can be filed at any Job Service office — including those in Twin Falls, Hiley and Mountain Home — and must be submitted by Friday unless good cause can be established for filing late.

The minimum weekly benefit for Disaster Unemployment Assistance in Idaho is \$102 and the maximum payment is \$296, the Labor Department said.

Women's business group presents fall conference

BOISE — The Women's Business Center will hold its fall conference Wednesday at the Boise Centre on the Grove, featuring the topic "Communication in the Workplace."

Cost is \$50 at the door; if you register by Friday, cost is \$40.

Guest speakers are Dawn Craner, an associate professor in the communication department at Boise State University, and Carolyn Casey, a marketing strategist and the co-founder of the Boise Women's Network.

Craner, speaking on "Getting Out of Automatic Transmission," will offer tactics that can solve many one-on-one communication mistakes. Casey, discussing "One Language Divided by Many Tongues," will highlight common communication issues within a group setting and share ideas for overcoming those dilemmas, the business center said.

For more information about the conference or to register, call 336-5464.

Micron plans to buy out Japanese manufacturer

BOISE — Micron Technology Inc. has entered into an agreement to buy the remaining equity interest in KMT Semiconductor Ltd., a Japanese maker of dynamic random access memory chips owned jointly by Micron and Kobe Steel.

Micron, which already owns 25 percent of KMT, has reached a non-binding agreement with Kobe Steel to pay \$125 million for the other 75 percent. Micron also expects to acquire or pay off \$325 million of KMT's debt.

As of September, KMT had assets valued at \$750 million.

Micron acquired its 25 percent share of KMT when it purchased portions of Texas Instruments in fall 1998. KMT's manufacturing plant in Japan's Nishiwaki City, which employs 900 people, already has been converted to chip production using Micron's process technology.

"Micron has been very pleased with the KMT leadership, the implementation of Micron's leading-edge process technology and KMT's resulting productivity," Steve Appleton, Micron's chairman and chief executive officer, said in a statement.

"Bringing KMT into the Micron family as a wholly owned facility will further reinforce Micron's position as one of the world's leading producers of memory solutions."

After the acquisition, which is expected to close by March, Micron said it plans to upgrade the KMT plant with newer process technology.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Chamber urges speed on towers

Business group declines to vote on issue, but wants city to move ahead

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — They admit they want the best of both worlds. Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's board members agree city leaders should take a good look at rules for communication towers, but the chamber doesn't want the city to drag its feet.

"We want to make sure we don't moratorium ourselves out of the telecommunica-

tions arena," chamber executive Kent Just said.

The chamber this week took no vote about its stance on the matter, he said, but the board did tell Mayor Elaine Steele it doesn't want the tower action to get bogged down.

That's because chamber leaders know several companies are looking to bring telecommunications options here that Twin Falls businesses need, Just said.

City planners Tuesday met to brainstorm new regulations for communication towers, perhaps to include height restrictions in certain zones, aesthetic requirements for cell towers and mandatory co-

location on other cellular providers' towers.

Twin Falls city officials recently imposed a four-month moratorium on new towers to give a committee time to draft a tower ordinance. Local officials say there are simply too many communication towers in town, and seven of them are 100 feet or taller.

In other chamber business this week: • Business Plus II can contribute regional economic-development effort spearheaded by the College of Southern Idaho, the chamber board decided.

"There was good discussion about this, strong, strong support," Just said following the chamber board's meeting.

Business Plus II is the chamber's \$1.5 million job-creation campaign, funded by donations.

CSI is taking the lead on putting together a joint marketing entity for the Twin Falls and Jerome areas, to attract new employers in targeted industries, and to encourage existing employers to stay here and expand. College leaders have said they're reading to search for and hire a director for that new entity, which would be directed by a board representing the funding sources and perhaps others.

CSI and other participants then will take the idea to other Magic Valley counties to see whether the marketing group could cover a larger geographic area.

For the first year, participants in Jerome Please see TOWER, Page E6



GLUM AND GLUMMER



Trader Thomas Greenhill, left, of Stern & Kennedy and a colleague despair on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday after the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged nearly 400 points in early trading, but it recovered somewhat by mid-day. Read about the day's stock trading on E-5.

Housing maker reports loss

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Housing manufacturer Champion Enterprises Inc. on Wednesday reported lower revenue and a net loss among the third quarter's results.

Consolidated revenues for the quarter, ended Sept. 30, were \$453 million, compared with \$631 million in third quarter 1999. The Auburn Hills, Mich.-

based company reported a net loss of \$4 million, or 8 cents per diluted share, compared with a net loss of \$5.9 million, or 12 cents per diluted share, one year earlier.

Third quarter 1999 included a pretax charge of \$33.6 million — \$20.5 million after-tax or 42 cents per diluted share — related to the bankruptcy of the company's former largest independent retailer. Champion's Website says the

company has retailers Homes America and Oakland Homes in Twin Falls and Westwind Homes in Filer.

Champion already closed a Weiser manufacturing plant in 1999 and a Homes America retail center in Burley in July, said Colleen T. Bauman, assistant vice president investor relations. The Southeast is the region most hurt in the current downturn, so

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Tax commission expands options

Idaho businesses can file electronically.

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — New electronic methods for filing tax returns are now available for businesses, the Idaho State Tax Commission said.

The commission expects the electronic procedures to benefit business owners who file sales tax and income tax withholding returns, giving them a more efficient way to file.

Taxpayers can visit the tax commission's Twin Falls office at 1038 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Suite C, during business hours Friday to get help filing by Telefile or the Internet.

The Telefile system, a quick, easy way to enter and submit tax information by telephone, is available to businesses for the first time in Idaho. Tax payments can be made via credit card with either VISA or Master

Card, or through ACH (Automated Clearinghouse) Debit. Businesses can file through Telefile by calling 1-888-952-6311 toll free.

In addition to the Telefile system, businesses can file their Idaho state taxes over the Internet through independent vendors approved by the State Tax Commission.



For a fee, these private companies provide a simple way for businesses to file and pay taxes. Filing through the Web has a built-in benefit of an online tax-reporting package that allows taxpayers to maintain records of their tax filings, the commission said.

For an online demonstration or to register, log on to www2.state.id.us/tax/filing.htm. For more information, call the tax commission's electronic filing help desk at 332-6632.

Firm buys Elko-area Internet access provider

By G. Andre Babin
Times-News correspondent

SPRING CREEK, Nev. — Rabbitbrush, an Internet access provider here, has been bought by CC Communications of Churchill County, Nev., for an undisclosed sum.

The company that bills itself as the Internet provider for "Nevada's outback" will soon become a wholly owned division of CC Communications, which will assume control Nov. 1 and will keep current Rabbitbrush director and owner Susan Dorr as interim manager for 90 days until the transition is complete, according to Dorr.

In a news release this week, Dale White, business development manager for CC Communications, said few changes will be made to the Rabbit brush operation, and his company soon will be providing regional long-distance service to the Elko area.

"As one of the primary communities in northern Nevada, Elko and surrounding communities will reap great benefits from the competitive offerings of CC Communications," White said.

He said his company is poised to soon "become one of the region's leading providers of communications

services."

Rabbitbrush has just completed work on its new contract to provide Elko County's government faster and better integrated Internet service at substantial savings.

"Now a great many more county employees will have Internet connections that are faster and better integrated than what we had before, and our connections will be superior to conventional modem/phone-line connections," Dorr said.

CC Communications has been providing communications services to Churchill County since the late 1980s beginning with the telegraph, advancing to the telephone and finally reaching cellular and Internet communications services, the Rabbitbrush news release said.

"We are very fortunate that CC Communications has taken an interest in our community," Dorr said.

White said the Rabbitbrush name will remain because of the "great brand recognition."

"Rabbitbrush's recent contract with the county was a positive factor in CC's desire to acquire the Spring Creek-based firm," White said.

White, speaking from his company's Fallon, Nev., headquarters, said he will share the same small-town, hometown atmosphere.

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J.C. Penney shareholders suffer through unfamiliar stock plunges

Knight Ridder News Service

PLANO, Texas — J.C. Penney Co.'s stock has fallen into new territory.

Two weeks ago, it dropped below \$10 a share. Last week, it crossed \$9. Monday's close, at \$10.13, didn't ease the sting.

"That hurts," said William T. Spalding, a Dallas retiree who owns his former company's stock. "I don't remember it ever being that low."

Spalding, 70, is typical of many of the retirees and current employees of the Plano-based retail giant with some Magic Valley operations — proud of their corporate connection but dismayed to see the share price unravel.

Those faces behind the stock price include many like Spalding, who have

owned Penney stock for decades, or in one family's case, since the beginning.

Two years ago, Penney stock traded above \$70. Over the last 12 months, Penney shares have dropped by more than 70 percent as management has failed to attract new customers and stop the decline in sales and profits.

Stock plunges may be common in the dot.com world, where 20- and 30-somethings flock to big-risk start-ups with the prospect of a big payoff. But Penney is a 98-year-old company with droves of retirees and 285,000 employees who own company stock.

"When people make a decision to stay at an IBM, General Motors or J.C. Penney, they are not expecting extreme ups or downs," said Brent Longnecker, executive

vice president in the Houston office of Resources Connection, a human resources consulting firm.

Maybe Wall Street overvalued J.C. Penney at \$20 billion two years ago when its stock traded in the \$70s. But the decline is far from a correction. The Plano-based retailer's market value was about \$10 billion a year ago, and now it's down to about \$2.4 billion — less than the \$3.3 billion that J.C. Penney paid for Eckerd Corp. in 1997.

The company's woes are widely felt in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, where Penney has about 10,000 employees in its stores, warehouses, online operations and at its sprawling headquarters complex on Legacy Drive.

Spalding doesn't depend on Penney

shares for his livelihood, and he sold a big block at a significant profit two years ago, but he's kept a Penney stake almost as an act of solidarity.

"So many like me are holding on to it because we have so much loyalty for the Penney company," said the 42-year Penney veteran, who retired in 1984.

The radical drop in Penney's stock price is also leaving employees close to retirement in a difficult situation.

Several employees said they were worried about the stock price, but most declined to speak on the record. People 401(k)s, which have been hurt by the stock decline. Some are putting off retirement because they can't afford to stop working.

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Accolades



Wally and Jan Studer and Mary and Jari Holland celebrate the grand opening of Snake River Bowl with a ribbon cutting Sept. 9. The business is behind Kmart at 725 Minidoka Ave. in Burley and can be reached at 679-BOWL (2995). It provides leagues and family bowling. Pictured from left to right are Steve Thompson, Bob Harris, Mike Seattle, Craig Jones, Jayne Runyon, Jari Holland, Mary Holland, Wally Studer, Dave Westfall, Jan Studer and Bob Hamblen.



Cindy McWilliams and Shari Crane of Corporate Image Screen Printing and Embroidery and Ann Evans of Quality 1. Photo held their ribbon cutting Sept. 22 to celebrate a new location and new ownership. The store was moved to 1384 E. Main St. in Burley and will keep the same phone number. The business will specialize in custom T-shirts, hats, jackets and the like for advertising and promotions. Also pictured are chamber of commerce members Lax Kusum, Jayne Runyon, Mayor Doug Manning and Steve Thompson.

About this feature
Accolades is a Times-News Money section photo feature that highlights special business honors.
We'll run submitted photos of ribbon cuttings, grand openings, honored employees and the like.
Send photographs, and information explaining their significance, to: Accolades, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83402-0548. Or for more information, call Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins at 733-0931, Ext. 242.



Gus Motors celebrates the grand opening of its new Burley store at 1096 E. Main St., formerly Ford Inc. Gusley will keep its store in Rupert in addition to the new Burley location. It offers new and used cars and trucks, sales and service, leasing, parts and auto-body repair. Pictured are Garth Williams and Gus Goode cutting the ribbon at their new store with the help of community and chamber of commerce members.



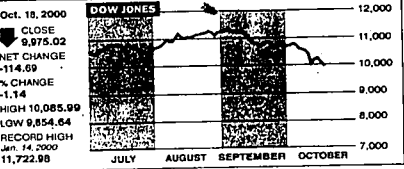
Dollar Store Plus Gifts Galore, at 324 Second St. in Rupert, celebrates its grand opening with a ribbon cutting Sept. 29. Store owners Harry and Lori Gallegos cut the ribbon held by Ward Maxfield and Lucky Bourn. City, chamber of commerce and other community members gathered to celebrate the event.

Dow bounces back from fall

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks dropped sharply in volatile trading Wednesday, slicing more than 400 points off the Dow Jones index before bargain hunters moved in and helped the market recover most of its losses.

Investor despair over a generally bleak earnings outlook brought the Dow to its first close below 10,000 since March 14, although the blue chips managed to regain more than 300 points during the course of the day. The tech-heavy Nasdaq composite index also rebounded smartly from its lows of the session.

A disappointing earnings report from IBM was the catalyst for Wall Street's latest sharp decline.



"I think we are near the bottom, but this is a bottom that's going to need some credibility," said Brian Belski, a market strategist at U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray, who said bargain hunting, not any

resolution of market problems, was responsible for the upturn. "There are still doubts about earnings growth rates and there are going to be doubts about the rally and overall today."

Housing

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southern Idaho should not be affected by any future plan closings, she added.

But company Treasurer Steven Bernhi told The Times-News recently that Champion is considering closure of up to three retail centers in Idaho. Bauman on Wednesday reaffirmed that two Idaho locations besides the already closed Burley one still are considered for retail closures. Neither would name the cities.

The company's Wednesday announcement said year-to-date net income was \$150,000, compared with \$44.5 million, or 90 cents per diluted share, last year. For the nine-month period, consolidated revenues were \$1.5 billion, down from \$1.9 billion a year earlier. Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization totaled \$52 million for year-to-date 2000.

"While facing short-term industry challenges, we are closely

monitoring expenditures and cash flows," said Walter R. Young, Champion's chairman, president and CEO executive.

"During the quarter cash provided by operations was \$47 million, and we had \$32 million in cash at quarter end."

The said total debt was 44 percent of total capital at Sept. 30, compared with 47 percent at the beginning of the year and 50 percent at the end of last year. The company expects to spend less than \$20 million on capital expenditures during 2000, down from \$50 million in 1999.

"Despite this challenging environment, we are focused on improving our distribution network and reducing field inventories," Young said. "Champion's retail market share, including company stores and independent retailers, is up 19.6 percent, up from 18.5 percent a year ago, while Champion-produced homes in retail inventory have declined

an estimated 21 percent from the beginning of the year."

Quarterly retail results include charges totaling \$2.2 million related to the closing and consolidation of 29 sales centers during the quarter.

"Our short-term profitability is being affected by the industry's tightened consumer credit standards, increased industry repurchases, higher interest rates and excess retail inventory," Young said. "As a result of market conditions, we cannot predict earnings trends."

"Previously announced, our fourth quarter results are not expected to compare favorably to this year's third quarter, and additional manufacturing and retail closings and consolidations are expected."

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, OTC, Bid, Ask, Spread, etc. Lists various stocks including AAPL, AMZN, MSFT, etc.

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Towers

Continued from E4... and Twin Falls are aiming for a \$200,000 budget for the new, joint economic-development group, Business Plus II's leader has said.

"The chamber board this week agreed with Business Plus II leaders' recommendation that contingent on certain expectations regarding the director's job description, the new group's mission, composition of the oversight board and the budget, among other things, be approved. The board accepted the Business Plus II proposal in its entirety, just said.

"The chamber is in contact with telecommunications companies... which just declined to name... but are interested both in competing with local phone providers... and in offering telecom options that the chamber has yet to see."

"We've had a real surge for tickets in the past three or four days," just said that night, adding that he doesn't expect a complete sell-out.

Elko

Continued from E4... he said Rabbittbrush was offered for sale on the Internet, and his company has been interested in acquiring Rabbittbrush through the sale of its planned growth throughout the state.

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Scattered clashes persist in Mideast despite truce

JERUSALEM - The first full day of a cease-fire produced a muddled verdict Wednesday: high on rock-strewn Palestinian streets, but overall violence dipped as Israeli and Palestinian security teams moved to halt three weeks of upheaval.

Faced with Palestinian militants bent on confrontation, the Palestinian leadership issued "strict orders" to observe the truce reached Tuesday at a summit in Egypt.

The Israeli army withdrew tanks from the outskirts of the West Bank town of Nablus and planned to remove more heavy weaponry from other flashpoints if the violence ebbed.

Palestinian leaders said Israel needed to remove soldiers from the fringes of restive Palestinian cities to end the fighting.

Yitzhak Herzog, Israel's Cabinet secretary, said the cease-fire would test Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's ability to "exercise governance over the various gangs swarming around and saying fiercely that they don't intend to honor the agreement."

High-level Israeli and Palestinian security officials held meetings Wednesday to implement promises made to President Clinton, who mediated at the summit in Egypt.

Amnesty International: Torture increases globally

LONDON - Torture is on the rise around the world, fueled by racial and ethnic discrimination, Amnesty International said Wednesday as it announced a global campaign against a phenomenon for which it says democracy is no antidote.

The human rights organization said it has found evidence of beatings, rape, electric shock and

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other forms of torture in more than 150 countries, including the United States, Britain and other developed democracies.

The organization found reports of "widespread" torture by agents of the state in more than 700 countries between 1997 and 2000. In more than 80 countries, people died as the result of torture, Amnesty said.

Yugoslav president wins promise for further talks

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia - New President Vojislav Kostunica has won a promise from leaders of Montenegro to continue talks on reorganizing Yugoslavia but has failed so far to convince leaders of the smaller republic to join his new administration.

Kostunica also appears unable to overcome resistance from Montenegro's pro-Western president, Milo Djukanovic, to accepting one of his Montenegrin rivals as a new federal prime minister.

Until Kostunica resolves these differences, he cannot put together a new federal administration because his Democratic Opposition of Serbia coalition lacks a majority in the Yugoslav parliament.

Kostunica's allies were to meet Wednesday with Slobodan Milosevic's representatives in the Socialist Party of Serbia to discuss the formation of the new federal government.



Cesarina Zaffanella adjusts sandbags on the banks of the Po River in Vladana, northern Italy, Wednesday. As of Wednesday, at least 31 have died, with 23 in northern Italy and eight in southern Switzerland. Most of the deaths occurred over the weekend when days of rain sent floods and mud slides tumbling down on Alpine villages. The floods, spreading south from Switzerland for five days, have forced 43,000 people from their homes, according to Italy's civil defense agency.

Sri Lanka's new Parliament meets; 14 die in violence

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka - Guarded by commandos and anti-aircraft guns, the new parliament met for the first time Wednesday amid fresh fighting between government troops and Tamil rebels that left 14 dead.

Parliament met hours after government troops beat back a Tamil Tiger rebel attack on a northern army camp.

Nine rebels and five soldiers were killed in that fighting and

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two other skirmishes in the north, the military said.

The attack was the first by the rebels since Oct. 10 elections that returned President Chandrika Kumaratunga's People's Alliance to power. The Tamil Tiger rebels have battled since 1983 for a Tamil homeland in the north and east. Nearly 63,000 people have been killed in the war.

Ex-soldier insists orders to kill came from above

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador

- A former soldier convicted in the slaying of four American churchwomen 20 years ago has repeated his claim that orders to kill came from superior officers, according to an interview published Wednesday.

The claim by Daniel Canales comes as two Salvadoran ex-generals are on trial in West Palm Beach, Fla., in a wrongful death lawsuit brought by the slain women's families. The lawsuit claims retired Gen. Jose Guillermo Garcia, 67, who lives near Fort Lauderdale, and

Eugenio Vides Casanova, 62, who lives near Daytona Beach, allowed the slayings.

Maryknoll nuns Maura Clarke and Ita Ford, both of New York, Ursuline nun Dorothy Kazel and lay missionary Jean Donovan, both of Cleveland, were abducted at a military checkpoint, then raped and slain by Salvadoran soldiers. The slayings occurred in December 1980 during a civil war between leftist guerrillas and the government, which targeted religious workers because of their advocacy of the poor, an activity considered subversive.

Lawmakers file charges against Philippine president

MANILA, Philippines - Opposition lawmakers alleging President Joseph Estrada pocketing gambling money filed impeachment charges against him Wednesday, plunging the country into political crisis.

The 41 congressmen who filed the impeachment case acknowledged they have insufficient support in the Congress for passage of the charges.

But the attempt is likely to take months, hurting an economy already shaken by political crisis and separatist violence.

More than 10,000 protesters crowded Manila's business district to demand that Estrada step down.

Yellow confetti showered down from the windows of the stock exchange as workers watched from building ledges.

The pyroff allegations plunged the Philippines into its worst political crisis in years. Business, political and religious groups have demanded Estrada's resignation and warned of serious economic consequences if he remains.

- compiled from wire reports

Wave of anti-Semitic incidents strike Europe, other countries

The Philadelphia Inquirer

LONDON - David Myers was reading the psalms while riding a bus on Monday morning, hoping to join friends to observe the Jewish festival of Succoth. But his beard and yarmulke made him a target: The 20-year-old Jewish theology student was stabbed more than 20 times by a man whom he had never met.

Myers wasn't riding a bus on the West Bank or in the Gaza Strip. He was on the top level of one of London's old double-decker buses, the vehicles so

popular with tourists who visit Britain's capital. Scotland Yard detectives investigating the attack, which occurred in north London as the bus was reaching Britain's largest community of Orthodox Jews, believe the man is an Algerian and have classified the crime as "racially motivated."

It is one of the most extreme examples of the Middle East conflict spilling over to another part of the world. As Israelis and Palestinians have waged a series of attacks and counterattacks in the last three weeks, tensions between Jews and Arabs have risen to new lev-

els, and anti-Semitic incidents have multiplied in Britain, France, the United States and elsewhere.

Even before Myers was attacked, London's Jewish Chronicle reported that an estimated 50 synagogues in Britain had been sprayed with anti-Semitic graffiti or vandalized. The French daily Liberation said that 80 synagogues and other Jewish establishments had been attacked in France in the last 10 days.

In the Stamford Hill area of London, where Myers was headed, fear has been running higher this week than at

any time in anyone's recent memory. It is a mixed neighborhood of private homes and public housing, one where Orthodox Jews predominate and maintain a fragile sense of community stability.

"You get the normal muggings, but not racial incidents," said florist Les Picklers.

Picklers' shop is near the spot where the bus carrying the wounded Myers stopped. After Monday's attack, a postman came in and pointed out a suspect leaving the scene. The man had priced his way through the bus doors, which

had been locked by the driver while he sought help, then casually walked down the road with a limp.

Bystanders called police and followed the suspect until he caught a bus in the opposite direction, only to be apprehended and arrested by officers at the next station. The name of the suspect, a 27-year-old man, was not released.

Myers, meanwhile, was tended by several employees of a kosher bakery and a passing ambulance driver. He is in serious condition at a north London hospital.



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