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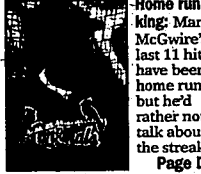
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Board votes to lease cancer center

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The county Hospital Board voted unanimously Monday to pursue leasing Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center, even though the county prosecutor says such a move requires a public vote.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center administration, supported by doctors at the Physicians Center and cancer center, told

Hospital vote passes over opinion of county prosecutor

the board that a lease with Mountain States Tumor Institute, a service of Boise-based St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, was the best option for stability and quality in local cancer services.

The emotionally charged issue was scheduled for presentation only during Monday's meeting, but board members put it to a vote after hearing about the 10 years of medical oncology staffing problems at

the cancer center and the need for cancer patients to have consistent care. Medical oncologists provide chemotherapy.

Fifteen medical oncologists have worked at the cancer center over the past 10 years, said John Kee, the hospital's chief operating officer. Public confusion and frustration over the stability and future of the cancer center are detrimental to patient care, and the continued patient outmigration will

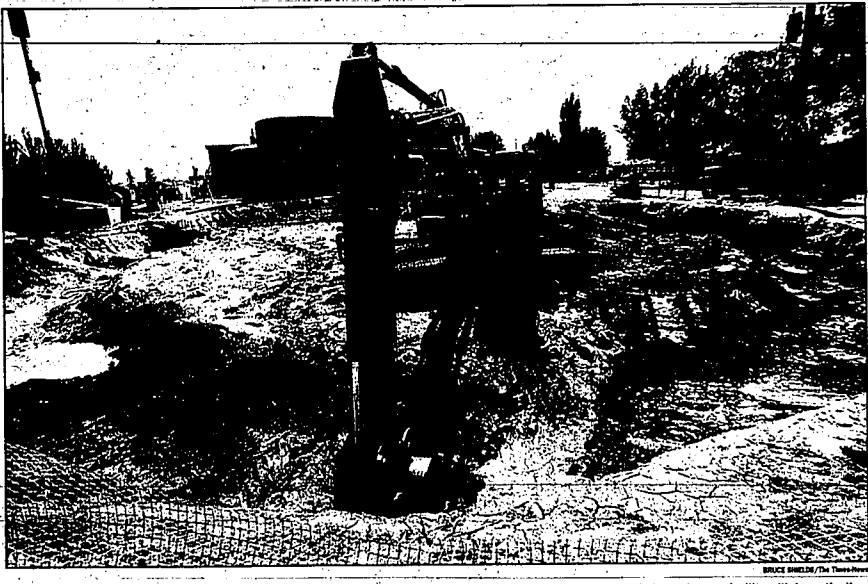
increase without an immediate and viable plan, he said.

He acknowledged as a drawback that a cancer center lease may complicate Twin Falls County commissioners' plans to put the entire hospital up for lease.

Hospital-board member Dr. Harry Brumbach read physician letters of support for a lease and offered his own, too. Physicians are concerned about instability at the center, and Brumbach said traveling at the center, and Brumbach said traveling at the center, and Brumbach said traveling at the center.

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BUILDING HOPES



A heavy-duty backhoe digs the footing for a tank in a new odor treatment plant near Rock Creek Canyon. City officials hope the new facility will dramatically reduce odor in the area.

Odor-control plant nears completion

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — An odor treatment facility that could quell odors in Rock Creek Canyon is nearing completion.

That's good news for people

near the canyon who have suffered through the nasty stench — caused by the mixture of sludge from the Lamb Weston Inc. potato processing plant and the Glanbia Foods Inc. cheese plant in a city pipeline stretching through the canyon — for more

than a year.

The new facility, a large tank that mixes odor-reducing chemicals into the sewage water from the two local food processing plants, is being built by the city of Twin Falls for a price tag of \$1.2 million.

While final touches are being put on the facility, scheduled to be finished by the end of this month, engineers have been doing what they can to keep odors at a minimum.

"If we get any complaints, we

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Governors group agrees on wildfires policy

The Associated Press

COEUR D'ALENE — Western governors and Cabinet secretaries agreed Monday to help implement a national plan aimed at reducing wildfires.

The memorandum of understanding is a centerpiece of the Western Governors' Association annual summer meeting in the Idaho Panhandle. Governors from 14 states and U.S. territories, and premiers of six Canadian provinces were meeting to discuss common issues, such as wildfires and electricity transmission.

The 10-year plan calls for improved prevention and suppression of wildfires, particularly those near populated areas, by reducing brush and debris that can fuel catastrophic blazes. It also contemplates long-term wildlife habitat restoration and rehabilitation.

Last August, in the midst of one of the most disastrous wildland fire seasons in 50 years, President Clinton directed the secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior to develop what



became known as the National Fire Plan. More than 8 million acres were scorched last year, most of them in the arid West. That compares to about 1.9 million acres that have burned so far this fire season, which ends in October.

The Quartz Fire flares up near Ruch, Ore., Saturday. The 4,200-acre wildfire has destroyed two homes, forced the evacuation of several others and is still growing, officials said Monday.

For news of fires around the Magic Valley and the West, turn to page B-1.

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Twin Falls man enters no plea on murder charge

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A 23-year-old Twin Falls man was arraigned Monday on a second-degree murder charge stemming from the Saturday death of another man.

Timothy James Lawson was charged in connection with the stabbing death of Anthony James Sosa, 31, of Twin Falls. Witnesses told police that at about 10:19 p.m. Saturday, Lawson and Sosa got into an argument, and Lawson attacked Sosa with a knife in front of an apartment at 146 Addison Ave. W., according to an affidavit written by Twin Falls Police detective Curt Gambrel and filed with court documents.

Sosa was apparently not armed, but witnesses said Lawson also snared a cut — to his hand — during the attack. Twin Falls Police detective Scott Smith said Monday.

When officers arrived at the scene, they found Sosa unconscious and suffering from multiple wounds, according to Gambrel's affidavit. Lawson had apparently run away. Sosa was taken to Magic Valley Regional

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Redistricting struggles quietly rage state by state

The Associated Press

Mayors in the Boston area are in a fury. Politicians in Iowa and Indiana plan to move their homes across the state. Several members of Congress face an end to their Washington careers.

One of the most sweeping political dramas of the year — redistricting — is quietly building tension. Though it gets scant public attention, it will help shape the nation's politics for a decade.

The most vehement battle is for control of Congress, with the first results emerging now from

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Battles waged over lines drawn

State lawmakers around the country are ploughing ahead with the task of redrawing congressional districts, which could have a major effect on the balance of power in the U.S. House of Representatives.

- States that have completed redistricting plans
- Redistricting still unresolved
- States with only one congressional district

Here is a look at the eight states that have completed their redistricting plans as of Monday, and what analysts expect redistricting will have on their representation in the U.S. House.

State	New seats	Total seats	Expected outcome of redistricting
Arkansas	-4	10	No change
Illinois	-1	19	Democrats likely to lose one seat.
Indiana	-1	9	Republicans likely to lose one seat
Iowa	-	5	No change
Missouri	-	9	No change
Nebraska	-	3	No change
Nevada	+1	3	Toss up; now district evenly split
Virginia	-	11	No change

SOURCE: Compiled from AP wire reports, National Conference of State Legislatures. AP



President signs farm aid bill

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — President Bush signed a \$5.5 billion emergency farm-aid bill on Monday, intended as compensation for low prices.

The measure, the fourth farm bailout by Congress in as many years, "is necessary for our farmers and ranchers," Bush said.

"This is I guess the first bill signing in Crawford, Texas," Bush said as he spoke to an invited audience of several dozen farmers and friends at his ranch near here.

"It's a meaningful piece of legislation for this part of the country because a lot of people make their living on the farm and on the ranch," Bush said. "Farm families represent the best of America."

The Senate gave final congressional approval to the bill last week after Democrats failed to break a Republican filibuster over a larger, \$7.5 billion aid bill. Bush threatened to veto the latter bill.

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Appeals court says death row inmate deserves new trial

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A Texas death row inmate since 1984 deserves a new trial because his lawyer slept during portions of his murder trial, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Monday.

The full appeals court, in a 9-5 reversal of a highly criticized ruling by a three-judge federal panel in October, said Calvin Burdine's lawyer dozed off frequently enough and for long enough stretches to deprive the defendant of his right to legal representation.

Several witnesses testified that the attorney, Joe Cannon, who is now dead, slept at the 1984 trial, his head propped against a wall, sometimes resting on the table.

"The Supreme Court has long recognized that a trial is unfair if the accused is denied counsel at a critical stage of his trial," Judge Fort Worth Benavides wrote for a majority of the 14 appeals judges who heard arguments in January.

"Today, finally, common sense prevailed," said — Robert McCglasson, Burdine's current attorney.

Redistricting

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legislative backrooms on detailed street-by-street maps. The maps themselves don't decide who wins and loses, but they can make an election a safe bet by drawing a district so it is overrun with voters of one party.

So far, with eight states done, the fight is a draw. Democrats and Republicans each appear likely to lose a seat in the Midwest and a new seat in Nevada is engineered as a toss-up.

The big battles, however, await in Texas and California. Strategists agree they could determine if either party picks up congressional seats from redistricting, and potentially, control of the U.S. House.

"This is an inside-politics kind of enterprise. Very few people understand it, very few people pay attention to it. But in terms of who controls Congress, it's huge," said T.J. Rooney, a state representative in Pennsylvania. Maps are drawn by state legislators in all but a handful of states.

In Pennsylvania, as in Michigan and Ohio, Republicans in control of state government are vowing to oust five Democratic members of the U.S. House, adding to the GOP's 12-seat margin in the House.

In the end, Republicans say

they'll gain eight to 12 seats from redistricting. Democrats counter that they'll make small gains in enough states to leave redistricting a wash. The back Congress in 2002 because of what they hope will be voter backlash against the Bush presidency.

Besides Congress, redistricting changes the political geography for state legislatures, county commissions, city councils and more. It comes every 10 years, after the Census, with new political districts drawn to reflect demographic changes and to give each electoral district roughly the same population.

The details might be eye-glazing, but for politicians, this is life or death. Already, there have been examples of how personal redistricting fights can get.

In Oregon, Democrats in the state House boycotted the capitol for five days in an effort to stop a GOP-backed plan. Upset Republicans hired people to deliver summons ordering them back. None of the lawmakers could be found.

A city alderman in St. Louis refused to give up the floor in a filibuster, opposing a city redistricting map that she said would damage black representation. Denied a bathroom break, aides handed her a wastebasket and

held a tablecloth around her; police cited her for urinating in public. "What I did behind that tablecloth is my business," Alderman Irene Smith said, successfully blocking the vote.

In Massachusetts, an intra-party fight could see Boston-area districts sliced and diced, angering local mayors. New maps that threw together incumbents in Iowa and Indiana spurred congressmen in each state to leave their hometowns for more winnable districts. In New York, three members of Congress hired lobbyists to protect their seats.

In Indiana, where slow population growth means the state will lose one district, the GOP is likely to lose a seat as two Republicans, Brian Kerns and Steve Buyer, were placed in the same district.

In Illinois, also losing a seat, Democrats are likely on the losing end, as Democratic Rep. David Phelps was redrawn into a Republican-leaning district with

an incumbent, GOP Rep. Tim Johnson.

And in Nevada, which gained a House seat because of population growth, the new district is evenly split Democrats to Republicans.

The jackpot states will be decided this fall: Texas, where Republicans say they'll gain between four and eight seats; California, where Democrats say they can gain up to three.

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NATION

Agency: Declining AIDS trend ends

ATLANTA (AP) - The declines in the number of Americans contracting AIDS and those dying of the disease are leveling off, signaling a disturbing turning point in the 20-year epidemic, federal health officials said Monday.

AIDS cases and deaths peaked in the early 1990s, then fell steadily as new, more effective drugs took hold. But both statistics have been nearly flat since 1998, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

The findings, released at a

national HIV prevention conference here, bolster a concern expressed by health officials who marked AIDS' 20th anniversary earlier this year: Many Americans, numbed by news of effective AIDS drugs, have become complacent about the disease.

"We really are at a very critical point in this epidemic," said Dr. Helene Gayle, the CDC's AIDS chief. "We must work to ensure that the plateau that we've reached will not remain plateaus

- or worse, given some of the trends that we're seeing, evolve into a newly expanding epidemic."

The number of new AIDS cases reported each quarter fell from more than 20,000 in 1993 to about 10,000 in 1998. And AIDS deaths fell from about 12,000 each quarter in 1994 to about 4,000 in 1998.

But the figures have stabilized and have been nearly identical each quarter since mid-1998, the CDC said.

Ford settles defective ignition lawsuit

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - In a deal that could cost Ford Motor Co. as much as \$1 billion and affect millions of vehicles, the automaker has agreed to settle a lawsuit that alleges its cars and trucks stall.

The agreement ends years of litigation in which a California judge said the Detroit automaker was living in an "Alice in Wonderland" dreamland for denying ignition switches were defective.

The proposed settlement comes four months after Alameda County Superior Court Judge

Michael E. Ballachee ordered as many as 2 million vehicles in California recalled as part of a statewide class-action suit in which the judge found that Ford concealed the shabby parts from government inspectors.

Although the case was in California, attorneys said the settlement, if approved by Ballachee, would cover 5 million vehicles nationwide. The settlement was first reported in Monday's editions of The New York Times.

"I think this is basically a win for consumers," said Jeff Pazio, a lead attorney in the case against Ford, said in an interview Sunday night. "It could have been years before the cars were fixed, but with this it could come soon."

Under the agreement, Ford said it would replace the ignition devices in all Ford vehicles nationwide that have stalled and have no more than 100,000 miles, which is an estimated 500,000 to 650,000 vehicles in California and an estimated 5 million nationwide.

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Housing association offers a lower rate

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Housing and Finance Association on Monday announced its lowest interest rate since 1998 - 5.97 percent - is now available through participating lenders statewide.

IHFA officials to help nearly 400 home buyers purchase their first homes with the low-interest mortgage rates - instead of making rent payments.

"We hope this new rate encourages more people to really think about their homeownership opportunities because there's no better time to make an investment in homeownership than now," said Bob Lead, vice president of real estate lending for IHFA. "This type of investment not only returns equity to the homeowner but has tax benefits when the borrower files their federal tax return."

IHFA offers reduced-rate mortgage loans to qualified Idaho families through a network of participating lenders throughout the state. Home buyers must meet income and sales-price qualifications that vary by county.

For information, call 1-800-219-2285 or visit ihfa.org/residential_loans online.

Conservation program finishes a big year

BOISE - Energy costs have fueled a near-record high year for energy conservation loans.

Idaho Energy Division officials approved 703 loans from July 2000 through June 2001, totaling about \$3 million.

That is about triple the amount of the previous fiscal year, department officials said, when 176 loans were approved for a total of \$1.1 million.

"With people's utility bills rising so quickly, the first six months of this year has been just about non-stop work," loan program manager Jean Siple said. "It really caught people's attention and made energy conservation a high priority."

This year's loans averaged about \$4,700 each, mainly for the replacement of windows.

Mining company board to defer dividend payment

COEUR D'ALENE - Hecla Mining Co. announced Monday that in the interest of cash conservation, its board elected to defer the Oct. 1 payment of dividends to holders of Hecla Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock.

The action will conserve about \$2 million in cash during the fourth quarter, Hecla said.

RadioShack lays off 197 corporate employees

FORT WORTH, Texas - RadioShack Corp. moves to reduce costs and improve its profits, cut 197 corporate jobs.

The Fort Worth-based electronics retailer with retail operations in the Magic Valley said 140 of those positions are in Tarrant County, Texas. RadioShack notified the employees of their layoffs Thursday.

"These are planned reductions that we have identified," said Lee Moore, the company's senior vice president for public relations and corporate communications. "We hope this is going to be the measure that is going to get us back on track."

The weakening U.S. economy has hurt RadioShack's business this year, slowing sales of personal computers and direct-to-home satellite systems. The company's second-quarter net income dropped 46 percent to \$40 million.

RadioShack warned that it may not reach year-end earnings estimates because of lagging sales.

RadioShack announced a 5 percent decline in July sales and has warned investors it expects similar declines this summer flat or decline slightly for the third quarter.

George Sutton, an equity analyst at Dain Rauscher Wessels, said RadioShack has told Wall Street that it is focusing on its cost structure and improving profitability.

"The layoffs really parallel what RadioShack has said they've planned to do to reduce its costs," Sutton said.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

T.F. native to lead dairy group

 By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A fledgling coalition of dairies and related businesses picked a former Twin Falls man to lead its efforts in heading off Idahoans' concerns about the industry and researching dairy design.

Brent Olmstead starts Sept. 1 as the first executive director of the newly formed Milk Producers of Idaho, which started to build its dues-paying membership this spring.

"I'm looking forward to working with the association members on issues important not only to the dairies, but to the surrounding communities,"

Milk Producers of Idaho to have offices in M.V.

Olmstead said. "It is the goal of this organization and myself to be proactive in finding solutions to community concerns regarding the industry and to become national leaders in the design and continued operation of environmentally friendly and economically viable dairy operations."

Olmstead, vice president of natural resources for the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry for the past eight years, grew up in Twin Falls at his family's farm and cattle feedlot two miles south of Amalgamated Sugar's factory. He graduated

from Twin Falls High School and, in the early 1980s, managed the former Paris clothing store downtown for two years.

Working for Milk Producers of Idaho, he'll live in Boise but spend six to 10 days a month in the Magic Valley, which is home to a growing dairy industry.

The organization will have offices in both Boise and the Magic Valley, and its board meetings will likely alternate between the locations. Temporary Chairwoman Tena Pether of Buhl said MPI doesn't yet know where its local office will be; the group might choose

to use the conference offices at one of the valley's dairies.

Current membership - representing "definitely more than 50 percent of the milk cows in the state" - is roughly 60 percent in the Magic Valley, Olmstead said. The balance is around the rest of Idaho.

Some hay, cheese and trucking companies and the like are associate members.

MPI said it formed in the spring "to provide the dairy industry in Idaho with an additional resource to address the complicated myriad of regulation presently impacting the

industry.

"MPI will work closely with the Idaho Dairyman's Association and the United Dairyman of Idaho to address those issues important to the industry," the new organization's statement said.

Olmstead stressed that the new project is the market hand in hand with the two existing groups, not supplant them.

"MPI members will continue to be active in the other two organizations, he said."

Instead of promoting milk and meat products in the marketplace, MPI will focus on issues facing the industry, meet with folks who have concerns about

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GOING SHOPPING



Australian tourists get off of a tour bus at the Ontario Mills Mall in Ontario, Calif., last month. Tourism accounts for a good portion of the mall's business. An estimated 1 million foreign visitors come to the shopping center each year.

Mall draws about a million tourists a year

The Associated Press

ONTARIO, Calif. - As manager of the Hugo Boss Factory Outlet at Ontario Mills, Elizabeth Anhauser calls her store for an international clientele. The store carries smaller sizes to appeal to the estimated 1 million foreign visitors who come to the shopping center each year.

Roughly 40 percent of her business is from tourism. A fourth of those tourists are from Japan, Hong Kong, Australia, Malaysia and the Philippines.

"We try to have all weights of suits throughout the year," Anhauser said.

Of the roughly 20 million people who will shop this year at Ontario Mills, 60 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, about 8 million are expected to be vacationers from outside the region.

Ontario Mills says it gets as many as 2,000 tour buses a year.

Many of those buses are filled

with travelers taking a break at the mall on trips to Las Vegas, San Diego or the Palm Springs area, said Peter Wong, the senior director for Ontario Mills and a sister mall in Orange County.

"Shoppers will arrive here from Los Angeles at 10 a.m., shop, eat and then head to Las Vegas to be there for their 5 p.m. check-in time," Wong said.

Wong, senior director of tourism for Ontario Mills and The Block of Orange, spends three months a year on the road in Asia. While he's there, he will get travel and shopping information about the malls into everything from in-flight magazines to credit card marketing brochures.

While he focuses on Asia, he has nine counterparts elsewhere in the company making similar marketing trips to Canada, South America and Europe.

The 5-year-old mall has had an office of tourism since it opened.

Its parent company, Arlington, Va.-based Mills Corp., has an entire division with 10 directors, each with a district, that markets to tourists. In fact, the company's tourism efforts have become the most emulated among shopping center management firms, said Malachy Kavanagh, spokesman for the International Council of Shopping Centers.

"They are synonymous with tourism and marketing," Kavanagh said.

At Ontario Mills and The Block at Orange, the company has a staff of 20 developing marketing materials and traveling to a half-dozen Pacific Rim countries to meet with tour planners, airline officials and other travel industry representatives.

The reason for targeting tourists is simple. "Tourists generate the largest amount of revenue as shoppers," Wong said.

International tourists have higher median incomes than

domestic tourists, according to international Trade Administration. The international traveler makes about \$60,000 a year, compared with \$39,000 median income for domestic travelers, according to the administration.

International tourists spent \$8.15 billion in 1999 in the United States, according to the latest data available from the trade administration.

International travelers at Ontario Mills often look for brand names unavailable at home, or are simply looking for bargains.

"You can get brand names cheaper," said Fiona Felgate, an Australian tourist visiting the mall with her husband and two children.

And remember when Hong Kong was synonymous with cheap suits?

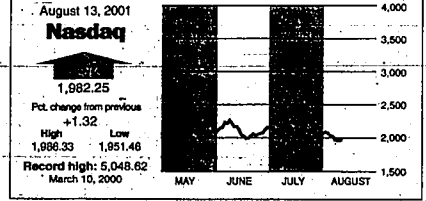
"A \$500 Hugo Boss suit can cost \$1,500 in Hong Kong," Wong said.

Tech stocks rise on Goldman Sachs upgrade, but blue chips lag

NEW YORK (AP) - Tech stocks rose moderately Monday on a semiconductor upgrade by Goldman Sachs that helped snap a six-day losing streak for the Nasdaq composite index, but provided little benefit to blue chips.

Much of the buying was half-hearted, though, with the tech advances only solidifying late in what otherwise was choppy trading. Analysts said investors are afraid to make any big stock commitments when the timing of a business recovery is so uncertain.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq closed up 25.78 to 1,982.25, its first positive finish since Aug. 2. The Dow Jones Industrial average was virtually unchanged,



slipping 0.34 to 10,415.91, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 1.13 to 1,591.29.

This market is going to go up

and down until there's a clear indication of economic stabilization," said Barry Hyman, chief investment strategist at

Ehrenkrantz King Nussbaum. "That hasn't happened."

Dow component and tech bell weather Intel rose 61 cents to \$30.56 after Goldman Sachs said that semiconductor stocks appear headed higher. But Wall Street's enthusiasm was limited, resulting in mixed results in the broader sector. Cisco Systems fell 12 cents to \$18.21, while Ciena rose 97 cents to \$30.99, despite a UBS Warburg reduction of its earnings estimates.

Financial and retail stocks also struggled, including Citigroup, which slipped 51 cents to \$49.13, and Wal-Mart, which lost \$1.40 to \$52.20 on anxiety about second-quarter results due out Tuesday. Pharmaceutical stocks fared

better. Johnson & Johnson rose 68 cents to \$55.70.

The unfocused trading was the latest ramification of how ambivalent investors have become about buying in an environment where weak earnings are the norm and companies can't say when business will improve.

The major stock indexes have traded within a narrow range in recent months, as Wall Street rallies on hopes the worst is over and then sells off when it becomes clear that hasn't happened. In the past few weeks, semiconductor stocks have surged on positive research notes by some investment firms, only to retreat as investors rethought their optimism.

The Associated Press

MONEY Dairy

Continued from A5 the industry, do research to address those concerns and study how to run dairies better—both economically and environmentally.

"The members want to be very proactive," Olmstead said. "They want to get out and solve concerns before they become problems."

Olmstead will direct the association's efforts in public and governmental relations and will institute a research and education effort to continually look for ways to improve dairy operations, MPI said.

Olmstead said he'll register as a lobbyist in Idaho. He's no stranger to the state's political scene.

With the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, Olmstead has been Idaho industry's point man with the

Legislature in air-quality permitting, contaminated soil remediation, water quality and other environmental and natural resource issues.

"Brent will certainly be missed by myself and the entire IACI membership," IACI President Steve Ahrens said in a statement.

"His knowledge of environmental law and regulation

coupled with his ability to find common-sense solutions to very complicated problems has been a major asset for IACI for many years."

Petter said Olmstead's experience in association management and his involvement in environmental issues will be valuable to the new trade organization.

The Buhl woman is part of the

preliminary board that created MPI. A regular board will be elected sometime after MPI sets up its offices, probably within the next six months, Olmstead said.

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Large advertisement for the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce 8th Annual Hot August Nite Picnic & Auction. Includes details about the event, prizes, and contact information.

EDITORIAL

County hospital leaders should obey records law

Last time we checked, the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center was a publicly owned institution. So we're mystified why hospital officials are denying our requests for public information.

We've grown weary of the stonewalling. So now *The Times-News* is taking the county hospital to court. A "show cause" hearing has been scheduled for Aug. 27. In this case, our focus is on employee salary information—but that's not the only area in which hospital leaders have shown their disdain for Idaho's open-records laws.

Why does *The Times-News* want this financial information? Is it to shame and humiliate hospital employees, as our critics assert? The answer is no. The simple, sole reason is that citizens have a right to information about their hospital.

The reason we want to know is that the hospital's finances have been in the news lately. Hospital leaders are contemplating major changes in the way the hospital will be managed. *The Times-News* wants to shed light on this issue, but hospital leaders prefer to keep the public in the dark. We believe the hospital is a tremendous public asset; hence, its management is a major public issue.

So why information? We're providing insight into how well an enterprise is being managed — be it the local burger joint or a Fortune 500 company. As any business manager will tell you, payroll costs drive a lot of other costs.

From the partial information the hospital has provided, it's clear that at least 25 hospital employees earned more than \$50,000 last year. We'd like to match each of those salaries with a name, then track how much these employee salaries have increased in the past couple of years.

Information of this sort would be useful when evaluating the hospital's financial management. If salaries have gone up substantially, as it appears, it begs an obvious question: How does the hospital meet its payroll obligation? Are patients paying higher rates to keep a top-heavy wage structure in balance? The public — which owns the hospital — should know.

So once again, why is the hospital so opposed to your right to review public information? Hospital officials have enjoyed relatively little scrutiny over the years. But it's time for them to recognize that a county hospital cannot withhold public information.

Here's something else to ponder: If hospital officials are so recalcitrant about releasing public information now, how much harder would it be to get a straight answer if the hospital became a 501(c)(3) entity, as the management proposes?

In the meantime, hospital officials should stop stonewalling and begin giving the public information to which all of us are entitled.

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LETTERS

Nursing curriculum doesn't add up

Nursing and algebra: Is algebra really necessary in the College of Southern Idaho nursing program? In this time of critical shortages of trained nurses throughout our nation, talented young people are dropping out of this program because of algebra. Speaking to nurses who have been in this profession for many years says they did not need algebra. Where is math needed when applying an IV or changing a dressing? Where would algebra come in when an enema is being administered?

Perhaps the staff at CSI could take a fresh look at this situation. The Magic Valley and the rest of the country need our nurses.

TONY SALIERNO
Twin Falls

Redistricting will silence Latino voters

Mini-Cassia has seen tremendous growth in the Hispanic population, but so have other Idaho districts.

My concern is that Hispanic influence still lags in numbers — maybe for a long time. The area is considered growing with one of the largest minority groups — Latinos.

We as a people have just begun to participate in school boards and other city functions such as the Rupert Renaissance, Democratic and Republican parties, and many Hispanics are teachers. Through Latinos account for 20 percent of the population in Cassia County and even a higher percentage in Minidoka, this is where the concentration of Latinos is centered.

Now with the exercise of legislative redistricting, the concern, as the editor of *The Times-News* (July 3) mentioned, is that Latino voters will now hold the ace

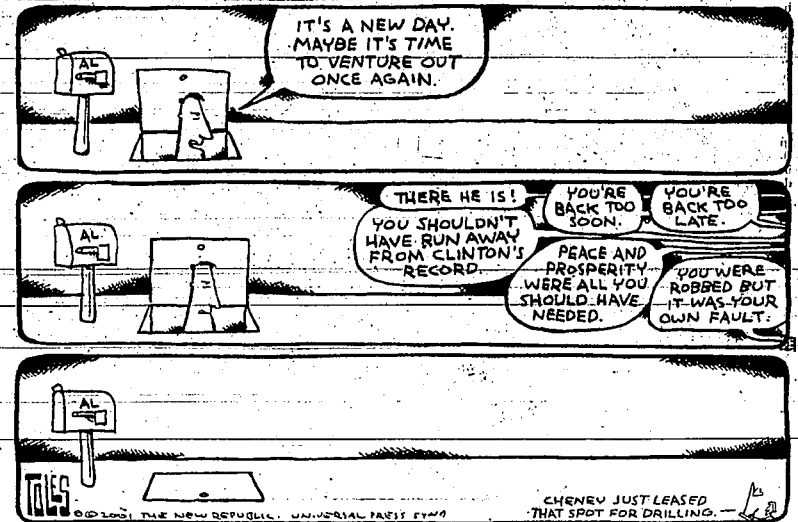
in-the-hole card. Why should lines be bent to accommodate people of color? To quote *The Times-News*, "The true goal of redistricting should be to provide political representation to a specific number of people within a geographically cohesive area." I'm confused. Its headlines read, "Don't play favorites when drawing political districts." Bottom line, the editorial board and writers of editorials don't want to see Latinos influencing the legislative districts.

Political redistricting is not a new practice. It's one that is used by whoever is in the driver's seat, and this time it happens to be the Republicans. Like other legislators, they have worked hard to appeal to their constituents to maximize their political power. Isn't this why we have checks and balances?

However, this high percentage of Latinos does not translate at the polls, not yet.

More than a third of Latinos are under the voting age, and many of those who can vote don't. And some just don't want to participate. For whatever explanation, cultural factors, isolation or limited English skills, we have not fully exercised our voting potential. And yet, if all these factors make it more difficult for Latinos to play traditional politics, changing the districts will also affect every possible candidate running for office. For those who do vote, redistricting should carve out a district for Latinos as a community of interest which runs true to equality and the American way. Separating Cassia and Minidoka counties will only set those of us who do not want to vote back. I personally do not want to wait another 10 years to make my vote or other Latino votes count.

DAMIAN D. RODRIGUEZ
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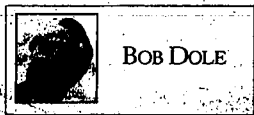
A day for undiluted honor

The recent report of the bipartisan National Commission on Federal Election Reform is meeting one objective: It's stimulating public debate on how to increase voter participation while ensuring that those who do vote do not do so in vain.

One of the commission's recommendations is to make Election Day a national holiday. I doubt this will send Americans to voting booths. It's more likely to send them in pursuit of leisure activities, which is how we typically spend national holidays in this country.

We can reach a quick verdict, however, on a related suggestion: Under no circumstances should Veterans Day be hijacked for national elections. President Bush recognizes that such a move must first be sold to veterans. The White House should not waste time researching this one; the veterans and their families will never buy it.

In 1938 Congress declared November 11 Armistice Day, a legal holiday to be set aside each year to honor our World War I veterans on the anniversary of the ending of that war. In 1954, after World War II had witnessed the greatest mobilization in the nation's history and American forces had fought in Korea, Congress replaced the word "Armistice" with "Veterans" and November 11



BOB DOLE

became a day to honor American veterans of all wars. In his first Veterans Day proclamation, President Eisenhower called on all Americans to "solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly on the seas, in the air and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom."

In 1968 the historical significance of November 11 took a back seat to creating three-day weekends. Four national holidays would henceforth be celebrated on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day. The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed in 1971.

It took just four years to reverse this ill-advised decision. With the support of all major veteran service organizations, President Ford signed legislation in 1975 that returned the Veterans Day observance to November 11. The historical significance of the date was preserved and attention again was focused where it

belonged: on honoring America's veterans for their patriotism and willingness to sacrifice for freedom and liberty.

On the surface, holding national elections on Veterans Day may seem logical. What could be inappropriate about casting our votes on that one day set aside each year to honor those who made it possible for Americans to cast their ballot freely?

Simply this: Every two years, the nation's focus on November 11 will be on projections, not remembrances; on political conflicts, not military conflicts; on candidates, not veterans. Camr ras will find the president voting rather than laying a wreath at Arlington National Cemetery.

As a nation, we rightly are concerned about an apathetic electorate. We seek full participation in our democratic processes, recognizing that the nation will be stronger for it. But surely we can find ways to achieve this end without trampling on the day set aside to "remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly ... to preserve our heritage of freedom."

America's veterans have kept us free so we can vote. Let's express our gratitude by keeping November 11 in our hearts.

Dole, a former Senate majority leader, is a World War II veteran. He wrote this commentary for *The Washington Post*.

The urge to get our hands on everything

Oh, it was grand! We were 18 and working on the north coast of Alaska. One bright night in July, the sea ice broke with a boom like thunder. We rolled out of bunks 20 feet from an exploding polar cap and raced tacked into the Beaufort Sea. Seals barked in the ice floes. Arctic char swarmed in the tidal runs. Rivers of caribou streamed across the tundra at our backs. The sun never set. The sky was vast.

This wilderness was ours. We stank of grease and diesel fuel, but didn't care. The helicopter had dropped our little crew east of Prudhoe Bay, near the shoulder of what is now the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. There were five of us preparing for oil exploration: one heavy machinery operator, one cook, one heavy boss and two grunt laborers.

At the edge of the world, we were pushing industry into the dwindling wild. It was 1974, the dawn of Alaska's pipeline era. Our camp was an open-air supply depot on a rough gravel spit between the Mackenzie River and the sea. Most of the year, we joked, you could have walked to the North Pole from there and never touched water. But late each summer, about this time, the sea was briefly clear enough of ice for barges to slip up the Mackenzie River from Canada, dump their tons of drilling supplies, and alight south again before the long Arctic freeze.

Our job was to prepare the supply dump for those bargeloads of machinery, pipe, lumber and fuel. We worked 14 hours a

day repairing giant rubber bladders for the frilling season's store of diesel fuel, shoring up gravel loading ramps and heaps of heavy piling, draining oil-slicked retaining pools, clearing the chaos left by the previous winter's hungry winds.

When we ventured off the gravel coast, we drove wide flatbed trucks. Softloans they called them, with fat tires so soft and yielding, we were told, they could drive across the marshy tundra and do no whisper of harm to even the tiniest purple flowers there. We didn't check.

We drove inland to a camp in the foothills of the Brooks Range. Bears had torn the door off the cook's freezer and frolicked with his ice cream tubs. We laughed. We bathed in cold, clean rivers. We tracked majestic caribou bucks with imaginary hunting scopes and bellowed to the passing herds of cows and calves. We worked hard, singing and sweating and swearing under the huge sky, tracing the land's first marks of corporate enterprise.

On our way back from the foothills to the coast, we got lost in a two-day fog. The tundra offered few landmarks. We are every crumb of food we had, driving

on and on until our way was blocked by a wide river. Across the water was more tundra, stretching in the fog to the edge that is now called the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. In the mist near the riverbank, I picked up a rack of weathered caribou antlers, threw them on the truck, and we headed toward the sea.

A few weeks later, I was on another helicopter, then a jet, heading south and home. Now those antlers sit in my attic, a reminder of the soft-as-fog borders of the last untouched edges of the world.

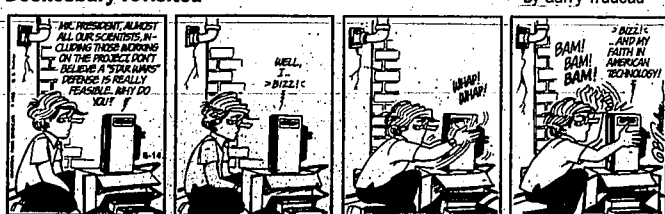
Can we not step through? They say the global population is headed for 9 billion. That's a lot of need. They say we have an energy crisis. Maybe, maybe not. We surely have a lot of heedless habit. I own three cars. I fill their tanks with gas. I don't ask what stretch of tundra it might come from.

There is one thing I do know from that long-ago summer in the north. There is a raw, deep-seated human joy in getting our hands on the world, need be damned. We all know the urge to rush in, to grab, to touch, to whisper like an ancient reflex, even now.

We surely should have grown beyond it; but have we? Can we? As Congress weighs the fragile borders of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, looking for a few more months of oil, I wonder: Is there anything we won't finally touch?

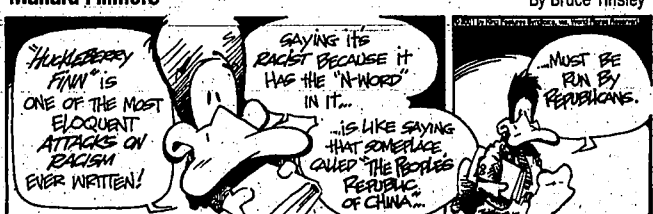
Tom Ashbrook is author of *The Leap: Love and Madness in the Internet Gold Rush*. He wrote this commentary for *The Washington Post*.

Doonesbury revisited



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Report says Energy Department misled FBI

WASHINGTON (AP) - The FBI began its investigation into nuclear scientist Wen Ho Lee based on misleading reports from the Energy Department, a review of the bungled espionage inquiry concludes.

The report also faults the FBI for accepting the department's assessment.

The Energy Department's inquiry in 1996 "was a deeply flawed product whose shortcomings went unrecognized and unaddressed due to the FBI's own in-

equite investigation," said the report.

The Justice Department released two heavily censored chapters of the report Monday. A judge ordered the release in a lawsuit filed by former Energy Department counter-intelligence chief Noura Trulock.

"To say that DOE misled the FBI and to say that DOE improperly focused its conclusion only on Wen Ho Lee is only to describe half the problem," said the report.

The report stated the Energy

Department made "inaccurate representations" to the FBI.

Trulock is suing two other Energy Department investigators who said that Lee was targeted because of his race.

The report concluded that Lee wasn't targeted based on race, but said the DOE singled him out without considering other suspects.

Messages left with former Energy Secretary Bill Richardson were not immediately returned. DOE officials were reviewing the document.

FDA OKs drug to ease patients' breathing

WASHINGTON (AP) - The government has approved the first new therapy in over a decade to help hospital patients with congestive heart failure who are gasping for breath - something that happens to about a million Americans a year.

The drug Natrecor is a genetically engineered version of the hormone these patients' hearts churn out naturally to ease their breathing. The idea: Give them more of that hormone, and they'll improve without having to try

riskier medications.

Natrecor should make treating these patients "much simpler," said Dr. James Young, heart failure chief at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, who led manufacturer Scios Inc.'s main study of the drug.

But it does carry one serious risk - blood pressure that drops dangerously low, warned Dr. Douglas Throckmorton, the Food and Drug Administration's deputy director of cardiovascular drugs. That side effect may not appear for four or five hours after treatment,

and can take longer to clear up than hypotension caused by a competing treatment, he said.

That will mean a change in habit for doctors used to treating heart failure with today's standard drug, nitroglycerin.

Almost 5 million Americans have congestive heart failure, where their hearts gradually lose the ability to pump blood. About 1 million a year suffer flare-ups where fluid fills the lungs and they need hospitalization to ease their breathing.



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AROUND THE VALLEY

Craig to hold meeting, speak to MV GOP

BURLEY — U.S. Sen. Larry Craig is in the Magic Valley today to hear what's on the minds of his constituents and take part in other events.

Craig, R-Idaho, is holding a town hall meeting at 10:30 a.m. today in council chambers at Burley City Hall.

Topics Craig will cover include the current drought and drought relief, what emergency appropriations for agriculture will mean for farmers and the efforts in Congress to obtain money for upgrading and restoring the Minidoka Internment Camp Monument in Jerome County.

Tonight, Craig is the featured speaker at the Twin Falls County Republican Picnic and Barbecue. The gathering starts at 6 p.m. at the Raymond Pavilion at Centennial Park. The general public is welcome. Cost is \$5 a person or \$15 for the family.

Eden farmer appointed to Farm Service Agency panel

WASHINGTON — A third-generation Eden farmer has been appointed to the Idaho Farm Service Agency Committee.

Donald Clyde Montgomery, who grows sugar beets, beans, wheat, malt barley and alfalfa, was appointed along with five others by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman, U.S. Sen. Larry Craig announced Monday.

The committee is charged with keeping farmers informed of FSA programs and with resolving appeals and complaints.

Also appointed were Cindy Siddoway of Terzeta, Jack Elton Denny of Plummer, Raymond Matsuura of Blackfoot and Lawrence Wilbur Ragains of Parma.

O'Leary teachers take top honors for project

TWIN FALLS — Two O'Leary Junior High School teachers, Marjie Atkins and Marita DeBoard, recently captured honors from the Prentice Hall/National Middle School Association for a project that emphasizes building positive relationships.

Their team, named one of four national winners in the "Teams That Make a Difference" competition, presented projects showing how students participate in activities that build trust and increase self-esteem and leadership skills. Students are also participating in service outreach programs to support the Salvation Army and homeless shelters.

The team, which competed among 60 schools, will receive \$3,000.

Atkins and DeBoard have been invited to present their project at the National Middle School Association on Nov. 1-3 in Washington, D.C. The association will cover cost and registration for the conference and will award 100 educators from around the world.

Famous kayaker to give program in Ketchum

KETCHUM — A legendary kayaker — at least, by "Paddler Magazine" standards — will share slides of his adventure down the endangered waters of the Futaleufu River in South America's Patagonia Aug. 19 in Ketchum.

Chris Spelius, who hosts "Ketchum ID" on cable TV, will present his show at 7 p.m. at NewStage Theatre on Main Street.

The show is the latest of the Environmental Resource Center's Armchair Adventure Series. Sponsored by Backwoods Mountain Sports, the fund-raiser costs \$5 for ERC members and \$10 for nonmembers.

Rio Futaleufu, which runs from a chain of high lakes in Argentina through rugged, glaciated Chilean mountains before dropping into the clear pools, was chosen as the site for Camel White Water Challenge in 2000.

Spelius, who is trying to raise public awareness of the threat to the river, came to the world's attention in 1981 when he made the first kayak descent of the Niagara Gorge. Since, he has been featured in several venues, including "Outside," "Men's Journal," "Discovery" and ABC's "American Sportsman."

Tickets are available at ERC and Backwoods. For information, call 726-4333 or visit erc.org/sports.

Compiled from staff reports

Canal company looks at week-long shut-off

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Stretching a meager water supply through fall harvest is the focus of a Twin Falls Canal Co. board meeting today.

The canal company's water strategy includes a pending week-long shut-off in early September, said Vince Alberdi, canal company manager. The company's overall plan has more pieces that require

approval from state regulators and the canal company board before details will be announced, but that announcement could come today.

A tight water year requires planning to extend the irrigation season while minimizing crop losses, Alberdi said. The dry water year has required inventive planning to keep the canal system flowing.

"If we hadn't been innovative and creative, the puppy would be dry," he said. September's cooler temperatures and

shorter days will extend ground moisture longer during a shut-off, canal company President John Honick said.

The pending week-long shut-off is considered a mechanism for extending the water supply into October to give farmers time to harvest beets and potatoes, he said. Weather will be the deciding factor.

"If there is any way we can keep from shutting off, we will do so," Honick said. In mid-July, the canal company reduced

water deliveries from below a full share at five-eighths of a miner's inch to half a miner's inch. A flow of 1 cubic foot of water per second equals 50 miner's inches.

The canal company delivers irrigation water to about 202,000 acres.

Times-News environmental writer Jennifer Sandmann can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 237, or by e-mail at jsandmann@magicvalley.com.

Open for business



Chris Allshouse, a University of Idaho master food preserver, pencils in an entry for the upcoming 4-H and open class food canning contest at the Cassia County Fair. Judging for the contest takes place today.

Cassia fair's exhibits are ready for the public

By Dan Fields
Times-News writer

BURLEY — With the sounds of nail guns and hammers as a backdrop, those setting up booths and exhibits wrapped up their work Monday night in preparation for today's Cassia County Fair crowd.

The commercial building and most other exhibits open today for fair participants, and a concert featuring Joe Diffie and Marty Davis takes place at 8 p.m.

Among those garnering entries Monday were master food preservers through the University of Idaho. Chris Allshouse, Arlene Burton, Carma Oldham and Joyce Reas sat around a table, taking entries such as mixed vegetables and jams and jellies.

But you can't bring your entries in any plain old bowl or jug, the group cautioned.

"They have to be in Kerr bot-

Cassia County Fair schedule

Today	
6 to 7 a.m. — Enter 4H/FFA Sheep Livestock Area; Weigh-in for Matts, Almo and Elmi only	Arena: Open to public
7 a.m. — Enter 4H/FFA Swine, Ultrasound; Livestock Area	Noon to 2:30 p.m. — Commercial Building Open to Public
7 to 8 a.m. — Enter 4H/FFA Dairy Livestock Area	2 p.m. — Sheep 4H/FFA Quality; Outdoor Livestock Arenas; Open to public. Sheep will be shown in the following order: Junior I, Junior II, Intermediate and Senior Divisions
8 a.m. — Queen and Princess Breakfast; Price's Cafe; Open to public	3 to 7 p.m. — Entertainment; Free Stage Shows; Open to public
9 a.m. — Judge 4H and Open Class Home Economics and Miscellaneous projects and exhibits; 4H/FFA Open Class Building; Closed to public	4 to 8:30 p.m. — 4H Club booth re-arranging allowed; 4H/FFA Open Class Building
9 a.m. — Judging art exhibits; Art Building; Closed to public	6 to 9 p.m. — Enter all produce, gardening and crop; 4H/FFA Open Class Building; Includes Open Class, 4H and FFA Divisions
11 a.m. — 4H/FFA Dairy; Fitting Showing and Quality; Livestock	8 p.m. — Jamboree; Rodeo Arena; Featuring Joe Diffie and Marty Davis

les and lids or Ball bottles and lids," Oldham said.

"They have to be processed with a tested recipe," Burton

said. "You just can't throw something together. It has to be USDA, Kerr or Ball approved."

"And it has to be prepared

within the last year," Reas said.

The effort was headed up by Joan Parr, Cassia County extension educator.

Burton said her favorite part of the exhibit is seeing familiar faces, along with new ones.

"I also like to see all of the products that are brought in," Burton said. "It is so neat to see all of them. But we are now starting to see some younger people participating, so that is great."

Reas said canning your own fruit, vegetables or any other item may take more work than grabbing it off a store shelf. However, the taste can't be beaten.

"Once people can their own, they won't buy out of the store again," she said. "The taste is totally different."

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

Highway District election is official

Some numbers change, but outcome stays the same

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Highway District election results were made official Monday evening, after a slight change in vote totals because of a miscount and some ensuing contention from candidates.

A miscount in one of the district precincts caused incorrect vote totals to be released after last Tuesday's election. But there was no change in the outcome of the vote.

In the race for Subdistrict 2, 15-year incumbent Art Bailly beat David Burney, tallying 522 votes compared to Burney's 495 and other challenger Dave Sommer's 112.

Those numbers changed slightly compared to last week's totals, which had Bailly at 532 votes, Burney at 496 and Sommer at 112.

The reason for the change in vote totals?

"It was a miscounted tally," highway district election official Karen Dalton said Monday.

Last week, the total vote count for one of the six highway district precincts was recorded at 421, but only 411 ballots were counted.

The 421 number was an error. Only 411 ballots were counted, Dalton said.

Despite the vote total change, the winners and losers did not change. Bailly won 522 votes, but Burney also lost a vote, giving Bailly a 27-vote margin.

Burney has raised concern about the election. In an interview last week, Burney said his election was flawed. He also said he was contemplating taking his gripes to district court.

There is no state law provision for a recount in highway district elections.

"A verbal opinion from Deputy Secretary of State Ben Vuursma said the only recourse for contesting a highway district election is a petition in district court. That contrasts with state and county elections, where if a person wants a recount, he can request it through the state attorney general's office.

Burney was not available for comment Monday.

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Firefighters fight blazes in Magic Valley, across West

The Times-News and the Associated Press

TWIN FALLS — Firefighters are increasingly busy in the range and timber land of southern Idaho and the rest of the West as the dry summer offers up lots of fodder for lightning- and human-caused wildfires.

A Sunday evening storm cell left several lightning-caused fires in its wake across the Magic Valley. They're part of hundreds of similar lightning-sparked wildfires burning hundreds of thousands of acres in Western states.

Locally, a 300-acre blaze just north of Hailley is soaking up the bulk of firefighting resources. Sixteen engines, four aircraft and one Bureau of Land Management hand crew are battling the fire, along with crews from four rural fire departments

in the Wood River Valley. The human-caused fire was expected to be contained by 8 p.m. Monday.

A new fire flared up Monday four miles east of Sublett near Sublett Reservoir. Firefighters had just started working on the 1,000-acre blaze Monday afternoon, with five BLM engines and one 20-person hand crew committed. Fire bosses have no estimates for containment of this large fire. Another small fire near Sublett had been controlled by 5 p.m. Monday.

Firefighters were also battling another fire in extreme south-central Idaho Monday evening. The Hay Canyon Fire had burned about 150 acres by 5 p.m. Monday, and despite having 10 engines and five bulldozers committed to it by the BLM, there still is no estimate for its contain-

ment.

At least three smaller fires in the Magic Valley were extinguished or burned themselves out Sunday evening and early Monday morning. Two small lightning-caused blazes just south of Murtaugh and another just north of Paul were all reported to be extinguished by Monday evening.

In the larger scene, a 4,200-acre wildfire west of Ashland, Calif., destroyed two homes, forced the evacuation of several others and is still growing, officials said Monday.

Aerial tankers, seven helicopters and 935 firefighters battled the blaze, which was burning out of control near the California border.

"We are getting to the point

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Lightning ignites Nevada fires

By Karen Terrell
Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. — More than 2,000 lightning strikes were recorded in Elko County Sunday as a series of thunderstorms moved over the area, igniting several fires. The National Weather Service office noted there was little rain associated with the storm.

The Interagency Fire Dispatch Center reported 30 fires were started Sunday, some of which were still burning Monday in the dry desert lands. Dorothy Harvey said the largest of the fires were burning near Midas, northwest of Elko, and Starr Valley to the east of town. Limited containment

was reported on the Midas fire Monday, but firefighters were gaining control on the Starr Valley blaze.

A fire started late last week on the Brain River west of Jarbidge was contained Monday after scorching more than 7,500 acres. The fire threatened the Jarbidge Wilderness Area but was contained before reaching the timber. Fire personnel were sent to stand by in Jarbidge Saturday afternoon as a precautionary measure.

The weather service said a storm system moving into central Elko County near the Ruby Marshes area late Monday afternoon was showing an abundance of rain but little lightning activity.

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TAKE A WALK ON THE OLD SIDE

Walking tour offers glimpse at Rupert's past

By Coreen Hart
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — A.M. Lambert stepped off a train from the East to find a dusty desert of sagebrush, jackrabbits and lava rock around Rupert. The year was 1906.

The town square was then bounded by tinder-dry wooden stores with high false fronts. A fire in 1910 destroyed all of one side of the square.

"This did not produce the most pleasant feeling... but time... heals all wounds." It has been strange to note how soon people... have caught the spirit of enthusiasm and march proudly in the ranks with a bright anticipation of future palaces, surrounded with green fields...," he wrote, according to a pamphlet prepared by Judy Graham-Barnes of the Minidoka County Historical Society.

That history and much more is available on the society's walking tour of historic Rupert. A tour guided by Lola Nelson included information about how the Wilson Theater appeared in 1920, a sturdy brick marvel of Beaux Arts Classicism. It seated 700, counting the balcony, and is being restored to its original glory.

"We have 34 of these buildings listed in the National Registry,"



Minidoka County Historical Association's walking tour begins at Firstwell, which is marked with a monument and a fountain. Tour guide Lola Nelson explains the significance as Mary Inman, left, and Diane Brumley read a poem on the monument written in 1990 by Elizabeth Werner.

Nelson said. "The Finishing Touch beauty salon is the only one that still has its complete original front."

Park-View Furniture features the original embossed tin ceiling in half of its building, which originally held a thrift store and furniture store. The upper floor was a dance hall, Bush Hall, where well-known bands often played. Owners Karl and Joyce Barfuss intend to restore its historic exterior with brick dentils and cornice.

The first well in Rupert was dug on the town square. It was

fenced off in the early days because cows and other large livestock roamed freely at times and this was the culinary water source for the entire area for many years. Now it's a fountain for picnickers to enjoy as they relax on the grassy town square.

Smith Meat Market first occupied its lot as a frame building in 1905. In 1917, First National Bank replaced that with a brick and ceramic tile structure. Greek columns and the original legend cut into stone over the doorway. An almost identical building at the opposite end of the block now



houses U.S. Bank Corp and was at one time also a First National Bank, the only Rupert bank to survive the Great Depression.

"They say there's a ghost haunting this place," said Nelson,

referring to the Drift Inn Supper Club's upper floors. "Whenever something isn't quite right, a lighted candle or two is found burning the next morning. And there isn't a supply of candles

remains of the century brickwork interests Rupert resident Diane Brumley. The building housing Nancy's Rupert Floral shop was erected in 1910 and was home to a barber shop, billiards parlor, cafe, hardware store and other businesses.

Coreen Hart/The Times-News

kept in the building."

Times-News correspondent Coreen Hart can be reached through the Mini-Cassia bureau at 677-4042.

Filer native takes expertise to Belize

By Marge Holley
Times-News correspondent

FILER — A Filer native is a frequent visitor to Belize, but not to see the rain forests or the second largest coral barrier reef in the world.

Judy Lea Smith travels regularly to Dangriga, a small remote village in southern Belize, to assist educators in developing a curriculum to better meet the needs of the developing country.

Smith's fascination with the interaction among culture, language and education began during graduate school when she lived in a Saman village, which lead to a career in educational anthropology.

"The importance of studying the relationship among culture, language and education is essential if we are to understand the influences of education, whether good or bad," she said.

Smith, who is the daughter of Leah Smith of Filer and the late Delbert W. Smith, is a graduate of Filer High School and holds degrees from Albertson College



Photo courtesy of JUDY LEA SMITH

School children in Belize. The schools are run by different religious sects, a system which Filer native Judy Lea Smith called an 'interesting enigma.'

of Idaho, University of Idaho and Stanford University and has done doctoral studies at Warwick University in England, Columbia University and the University of Pittsburgh.

As a scholar in the University of Louisville's International Service Learning program, Smith said she had a "natural laboratory" to examine how culture and language may affect learners in a school setting.

In addition, her work in Dangriga is grounded in a philosophy of social responsibility.

"A person has responsibility to engage with others to build a sense of community and responsibility with all people," Smith said.

This month, she will direct the Department of Education's Teacher Training Workshops for three weeks in August in Belize, she said. This will include teaching in a classroom setting where

teachers can observe instructional methods and conducting graduate workshop.

Smith also collected books to take to the children in Belize, saying the availability of educational materials is limited to non-existing.

She finds the Belize education system an "interesting enigma." Different denominational sects establish schools with religion as part of the curriculum. The government pays the teachers' salaries.

She finds time to snorkel, but her passion involved education.

"My teaching experiences in Dangriga, Belize are a rewarding adventure. I never think of Belize without seeing the children's smiles," she said.

"I am able to offer my educational expertise and in return, I am given joyful smiles and life-changing experiences."

About Belize

Belize is a small Central American country in Central America. It was a British colony from 1862 to 1981 and a diverse with groups including Creole, Mestizo, Mayan and East Indian. The official language is English, although Spanish and Creole is widely spoken. The country has more diverse cultural, political and economic ties with Caribbean nations rather than its Central American neighbors, said Judy Lea Smith.



Members of the Magic Valley Tobacco Free Coalition met recently with national tobacco-free advocate Patrick Reynolds.

Photo courtesy of South Central District Health Department

Teen coalition works to stop smoking

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Tobacco Free Coalition hosted nationally-known tobacco-free advocate Patrick Reynolds, who took his anti-tobacco message to junior high students and the community.

His talks centered on the dangers of smoking and using smokeless tobacco. Reynolds is the grandson of tobacco giant R.J. Reynolds, but he turned his back on the tobacco industry after seeing his grandfather, father and other relatives die from tobacco-related diseases, said representatives of the

Interested? For more information about the Magic Valley Tobacco Free Coalition, call South Central District Health in Twin Falls at 734-5900.

South Central District Health Department, which sponsors the coalition.

Reynolds spends time speaking to junior high schools, high schools, universities and health conferences promoting an anti-tobacco message.

The Magic Valley Tobacco

Free Coalition is made up of area junior high and high school students who play an active role in helping their peers curb the use of tobacco, the health department said.

The coalition promotes cessation programs, provides tobacco education programs, works on policy change and participated in national activities, such as the Great American Smokeout.

The coalition meets the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital conference room.

YOUNG ARTISTS



Photo courtesy of CSE

Students in the Paint and Pencil Art course offered by the College of Southern Idaho North Side Center in Gooding learned basic design principles and perspective from instructor Tracie Anderson. Participants were, from left, back: Scott Zarate, Brett Dayle, Jessica McLean, Cassandra Lagarreta and Jared Jensen; front: Mary Arkosch, Erika Solis, Rosa Martinez, Millie Zarate and Nekane Damaray. The course was offered in collaboration with the Gooding School District's 21st Century program.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center
Jordan Marie Anderson Day, daughter of Jami Day and Robert Anderson, was born Thursday, July 12, 2001.

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center
Kaitlyn Nicole Burnham, daughter of Byron and Heather Burnham of Jerome, was born Thursday, Aug. 2, 2001.
Trinity Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of Chris and Rachel Johnson of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Aug. 5, 2001.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Cynthia Rodriguez, daughter of Elvira and Jose Rodriguez of Rupert, was born Thursday, Aug. 2, 2001. Camille Bench, daughter of Jay and

Marijane Bench of Burley, was born Thursday, Aug. 2, 2001. Falthe Warrell, daughter of Scott and Crystal Warrell of Burley, was born Monday, Aug. 6, 2001.

Minidoka Memorial Hospital
Rylan Winn Chandler, son of Travis and Angela Chandler of Rupert, was born Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2001. Adam Jakob Johnson, son of Loretta Johnson of Rupert, was born Thursday, Aug. 9, 2001. Marco Antonio Roman Doroteo, son of Josefina Doroteo of Raft River, was born Thursday, Aug. 9, 2001.

To have a birth announced, send a copy of the birth certificate to Melissa Morgan at The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303 or fax it to 734-5538. Deadline for publication Tuesday is noon Friday.

COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

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Dataplay could replace CD

Knight Ridder News Service

To hear some in the recording industry speak, the new music format from DataPlay will turn audio CDs into so many shiny drink coasters and flash memory cards into a digital flash in the pan.

DataPlay has developed an optical disc that's the size of a postage stamp - but holds a stunning 500 megabytes of data, or about 11 hours worth of music in compressed format. And it's expected to cost \$5 to \$12 for blank media: a fraction of what consumers now pay for flash memory cards, that hold a mere 60 minutes of music.

The first portable players, from Samsung, Toshiba and Sanyo, maker of the Diamond Rio, should

reach stores in time for the holidays. And three of the five major record labels plan to release recorded music on DataPlay discs.

"In the pantheon of technologies that have lined up to replace the CD, these guys are in the lead," said Talal Shamoon, executive vice president of InterTrust Technologies, a rights management company in Santa Clara that supports the format. "There's been a bevy of things, like MiniDisc, that have

never quite stuck - Here you've got the light fantastic. These things are going to kill. These things could be the next WalkMan."

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- Talal Shamoon, executive vice president of InterTrust Technologies

sheets, for that matter. And it will play in an array of compatible portable devices, from portable

music players to digital cameras to handheld computers.

Unlike rival portable formats, such as flash memory cards, DataPlay's discs are cheap enough for record labels to press in massive quantities - making it a fine medium for digital album releases. And there's space for additional content, like new music videos from, say, Blink 182, the tour calendar or exclusive interviews.

Labels can even include previous releases from the same group, which the consumer can sample and "unlock" through a quick online purchase. No need to return to Tower Records to buy an earlier album or wait for a lengthy download.

Microsoft lacks sense burying cents symbol

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

Q. My computer keyboard does not have a "cents" symbol key. What steps do I need to take to print that (and other symbols as well, such as umlauts over vowels)?

Bill Nelson
A. Microsoft was penny-wise and pound-foolish in not making the special character keys more readily available, in my humble opinion, Mr. N. A utility called the Character Map in Windows is set up to handle a globe-spanning collection of special characters, including the cents symbol.

The map lives in the System Tools folder in Windows, which is reachable by clicking on the Start button and then selecting Programs and then Accessories. When the Character Map module comes up you will see a display of all the possible symbols in all of the fonts in your machine. You need to select "System" as the font, and then you will find the needed symbol in the display that comes up.

Look at the bottom right of that display and you will find a keyboard shortcut for each symbol selected in the Character Map. In the case of the cents symbol, you hold down the Alt key and press the numbers 0162 on the numeric keypad on the right side of your keyboard.

Q. Is it possible, using a CD-RW

Computer Q&A

drive, to add songs off of CDs to my computer's hard drive, save them as WAV files, and then include them in Outlook Express e-mails? I've done it from WAV files I've downloaded from Sound America, but haven't been able to figure out how to do it from my own CDs. I have the MusicMatch software and Ed.Ike to expand my collection.

Sue Menez
A. I suspect that you are among a significant number of slightly misinformed people who use the MusicMatch Jukebox software (www.musicmatch.com) for playing music downloads and for listening to MusicMatch's superb collection of streaming music stations.

The bit of information you are missing, Ms. M., is that this same MusicMatch software links up with most CD-RW software (most notably Roxio Inc.'s Easy CD Creator) to rip music from CDs and compress them into MP3 files, far smaller and more e-mail friendly than those WAVs you relish.

It can then import those MP3 files and change them to several different formats, including the AIFF format used by store-bought music CDs and, of course, the old Windows standard of WAV. These files are at least 10 times larger than the compressed MP3s that have made the current revolution in online music possible.

Build it or buy it? Debate rages on

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - In the Jurassic era of personal computing, building a PC from parts was the only way to get a home computer, or at least the only affordable way. But given today's rock-bottom computer pricing, why go to the trouble of building one from scratch? Now that a fully assembled, off-the-shelf PC costs less than the cost of its parts, can a "homebrew" PC ever be cost effective? The answer is yes - or no.

Mike Rosinbum, a network technician in Washington, has built his last two PCs. Rosinbum said he has found building his own computers to be cheaper than buying name brand by a couple of hundred dollars - especially on medium- to high-end PCs.

Build your own computer and you're really going it alone. Each component has a separate technical support line to call, and even the weak levels of tech support offered by computer manufacturers might start to look good when you wake up one morning and can't get your system to boot up.

But Chip Dodge, who runs a seminar for the Capital PC User Group on the subject of building computers, disagreed. "You don't save any money," he said, "it's really a learning experience, a chance to learn more about the components."

The one advantage to building your own PC that everybody seems to agree on is choice. As Jill Bellak, vice president of sales for online computer-parts vendor Motherboard Express, said, "You can make sure you get something to fit your exact needs." Bellak said most of her company's customers are "reformed boot buyers" who bought a new PC at one point or another, only to have trouble upgrading it later on.

Even PC makers that let you customize your system's configuration often have limited parts for customers to choose from and sometimes don't even use standard components. Upgrading a PC with proprietary parts can be a difficult or even impossible task. In some computers with multimedia hardware built into the motherboard may be incompatible with powerful graphics card upgrades and may reject a sound card transplant altogether.

Discerning computer fanatics can find a number of other benefits to building their own systems.

Many factory-built computers, for example, skimp on components - manufacturers often save money by providing slower hard drives, lightweight power supplies and noisy fans.

Sales of the cases that cover a computer's innards are one of the few indirect methods analysts have to track how many folks build their own computers. Although hardly widespread, this hobby does seem to be growing.

Stephen Baker, director of research at NPD Intellect, said his firm estimates that 16,500 computer cases were sold in May at retail outlets across the country.

That's a tiny number - by comparison, the firm figures 460,000 computers were sold that month - but it's a 50 percent increase over what sold in the same period last year.

If you've got the right generic components and the know-how, it only takes a few minutes to put a PC together from its component parts. But though the parts may arrive with the UPS van, acquiring that know-how is a continuing process.

"The big downside is the hassle," said Rosinbum, the computer builder. "It takes time to put it together yourself. The parts may not work, and that's a fairly big headache. It can take two weeks to get it taken care of."

And there's the catch - build your own computer and you're really going it alone. Each component has a separate technical support line to call, and even the weak levels of tech support offered by computer manufacturers might start to look good when you wake up one morning and can't get your system to boot up.

Not even small, local computer repair shops are likely to clamor for your business if you goof up and buy the wrong parts. "We discourage that kind of customer," said Dave Pearson, sales manager of Keystone Computer in Arlington, Va. Although Pearson's shop is happy to build a computer for you, some folks "buy a basket of parts online, and then when they can't get it to work, they bring it to us," he said. "But not all parts work together."

REFLECTIONS



Marcus Jones, 17, installs software on a computer last month during a class at Park High School in Racine, Wis. Jones is reflected in the platter of a hard drive that was taken apart so the students in the class could see how it was made.

Sony offers low-cost Internet computer

The Dallas Morning News

Across the computer industry, many manufacturers who once predicted a boom for simple, lower-cost Internet computers are giving up their dreams.

Not Sony. The \$500 eVilla Network Entertainment Center began arriving in stores in July. The eVilla is an iMac-looking, all-in-one box with a small keyboard and mouse. Sony's brochures show it sitting on a kitchen counter, where it presumably could provide an easy, secondary interface with the Internet for playing online music and gathering instant news, sports and weather information.

Using a proprietary version of the Be operating system, the eVilla presents an elegant interface. Its tabbed main page allows easy toggling between the e-mail, Web and its America Online-like information and entertainment options.

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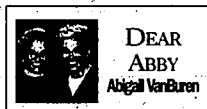
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Rudeness occurs on both sides of the checkout counter

DEAR ABBY: Your reply to "Cashier With a Mission" was morally correct, since the person should not shortchange customers who talk on cell phones by "forgetting" to put items into their bag or "accidentally" charging them twice.

My problem was a little different. I recently brought some items to the register in a bath and beauty shop at the mall. The girl behind the counter was using her cell phone. It was obviously a personal call. She rang up the items, took my money, bagged the merchandise and did not even bother to thank me, chatting on her cell phone all the while. As a matter of fact, she didn't even look at me. What



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Van Buren

I'm trying to say is, people should be polite to people no matter on which side of the counter they're standing.

-CORAL

IN BOYNTON BEACH, FLA.
DEAR CORAL: Of course civility is a two-way street. You would have done both yourself and the manager a favor had you politely pointed-out that the store needs to upgrade its cus-

tomers service. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am a checker, in a grocery store, and I, too, am irritated by cell phone users at the check stand. It is the ultimate rudeness to be oblivious to those of us who are there to serve. Many cell phone users don't even give me the courtesy of making eye contact. I would never treat them with such disrespect. What has happened to common courtesy? Sign me...

-CANT WAIT TO RETIRE

DEAR CANT WAIT: Some people are under extreme time pressure.

Others are having a bad day. And, sad to say, still others were never taught to respect the feel-

ings of others. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The cashier who overcharged or omitted an item purchased by a customer was guilty of both theft and dishonesty.

The root of her anger seems to be lack of power and lack of managerial-directive and support.

Since it has happened more than once, she should request that the manager formulate a policy to handle such rudeness.

People in customer service have personal power, and they can be polite when using it. That cashier could handle the situation differently: (1) Smile; (2) Carefully push aside the items

for purchase, and (3) say courteously, "I'll take care of the next customer while you complete your call."

Even with no "next customer," she can rearrange merchandise or leave the area for 60 seconds to relieve her stress.

-JERRY M., SEQUIM, WASH.

DEAR JERRY: That's certainly a more positive way to handle a difficult situation than to engage in petty larceny in an attempt to retaliate for the customer's rudeness. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have been a checker for 10 years. We receive a great deal of abuse from the public. I have been spat at,

cursed, even had items thrown at me.

Today I waited on more than 200 people. After reading your column, I counted the cell phone users. There were 47, and all of them gave me the same rude treatment-described in the letter.

Since the popularization of cell phones, there has been a decline in manners.

-STEWIE IN SAVANNAH

DEAR STEWIE: You have my sympathy.

Were I standing in your shoes and received the kind of abuse you described, I would call the manager and have him or her handle the customer who is obviously out of control.

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“He asked me if I knew what the best pitch was. I said, ‘Fastball!’ He said, ‘No, the bow tie.’ I asked him what it was. He said, ‘Fastball, right here,’ and drew his hand across his neck. That was my lesson from Satchel — the bow-tie pitch.”

— Nolan Ryan, after talking with the Cubs’ Kerry Wood about the art of pitching earlier this season, recalling what he learned from the greats, among them Satchel Paige.

FRIVIA QUESTION: Who holds the career record for tournament titles on the Professional Bowlers Association tour?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

Middle school opens football practice

JEROME — Football practice for incoming 8th graders at Jerome Middle School will begin Tuesday, August 21st at 3:00pm on the middle school field. All players must have a signed waiver before they can participate. 8th graders will be picked up at the middle school office during business hours. A mouth piece is also required. For more information contact John Derr at 324-1438 or 324-3356.

Junior high students to check out equipment

TWIN FALLS — 8th and 9th graders at Robert Stuart Junior High School will check out equipment on August 17th. 8th graders will check out at 2:30pm followed by the 9th graders at 3:00pm. The first practice for both teams is Monday, August 20th at 3:00pm. For more information contact Coach Hudelson at 736-1964.

Twelve spots remain in Bob Lyon tournament

GOODING — Only 12 spots remain for players interested in signing up for the Bob Lyon Golf Tournament running August 18th and 19th at the Gooding Country Club. Entries will be accepted from men over 50 and women over 45. The fee is \$50 with a shotgun start on August Saturday and Sunday. A BBQ lunch will be held Saturday. For the Gooding CC Golf Shop (934-9977) for more information.

Boise State, BYU set home-and-home series

BOISE — Boise State University and Brigham Young University have agreed to a home-and-home football series in the 2003 and 2004 seasons. The Broncos, who play their inaugural season in the Western Athletic Conference this fall, will travel to Provo in 2003, and BYU will play in Boise the following year. Boise State will also host Oregon State in 2004.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER: Earl Anthony, with 41.

Sutton gears up for possible last appearance

The Associated Press

DULUTH, Ga. — Sweat streamed down Hal Sutton's face and stained his shirt Monday as he pounded balls on the practice range, trying to shake the rust from a game that has been relatively dormant the past month. This is not the time to be catching up. The PGA Championship starts Thursday, the final major of the season. Of greater interest to the 43-year-old Sutton is finding his form in time for the Ryder Cup next month in what, likely, will be his final appearance. "Every morning I wake up, I feel like I've

just run a marathon," he said. There's a reason for that, and it has nothing to do with age. Sutton learned last month that he is suffering from sleep apnea, a disorder that causes him to stop breathing while he sleeps. "I never get rest when I go to sleep," he said. "I sleep a long time, but it's not a good sleep. The way the doctors explained it, the brain sends a message to the heart to beat more because it's not getting enough oxygen. The heart beats faster and it wakes you up." Sutton said he wakes up about 30 times an hour for a slight second.

"It's like switching stages of sleep," he said. Over the past year, Sutton has battled soreness in his ankle, his hip and his back. The rest of his body is doing fine. Now all he needs is rest. "When I talked to him before the British Open, he thought it was just his stomach or heartburn," Ryder Cup captain Curtis Strange said. "My brother-in-law has sleep apnea. That can be a serious stuff." Sutton didn't make the trip to Royal Lytham & St. Annes. He took five weeks off, returning to the PGA Tour last week at the Buick Open, where he missed the cut for the

first time this year. A Ryder Cup star at Brookline two years ago when he went 3-1-1, some wonder whether Sutton will actually be a liability at The Belfry. He is using a breathing machine to help him sleep through the night, although the apparatus feels awkward. Sutton, who already resurrected his career once, is willing to do what it takes. That's why he showed up at Atlanta Athletic Club two days early to work on a game that will have to negotiate the 7,213-yard, par-70 Highlands Course.

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ALL OR NOTHING

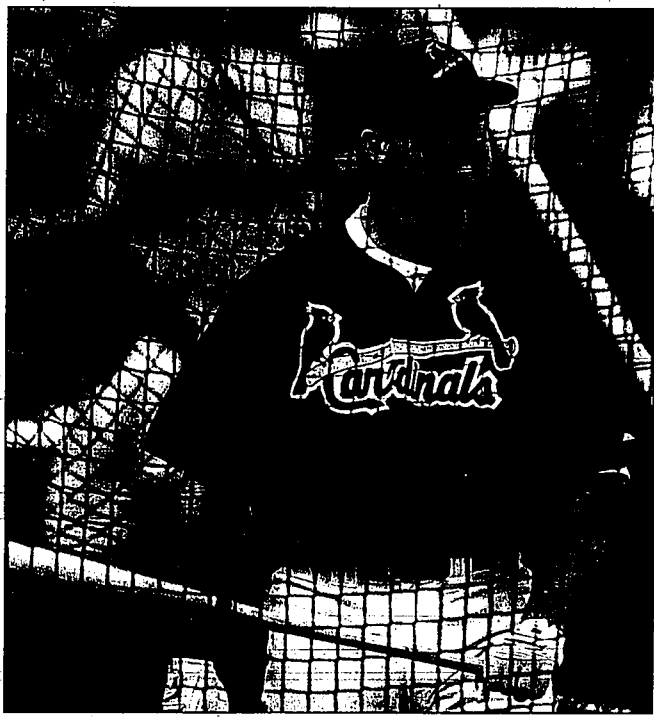
McGwire runs hot and cold this season

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — It's all or nothing these days for Mark McGwire. The home run king, so crowned after he hit a record 70 in 1998, is having a singularly strange season. There's been a lot of nothing, considering he's hovered around 200 all year and was even benched for three games last week. You can still count on him for the long ball, though. His last 11 hits have been home runs.

"It's crazy," manager Tony La Russa said. "A freak." Entering Monday night's game against the Cincinnati Reds, the weirdness had been going on for 63 at-bats. July 18 was the last time he got a hit — a single — that didn't allow him to trot or make a curtain call.

The Elias Sports Bureau says it's unprecedented, at least in the last 25 years. The closest anybody else came was Albert Belle, who had eight straight hits for home runs in 1998 when he played for the Cleveland Indians. Understandably, McGwire wishes this topic would die. "There's nothing to talk about, and that's being serious and funny at the same time," McGwire said. "You guys write about the stupidest things. 'It's a silly stat. I like singles just as much as home runs.' McGwire also contends that the streak lives only because of faulty scoring. On Saturday in New York, Mets third baseman Robin Ventura couldn't handle a McGwire smash down the line that bounced over his glove. When McGwire got to first base, Mets first baseman Todd Zeile delivered the bad news. "Could you believe they called an error on that one?" McGwire said Zeile told him. Since the craziness began, McGwire passed Reggie Jackson



St. Louis Cardinals slugger Mark McGwire watches as the baseball clears the outfield wall during batting practice at Busch Stadium in St. Louis on Monday.

and Harmon Killebrew for fifth on the career homer list at 578. His slugging percentage was .695 and his batting average a sickly .175. He also appears to be heating

up. On Saturday, La Russa moved him up to third in the order — the spot where he hit 70 in '98 — and he's homered in each of the last two games and eight of the last 14.

That includes a first-inning, two-run shot against the Mets' Bruce Chen on Sunday. The homers have mostly been meaningful as well. The

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Latest victory gives A's 11-game winning streak

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jason Giambi still wore his dusty uniform as he stepped over the remote-control cars on the clubhouse floor and stood below the glossy photos of pro wrestlers that decorate his locker.

When asked to describe the methods behind the madness of the Oakland Athletics' 11-game winning streak, the AL MVP glanced around the room at his teammates.

He saw a bunch of millionaire ballplayers smiling and laughing like. "We just like to have fun together, and you see that on the field," Giambi said. "There's nothing in the world that's more fun than the way we're playing right now." Giambi had just hit a preposterously dramatic two-out home run in the bottom of the ninth Sunday to give the A's a 4-2 victory over the New York Yankees, sweeping the world champions at the Coliseum for the second time this season. The victory, celebrated by a screaming, sellout crowd, gave Oakland the second-longest winning streak in team history — second only to a 14-game run in

1988. Giambi, whose homer also was his 1,000th career hit, took a triumphant curtain call to cap a perfect homestand. "I'm just trying to put the team on my back and carry them to the postseason," he said. "It's just like last year in that respect, but this year, the supporting cast is a lot better." With Giambi leading the way, the hard-hitting, longball-loving, we-are-family A's of last season are back. But this time, they could be even more dangerous than the team that stretched the Yankees to five games in last season's AL division series. After an 8-18 start, the A's have won 23 of their last 43 games, streaking to baseball's third-best record at 68-50. Oakland, which leads Boston by two games for the AL wild card, trails only the Yankees (69-49) and the untouchable Seattle Mariners (82-33). The A's have a year's experience with the pressures of the stretch run and the postseason, and its talented young pitching staff is maturing before their eyes. Tim Hudson, Mark Mulder and

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Philadelphia Eagles offensive lineman Jon Runyan, right, watches workers try to repair the field at Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia Monday before the team's preseason game against the Baltimore Ravens.

Turf problem postpones game

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The preseason opener for the Baltimore Ravens and Philadelphia Eagles was postponed Monday night because of problems with the turf at Veterans Stadium.

Officials from both NFL teams thought uneven cutouts in the field could affect players' footing. The start time, scheduled for 7:30 p.m., was originally pushed back 35 minutes. At 8:09, the stadium announcer told the fans the game was "temporarily suspended." Fans immediately began booing and at least one object

was thrown on the field. Fifteen minutes later, the game was officially postponed. There was no immediate word on a makeup date. "The surface underneath the turf was not smoothed properly, so that when you lay the turf on it you've got, not a ripple, but ruts to the point where it was unsafe," Eagles president Joe Banner said. "You could twist an ankle or a knee too easily." The Eagles, who share Veterans Stadium with baseball's Philadelphia Phillies, use large squares of turf to cover the areas

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Family mourns athlete

The Associated Press

POMONA, Calif. — Rashidi Wheeler was remembered Monday as a gifted, humble and perpetually smiling athlete who was always there for people who needed help.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, speaking at the memorial for the 22-year-old Northwestern University safety who died during practice Aug. 3, suggested that Wheeler hasn't stopped helping other young athletes.

"He's still a safety. He's going to save thousands of young athletes," said Jackson, who is helping Wheeler's family conduct an investigation of his death.

"People are asking questions about pre-practice practices because of Rashidi, they're asking about unauthorized practices because of Rashidi, they're asking about Ultimate Orange because of Rashidi," Jackson said.

Although a medical examiner ruled in a preliminary report the cause of death was bronchial asthma, it is still under investigation. According to news reports, Wheeler may have taken a supplement called Ultimate Orange which contains ephedrine. Ephedrine is banned by the NCAA.

Northwestern is investigating whether Wheeler and other football players took the energy-enhancing supplement before he collapsed on an Evanston, Ill., field.

A toxicology report, which will test for ephedrine, will not be completed for several weeks.

Family members want to make sure the university focuses on apparent breakdowns in medical care as Wheeler collapsed on the field. Jackson said the Ultimate Orange story may be an attempt to "credit" Wheeler but said more facts need to come out and added "this is no time to be throwing mud at the university."

In a 3.5-hour service at First Baptist Church, about 350 family members, friends and teammates remembered Wheeler through songs, flowers, photographs, funny stories and poetry he wrote. "Even when things were hard he was always the one with the smile on his face," Northwestern teammate Billy Silva said.

Another teammate said that although he was a bit of a trickster — Wheeler had earned the nickname "Bogusman" — his upbeat attitude won them over. Kevin Bentley said Wallace once kicked him out of his dorm room and made him go to an ATM at 10 p.m. to pay him back \$2. But Bentley, who will wear Wheeler's No. 30 in his honor, said, "he had that big Kool-Aid smile so you can't get mad at him."

Friends and teachers from Wheeler's younger days remembered an enthusiastic boy who could dunk a basketball as a seventh grader and excelled on the gridiron despite not beginning to play football until he was a sophomore at Damien High School in La Verne, Calif.

"Rashidi had everything. He was smart, gifted and he had game," said friend Brian Allen. Wheeler's Northwestern coaches said the senior was displaced by being demoted off the special teams squad early in his college career but he worked hard and earned a starting position in all 12 games last season.

"Rashidi was my hero," head coach Randy Walker said. "He learned early and successfully in life that to be successful, he had to get a little better every day."

SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Killer of Ex-NFL star's daughter goes to jail

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. - The man who killed the daughter of former NFL star Fred Biletnikoff was sentenced Monday to 55 years to life in prison. Mohammed Haroon Ali admitted strangling Tracey Biletnikoff, 15, Feb. 15, 1999. He demonstrated for police in a videotaped interview how he did it - first with his hands and then with a T-shirt. The jury deliberated for 2.5 days in April before deciding on first-degree murder, rather than a lesser charge of manslaughter. Biletnikoff, a member of the Hall of Fame, was not in court Monday, but prosecutor Steve Wagstaffe read a statement from him. "You created a hole in my heart and all of Tracey's family's hearts. That can never ever be repaired," Biletnikoff wrote. "Yes, I feel you should pay for this. I only wish you had to pay with your life." Tracey Biletnikoff met Ali in 1997 at a San Mateo drug and alcohol rehabilitation program. They began dating a year later.

Maris family appeals award from suit

GAINESVILLE, Fla. - The family of Roger Maris wants a judge to nearly triple the \$50 million award it won in a successful lawsuit against Anheuser-Busch, according to a motion filed Monday. A jury ruled Aug. 3 that the brewing giant improperly took away a beer distributorship from the family of the late home run record-holder. Jurors awarded the family \$139.7 million. Circuit Judge R.A. Green told jurors to only consider the market value of the distributorship estimated to be \$83.7 million. The motion filed in Alachua County Circuit Court, the Maris attorneys claim legal precedent allows a jury to award without interference more money than the court deems appropriate. The Maris family sued Anheuser-Busch for taking away in 1997 a lucrative beer distributorship the family had operated in Gainesville and Ocala for 29 years.

Woman to take over as Astros president

HOUSTON - Pam Gardner will take over as president of business operations for the Houston Astros at the end of the season, becoming the second woman to hold that position with a major league team. She will replace Bob McClaren, who is resigning to pursue family entrepreneurial interests, owner Drayton McLane said Monday. Gardner spent 12 years with the Astros before leaving in January to move with her family to New York. She was senior vice president of sales and marketing when she resigned in January. The first woman to hold the position of president with a major league team was Wendy Selig-Freib, who is still president and chief executive officer of the Milwaukee Brewers.

Wistrom should be back by season opener

ST. LOUIS - St. Louis defensive end Grant Wistrom is expected to recover from a knee injury in time for the Rams' season opener. Wistrom was injured Sunday night during St. Louis' preseason opener against the Buffalo Bills. He was diagnosed with a partial tear of the capsule in his left knee Monday and should be sidelined about two weeks. The Rams open the NFL regular season in Philadelphia on Sept. 9. Wistrom was hurt on the second play of the Rams' 24-10 victory when fellow defensive end Cedric Jones fell on his knee in a pileup. The Rams were worried there was cartilage damage. Trainer Jim Anderson said there was no structural damage to the ligament or lateral meniscus, which was the team's concern on Sunday.

Athletes get suspended after drug test

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Two U.S. karate athletes were suspended for a month after failing a drug test. The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency said Monday that Adam Brozer, 20, tested positive for pseudoephedrine and William Finegan, 20, for ephedrine. The tests were made July 15. Both drugs are commonly found in over-the-counter cold medications and supplements, but are banned by the national federation. Brozer and Finegan, of Lake Placid, N.Y., will be disqualified from their finishes at the Karate-Do Federation National Championships. Brozer won the men's advanced kumite division. Finegan won in men's open kumite and finished second in men's advanced kumite.

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Turf

Continued from D1 surrounding infield dirt patches. Banner said the problem involved three areas of the new NextTurf, installed for this baseball season, covering the pitcher's mound and first and second base. Players noticed the uneven turf during a routine walk-through before the game. Grounds crews added layers of dirt under the cutouts to try to remedy the problem, to no avail. Before the game was called off, players and coaches from both teams conferred with referee Tom White on the condition of the field. They included Baltimore coach Brian Bilick and players Tony Siragusa and Harry Swamy, along with Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie, coach Andy Reid and cornerback Troy Vincent. The Eagles are slated to move into a new, football-only stadium for the 2003 season.

The quality of the Vet's playing surface was such a concern that the league instituted a turf review program to make sure it was up to standards. But those problems were supposed to be resolved when the old surface was torn up after last season and replaced with the softer NextTurf. In January, the Vet's surface was rated the league's worst in an NFL Players Association survey. "It's basically the same fields in the same order each year," Gene

If anybody needs me... I'll be in Classifieds. Includes image of a bicycle.

WASHINGTON - With both Jeff George and Todd Husak injured, the Washington Redskins are doing some emergency quarterback shopping. Coach Marty Schottenheimer spent Monday scouring a very tight market to prepare for a short week of practice before Friday night's game against Atlanta. George has tendinitis in his shoulder, and Husak strained a rib muscle during warmups before Sunday night's 20-0 exhibition loss at Kansas City. The coach said he was not looking to trade, limiting his choice to unemployed veterans including Danny Kanell, Jim Druckenmiller, Moses Moreno and former Redskins quarterback John Friesz.

Seattle Seahawks CHENEY, Wash. - Cornerback Shawn Springs has a torn left hamstring, an injury that could force him to miss the start of the regular season for the Seattle Seahawks. Coach Mike Holmgren said Springs is expected to be out 4-to-6 weeks. Springs tore the hamstring Saturday-early in the second quarter of the Seahawks' game against Indianapolis.

Veteran Willie Williams filled in for Springs during Monday's morning practice but Holmgren said it was too early to decide on the full-time replacement. Rookie Ken Lucas and second-year player Ike Charlton are battling for the other starting cornerback job.

Minnesota Vikings MANKATO, Minn. - Moe Williams' bid to become the Minnesota Vikings' starting running back probably is coming to an end before it started. Williams will miss his second exhibition game, against Pittsburgh on Thursday, because of a foot

Oakland

Continued from D1 Barry Zito all or in top form, and his fourth starter Cory Lidle has never pitched better. Boston catcher Brian Daubach said he would fear Oakland's hurlers more than the Yankees' high-priced staff in a five-game division series. Over the last 14 games, Oakland's starters are 10-0 with a 1.78 ERA. Individually, their numbers are just as remarkable. Mulder, who leads the AL with 15 victories, hasn't lost since July 1; Zito has a 0.39 ERA in his last

Sutton

Continued from D1 During a practice round Sunday, he belted a drive and still needed a strong 3-iron just to clear the water in front of the 18th, a 490-yard hole that is the longest par 4 in PGA Championship history. "All the things they're doing now plays into the hands of the big hitters," he said. "They took the field size from 150 to 25. There's only 25 people in this tournament that can win." Then again, the last time Sutton didn't like the way a course was set up was for the Tour Championship in 1998 across town at East Lake Golf Club. He wound up beating Vijay

Around the NFL

Meanwhile, rookie Michael Bennett made an impressive debut against the New Orleans Saints on Saturday by rushing for 79 yards on nine carries. Doug Chapman, who started, gained 21 yards rushing on six carries.

Carolina Panthers

SPARTANBURG, S.C. - Carolina Panthers quarterback coach Turk Schonert admits that Jeff Lewis and Chris Weinke are in competition. But not with each other. In the team's most recent attempt to defuse a controversy over Carolina's starting quarterback job, the team's quarterback coach said that both Lewis, a five-year backup, and the Heisman Trophy-winning rookie Weinke is competing against himself. Schonert said Lewis and Weinke, who are 1-2 on the Panthers depth chart, must begin looking for the third option when their first two receivers are covered. But he likes what he's seen of Weinke, who he says throws a better deep-ball than Lewis.

New England Patriots

SMITHFIELD, R.I. - Robert Edwards went through his first full-squad workout since his devastating leg injury 2.5 years ago. Edwards was slowed by a groin injury the first week of camp. He's competing with J.R. Reed, Kevin Smith and Kevin Faulk at running back and lost valuable practice time during the nearly three weeks he was sidelined with the groin problem. Edwards was through his first full-squad workout since his devastating leg injury 2.5 years ago. Edwards was slowed by a groin injury the first week of camp. He's competing with J.R. Reed, Kevin Smith and Kevin Faulk at running back and lost valuable practice time during the nearly three weeks he was sidelined with the groin problem. Edwards was through his first full-squad workout since his devastating leg injury 2.5 years ago.

rushed for 1,115 yards and nine touchdowns as a rookie.

Denver Broncos

DENVER - Olandis Gary, who played in his first game Saturday since a knee injury last September, said it will take a few games before he's back at full speed. Gary carried the ball 10 times for 25 yards in a the Broncos' 20-6 victory over the Dallas Cowboys. Gary and Mike Anderson, who had 33 yards in seven carries, are competing for the starting job at running back. Terrell Davis, the NFL's 1998 MVP, has swelling in his surgically repaired right knee and tightness in his hamstring. Gary tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee late year after gaining 1,159 in 12 games as a rookie when Davis was hurt.

New York Giants

ALBANY, N.Y. - Giants safety Sam Garies sat out both practices on Monday because of a sprained right ankle. Garies hasn't missed much time since spraining the ankle Aug. 1, but it has been sore in recent days. Offensive tackle Lomas Brown returned to practice on Monday. The 17-year veteran missed Sunday's workout with a sore lower right leg. Halfback Tiki Barber (hand), receiver Joe Jurevicius (back), center Dusty Zeigler (ankle) and halfback Sean Bennett (hand string) were among 13 players who missed practice on Monday. Detroit Lions UNIVERSITY CENTER, Mich. - Detroit wide receivers Germane Crowell and Herman Moore took part in contact drills Monday for the first time in two weeks. Crowell is finally over a nagging muscle pull in his right

quadriceps, while Moore has worked through his separated shoulder. Moore is out until the regular season starts. He ran conditioning drills extensively over the past two weeks in an attempt to stay in shape.

Buffalo Bills

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. - Gigs Williams' debut as the Bills' head coach didn't exactly go as planned. But he may have found his starting running back in rookie Travis Henry. Henry was clearly the Bills' best player Sunday. Working with the second unit, he gained 47 yards on six carries, including a 25-yard run for the Bills' only touchdown. Henry is quickly moving up the depth chart and could be the team's starting tailback. His two competitors - incumbent Sammy Morris and third-year veteran Shawn Bryson - combined for minus-1 yard on 11 carries.

Dallas Cowboys

OXNARD, Calif. - Cool Pacific breezes and hundreds of cheering, flag-waving fans greeted the Dallas-Cowboys-on-Monday-as they made Southern California's Ventura County their training camp home for the first time since 1989. About 20 miles southeast is California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, where the Cowboys trained for 27 straight summers starting in 1963. They left after Jimmy Johnson's fifth year as coach because he decided the team needed to train in hotter weather. Too much heat brought the Cowboys back to their roots. After last year's camp left players worn out at the start of the season, team officials decided to split this summer's practice between Wichita Falls and Oxnard.

He has refused to sulk or to get happy feet as he heads toward free agency this fall. "I just want to get us into the playoffs. That's the best news going out," Giambi said with a grin. Even the A's notoriously laconic fans are catching-on to their team's magic. Oakland drew 238,000 fans to the six-game homestand.

The A's third sellout crowd in five games stood, stamped and shook the Coliseum long after Giambi's homer settled in the seats.

homeers. Miguel Tejada and Eric Chavez broke up Mike Mussina's perfect afternoon with back-to-back blasts in the fifth inning. That set the stage for Giambi, who has 10 homers and 31 RBIs in his last 30 games.

For all that production, manager Art Howe values Giambi's leadership as much as his offensive contributions. Despite his tattoos, motorcycles and wild style, Giambi is an old-school team captain in the Mark Messier mold, as his words and his teammates attest.

McGwire

Continued from D1 Cardinals were 9-1 in the 10 games in which he hit his 11 homers. "I'm feeling OK," McGwire said. "Still, on the year he had more home runs (21 than singles (15) and doubles (3), combined and was batting a lowly .192. La Russa said McGwire took the benching in stride. He said it wasn't tough delivering a piece of bad news to a future Hall of Famer. "Not really," La Russa said. "He knows he's not producing. He could hit fifth or sixth and he wouldn't say a word about it." McGwire was on the disabled

list for 36 games early in the season after coming back too soon from offseason surgery to correct patella tendinitis in his right knee. He re-emerged May 28 and homered that day. "Since then, however, it's been a struggle. Team doctors predict McGwire will be back to his old fence-busting self next year. McGwire, 37, certainly isn't acting as if this is the beginning of the end. "People need to understand and realize I'm having a season because of my knee, not because of my ability," McGwire said. "If I was having a season like this because of my ability, I wouldn't be standing here talking to you!"

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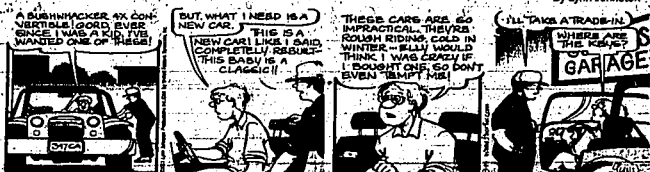
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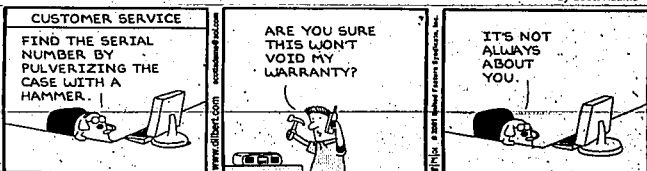
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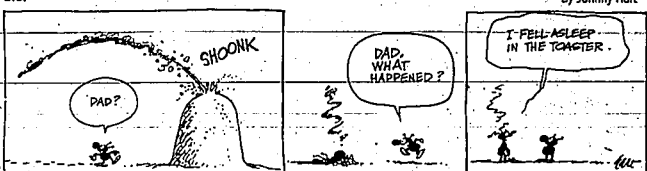
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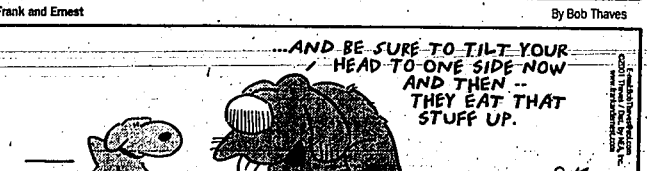
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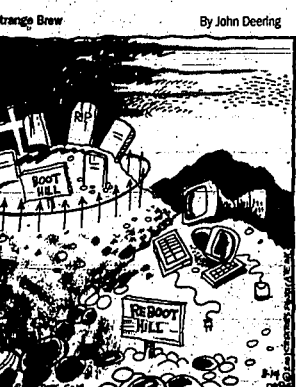
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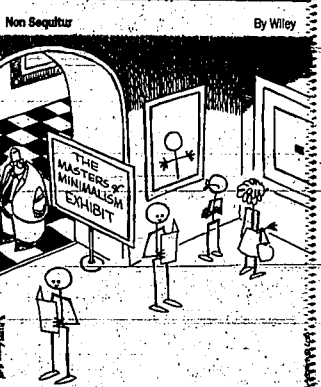
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