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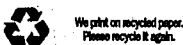
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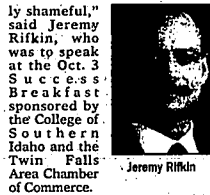
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CANCELED

Cattle, dairy leaders applaud decision to replace speaker

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—An international lecturer and best-selling biotechnology author Monday afternoon blasted a decision to cancel his keynote appearance at an annual Twin Falls breakfast.

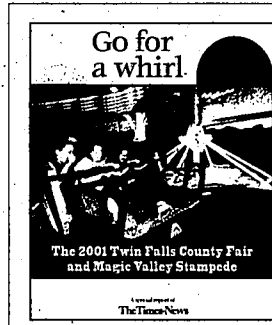


Jeremy Rifkin

"I think it's shameful, absolute-ly shameful," said Jeremy Rifkin, who was to speak at the Oct. 3 Success Breakfast sponsored by the College of Southern Idaho and the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer cited two reasons for the decision: He and other event organizers hadn't known about Rifkin's views on the agricultural industry when they invited him to speak, and a Sunday newspaper article's quotation of the speaker might change his planned topic.

"To be frank, I did not know Please see **SPEAKER**, Page A2



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Dealing with big numbers



Alexander Bagdasarov fills out a form to add a class to his schedule at the College of Southern Idaho on Monday. Increased enrollment has made many essential classes difficult for students to get into.

CSI handles influx of students, but classes are full

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—The line of people flowed from the bookstore and around through the Eagle's Nest, around by the information center and finally out the front doors of the Taylor Building.

books, register, collect financial aid checks and find their way around campus. And the people came—in significant numbers. "We did over \$100,000 in sales over the weekend," Gudenu said.

President Jerry Meyerhoeffer said keeping CSI open the weekend before school starts will be repeated. "It did an awful lot to take care of the overload," he said. "We saw a lot of parents bringing their kids in."

the rapid growth this year to the Idaho Promise Scholarship that gives \$250 toward tuition to graduating high school seniors who had 3.0 grade point averages. CSI matched the scholarship with \$250, leaving only \$205 for those students to pay for tuition and fees.



Director of the Utah Department of Natural Resources Kathleen Clarke, right, talks with Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt in June 1999. Clarke is President Bush's choice to head the Bureau of Land Management, overseeing 264 million acres of public land, mostly in 12 Western states.

Bush picks Utah woman to lead BLM

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON—Utah natural resources manager Kathleen Burton Clarke is President Bush's choice to head the Bureau of Land Management, overseeing 264 million acres of public land, mostly in 12 Western states.

Sec. Norton praises nominee; enviros express skepticism

lands. The conflicts are inherent," Clarke said in an interview. The White House announced Bush's intention Monday to nominate Clarke, who if confirmed by the Senate would become the first woman in the Interior Department job.

receptionist for the late Republican Sen. Wallace Bennett, who represented Utah from 1951 through 1974. Norton said Clarke was instrumental in securing \$3 million per year from the Utah legislature to protect and recover endangered species. Clarke also helped develop a management plan to conserve Great Salt Lake.

Clarke dismissed the criticism. "I have taken a balanced approach between conservation and protection of resource values and my consideration of industry and developers," she said.

Sen. Crapo: Antiquities reform could be in trouble

By Michael Journee
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, said Monday a measure trimming back the president's authority to designate national monuments could be in trouble in the U.S. Senate.



Sen. Mike Crapo

Water talks move to open session

By Chad Baldwin
Times-News writer

BOISE—State officials have called off a public hearing today regarding requests from Magic Valley canal companies and Clear Springs Food Inc. to expand zones where groundwater pumping may be curtailed.

Even as Water Resources is preparing to issue orders for groundwater pumping shutoffs to holders of about 1,000 junior water rights possibly beginning

Crapo

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prior to a monument declaration and require congressional approval of any national monument designation or expansion that is larger than 50,000 acres.

Simpson introduced the measure after former President Clinton's flurry of monument expansions and designations during his final term in office, including the 661,287-acre expansion of Craters of the Moon National Monument. Simpson and other critics say those actions were contrary to the law's original intent.

The bill is now before the House Resources Committee for consideration and is expected to easily pass the full House.

Crapo, who took a tour of damaged crop fields near Hazelton earlier in the day, said farmers whose crops have been affected by a possible contamination of the soil startling. Crapo must build a consensus among federal lawmakers in order to have Congress pay any reparations they might have coming.

Whether the Bureau of Land Management's spraying of the herbicide on nearby rangeland is the cause of crop death or deteri-

oration in a large swath of crop land between Hazelton and Paul, and other fields near Aberdeen, is still to be determined.

Crapo said there is an immediate need, by his own calculations, for at least \$3 million in emergency aid of some type for the most affected growers, and that damages to fall harvest crops like sugar beets and potatoes could possibly bloom to \$180 million.

There is talk, Crapo said, that stockpiles of sugar bought by the federal government last year under terms of the federal sugar program could be used to pay damages. It also seems legally possible for the benefits of that idea to be extended to other crops as well. But whether sugar users will allow such a scheme politically is in question, he said.

Crapo discussed a few other topics Monday:
• The Bush administration's last-minute Environmental Protection Agency standards for a national nuclear waste repository in Nevada have thrown a wrench in getting nuclear waste stored in Idaho out of the state—at least temporarily.

"We thought we were getting close," Crapo said.

Despite the environmental watchdog agency's "honest effort" to work with the Department of Energy on the Yucca Mountain site, an agreement between the state and DOE to get spent high-level nuclear reactor fuel out of Idaho could be permanently delayed, he said.

A federal Farm Bill could also face tough going in the Senate thanks to the Democrat majority.

Despite a House version of the program nearing approval, the Senate's Democratic Agriculture Committee chairman, Tom Harkin, is reportedly working on his own bill. He wants to spend substantially more money on agriculture in the form of rewarding farmers for conservation improvements on their land.

"If we had an unlimited budget, I think it would be a great idea," Crapo said.

"Although both bills are similar in concept, the budget simply won't support Harkin's wish list for agriculture, Crapo said.

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Lawyer requests indictment for Condit

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — An attorney for a flight attendant who claims she had an affair with Rep. Gary Condit asked a grand jury Monday to indict the congressman on charges that he tried to coerce the woman into denying they had an affair.

In a rare legal procedure, James Robinson, the lawyer for flight attendant Anne Marie Smith, submitted a citizen complaint Monday directly to a Stanislaus County grand jury. Robinson also hoped to meet personally with the foreman of the grand jury and county prose-

cutor Jim Brazleton to urge them to bring perjury and obstruction of justice charges against Condit; his chief of staff, Mike Lynch; and Don Thornton, an investigator for a California lawyer who

has represented Condit. Condit is already under intense criticism at home and in Washington for his responses to questions about his relationship with missing intern Chandra Levy.

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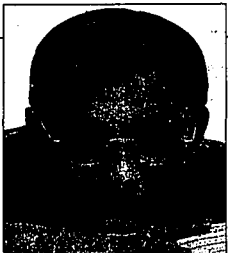
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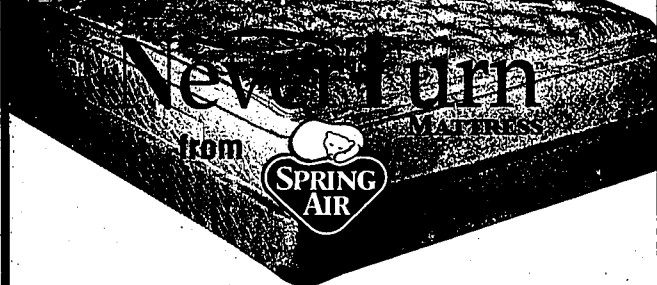
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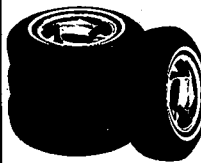
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SOURCES: U.S. Central Command; Department of Defense; Federation of American Scientists; ESRI

WASHINGTON (AP) — A pilotless U.S. reconnaissance plane failed to return from a mission over southern Iraq on Monday. U.S. officials did not dispute Iraq's claim that it shot down the plane.

The incident underscored the dangers facing U.S. and British pilots who regularly patrol the skies over Iraq and encounter anti-aircraft artillery and other air defense forces almost daily. The Iraqi government considers the patrols illegal and in recent months has developed more effective coordination between its early warning

radars and anti-aircraft missiles, heightening the danger to pilots.

In northern Iraq on Monday, U.S. planes attacked an SA-3 surface-to-air missile site near the city of Mosul after taking fire from Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery guns, U.S. military officials said.

Pilotless aircraft capable of transmitting live images to U.S. command posts outside of Iraq are used to supplement air patrols by Air Force F-16s and other manned aircraft in both northern and southern Iraq. Whether the Air Force drone,

known as a Predator, was shot down or crashed due to a technical failure, it was the first American aircraft of any kind

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Software tracks stolen computers

The Baltimore Sun

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"Hi, I'm at this location," the computer said.

It was all that officials at Absolute Software in Vancouver, British Columbia, needed to track down the laptop at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. It was back in the hands of the school's Audio-Visual Services Department in less than 36 hours, according to police reports.

Absolute's Computrace software and other stealthy, anti-theft tracking programs are helping corporate and individual owners around the United States find stolen laptop and desktop PCs by sending homing signals over the Internet to online monitors.

The messages contain either the telephone number at the address where the computer has been taken or the computer's Internet address. Both allow a company-based security team to determine the computer's location and who lives there.

The team then pulls together as much information as possible - for example, the criminal record of the homeowner if there is one - before contacting local police who recover the computer and sometimes make an arrest.

For about \$50, a laptop owner can buy security software and

one year's monitoring, with discounts for multi-year subscriptions and multiple installations.

In tracking down the stolen UMBC laptop, campus police said they knocked on the door of a dorm room June 13 occupied by a summer school student.

There, they said, the student gave them the PC. According to the police report, the student said he had taken it from a Social Sciences building classroom because his personal computer was broken.

The student is awaiting trial on a theft charge.

Absolute Software claims Computrace has a 95 percent recovery rate and calls the UMBC case typical. What makes it work is the ubiquitous nature of the Internet.

"We're in an online world," says Absolute spokeswoman Courtney Chauvin.

Victor H. Aulestia of UMBC's Office of Information Technology said the laptop in question was online for a short period before the theft, then was on the university's network for several hours the day that police moved in.

John Livingston, Absolute's CEO, says Computrace is hidden in the hard drive. Even reformatting the hard drive won't remove it. Once a telephone or Internet connection is made, the program goes to work.

"On a daily basis, it will call out to reach Absolute's offices through the Internet until it makes a connection, once a day, for a few seconds," he says. "It

says, 'Hi, serial number ABC123,' asks, 'Am I stolen, no,' then goes back to sleep for 24 hours."

If the computer has been stolen, the company logs the telephone number or IP address and the security team goes to work. The company is looking for 15 to 20 stolen PCs in any given week, Livingston says.

Laptop theft has become a major headache for corporations and individuals: Computer insurer Safeware, The Insurance Co., estimates that 387,000 laptops were stolen in 2000, a 21 percent increase over the previous year. "People are actually replacing desktops with notebooks," says

Safeware President Don Strezek. "They're mobile, so whether you're using them for business, school or whatever, they're being taken out of the home and that's where the risk occurs."

And as with most property crimes, victims rarely get back what thieves take.

Bank Tsvini, vice president of business development for zTrace Technologies of Waltham, Mass., which sells similar security software, estimates that 60 percent to 70 percent of corporate computer losses are internal thefts. That prompts many customers to install zTrace without telling employees, he says.

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PDA introduces many new functions

The Dallas Morning News

Your choice of personal digital assistants grows every day. One of the most versatile, however, may be flying below your radar: the CyberBoy.

The PDA offers the traditional address book, calendar and to-do list functions. Users of handhelds with the Palm operating system will feel right at home, despite CyberBoy's proprietary software. That's where comparisons with many PDAs stop. This is a wonderfully multifunctional device. Built in are an MP3 player, an FM receiver, a voice recorder and a low-resolution digital camera.

Images taken with the camera appear grainy and dark on the monochrome screen but can be transferred to a computer using the USB cable link. There, the pictures can be viewed in a larger size and in color, though they'll still be somewhat fuzzy.

Hardware review

When connected to a PC, the CyberBoy can work as a basic video camera. Images appear live on your monitor. The software can record and play back video. Unfortunately, the unit's proprietary video format isn't compatible with formats such as Windows Media Player.

The CyberBoy's Smart Media memory slot permits the system's 8-megabyte memory to be boosted up to 128MB with additional cards. That provides more space for storing digital images or MP3 songs.

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EDITORIAL

New school year invites investment in our future

One of the most significant dates on any community's calendar is when its students return to school. For those of us who've been away awhile, the idea of young people going to school - rather than to work, or to war - is an affirmation of what's good about life in America.

Though we'll quibble about some of the details, a sound system of public education is one of this nation's greatest assets. It's true at the university level, where students are drawn here from virtually every nation on earth, and it's also true at the primary and secondary levels.

With that in mind, we offer the following advice to the main players in education:

- **Students** - Make the most of your time in school. Read a lot, listen even more. Do more than your teachers require. A little extra education will serve you well in the years ahead.
- **Teachers** - Teach by the book, but also teach by example. Dress appropriately, carry yourselves with dignity and strive to switch on the light of learning in your students' eyes. The surest way to strengthen a society is to educate its members.

• **Parents** - Take more than a passing interest in the education of your children. Make sure they have time to do their homework, and then ensure that it gets done. Keep an eye on what they're wearing to school and use your veto power if it's too provocative.

Wisely, some schools are edging toward a return to dress codes. Skintight pants, skimpy blouses and bare midriffs are, er, forms of expression best left for the weekend. When students are in school, the idea is to learn, not to leer. Schools are right to draw the line when students aren't wearing enough clothes to wad a shotgun.

Finally, we applaud what appears to be a heightened focus on school security. Video cameras - which are staple fare in banks and convenience stores - are beginning to appear in school hallways. Some schools are taking a dim view of backpacks and baggy clothing because of the potential for opportunities they provide for weapons.

No one likes to dwell on the unpleasant "what ifs" that could befall a local school, but it's folly not to plan for trouble. The sad litany in towns where school violence boiled over into bloodshed is the simple phrase, "We didn't think it could happen here."

Local schools are wise to prepare for the worst. At the same time, they bring out the best in society by educating the voters, taxpayers and citizens of tomorrow.

A sound system of public education is one of this nation's greatest assets.

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LETTER

Choice of speaker was no good

I am a member of the Idaho Cattle Association as well as the Magic Valley Cattle Association. I am the wife of a cattleman and the mother of cattlemen. I am writing this letter to express my disappointment at the Chamber of Commerce's Success Breakfast guest speaker. This speaker is Jeremy Rifkin, an extreme environmentalist. In the past, the chamber has had outstanding speakers such as Dick Cheney and astronaut Wally Schirra.

a drought year and poor economic conditions for farmers and ranchers is a slap in the face to our farming community?

Rifkin also is opposed to Frostban, a synthetic microbe that helps protect plants from frost. Another product that he is against is an oil-eating bacteria used in oil-spill cleanups. Both of these products have been found to be harmless to the environment.

According to the National Center for Public Policy Research, Rifkin's credibility ranking on a scale of 0 to 10 measuring political science vs. real science, Rifkin scores a 9.0 for political science. Do you really think our community needs this type of speaker who only has one agenda and that is destroy farming?

BARBARA BROCKMAN
Kimberly

Gore's gotta find his way around 'I Told You So' towards Bush

Timing, like most subtle political skills, has never been Al Gore's strength. But whether by luck or design, Gore now may be approaching a harmonious convergence of moment and messenger. How he handles that opportunity could reveal much about the way Gore will position himself against President Bush in the coming months - and even in a potential 2004 rematch.

For the past nine months, Gore has been doing his best Calvin Coolidge imitation; he's been "Silent Al," whittling away, keeping his thoughts to himself. Gore resurfaced recently with a beard, it seemed to confirm the suspicion that he had been marooned on a desert island all these months.

But Gore recently agreed to deliver the keynote speech late next month at the annual Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner of the Iowa Democratic Party. With an enormous press corps expected to

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gather in Des Moines, the evening will provide the former vice president with his first chance to talk to the nation since he conceded the presidential election last December.

And, now, the Bush administration may have given him something to talk about.

During last year's campaign, Gore routinely changed his consultants, his look and even his persona; he was a blue-suited New Democrat one day and an earth-toned populist the next. But one thing was utterly constant: From the moment Bush first announced his tax-cut proposal in December 1999, Gore insisted that the plan would wipe out the massive surpluses projected for the coming decade and plunge the federal budget back into deficit.



Poor nations need biotechnology

Beneath the debate in industrialized nations over biotechnology foods lies a tragedy: those who have the most may deny this promising technology to those who need it the most.

That is the conclusion of a recent U.N. report warning that the world's poorest cannot afford for its richest to stall biotechnology on the basis of scientifically unfounded fears. Without biotechnology, the U.N.'s Human Development 2001 report says, developing nations may be unable to feed their rapidly expanding populations.

So it is sad - and potentially dangerous - that, in the report's words, the debate in the West "mostly ignores the concerns and needs of the developing world."

The reason, the United Nations says, is perspective: "Western consumers who do not face food shortages or nutritional deficiencies or work in the fields are more likely to focus on food safety and the potential loss of biodiversity."

By contrast, "Farming communities in developing countries are more likely to focus on potentially higher yields and greater nutritional value and on the reduced need to spray pesticides that can damage the soil and sicken farmers."

That does not detract from the sincerity of the concerns of nations who have raised concerns about biotechnology. But those with the luxury to debate the issue must acknowledge our privileged vantage point: We get our food from grocery stores that are stocked full. The world's poor depend largely on subsistence farming.

Already 800 million are chronically malnourished. Now, as the world's popu-

HANS KORNBURG

lation continues to expand, developing countries must feed more people on less land without ravaging the environment.

Food biotechnology - the techniques used to improve crops at the genetic level - offers scientifically proven ways to help a hungry world by enriching the nutritional content of staples, improving agricultural productivity and protecting the environment.

For example, scientists are developing a strain of "golden rice" fortified with extra beta-carotene, which could combat millions of cases of Vitamin A deficiency, which can result in blindness and death. Researchers are also exploring more nutritious strains of sweet potatoes and cassava, which are the staple foods of many underdeveloped countries.

Biotechnology can also improve yields by developing crops that can protect themselves against pests and disease, which devastate harvests in the developing world. Other crops might someday be able to grow in droughts, extreme heat, and other difficult conditions.

Biotechnology can also lessen agriculture's impact on the environment. Crops that use soil nutrients and water more efficiently could help to conserve natural resources, and by growing more food on the same land, the need to cut down ecologically sensitive environments like rain forests for food production will be decreased.

Crops that protect themselves against pests and disease - like strains of corn, cotton and potatoes already in widespread use in the United States - also reduce the need to spray chemicals.

And genetically modified strains of soybeans and cotton have transformed weed control in the United States, enabling more farmers to employ no-till practices that conserve topsoil and minimize runoff of sediment into rivers and streams.

Consumers in industrialized nations will reap these benefits too. But it is the world's poor who most need them - and, ironically, the world's wealthiest who have the most power to stall them.

In attempting to halt biotechnology, its opponents often cite concerns about its safety. They may find some comfort in the U.N.'s call for a rigorous system of regulation and testing to ensure biotechnology foods are safe. Such a system already exists in the United States, where biotechnology foods have for years been required to meet the same strict standards for dietary and environmental safety as every other product.

That system - and reams upon reams of objective scientific research - have proven that biotechnology is safe and beneficial. There is no valid evidence that anyone's health has been permanently damaged through the consumption of genetically improved food. And for the world's poor, the United Nations says this technology is indispensable.

To be sure, that should not preclude industrialized nations from conducting a robust, open and ongoing discussion of biotechnology. That is the privilege of living in a free society. But we should not forget it is also the luxury of living in a wealthy one.

Hans Kornburg is a professor of biology at Boston University and former chair of the United Kingdom's Advisory Committee on Genetic Modification.

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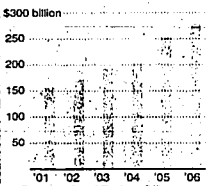


NATION

Estimate shows tax cut, economy eating into surplus, Social Security

Differences in projected surplus

Despite a \$9 billion dip into Social Security to pay for other operations, the White House still projects a larger 2001 surplus than Congress.



SOURCES: Congressional Budget Office; Office of Management and Budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's tax cut and the nation's economic downturn will force the government to take \$9 billion out of Social Security this year to pay for other operations, breaking a bipartisan commitment in Congress, congressional analysts reported Monday.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office offered a more pessimistic view of the government's finances than the Bush administration did last week. The CBO estimated the total budget surplus for the fiscal year that ends Sept. 30 at \$153 billion — down \$122 billion from its May estimate.

The CBO says Social Security will be tapped for \$9 billion in fiscal 2001. After a small non-Social Security surplus of \$2 billion in fiscal 2002, it projects the government will use \$18 billion out of the retirement program in 2003 and \$3 billion in 2004.

While the White House projected similar numbers, it forecast a non-Social Security surplus of \$1

billion this year and next. That was just enough to permit Republicans and Democrats to say they have kept a promise not to use Social Security tax collections for other government programs.

Diverting Social Security money has no practical effect on the program. It does prevent the government from paying down public debt as quickly as it otherwise would. But making the Social Security exempt from such inroads has become a political priority as both parties sought the mantle as its greatest protector.

The first year of the 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax cut championed by Bush accounts for about two-thirds of the lowered fiscal 2001 surplus estimate, the CBO report says. A fourth of the reduction was attributed to the troubled economy, mainly in the form of lower tax revenues. The tax cut includes \$40 billion in income tax refunds this year and deferring about \$33 billion in business taxes into fiscal 2002.



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AROUND THE VALLEY

Sheriff's departments patrol land for fires

SHOSHONE - Eight county sheriff's departments patrolled public lands looking for wildfires this past weekend in south-central Idaho.

The patrols were the result of an agreement with the Bureau of Land Management entered into by departments from Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties.

With the number of south-central Idaho BLM fire crews thinning due to many college students returning to classes and the number of human-caused fires increasing in some areas, these patrols will help reduce the number of human-caused wildfires, said Andy Payne, fire management officer with the south-central Idaho BLM fire program.

The patrols will continue over the next several weekends, and the public is encouraged to report wildfires to their local county sheriff's dispatch centers or directly to the BLM fire dispatch center at 886-2372 or by dialing FIRE on their cellular phones.

Rural fire departments also will be augmenting BLM fire crews each weekend through the end of September. Four of the rural fire departments throughout south-central Idaho will be on call to assist BLM fire crews in wildland firefighting each weekend.

Open house scheduled Friday for Judge Meehl

TWIN FALLS - An open house is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday for retiring 5th District Judge Daniel B. Meehl in the Theron Ward Judicial Building in Twin Falls.

The open house is to commemorate Meehl's 31 years of service to the judiciary. If you have a story you would like to share at the program, call 736-4085.

CSI to offer College and Community Day

TWIN FALLS - Anyone interested in learning more about what the College of Southern Idaho has to offer is welcome to attend College and Community Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at CSI on Friday, Sept. 7.

The event is an update of the former student orientation day and is used to welcome and orient students to the campus for the fall semester. Over the last several years, it has also become an opportunity to invite local business participation in order to show what else is offered in the community.

College and Community Day features an outdoor picnic staged between the Taylor and Fine Arts buildings. CSI program and area business representatives staff tables and booths near the picnic site. Organizer Jamie Shetler says there is no charge to attend the event and that the public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Shetler is expecting more than three dozen information centers to be located near the picnic. Businesses and other organizations that have reserved space so far include Falls Avenue Fitness, Intermountain Martial Arts, Amazing Grace Fellowship, Lamphouse Theatre, Mary Kay, and Curves for Women.

Any businesses interested in participating are encouraged to call Shetler at 733-9554, Ext. 2112, or the CSI Student Information Office at 733-9554, Ext. 2221.

Southern Idaho Land Trust group to meet

TWIN FALLS - The Southern Idaho Land Trust will meet at 7 p.m. today at Blue Lakes Country Club.

The trust is a private, nonprofit organization managed by local people to provide landowners voluntary opportunities to preserve and protect lands for the future. It is specifically designed to meet the needs of Idaho citizens who care about southern Idaho's land and are interested in good land stewardship while preserving natural resources and maintaining the quality of life. A press release from the group.

Those interested are invited to attend the meeting. For more information, call Mike Pepper at 734-6208.

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Judge: Hospital must give names

By Michael Journeé
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A district judge ruled Monday that Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is required to disclose the names of employees along with corresponding salary information as requested by *The Times-News*.

Workers at the county-owned hospital are subject to Idaho's open records law just as much as any other public employees, 5th District Judge Roger Burdick ruled, despite the hospital's claims that matching the names and salaries violates the employees' privacy.

Magic Valley Regional board president

Medical center vows to appeal the ruling

Vesta Maughan said the hospital will appeal Burdick's ruling.

"We do everything we can to protect those employees as far as salary information," Maughan said.

The Times-News took the hospital to court over public access to hospital employee salary information, after hospital administration blocked out the names on a hospital salary schedule requested by the newspaper.

As a publicly owned entity, Magic Valley Regional's operating records are subject to public sunshine laws. The newspaper maintains the salaries, titles and names of public employees are matters of public record as outlined in Idaho public records law.

"This was an important decision because it establishes Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is a public agency and subject to the same laws as other public agencies," *Times-News* Managing Editor Clark Walworth said.

"Public agency payrolls are a basic building block of government accountability. Citizens need to know how the money is being spent."

In addition to calling it "the right thing to do," the hospital has couched its opposition to releasing the names as a morale issue for its employees, dozens of whom packed the courtroom Monday.

Hospital administrators have said the hospital could lose valuable employees if their names and salaries appear in print - an unattractive development in a very competitive medical employee market.

"It's hard to retain and recruit good employees," Maughan said. Central to Burdick's ruling was his conclusion hospital employees are public officials. He based his decision mainly on a 1996 Idaho Supreme Court decision. Please see HOSPITAL, Page B3

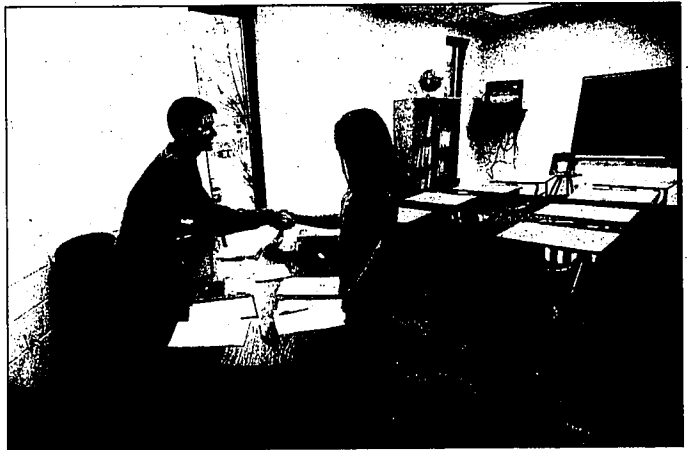
Area students and teachers head back to the classrooms



Using a word play off his last name, Jim Lasso makes his grand entrance into a student rally at the beginning of the day at the school wearing a cowboy hat and riding a stick horse. For most of the student body, it was the first look they had of him.



Above, Cecille Kinyon, 16, center, reacts as Lasso misspells her name. Kinyon approached Lasso on his break to tell him she would be changing schools, and Lesly Adams, 16, wanted to be an aide in one of Lasso's classes. Right, Lasso greets one of his new students before the start of the day's classes. The new teacher in a rural school drew a fair amount of curious students wanting to meet him. 'I want to a school just like this,' Lasso told all of his classes.



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Twin Falls leaders plan for pay raises as part of budget

By John T. Hudby
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Despite a \$27 million budget that city leaders are calling tight this coming year, employees may have reason to smile, as across-the-board pay raises are being planned.

But exactly how much of a boost in their paychecks employees will get has not been determined, Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney said Monday.

"That's a decision the council will

make, and at this point they haven't made the decision," Courtney said before Monday's City Council budget hearing.

The city is in the middle of labor negotiations with the city's firefighters. Until those negotiations are through, city employees will have to wait for final word on raises, Courtney said.

The projected pay raises are part of what city leaders are calling an overall tight budget this coming year.

The \$27 million budget includes more than \$3 million for water system costs and

\$4 million in sewage treatment costs. Property taxes will likely increase this year slightly, about \$9.40 on a home with a net value of \$100,000.

For instance, for a home worth \$100,000, the homeowner pays about \$710 per year now. That rate will increase to about \$719.

Courtney, who spoke with the City Council Monday about the city's budget, said increased power costs, coupled with higher city spending and decreased revenue, have made this coming year's bud-

get tight. "This budget was extremely difficult to balance," he said.

Courtney lauded city department heads for cutting back on their budgets.

And the city is on track to complete several projects included in the strategic plan, including:

- Sewage plant improvements. The city has spent more than \$8 million on building and waste storage tank improvements.

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Burley budget hearing gets neither support nor opposition

By Ruth Streecher
Times-News writer

BURLEY - No one spoke either in opposition or in support at a Burley budget hearing on Monday in which electric rates are proposed to go up 25 percent, but there was discussion about whether to direct tax revenue into the city-run golf course.

The Burley City Council took the proposed \$13.3 million budget under advisement. The proposal is up 6 percent from this year's \$12.5 million budget. The electric department is seeing a 22 percent increase, up from \$5 million to \$6.1 million.

Having \$389,000 from the budget, the city was able to keep from passing on a projected 46

percent rate increase by the Bonneville Power Administration, which sells its wholesale power to the city of Burley for retail sale.

A portion of the savings will come from three job cuts: the director of parks and recreation, a \$39,270 position; a \$23,961 maintenance position at the golf course; and a \$14,000 mechanic position.

Burley's Vaughn Egan expressed concern that the duties of the parks and recreation director would be shared by employees from the building and maintenance department and the golf course.

"Egan, a golfer, said he felt the golf course was being neglected already and that redirecting more manpower away from the course

would be further detrimental.

Councilman Brent Kerbs said he agreed with Egan's concern for the course, which is positioned on the eastern entrance to the city and which Kerbs called "the showpiece piece of the community."

Kerbs suggested funding the golf course from the city's general fund, as it was several years ago. The course is currently an enterprise fund, which means it is self-supporting.

Kerbs said the course was taken out of the general fund years ago to disprove the perception that the facility was benefiting from a disproportionate amount of tax money.

But it's been proven that the course can't handle the demands that have been placed on it, Kerbs

said, without increasing the fees too much for users.

The city needs to "support it like (it does) other recreation and other factors," Kerbs said.

City Administrator Mark Mitton said he doesn't favor putting the golf course back in the general fund, but he does support the idea of making those funds available if needed.

Other options for increasing the golf course's revenue are also under consideration, Mitton said, such as opening a restaurant at the clubhouse.

In other budget proposals:

- The city's proposed contribution to the Cassia County Sheriff's Department would drop 3 percent, or \$43,500, from this year's budget, also in response to rising

energy costs. The city funds 65 percent of the sheriff's department.

That decrease would not affect service, Mitton said. Rather, the department would have to postpone certain purchases, he said.

- Property taxes would increase the annual 3 percent that state law allows without a public hearing, Mitton said.
- The sanitation department's budget would drop \$128,277, or 17 percent, from this year. That reflects \$145,000 that was spent this year on new equipment.
- The city's proposed sewer budget is roughly 70 percent, or \$319,875, higher than this year's. Of that increase, \$230,000 is for the construction of a new lift station

in North Burley, while \$100,000 is part of a grant for professional services.

The city's water budget would increase 21 percent, or \$137,447, due largely to new construction and higher utility costs.

The city is proposing several changes in residential and commercial sewer rates to offset the cost of the lift station as well as the cost of expanding the sewage plant in the next few years.

The city is also proposing an increase in water rates that city officials say have not gone up in several years.

The increases are part of a proposed fee schedule that the council must approve separately before it approves the budget, Mitton said.

Agency asks Jerome County for help

By Gina Mulder
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - An agency that lends a hand to people in need in the eight Magic Valley counties is now in need of a little help.

Ken Robinette and Roy Searle, representing the South Central Community Action Agency Inc., appeared before Jerome County commissioners Monday looking for a little financial backing to help build a new SCAA Twin Falls facility.

SCCAA, with state and federal funding, helps low-income people in the Magic Valley with food and medical

needs, housing payments, and job retraining and energy assistance. The agency last year provided more than \$3 million in assistance spread through the eight counties, Robinette said.

This year, Jerome County is the third largest SCAA service area, with clients in the county receiving

\$127,875 in assistance since January.

However, the aging Twin Falls facility is no longer meeting the agency's needs, he said.

SCCAA's Twin Falls operation is spread between four separate buildings and is sandwiched between the railroad tracks and the Old Towne Bridge on Shoshone Street. The buildings, leased for \$3,500 a year, are costing SCAA more each year to maintain and are not equipped to handle the commodities that

arrive weekly, Robinette said.

"The road (Shoshone Street) is very fast there, and it's very difficult for our clients to get in and out of there," Robinette said. "In short, the building in our opinion is unsafe, and we need a facility that will be able to bring in the clients to an environment that they can feel safe in."

The proposed facility would cost about \$990,000 for a two-acre parcel and a 12,000-square-foot building, Robinette said the agency is planning on applying to the Idaho Department of Commerce for a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant. To stay in the running for the grant, the agency would have to come up with a 50 percent match from non-federal resources and donations, the balance of \$490,000. That's where the counties come in.

Robinette asked if Jerome County commissioners would consider contributing annually to the building fund. He added that each county will be asked to help.

Commissioner Veronica Lierman said that thought it would be a good investment, but

Residents object to snow removal on road

By Ruth Streecher
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Some Cassia County taxpayers are questioning the fairness of two contracts that authorize the maintenance and snow removal on Howell Canyon Road.

About 50 people - local elected officials, highway district commissioners and staff and area residents - crowded into the 5th District Courtroom in Cassia County Monday to listen to arguments from a few people who object to contracts that are up for renegotiation.

The Cassia County Commission, Burley Highway District and Albion Highway District are in the process of revising the two contracts regarding each's contribution to maintenance and snow removal on the 11.2-mile mountain road that starts south of Albion.

County residents Kent Searle and Brent Stoker, along with Oakley attorney Don Pickett, requested time to speak with the Cassia County Commission Monday about the proposed contract revisions. Stoker was unable to attend Monday's meeting, Searle said.

The group argues that Burley Highway District funds should be used on highways within the district's own boundaries.

"Farm land constitutes a significant tax base for (the) Burley Highway District, and roads to and from farm land should be given preference to roads outside this district's jurisdiction," said a statement prepared by the group.

Searle said that annual contributions of the three entities for snow removal have fallen an average of \$18,000 short each year for the last three years.

And the proposed snow removal contract says that in the

event of a budget shortfall, the entities go to "binding arbitration" to find the difference. In this case, Cassia County and the Burley Highway District split the shortfall, said Cassia County Prosecutor Al Barrus.

But such a process bypasses the public hearing process and is like handing the arbitrator a blank checkbook, Searle said.

Cassia County and the Burley Highway District each pay \$16,000 for snow removal, while the Albion Highway District contributes \$3,000, according to figures provided by Searle.

In the maintenance contract, Cassia County and the Burley Highway District each pay \$47,000, while the Albion Highway District pays \$6,000.

Pickett also argued the legality of whether the Burley Highway District has authority to maintain and remove snow on roads that are outside its legal boundaries.

Meeting

The Sept. 3 Jerome County commissioners' meeting has been rescheduled for 9 a.m. on Sept. 4 in the commission's meeting room in the county courthouse. The public is welcome.

Film about mustangs to air

SUN VALLEY - A new locally made film about wild mustangs in Nevada and Montana will debut on the Outdoor Life Network at 8 and 11 p.m. tonight.

The film focuses on the wild horse adoption program, questioning whether some mustangs are being sold overseas for food.

The film is produced by the Sun Valley-based Alpenglow Films, which includes Patricia Tobin and Frank Sicilia.

Hospital

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Federated Publications Inc. vs. Boise City, which Burdick said establishes that "all regular employees are public officials as far as access" when working for a public enterprise.

In addition, Burdick ruled against both sides' requests to be awarded attorneys' fees, saying neither side acted frivolously in bringing or defending the suit.

Times-News editorial management, through its attorney, Richard Bevan, submitted a public records request to the hospital in May. Along with financial and accreditation reports, the newspaper sought the names, titles and salaries of hospital employees earning more than \$50,000 a year.

The newspaper received some of the requested documents, including the job titles and salaries of employees earning more than \$50,000 in 2000. But, with the exception of the names of Hospital Administrator Jerry

Hart and his two vice presidents that year, the names of about 80 employees were redacted from the list.

Walworth has said the public has a right to understand hospital pay scales, especially because the city and hospital administrators are considering making a significant change in the way the hospital is managed.

The Hospital Board has proposed changing the hospital's governance structure to better position itself for a new era of health care in Twin Falls because of the blooming partnership between Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital and Boise-based Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center.

Whether the names and salaries of all the employees on the salary schedule will end up in the newspaper has not been decided. The newspaper wants to see all of the information it has requested and evaluate it, Walworth said.

Budget

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to the city's sewage plant in the Snake River Canyon.

- Widening Washington Street and the Filer Avenue intersection. The city is widening the Washington Street and Filer Avenue intersection to two lanes each way.
- Though the city's finances may be on track, there are still several issues that will continue to put a strain on the city's wallet.
- One of those issues, the city's budget deficit at the swimming pool, will likely heat up in coming months as city leaders plan to close the pool on Mondays and Fridays to cut back on costs.
- The city has an estimated \$260,000 pool deficit. A \$160,000 cover was bought for the pool for the winter months. But higher

power costs, coupled with low attendance, have hit the pool's budget, not to mention the city's budget, hard.

The city spent \$293,000 during the 1999-2000 budget year in pool costs. That included maintenance costs, power costs and pool employee salaries.

So far this year, the city has already spent \$255,000 on the pool, with revenue of \$90,000. By the 2000-2001 budget year's end in September, city leaders expect the pool's costs to exceed the budgeted amount of \$311,000.

Of the \$255,000, about \$74,000 has been spent on the heat and power costs, in contrast to last year's \$52,000.

The council will have another budget hearing on Sept. 4.

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The first 140 kids (ages 3 - 10) who color and bring this page to The Times-News Booth during the Twin Falls County Fair will receive a FREE Puppy Key Chain!

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Summer school mixes learning and fun

By Dare Jensen.
Times-News correspondent

BLISS - Who said summer school had to be boring? An average of 50 students met Monday through Thursday at the Bliss School for summer school. The scheduling of academic classes was similar to regular school, but the material presentation was somewhat different. The teachers used more hands-on, summer-fun individualized lessons.

The first three days of the week were spent on academic studies and Thursdays were for field trips. Summer school students traveled to the new Canyon Rim Trail, Herrett Center, Bruneau Sand Dunes State Park and Idaho Power's Bliss Power Plant. At the power plant, Rollie Conklin explained how water turned the turbines to generate electricity. Bruneau Sand Dunes park ranger Kurt Zwolfer talked

about the birds and animals found at the Bruneau Sand Dunes. He had students play a game to demonstrate the role of predator and prey. Three students stood with their backs to the group to represent the prey, while another student, the predator, tried to sneak up and touch one of the prey. To make the game more interesting, the predator wore a bell. Students also visited a Twin Falls fire station and pool and the Boise Zoo, and went to a movie.



Bruneau Sand Dunes State Park ranger Kurt Zwolfer discusses the birds and animals found in the park with Bliss summer school students. The park was just one of many field trips for them.

DARE JENSEN/
The Times-News

Program helps seniors bloom through work

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Margie Alexander says her father taught her to get involved and help people. She has been doing both through her job with Green Thumb for 10 years now as the program's field operations coordinator.

Green Thumb is a grass-roots organization started by First Lady Ladybird Johnson. The objective is to help senior citizens find opportunities to learn, work and serve others.

"A lot of people that are on Social Security are struggling and they are still able to work," says Darlene Robinson, Green Thumb field operations assistant.

Alexander says it's not so hard to place older workers because they're so reliable.

"We've always made our placement goals," she says. "We really enjoy what we do."

"I think it's changing," says Darlene Robinson, another field operations assistant. "I think employers are realizing the value of an older worker. There's a lot of satisfaction in seeing somebody that's not been out working and seeing them bloom."

"We have a lot of success stories," Alexander adds. "The organization offers job search training once a year. The



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Darlene Robinson, left, and Margie Alexander work the Green Thumb office in Twin Falls, which puts seniors to work and helps gives them more hope.

training includes instructions on how to write a resume and cover letter and the interview process. Green Thumb also offers enrollees on-the-job training and experience training.

"We put them in agencies where we can train them," Alexander says.

Robinson and Alexander both say that people come into the Green Thumb office with low self-esteem, but they leave with a little hope.

"I enjoy working with seniors," Alexander says. "It's really rewarding. My job is priceless."

Outstanding worker

Every year, Green Thumb searches for Idaho's Outstanding Older Worker and Idaho's Oldest Worker. The winner receives an all-expense trip to Washington, D.C. This year's winner is Donald Leymaster, 90, of Idaho Falls. He and his wife have owned and operated Leymaster Jewelry since 1944. He still works eight hours a day, five days a week.

More about Green Thumb:

- Host agency must be a nonprofit and have a 501 (c) (3) status.
- Worker must meet low-income eligibility guidelines and be age 55 or older.
- Green Thumb provides participants with 20-hours per week work at \$5.15 per hour.
- Workman's Compensation is provided to participants while at the job site.
- Participant must attend a yearly job search training workshop provided by the program.
- The agency provides 20 hours of on-the-job training every week.
- The biggest sponsor of Green Thumb is Microsoft. If you would like to learn more about job opportunities through Green Thumb, call Margie Alexander, Darlene Robinson or Phyllis Block at 734-3305.

LICKING THE BOWL



Annette Skabronski's grandson, Josiah Schroeder, 2, got to lick the bowl after she made her chocolate zucchini cake. Josiah's parents are Kelli and Luke Schroeder, all of Twin Falls.

Photo courtesy of ANNETTE SKABRONSKI

Swim instructor continues legacy of safety

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - When water safety instructor, Cindy Clasby began offering swimming lessons in her private pool two seasons ago, there was no shortage of helpers.

Clasby had built-in employees. With daughters, Allie, 13, the oldest of four girls, and 11-year-old Hailey, Clasby teaches swimming, water safety and water ballet.

Teaching others how to swim was nothing new for Clasby.

"I was 13 when I started helping with lessons. That's how I learned the strokes. I'm now teaching," said Clasby, who recalls spending most of her young-adult summers working with her own swimming teacher, Sandy Tegan.

"(Tegan) worked with me, side-by-side and taught me (swimming techniques) that I use everyday," Clasby said. "And one of the most important things I want (my students) to learn is that they can be in charge of the water, rather than the water in control of them."

With nothing more than "word of mouth," more than 100 students completed summer swimming courses during June and July the first year. That figure



Swim instructor Cindy Clasby is assisted by her daughter and summer employee, Allie Clasby during swim lessons.

more than doubled the second season.

Clasby offers two-week sessions for beginners through the intermediate level. She also teaches a class she calls "Mommy and Me," for babies who are at least 18-months old.

"I have taught infants but I don't do that anymore. I wait until they're walking because any earlier and there's a danger they'll inhale large amounts of

water," Clasby said.

Tegan, who still offers private swimming lessons, agrees safety is the first and most important lesson.

"(An instructor) always needs to be close by," Tegan said, "and needs eyes in the back of her head."

Allie Clasby says she loved working in the pool with mother, and the chance to make money.

"I'm saving it for college, Allie said.

PROUD GRADUATES



The American Heritage Academy in Burley held its annual commencement exercises May 12, with A. LeGrand Richards as the featured speaker. Graduates for 2001 were Scott Harris, Matthew Harris, Jeffrey Hamon, Olivia Hernandez, Annmarie Baker, Amber Hansen and Camille Orton.

Photo courtesy of American Heritage Academy

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Jasmine Nicole Wall, daughter of Shannon and Michael K. Wall of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, July 31, 2001.

Antonio Luis Bettercourt, son of Sharon Lyn Rodrigues of Wendell, was born Thursday, Aug. 2, 2001.

Jaden Wayne Birge, son of Miranda Dawn and Leo Emmett Birge of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Aug. 2, 2001.

Jacob Lee Randall, son of Regina Marie and Kevin Lee Randall of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Aug. 2, 2001.

Kaitlin Mac Kenzie Mirkin, daughter of Shannon Rey and Jon Frederick Mirkin of Jerome, was born Thursday, Aug. 2, 2001.

Saisha Nataly Serratos, daughter of Irma Nataly Doris of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2001.

Caleb Ke Aili Ferreira, son of Tracy Dee and William Ferreira of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2001.

Jayson Richard Small-Adams, son of Melissa Arne Small of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2001.

Anthony Zion Vargas, son of Kimberly Joy Rasmussen of Gooding, was born Friday, Aug. 10, 2001.

Cody David Inman, son of Lisa Rae and David Joseph Inman of Shoshone, was born Friday, Aug. 10, 2001.

Roger Nathaniel Hartgrave, son of Jennifer Leigh and David Hartgrave of Filer, was born Saturday, Aug. 11, 2001.

Madison Ann Hicks, daughter of Jamie Florene and Matthew Wayne Hicks of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Aug. 11, 2001.

Gabriella Grace Garrier, daughter of Robyn Ellen Rosson of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2001.

Decodan Payne Hawkins, daughter of Gwendolyn Dawn and Travis Hawkins of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2001.

Atticus Lukyan Martinez, son of Becky Jeanne and Blas Martinez of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2001.

Ryan Creed Ennis, son of Lisa A. and Ron D. Ennis of Kimberly, was born Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2001.

Victoria Rae Ihler, daughter of Regina Marie and

Wayne Allen Ihler of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Aug. 16, 2001.

Caialina Marie Pilcher, daughter of Kassandra Dawn and Stanley Jay Pilcher of Filer, was born Friday, Aug. 17, 2001.

Jonathan Kyle Schmidt, son of Joyce Elaine and Lester Schmidt of Buhl, was born Saturday, Aug. 18, 2001.

Joeylyn Michelle Carr, daughter of Heather Michelle and James Richard Carr of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Aug. 18, 2001.

Lilyanna Marie Shelter, daughter of Crystal Sue Cox and Jacob Wayne Shelter of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Aug. 19, 2001.

Jorge Onesimo Guadarrama, son of Maira Elisa and Jorge Guadarrama of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Aug. 20, 2001.

Logan Scott Fischer, son of Sara Mae and Scott Randall Fischer of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Aug. 20, 2001.

Alexia Aveye Jeanne Parsons, daughter of Michelle Brai Herzinger and Tracy Marcel Parsons of Buhl, was born Monday, Aug. 20, 2001.

Kyndal Avery East, daughter of Renee Kristeen

and Cole Everett East of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2001.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Navy Ann Fox, daughter of James and Cizee Fox of Jerome, was born Friday, Aug. 10, 2001.

HayLee Anne Pittman, daughter of Joe and Leslie Pittman of Gooding, was born Saturday, Aug. 11, 2001.

Minidoka Memorial Hospital

A son was born to Noe and Teresa Ambroz of Rupert on Saturday, Aug. 18, 2001.

Julio Adrian Aguilar Jr., son of Cathy Vela and Julio Adrian Aguilar, was born Monday, Aug. 20, 2001.

Bradley Kenneth Crist, son of Fred Crist and Taren Tranner of Burley, was born Tuesday, Aug. 21, 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.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Bethel 43 brings home honors



Photo courtesy of Bethel 43

POCATELLO—Bethel 43 members from Twin Falls attended Grand Session, which was held June 20-24 in Pocatello.

Grand Council officers were Peggy Kroll, grand guardian; Vera Redman, grand marshal; and Kris Ferlic, grand musician.

Cathryn and representatives were Tara Lupton, grand Bethel fourth messenger; Cathryn Walker, representative to Manitoba, Canada; and Jessica Lupton, representative to Ohio.

Group awards Bethel Choir, second place, and Bethel ritual, third place. Service award First for large Bethels Literary awards.

Tara Lupton, sweepstakes booklet cover, second for original art booklet cover; tied for third for long poem (ages 14-16) and first for short essay (ages 14-16) and first for short poem (ages 11-13).

McKalee Conrad, third for computer generated booklet cover and first for short poem (ages 11-13).

Betsy Bratt, first term librarian (ages 17 and up) and first for color photo (ages 17 and up).

Jessica Lupton, second for sculpture and ceramics (ages 17 and up) and first for color photo (ages 11-13).

Erin Ferlic, first for short poem (ages 14-16) and third for long essay (ages 14-16).

Cathryn Walker, second for short poem (ages 14-16) and tied for first for short essay (ages 14-16).

Molly Smith, first for long essay (ages 17 and up).

Arts and Crafts awards Shyla Chironneau, third in painting and art (ages 11-13), second for stitchery (ages 11-13) and first for sculpture and ceramics (ages 11-13).

Jennifer Kroll, third in painting and art (ages 17 and up) and first for stitchery (ages 17 and up) and first for black and white photo (ages 17 and up).

Jessica Lupton, second for instrumental solo (ages 15-16).

Erin Ferlic, first in piano solo (ages 15-16).

Jennifer Kroll, first in piano solo (ages 17 and up).

Jackie Baxter, second for vocal solo (ages 17 and up).

Betsy Bratt, third for vocal solo (ages 17 and up).

Jessica Lupton, third for Story of Job.

Tara Lupton, second for Story of Job (ages 15-16).

Jennifer Kroll, chosen for the Idaho Messenger Team to compete at the Supreme Session in Kansas City.

Education awards Jennifer Kroll, Jennifer Ferlic and Betsy Bratt.

Miss Idaho's Job's Daughters Pageant Jennifer Kroll, first runner up.

Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St., Filer
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
Tuesday: Barbecue beef on a bun
Thursday: Oven fried chicken

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Tuesday: Swedish meat balls with rice, blended vegetables, fruit salad, wheat bread, pudding.
Wednesday: Ham, fried potatoes, broccoli, carrot salad, rolls, cake
Thursday: Chicken with noodles, peas, cole slaw, biscuits, cobbler.
Friday: Salisbury steak, potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, bread, dessert
Monday: Menu not available
Activities Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Exercise Wednesday Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Thursday Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Friday

Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday and Thursday. As of July 1, lunch prices will be \$3 and evening meals will be \$2. Sunday dinners are \$3.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday night and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.
Tuesday: Pork roast, rolls, applesauce, salad, potatoes, gravy, vegetables, dessert
Wednesday: Sloppy joes, bun, cottage cheese, tomatoes, cucumber, salad, fruit, dessert
Thursday: Menu not available
Friday: Menu not available
Sunday: Menu not available
Monday: Menu not available
Activities Thrift shop open every day. Quitting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Roseland Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$3.
Tuesday Exercises from 7-8 a.m.

Treasure Tuesday
Crafts from 1-4 p.m.
Bingo from 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Thursday Exercises from 7-8 p.m. Bingo from 1-3 p.m. Evening meal at 5:30 p.m., smorgasbord Cards at 6 p.m.
Friday Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday Buffet at 1 p.m. Monday Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Evening meal at 5:30 p.m., smorgasbord Cards at 6 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main N., Kimberly
Wednesday: Roast pork, potatoes, gravy, broccoli, cole slaw, rolls, butter, cantaloupe, watermelon, coffee, milk, tea
Friday: Potato bar, rolls, butter, pudding, coffee, milk, tea
Monday: Center closed
Tuesday Bingo at 7 p.m. Wednesday Dominoes at 1 p.m. Thursday Crafts at 1 p.m. Friday Bingo at 11:55 a.m. Pinocle at 1 p.m. Sunday Ham dinner from 12-2 p.m.; \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12
Monday Center closed

Senior program earns recognition



Photo courtesy of CSI

TWIN FALLS—A program in Twin Falls that helps senior citizens find jobs has been recognized as one of the best of its kind in the nation.
The Area IV Older Worker Program, headquartered at the Idaho Office on Aging on the College of Southern Idaho campus, has been honored as one of the top eight such programs in the United States by the National Council on Aging, CSI officials report. Two representatives of the national group recently visited to interview local administrators and seniors.
Dick Boyd, the director of the Office on Aging, said the local program is unique because it is the only one in the United States structured in the Office on Aging, which is administered and closely associated with a local college, and also located in the Department of Labor. The alignment of the program with the "One Stop" program at Job Service has been a win-win situation for everyone, Boyd said. He also credits Peggy Jackson, the Older Worker program director, with the success.
"Our program has ranked first in the nation eight of the last 10 years for placement of Older Workers in unsubsidized jobs," Boyd said. "Peggy puts all her expertise and energy into supporting the older worker looking

The Older Worker program in Twin Falls has been recognized as one of the nation's best, prompting a visit from national representatives. From left is Nancy Whiteleaf, vice president of Research and Demonstration Division, National Council on Aging, Washington, D.C.; Rex Rathbone, former County Building Inspector; Peggy Jackson, CSI Older Worker Program director; and Barbara Hinchom, Institute for Families in Society, University of South Carolina.
Administrators at each site have been interviewed to learn and document the best practices of each operation so those practices can be replicated in other sites, CSI officials report.
Other national programs are located in Palm Beach and Miami, Fla.; Richmond, Va.; St. Albans, Vt.; Dallas, Texas; Santa Ana, Calif.; and Portland, Ore. for employment.
For more information, call 837-4793.

Twin Falls resident celebrates 80th birthday
TWIN FALLS—Gerie (Garey) Ellis of Twin Falls will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house hosted by her sons from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at 2109 Boulder Circle in Twin Falls. Friends and family are invited. The family requests no gifts.
Gooding Senior Citizens serves up breakfast
GOODING—The Gooding Senior Citizens will serve breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the center, 308 Senior Ave. The menu will include coffee, eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, gravy and juice. The cost is \$3 and the public is invited.
The Gooding Senior Citizens also play bingo at 6:30 p.m. every Friday.
Hagerman Fossil Beds offers final tour of season
HAGERMAN—The Hagerman

Fossil Beds National Monument will hold the final horse quarry tour of the season at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.
The tour will leave the visitor center, located on U.S. Highway 30 in Hagerman. Participants will follow a route to the monument in their own vehicles.
Participants will hike about one-half mile total with one short, steep section. Sturdy footwear, sunscreen and water are recommended. The program is free.
For more information, call 837-4793.
Christlan writers group holds meeting Saturday
TWIN FALLS—Writers of the Word, a group for Christian writers, will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church.
The meeting will include a topic on writing skills, manuscript critiques and an open forum time for questions. The meeting is open to all Christians who are interested in writing.
Those wishing to have their work reviewed should bring five copies of a short article/story or poem.
For more information, call Carolyn at 734-6115 or e-mail sclew42@yahoo.com.

Wendell Masonic yard and craft sale set Saturday
WENDELL—The Wendell Masonic and Eastern Star community yard and craft sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Wendell Masonic Hall on the corner of Idaho Street and First Avenue West.
Tables are available for \$20 each.
For a table, call Carol or Le Roy Austin at 536-6478 or Mildred Frith at 536-2591.
Magic Valley New Neighbors meet for lunch
TWIN FALLS—The Magic Valley New Neighbors will meet for a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 4 at Creek Side Steak House, 233 Fifth Ave., Twin Falls.
To make reservations, call 733-6159 no later than Sunday.
For more information concerning the Magic Valley New Neighbors, call 735-1694.
American Red Cross seeks donations for families
JEROME—The American Red Cross of Greater Idaho Sawtooth Branch is in need of donations for families displaced by fires.
Since June 1, 25 families have been displaced. The Red Cross

Olson graduates from University of Rochester
Arlin Olson of Eden graduated from the University of Rochester with a bachelor's degree in religion. Olson is a graduate of Valley High School.
Area teacher participates in forum in Savannah
Connie Wood, who teaches at Twin Falls High School, was one of 500 participants in the Art Educators' Forum at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga. June 16-23.
Participants attended a wide variety of workshops designed to introduce new fields of art and design, and provide an opportunity for educators to brush-up on techniques already used in the classroom.
The forum offers teachers the opportunity to work with college resources such as advanced computer graphics, film and animation equipment and an extensive specialized library.
As a culmination of the event, participants displayed their work at a closing reception and exhibition. Throughout the week, lesson plans from all of the participants were compiled into a notebook for each teacher to take back as a resource to his/her school.
Edgar receives scholarship from Utah State University
Jonathan Edgar, son of G. Carl and Mary Edgar of Twin Falls, was awarded the Thad and Jenny Box

scholarship in geography at the college of natural resources awards banquet at Utah State University in Logan, Utah.
Edgar is a junior at USU pursuing a degree in geography with a specialty in cartography.
Stutzman spends time on course in Austria
Michelle Stutzman, daughter of Roger and Mary Stutzman of Buhl, took part in an Eastern Mennonite University May term cross-cultural course in Austria and Germany.
Stutzman and 24 other students spent three weeks in Vienna, Austria studying the German language and other cultures. Another week was dedicated to visiting historical and cultural centers in Germany.
Edgar receives scholarship from Utah State University
Jonathan Edgar, son of G. Carl and Mary Edgar of Twin Falls, was awarded the Thad and Jenny Box

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Focus on People
The forum offers teachers the opportunity to work with college resources such as advanced computer graphics, film and animation equipment and an extensive specialized library.
As a culmination of the event, participants displayed their work at a closing reception and exhibition. Throughout the week, lesson plans from all of the participants were compiled into a notebook for each teacher to take back as a resource to his/her school.
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MOVIES

Twin Cinema 12
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Shrek at 9:00-10:00
The Hot Chick at 7:00-8:00
Jaws at 9:00-10:00
Placed in Prison at 7:00-8:00
America's Sweethearts at 7:00-8:00
Rat Race at 9:00-10:00
Bubble Boy at 7:00-8:00
Summer Catch at 7:00-8:00
The Score at 7:00-8:00
Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back at 7:00-8:00
Scary Movie 2 at 9:00-10:00
American Pie 2 at 7:00-8:00

Jerome Cinema 4
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Rush Hour 2 at 7:00-8:00
American Pie 2 at 7:00-8:00
The Hot Chick at 7:00-8:00

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The City of Angels at 7:00-8:00
Fast and Furious at 7:00-8:00
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Ghost of Mrs. T at 7:00-8:00

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American Outlaws at 7:00-8:00
Ghost of Mrs. T at 7:00-8:00

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4:30 - 7:00 - 9:15

said it gave the families vouchers for food, toilet, clothing, bedding and medications and helped pay for their security deposits, the first month's rent and basic furniture like beds. All of the help was free to the families.
The local branch estimates that the summer fires in the Twin Falls and Jerome area will cost over \$15,000 from its disaster fund, which is already strained because of an unprecedented number of disaster events over the past year.
For more information or to make a contribution, call the American Red Cross at 736-6464 or 1-888-367-6321. Contributions may also be sent to the American Red Cross, 718 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls, ID 83401.
Jaycees hold Childhood Cancer Awareness meeting
TWIN FALLS—The Magic Valley Jaycees will hold a town meeting to recognize Childhood Cancer Awareness Month from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 6 at the KMYT Community Room.
Speakers will include Mel Landula, Idaho Jaycees State president; Sharon Dingman, Camp Rainbow Gold Camp manager; Mark and Janet Short, parents of a cancer survivor; Ryan

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Monday's Puzzle Solver

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DOWN: 1. SWINDLE, 2. REGION, 3. NEW, 4. PUFFED, 5. FRODO, 6. ACT, 7. FURROW, 8. MAT, 9. FIB, 10. EXCESS, 11. SIGNIFICANT, 12. SWAB, 13. CYN, 14. CHILD, 15. CAREGIVER, 16. VOYAGE, 17. BELOW, 18. REASON, 19. CABO, 20. OPPOSED, 21. FIRM, 22. YOUNG, 23. PATRONAGE, 24. FUNDING, 25. INVOLUTARY, 26. DISTINGUISHED, 27. LEADER, 28. CLUB, 29. SAVINGS, 30. DYE, 31. PORTFOLIO, 32. SUDDEN, 33. OUTPOURING, 34. TOOTHED, 35. WHEEL, 36. MECHANISM, 37. TRYNG, 38. REDDISH, 39. HORSE, 40. KEEN, 41. ICE, 42. CREAM, 43. FLAVOR, 44. TYRONE, 45. NAKED, 46. SOLERN, 47. PROMISE, 48. FORK, 49. PRONG, 50. QUABOY, 51. CARRIER, 52. WORKSEMENT, 53. COW'S, 54. CAP.

Body art finds more foes than fans

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in response to "Out-of-Work Mom," who was disturbed because she was rejected by potential employers when they noticed her pierced tongue and multiple ear piercings.

Just as her piercings and tattoos reflect her personal style and values, a business owner's employees reflect his or her's. Like it or not, customers judge the business by the appearance and behavior of the frontline employees. It makes sense that an employer will hire those who present themselves in a way that's compatible with the image the business owner wants to project.

If she really wants to find employment that will help her provide well for herself and her daughter, "Mom" should consider leaving her individuality at home.



(I wish you well, Young Mother.)
- AN OLDER MOTHER IN TEXAS

DEAR OLDER MOTHER: That letter generated a flurry of mail. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As a job interviewer, if that young woman walked into my office with a tongue ring, the interview would be over. Not because I think a tongue ring is freaky, but because I think it is inappropriate for a job interview - as are shorts,

jeans, transparent clothing, T-shirts and visible underwear.

Experience has shown me that every time we have made allowances for an applicant's odd behavior in a job interview, we have gone on to have performance problems with that employee.

SERIOUS INTERVIEWER, SILVER SPRING, MD.

DEAR INTERVIEWER: In fairness, not all employers are as rigid in their thinking as you.

DEAR ABBY: Someone should inform "Out-of-Work Mom" that many people do base their attitudes on first impressions. Is she big enough not to cop an attitude when that happens? I agree that she has every right to pierce whatever she wants - but if she can't stand the backlash, she

shouldn't blame it on others. The choice was hers.

- PREVIOUS EMPLOYER IN MICH.

DEAR PREVIOUS EMPLOYER: I agree. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Out-of-Work" was a little outlandish. I am a newspaper registrar with a pierced tongue. Like several other professionals here, I wear my piercings to work.

Fortunately, my employers looked at my skills and professional, not at the metal stud in my tongue - which I wore to my interview and was hired anyway. Wish "Out-of-Work" luck for me.

- PIERCED BUT PROFESSIONAL IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR PIERCED PROFESSIONAL: You are not the only pierced professional who piped up.

Gemini: Make domestic adjustment that could mean new house

IF AUGUST 28TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are independent and creative. You are not afraid of controversy. For you, life without love is no life at all. Leo, Aquarius planets play special roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: A, S, J.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Look beyond the immediate. You will overcome bureaucratic red tape.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Within 24 hours you'll receive communication that verifies your views.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Check legal aspects. Make domestic adjustment that could include change of residence, marital status.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You don't have "complete story." Utilize power of persuasion. If diplomatic, you win objective.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take

charge - your way will be the "right way." Employment picture subject to change.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Finish what you start. Don't be discouraged by one who lacks talent, faith.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make new start in different direction. Emphasize original thinking.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Slow pace. Relationship more serious than expected.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21): Within 24 hours you will know where you stand financially and otherwise.

CARCORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Revise, rewrite and rebuild. This is your "makeover day."

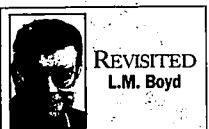
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Read, write and teach. Written message tonight tells you where you are going.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You are on precipice of added recognition, perhaps fame and fortune.

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All normal babies are born frightened.
Q. Who was the smartest U.S. president?

A. Scholars busy with IQ analyses say they think John Quincy Adams merits the honor. Others of a more philosophical bent offer Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson. It's a game. Interest rises and falls. Don't believe there've been any nominations in recent years.

The Aztec word for "conquered" was "Acapulco."

Q. "Has there ever been snow

on the ground in all the United States at the same time?"

A. In all except Hawaii, once. Happened on Jan. 31, 1977. As far as is known, it was the first time and last time.

Claim is some kinds of female mosquitoes maneuver so well in flight they can dodge raindrops.

Only sort of professional who changes jobs more frequently than the bill collector is the garage mechanic, pollsters say.

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Airline considers direct flights

The Associated Press

SUN VALLEY - Daily nonstop jet service between Hailey and Los Angeles could begin next year, if negotiations among Sun Valley Co., the Kerchum-Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce and an Oklahoma-based airline go well.

Negotiations are under way for Great Plains Airlines to begin offering regularly scheduled nonstop flights to Los Angeles as early as next summer.

The new and unusual route would bypass

the hub system set up by the country's largest airlines. For the first time, travelers would be able to fly between Los Angeles and Hailey without first changing planes at Salt Lake City or some other metropolis.

A 35-passenger Fairchild Dornier jet, small, powerful and long-range, would make the route possible.

Travel from Los Angeles would be reduced to an easy hour-and-45-minute flight. The trip, with a plane change, now takes several hours.

Also, current flights involve relatively

unpopular turboprop planes. An all-jet trip may encourage more travel, say those involved with the deal.

Jim Swartz, cofounder of Great Plains Airlines, said his company is in discussions with Fairchild Dornier representatives to purchase a jet for the route. But he is looking for a financial guarantee from local business owners that the airline will not lose money on the new route.

Also yet to be decided are the number of flights per day and whether the flights would be year-round or only during the

busy winter season.

Fares would be competitive with general market prices, said airline co-founder Jack Knight.

Larger passenger jets have not been able to take off and land at full capacity from Hailey's high, mountainous environment.

Great Plains pilot Kathy Birkhofer said Saturday that the \$11 million Fairchild Dornier was built with powerful engines and other features specifically for airports like Hailey's.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Committee to mull environmental issues

HEYBURN - A new panel of business and government leaders - including one from Mini-Cassia - has been formed to review environmental issues as they concern small businesses in Idaho.

The Small Business Compliance Assistance Panel, authorized by the federal Clean Air Act, will evaluate the effectiveness of the state's Small Business Assistance Program and voice the concerns of small businesses affected by state and federal environmental regulations.

The panel has seven members:

- Marra Moyle, owner, Moyle Mink and Tannery, Heyburn.

- Con Mahoney, CEO, Atlas Mechanical, Idaho Falls.

- Gary McCracken, owner, Clothesline Cleaners, Boise.

- Katie Sewell, deputy director, Small Business Development Center, Boise.

- Greg Anderson, mayor of Pocatello.

- Dan Salgado, new source review coordinator, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

Serving as an ex-officio member is Nick Purdy of Picabo, a board member of the department. Another appointment is pending.

The panel held an organizational meeting in July. The panel's next meeting is set Sept. 11 at the department's headquarters in Boise.

Association announces public hearing Wednesday

BOISE - A public hearing on proposed amendments to Idaho's 2002 Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Allocation Plan will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday at 565 W. Myrtle St. in Boise, the Idaho Housing and Finance Association announced.

The affordable housing community and developers interested in building multifamily housing are invited. The public may attend and make written or oral comments concerning proposed changes to the plan. Copies of the amended plan are available by calling 331-4769. Those unable to attend may submit comments by today by e-mail to dianah@ihfa.org.

The Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Allocation Plan governs Idaho's competitive Housing Tax Credit allocation process and is updated each year. Public comment helps IHFA - the state's administrator of Housing Tax Credits - assess the plan's effectiveness in meeting housing needs. It also helps maintain a community focus on affordable housing issues throughout the state, the association said.

The plans and comments will be forwarded to Gov. Dick Cheney's Idaho Housing Tax Credit program helps defray construction and rehabilitation costs on apartments, placing rents within reach of lower-income families. The tax credit is a U.S. Treasury Department program that provides a dollar-for-dollar federal tax liability reduction to owners of Housing Tax Credit developments.

Counties seek help from development expert

BOISE - Four southeastern Idaho counties have hired professional help to focus on the area's economic development needs. Franklin, Bear Lake, Caribou and Oneida counties hired former PacificCorp executive Richard Westberg to work on business retention, expansion and diversification projects.

"I've worked with area businesses large and small and understand their needs," Westberg said. "Today's technology allows options for business to locate wherever they wish and enjoy the lifestyle advantage offered in southeastern Idaho."

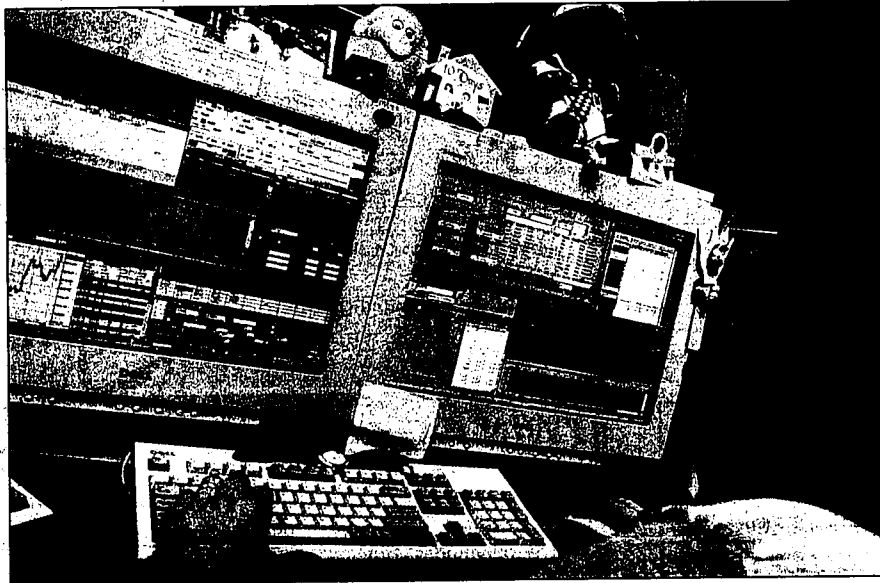
Westberg recently retired from PacificCorp after 22 years with the company that included experience with customer service, public affairs, operations and construction.

"My time with PacificCorp helped me keep up with issues in the region," Westberg, a resident of Preston, said. "Southeastern Idaho has always had a great quality of life, but we've been limited by transportation and other geographic issues. This program will allow us to bring growth to our area in small but sustainable increments."

Funding for the new position was provided through the Rural Economic Development Act. "Today's program approved during the last legislative session as part of an initiative to revitalize rural areas. Twelve communities and areas throughout Idaho - including a portion of the Snake Valley - will receive between \$20,000 and \$45,000 to fund full-time economic development specialists.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

E-TRADING



Gene Waxman, an equity trader for vantage, trades stocks electronically in his office Friday in New York. The stock market closed slightly lower after last week's big rally. For more information, see page C2.

Workshop helps communities get grants

The Times-News

GOODING - A workshop next month aims to give small communities a financial boost.

Congressman Mike Simpson is sponsoring an economic development "Funder's Fair" aimed at helping groups get federal, state and private grants. The conference is set for 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 24 at the National Guard Armory, 417 N. Main in Gooding.

"As I travel throughout the state I constantly hear about the need for funding information that is easily accessible. This workshop brings state, federal and private sources together to get out the word about the tremendous funding opportunities available," Simpson said in a statement.

Cost for the workshop is \$15

per person, which includes lunch prepared by the Gooding Bunch Association. Registration is due Sept. 14.

For information or registration, call Linda Culver at Simpson's Twin Falls office at 734-7219.

The seminar is also sponsored by Wood River Resource Conservation and Development and the Mid-Snake Resource Conservation and Development.

It will include a presentation from Jerome car dealer Con Paulos, co-chairman of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's rural task force and chairman of the Idaho Department of Commerce's Economic Advisory Council.

- "Rural Distress in Idaho and Strategy For Development" - Economic Development

Administration, Al Ames, rural development representative.

- "Developing Funding Strategies for Watershed Protection" - Environmental Finance Center, Paul Woods, associate director.

- "Idaho Commission on the Arts Grants, Awards and Programs" - Idaho Commission on the Arts, Kathleen Keys, director.

- "Opportunities For Idaho" - Idaho Community Foundation, Craig S. Parry, program officer.

- "Resources for Preserving Historical Buildings and Artifacts" - Idaho Heritage Trust, Gathe Pace, director.

- "Rural Development Grants and Resources" - Idaho Department of Commerce, Bob Ford, rural programs manager.

Survey says employers don't expect to hire more

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE - Hiring by U.S. private and public employers isn't expected to increase during the fourth quarter, according to a quarterly employment survey released Monday by Manpower Inc.

Only 24 percent of employers say they plan to add staff during the fourth quarter of this year, compared with 32 percent the same time last year, according to the Employment Outlook Survey by the Milwaukee-based temporary staffing agency.

The key segments of durable and nondurable goods manufacturing project year-end hiring at levels approaching those experienced in the recession years of 1981 and 1991," said Jeff Jorres, Manpower's chairman and chief executive.

The Manpower report said 11 percent of the 16,000 employers surveyed expect to cut jobs, and 65 percent see no change or are undecided. That compared with

7 percent saying a year ago they planned to cut jobs and 61 percent expecting to stay the same or undecided.

Removing the impact of seasonal variations, the new figures showed a "modest, but sequential" decline that began during first quarter 2001 and has continued since.

Manpower said 16 percent of durable goods manufacturers expect to trim the number of workers they employ, while 20 percent plan to increase their staffing levels. Durable goods are costly manufactured items expected to last at least three years.

Nondurable goods makers showed one of their worst outlooks for the October-December period in the survey's 25-year history, with only 19 percent expecting to hire and 13 percent saying they plan to cut back.

Wholesale and retail trades appear to be the leader in hiring trends for the final three months

Deere to sell Homelite business

BridgeNews

NEW YORK - Deere & Co. will cut another 775 jobs, close several plants and sell its Homelite consumer products business in a restructuring intended to boost profits undermined by the economic slowdown and low prices for farm commodities.

News of the shakeup comes less than a month after the Moline, Ill.-based farm equipment maker reported fiscal third-quarter profits of \$71.8 million, less than half the \$172.4 million it earned a year earlier. In late June, the company said it would cut 1,250 jobs, or 8 percent of its workforce, in an attempt to increase efficiency.

"These actions send a clear signal that we are not content to simply wait for the economy to improve to make our business more profitable," Robert W. Lane, Deere's chairman and chief executive officer, said in a statement Monday.

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Parent of Paul dairy considers alternatives

The Times-News

PAUL - Colorado-based Horizon Organic Holding Corp., a producer of organic dairy products and the parent of a Paul dairy, said it will immediately begin "to explore strategic alternatives" for its company-owned farms in Idaho and Maryland.

The company earlier said future milk supply will come from independent dairy producers. Horizon also previously announced intent to sell its undeveloped farmland in California and end their management agreement in Colorado during summer 2002.

"When the company was founded in 1991, the only way it could ensure an adequate supply of organic milk was to own organic dairy farms," said Chuck Marcy, president and chief executive officer. "In 2000, the situation dramatically changed, and over the past year, more dairy farmers have recognized the economic benefits of switching to organic production. Thus, more organic milk is being produced, and supply and demand is now better balanced."

So Horizon has an opportunity to focus on building the Horizon Organic brand and marketing its family of products, Marcy said.

At the same time, the company will continue to further its leadership in organic agriculture through the formation of the Horizon Organic Agriculture Leadership Program. "The company-sponsored program will bring together experienced organic experts to support current and future organic dairy partners."

The company said it hired McDonald Investments to help evaluate and pursue options for its company-owned farms. McDonald Investments has experience in selling and financing agricultural assets in conjunction with long-term supply agreements, Horizon said.

A continuing supply of organic milk from the farms will be a requirement of any alternative the company considers.

Workers in Mexico and the southeastern United States will suffer most as a result.

The company said it will sell a 1,200-worker plant in Chihuahua, Mexico, and close some or all of its operations in North Carolina and South Carolina.

About 475 U.S. workers will lose their jobs as a result. A further 300 jobs will be lost as Deere tries to cut manufacturing and marketing costs at its construction and forestry division. Deere is closing a forestry-equipment factory in Bessemer, Ala., and plans to sell or close a fabrication plant in Woodstock, Ontario.

As a result of the changes, Deere will take a \$150 million after-tax charge against this quarter's profits. The restructuring is expected to reduce annual operating costs by \$15 million.

The 1,250 job cuts Deere announced in June involve a \$140 million after-tax charge against earnings. The reductions, to be carried out through an early retirement scheme, were intended to save \$90 million per year.

MONEY

Sales of existing homes edge down

WASHINGTON (AP) - Americans, worried about their jobs, bought fewer previously owned homes in July. But the level of sales remained healthy, suggesting that the housing market will continue to be a pillar of support for the struggling economy.

Existing-home sales fell by 3 percent in July from the previous quarter to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.17 million, the National Association of Realtors reported Monday.

Even with the decline, economists said July's sales were solid and noted that existing-home sales have been hovering near record levels in recent months.

"Existing-home sales faded a touch in July, but don't even think that is an indicator that the housing market is finally starting to tank," said economist Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors.

"The level of activity can be unambiguously characterized as very strong."

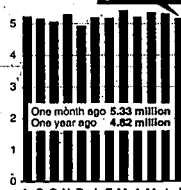
And with mortgage rates now below 7 percent, the outlook for sales going forward continues to be bright, economists said.

Last week, the government reported that sales of new homes surged by 4.9 percent in

Home sales

Here is a look at sales of existing single-family homes.

Seasonally adjusted annual rate
6 million units = 5.17 million



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July. In Monday's report, economists said that the drop in existing-home sales reflected that some prospective buyers were put off by the choppy economy and fell insecure about their jobs in light of mounting layoffs that have been announced over the past several months.

to reduce it, the fourth consecutive quarter the sector reported a decline in hiring. Services firms are losing their traditional resistance to hiring declines, Joerres said, and are "now indicating hiring plants at historical recession levels as well." Just 22 percent of them said they are seeking staff, but 11 percent are planning layoffs.

Survey

Continued on C1. Of the year, thanks in part to the upcoming holiday retail season. Thirty-five percent said they plan to increase the number of workers they hire and 9 percent plan to reduce the number of workers.

Among transportation and public utilities, 20 percent expect to add staff and 9 percent

Stock market closes lower in pullback

NEW YORK (AP) - Investors' enthusiasm for stocks cooled Monday, sending the market slightly lower in an expected pullback from last week's big rally.

Analysts attributed the lackluster trading to low volume ahead of the Labor Day holiday and continuing doubts that business will

improve soon. They also speculated that some investors were holding off on any big moves until Wednesday, when the government releases data showing the economy's growth rate.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 40.82 at 10,382.35, retreating from a 194-point climb

Friday. Broader stock indicators were also weak. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was off 5.72 at 1,179.21, while the Nasdaq composite index was off 4.39 at 1,912.41.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“Boise State presents more anxiety than I've ever had.”

—Lou Holtz, whose South Carolina team opens with the Broncos on Saturday

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Which player does not hold a spot among the top 10 on the list of baseball's single-season home run leaders: Jimmie Fox, Ken Griffey Jr. or Hank Greenberg?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school boys' soccer

Jerome at Twin Falls, 5 p.m.

Minico at Burley, 5 p.m.

High school girls' soccer

Ketchum at Twin Falls, 5 p.m.

Bliss at Dietrich, 6 p.m.

Camas County, Raft River at Shoshone, 5 p.m.

Carey at Mackay, 6 p.m.

Hagerman at Castledorf, 6 p.m.

Wendell at Declo, 5 p.m.

Glenns Ferry at Rimrock, 6 p.m.

Wood River at Gooding, 5 p.m.

MVC at Hansen, 6 p.m.

Century at Jerome, 6 p.m.

Richfield at Ketchum, 6 p.m.

Kimberly, Marmarth at Valley, 5 p.m.

IN BRIEF

CSI delays coaching announcement

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho delayed announcing its new men's head basketball coach on Monday, instead postponing a scheduled news conference to today at 3 p.m. in the Taylor Administration Building, Room 277.

Lewiston advances to Legion championship

YAKIMA, Wash. — Lewiston, Idaho's Jake Rogers singled in two runs in the fourth, and pitchers Jesse Shafer and Joe Broemeling made the lead stand up as the Twins beat Midwest City, Okla., 4-3 Monday in an American Legion World Series semifinal game.

The victory guarantees the Twins (38-18) a slot in day tonight's championship game.

Lewiston, 4-0 in World Series play, survived a last-inning charge by Midwest City. With one out, Midwest City's Dayton Ries and Keystone Hughes hit back-to-back singles that chased Shafer in favor of Broemeling.

Broemeling struck out the last two batters to earn the save.

Shafer improved to 5-4, striking out three and walking none through 8 1/3 innings.

Doug Craig led Lewiston with a 3-for-4 effort.

Nick Thigpen finished 3-for-5 for Midwest City, which ended its year at 66-15.

Lewiston will face the winner between Brooklawn, N.J., and Omaha, Neb. at 8 p.m. (MDT).

CSI baseball holds walk-on tryouts

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho baseball team will hold tryouts for potential walk-on players on Wednesday at Frontier Field at 2 p.m. Hitting, pitching and defensive workouts will take place.

For more information, call the CSI clubhouse at 733-9554, Ext. 2650.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Griffey has never hit more than 56 homers, leaving him out of the top 10. Greenberg and Fox each had 58-homer seasons, tying them with Mark McGwire's 1997 season for No. 8 on the list.

Declo heads up SCIC

Fall Sports Previews

The Times-News continues its weeklong look at the area's fall high school sports season today: SCIC football, D1, D4 Wednesday; 5A, 4A football

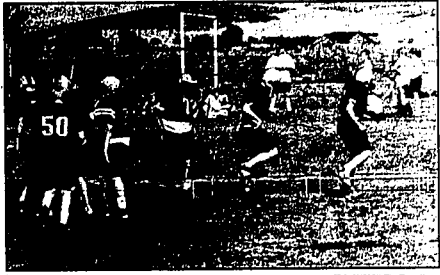
By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

DECLO — Last season, the Declo Hornets didn't lose a game until the Class A-2 playoffs. This season, the Hornets first loss came in their opener on Friday to South Fremont. But don't expect wily Hornet coach Kelly Kidd to hit the panic button.

Instead, he sees the 20-14 loss as a wakeup call to his troops that this season, they are beatable. Something they never experienced in their first season in the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference.

"If we would've won, we probably would've thought we were OK — and we're not," said Kidd, whose team was driving with three minutes to go before a penalty killed the drive.

Kidd expected a tough game from South Fremont since Please see PREVIEW, Page D4



Declo football players go through conditioning drills Monday. A survey of coaches has the Hornets ranked atop the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference again.

Hingis advances in Open

Serena Williams survives off-day

By Charles Bricker
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

NEW YORK — What, she worry? "It never crossed my mind that I was going to lose," said Serena Williams, looking a lot more relaxed than she was 37 minutes into a 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 win over obscure German left-hander Anca Barna on Day 1 of the U.S. Open.

This was not the way to start a Grand Slam, though there might be an omen here for the muscular Williams.

When she won this tournament in 1999, she lost the opening set of three consecutive matches — to Kim Clijsters, Conchita Martinez and Monica Seles.

But this wasn't anyone remotely resembling a top player. Barna, a slender 5-foot-9, had won only three main draw WTA Tour matches this year and was carrying a portfolio of losses to players who hadn't cracked the top 100.

"I was just way off," Williams, of Palm Beach Gardens, explained her ease out of the starting blocks. I gave it away.

She took a few deep breaths in the changeover chair, reached down for her good stuff and smothered Barna so badly in the final 56 minutes that the 24-year-old Romanian emigrant smacked only two winners. The stadium court audience, including Sen. Hillary Clinton, found plenty to clap about.

Please see OPEN, Page D2



Martina Hingis, of Switzerland, makes a return against Laura Granville, of the United States, at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York Monday.

Cowboys blast Raiders in Mexico

The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Dallas rookie Quincy Carter rebounded from an awful first start with an impressive performance rushing and passing as the Cowboys beat the Oakland Raiders 21-6 Monday night, snapping their nine-game exhibition losing streak.

Playing before 88,309 fans at Mexico City's Azteca stadium, the Cowboys, who had lost 17 of their last 18 preseason games, looked like the hungry young team they were billed to be.

The Raiders — considered Super Bowl contenders — often looked confused, though many of their starters played spryly, and quarterback Rich Gannon did not play.

Carter, who was 5-of-17 for 27 yards in his last step one on Aug. 19, wound up 6-of-11 for 99 yards on Monday night, with no interceptions, and he scored on a darling 16-yard touchdown run in the second quarter.

Four plays later, Carter faked a handoff, then scrambled left, dodging tacklers on his touchdown run.

Dimitris Underwood ended the next brief drive by the Raiders by sacking Hoyer at the 32 for a 6-yard loss and forcing a punt.

Carter then drove the Cowboys 80 yards in four minutes, passing 25 yards to Damon Hodge and then, under heavy pressure, hitting Jason Tucker at the Raiders 4 for a 28-yard gain.

Troy Hambrick ran in for a touchdown on the next play.



Oakland's Tyrone Wheatley is tackled by Dallas' Dat Nguyen during a preseason game at the Azteca Stadium in Mexico City Monday.

Broncos rattle coach Holtz

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolina coach Lou Holtz is starting his 30th season like he has all the others — lost to death.

"Boise State presents more anxiety than I've ever had," Holtz said Monday.

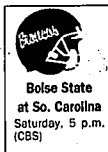
And this from a coach who's opened seasons against scariest-sounding teams like Maryland, Michigan, Texas and Virginia.

The Gamecocks, ranked No. 21, begin the year Saturday against the Broncos.

Holtz is among college football's most famous poor-mouthers — every team he faces is a Super Bowl winner, every opposing quarterback is capable of Heisman Trophy greatness. Holtz, meanwhile, quietly shuffles along somehow, he would have you believe, compiling a Hall of Fame career of 224 victories, third best among active coaches.

Just last year, Holtz said his Texas was fifth, while New Mexico State. He compared the Aggies to Nebraska and their quarterback, K.C. Enzinger, to Virginia Tech's Michael Vick. The final? 31-0 South Carolina.

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Georgia Tech falls from AP Top 10

The Associated Press

Georgia Tech won its opener, but not impressively enough to hold its Top 10 spot in The Associated Press poll.

In the only change from the preseason rankings, the Yellow Jackets fell from No. 10 to No. 11 in the AP's first regular-season Top 25 on Monday despite a 13-7 win over Syracuse the day before.

Oregon State, 11th in the preseason, is the new No. 10 team.

Florida remained a solid No. 1, with Miami close behind in the voting at No. 2. The Gators and Hurricanes start their seasons Saturday.

Oklahoma, the defending national champions, opened with a 41-27 victory over North Carolina on Saturday night to stay at No. 3; Nebraska held the No. 4 spot with a 21-7 win over TCU on Saturday.

Texas was fifth, followed by Florida State, Oregon, Tennessee, Virginia Tech and Oregon State.

Florida, which opens at home against Marshall, had 21 first-place votes and 1,723 points from the 72 sports writers and broadcasters on the AP panel.

Miami, at Penn State on Saturday night, had 33 first-place votes and 1,710 points. Oklahoma had 10 first-place votes, Nebraska had 3, Texas 4 and Oregon 1.

Florida picked up one first-place vote this week; Nebraska and Texas each lost a first-place vote; and Oregon received its first vote for No. 1.

After Georgia Tech, it's No. 12 Michigan, No. 13 Kansas State, No. 14 LSU, No. 15 Washington, No. 16 Northwestern, No. 17 UCLA, No. 18 Notre Dame, No. 19 Clemson and No. 20 Mississippi State.

South Carolina is No. 21, followed by No. 22 Wisconsin, No. 23 Ohio State, No. 24 Colorado State and No. 25 Alabama.

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll, the top five are the same as its preseason rankings: Florida, Miami, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Florida State.

Wisconsin, the only other Top 25 team in action over the weekend, beat Virginia 26-17.

Top games involving ranked teams on Saturday include No. 17 UCLA at No. 25 Alabama and No. 22 Wisconsin at No. 7 Oregon.

Poll — D3

SPORTS

Bonds rips No. 56 in Giants win

NEW YORK (AP) - Barry Bonds hit his major league-leading 56th home run and San Francisco beat New York.

J.T. Snow broke a 4-4 tie with a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth off Rick White (3-5) as the Giants averted a four-game sweep at Shea Stadium.

Bonds also doubled, singled and walked.

Tuesday's Shinjo hit a leadoff homer against Giants' reliever Felix Rodriguez (3-1) in the eighth, tying it at 4.

Robb Nen took over after a 54-minute rain delay and got three outs for his 37th save. The Mets put runners on second and third with no outs, but Nen escaped by allowing just Edgardo Alfonzo's sacrifice fly.

Dodgers 4, Braves 2

ATLANTA - Gary Sheffield hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning to rally Los Angeles to a 4-2 victory over Atlanta on Monday.

Mike Remlinger (3-3) allowed a one-out single to Adrian Beltré and walked Jeff Rebutel, then retired Shawn Green on a flyout. Jose Cabrera relieved and Sheffield hit his 31st homer.

Greg Maddux allowed one run and five hits in seven innings, struck out seven and walked none. Maddux, who left with a 2-1 lead, was attempting to become the major league's second 18-game winner, following Arizona's Curt Schilling.

Terry Adams (10-6) gave up two runs and eight hits in seven innings and struck out eight. Jeff Shaw pitched the ninth for his 37th save in 43 chances.

Phillies 3, Diamondbacks 1

PHILADELPHIA - Robert Person allowed one run in eight innings, and Marlon Anderson's RBI single drove in the go-ahead run for Philadelphia.

Person (12-6) gave up five hits, tied a career high with 11 strikeouts and won for the eighth time in nine decisions as the Phillies closed within one game of first-place Atlanta in the NL East.

Reggie Sanders hit his 29th homer and fourth in four games for Arizona, whose lead over San Francisco in the West was cut to 2.5 games.

Jose Mesa pitched the ninth, finishing the six-hitter for his 34th save in 36 chances.

Diamondbacks starter Albie Lopez (3-4) allowed four hits and three runs in six innings. Lopez had won three straight.

Padres 8, Marlins 3

MIAMI - Damian Jackson hit a three-run homer, and Phil Nevin added a solo shot as San Diego routed Florida.

The Padres roughed up



San Francisco's Barry Bonds gestures as he crosses the plate after hitting his 56th season homer in the fifth inning off the Mets at New York's Shea Stadium, Monday.

Bonds watch Home run: No. 56 Game: 131 Against: Kevin Appel Where: Shea Stadium

Marlins starter A.J. Burnett, who pitched a no-hitter against them May 12 in San Diego. Burnett (9-10) allowed seven

runs on eight hits and five walks in five innings. He struck out eight and hit a batter, losing for the fifth time in six decisions.

Nevin connected off Burnett for his career-high 32nd homer in the fifth inning, and Ray Lankford went 2-for-2 with a double for San Diego.

Padres starter Brian Tollberg (7-4) worked five-plus innings, giving up two runs and seven hits.

Brewers 12, Pirates 5

MILWAUKEE - Richie Sexson homered twice and drove in five runs to help Rocky Coppinsinger win for the first time in nearly two years as Milwaukee beat Pittsburgh.

Coppinsinger (1-0), who missed all of last season recovering from elbow surgery, allowed three runs and five hits in five innings for his first victory since Oct. 1, 1999, against Cincinnati.

Coppinsinger made his first start of the year after two relief appearances. Mike Buddie allowed two runs in four innings for his second save.

Pittsburgh starter Joe Beimel (5-11) gave up six runs and five hits in 3 2/3 innings as the Pirates (48-82) fell 34 games below .500 for the first time since the end of the 1996 season.

Sexson set a career high with his 32nd home run, and Jose Hernandez homered in the seventh for Milwaukee.

Titans All-Pro cornerback threatens to leave

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - All-Pro cornerback Samari Rolle threatened Monday to leave the Tennessee Titans' training camp in a contract dispute.

Rolle, who has led the team in interceptions the past two seasons, had reported to training camp last month without a long-term contract.

He practiced Monday but planned to talk with agent Lamont Smith about his next

step, which could be leaving Nashville before Tuesday's practice if significant progress wasn't made in negotiations.

"I don't want everybody to view me as another brat complaining about not making enough money," Rolle said. "My whole thing is I was told one thing, and I came to camp on time like I was supposed to.

"We're not going to get anything done, fine tell me that. We'll drop the issue, and I'll

play this year out."

The Titans listed signing Rolle to a new contract as one of their priorities for the offseason. They signed receiver Derrick Mason, also represented by Smith, and quarterback Steve McNair to new deals before camp.

General manager Floyd Reese said he was waiting for Smith's latest counteroffer Monday afternoon, and he doesn't see any good in Rolle walking out

when the Titans intend to finalize a contract.

"He came here in good faith. I think he'll continue to be here in good faith," Reese said. "Our objective is to get ready for the season."

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Bliss beats Buhl

The Times-News

Local sports

BLISS - Bliss surprised Buhl with a season-opening 4-2 win on Monday. The Bears scored a pair of goals in the first half and added two more in the second half to secure the victory.

Josh Sirucek scored both of the Indians' goals late.

"(Bliss) played good soccer tonight," Buhl coach Jerry Zinn said. "They outplayed us. That's the first time they've beaten us in a long time."

Buhl (0-1-1) visits Decatur tonight at 5 p.m.

Open

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There was only one upset on this opening day, which was hit with a smorgasbord of weather, including a late-afternoon rain delay of 90 minutes.

Second-seeded Andre Agassi disposed of one of the Bryan twins of Camarillo, Calif. Agassi easily beat Mike in a night match after No. 6 Patrick Rafter led off the day by taking out the other brother, Bob. Bob were accomplished in straight sets.

No. 3 Marat Safin, the defending champion, joined them in the second round along with No. 9 Tim Henman, who needed five sets to beat young Jan Vacek.

On the women's side, Williams, seeded 10th, advanced with top-seeded Martina Hingis, No. 3 Lindsay Davenport, No. 6 Justine Henin, the Wimbledon runner-up, No. 7 Monica Seles, No. 12 Meghann Shaughnessy and No. 14 Jelena Dokic.

Amanda Coetzer, the No. 13 seed who is three times a quarterfinalist here, was upset by left-handed Barbara Schwartz of Austria 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.

This was a sixth straight win for Serena, who eight days earlier had evened the score with Jennifer Capriati, her Wimbledon conqueror, by beating her in the final of the Canadian Open. She also is 13-2 in her last 15 matches and, despite the faltering start, there were some very good signs in this triumph.

She slugged 11 aces without a double fault.

"Used to be a time I'd never double fault," she said. "Then, this year, I started double faulting. Like three and eventually up to 10 times in one match, which was unheard of for me."

She has tried to take a bit of

pace off her first serve and not leave herself in a second-serve situation. "I only hit up to 113 mph today. As the rounds go on, I'm obviously going to crank it up a bit," she said. "Also, I just made up my mind that it's ridiculous just to give it away."

"There used to be a time when I would think, 'Oh boy, I hope I don't double fault.' So quick, so fast. Oh boy, I did."

Hingis had no trouble at all, losing only two games in a 46-minute win over American wild card Laura Granville of Chicago. The nervous Granville had seven winners and 29 unforced errors.

Davenport had an equally easy time, taking only 44 minutes to down Andrea Glass of Germany. Davenport never faced a break point. But Shaughnessy, who has worked her way up to No. 12 in the rankings, committed 62 errors in a sloppy victory over Rita Grande of Italy, clinching it with a 7-2 tiebreak in the third set.

It was a big day for two young Americans. Robby Ginepro of Marietta, Ga., the runner-up last year to Andy Roddick of Boca Raton in the U.S. Open juniors, stunned Harel Levy 6-3, 7-5, 6-4 and Taylor Dent of Newport Beach, Calif., swept past Karim Alami 6-3, 6-4, 6-4, losing his serve only once.

It was a day that started out with high winds, which gave way to muggy heat and then overcast and rain. But before the cloud cover arrived in the afternoon, Rafter sweated through a straight set win, admitting that he was tiring near the end.

Two players retired with heat-related sickness. Nicolas Kiefer quit in the third set against Rainer Schuttler and Kenneth Carlsen surrendered to Xavier Malisse

Broncos

Continued from D1

great record like he does," Hawkins said. "By not overlooking any opponent, no matter who they are."

Do the Gamecocks buy into Holtz's hype? You bet; said defensive lineman John Stamper.

"Most of what he says, you take to the bank," Stamper said. "Boise State puts up a lot of points and it's going to be a challenge for us."

Holtz's concerns may be genuine. The Gamecocks, despite going 8-4 and beating Ohio State 24-7 in the Outback Bowl, don't often build well on success. After winning 10 games in 1984 - the team's only double-digit victory year in 107 football seasons - the Gamecocks slumped to 5-6.

The school's golden era may have been during the Great Depression when South Carolina

had seven winning seasons from 1928-34.

"One of the problems we've had at South Carolina over the years is that when we have had some success, we haven't handled it very well," Holtz said. "It's important that we handle it this year. There isn't a game that I'm not nervous about. Against Boise State, you don't know, you're guarding ghosts."

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Kirna wins Cincinnati quarterback job for good

CINCINNATI (AP) — Jon Kirma got the quarterback job that no one else wanted for long.

The Cincinnati Bengals picked Kirna as their starter Monday, culminating a three-way competition that produced very little in three preseason games. Coach Dick LeBeau chose Kirna over Scott Mitchell, who had nearly identical statistics in preseason.

"In my opinion, you could have flipped a coin," said Akili Smith, knocked out of the competition by a shoulder.

Kirna becomes the fourth different quarterback to start a season in the last four years. In each of those seasons, the Bengals switched quarterbacks to try to

Around the NFL

Dolphins
DAVIDE, Fla. — Daryl Gardener's lower back continues to be a source of concern for the Miami Dolphins.

Gardener did not play Saturday against Green Bay because of back spasms. He missed practice Monday and probably won't play in Miami's preseason finale Friday night against Minnesota, either.

The 6-foot-6, 310-pound defensive tackle is optimistic about returning for the season opener Sept. 9 against Tennessee, but he doesn't know how long he will be able to play before his back starts hurting again.

Falcons

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Jessie Tuggie is pondering whether to retire or play for a team other than Atlanta with whom he has spent his entire 14-year career.

But his career with the Falcons is over. On Sunday, coach Dan Reeves told Tuggie, the NFL's leading active tackler, that the Falcons want him to retire so they won't

Giants

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Giants cornerback Jason Sehorn

had his sore right knee flushed to reduce swelling on Monday, and then would be able to play in their season opener at Denver on Sept. 10.

"The surgery went exactly as we had hoped it would," said team physician Dr. Russell Warren, who performed the arthroscopic procedure. Sehorn missed the last two preseason games because of the knee. He will play in Friday's preseason finale at Baltimore.

49ers

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — The San Francisco 49ers released one

starting defensive lineman Tuesday.

Bryant's last game was on Sept. 2, when he was injured in a game at St. Louis. Bryant announced a comeback but earlier this month, but the team said he would need to pass a physical before being allowed to play.

Junior Bryant on Monday after he failed yet another physical in an attempt to return from a serious neck injury.

"It's not fun to do this," coach Steve Mariucci said. "But it was everybody's view that he shouldn't play any more football because of the status of his back and his neck. You take all of that into consideration. It was a difficult decision, but a unanimous one."

Bryant hasn't played since last September, when he was injured in a game at St. Louis. Bryant announced a comeback but earlier this month, but the team said he would need to pass a physical before being allowed to play.

BASEBALL

Wild Card Races

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	78	56	.583	0
Minnesota	78	57	.577	0.5
Arizona	77	57	.573	1.0
Colorado	76	58	.568	1.5
San Diego	75	59	.561	2.0

NL Boxes

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	43	33	.566	0
San Diego	42	34	.556	0.5
Arizona	41	35	.540	1.0
Colorado	40	36	.526	1.5
California	39	37	.514	2.0

AL standings

East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	78	56	.583	0
Tampa Bay	77	57	.573	0.5
Chicago	76	58	.568	1.0
Cleveland	75	59	.561	1.5
Kansas City	74	60	.553	2.0

NL standings

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	78	56	.583	0
San Francisco	77	57	.573	0.5
Arizona	76	58	.568	1.0
Colorado	75	59	.561	1.5
Los Angeles	74	60	.553	2.0

GIANTS & METS

Giants

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	43	33	.566	0
Philadelphia	42	34	.556	0.5
Atlanta	41	35	.540	1.0
Pittsburgh	40	36	.526	1.5
Washington	39	37	.514	2.0

BREWERS 12, PIRATES 6

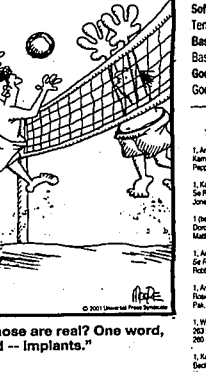
MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Milwaukee Brewers defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates 12-6 on Monday night at PNC Park.

FOOTBALL

Buffalo defeated New York Jets 27-10 on Monday night at Buffalo Bills Stadium.

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



"Oh, so you think those are real? One word, my friend — implants."

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Tennis, U.S. Open

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Driver	Points
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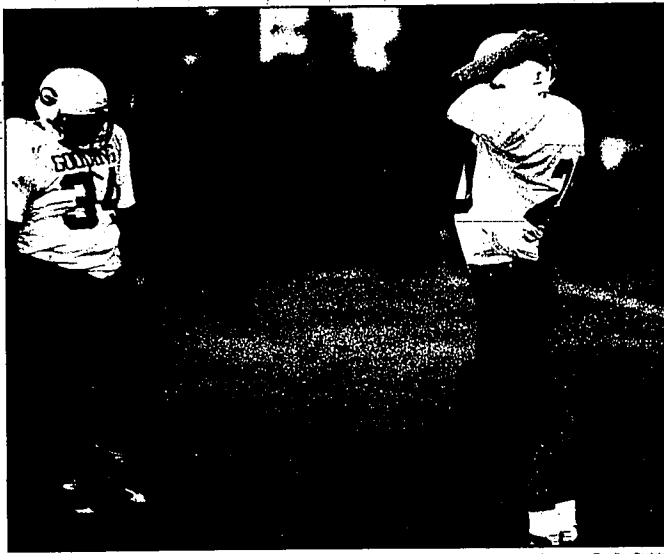
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SHAKING IT OFF



Gooding High quarterback Joe Abernathy, right, holds his head in disbelief after being sacked by a Buhl defender in his own endzone for a safety. The Buhl Indians scored two safeties in the first half of their game with the Senators last year, going on to win 32-0. The Senators hope to turn the tables on Buhl when the teams meet later this season.

Buhl Indians
Coach: Gary Krumm, seventh season
2000 season: 2-6, finished fourth in conference
Key players: Sr. QB/LB AW Wells, sr. RB/DB Chris Floyd, jr. QB Tim Bourner, sr. TE/DL Josh Vllaro, jr. OL Russell Wiersma, sr. C Esteban Serrano, jr. RB Chris Wolf, jr. WR Rob Walker.
Outlook: Youth movement at Buhl sees only four returning seniors with any significant varsity time. Depth is another factor for Buhl, who had one of the lowest turnovers ever this season. Up-and-coming junior and sophomore classes need time, but have shown athleticism and the means to communicate effectively. Indians hope as season progresses, so will the football. Could be another year of seasoning before Indians return to prominence. Injuries have taken some key players out of action early.
Coach says: "Numbers are way down and no depth anywhere. Young kids forced into action."

Declo Hornets
Coach: Kelly Kidd, sixth season
2000 season: 8-1, finished first in conference, eliminated by Preston in interdistrict playoff
Key players: RB/LB Jordan Bagwell, WR Reagan Darrington, RB Josh Boehler, OT Beau Cahoon, RB Terry Durrington, WR Chase Kidd.
Outlook: If there is any year, it could be this year that might Declo is susceptible to being beaten. After rolling through the regular season a year ago, the Hornets lost a ton of talent to graduation. But don't count them out so easily, up against a decent South Fremont team that returned 10 of 11 starters, the Hornets succumbed only in the final minutes. Should still have enough horsepower to knock off the competitive SCIC, but come playoff time, anything can happen. Still deep and bruising along the lines.
Coach says: "Time to get kids used to varsity experience."

Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference
Coaches' poll

1. Declo
2. Kimberly
3. Wood River
4. Filer
5. Buhl
6. Gooding

Filer Wildcats
Coach: Brett Wright, fifth season
2000 season: 1-7, finished sixth in conference

Key players: Sr. RB Danny Prigmore, sr. RB/LB Zack Blass, sr. WR/DB Cade Lancaster, sr. WR Matt Woody, jr. RB Caleb Lammers, sr. DL Tim Johnson, soph. DL Heath Robinson.
Outlook: Everybody's dark-horse, but Wildcats carry undeniable tag of team that ended Gooding's 16-game losing streak last season. Deep on both fronts with size and experience to boot. Team should be most improved of league. Will learn how good it is with powerful Glenns Ferry coming to town on Friday.

Coach says: "Depth, inexperience on both lines. Staying healthy will be a key."

Gooding Senators
Coach: Andrew Moretto, first season
2000 season: 1-7, finished fifth in conference
Key players: QB/DB Joe Abernathy, RB/LB Seamus Campbell, OL DL Ryan Pereira, RB Carl Haney.
Outlook: Senators have nowhere to go but up after snapping their 16-game losing streak last season. Moretto

Preview

Continued from D1

The Hornets' 22-16 victory over the eastern Idaho school was their closest game of the season last year until the loss to Preston ended the season.

And South Fremont returned 10 of 11 starters on offense, bringing a much more cohesive unit than Declo, which returned only three starters on offense, Kidd said.

Graduation took the likes of running backs Kyler Heward and Tony Pizarro and aggressive linemen headed by Hector Rios and Steve Thometz.

"Our seniors have to start making plays instead of waiting for someone else to make it," Kidd said. "It's going to take a couple games for the kids to come together. But I guess that's why there are preseason games to get you ready for conference. They'll be pretty good by then."

That's not such good news for the rest of the conference.

But even knowing that Declo will bring its best come conference time, rival coaches still think the Hornets are susceptible this season.

"Who knows what Kelly has up his sleeve," Filer coach Brett Wright said. "They're obviously the favorite to win the league

again. But I think it's going to be a wide-open conference, just like it always is."

Wood River coach John Blackman agreed.

"Declo is more beatable than they were last year but they're going to be tough," Blackman said. "They'll by somebody to contend with. But we got them up here and I'd like to get them this year."

Wood River may be the biggest team in the entire region, averaging almost 250 pounds on the offensive line.

There were bright spots for Declo Friday as the Hornets rushed for over 200 yards.

Junior offensive lineman Erik Webb, quarterback Jordan Bagwell and running backs Terry and Casey Darrington stood out in the running game, Kidd said.

Going into the season, Kidd said it was important for the SCIC to improve overall so that teams going into the playoffs are used to a higher level of play.

He thinks that will be the case this year.

Kidd picks Filer, which he calls physically, competitive and fast, to be the front-runner.

However, in the wide-open SCIC, Declo gets the nod from

most of the coaches as the team to beat, followed by Kimberly, Wood River, Filer, Buhl and Gooding.

Filer finished 17 last season, but Kidd said the Wildcats' skill position players and a tough junior varsity team from last year will be the difference.

Senior running back Danny Prigmore and senior wide receiver Cade Lancaster have plenty of speed and will present problems.

Junior Andy Griff will handle the quarterbacking duties for the Wildcats.

Kimberly will also be right in the thick of things, according to Kidd.

(Coach) Kirby (Bright) can take almost anything and get a decent football team out of it," he said.

Kimberly finished 3-6 last season as the Bulldogs made the playoffs.

Quarterback Matt Bulcher returns to lead Kimberly for his senior season and running back Jake Williams is also a returning starter who will help the Bulldogs' cause.

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inherits team from former coach Ty Jones.
Coach says: "Strength is all-around team speed but our concern is depth."

Kimberly Bulldogs
Coach: Kirby Bright, eighth season
2000 season: 3-6, finished third in conference
Key players: Sr. QB/LB Matt Bulcher, sr. RB/DB Jake Williams, C/DL Justin Eyring, jr. RB Eric Knight, jr. RB Brad Butler, soph. WR Ricky Zodorow, sr. WR Brandon Lammers.
Outlook: Usual slow-starting team needs to get off to winning track. Young team without a lot of varsity experience. Could be a team to pull off one or two upsets. And Bulldogs were picked by two coaches to win the SCIC this season.
Coach says: "It has already been very encouraging the way this group plays together. We have a lot of kids experiencing their first varsity-level action."

Wood River Wolverines
Coach: John Blackman, 14th season
2000 season: 5-4, finished second in conference, lost to Teton in interdistrict playoff
Key players: Jr. RB/QB Ryne Reynoso, sr. OL/DL Jeff Bolton, sr. LB Evan Peebles, jr. TO Kenny Kelb, jr. FB Christian Ayala, sr. TE/DE Nic Nottingham, sr. OL James Fowler, sr. QB/FS Joey Molyneaux.
Outlook: Underachieving team finished strong; winning four of final five games last season. Enormous line that sports 280-pound Bolton, 290-pound Kelb, and 235-pound Fowler.
Coach says: "We don't have any big stars, but we are solid."

SCIC field looks to be craps shoot

Declo has its work cut out if it hopes to top the splash it made last season.

The Hornets made quite the impact going a perfect 8-0 on its way to winning the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference (SCIC) crown in its first-ever season in the conference.

This year, however, Declo has already tasted defeat, dropping its opener at South Fremont on Friday.

Though the Hornets hold an 0-1 record and lost their first game, prowess to graduation last season, rival coaches in the SCIC still know that Declo is a team to respect.

That's why the Hornets are ranked No. 1 in the coaches' poll.

"They lost a lot of good seniors from last year's team," Filer coach Brett Wright said. "But they're obviously the favorites to win the league again."

Filer is expected to rebound from a 4-7 season that included a loss to Gooding which had lost 16 straight until beating the Wildcats.

But Filer suffered some bad news during its jamboree on Saturday when the team lost starting quarterback Andy Griffin to a broken foot on the third play from scrimmage. Then, scrimmaging against Wood River, backup quarterback Danny Prigmore injured his ankle on a tackle.

At leaves freshman Danny Ramsey as the potential savior, to the Wildcats' season.

"He's about 6-foot-2, 160 pounds with no experience but he knows the system," Wright said. "He's been to everything all summer long. We'll line up and see where we're at."

Around Ramsey the Wildcats bring running backs Zack Blass, and Caleb Lammers and fullback Levi Jaynes. On defense, look for Tim Hughes and Hoby Garner to head up a swarming Wildcats linebacking corps.

But the team everyone is kind of thinking about is Wood River. Coach John Blackman said the Wolverines had 19 seniors and 17 juniors turn out for what could be Wood River's run at the title.

"We got some 'hosses,'" Blackman said. "Jeff Bolton (6-4, 280 pounds) is my franchise guy on the line."

Next to Bolton, who's already drawing attention from Idaho State University among other colleges, the Wolverines line up 290-pound junior Kenny Kelb and 6-3, 235-pound James Fowler.

At the skill positions are junior Ryne Reynoso, who's battling senior Joey Molyneaux at quarterback.

In the backfield, look for powerful Wood River to lead with 5-10, 235-pound fullback Christian Ayala.

Staffing a solid linebacking squad is Kellen Chatterton, Evan Peebles and Nic Nottingham.

"We're going to be somebody to contend with," Blackman said.

The remainder of the conference looks to be on the downward trend with low numbers and young players seeing their first varsity action at Buhl, Kimberly and Gooding.

"I heard the rest of the conference is a little down," Blackman said. "But it's the SCIC, and anything can happen."

Sports stars can find visits to Minnesota quite taxing

Knight Ridder News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn. — If you've had it with silk-stocking ballplayers coming to town and beating up on our unpredictable Minnesota Twins, it may give you some consolation to learn that the state of Minnesota is making them pay dearly for the privilege.

Take Tuesday night. The highest-paid player in the major leagues, Alex Rodriguez of the Texas Rangers, scoots into the Metrodome for a three-game series with the low-budget Twins. Yeah, he might hit a homer or three, but he'll pay a handsome sum for the joy of it all.

A whopping \$31,000 in Minnesota income taxes.

That's because Minnesota is among more than two dozen states and cities that collect taxes on the wages of nonresident athletes. The money, just like the taxes you shell out, pays for schools, roads and welfare. So, though you didn't win the lottery, you're all getting a piece of "A-Real," a shortstop with the Powerball-type salary of \$21 million a year. You might call him "Pay Rod," a variant popular among beneficiaries of his largesse.

But here's the better news: You're getting an even bigger piece of those nasty Cleveland Indians, who play 10 games at the Metrodome this year (more than any other team) and have a whole bench full of major contributors to Minnesota's quality of life. Ring up Juan Gonzalez for \$39,000; Mr. Tax Man, and put Jim Thome down for another \$34,000.

Take that, Big Jimmy, for hitting those two cheap homers down the left field line last time you were in town. The taxes would be the same, of course, if he fouled out or watched from the dugout. As long as he's in town, he pays.

You may be wondering how the taxes compare with those paid by working stiffs. Well, the average Minnesota taxpayer paid \$2,300 in state income taxes in 1999, based on an average reported income of \$47,700, said Dick Gehring, director of tax research at the Minnesota Revenue Department.

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Swimmer 'Thorpedo' will surprise

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) - At 27 with 16 national titles and Olympic and world championship medals in his trophy case, American Chad Carvin thought he'd seen just about everything in swimming.

That was until Ian Thorpe came along.

"Nothing surprises me what he does anymore," Carvin said Monday on the eve of the Goodwill Games swimming program. "At the Olympics, he was amazing, but it seemed like in Fukuoka, he was five times better."

At the world championships in Fukuoka, Japan, Thorpe broke all of the world records he held over 200, 400 and 800 meters. He also anchored three victorious Australian relays, taking six gold

Goodwill Games
When: Today through Sept. 9
TV: TNT (8 p.m. taped ceremony; 3 a.m. live coverage)

medals in all.

In the unusual team format at the Goodwill Games, up to 17 races will be held on some nights. Often swimmers will have to swim four races over a two-hour period.

Carvin, who won the 400-meter freestyle at the U.S. national championships 10 days ago, says Thorpe will still have an advantage even with that grueling workload.

"The people who have the opportunity at the world records like Thorpe could cruise and then really go for one race," Carvin said.

Thorpe is not expecting to break any world marks in Brisbane, although many wouldn't bet against it.

"As this swags, I don't think I'm in a position where I can break a world record or improve my personal bests in any of my events but I don't know that until I start competing," Thorpe said.

Sydney Olympic 200-meter butterfly champion Tom Malchow will lead a lineup of some veterans and a mostly "teen team" of the next generation of American swimmers.

American swim absentees include Lenny Krayzelburg, Anthony Ervin, Tom Dolan, Aaron Peirsol, Michael Phelps, Brooke Bennett and Megan Quann - all of

them either Olympic or world champions. The average age of the women's team is 18, including 13-year-old butterflyer Dana Vollbrecht.

With more than \$5 million in prize money at stake, the Goodwill Games open today with two sessions of swimming, opening matches in beach volleyball, four individual apparatus finals in men's and women's gymnastics and trampolining. Swimming alone has prize money exceeding \$500,000. The share for track and field is \$2.3 million.

There are 1,300 elite athletes competing in 14 sports in a finals-only format through Sept. 9. Track and field starts Sept. 4 and figure skating, another high-profile event, on Sept. 5.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

- Popplewell holds football signups**
BUHL - Registration for boys' flag and tackle football for grades K-6 will take place tonight from 6-8 p.m. at Popplewell Elementary School. The cost is \$10. For more information, call 543-8126.
- Minico High changes sports schedule**
RUPERT - Minico High School's football and volleyball contests this week have been switched, with the football team playing at Pocatello on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The time for the volleyball contest with Burley Thursday has also been changed. The match will tip-off at 4 p.m.
- Tews Ranch holds club championship**
SHOSHONE - Tews Ranch Sporting Clays will host its annual club championship and side-by-side competition on Saturday at 11 a.m.
- The cost for the event is \$25 and \$60 with various options extra. Lunch will be served and refreshments will be available. For more information, call 886-2100. The ranch is located at milepost 80 on Highway 75 north of Shoshone.
- Medicine not found in Wheeler's blood**
The toxicology report on Northwestern football player Rashidi Wheeler showed an absence of the asthma medication albuterol in his blood at the time of his death, the Chicago Tribune reported.
- Albuterol is the drug Wheeler was taking to help prevent the asthma attacks that had plagued him during his college career and that is being blamed for the 22-year-old safety's death during pre-season conditioning drills on Aug. 3.
- Bronchial asthma was listed as the cause of death.

Martinez won't rush return to Red Sox

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - The real Pedro Martinez isn't back yet.

Martinez is pitching again for the Boston Red Sox after two months on the disabled list, but the three-time Cy Young Award winner is trying to temper talk that he will all of a sudden put his team back where it was before his shoulder problems: on top in the AL East.

"We're going to have to stick together, all of us," Martinez said after being limited to 71 pitches over four innings against Texas. "I won't be able to do it alone. I can only pitch every five days and right now I'm not at the top of my capability."

When Martinez went on the disabled list June 27 with inflammation in his right shoulder, Boston led its division. After the Red Sox lost 5-4 Sunday to the Rangers in his first game back, they were four games behind the New York Yankees in the AL East and trailed Oakland by three games in the wild-card race.

Martinez threw 51 of his 71 pitches - mostly fastballs and changeups - for strikes in his first start since June 26. He gave up three runs (two earned) on six hits with four strikeouts and one walk. The game was tied 3-3 when Tim Wakefield



Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Pedro Martinez delivers a pitch against the Texas Rangers during the first inning in Arlington, Texas, Sunday. The real Pedro Martinez isn't back yet. Martinez is pitching again for the Red Sox after two months on the disabled list, but the three-time Cy Young Award winner is trying to temper talk that he will all of a sudden put his team back where it was before his right shoulder problems: on top of the AL East.

lacks some of his zip, though that was partially by design because the right-hander was deliberate not to overthrow.

The radar gun at The Ballpark in Arlington hit 95 mph on one pitch, but that reading has been unreliable in the past. Not even Martinez throws a 92 mph curveball, as the board read after one of his few breaking pitches.

Martinez was "shocked" by his control, but knows Sunday was only the first step in getting reacquainted with the mound.

"I got my work done and I was back on the mound. The rest is overrated," he said.

While Martinez wouldn't even guess how many games it will take him to get back to top form - or if that is even possible this season - his next two starts will come in key games for the Red Sox. Martinez is scheduled to start Saturday at home against the Yankees, then is expected back on the mound the following weekend in New York.

Red Sox manager Joe Kerrigan, who hopes Martinez will throw a few more than 80 pitches in his next start, was pleased with the initial results.

"It's a big first step for us to get Pedro back," Kerrigan said. "We get Manny back on Tuesday, then we'll see what happens."

Little League investigates Almonte after document surfaces

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) - Little League is investigating pitcher Danny Almonte after being shown a document that indicated the ace from the Bronx might be older than allowed.

The Rolando Paulino Little League insists Almonte is 12 years old, born April 7, 1989, in Moca, Dominican Republic.

But Little League World Series officials were shown an affidavit Monday by a Sports Illustrated writer that indicated a Danny Almonte was born April 7, 1987, in the town, said league spokesman Lance Van Auken.

Documents previously submitted to Little League by the Rolando Paulino team to prove Almonte's eligibility showed him being born to the same parents in the same town, but in 1989. Van Auken said Little League also was faxed another document Monday afternoon that was similar to the one obtained



Rolando Almonte

by Sports Illustrated but showing Almonte being born in 1989.

Little League rules prohibit any player born before Aug. 1, 1988, from competing this year.

"If this is the same Danny Almonte who played for Rolando Paulino Little League, then we have been deceived, and a fraud has been perpetrated on Little League and the millions of youngsters for whom Little League is so important," said Little League Inc. President Stephen Keener.

In a statement released Monday, Little League officials said they contacted the Rolando Paulino League in the Bronx, N.Y., which insisted all of its players were eligible and promised to provide further documentation.

Rick McCabe, a Sports Illustrated spokesman, said the magazine was "working on a Little League story" but would not comment further until the story was ready for publication.

An official with the Rolando Paulino League questioned the new document.

"Rolando, before he lets the kids into the league, he gets the original birth certificate and a passport, because he doesn't want these kinds of problems. This is a surprise to us," said Joann Dalmat, a spokeswoman for the Rolando Paulino team.

"What more can we provide, if we have provided an original birth certificate and a passport? Anything else is irrelevant. I have, but they're wrong," she said.

If Almonte was found to be ineligible, the Bronx team could be forced to forfeit its last win,

the consolation game against Curacao, Netherlands Antilles. Little League could even revoke the Rolando Paulino League's charter.

But Van Auken said that given the documents in Little League's possession, no immediate action would be taken.

Almonte was the most dominating pitcher at the World Series this year, throwing a perfect game in the opener against Apopka, Fla. Almonte struck out the first 15 Apopka batters in the first perfect game in 44 years at the tournament.

Almonte followed that with a one-hit shutout in the U.S. semifinals against Oceanside (Calif.) American, a team that came in averaging 3.53 with five batters at 50 or better.

He finished the tournament with 46 strikeouts, giving up only three hits in three starts. A run scored in last inning of his final game was the only run scored on Almonte all summer.

Sting shock Liberty, advances to WNBA Finals

NEW YORK - Allison Feaster made two late 3-pointers, Dawn Staley led her team back from a dreadful start and the Charlotte Sting advanced to the WNBA Finals by defeating the New York Liberty 48-44 Monday night.

In the lowest scoring playoff game in league history, the Sting won despite shooting 19 percent in the first half, getting little from Game 2 star Andrea Stinson and going the first seven minutes of the game without scoring a single point.

They became the first team in six tries to defeat the Liberty on their home court in an elimination game and denied New York its fourth trip to the finals in five years.

Replacement officials could work Thursday

DALLAS - Negotiators gathered Monday to try to avert the use of replacement officials for at least the last week of NFL preseason games, with the two sides differing on how close they were to a resolution.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the officials' position "until now has been pretty unyielding."

Since Tagliabue took over as commissioner in 1989, there have been no strikes or lockouts of either officials or players. The labor contract with players now extends through 2007.

But the NFL has been adamant that it will not start the regular season without a deal with officials to replace the one that expired last March.

Replacement officials already are signed and could begin working preseason games as early as Thursday.

Barkley says Jordan should rethink return

CARY, N.C. - Charles Barkley told ESPN.com on Sunday he is against Michael Jordan coming back to the NBA, but expects his close friend to return to the league with the Washington Wizards for the upcoming season.

"I think he's going to play," Barkley said. "I'd be really surprised if he doesn't come back at this point, but I don't want him to."

Barkley, speaking candidly after finishing a round of golf at the Jimmy V Celebrity Golf Classic at the Prestonwood Country Club in suburban Raleigh, said Jordan has nothing to gain by ending his second retirement and returning to the game for the first time in three years.

"He's the greatest basketball player who ever lived and he can't compete against that," Barkley said. "There's nothing positive for him to gain by coming back."

Barkley said he witnessed Jordan during practices earlier in the summer in Chicago, and said he was competitive but not dominating.

NAIA announces Kansas City return

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics announced Monday that the men's basketball tournament will return to Kansas City after an eight-year absence.

A five-year agreement will make Municipal Auditorium the home of the tournament through 2006, officials said at a news conference.

The NAIA was headquartered in Kansas City from 1957 until 1993, when the organization moved to Tulsa, Okla., citing lagging membership and a perceived lack of support from the Kansas City area.

In July, the NAIA returned to the area, moving its headquarters to Olathe, Kan., a Kansas City suburb.

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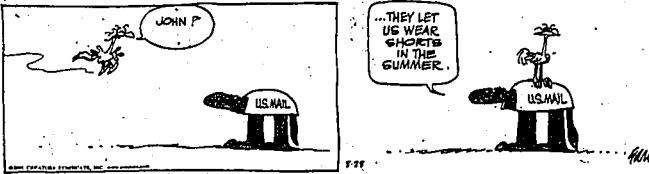
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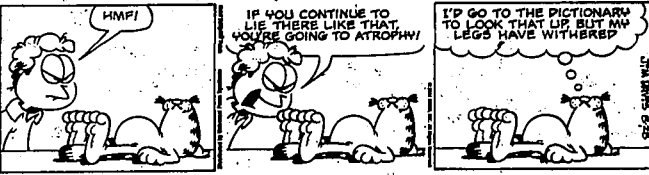
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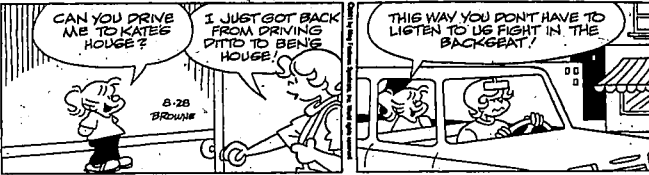
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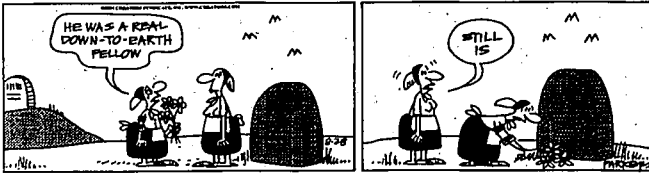
Hi and Lois

By Chance Brown



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



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By Art Sansom & Chip



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



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By Dean Young & Stan Drake



Flakie

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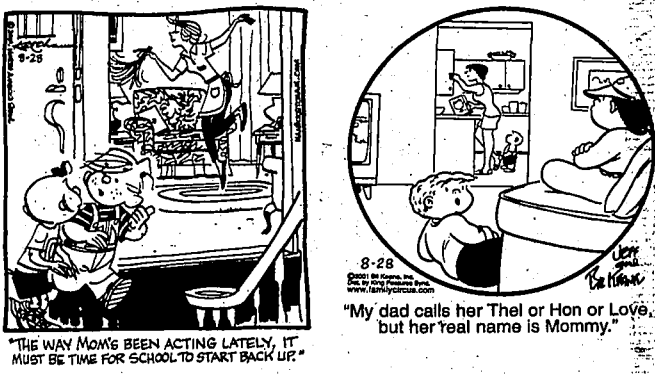


Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham

The Family Circus

By Bill Keane



Rose Is Rose

By Pat Brady



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Luann

By Greg Evans



Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley

