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CLINIC DROPS SAINT AL'S

Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital forges partnership with MVRMC instead

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital, longtime rivals in the local health care market, could soon become partners.

The county Hospital Board applauded Monday a unanimous vote to enter into exclusive negotiations over purchase of the clinic.

The shocking development occurred fol-

lowing a closed meeting between clinic representatives and Magic Valley's board. The unification plan was described as a means to boost local health care services through shared efficiencies and reduced duplication.

"That's always been what we wanted," said Vesta Maughan, chairwoman of Magic Valley's board.

The physician-owned clinic's change of direction was a surprise, she said. If a final agreement is reached, Magic Valley would buy the clinic, an actual brick and mortar

purchase, she said. Doctors' individual practices would remain independent as they are at Magic Valley. It's the clinic's inpatient services that would be sold.

Clinic negotiations with Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center broke off, clinic spokesman Dennis Maughan said after the county Hospital Board vote. An agreement could not be reached with Saint Al's on a model for local health care, he said. He said he could not provide further details about talks with Saint Al's because of negotiation confidentiality

Questions?

A question hotline about the potential Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital partnership has been set up at 737-2100. Call to leave a question. Questions also can be e-mailed to questions@mvrmc.com.

The private, nonprofit Saint Al's of Boise has been delivering community presentations on its vision for local health care. The vision included plans to consolidate.

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P&Z kicks dairy issue upstairs

'I challenge you to go through that 19-page document and find anything that promotes the livestock industry.'
— Jack McCall, agriculture fender and member of the county's citizen ordinance committee, on the ordinance's stated purpose of promoting industry growth while regulating it

'If I sell my compost to a local nursery and any of you decide to dump it in the Snake River, I'm responsible under this. If that's the case, Simplot should be liable for commercial fertilizer as well.'
— John Reitama, Magic Valley Compost

'You must separate the livestock ordinance from the big dairy near Filer.'
— Joanne Smutny, Twin Falls

'Your little book of dairy rules is worthless.'
— Sandea Hammack, Buhl

'There isn't any CAFO or AFO that will be able to conform under this.'
— Dave Snelson, Twin Falls Insurance agent and member of the county's citizen ordinance committee (CAFO stands for "confined animal feeding operation")

'I spent a year building my operation to meet the requirements of the county. Now it will be non-conforming.'
— David Gandolfo, dairy owner and member of the county's citizen ordinance committee

'They're not only hurting our lifestyle, they're hurting our lives.'
— Merle Stoddard of Twin Falls, an asthma sufferer affected by odors from nearby dairies

'People cannot sell their home and have to walk away from their mortgage—be foreclosed on.'
— Phuong Smith, Filer



Photos by JILLIE WILSON for The Times-News

Buck will stop with commissioners

By Michael Journee
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—The county planning and zoning commission handed off a politically contentious livestock proposal to the Twin Falls County commissioners Monday, making no recommendation about its future.

"They are the elected public officials who get paid to make these kinds of decisions," said David Coleman, a planning and zoning commission member. "This is a political issue."

The P&Z panelists, all appointed volunteers, heard three and a half hours of testimony from opponents and supporters of the proposed law on Monday afternoon. Then they voted 5-1 to deliver the ordinance to the three elected commissioners, with no recommendation for adopting or rejecting it.

The sole dissenting vote was cast by Gary Custer, who plans to run for county commissioner next year.

The panel also spent along the comments made during the standing-room-only public hearing on the measure to help the commissioners in their deliberation on the proposed county law.

The commission came largely from dairy-owning ranchers and representatives of ranch organizations. They derided the proposal as redundant, a possible threat to the health of the local livestock industry, and the result of the uproar over a sign ban



Tom Billington is a dairy farmer from Twin Falls who said he worries the ordinance will make it hard for him to keep his family farm in business.

What's next

The proposed livestock ordinance goes to Twin Falls County's three elected county commissioners, who have final say on adopting it. The commissioners plan to hold their own hearing, most likely in a College of Southern Idaho auditorium. No date has been set yet.

smelling dairy southwest of Filer. The anonymous operation owned by Frank Kludger. "If there is a problem out there with a specific dairy, then

maybe you should try to fix that," said Robert Blackford of Twin Falls. "Leave the rest of us alone."

Controversy over the proposed ordinance flared last week, when four members of a citizens panel that helped write the proposal denounced the finished product and the method by which it was written.

The ordinance's backers, though outnumbered about 2-1 by detractors, also made a strong showing at the meeting. They said the county needs to protect its citizens from situations like that created by

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Jail idea to go before a judge

County intends to lease building without raising taxes

By Mark Helz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—It will soon be up to a 5th District Court judge to decide whether the old Norco Windows building, on Washington Street South, will become an upgraded version of the Twin Falls County Jail.

Twin Falls County Commissioners Bill Brockman and Marvin Hempleman early Monday voted for a resolution to file an affidavit putting the new jail proposal before a district judge—who will be charged with making sure the plan is in line with the Idaho Constitution and other state laws. Commissioners Gary Grundstad was out of town on other business.

It was not clear Monday which judge will review the proposal, and it could be a month or more before any of the judges will have time to look at it, said Twin Falls Deputy Prosecutor Rosary Kennedy.

If a judge decides the idea doesn't pass muster, that will be the end of it, Hempleman said. But if the judge approves the Norco building project, the commission will have only to sign a contract with three companies that are organizing the project before work can actually start, he said.

The proposal is to roughly double the county's current 220-bed jail capacity by taking a sizable chunk of the old Norco

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Whooping cough stages comeback

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Whooping cough is one of those diseases cost people think is history—but the dangerous germ that can leave sufferers gasping for air is making a comeback.

The cough so strong it can break a rib once hit mostly babies and toddlers, but now it's striking more and more teenagers and young adults. Apparently the whooping cough vaccinations Americans get as babies eventually can wear off.

Here's the real risk: While older people usually recover, they can easily spread the illness to infants too young for vaccinations. Whooping cough can kill babies.

So experts warn new parents to keep infants away from anyone who's coughing, even as scientists study whether millions of Americans should start getting booster doses of whooping cough vaccine as many get regular tetanus shots.

The goal is to develop boosters for older children and adults so there's a wall of protection around the newborn baby.

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

IDAHO ALMANAC

Idaho Extremes Yesterday:
High 90°
Low 50°
Snow 2"

Idaho Extremes Today:
High 84°
Low 54°
Snow 0"

Precipitation: 0.00"
Rainfall: 0.00"
Snowfall: 0.00"
Year to date: 0.00"
Year to date (Oct 1): 4.50"
Year to date (Nov 1): 0.00"

Humidity: 65%
Barometric Pressure: 29.96 in.
Wind: 10 mph
Dew Point: 50°
Pollen: Moderate
Grass: Moderate
Trees: Moderate
Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Boise	78-88	78-88
Bonanza Ferry	78-88	78-88
Burley	78-88	78-88
Coeur d'Alene	78-88	78-88
Elgin	78-88	78-88
Eugene, OR	78-88	78-88
Hagerman	78-88	78-88
Idaho Falls	78-88	78-88
Kalispell, MT	78-88	78-88
Lewiston	78-88	78-88
Malheur	78-88	78-88
Matta	78-88	78-88

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Poleline At Blue Lakes North

Hospital

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late Jerome's St. Benedicts Family Medical Center, owned by Saint Alf's with Twin Falls Clinic into one new hospital. Saint Alf's latest presentation was delivered only Friday at a Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Historic was the word of the evening Monday after Magic Valley's board vote. Talk of such a move has occurred for years. People were excited.

"The opportunity to combine the expertise and resources of both organizations will help us provide local access to a broader scope of services," said Jerry Hart, the hospital's chief executive officer.

Hart said the open MRI venture between Magic Valley and the clinic is an example of how cooperation, not competition, results in better care.

A press release that followed the meeting outlined what both parties describe as the benefits of unification:

- Protection of local involvement in community health care decisions.
- A team approach to meeting community health care needs, fostering increased cooperation among local doctors in the sharing of resources, expertise and medical equipment.
- Enhancement of patient care through a broader scope of services and the combined clinical expertise and resources of both organizations.
- Cost control through efficiencies in expensive areas such as information systems and shared technology.

The potential clinic sale doesn't change Magic Valley's interest in converting the hospital's governance structure into a nonprofit organization known for its tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) corporation, Vesta Maughan said.

It also doesn't change Magic Valley's operating agreements with St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, she said. Agreements with St. Luke's are focused on cancer services, she said.

Twin Falls County commissioners, who are ex-officio county hospital board members, didn't have any comment Monday about what the clinic/county hospital partnership would mean to efforts to put the entire hospital up for lease. Commissioners Mary Hempleman and Bill Brockman were present Monday. Gary Grindstaff was out of town.

Both Hempleman and Brockman said they support the potential clinic/county hospital partnership.

"It was a total surprise to all of us," Brockman said.

Hempleman said it's what he wanted all along.

In January, the clinic announced it had picked Saint Alf's over Magic Valley for a potential operating partnership. That announcement was followed in February by Magic Valley saying it would pursue an operating partnership with St. Luke's to be able to compete with the pending presence of Saint Alf's in Twin Falls.

The proposal presented by Magic Valley 10 months ago turned out to be the model the clinic was looking for, Dennis Maughan said.

Magic Valley also announced Monday that it had reached agreement with Twin Falls County commissioners over lease of Southern Idaho Regional

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunny to partly cloudy and warm.	Partly cloudy.	Clouds and times of sunshine.	Partly sunny.	Partly to mostly sunny.	Sunshine and a few clouds.
▲ 84°	▼ 54°	▲ 80° ▼ 50°	▲ 78° ▼ 48°	▲ 78° ▼ 50°	▲ 80° ▼ 54°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Sunny to partly cloudy today with a warm afternoon. Highs in the 70s in the higher elevations to the upper 80s in the lowest valleys. Partly cloudy tonight. Lows 40-60.

Boise: Sunshine and a few clouds today; a warm afternoon. High 86. Partly cloudy tonight. Low 58. Times of clouds and sunshine tomorrow with the slight chance for a shower. High 80.

Northern Nevada: Sun and some clouds today; a couple of spots may have an afternoon shower. High temperatures from the 70s in the mountains to the 80s in the lower spots. Partly cloudy tonight. A dry night.

Northern Utah: Sun and a few clouds today with a warm afternoon. Highs from near 70 in the mountains to the upper 80s in the valleys. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Lows 38-60.

Northern Idaho: Sunshine and a few high clouds today; a warm afternoon. Highs from 70 in the mountains to the upper 80s in the lowest valleys. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Lows 40-58.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 112° in Death Valley, CA Low 17° in Fraser, CO

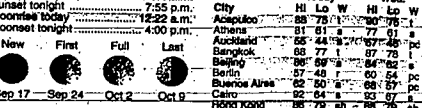
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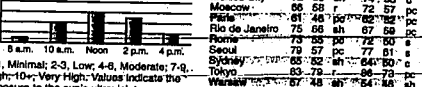
CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Calgary	50-60	50-60
Edmonton	50-60	50-60
Kelowna	50-60	50-60
Regina	50-60	50-60
Saskatoon	50-60	50-60
Vancouver	50-60	50-60
Victoria	50-60	50-60
Winnipeg	50-60	50-60

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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	82-88	82-88
Atlanta City	82-88	82-88
Baltimore	82-88	82-88
Bilings	82-88	82-88
Birmingham	82-88	82-88
Boston	82-88	82-88
Charlotte, NC	82-88	82-88
Charlotte, WV	82-88	82-88
Chicago	82-88	82-88
Cleveland	82-88	82-88
Denver	82-88	82-88
Des Moines	82-88	82-88
Detroit	82-88	82-88
El Paso	82-88	82-88
Fargo	82-88	82-88
Honolulu	82-88	82-88
Houston	82-88	82-88
Indianapolis	82-88	82-88
Jacksonville	82-88	82-88
Kansas City	82-88	82-88
Las Vegas	82-88	82-88
Little Rock	82-88	82-88
Los Angeles	82-88	82-88
Miami	82-88	82-88
Memphis	82-88	82-88
Milwaukee	82-88	82-88
Nashville	82-88	82-88
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binding and converting it to jail space. Some of the building might also be used to house county offices and a local office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service's Border Patrol.

One of the companies, the Colorado-based Englemann Inc., plans to hold the mortgage to the Norco building and the property on which it sits. Englemann said the county would then sign a lease for the building at about \$1 million each, for 30 years, after which it would own the building and the property,

Dairy

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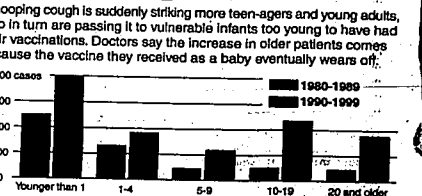
Haffiger's dairy.

Neighbors of Haffiger's dairy say they are often forced indoors or are unable to sleep at night because of the dairy's smell. Some say they can't sell their homes because of the stench.

"We need our public officials to stand up for us - not just the mega-dairies," said Katie Simmons of Buhl.

P&Z members also voted unanimously to send along a proposed ordinance creating a "hearing examiner" position. The new county employee would become an expert in the new law's intricacies, processing paperwork and complaints relating to livestock operations.

Whooping cough is on the rise



Whooping cough is suddenly striking more teen-agers and young adults, who in turn are passing it to vulnerable infants too young to have had their vaccinations. Doctors say the increase in older patients comes because the vaccine they received as a baby eventually wears off.

Stages of the disease

- **First stage:** 7 to 10 days after exposure. Cold-like symptoms with a hacking cough; fever is rare.
- **Second stage:** 10 to 14 days after exposure. Fits of consecutive coughs followed by gasps for air that make a high-pitched "whoop" noise. Infants may turn blue. Large amounts of thick mucus may be coughed up and vomiting may occur.
- **Third stage:** 4 to 6 weeks after exposure. Coughing fits gradually decrease although they can recur for months when triggered by a respiratory irritation.

SOURCES: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Merck Manual

Often, though, older patients have a milder illness, just a nagging cough. So they don't see a doctor, or it's misdiagnosed as bronchitis, because pertussis testing is very difficult. Indeed, a Vanderbilt study found about one-fourth of teens and adults with prolonged coughs unknowingly have pertussis. It's most contagious during the first three weeks.

Co's Highline Canal, south of Twin Falls

The ordinance's detractors specifically attacked the ordinance's lighting provisions, the low threshold created by one definition of an animal feeding operation, and a provision giving the hearing examiner final say on rulings.

They also complained about having blanket restrictions imposed on all livestock operations, when most odor complaints are generated by just a few dairies.

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so far this fiscal year and could add up to \$1 million a year before too long, boosters of the Norco plan claim.

The commissioners and other county officials also said the county can count on a sizable sublease from a local cheese company that now uses part of the Norco building to store whey.

The first phase of the project would involve housing only the Norco building's cheese processing equipment at the Norco building, said Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey. He has said he'd like to turn the current jail into a women's jail.

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she said. The proposed current includes an escape clause that would allow the county to back out at any time without any financial penalty, Emory said.

The county plans to make the lease payments without raising taxes by charging the Border Patrol and other agencies to house inmates at the Norco building, Hempleman said.

Plus, there's also the money the county already spends to house inmates elsewhere because the county is constantly overcrowded, he said. That's cost the county more than \$200,000

if the Norco plan goes through. If it does, Tousey said, Mandy he'd have to turn the current jail staff in order to keep an eye on inmates at the existing jail and the Norco building. But the cost of that should be covered by the lease payments, as would be the heating, cooling and electric bills and other operating costs at the Norco building, Hempleman said.

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Gun laws fail to deter surge of violence

Los Angeles Times

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — As a recent spate of mass killings has made abundantly clear, California's much-touted gun-control laws are still little match for the state's criminals.

Despite laws banning assault weapons, limitations on handgun purchases and tough penalties for gun-related crimes, the 20-year-old Sacramento security guard who authorities say stalked and killed five people over the week-end had more firepower than the law officers who chased him.

By the end of Joseph Ferguson's alleged two-day killing rampage, police said they had recovered two assault rifles, three handguns, a shotgun and a gym bag jammed with banana-style ammunition clips. Officials said the assault rifles, including a



Joseph Ferguson

Chinese-made A K-47, appeared to have been obtained legally by Ferguson or his father before being converted into banned automatic weapons.

And a convicted felon who allegedly killed a sheriff's deputy in Santa Clara last month was able to buy thousands of rounds of ammunition for his well-stocked home armory because the law does not require a background check for such purchases.

"Even with strong gun laws," said gun-control advocate Luis Tolley, "there is nothing to prohibit anyone from accumulating

an arsenal. There are laws, but there are still huge loopholes."

Edward E. Worley, lobbyist for the National Rifle Association in Sacramento, said new or expanded laws would be ineffective against incidents like the week-end shootings.

"California already has 670 gun laws on the books as it is," Worley said. "There is nothing in any of the legislation currently under consideration that would have prevented this incident."

He said problems with Ferguson should have shown up in the background check he underwent to become a security guard.

Worley also fiercely opposes any law that would count the number of weapons owned by individuals.

"How do you define an arsenal?" Worley said. "It's like say-

ing people have too many golf clubs. I have a lot of rifles, but each one of them is for a different purpose."

Assault rifles and other weapons banned in California are easily available in neighboring states. The sophistication and potency of the weapons have also increased as gun manufacturers target the survivalist and paramilitary markets.

"There are a lot of law-abiding people who like to collect firearms who are not a problem," said Monty Holden, executive director of the California Organization of Police and Sheriffs. "But when they collect them with a siege mentality, it is eventually going to result in a huge battle or confrontation. The bad guys are much better armed than they were five to 10 years ago."

New census shows men catching up

WASHINGTON (AP) — The gap between the number of men and women in the United States narrowed during the 1990s as immigration and falling death rates helped boost the male population, the 2000 census shows.

There were 133.1 million men in 2000, a 14 percent increase from 1990, according to the Census Bureau report released Monday. Women numbered 143.7 million, a 13 percent increase from 1990.

That works out to 96.3 men for every 100 women in 2000. The gap has been closing steadily since 1980, when the male-female ratio was 94.5-to-100.

Death rates for men are declining at a faster pace than for women, bureau analyst Renee Spraggins said. In general, people are living longer thanks to healthier lifestyles and medical technology.

Immigration also have brought more men into the country, Spraggins said. Historically, male immigrants tend to settle into a home and job first before the rest of the family arrives in the country.

Demographers have said the Hispanic population, which went up 58 percent during the decade, was 5.5 million, increased at a faster rate than the rest of the country because of immigration.

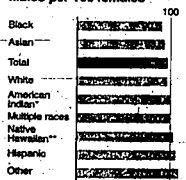
The male-female ratio for Hispanics in 2000 was 105.9-to-100. By comparison, the ratio for

Census 2000

Gender balance

New analysis of Census 2000 numbers shows variations in the ratio of men to women by race and ethnicity.

Males per 100 females



* Includes Alaska Native
* Includes Other Pacific Islander
SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau AP

Americans who chose only non-Hispanic white as their race was 95.7-to-100.

Other highlights:
• By state, Alaska had the highest male-female ratio, with 107 men for every 100 women. Rhode Island had the lowest, 92.5-to-100.

• In places with a population of 100,000 or more, South Carolina had the highest ratio, 113.7-to-100. Gary, Ind., had the lowest, 84.6-to-100.

GOP source: Elizabeth Dole to run for Senate

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Elizabeth Dole will announce today that she is entering the race for the North Carolina Senate seat being vacated by Jesse Helms, according to a Republican source.

Dole is expected to make the announcement in her hometown of Salisbury, said the source, who spoke to The Associated Press Monday on condition of anonymity. Salisbury is between Charlotte and Winston-Salem.

"She is running. She's going to let everyone know then," said a GOP official who had spoken to Dole earlier in the day.

Dole was in Washington Monday and not immediately available for comment, spokesman Jay Warshaw said, but a news conference was scheduled Tuesday.

The Republican Dole, 65, has not lived in North Carolina in decades and had long been registered to vote in Kansas, the home



Elizabeth Dole

state of her husband, former Sen. Bob Dole.

But after Helms announced last month that he would not seek re-election in 2002, she notified election officials that she was ending her voter registration there. She has since registered in North Carolina.

Dole has said she continues to consider Salisbury home, even though her career took her to Washington, where she has served as secretary of the Department of Transportation and Department of Labor.

More recently, she served as head of the Red Cross. She was a presidential candidate in 2000, but failed to gain the Republican nomination.

Grand jury will not investigate complaint against Rep. Condit

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — A grand jury has rejected a flight attendant's complaint that Rep. Gary Condit obstructed justice by allegedly asking her to sign an affidavit stating they didn't have an affair.

The Stanislaus County civil grand jury reached its secret decision Thursday night and mailed it to Anne Marie Smith's lawyer, James Robinson, who disclosed the letter's contents Monday.

Panel foreman Robert E. Johnson said in the letter that the jury voted to take no action because the complaint was filed in the wrong jurisdiction.

In her complaint, Smith claimed that Condit, his chief of staff, Mike Lynch, and Don Thornton, an investigator who worked for

one of Condit's lawyers, conspired to obstruct justice by encouraging her to commit perjury.

Smith, 40, said she and Condit had a 10-month romance and that his intermediaries tried to get her to sign a false affidavit denying the affair.

Condit, D-Calif., has denied asking anybody to lie, and he disputes Smith's characterization of their association. His attorney, Abbe Lowell, said Smith and the congressman apparently have different definitions of the word "relationship."

Robinson took the unusual tactic of filing the complaint with the grand jury instead of letting the district attorney investigate and forward the case, if warranted, to the jury.

Twenty-one face charges in alleged scheme

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Twenty-one people were indicted Monday on charges they were part of a ring that allegedly fixed \$1 million winners in McDonald's popular Monopoly and "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" games.

The indictment alleges that since the late 1980s Jerome Jacobson, director of security for Simon Marketing Inc., embezzled more than \$20 million worth of winning McDonald's game pieces

from his employer.

Jacobson distributed the winning game pieces to accomplices who redeemed them or recruited others to redeem them for prizes, some worth as much as \$1 million, the indictment says.

Simon Marketing Inc., headquartered in Los Angeles, had offices in Atlanta, where Jacobson worked. McDonald's had contracted with Simon to run its Monopoly games.

Man spends three days trapped in storm drain, unable to reach phone

HOUSTON (AP) — Kevin Funchess' trip to get some fried chicken turned into a three-day nightmare spent wedged in a storm sewer drain.

Firefighters rescued Kevin Funchess, 41, on Saturday after he was finally able to reach his cell phone and call 911. He had fallen into the manhole Wednesday night, and had been without food or water ever since.

Funchess was released from the hospital Sunday afternoon. He suffered muscle damage, dehydration and irregular breathing.

Firefighters said the teacher's family had been trying to reach him during the ordeal, but Funchess said he wasn't able to answer the phone.

"It truly is a test of faith," Funchess said in Monday's editions of the Houston Chronicle.

Funchess was crossing a highway on his way to a fried chicken restaurant when he fell into the hole. His head was jammed against the sewer wall and his left side was pinned so that he could only move his right hand. He struggled to reach the cell phone in his backpack, which was

stuck underneath him.

Until Saturday, he was unable to maneuver his hand to reach the phone, which rang several times. He yelled for help, but nobody answered.

Funchess said the street was nearly 3 feet above his head. He could see a side of the freeway and the changes from day to night, but he "lost all conception of time." He said he was grateful for the steady vibration of cars overhead.

Funchess said he prayed, slept and thought about his students and his grandmother. He said he didn't think about death.

"I was too close to home to die," he said.

Funchess said he was "stunned, dizzy, panicky" when he was rescued.

Funchess' family was concerned but thought he might be working or staying with friends. Joann Cannon, his mother, said they didn't know he was missing until the 911 operator called Saturday.

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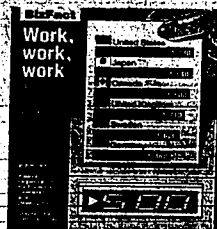
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Restaurant company reports profit increase

PORTLAND, Ore. — Elmer's Restaurants Inc., which has a pan-cake and steak house in Twin Falls, reported first-quarter profits rose 2 percent on a 43 percent jump in sales.

Elmer's net income was \$315,000 for the quarter ended July 23, compared with \$308,000 in the same period a year earlier. Sales grew to a record \$10.3 million, up from \$7.2 million in the year-earlier quarter.

The company owns or franchises 31 Elmer's in Idaho and five other states. It also owns 10 delicatessen-style restaurants in Oregon and five Mitzel's American Kitchen-eateries in Washington.

Opposition to dairy co-op ends merger consideration

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Land O'Lakes — which has operations in Gooding and Twin Falls — and three Eastern and Southern dairy cooperatives have called off merger talks after farmers in Virginia and Maryland began organizing to oppose joining with Land O'Lakes.

The groups announced in August they were exploring a merger to give the farmers better access in the rapidly consolidating dairy foods industries.

Involved in the talks were the Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Association, Lone Star Milk Producers and the Arkansas Dairy Cooperative Association. In a statement issued by the groups late Friday, Maryland and Virginia co-op general manager Robert Shore said there was a "significant level of member concern" about the merger, but that the groups agreed to continue looking for ways to work together.

Arden Hills, Minn.-based Land O'Lakes, the nation's second largest dairy cooperative, currently works with Maryland and Virginia, Arkansas Dairy and another company, Southeast Milk Inc., in manufacturing and marketing dairy foods in the Eastern states. Southeast Milk was not part of the merger talks.

Their joint venture, Advantage Dairy Group, was formed in January 2000.

Wells Fargo improves online banking services

SAN FRANCISCO — Wells Fargo & Co. has launched its new Single Sign-On service, increasing ease and efficiency to its online banking customers.

Previously, Wells Fargo patrons were required to sign on several times to access information. Now, customers can access all account balances, loans, investments and bill pay at once.

Wells Fargo has also recently added WellsChoice to the Internet, a full-service brokerage, in addition to Portfolio Tracker and Tax Tracker, to effectively manage capital gains tax liability.

Wells Fargo operates bank branches throughout the Magic Valley.

Zions Bank bolsters check-processing system

SALT LAKE CITY — Zions Bancorporation — which has bank branches in several Magic Valley cities — and EDS recently announced a licensing agreement, increasing efficiency of check processing through digital means.

The contract will extend for ten years and financial terms were not disclosed.

Under the terms of the contract, EDS, a Plano, Texas-based firm, will sell Zions NetDeposit digital check processing system to businesses and financial institutions. EDS will also provide clearing facilities and transmit electronic check images to various banks.

This service allows checks to be processed the same day, and the company expects to save \$25 million annually from the new system.

Old Navy, Michaels to open Twin Falls stores

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Add a casual clothing chain and an arts-and-crafts retailer to the list of stores coming to north Twin Falls next year.

Real estate developer Neilson & Co. on Monday announced four national retail tenants for its Canyon Park East project. Two of them — a national shoe chain and an off-price retailer of brand name and designer clothing and home products — had already announced their intentions to open stores in the high-profile development on the east side of Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

On the south rim of the Snake River Canyon, the development occupies a prime piece of Twin Falls real estate and a prominent place in the public eye.

"This complement of Canyon Park tenants has been strategically chosen to ensure a well-balanced mixture of merchandise and services specifically targeted for the needs of the region," Neilson & Co. owner Craig H. Neilson said in a statement.

Neilson, a former Twin Falls resident, also leads Las Vegas-based gaming company Ameristar Casinos Inc. as president and chief executive.

Neilson & Co. said leases were executed with four national retail tenants: San Francisco-based Old Navy, Irving, Texas-based Michaels, and — as the companies themselves announced last month — Madison, Wis.-based Famous Footwear and

About Old Navy

- **Headquarters:** San Francisco and San Bruno, Calif.
- **Online:** At www.oldnavy.com.
- **Corporate parent:** Gap Inc.
- **Retail merchandise:** Old Navy offers a selection of items as fashionable, casual, all-ages clothing and accessories for value-conscious customers. Merchandise includes jeans, khakis, logo T-shirts, sweats, sleep wear, boots and personal-care items. All products are sold under the Old Navy name and only through the chain's stores and Web site.

• **Company history:** Old Navy opened its first store in 1994 in northern California.

• **Size and sales:** Parent Gap Inc.'s year-to-date sales of \$7.5 billion for the 30 weeks ended Sept. 1 represent an increase of 9 percent over a year earlier; year-to-date comparable store sales decreased 10 percent. As of Sept. 1, Gap Inc. operated 4,024 Gap, Banana Republic and Old Navy stores; about 850 of those are Old Navy locations.

• **Current Idaho presence:** Old Navy stores in Boise, Idaho Falls and Meridian.

Sources: www.oldnavy.com, www.gapinc.com

About Michaels

- **Headquarters:** Irving, Texas.
- **Online:** At www.michaels.com.
- **Corporate parent:** Michaels Stores Inc.
- **Retail merchandise:** The craft superstores offer arts, crafts, framing, floral, decorative wall decor and seasonal merchandise for the hobbyist and do-it-yourself home decorator. They offer on average 40,000 items with annual average store volumes of \$3.5 million. The stores offer classes and demonstrations that teach basic and advanced skills and provide hands-on experience.

• **Company history:** Michaels became a publicly held company in 1984 with 16 stores, mostly in Texas.

• **Size and sales:** The company ended fiscal 2000 with 628 Michaels stores (a number that has since grown to 668) and 119 Aaron Brothers frames-and-mats stores. Sales surpassed the \$2 billion mark; net income increased 29 percent.

• **Current Idaho presence:** Michaels stores in Boise, Idaho Falls and Moscow.

Sources: www.michaels.com

Franchising, Mass.-based T.J. Maxx. Michaels' 20,687-square-foot Twin Falls store is tentatively set to open about the first of May, said Sharon Newman, acting spokeswoman for Michaels Stores Inc.

The chain's stores typically employ

roughly 35 to 45 people, including part-time and full-time workers, and might add five or 10 more people during holiday seasons, Newman said. She said she had no more information on the Twin Falls location.

An Old Navy spokesman had less.

The chain's corporate public relations office on Monday had no information about the Twin Falls location. The spokesman there said he was the only authorized source of information on planned stores but declined to give his name.

Neilson & Co. said Old Navy, a wholly owned subsidiary of Gap Inc., will occupy 18,000 square feet.

Also Monday, the developer announced its selection of Engineering Structures Inc. of Boise as general contractor for its retail project. ESI will work on a portion of the east phase of the Canyon Park project and begin work this month, Neilson & Co. said.

The four new tenants are expected to open their doors in spring 2002, and Neilson & Co. said it will issue updates as work progresses.

Famous Footwear, a subsidiary of Brown Shoe Co. Inc. of St. Louis selling brand-name footwear for the family, gets 8,000 square feet in Canyon Park East. T.J. Maxx, The TJX Companies Inc.'s off-price retailer of designer and brand names, gets 28,000 square feet.

Neilson's statement said he has maintained a portion of the property for more than 20 years, "waiting for the unique opportunity to expand the gateway to Twin Falls."

Neilson earlier said that, although he now lives in Las Vegas, "My connections to Twin Falls are significant, and I am devoted to strengthening the community's economic structure. When I relocated to Nevada because of other business endeavors, it was an

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Kmart aims for rebound

Company's CEO plans multi-million dollar improvement strategy

Knight Ridder News Service

NEW YORK — Chuck Conway of Kmart Corp. wants to close the gap between his company and its competitors, and he's willing to spend an estimated \$1.2 billion this year to do it.

That's on top of the \$1.1 billion Kmart spent in fiscal 2000 on the first wave of improvements. As a result, the company posted its first loss in five years: \$244 million.

Conway, chairman and chief executive officer of the Troy, Mich.-based discount retailer with Burley and Twin Falls stores, plans improvements that include better cash registers in stores and a new inventory-management system of distribution centers.

He said he hopes lower prices will lure customers and increase sales. But Conway told analysts in New York Monday that his goal to cut prices on 50,000 items by September would be postponed a month to gauge its impact. So far, the retailer has slashed prices on 38,000 items, which represents about 40 percent of the merchandise it sells. Kmart postponed plans to lower prices on another 12,000 items this month until it's sure the strategy is working.

He also plans to continue cutting Kmart's work force, but gave no details, and reducing advertising costs.

Those aggressive moves are the continuation of a two-year turnaround plan for Kmart he introduced in July 2000, nearly two months after joining the company. He re-oriented those goals and gave an update on the company's progress Monday. It was the second time Conway had addressed the financial community.

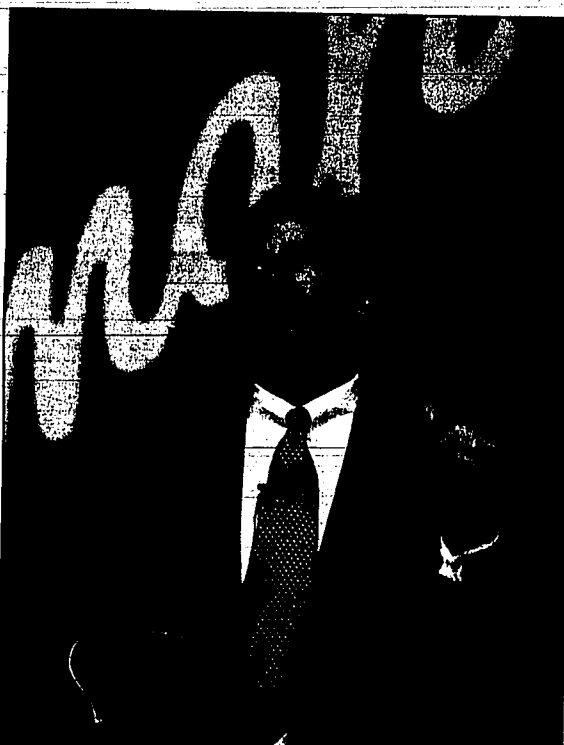
If Kmart achieves Conway's goals, he said the company could capture 4 percent to 5 percent earnings growth before interest and taxes in the future. Still, that would only get us two-thirds of the way in our gap with our competitors."

Daniel Binder, who follows Kmart for Buckingham Research Group in New York, called Conway's presentation promising and upbeat.

"Kmart is a high-cost provider that is working its way toward becoming a low-cost provider," said Binder, who has a strong buy rating on the stock. "It has a positive rate of change and that will make the share price come up."

Kmart's stock closed up 12 cents Monday to \$9.13, which is off its 52-week high of \$13.55, reached in July.

Conway wants to restore Kmart's image as a top-tier discount retailer, recapture lost market share and strengthen profitability.



Chuck Conway, chairman and CEO of Kmart Corp., announces the company's strategy for the next six months in New York Monday.

Customers abandoned Kmart after growing weary of not being able to find employees at stores, standing in long checkout lines and not finding merchandise on Kmart's shelves.

They left in droves for Target Corp.'s cheap chic, forcing new loyalists to Kmart's competitors.

So Conway set out to fix the supply chain,

improve in-store inventory levels, pay closer attention to shoppers' needs, lower prices, cut costs, improve merchandise selection and create a new niche for Kmart.

His mantra, repeated often to shareholders, analysts and employees, calls for a new Kmart that is a world-class shopping destination for

Twin Falls propane business gets new owner

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — V-1 Propane operations in Twin Falls and Rupert could come under new ownership.

Boise-based Intermountain Industries Inc. and Idaho Falls-based V-1 Oil Co. announced they have a letter of intent for Intermountain to purchase V-1's propane business and related assets.

V-1 Oil serves about 50,000 customers in seven states of the Intermountain West, the companies said. The transaction is subject to terms and conditions including execution of a purchase agreement.

"This purchase will enable us to expand our regional energy business both geographically and through broader market exposure," said William C. Glynn, president of Intermountain Industries. "V-1 has an excellent reputation for customer service and commitment to the communities it serves. We intend to continue building its business on that strong base."

V-1 Oil's president, Bob Clayton, said the "positive and progressive" move of V-1's propane business "will enable it to move up among the region's leading propane marketers."

"The Bennion family shareholders are pleased that Intermountain was in a position to buy and carry on the family business legacy that their father, Sam Bennion, founded some 40 years ago," Clayton said. "Like V-1, Intermountain is known for its integrity and quality service to its customers, as well as community service and commitment."

V-1 will become part of Intermountain's portfolio of energy investments that includes Intermountain Gas Co., a distributor of natural gas to more than 225,000 customers in southern Idaho, including Magic Valley, and Hill Exploration & Petroglyph Energy Inc. both involved in oil and natural gas reserve development and production in the Rocky Mountains.

In short, farmers need to have the same amount of water available that yielded the yields on which their coverage was based.

Further, if insured farmers knew or had reason to know before coverage began that water may be reduced no reasonable expectation exists, he said.

Conway said the insurance industry has a duty to insure winter weather. "If the weather is so bad that it irrigated the crops, we're not going to have adequate water for the remainder of the season," he said. "If the water is so bad that it irrigated the crops, we're not going to have adequate water for the remainder of the season," he said. "If the water is so bad that it irrigated the crops, we're not going to have adequate water for the remainder of the season," he said.

Qwest to cut 4,000 jobs, warns of deteriorating economic conditions

The Associated Press

DENVER — Qwest Communications International said Monday that it would cut 4,000 jobs, or 6 percent of its work force, and warned the nation's economic woes would mean lower-than-expected sales and earnings through at least the first half of 2002.

The telecommunications company, which sells regional service to more than 30 million customers, said it expected 2001 revenue of about \$20.5 billion. It had forecast at least \$21.3 billion.

To help offset expected declines in revenue and income, growth Qwest said it would reduce 4,000 jobs, or 6 percent of its work force, and warned the nation's economic woes would mean lower-than-expected sales and earnings through at least the first half of 2002.

At the end of the first quarter of 2002, it also will eliminate 1,000 staff positions while adding 1,000 sales executives in its global business unit.

To make the cuts, Qwest will not fill open positions and will continue reassigning employees. Qwest spokesman Tyler Grossbeck said, "Qwest chairman and chief executive Joe Nacchio cited deteriorating economic conditions, including high unemployment, slow growth in the U.S. domestic product and other indicators."

Qwest shares closed up \$1.76 or 9.7 percent to \$19.90 on the New York Stock Exchange. Qwest shares have fallen about 65 percent since a peak of \$59.50 in 1999.

Lack of irrigation water will affect crop insurance coverage

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Due to continuing drought throughout Idaho, Oregon and Washington, adequate water may not exist to qualify 2002 winter wheat crops as an irrigated risk for crop insurance purposes, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said Monday.

The agency said that if the crops are irrigated, the acreage for which they have adequate water will be reasonable. "If the water is so bad that it irrigated the crops, we're not going to have adequate water for the remainder of the season," he said. "If the water is so bad that it irrigated the crops, we're not going to have adequate water for the remainder of the season," he said. "If the water is so bad that it irrigated the crops, we're not going to have adequate water for the remainder of the season," he said.

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Canyon Park East covers 15 acres of the 40-acre mixed-use commercial development, collectively called Canyon Park, which straddles Blue Lakes Boulevard North just south of the Perrine Bridge.

Other recent Canyon Park activity includes the opening of Outback Steakhouse on the development's north phase earlier this year and the announcement of a lease agreement with Johnny Carino's Country Italian restaurant for the west phase; construction begins this month.

Neilsen & Co. boasts a number of past projects in southern Idaho including municipal facilities, public schools, exclusive planned residential communities and condominiums-and Jackpot, Nev., resort hotels and casinos.

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STOCKS HOLD

steady in uneventful session

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street found some stability Monday, leaving stocks barely changed in an uninspired session following last week's big sell-off. That sent the major indexes to some of their lowest levels of the year.

Analysts cautioned against reading too much into the session, however, noting that the market's troubles aren't over. They said investors were merely biding their time until they get more news about where business — or the economy — is headed.

"I think people don't know what to do so most aren't doing anything," said Jon Brorson, director of equities at Northern Trust. "There's no conviction out there, there are no real buyers. People don't want to miss it when the market bounces back, but they're not sure they're not willing to step in and buy."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 0.34 at

an early drop of more than 100 points.

Broader stock indicators were slightly higher. The Standard & Poor's rose 6.76 to 1,092.54, just above its low close for the year set Friday and at a level not seen since October 1998. The Nasdaq composite index gained 7.68 to 1,695.38.

Earlier in the session, the Dow and Nasdaq had traded close to their 2001 lows. The Dow is now about 216 points above its low close for the year while the Nasdaq would have to fall another 57 to break through its own

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Personal computer bargains don't lure cautious consumers

By Knight Ridder News Service

Personal computers are on sale, and they're cheap. Electronics retailers are regularly advertising computers for as little as \$700. While a sub-\$1,000 computer is not new to the market, the amount of computing power a consumer can purchase for that price is unprecedented.

"This is definitely a time when you can get a better PC than you could in the past for a lot less money," said Dick Kolko, an analyst with Forrester Research.

Leading computer manufacturers, including Dell and Compaq, have slashed prices in the past year because of oversupply problems and the slowing economy. Retailers, including Best Buy and Circuit City, offer mail-in rebates and free Internet service to stimulate demand for computers.

For example, Best Buy has a Hewlett-Packard computer priced at \$799—after mail-in rebates—that has a 30-gigabyte hard drive, a 900-megahertz Intel Celeron processor, a 15-inch monitor and a color printer. At

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the beginning of the year, a similar computer was priced closer to \$1,500.

Analysts said the plummeting prices on PCs this year are typical of mature electronics products such as TVs, which declined in price as screen size increased.

"Items get smaller, faster and cheaper over the years," said Tim McNamara, spokesman for the Consumer Electronics

Association.

Also, a lack of new applications has dampened demand for faster machines, keeping prices headed down.

In the past year, Intel released its 1.4-gigahertz Pentium 4 chip, which led the computer chip manufacturer to drop prices on its slower Pentium III chips. Dell then announced in April that it would cut prices on its desktops as much as 20 percent.

"It's a win-win time for customers because they can get the best technology at the best value," John Hamlin, Dell's vice president of U.S. consumer business, said this spring.

Dell, which only sells computers via the Internet or by phone, is selling a desktop system with an Intel Celeron 900 megahertz processor for about \$669.

Analysts said last week's merger announced by Hewlett-Packard and Compaq will not affect PC prices in the short term. But prices on processing chips will probably drop again this fall as Intel makes its 2.0 gigahertz Pentium 4 chip available.

Jury convicts man of sending virus

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI—In only the second case of its kind to be tried, a Pembroke Pines resident was convicted Thursday of intentionally sending a destructive computer virus to damage computers owned by his Boca Raton-based employer.

Hebert Pierre-Louis was found guilty by a federal jury in Miami on two counts of uploading the virus. He will be sentenced Nov. 20 and faces a maximum sentence of 3 1/2 years in federal prison, a fine of up to \$250,000 and mandatory restitution.

After he was reprimanded by a supervisor, Pierre-Louis sent a virus to computers at locations op-

erated by Purity Wholesale Grocers, the U.S. attorney's office said. "He sent a virus to two of the company's out-of-state sites—Buffalo, New York, and Hopkins,

Minnesota—that caused considerable damages," said Richard Boscovich, computer and telecommunications crimes coordinator for the U.S. attorney's office in Miami.

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Senior citizens tune into the Internet

The Associated Press

NEW YORK—Senior citizens are among the most enthusiastic Internet users—once their children and grandchildren encourage them to log on for the first time, according to a study released Sunday.

The Pew Internet & American Life Project said 69 percent of wired seniors use the Internet on a typical day, compared with 56 percent for all users. Popular uses include using e-mail, getting news and weather reports, checking out hobbies and researching health information.

"These seniors, once they realize the vast amount of information available for them, they love it,"

said Susannah Fox, the project's research director. "They don't have to go down to the library to find out about... whatever (illness) their doctor's telling them, they have."

Nearly half the seniors said they were encouraged to log on by family members, while another 45 percent said it was something they had wanted to do. For all Internet users, fewer than 25 percent logged on because of family members, and 58 percent did so on their own.

Overall, about 15 percent of senior citizens in the United States use the Internet, compared with 56 percent for the general adult population.

The characteristics of seniors

online today are similar to those of the general Internet population in the mid-1990s. Online seniors are typically richer and better educated, and 60 percent are men. In other age groups, poorer, less educated and female Americans have been catching up.

Seniors who have been online the longest are most likely to surf the Web soon after they wake up: 33 percent of seniors with three or more years of experience go online before 9 a.m., compared to 15 percent of those online for fewer than six months.

Like the rest of the population, seniors who have used the Internet longer are more likely to conduct financial transactions, including shopping, online.

Flat speakers surround you with sound

By Craig Crossman

Knight Ridder News Service

It seems like being flat is really in when it comes to the world of computers. Flat screen monitors are quickly replacing bulky conventional tube screens, flat bed scanners have all but dominated the personal scanner industry and now it looks like the world of sound is going flat as well. But "flat" doesn't apply to the sound emanating from Sonigistic's Moonsoon speakers but rather only to their appearance. Sonigistic's Moonsoon line of flat panel speakers have become a thing to be desired by anyone looking for high quality sound reproduction on their computer. Sonigistic's Planar Focus Technology. But all you need to know is

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that their flat speakers produce a glorious sound. Adding to their high quality line of flat speakers comes the new MH-505 Flat Panel Surround System. This six-piece MH-505 supports the 5.1 Surround Sound standard and comes complete with four desktop satellite speakers, one center channel speaker and one subwoofer with built-in amplifier. Also included is a Surround Sound control module that lets the user manually adjust the placement of the aural image. Many of today's sound cards support the 5.1 standard and the MH-505 is fully compatible with these cards while remaining backwards compatible with 4 channel and

older stereo audio cards.

Looking to set the price at a competitive level (\$179), Sonigistic departs slightly from its flat speaker design with the MH-505 system and integrates a 2.5-inch midrange cone driver to each of the four satellite speakers. Check the web site for details on their line of flat speaker systems including their top of the line MM-2000 four flat panel system (\$299) and the IM-700 iMac USB speaker system (\$169) made to complement the appearance of the iMac line of computers from Apple.

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In celebration of the 1st Anniversary of Comunidad, the news page for and about the Latino community, The Times-News is sponsoring a salsa recipe contest open to the public and local restaurants. Participants are invited to enter their all-time best, most-asked-for, raved-over, favorite tortilla chip-dipping concoction to win cash and prizes. Contests will be held in both Twin Falls and Mini-Cassia and will be judged in four categories:

- Hottest
- Most Unusual
- Best Overall
- Best Restaurant Salsa

Entry deadline is September 19. Entrants will supply one quart (32 oz.) of salsa and their recipe by noon on September 22 at their designated contest location, in front of the Times-News Annex on Main Avenue or on the Square in Rupert, to be judged by well-known salsa connoisseurs. Winners in each public category will receive a \$50 cash prize, a Salsa Fest apron and their winning recipe will be published in Comunidad and restaurants will receive a free ad in The Times-News. Prizes will be awarded in all four categories in both locations.

Immediately following the contest the public will be invited to sample the submitted recipes and join in the celebration!

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Entry deadline is September 19. In Twin Falls entries can be mailed to: Times-News Salsa Fest, PO Box 648, Twin Falls, ID 83303, faxed to (208) 734-5538 or dropped off to 132 3rd Street West. In Mini-Cassia they can be mailed or dropped off to Times-News Mini-Cassia Bureau, 325 1/2 East 5th North, Burley, ID 83318 or faxed to (208) 878-0478.

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EDITORIAL

End forest bureaucrats' experiment in extortion

It's supposed to be a demonstration, but the Sawtooth National Forest's parking fee program has the look and feel of something that's here to stay. Squint your eyes, folks, and you can actually see Smokey Bear evolving into a meter maid.

Though it's billed as a test, the fee demonstration project does not have multiple choice answers. Paying the fee is mandatory; violation is a federal offense. Most-law-abiding folks grumble, but they knuckle under and pay, because they don't want to break the law.

As Uncle Sam interprets it, this is compliance. People are paying the fee, so they must support the program. By the same logic, slaves support slavery.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, and other members of Congress should end this extortion when the "demonstration" program expires next year.

There's a dangerous precedent with this program, because free access to public lands is one of the great legacies of the American West. A decision to charge admission is momentous. It should not come through the backdoor, via a temporary program that's continually reauthorized.

We support the idea of charging fees to use tangible facilities—such as campgrounds with outhouses, water pumps and tables. Boat ramps also should be fee areas, but anyone can back a boat trailer down the ramp at Redfish Lake and launch without paying a cent.

Where's the fairness in that, Smokey? Boat owners use a nicely paved, custom-built facility for free, but families that want to picnic at Hell Boaring Lake must drive up a bone-jarring road and pay to park at a dusty backcountry trailhead.

(In addition to the Sawtooth Forest, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management also collects a user fee at three sites in Idaho.)

Sawtooth Forest officials say money from the parking fee program is spent on the ground, but we've seen little evidence of improvement. By their very nature, backcountry users are trying to get away from civilization—so it's ludicrous to wring money out of them for man-made improvements.

We're not the only ones who feel this way. A lot of people are fed up with user fees— from leave-no-trace hikers to rip-roarin' motorcyclists and ATV riders.

Some of the opponents fear the fee demo program is the thin end of a wedge, aimed at separating Americans from their public lands.

Simply raise the price, and fewer people will come.

Others insist it is the first step in the Disney-fication of America's public lands. It doesn't take much to imagine a future in which the Coleman Co., or Disney, or some other corporate giant, forms a partnership with Smokey Bear

to provide Americans with "authentic" camping experiences.

The bill could add up fast:

- One (1) hike to the lake @ \$5 per person
- One (1) campsite @ \$18 per night
- One (1) campfire (with genuine wood smoke) @ \$3 per log
- Seven (7) coyote howls @ \$1 apiece. (If the song dogs howl together, it costs extra.)

Presto! A wild and woolly camping experience! Visa and MasterCard accepted.

Don't think it couldn't happen.

The important thing to remember is that America has a long and proud tradition of free public access to public lands. We don't need the Sawtooth Forest or the BLM to sell us parking passes. We certainly don't need their "recreation technicians," ticket books in hand, writing citations to taxpayers who want to enjoy their public lands without paying for the same right twice.

Everyone should be free to enjoy these lands without getting a hall pass—er, parking permit—from Uncle Sam.

So here's our suggestion: Don't buy the pass. If you get a ticket, don't pay it.

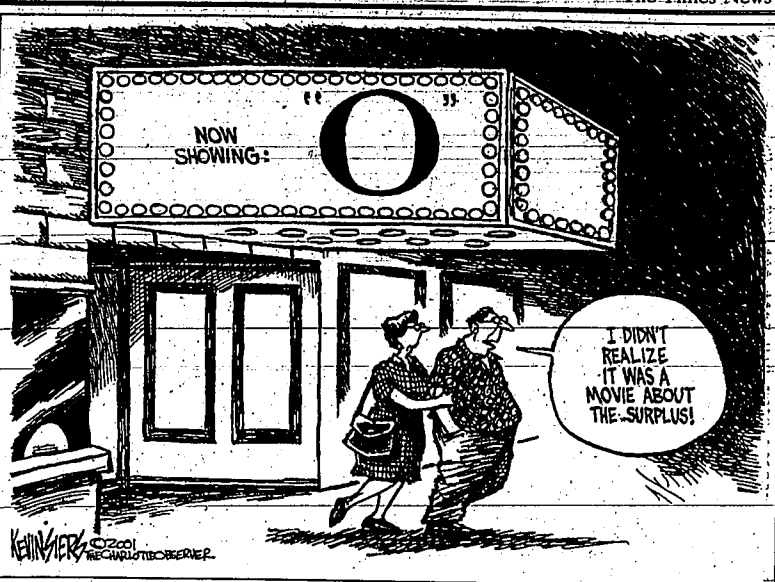
Don't worry about the consequences, because the U.S. attorney's office in Idaho has shown little appetite for enforcing parking tickets. These silly little cases are a public relations nightmare that should rightfully haunt the Sawtooth Forest and the BLM.

If the feds do prosecute you, give *The Times-News* a call. We'd love to share your story with tens of thousands of readers.

While you're at it, give Larry Craig's office a call. Also call Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, and Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, and urge them to oppose the fee demo project. Rest assured, you will not be alone.

We originally don't urge people to break the law, but the fee demo project is an outrageously bad law.

If you buy a pass, you will be counted as a supporter. So don't buy one. Your "no" vote will be impossible to ignore.



Reparations don't come without costs

I'm sorry about the slave trade. I'm sorry it happened in America, and I'm sorry it's happening today in the Sudan. I'm sorry human beings are being incarcerated and otherwise persecuted in Afghanistan for their unsanctioned religious beliefs and for being female.

Now that one-half of the intention of the U.N. racism conference has been satisfied—I have apologized—what about the other half? Should my fellow white Americans and I pay "reparations" to African-Americans? The U.N. conference wants reparations to take the form of debt relief and other economic assistance to African nations. Some advocates direct payments to all African-Americans.

Though no one in my family (I've looked it up) ever owned a slave, I, as a "white" person, am supposed to bear a racial "mark of Cain" and give money I have earned to a select group of my fellow citizens.

Here are some conditions under which I might be willing to pay:

First, those receiving reparations must be able to trace their heritage directly to someone who was a slave, or suffered direct and personal discrimination at the hands of their government and has been denied redress.

Second, such reparations would be prohibited to anyone who produces children out of wedlock. The out-of-wedlock birthrate among African-Americans is over 80 percent.

No amount of money can solve the poverty problem that stems from a broken or never-made family. Neither should money go to anyone addicted to alco-



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hol or drugs, or in prison.

Third, reparations would be meaningless: No financially successful African-American would get a dime. In fact, one of the provisions should be that recipients agree to be mentored by successful blacks. If the successful would not do this out of racial solidarity, perhaps tax breaks would persuade them.

Fourth, reparations would end all future claims to affirmative action, set-asides, quotas and other breaks based on racial statistics or characteristics. Otherwise, reparations would come to resemble a modern-day protection racket whereby certain "leaders" are constantly attacking non-blacks and demanding money from them. This is precisely what we now have with the likes of Jesse Jackson extracting "contributions" from big corporations in order for them to avoid bad publicity and lawsuits.

Fifth, people who receive reparations should be required to take money-management classes. If one does not know how to handle money or squanders it, that person will return to his or her former lifestyle and circumstances when the money is gone and the reparations will have been wasted.

Sixth, African-American parents should have the option of using reparations to extract their children from fail-

ing schools and send them to private schools where they will get an education, their best ticket out of poverty and dependency.

Immigrants who came to America voluntarily had a different language and culture but overcame discrimination. Their main strength was not money but an intact family. Nothing fosters hope, commitment and persistence like a family working together for a common purpose.

The problem for "people of color" is not discrimination. I have been discriminated against at various stages of my life because of my race; age (too young or too old), experience (too much or too little), height (too tall), and religion (too serious about it). I didn't complain, other than in private conversation. I worked harder to overcome. That used to be the model in America before grievance mongers convinced substantial numbers of people that they could never overcome—that they would always need "leaders" who only talk about the poor and never do much for them, and that it is government's responsibility to "cure" poverty.

Government has spent trillions in that noble pursuit, but the poor we still have with us. That's because poverty's main cause is not lack of money, but wrong lifestyle choices.

When the above conditions are met, I'll be happy to pay "reparations" and sing a new song with my fellow citizens of color: "We HAVE Overcome."

Cal Thomas is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

LETTER

T-N requested names it didn't need

The recent "show cause" hearing instigated by *The Times-News* to have Magic Valley Regional Medical Center employee names released with gross salaries raises curious contradictions.

The malignant silence from Grant Lochs, county attorney and Commissioners Grindstaff, Brockman and Hempleman in defense of the right to privacy for MVRMC employees is ominous. These officials claim to have the final say in all medical center affairs, yet they remained silent, offering not a single word of understanding or encouragement to boost employee morale. This is in sharp contrast to the vigorous defense offered by the MVRMC Board of Directors and administration on behalf of the employees.

The Times-News states it wants names and salaries in order to study salary growth to compare with nationwide standards. It already has this informa-

tion. Salaries matched to job classifications have been given to them without names. By asking for names tagged to gross salaries they are looking at help shortages nursing and technical areas. Gross salaries reflect overtime, call-back and double-shifting by workers to maintain 24-hour service and is not an index of salary growth. Names have nothing to do with job classifications and salary growth.

The stated purpose does not agree with the action. This contradiction is curious and not easily understood unless there is some other purpose, not yet stated by *The Times-News*.

During the show-cause hearing, Richard Bevan, *Times-News* attorney, repeatedly insulted MVRMC employees by stating, "They think they're special because they're health-care workers." The contradiction is obvious. When it comes to the "right to privacy," we are special. Maintaining privacy for

patients is central to our work, whether it is carefully draping a patient in surgery to avoid exposure of anatomy not being operated on or closing doors to protect the privacy of patients having diagnostic examinations, we are always vigilant in protecting patient privacy. When a patient comes to us in a hospital setting, we are not told of their social or financial station in life nor do we want to have that information.

It is irrelevant to how we care for the patient.

Yes, MVRMC health-care workers are special, for just as we place a high value on our own right to privacy, we place that same value on the right to privacy for others. We will continue to do so.

PATRICIA NEALE
Twin Falls
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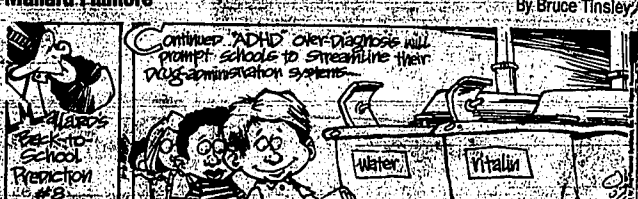
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AROUND THE VALLEY

CSI's growth climbs into double digits

TWIN FALLS - College of Southern Idaho officials are elated at an estimated 12 to 14 percent rise in enrollment over last fall on the 10th day of school.

Last year's head count came in at 5,470. This year it tops 6,125. Last year's growth rate from the previous year was 10.5 percent on the 10th day. Figures for fall 1999 were 4,951.

Officials will know today the exact figures as well as the breakdown between full-time and part-time students.

President Jerry Meyerhoeffer attributed the rapid growth to the Idaho Promise Scholarship and CSI matching funds to area high school graduates who had earned grade point averages of at least 3.0 by the time they finished school last spring. He also said higher enrollment always results when there is an economic downturn.

Identity of body found in car remains a mystery

RICHFIELD - The identity of a body found in a car near Richfield late Thursday by firefighters had still not been discovered as of Monday, said Lincoln County Sheriff Steve Southwick.

The body was found at about 5 p.m. Thursday after firefighters responded to a vehicle and grass fire near Richfield. The body was found in the car after firefighters had snuffed the blaze.

An autopsy had been performed on the body, but no details were being released Monday, Southwick said. It could take weeks to determine the results of toxicology and other laboratory tests done in conjunction with the autopsy, he said.

Police charge man in Jackpot shooting case

JACKPOT, Nev. - A Jackpot man who was shot and killed in a fellow casino worker Thursday has been charged with first-degree murder but probably will not enter a plea on the charge until he has a preliminary hearing - which had not been scheduled as of late Monday.

Ignacio Ruelas Ramirez, 47, was arrested without trouble in Barton's 93 Club in Jackpot about 40 minutes after deputies responded to a report of a shooting. Ramirez and the body of Victor Castillo, 29, in a parking lot behind the casino, said Elko County Sheriff Neil Harris.

The shooting is thought to have happened at about 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jackpot time.

Deputies recovered from Ramirez a .38-caliber revolver thought to be the weapon that killed Castillo, Harris said. Ramirez was arraigned on the murder charge Thursday and was being held in jail there without bail Monday, Harris said.

Murtaugh moves

ahead on city projects

MURTAUGH - State and federal grants and loans are helping upgrades to the city and its impact area.

City officials have new digs in the old Methodist Church on South Fourth Street. The building cost city taxpayers \$8,000, and the remaining \$34,000 came from rural development grant.

Mayor Paul LaRussio is encouraging community members to rent the building for such affairs as weddings, fund-raising events, reunions and community meetings. He also said the structure could serve as a senior citizens center.

In addition, officials are shopping for property to construct a second well and storage tank. The project will cost about \$965,000. In August, voters passed a bond for \$100,000. The rest comes from government loans and grants.

In order to get the government money, taxpayers had to agree to install water meters, but LaRussio said city officials won't charge extra for at least a year. First, they want to see what the average household is using. And then they want to reach a decision on how much to charge extra for users who go over the average monthly use. He also said he's considering a recommendation of at least 20,000 gallons over the city average before charging users extra.

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BLM tallies fire losses



Bureau of Land Management firefighters Nick Pearce, left, and Wade Watkins clear charred logs from a range fire near Hagerman. Crews spent Monday mopping up the fire, which began on Friday.

Construction company may face fire suppression costs

The Times-News

HAGERMAN - Firefighters continued to monitor hot spots Monday within the 300-acre perimeter of a wildfire that sparked Friday south of Hagerman.

The fire started in an area where a construction company

was installing fiber optic cable, Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough said. Officials are fairly certain the accidental fire resulted from a spark at the construction site and that possible ignition sources include a muffler or rock hammer, he said.

The specific cause may never be determined, Gough said.

The company, Renegade of Idaho Inc. of Burley, could be faced with fire suppression costs, he said.

John Sabela, a Bureau of Land Management spokesman, said suppression costs have not been tallied.

The fire burned in a matted work pattern near Oster Lakes,

Hagerman Rural Fire Protection District Chief Tim Peterson said.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game office in Shoshone said the area remained open to fishing.

Reported losses were an out-building, a few power poles and a BLM truck.

Jerome tax relief requires change to Idaho constitutional amendment

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - A constitutional amendment to change Idaho's property tax structure is needed to provide relief to Jerome property owners who've been hit by rising property values, a state tax analyst said Monday.

Henry Nagle spoke to a group of property owners gathered at El Sombrero Restaurant to ask questions and protest the jump in property taxes near a new urban renewal district in the southern end of the city.

Recent rapid growth caused the values of land and property taxes near Interstate 84 to go up dramatically.

"In Idaho, property taxes are based on the constitution of the state," state Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, said.

In 1995, a law was passed which requires properties to be reassessed at fair market value every five years. Once the land value is set, the various taxing entities draw up their budgets. The budgets determine what the tax levies will be.

In Idaho, taxes are budget based, Nagle said.

"If you want to change the tax process, you have to take action. You have to get involved. Go to the budget hearings at the local government level. If you are not able to get satisfaction at the local government level, that's what we have elections for,"

Nagle told the group.

To change in the state constitution, the state Senate and House have to pass a constitutional amendment by two-thirds majority. The constitutional amendment then goes before the voters in the state, Nagle said.

Max Vaughn, the Minidoka County tax assessor, said he had been involved in urban renewal since 1995. He told the group that when the urban renewal district is created, a base tax rate is set in the urban renewal agency's area of impact.

The Jerome Urban Renewal Agency was created in 1998. After that date, any taxes over the base rate go to the urban renewal agency to fund its various projects.

Boyd Stone, a member of the Jerome Urban Renewal Agency, said when the agency disbands the taxes will go to the various taxing entities in the county in the budget hearings at the local government level. If you are not able to get satisfaction at the local government level, that's what we have elections for,"

An urban renewal agency has a limit of 30 years, but the Jerome Urban Renewal Agency is expecting a life of about eight

years, Stone said.

If the agency wants to include more land in its area of impact, the City Council writes an ordinance and holds a public hearing. It then votes on the ordinance, Vaughn said.

Fair market value is based on what the property sells for; it does not distinguish between land speculators and others buying the land. It is simply land sold at a specified price, said Twin Falls attorney Mark Stubbs. As a result, people who live in the Jerome urban renewal area are being punished by speculators paying high prices for land, he said.

Jerome County Commissioner Veronica Lierman said, "The system that we have is fair. We would all like to pay lower taxes. But the market value is the way our system works. Development happened in the south

end of Jerome, and people living there got caught. A lot of people in Blaine County had to sell their homes because they couldn't afford the taxes. That's too bad, but the people were able to sell their property at a substantial profit."

Rep. Marlene Bell, R-Jerome, said, "The current system of taxing at the fair market value is the most fair way to do it. Unfortunately, there were not any sales in the south end of the city of Jerome for several years, then a lot of sales all at once, and the price of land went out of sight, and the taxes too."

Jerome budget jumps

Mill levy decreases due to growth, development

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The city of Jerome is growing, and increased property values have left city government in good financial health.

The \$11.73 million budget adopted last week reflects an increase of \$2.5 million over last year's budget.

In spite of the increase in the budget, the actual mill levy to the property taxpayer has decreased from .00836 to .00758 due to rapid growth and business development in the city, said City Administrator Travis Rothweiler. In addition to revenues from new buildings, the city receives more property taxes from owners of existing buildings who have seen increased property valuations.

When writing budgets, Rothweiler said, he likes to "anticipate heavy on expenses and light on income so there will not be any surprises when the unexpected happens. Once the money is budgeted, if we don't need it we won't spend it, but if it is not budgeted we can't go back and add it once the budget is done," he said.

City officials expect \$6 million of the total budget to come from grants, City Clerk Kathy Miller said.

Some of the significant changes in the budget:

• The past three years have shown an 18 to 20 percent increase in health insurance for city employees. The city has \$253 million budgeted for personnel.

"Across the board, every department in the city is getting a 30 percent budget increase in personnel costs due to higher health insurance costs," Rothweiler said. City Council members, who receive \$500 each, every year, do not receive a raise for several years. However, they will be paid for health insurance for the first time this year.

The mayor's seat and two council positions are up for election this year.

"The new council members and mayor may or may not want coverage but the city has to budget for it, just in case," Rothweiler said.

• The city has budgeted for 2.25 additional full-time employees. The city engineer is currently working but the city has to budget for it, just in case, Rothweiler said.

• The administration department has established a \$50,000 contingency fund for cash reserves, to eliminate the need for a crystal ball or guesswork what problems might happen. Some \$11,500 will go to the city's employee wellness program and \$10,000 to economic

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Moving on: Jerome mayor won't seek re-election

By John T. Hasky
Times-News writer

JEROME - Wanting to spend more time with his family, the mayor of Jerome announced he will not seek re-election.

Mayor Dennis Moore, 56, praised the city and its staff for its hard work during his tenure as mayor, and he said he plans to remain an active participant in city issues.

"I have enjoyed serving in local politics in the city of Jerome. Jerome is an economically strong

as it has been," Moore said Monday. "There are a lot of good things happening in Jerome. I'm very proud and pleased with a number of successes."

Moore's four-year term expires Dec. 31. Moore served as a Jerome City Council member for four years before his single term as mayor.

The mayor of Jerome makes \$8,400 a year.

"I'll probably spend a little more time doing the things I enjoy with my family," Moore said, but added he won't get out of the limelight just yet. "Will I quit doing everything? Probably not."

Moore encouraged other people, new to public service, to contact Jerome City Clerk Kathy Miller and file for the upcoming city election. There will be two council seats open as well as the mayor's job.

"I'm not much of a bureaucrat. There are other people that can do just as good a job," Moore said.

While a mayor, Moore was involved in many issues, including

the controversial idea to develop a cheese plant on the Crossroads Ranch in Jerome County. He was also active in economic development in the city of Jerome. An urban renewal agency was created while Moore was mayor.

The Jerome mayor, while the chief administrative officer in the city, only votes to break ties on the City Council.

The mayoral position is nonpartisan.

City Hall. Forty signatures are needed of eligible voters in Jerome County.

Petitions for election must be turned in no later than 5 p.m. Sept. 27.

"It's advisable for persons interested in the mayor's job to get their petition in so I can check the signatures," Miller said Monday.

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Councilman takes helm of detention facility

By Mark Helms
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A veteran Twin Falls City Council member who has also for the past few years run the Idaho Youth Ranch near Rupert has been selected as the new permanent director of the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center in Twin Falls.

But controversy surrounding the job Chris Talkington plans to step into later this month might not have subsided, according to an attorney representing the center's former director, Paul Frick, who was fired a few months ago.

Even so, Talkington, 55, said he won't let that be a factor in how he does the job - which he hopes to start on Sept. 24.

"I thrive on challenges, and I believe this will be a good challenge," Talkington said.

Twin Falls County Commissioner Bill Brockman on Monday said Talkington had been selected to replace Frick. Brockman, along with 5th District Trial Court Administrator Linda Wright and 5th District Juvenile Court Judge John Varin, is a member of the board of directors that oversees the Snake River detention center.

That board in June fired Frick, claiming he had been insubordinate by refusing to follow orders not to impede a Twin

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Council hires historic preservation consultant

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A Salt Lake City consultant has been hired to prepare a downtown Twin Falls historic preservation plan.

The City Council voted 5-2 Monday to enter an agreement with Grand Associates Inc. at an estimated cost of \$16,673.

The consultant is charged with:

- Formulating a historic preservation work plan.
- Designing guidelines for downtown Twin Falls commercial buildings.
- Crafting guidelines for residential buildings in the original Twin Falls townsite.

The historic preservation work plan would outline future projects, including historic resource surveys, National Register of Historic Places nominations and other activities to help the city in promoting Twin Falls historic resources.

Design guidelines would help property owners determine what renovation actions would protect and enhance their properties or structures.

The project would be finished by May 2002, according to a city report.

Paul Smith of the Twin Falls Historic Preservation Commission said the commission is waiting on more than \$10,000 in federal grants to help pay for the project.

The city will chip in up to \$5,500 for the project. The additional money will be taken from the commission's budget.

The historic preservation commission has been pushing for more historic designations. It has successfully launched the posting of plaques designating historic buildings, including the Twin Falls County Courthouse and City Hall.

In other business, the city wants to increase taxpayers' trash bills another 5 percent this year.

The announcement came during Monday's City Council meeting. The reason for the increase is an increase in PSI Waste Systems Inc.'s contract with the city. That contract rose by 3 percent this year. PSI Waste Systems collects city residents' trash.

A 5 percent increase translates to about an extra 50 cents per month on taxpayers' utility bills for trash service.

Towns receive doctor recruitment money

GOODING — The cities of Gooding and Glens Ferry are among 10 Idaho communities

that will receive grants to improve local health services from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare said.

The Rural Health Care Access Grant Program administered by Health and Welfare awarded the grants totaling \$65,000.

Glens Ferry Health Center will receive \$35,000 for health care provider recruitment and retention, a Health and Welfare spokeswoman said. Gooding County Memorial Hospital will receive \$30,000 over three years for the same purpose.

One of the most significant state health issues is having adequate access to a primary care physician, physician assistant, family nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife, Health and Welfare said. About 62.5 percent of Idaho has been designated as a "primary care health professional shortage area."

Other communities receiving the grants were St. Maries, Bonners Ferry, Soda Springs, Ponce, Challis, Garden Valley, Weiser, and the Homedale/Marsing/Nampa area.

Magic Valley in brief

night for six weeks, through Oct. 16.

Cost of the course is \$30, which includes the "Arthritis Help Book" and other course materials. A limited number of scholarships are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Pre-registration is required. Call (800) 444-4493.

CAPS hosts open forum

Hispanic community Oct. 27

JEROME — CAPS is hosting an open forum conference from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 27, at the

Jerome Library's Conference room, 100 First Ave. E., Jerome.

The conference will be a question/answer session for those interested in the labor certification program. Responses will be made by Ricardo Barrera, labor certification specialist, and M. Baline Dahlstrom, officer in charge of the Boise Immigration office.

For more information, call CAPS, 215 N. Lincoln in Jerome or call 324-5557.

Red Cross holds blood drive

Thursday in Jerome

JEROME — The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. Thursday at St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome.

For more information or information, call 324-5602.

Wood River Watershed

meeting set tonight

SHOSHONE — There will be an executive meeting of the Wood River Watershed Advisory Group tonight.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Big Wood Canal Co. office at 112 S. Apple in Shoshone.

Routine business will be conducted, and the public is welcome to attend.

Pet visitor program

workshop scheduled

KETCHUM — The Delta Society Pet Partners is holding a workshop for people who are interested in raising dogs, cats, birds, llamas and bunnies to visit residents and patients in rest homes and hospitals.

The workshop will be held Oct. 13 and 14 in Ketchum.

The workshop teaches participants how to select, train, and evaluate their pets' responses to meeting people and dealing with crowds and stressful situations.

There is a charge for the course manual, and pets will need vet exams. Successful partner teams will be invited to register with the national Delta Society.

Contact Sandra Smith at 822-8308 or SunnyC@vermont.com for more information.

Compiled from staff reports

Farming couple question library plan

By Ruth Street

Times-News writer

BURLEY — Backers of a proposed Mini-Cassia library district denied assertions Monday that their campaign has been intentionally vague in an effort to get voter approval in November.

Some rural residents who oppose the tax increase that the creation of a library district would mean spoke at a public hearing Monday in front of the Cassia County Commission.

Commissioners have no say on the library district, but they must approve the signature-gathering process that backers must go through to have an election.

Because the necessary signatures have been validated, the issue will be on the ballot in November, Commissioner Paul Christensen said following Monday's hearing.

However, state law lets residents not only challenge those signatures at a public hearing, but also speak their minds on the issue in person.

And that's what they did. Burley Public Library board member Frank Bauman cited statistics that he says indicate the need for a library district, including the claim that 60 percent of Mini-Cassia residents do not have

Some say Mini-Cassia library-district supporters are trying to cloud the truth

free library service through a library card because they live outside Burley and Rupert city limits. But Almo-area farmer Kent Durfee said it's misleading to imply that a library district would mean free service to certain residents.

Right now, non-city residents can get free library cards as part of a demonstration library district. But normally, people who live outside city limits must buy a library card for \$30 at the Burley library and \$13.60 at the Rupert library.

Because they support their municipal libraries through taxes, Burley and Rupert city residents don't need to buy a library card.

If the proposed library district passes in November, the same rules would be levied on county and city residents alike. State law requires the levy to be between 30 cents and 60 cents per \$1,000 of valued property.

"I figured out what my free library card is going to cost me. And it's somewhere between \$60 to \$120 a year," said Durfee, who owns a \$500,000 farm with his wife, Jan Durfee, who spoke on behalf of several citizens, said she

and her husband have had to hunt for information on the proposed district. And she doesn't think the benefit will justify the cost.

"I think the outlying areas should be left alone," Jan Durfee said. She said that Umi's Box Elder County library officials have expressed willingness to provide service to the southern part of Cassia with bookmobile service for \$10,000. And several Albion residents are happy with the service their non-profit Albion library provides them with.

Districting Chairman Kathleen Hedberg profusely apologized if information on the library district seemed vague. She said it was by no means intentional.

Backers felt that the public was becoming adequately informed through posters and articles in local newspapers, she said.

Hedberg described the process by which districting supporters decided on the boundaries of the district, which spans both Minidoka and Cassia counties but excludes the Oakley Library District.

Supporters felt that arbitrarily excluding certain areas from the

district would be unfair to future generations, she said.

The Mini-Cassia proposal includes a bookmobile, but whether the library district could contract with Elder County to provide a bookmobile to outlying areas could be negotiated with the board of trustees, Hedberg said.

That board isn't elected until the district passes, and it's that board which finalizes the budget and levies. All that districting supporters can do now is recommend a proposed budget and levy, which Hedberg said will be published in the local newspaper in the next month.

That state-mandated process is also troubling to some people who don't like the thought of not knowing the price tag of a library district until their votes have been cast.

Although large rural landowners argued they pay more taxes than the residents of Burley and Rupert who wouldn't see much of a tax increase if a library district passes, Burley and Rupert residents don't make up a majority of the population in their respective counties.

According to 2001 U.S. Census figures, Burley's population of 9,315 is only 44 percent of Cassia County's population of 21,416. Rupert's population of 5,645 is 28 percent of Minidoka County's 20,174.

In regards to the donation of city property to the fire district, Council members voted that the city would take care of the expenses.

In other business, it was reported that an order from Mayor Jim Kelley which directed all employees, staff members and agents of the city to remit and turn over all documents, books, ledgers, equipment, tools and any other property belonging to the city by 5 p.m. on Sept. 6 in order to facilitate audits matters affecting the city had been complied with; a network transmission service agreement with Bonneville Power Administration was signed; Bruce Reisel discussed a new law which requires Cassia County business owners to renew or purchase their beer licenses in June instead of December; and Animal Control Officer Leonard Waldegrave gave his monthly report.

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Albion council goes forward with budget proceedings

By Mary Lynne Bristol

Times-News correspondent

ALBION — The City Council held two public hearings during a continuation of the regular September meeting Friday.

No one was present to comment on or question the proposed \$376,553 fiscal year 2001-02 budget, so it was adopted as published. This is an increase of \$177 over last year's budget of \$376,776.

Utilities provide the largest source of the city's revenue, which totals an estimated \$222,500 before expenditures.

The highest expense is the purchase of electricity, which is estimated at \$88,000. This is followed by salaries at \$62,000 and insurance at \$24,000. Administrative costs, including donations and maintenance, total \$28,000 in

expenses.

Albion city pays the Cassia County Sheriff's Department \$2,500 per year for law enforcement.

The council certified the tax levy request to the Cassia County commissioners. City Attorney Kerry McMurray had prepared the document, and it was approved. It was noted that funds from this levy are used to pay for liability insurance.

One person was present to comment on proposed sewer and water rate increases.

"If you need it, you need it," Marcella Mahoney said after the council members explained that an increase was needed to assure that there would be more money for repairs that the systems might need. The proposed rates were approved effective Oct. 1.

The water rate for a residence will increase from \$20.50 to \$25 per month from November through April and from \$25 to \$30 from May to October. The new sewer rate for a residence will be \$15 per month instead of \$10. Rates for commercial use of the city will increase proportionately. The council also agreed to raise surface water rates from \$30 to \$35 for those who use ditch water.

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Jerome County looks to establish Eden EMS team

By Gina Mulder

Times-News correspondent

JEROME — With help from volunteers, Jerome County's east side could have another ambulance close by.

Jerome County Commissioner Veronica Lierman said the groundwork has been laid to start discussions about establishing a volunteer emergency medical team in the Eden area. If it happens, that end of the county would have access to a quick

response unit.

Currently, Jerome County has a five-year contract with the Idaho State Service of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Ambulances are strategically positioned around Jerome County "to immediately respond to emergency situations anywhere in the county."

However, the ambulance serving the east side of the county was removed after the costs of housing a unit in Eden out-

weighed revenues. The easiest way to fill the void would be to create a volunteer quick response team, Lierman said.

Commissioner Alvin Chopnicky said east-side communities haven't been approached yet, but that the concept would definitely be pursued in order to get feedback from county residents and Magic Valley's ambulance service.

Also Monday, commissioners reviewed a proposed joint-powers agreement from Twin Falls

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Councilman

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Falls County Sheriff's Office investigation of the center.

But Frick claimed he was only trying to protect his employees from strong-arm tactics and unlawful questioning by deputies.

No criminal charges were filed in connection with the investigation. It stemmed from a search warrant issued on Feb. 22, based on allegations of abandonment or neglect and/or acting as an accessory to a minor child under age 16, according to a copy of the warrant obtained by The Times-News.

Frick's attorney, Hyong Pak of Twin Falls, said he and Frick as of Monday were still pursuing a possible wrongful termination lawsuit against the county and the detention center's board of directors.

Brown said she had not heard of any impending court dates or any action on the county's or board's part in connection with Frick's allegations.

Frick's case also hinges partly on the claim that he has never been convicted of a crime. It was Frick's attorney who was charged with the case.

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Talkingland said he will consider a council employee.

"I answer to the Twin Falls County commissioners and the board of directors that includes one of the commissioners," he said.

He also plans to seek re-election to the Twin Falls City Council after his current term expires at the end of this year.

Finding time to direct the detention center and serve on the council should be easier, Talkingland said.

He said his goal has always been to help troubled youngsters.

"This was an opportunity for me to get to home," he said. "I've spent the last 10 hours of my life in a car and traveled the equivalent of going eight times around the world while driving to and from the youth center."

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Alleged stalker kills nurse at juvenile center

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — An alleged stalker forced his way into the work place of a psychiatric nurse and fatally shot her before committing suicide, police said.

The man followed Kathleen Seely, 56, with gun drawn into the North Idaho Behavioral Health facility for juveniles at about 2:20 p.m. Sunday, Coeur d'Alene Police Sgt. Rob Pharris said.

Officers were called to the scene by

some of Seely's co-workers, who said they had unsuccessfully tried to talk the man into surrendering his handgun.

Police were forming a perimeter when seven shots were heard at 2:30 p.m., and they immediately began to evacuate the building's 34 youth patients and 11 staff members, Pharris said.

A special response unit entered the building and found Seely and the man dead, he said.

No staff or patients were reported injured.

Pharris said Seely, who was believed to have worked with the man, 50, in a retirement home, had filed stalking complaints against him with police last year. She may also have obtained a restraining order against the man, he said.

Coeur d'Alene police identified the man as Kenneth Allen Shotton, 50.

Autopsies were scheduled Monday to

determine the cause of death: The woman had been shot four times, Pharris said.

Of the patients evacuated, 27 had been returned to the building Sunday night, while others were being housed in the medical center because part of the psychiatric center was a sealed crime scene.

Patients and staff were receiving counseling.

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PRICES EFFECTIVE TUESDAY THRU MONDAY

The Knutson family of Filer is restoring this old service station to the 1950s era. The project goes along with the family's hobby of restoring classic cars and collecting pedal cars.



Photo courtesy of STACY KENNEDY

Back to the '50s

Family restores station to its golden years

By Marge Holley
Times-News correspondent

FILER - With paint, patience and lots of memorabilia, a Filer family is bringing a service station back to the life - at least, life in the 1950s.

Three years ago, the Gerald Knutson family purchased the old gas station on the corner of Stevens and Main streets in Filer and began to revive it.

In the past, it had housed different gas stations and other businesses, but remained empty for many years, the family said. Twila and Gerald Knutson, and their family and friends painted, put on a new roof, added a new fence and did a lot of cleaning.

The office now has a desk,

rotary phone, adding machine, lamp, old soda machines, auto manuals and books, all circa 1950s.

The two work bays contain antique work benches acquired from auctions, restored oil pumps and cans, greasers and other memorabilia.

The outside is decorated with several gas and advertising signs.

The restoration has been a family project, Twila Knutson said. It seems to fit the family hobby of restoring and showing old classic cars, including organizing a large car show in June. She didn't know how much the restoration cost because family members would find items here and there.

Friends and family members

who have helped include daughter Stephanie, grandson Casey Plantinga, Tom Alexander, Danny Driesel, Tony and Samantha Malone, Don Lautt, Arden Lang, Eric and Stacy Sommer and Bob and Sabrina Harrison.

"It took 15 gallons of primer to cover what I did," Alexander said.

"It was a lot of work, but we are all pleased with the results," Twila said. The family has no immediate plans for the property, which they use as a place to meet and work on cars, she said. "It's just something we're doing. It looks cool and it's fun."

Pat Marcantonio contributed to this story.

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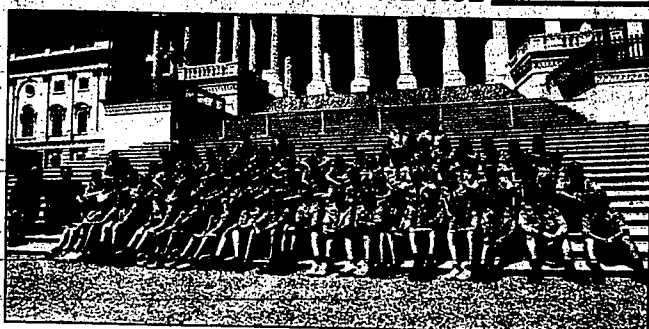


Photo courtesy of Bruce Elmer BSA

Sixty-seven Boy Scouts and 10 leaders from Twin Falls, Kimberly, Murtaugh, Burley, Rupert, Halley and Ketchum met with Idaho Senators Mike Crapo and Larry Craig while touring Washington, D.C. on July 23. The Scouts were participating in the Scout National Jamboree. Crapo's office arranged for the Scouts to tour the Capitol. The 13-day Jamboree occurs once every four years. The local Scouts also visited New York City, Philadelphia, Valley Forge, Amish Country, Gettysburg, colonial Williamsburg and Virginia Beach.



For more than five decades, these pinochle players have gathered for cards and friendship.

Photo courtesy of Dixie Thomas Reale/The Times-News

THE GAME OF LIFE

Players gather for cards, friendship

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - More than half a century ago, 11 couples got together to form a pinochle club in the Jerome area. The meeting place rotated among the various members' homes. They met twice a month during the winter to play cards and gossip.

Over the years, the group's members have seen one another's children born, grow up, graduate from high school, go away to college and marry. The children all consider themselves to be adopted cousins.

Six of the couples even went on a Caribbean cruise together a few years ago.

Now 51 and 1/2 years later, the infirmities of age have taken toll - two members are blind, two are deaf, one has bone cancer and two have passed away. The group quit playing pinochle a couple of years ago for health reasons, but still meets regularly.

The group consists of Betty and Ray Clark, Ester and Bud Buckbee, Mickey and Laurel Ploss, Edna and Ralph Harper, Lolly and Herman Kulm, Oralle and Bud Peterson, Doris and John Morganen, Flora and John Parkensen, Norma and Dale Johnstone, Wilma Ustik and Ruth Martins.

On Aug. 12, Lolly and Herman Kulm hosted a potluck picnic lunch for the longtime pinochle



The players had a tropical theme for one of their gatherings in 1968. They say they have watched each other's families grow.

players at their home south of Jerome near the Snake River Canyon Rim.

Everyone brought a covered dish - corn on the cob, salad, fried chicken, pudding and cake.

They are a friendly, giving bunch. Ruth Martins arrived late, on her way home from church services in Boise. She had no food with her and said she didn't intend to stay but the others insisted she eat.

The men sat at one table exchanging war stories - tales of being shot at and of a buddies being killed in the South Pacific

during World War II. They also talked of fishing, great crops and good times. The women sat at another table and had advice about watering birch trees and roses bushes deep to get them safely through the winter. There were recollections of riding to school on horseback through the snow in Colorado. Another member had walked to school through downtown Detroit, which she insisted was far more dangerous.

Even Reagan, the neighbor's roweller, joined the party and mooched chicken from soft hearted diners.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Kassandra Marie Silveira, daughter of Dawn Katherine Witly of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Aug. 20, 2001.

Sebastian Alexander Konrad, son of Sharon Dawn and Blake Le Konrad of Jackpot, Nev. was born Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2001.

Eva Yanneth Lopez Perez, daughter of Sandra Perez and Servando Lopez of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Aug. 23, 2001.

Ivy Elizabeth Jones and Kayla Michelle Jones, twin daughters of Amanda Elizabeth and Ronald Paul Jones Jr. of Twin Falls, were born Thursday, Aug. 23, 2001.

Jacob Alexander Lee Harnar, son of Karen Michele Coats and Ben Robert Harnar of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Aug. 24, 2001.

Truman Jeffrey Jones, son of Jennifer Ann and Jeff Chester Jones of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Aug. 27, 2001.

Angelica Rodriguez, daughter of Maricela and Ruben Rodriguez of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2001.

Isabella Natalia Kelley, daughter of Teresa Victoria and Timothy James Kelley of Shoshone, was born Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2001.

Andrew Scott Kalbfleisch, son of Mitty Kay and Jeffrey Scott Kalbfleisch of Filer, was born Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2001.

Nathaniel Ryan Maynard, son of Mikki Marie and Gregory Scott Maynard of Richfield, was born Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2001.

Autumn Rylee Montgomery, daughter of Gretchen Angela and Eiland Chad Montgomery of Wendell, was born Thursday, Aug. 30, 2001.

Cody David Pound, son of Stacey M. and Chris G. Pound of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Aug. 30, 2001.

Adam Scott Trowbridge, son of Koni Jo Ochser and Craig William Trowbridge of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Aug. 30, 2001.

Roselyne Marie Cummins, daughter of Linda Marie and Logan Douglas Cummins of Hagerman, was born Friday, Aug. 31, 2001.

Tristan Clarence Umbaugh, son of Tanya Elaine and Christopher George Haken of Hansen, was born Saturday, Sept. 1, 2001.

Diego Arturo Lujan, son of Katrina Kay Escobar of Jackpot, Nev., was born Sunday, Sept. 2, 2001.

Elaine Scott Wiggins, son of Tara Leigh and Stanton Jay Wiggins of Filer, was born Sunday, Sept. 2, 2001.

Kym Lynn Schroeder, daughter of Linda Renee Schroeder and Derek Travis Walker of Buhl, was born Monday, Sept. 3, 2001.

Logan Robert Stephens, son of Stacy Ann and Edward Robert Stephens of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2001.

Katelyn Rose Keenan, daughter of Gina Gerogann and Christopher Andrew Keenan of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2001.

Miguel Eduardo Rodriguez Leal, son of Silvia and Alberto Rodriguez Espinoza of Gooding, was born Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2001.

Rylee Elizabeth Gilmer, daughter of Heather Elizabeth and Joe R. Gilmer of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2001.

Cost Dawn Webb, daughter of Kathrine Amy Hansen and William Robert Webb III of Kimberly, was born Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2001.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Rachael Lynne Holman, daughter of Matthew and Meredith Holman of Buhl, was born Monday, Aug. 20, 2001.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Michael Mendoza, son of Maria

Rios and Mario Mendoza of Burley, was born Monday, Aug. 13, 2001.

Jose Luis Perez Orozco, son of Elisa Orozco and Abel Perez of Burley, was born Saturday, Aug. 21, 2001.

Noe Duarte Cardenas, son of Elvira and Ramon Antonio Duarte of Burley, was born Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2001.

Kaelan K. Rasmussen, son of Nik and Kandice Rasmussen of Burley, was born Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2001.

Brennan Mark Flak, son of Melissa Flak of Burley, was born Friday, Aug. 31, 2001.

Austin James Larson, son of Aaron and Casiana Larson of Burley, was born Friday, Aug. 31, 2001.

Madeline Eliza Cottom, daughter of Jim and Jenny Cottom of Burley, was born Saturday, Sept. 1, 2001.

Alexa Sanna Gonzales, daughter of Jorge and Dorothy Gonzales of Burley, was born Monday, Sept. 3, 2001.

Kary Monique Castro Madrigal, daughter of Juan Castro and Yuliana Madrigal of Burley, was born Monday, Sept. 3, 2001.

Larry Joann Hansen, daughter of Larry and Sheri Hansen of Burley, was born Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2001.

Aileen Gabriela Gutierrez, daughter of Gabriela Munoz and Marcos Gutierrez of Burley, was born Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2001.

Bramdon Scott Street, son of Scott and Tara Street of Burley, was born Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2001.

Rosario Zavala, daughter of Angie and Jorge Zavala of Paul, was born Wednesday, Sept. 5, 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 734-5338. Deadline for publication Tuesday is noon Friday.

Club offers model flying and large-scale fun

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Aeromodelers club combines fun, flying and information.

At its 21st annual "fun fly" at the club's flying field south of Twin Falls on July 28, there were activities such as raffle drawings, limbo, egg drop, a free-style competition and a helicopter demonstration.

But what they look very actually takes a lot of time. "It's a lot of fun, but there's a lot of information to (learn), says R.C. "Bob" Adamson, the secretary/treasurer for the group. "I think the best thing about it is it's a clean, wholesome sport."

Adamson says it takes a while to learn how to maneuver the aircraft, and they do have crash. "It is a very involved hobby. That's what it is," he says.

Aeromodeler Bob Harrison, says he was

always interested in airplanes and made his first model airplane when he was 6 years old.

Harrison was an aviation electrician in the Navy. He now owns about 20 or 30 model airplanes and learned to fly the radio-controlled models in 1975. Harrison says he gets a lot of satisfaction in building the airplanes from scratch.

"This is a fun hobby," he says. Adamson says the sport can also be an expensive one. "Most of the models are between \$500 and \$600."

The airplanes run on a fuel of alcohol, nitro-methane mix which costs about \$10 a gallon. "There's a continual evolving of equipment available, too," Adamson says.

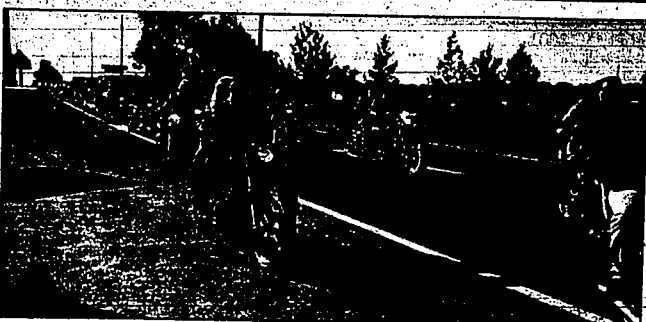
The group has three licensed pilot trainers to train prospective members or anyone interest-



Brad Nichols files one of his "stick" airplanes at a recent Magic Valley Aeromodelers club activity.

TWIN FALLS COMMUNITY

A RIDE FOR SAFETY



A benefit ride for the Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety will be held Saturday. Sign in will be held from 11 a.m. to noon at the Shuffie Inn, 633 Second Ave. S. in Twin Falls. Proceeds will be donated to the coalition to help in its legislation and safety efforts on behalf of motorcycle riders. Stops will be in Shoshone, Gooding, Hagerman, Buhl, and end up at the Shuffie Inn in Twin Falls with a barbecue. For more information, call Brenda Bottom at 733-0151 or Bev Campbell at 543-9261. Cost is \$10 for the first hand per person and \$5 for additional hands per person.

A VIEW FROM THREE CREEK

Students share news stories, talents

Editor's note: Students from Three Creek School shared their news reports with the Times-News. Monthly they will share information on school and area news.

Wildfire is a danger out on the range

By Amanda Elsner, 10

The two main things that catch on fire are cheat grass and dead trees.

These are some things that can cause range fires: campfires, cigarettes and lightning. When the lightning hits, the fire will spread fast along the dry ground.

When we have a fire we will have big helicopters come and get water in the creeks. We will also have airplanes come to and

help put out the fire. Sometimes, there will be big fire trucks come and pass our house.

The difference between a town fire and a range fire is a town fire is easier to get to and a range fire could be on a mountain and there could be no road to it.

If there is a wind when there is a fire then the wind could change the way that the fire is going, and the wind could make the fire jump over things like roads.

Grandfather has another view of WWII

By Nathan Usher, 14

My grandfather, barely missed fighting at Pearl Harbor. He was a captain in the Air Force. He fought over Africa, Europe and

the Middle East. When grandpa was stationed in Africa, the bugs were horrible. They had to put a can of oil under each leg of their cot, so when the bugs tried to climb in their beds, they would fall in the oil and die. Because of the bugs, you would not dare to put anything on you until you shook everything out of your clothes. Also, he lost his whole squadron on a mission. He was the only one out his whole squadron who came back. World War II killed more people (close to 55 million, counting military and civilian casualties) and caused more damage than any other war in the history of mankind. It also was the most expensive war in history.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Student receives English achievement honor

Kimberly Sanchez of Twin Falls has been named a United States National Award Winner in English. Kimberly, an O'Leary Junior High School student, was nominated by a teacher at the school. Her name will appear in the annual United States Achievement Academy Yearbook. The academy says it recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American students and selected on the student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities and responsibility among other things. She is the daughter of Berky and Jill Sanchez. Her grandparents are Jan Roan of Twin Falls, Don Roan of Kappa, Hawaii and Zoila Sanchez of El Salvador.

Students earn degrees from University of Oklahoma

Area students were among other candidates for degrees this sum-

mer on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus.

Degree recipients are: Mountain Home: David E. Zeh, Mark T. Darden and Zeb Marquez.

Twin Falls: Lindsey S. Caton.

Branch receives high rating for community work

Ralph Haun of Twin Falls is a publicity officer and Margaret Brune of Murtaugh is secretary of the Targhee-Lavas Branch 8246, which received a superior rating for its community service activities in 2000.

The rating was given by the Lutheran Brotherhood, a fraternal benefit society based in Minneapolis, and reflects the branch's exceptional performance in coordinating volunteer service projects, hosting fund-raising events and distributing Lutheran Brotherhood matching funds to local Lutheran congregations.

Local student helps track asteroid with program

James Tarter of Twin Falls was one of 25 other top science students from the around to attend the Summer Science Program held near Los Angeles. He learned enough astronomy, calculus, physics and computer programming to track an asteroid and calculate its orbit, the program said. The result of his calculations will be recorded at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

The students also met with university professors and guest speakers, including Jill Tarter, a leading researcher in the search for extraterrestrial life. They visited Vandenberg Air Force Base and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The program is operated by a nonprofit corporation in cooperation with Caltech, Harvey Mudd College, Pomona College, Stanford University and UCLA.



Mildred Britty of Kimberly pours hot fudge on her ice cream at the Kimberly Senior Citizens Center third annual Ice Cream Social at the Kimberly Park Aug. 17. Participants were entertained by Rosa and April Dieter, Losh and Shawn Dean and the Magic Valley Band. The Idaho Dairy Association donated the ice cream and center members brought toppings, brownies and cookies.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

GED students face changes in testing starting January

TWIN FALLS - Students who want to finish their General Educational Development (GED) degree this year have until the end of November to complete the tests. As of next January, the GED program begins with a new curriculum and tests. At that time, no test scores from the current GED materials will be accepted.

Veneta Jenkins, the chief GED examiner at the College of Southern Idaho, said current tests will be administered through Nov. 30, 2001. All candidates who have not successfully completed the five required tests by that time will have to start again on Jan. 2, 2002 with the new series to qualify for the GED high school equivalency.

The current GED tests were introduced in 1988 prior to many of the newer skills and expectations of high school graduates. The curriculum that will be introduced next year will reflect those updated skill, CSI reports. As with the older GED tests, the new series will continue to certify 12th-grade ability in language arts, social studies, science and math.

Jenkins says CSI's Adult Basic Education department will help design a course of study for those who are expected to take longer than the end of this year to finish their GED.

For information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2534.

Former hospital employees meet for lunch Thursday

TWIN FALLS - A former employees of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center are invited to lunch at 2 p.m. Thursday at North's Chuckwagon in Twin Falls.

For more information, call 733-3846 or 734-6087.

File Public Library adds best sellers to shelves

FILER - The following best selling books are at the Filer Public Library, which is located at 219 Main.

"The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant, "Prodigal Summer" by Barbara Kingsolver, "The Mark: The Bible Rules the World" (Left Behind 8) by Tim F. LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins, "The Seat of the Soul" by Gary Zukav, "Timeline"

Read Comundol on Thursdays

News for and about Latinos

by Michael Crichton, "Winter's Heart" by Robert Jordan, "Left Behind: A Novel of Earth's Last Days" (Left Behind 1), "Merrick" by Anne Rice, "The Rescue" by Nicholas Sparks, "Tribulation Force: The Continuing Drama of Those Left Behind" (Left Behind 2) by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins and "Flags of Our Fathers" by James Bradley and Ron Powers.

For more information, call the library at 326-4143.

Xi Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi hosts luau

TWIN FALLS - The Xi Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi hosted a summer luau at the home of Susan and Paul Petrucci.

President Rachel Evans hosted beginning day festivities at St. Benedict's Park in Jerome. Members gathered to discuss their summer activities.

Xi Mu's regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, beginning this Thursday. Hostesses for the meeting will be Rachel Evans and Hollis Little.

Buhl Public Library sponsors preschool hour

BUHL - The Buhl Public Library will hold preschool story hour from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday in the library conference room.

The preschool story hour includes stories, songs, finger plays, nursery rhymes and crafts. The story hours are presented by library staff and volunteer mothers. For more information, call 543-6500.

Senior center serves up community breakfast

BUHL - The West End Senior Center will hold a community breakfast from 8-10 a.m. Saturday. The menu will include eggs, sausage, hash browns, biscuits, gravy and scones. The cost is \$2.50.

Sawtooth Mountain Mamas presents craft festival

SANDIA - The Sawtooth Mountain Mamas will present its 17th annual quilt festival from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.

LAMPHOUSE THEATRE

Alden Quinn *Singalder* 4:30 - 7:00 - 9:15

in Stanley.

Admission is \$3 and children under 12 will be admitted for free. The event will also include door prizes at the luncheon and quilt show, quilt block contest and opportunity quilt drawing.

For more information, call Lynnette Zammuller at 326-4261 or Bev Everett at 734-3660.

Want to help at hospital's 'Home for the Holidays'?

GOODING - Gooding County Memorial Hospital will sponsor "Home for the Holidays" Festival of Trees Dec. 6-8.

This year's chairperson is Cindi Hoekstra of Gooding. Anyone interested in participating in the event should call Linda at 934-4433, Ext. 160.

Desert Sage Quilters group of Magic Valley meets

TWIN FALLS - The Desert Sage Quilters of Magic Valley will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 27 in the KMYT Community Room.

Visitors are invited. For more information, call Esi Dease at 543-2144 or Sheri Willis at 733-1934.

The Times-News would like to profile your organization. Send your information along with your name, a photo and your phone number to Pat Marcontonio, Community Editor, P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83301.

MOVIES

Twin Cinema 12

12 and 12:30 and 2:30 Twin Falls 212-1212
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Wayne Bohrn Would Like To Thank The Following People For Signing His

Petition To Run For Seat #6 On The Twin Falls City Council

Wayne has a strong background in community and business organizations:

- Planning & Zoning Commission for Six Years
- Twin Falls Chamber Ambassador
- Past President of the Twin Falls Optimist Club
- Seven Years of Service on the Twin Falls County Parks & Recreation Board
- Member of the Magic Valley Builder's Association
- Wayne has been in the Building Business in Twin Falls for 35+ Years

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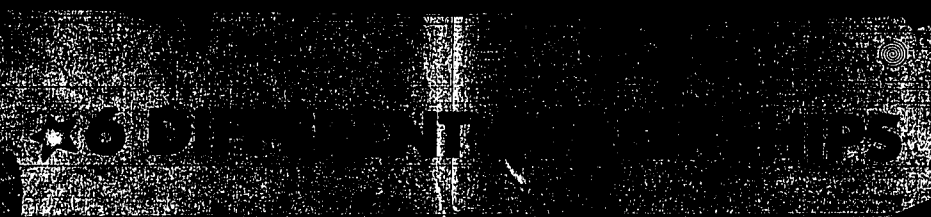
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“It would’ve been great theater.”

—Yankees manager Joe Torre, on Monday night’s rained-out game between the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees when Roger Clemens would’ve tried to earn his 20th victory of the season

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
Who holds the Pacific 10 Conference record for the longest field goal?
...answer below

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

High school boys’ soccer
Minico at Twin Falls, 4:30 p.m.
Bonnevill at Burley, 5 p.m.

High-school volleyball
ISDB at TFCA, 4:30 p.m.
Kimberly, Wendell at Buhl, 4:30 p.m.

Cascade, Gooding at Valley, 5 p.m.
Kaysen Feny at Murrumbidgee, 5 p.m.
Jerome at Twin Falls, 6 p.m.
Carnes County at Dierich, 6 p.m.
Hansen at Oakley, 6 p.m.
Minico at Declo, 6:30 p.m.

High school swimming
Pocatello at Twin Falls, 5 p.m.

IN BRIEF

YMCA holds sign-ups for Falls to Falls Run

TWIN-FALLS — The YMCA of Twin Falls is sponsoring the 2001 Falls to Falls Run and Walk on Saturday starting at 10 a.m. The 3.3-mile course goes from Twin Falls to — Dierich — Lake. Registration is \$20 by Thursday and \$25 after Thursday. Sign up on race day at 8:30 a.m. at the starting line.

For more information, call the YMCA at 733-4384.

BYU students become players of the week

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Brigham Young’s Brandon Doman and Ryan Denney and Air Force’s Justin Fendry were named on Monday as the Mountain West Conference players of the week.

Doman, a senior quarterback who accounted for six touchdowns Saturday in BYU’s 44-16 victory over Cal, was recognized as offensive player of the week. In his fifth start, Doman was 16-of-24 for 272 yards and three touchdowns. He also rushed for three scores.

With the victory, Doman became the first BYU quarterback since Robbie Bosco in 1984 to win his first five starts.

Denney, who recorded two of BYU’s five sacks against Cal, claimed the honor on defense. The senior defensive end had seven tackles, including six by himself, three for a loss, one pass deflection and a forced fumble that led to a BYU touchdown.

Fendry was the special teams player of the week after he blocked two Tennessee Tech field-goal attempts in Air Force’s 42-0 win at the Academy.

COACHING — Mike Gundy’s name was included in Monday’s Magic Valley Coaching story.

The Times-News regrets the error.

TRIVIA ANSWER: — The longest field goal in college football history was made by Washington’s Steve Largent in 1962.

Eye on the Mark

Barry Bonds hit three home runs against the Rockies Sunday, giving him 63 for the season. That leaves him 18 games left to break Mark McGwire’s record of 70 set in 1998.

Fastest to 63 home runs

Player	Season	Games to reach 63
Barry Bonds	2001	144
Mark McGwire	1998	152
Sammy Sosa	1998	153
Mark McGwire	1999	158
Sammy Sosa	1999	162

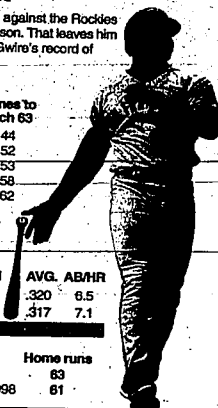
Consistency

Bonds’ numbers on the road and at home are very similar.

	AB	H	HR	BB	RBI	AVG	AB/HR
Home	200	84	31	69	60	.320	6.5
Road	227	72	32	80	61	.317	7.1

Through 144 games	Bonds, 2001	McGwire, 1998
Home runs	63	61

SOURCES: Elias Sports Bureau; Major League Baseball



Bonds brings streak to Enron

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Barry Bonds put up some impressive numbers at brand new Enron Field last season.

His only appearance there this year starts tonight and it finds the San Francisco slugger with a real chance at Mark McGwire’s major league home run record.

Bonds went 7-for-16 with four home runs and five RBIs in the Astros’ downtown stadium in 2000.

Those numbers would make the chase very interesting as Bonds has 63 home runs — including three Sunday at Coors Field in Denver — seven off McGwire’s mark set three years ago.

Astros and opposing batters have hit 206 homers at Enron this season, second among all major league stadiums to Coors, which has yielded 239.

Bonds left his mark on Enron last season in two visits. His most significant homer was the longest one hit at Enron, 458

Seasons with 50 Homers by Two or More Players

2001 — Barry Bonds (63), Sammy Sosa (54) and Luis Gonzalez (51)
1999 — Mark McGwire (65) and Sammy Sosa (63)
1998 — Mark McGwire (70), Sammy Sosa (68), Ken Griffey Jr. (56), and Greg Vaughn (50)
1997 — Mark McGwire (58) and Ken Griffey Jr. (56)
1996 — Mark McGwire (52) and Brady Anderson (50)
1961 — Roger Maris (61) and Mickey Mantle (54)
1947 — Ralph Kiner (51) and Johnny Mize (51)
1938 — Hank Greenberg (58) and Jimmie Fox (50)

feet over the center field fence.

With the Giants chasing a playoff spot, Bonds deftly diverts most talk about the home run record to his team’s playoff chances.

“Everything is important right now,” Bonds said. “Every at-bat means something. You try not to watch the scoreboard. But it’s

hard not to. The intensity level is a lot higher than it would be.

But the home run race has intensified with the fans, especially since Bonds’ weekend performance at Coors Field.

Fans in Denver gave Bonds standing ovations for home runs 61, 62 and 63, but he was a tip of the hat from Bonds, who surprisingly obliged.

“I don’t think I’ve ever seen a visiting player take a curtain call,” teammate J.T. Snow said. “They were awesome. They knew they might be seeing history and they knew they were part of it.”

Astros fans might not be as friendly. Unlike the last-place Rockies, the Astros are fighting to stay atop the NL Central.

“I’d say we’ll be at capacity or near it for all three games,” Astros ticket manager John Sorrentino said. “With the pennant race and of course Bonds being here, I think we’ll be near

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Bittersweet win for Broncos

Denver loses WR McCaffrey to broken leg

The Associated Press

DENVER — It was a bittersweet celebration for the Denver Broncos.

Playing their first game in a new stadium, the Broncos welcomed back former MVP Terrell Davis and showed why they are considered Super Bowl contenders with a 31-20 victory over the New York Giants on Monday night.

While Davis proved healthy with 101 yards on 21 carries, Denver lost starting wide receiver Ed McCaffrey to a broken leg.

McCaffrey, who caught a team-record 101 passes last year, could miss the rest of the season.

McCaffrey was injured when he was hit hard by New York safety Shaun Williams with about 10 minutes left in the third quarter of the season opener.

He was later admitted to Swedish Medical Center, where he was in good condition with a fractured leg.

Nursing supervisor Suzanne Winders declined to release any other information.

McCaffrey immediately grabbed his left leg and remained on the ground for several minutes before being taken from the field on a maintenance vehicle.

Replays were graphic, showing McCaffrey’s leg breaking as he whipped into Williams body.

The crowd, accustomed to McCaffrey bouncing back from his “Ed-die” as he lay on the field.

Without McCaffrey, the Broncos will turn to veteran Eddie Kennison, who signed as a free agent during the offseason.

Kennison did not have a catch before McCaffrey was injured.

The devastating injury to



McCaffrey seemed to inspire the Broncos, particularly Rod Smith, who caught a 25-yard touchdown pass that gave Denver a 21-14 lead three plays after McCaffrey was injured midway through the third quarter.

The Broncos also scored on their first two possessions of the fourth quarter, ensuring they would open \$400 million Invesco Field at Mile High on a winning note.

Smith, one of McCaffrey’s best friends, finished with nine catches for 115 yards, and Brian Griese,

eight months removed from reconstructive shoulder surgery, was 21-of-29 for 330 yards and three touchdowns.

The Giants, still seeking respect after winning the NFC title last year, had trouble running the ball and were hampered by the absences of starting cornerback Jason Sehorn (sore knee) and starting receiver Ike Hilliard (sore foot).

New York finished with 308 yards total offense — 90 coming in the final five minutes — and Sehorn’s replacement, rookie Will

Peterson, repeatedly was beaten by Smith and McCaffrey. Dave Thomas also struggled to contain Denver’s receivers — even after McCaffrey left the game.

One of New York’s best players was first-year punter Rodney Williams, who set a team record with a 90-yard punt in the third quarter and two more kicks over 60 yards.

Amani Toomer also had a big night with two touchdown catches for the Giants, who lost their season-opener for the first time in five years under coach Jim Fassel.

Jordan all but confirms comeback

By Jim Little

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Michael Jordan all but confirmed Monday he would return to play in the NBA and said the world will know for sure within 10 days.

In a 30-minute conversation with The Associated Press and reporters for the Chicago Sun-Times and cmt.com, Jordan said the news conference to announce his decision would be held in Washington, D.C., by the middle of next week.

Asked whether he was definitely coming back, Jordan smiled.

Jordan’s agent later, he looked up and said, “I’m doing it for the love of the game. Nothing else. For the love of the game.”

Jordan, who led the Chicago Bulls to six championships, had worked out all summer preparing for the expected comeback with the Washington Wizards. He is president of basketball operations for the team and a part owner, meaning he has to divest his ownership under NBA rules before returning to the court.

Jordan has tested himself and his game repeatedly in scrimmages against top-tier NBA players, with league referees officiating. The only question remaining is whether the tendinitis in his right knee would limit his effectiveness.

Jordan, however, said the knee was so good. If it remains that way over the next few days, he said, “I’ll be ready to go.”

Asked by The Washington Post later Monday for comment that he has all but decided to return, Jordan said, “I didn’t say that. I have not said it.”

This would be the second comeback for the 38-year-old Jordan. He stunned the basketball

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Ty Detmer takes over in Detroit

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Ty Detmer will replace Charlie Batch as starting quarterback for the Detroit Lions, who struggled offensively in an opening-game loss to Green Bay.

Detmer, a second-round pick obtained Sept. 2 from Cleveland, will start Sunday when the Lions play host to the Dallas Cowboys.

Batch was the starter for a 26-6 loss to the Packers in Green Bay.

“We’ve decided that in the best interest of the team, we are going to make a change at quarterback,” Lions coach Marty Mornhinweg said.

Mornhinweg said in his first press conference with the Lions, he is running the team’s offense, and Batch was struggling to make the change.

Batch was 20-of-36 for 166 yards and no touchdowns in



Miami quarterback Jay Fiedler (0) watches the ball bounce away after he was hit by Tennessee linebacker Randall Gettys (56) in the first quarter Sunday in Nashville, Tenn. Fiedler was intercepted by the Titans 21-23.

Green Bay, and under the 50 percent rule that Mornhinweg suspended, Dargun Sharper intercepted two passes and Batch was sacked seven times.

Former BSU coach Koetter makes successful debut

The Associated Press

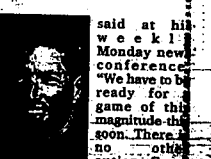
TEMPE, Ariz. — After a smashing debut at Arizona State’s coach, Dirk Koetter made his first night when the Sun Devils open Pac-10 play at 14th-ranked UCLA.

Arizona State pounded San Diego State 38-7 last Saturday in its season opener. It was a promising beginning, but beating the Bruins in Pasadena is another matter.

“We’re going to see what we’re made of this week,” quarterback Jeff Klein said on Monday.

Koetter sidestepped the issue of whether his team is ready for such a big game only two weeks into the first season of a new coaching staff.

“We don’t have a choice,” he



said at his weekly Monday news conference. “We have to be ready for the game of this magnitude tomorrow. There is no other option. Come Saturday, we better be ready or we’re going to get it handed to us.”

Koetter made his reputation as Boise State, with a wide-open offense, but he singled out Arizona State’s defense in the blowout at San Diego State.

“We try to get a little rest between negative plays and the plays given up, because we’re

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SPORTS

Buhl bumps Bruins in volleyball

The Times-Herald
Buhl - Jessica Brown served eight points and made seven kills while Brandi-Hosman served nine points as Buhl upset Twin Falls 15-14, 15-13 in volleyball on Wednesday.

Local sports

Trailing in both games late, the Tribe (4-5) rallied from deficits of 12-6 and 14-11 in Game 2 to steal the match.

"We were excited," said Indians coach Holly VandenBerg. "We just had some great team effort. We served well and we had some excellent passing and digging in the back row."

The Indians faced two Twin Falls game points in the first game, but rallying behind Hosman, Dani Kippes and Sherry Kings.

Down by four at 11-7 in Game 2, the Indians clawed back as Brown got Buhl within one at 13-12 before spiking a kill for the tie at 13-13. King and Katalan Tighe then put a double back to give the Indians the lead at 14-13 and Buhl put it away with a point on a

missed serve to receive play. Buhl (4-5) hosts Wendell and Kimberly tonight in tri-meet. Twin Falls hosts Idaho Falls on Wednesday.

Shoshone def. Hagerman 15-8, 16-14
Hagerman def. Wendell 15-10, 11-15, 15-10
Shoshone def. Wendell, 15-5, 15-13

HAGERMAN - Shoshone swept a tri-meet at Hagerman on Monday beating the hosts 15-8, 16-14 and Wendell 15-5, 15-13. Monica Urrig had nine kills in the win over Wendell.

Hagerman salvaged a win, topping the Trojans in three games 15-10, 11-15, 15-10. Senior Melissa Wise recorded five blocks against Wendell and had the eight kills in the two matches, "playing really well at the net," said coach Shilo Hall. Hagerman's Teresa Oswine had seven kills against Shoshone. The Pirates (7-5) play Raft River on Thursday.

Valley def. Raft River 15-13, 15-6

HAZELTON - Alex Kelso, Annie Shawver and Jessica Ritchie combined for 20 service points in Valley's 15-13, 15-6 win over Raft River on Monday.

Mindy Malone punched out six kills for the Lady Vikings (9-4) who host Gooding and Castelford today at 5 p.m. "Overall, we did pretty well," Valley coach Julian Escobedo said. "We served strong."

Valley also won the junior varsity match, scores were unavailable.

Murtaugh def. MVC 15-0, 15-6

MURTAUGH - Lany Andersen served a first game shutout with 15 straight points and five aces as Murtaugh thumped Magic Valley Christian 15-0, 15-6 on Monday. Andersen finished with 20 service points. Red Devils Jillian Cuder smashed five kills and Annie Adolphsen slapped four kills.

The Murtaugh junior varsity also won Monday. Murtaugh (7-4) hosts Glens Ferry tonight.

Boys' soccer Bliss 4, MVC 1

BLISS - Karmabas Bowler booked two goals and Adrian Gonzalez and Jeff Norsteborn added scores in Bliss' 4-1 boys' soccer win over Magic Valley Christian on Monday.

Bliss held a 2-0 lead at halftime. Magic Valley Christian avoided the shutout with "about 10 minutes left," said Bliss coach Jon Goss. Bliss' 4-1 (2-2) plays Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind in Gooding on Wednesday.

Buhl 7, ISDB 2

GOODING - Josh Sirucek and Michal Alexander scored a pair of goals as Buhl bested Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind 7-2 on Monday.

Chris Fields, Brian Avelar and Andrew Hutchinson also scored for the Indians, who actually trailed 2-1 at halftime.

"I had a little talk with the boys and we played a little soccer in the second half," Buhl coach Jerry Zinn said. "(ISDB) ran out of gas in the second half." Buhl (2-1) travels to American Falls on Saturday at 11 a.m.

Cubs halt their losing skid at five games

CHICAGO (AP) - Roosevelt Brown drove in four runs, and Jon Lieber won his 18th game as the Chicago Cubs stopped their five-game losing streak with an 8-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Monday night.

Ron Coomer and Joe Girardi each had two RBIs for the Cubs, who closed within 1.5 of games of San Francisco, the NL wild card leader.

Lieber (18-6) allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings, and Jeff Fassero and Kyle Farnsworth finished the six-hit

Chris Reitsma (7-15) gave up six runs - five earned - and seven hits in 2 1/3 innings.

Cardinals 8, Brewers 0

MILWAUKEE - Mark McGwire (14-10) hit a 445-foot, two-run homer and Darryl Kile won for the first time since Aug. 12, scattering nine hits over six innings.

St. Louis (79-64) closed within a half-game of San Francisco (80-64), the NL wild card leader, and moved within five games of Houston, which leads the NL Central. Mike Mathews finished for his first career save.

Jamey Wright (9-11) was rocked for eight runs and six hits in 3 2/3 innings.

Half of McGwire's 48 hits this season have been home runs.



AP Photo

Chicago's Roosevelt Brown is forced at second by Cincinnati second baseman Todd Walker in the first inning Monday in Chicago.

American League

Twins 3, Tigers 2

TRETOIT - Torii Hunter tripled and scored the tiebreaking run on Matt LeCroy's sacrifice fly in the ninth inning as the Minnesota Twins beat the Detroit Tigers 3-2 Monday night for their third straight win.

Minnesota is 1-2 against the Tigers this season, including 5-2 at Comerica Park.

It was five straight April wins over the Tigers that propelled Minnesota to the AL Central lead.

But the Twins are only 21-36 since the All-Star break and began the night seven games behind first-place Cleveland.

White Sox 7, Indians 1

CLEVELAND - Rookie Dan Wright pitched seven strong innings and the Chicago White Sox won their season series against the Cleveland Indians with a 7-1 victory Monday night.

Wright (4-2) allowed one run - a homer by Jim Thome - and six hits for the White Sox, who likely won't repeat as AL Central champions but took some consolation in making the season series 10-9.

Jeff Lieber homered off Bartolo Colon (12-11) shortly after replacing injured right fielder Magglio Ordonez as the White Sox split the four-game series.

Lieber replaced Ordonez in right field in the second inning after Ordonez hurt his left wrist on a check-swing strikeout in the first inning.

Ordonez was taken to Lutheran Hospital for X-rays, which were negative and the All-Star outfielder is day to day.

Rain washes out Red Sox-Yankees

NEW YORK - Roger Clemens was ready to pitch and 50,000 fans were ready to watch.

Then the weather got in the way. Monday night's game between the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees was canceled because of rain and unplayable field conditions, costing Clemens a chance to earn his 20th victory against his old team.

Clemens (19-1) was scheduled to start for the Yankees. He spent the first 13 years of his career in Boston, then left the Red Sox under testy circumstances after the 1996 season.

Clemens will try to post his sixth 20-win season tonight at home against the Chicago White Sox.

NFL

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Sunday's overtime victory over the Philadelphia Eagles, but the injury is not expected to sideline the St. Louis quarterback for long.

Warner was hurt in the fourth quarter of the 20-17 victory when he struck the helmet of a pass rusher and bent the thumb back.

Warner, who was 28-for-42 for 308 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions, might take limited practice repetitions on Wednesday.

Steelers

PITTSBURGH - Of their half-dozen players carted off the field in the season opener, the

Koetter

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you attack like we do, we're going to give up some big plays," Koetter said. "The ratio for that game was 7-to-1 in our favor, and if we have a 7-to-1 ratio, we're going to win a lot of football games."

The Sun Devils nearly pulled off their first shutout since 1996. The Aztecs finally scored when the Arizona State reserves with 2:51 left in the game.

"I think our defensive guys

Pittsburgh Steelers believe that only wide receiver Will Blackwell will be sidelined indefinitely.

Blackwell, with a torn knee ligament, could miss the rest of the season.

Rookie linebacker Kendrell Bell and defensive end Kimo von Oelhoffen both wore protective boots on their sprained ankles Monday, but Bell expects to play Sunday against Cleveland. So does receiver Hines Ward on his sprained ankle.

49ers

SANTA CLARA, Calif. - John Keith, the San Francisco 49ers' top backup safety, could miss the rest of the season after tearing a

ligament in his left knee on the opening kickoff Sunday.

Keith was blocked awkwardly on the first play of San Francisco's 16-13 overtime victory over Atlanta. He will undergo surgery Thursday on his knee, which also was surgically repaired in college.

Bills

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. - Sam Cowart will be out indefinitely with an Achilles' tendon injury, leaving the Buffalo Bills without their leading tackler the last two seasons.

The middle linebacker will not need surgery on his partially torn right Achilles' tendon. But coach Gregg Williams said Monday he

will miss "a significant amount of time," and it's unclear if he will return before the end of the season.

Cowart underwent an MRI earlier in the day.

Cowboys

IRVING, Texas - Dallas Cowboys defensive end Ezenwa Ekuban, the team's top pass rusher, will be sidelined for at least four weeks with a herniated disc.

Ekuban will undergo treatment in hopes of getting back on the field in a month. If he doesn't progress, he might need surgery.

Ekuban missed much of the second half of Sunday's 10-6 loss to Tampa Bay because of the injury.

Jordan

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world by retiring in October 1993, saying he had nothing left to prove in basketball and wanted to give basketball a try. He played a season of Double-A ball for the Chicago White Sox team in Birmingham, Ala., but returned to the Bulls in March 1995.

In the half-hour conversation on a curb outside his restaurant, Jordan dropped the conditional tense for the first time since acknowledging in April that he was serious about coming back.

"I want to play for real," he said.

But Jordan made clear he wasn't coming back to fulfill any expectations, but his own. "Winning isn't always championships. What's wrong with helping kids find their way, teaching them the game?"

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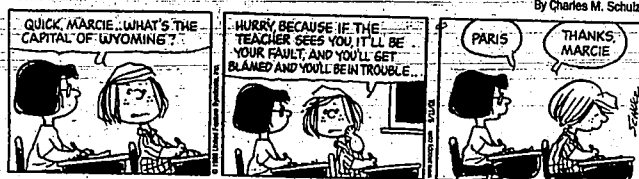
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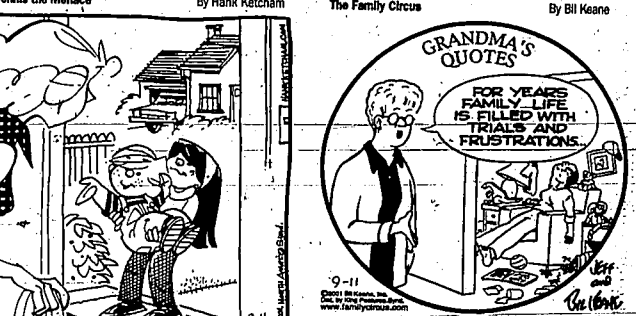
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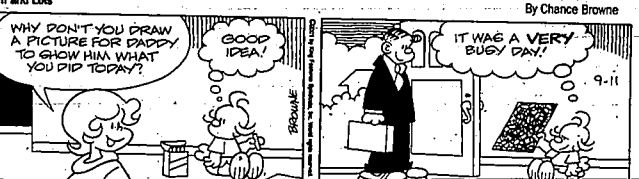
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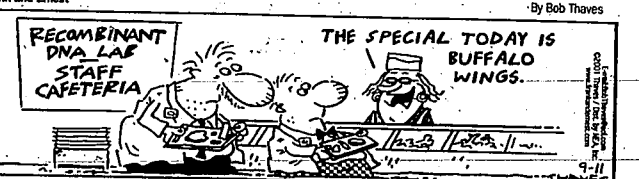
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