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Digging into history



Laura Bergtresser, an archeologist with the National Park Service, sifts through dirt from a dig at the Minidoka Internment National Monument on Monday.

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WWII internees, descendants visit Minidoka camp site

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

JEROME - A painful chapter of American history is being rediscovered in the desert. Former internees and their descendants are among the people making trips this week to see archaeological excavation at the site of the Hunt Camp east of Jerome, where nearly 10,000 Japanese Americans were interned during World War II.

Monday was Richard Amano's second day in Idaho. The Chicago man's mother was held at the camp that opened 60 years ago Saturday. His grandfather died there.

"This is a part of her life that she never wanted to talk about," Amano said.

To have been "jailed" by her own country was an embarrassment to her, he said.

Military police guarded the camp that was surrounded by barbed wire to hold American citizens, including women, children and the elderly. In 1988, Congress passed the Civil Liberties Act that acknowledged the internment camps were a "grave injustice" and an act of discrimination by the federal government.

What to expect

An archaeological excavation at the Minidoka Internment National Monument is under way from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Wednesday. Visitors are advised that there are no facilities or drinking water at the site. Activities will be of a research nature. The site is north of Twin Falls. Signs will be posted directing visitors along the route beginning at the intersection of Interstate 84 and U.S. Highway 93. Head southeast off Highway 93 onto Idaho Highway 25 toward Eden.

For more information, call the National Park Service in Hagerman at 837-4793.

What remain of the camp are a couple of lava rock structures and a surprisingly intact walkway surrounding a Japanese-style rock garden rediscovered over the weekend.

Archaeologists from the National Park Service, which manages the newly designated Minidoka Internment National Monument, are clearing brush from the building foundations and

looking for other clues about the camp's history. Of particular interest is finding the foundation of a guard tower.

Artist Roger Shimomura, a professor at the University of Kansas, spent three years of his childhood at the Hunt Camp. The camp is a major theme in his artwork, which includes 10 lithographs of his memories of Hunt. One piece depicts a bout with the measles while being quarantined for two weeks with his mother in a virtually empty room, except for a bed.

"All of my first memories are here at the camp," he said. When he drives from Kansas to his hometown of Seattle, he stops in Twin Falls to visit his aunt. He also stops at the camp. He was passing through Idaho this week and stopped to see the excavation.

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Lightning-caused fire burns 12,500 acres near Burley

The Times-News

BURLEY - A fire started by lightning over the weekend has burned 12,500 acres on the east side of Coterrell Mountain about 20 miles southeast of Burley.

Crews from the Bureau of Land Management, Malia Rural Fire Department and the Sawtooth National Forest were battling the fire, preventing the blaze from growing, officials said Monday evening. Containment was estimated by 6 p.m. today.

The Horse-Butte Fire is the Magic Valley's first big blaze of the year.

John Sabala, spokesman for the BLM's south-central Idaho fire office, wasn't certain how many firefighters were on the scene. But he said 22 engines, four bulldozers, eight aircraft and at least one 20-person hand crew were at the fire.



DAVE CHANEY/The Times-News

"They pretty much have it surrounded," Sabala said. Officials at the scene estimated 85 people were working on the fire, which was burning in mostly brush and grass but had consumed some pinon juniper.

A 12,500-acre fire on the east side of Coterrell Mountain, 20 miles southeast of Burley, continued to burn Monday afternoon. Eight aircraft were fighting the fire, including a helicopter.

A helicopter was drawing water from a pool continuously filled by a tanker. The helicopter holds about 200 gallons of water, Smith said. Single-engine air tanker planes were also attacking the fire with retardant. Each plane holds about 800 gallons.

Wind has been the biggest problem, Smith said. Wind can wreak havoc on those fighting from the ground and the air. If the wind is blowing when retardant is dropped, the retardant can be blown beyond the fire.

Several structures were threatened Sunday night and early Monday morning, but none burned, Sabala said.

Smith said the BLM has responded to many calls this summer, but none have turned into blazes as big as the Horse Butte fire. There are still at least six weeks left of fire season, he said.

Sunshine Mine video stirs up painful memories

The Associated Press

WALLACE - When a federal mine expert decided to make a safety video for miners, she didn't expect to reopen 30-year-old wounds from one of the nation's worst mining disasters. But a roomful of tough men had watery eyes last week as they watched the film "You Are My Sunshine," which recounted the Sunshine Mine disaster of 1972 that claimed 91 lives.

"I had no idea that when I started, this story would be as important as it was," said Elaine Cullen of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health laboratory in Spokane, Wash., which produced the film. "This opened up some pretty deep wounds."

already upset from coverage of the recent Pennsylvania mine accident, in which nine miners spent more than 77 hours trapped underground before they were rescued.

Cullen conducted more than 60 hours of interviews, which she condensed into a 67-minute video. "I have been getting calls from all across the country of miners and their families, wishing to see it," Cullen said.

The Sunshine Mine in Idaho's Silver Valley is a maze of more than 180 miles of tunnels. It once was the world's largest silver producer, but closed last year because of low silver prices.

Just before the 1972 accident, the Sunshine Mine had an injury



Tom Wilkinson, left, and Ron Flory are two survivors of the May 9, 1972 Sunshine Mine disaster. They were rescued after spending a week trapped in the mine, nearly one mile deep. A recent safety video produced by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health laboratory in Spokane, Wash., recounted the disaster that claimed 91 lives.

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Council changes school zone plan

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The City Council has changed plans for a 20 mph school zone speed limit from 24-hour-a-day enforcement to 12 hours a day.

With the exception of Trip Craig, on Monday council members said they favored changing the planned around-the-clock enforcement to between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. only on weekdays because they had heard so many complaints over the past several days.

"People are more likely to obey the ordinance if they respect it," Councilwoman Glenda Thompson said.

But some members of the city's traffic safety commission are clearly unhappy about the decision.

"The commission had suggested about a month ago to make a speed limit of 20 mph in all of the city's school zones. For the sake of consistency, the commission also recommended the speed limit be enforced 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The City Council tentatively approved the recommendations. Two weeks ago the council also approved changing the fine for speeding in a Twin Falls school zone from \$53 to \$100.

The school zone changes haven't yet taken effect.

At the council's regular Monday meeting, City Manager Tom Courtney opened up the subject of school zones at the time of the meeting. The subject of traffic safety had not been formally listed on the council's agenda. Councilman Chris Talkington took the opportunity to make a motion to change the time of enforcement of the school speed limit, and the council voted 5-1 in favor.

Traffic commissioners Shawn Barigar and Kyla Kelly challenged the council's protocol.

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GOP shifts spending to own districts

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The 1994 revolution that gave Republicans control of the House of Representatives produced a seismic shift in federal spending, moving tens of billions of dollars from Democratic to GOP districts, an Associated Press analysis shows.

Rather than pork barrel projects for new GOP districts, the change was driven mostly by Republican policies that moved spending from poor rural and urban areas to the more affluent suburbs and GOP-leaning farm country, the computer analysis showed.

The result was an average of \$612 million more in federal spending last year for congressional districts represented by Republicans than for those represented by Democrats, the analysis found.

In terms of services, for example, that translates into more business loans and farm subsidies, and fewer public housing grants and food stamps. "There is an old adage," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas. "To the victor goes the spoils."

House Democratic Conference Chairman Martin Frost said the spending shift demonstrates that "who's in the majority does make a difference."

The analysis highlights the huge stakes for voters in the November midterm elections, when Republicans will try to hold onto their narrow six-seat majority in the House. The Senate, which the Republicans

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Idaho Extremes
 High 91
 Mallett City
 Low 35
 Mullan Pass

Precipitation
 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday
 Normal month to date
 Normal year to date (Oct 1)
 Normal year to date (Oct 1)
 Humidity
 Yesterday at noon 41%

Barometric Pressure
 Yesterday at 6 p.m. 29.89 in
 TF pollen count yesterday: 43
 (Moderate) Kochia, nettle, thistle, ragweed, sago, pine, yucca, bush, Dog High

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

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

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunshine and occasional clouds; cool. ▲ 78° ▼	Partly cloudy and cool. ▼ 48°	Partly to mostly sunny and pleasant. ▲ 80° ▼ 50°	A good deal of sunshine; warmer. ▲ 84° ▼ 52°	Warm with sunshine. ▲ 86° ▼ 54°	Sunny to partly cloudy and hot. ▲ 90° ▼ 58°

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Calgary	HI 10	HI 10	HI 10	HI 10	HI 10	HI 10
Edmonton	63	46	47	47	42	42
Kelowna	63	46	47	47	42	42
Lebanon	76	42	42	42	42	42
Regina	66	42	42	42	42	42
St. John's	76	53	53	53	53	53
Thunder Bay	76	53	53	53	53	53
Vancouver	70	56	56	56	56	56
Victoria	64	48	48	48	48	48
Winnipeg	78	61	61	61	61	61

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Today will be cooler than normal. A mixture of clouds and sunshine in the west with the chance of a shower; sunny to partly cloudy in the east. Highs near 60 in the mountains to the low 80s in the southeast.

Boise: Brozy and cooler than normal today with times of clouds and sunshine; a shower may cross parts of the area. High 78. Cool tonight with patchy clouds. Low 46.

Northern Nevada: Sunny to partly cloudy, brozy and pleasantly cool today. Highs in the 70s and the 80s. Mostly clear and chilly tonight. Lows in the 30s and the 40s.

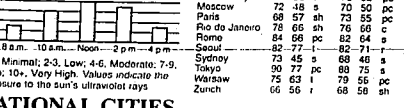
Northern Utah: Sunshine and patchy clouds today with a gusty wind. Highs from near 70 in the mountains to 92 in Salt Lake City. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Lows 40-64.

Northern Idaho: Cloudy to partly sunny and unseasonably cool today with a brozy afternoon; a shower or thunderstorm in a few spots. Highs from the 50s in the mountains to the 70s in the lower valleys.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:35 a.m.		
Sunset tonight	8:52 p.m.		
Moonrise today	3:51 a.m.		
Moonset tonight	1:49 p.m.		
Now	First	Full	Last
Aug 8	Aug 15	Aug 22	Aug 30

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NATIONAL WEATHER

Shows air mass positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Atlanta	81	81	81	81	81	81
Baltimore	82	82	82	82	82	82
Bilbao	69	69	69	69	69	69
Birmingham	84	84	84	84	84	84
Boston	76	76	76	76	76	76
Chicago	69	69	69	69	69	69
Charlotte, NC	80	80	80	80	80	80
Charlotte, WV	80	80	80	80	80	80
Chicago	78	78	78	78	78	78
Cleveland	69	69	69	69	69	69
Denver	86	86	86	86	86	86
Des Moines	73	73	73	73	73	73
Detroit	76	76	76	76	76	76
El Paso	92	92	92	92	92	92
Las Vegas	84	84	84	84	84	84
Fargo	78	78	78	78	78	78
Honolulu	89	89	89	89	89	89
Houston	91	91	91	91	91	91
Indianapolis	82	82	82	82	82	82
Jacksonville	95	95	95	95	95	95
Kansas City	83	83	83	83	83	83
Las Vegas	100	100	100	100	100	100
Little Rock	87	87	87	87	87	87
Los Angeles	82	82	82	82	82	82
Los Angeles	82	82	82	82	82	82

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Boise	78	46	46	46	46	46
Bonners Ferry	69	44	44	44	44	44
Bunley	60	52	52	52	52	52
Coeur d'Alene	69	44	44	44	44	44
Elko	69	44	44	44	44	44
Eugene, OR	83	41	41	41	41	41
Hagerman	78	51	51	51	51	51
Idaho Falls	74	46	46	46	46	46
Kalispell, MT	60	42	42	42	42	42
Lewiston	74	52	52	52	52	52
Malad	74	52	52	52	52	52
Malia	82	55	55	55	55	55

Randy Hansen Chevrolet Cadillac
Poleline At Blue Lakes North

Report: Justice Department loses track of 775 weapons, 400 laptops

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department has lost track of 775 weapons and 400 laptop computers, more than half of which may have contained national security or sensitive law enforcement information, an internal investigation found.

Some of the weapons were recovered after they were used in armed robberies, the department's inspector general, Glenn A. Fine, said in a report released Monday.

Most of the 775 weapons reported missing belonged to the FBI and Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Before last year, the FBI had not taken a complete inventory of laptops and weapons in almost a decade, despite an agency policy requiring one every two years, the investigation found. Last year's inventory was prompted when the INS reported agencies, including the INS, reported large numbers of missing weapons.

"The FBI showed serious deficiencies in management in keeping track of weapons and laptops," Fine said Monday.

Fine reported in March 2001 that an audit of the INS found the service had lost about 500 weapons. The audit prompted criticism from Congress and a request by Attorney General John Ashcroft to review the Justice Department's other component agencies.

"This problem has sparked consequences, in criminal acts and danger to national security," said Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, a senior member of the Judiciary Committee.

This painting by Roger Shimomura — a depiction of the artist as a child on the shoulders of his father, Kazuo — is based on the diaries kept by his grandmother, Toki Shimomura, while the family was at the Minidoka internment camp east of Jerome.

Camp

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"I'm hopeful. I think that this is just the beginning," he said.

Just before he left office, President Clinton designated 72 acres of public land remaining at the site as a national monument. The actual camp spanned 33,000 acres. Much of the land was given, through a lottery to war veterans returning home.

The National Park Service is charting the future of the monument.

"We're really trying to get access to the public that they have a say in what happens here," said Anna Hosticka Tamura, a landscape architect stationed with the National Park Service in Seattle.

Tamura's grandparents and her mother, who was an infant at the time, were interned at the Hunt Camp.

"I think it's an immense honor to be a part of telling the story," Tamura said.

People stopping at the site this week are offering helpful information about the history, said Maya Hata Lemmon, a former Gila River, Ariz., internee who volunteers for the monument.

There were 10 internment camps in seven states that held 120,000 American citizens of Japanese ancestry after Japan attacked Pearl Harbor during World War II. In 1980, the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians determined that internment of Japanese Americans was an act of discrimination by the federal government, which during the war had claimed that the camps were a matter of national security.

School

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Barigar told members he thought a public hearing was in order. Kelly asked why Robert's Rules of Order were not exercised.

"The council has never officially adopted Robert's Rules of Order," Mayor Lanco Clow explained.

Members acted appropriately by following the rules of order they have always used, he said, and therefore, a public hearing was not required. City Attorney Fritz Wenderlich agreed.

Barigar insisted the commission was on the idea of perpetual enforcement of the speed limit. But Clow pointed out that the commission had acted in an advisory capacity, and as such, the council is not required to approve everything the traffic group suggests.

"You came to us with a grandiose plan, and we've dipped away at it a little bit," he said, "but not phenomenally."

Thompson said she was personally in favor of the commission's recommendation but that opposition to such strict enforcement was strong. She felt compelled to go with what virtually everyone was telling her.

Commission Chairwoman Annette Wilkinson said people who favor the tougher enforcement would not contact council members.

"When people approve, they are not going to comment," she said.

Council members also decided to take Falls Avenue off the school-zone list because of the high use the street gets as one of the city's main thoroughfares.

Wilkinson, whose daughter was injured by a car about a year ago at the intersection of Falls Avenue and Harrison Street, questioned their judgment.

In the end, however, council members did not change their minds about the 12-hour-day enforcement or the Falls Avenue designation.

Other council business Monday included:

• **Traffic signals** — Idaho Transportation Department officials said they are nearing completion of a project that takes transmission of the city's traffic signals away from phone lines. By January 2003, the construction of a radio-transmission system should be completed.

When the radio-transmission project is finished, during certain parts of the day all the city's 31 street lights will be better controlled to encourage smooth traffic flow.

But when the traffic isn't as heavy, the lights will be set according to sensors in the road that transmit information via radio signal, ITD engineers said.

For example, during the day cars on highly traveled streets will get more green-light time. But at night, the lights at the intersection of one of the side streets opening up to Blue Lakes Boulevard, for instance, won't have to wait the usual 100- to 120 seconds for green light, said ITD engineer Bruce Christensen.

"The radio transmission tower, which becomes part of the city's infrastructure, will cost the city about \$300,000. ITD engineers predict the signals will work far better than they ever have because transmission by radio wave is clearer and more reliable than by telephone line."

• **Pool pact** — The council unanimously approved a year's contract between the city and the YMCA that gives the city and YMCA to manage the city pool. The city will pay for maintenance and operation, and the YMCA will pay for personnel.

A swimmer does not have to join the YMCA in order to use the "Y" pool or the city pool. The YMCA has agreed that it will not increase fees above what they currently are and even suggested fees will be lowered.

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rate five times, the national average for metal mines, and twice the death rate. Inspectors frequently found safety violations.

Reaching a mile below the surface, Sunshine was known as a "hot mine," where temperatures would exceed 100 degrees.

On May 2, 1972, smoke started to fill the tunnels with carbon monoxide, leaving miners just a few minutes to escape before losing consciousness. The cause of the fire, which began at the 3,700-foot level, has never been determined.

The disaster was the worst in the United States since 1917, when a fire at a Butte, Mont., copper-sweeping reforms in underground mining, including creation of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Administration and the requirement that miners carry breathing devices.

There were no fire drills at the time. That's because no one believed a hard rock mine could burn. "It was 70 years ago," Bob Lounhardt, who was at the mine the day of the disaster and appears in the video.

The video is intended for mine rescuers, showing the importance of knowing escape routes and equipment, Cullen said.

"The thing about this film is that it shows people many, many times in situations that they believe they will never encounter," Lounhardt said.

"You have to realize that it can happen to you, and you have to know in your mind what you are going to do if you get into a bad situation," Lounhardt said.

The video contains comments from miners and their opinions of what happened in the mine. It looks at the way the disaster could have been avoided. Cullen also interviewed widows and children of the deceased.

Harry Coughner, 60, was working at the nearby Bunker Hill mine when the Sunshine caught fire. He was among the rescuers who rushed to the scene.

Coughner believes good training

is what saved the nine Pennsylvania miners.

"I was very elated and very happy to hear that those guys survived," Coughner said. "Like more so since we all had a part in the mining community."

He stayed the Pennsylvania miners stayed together — and the delivery of compressed air and heat down the shaft — probably saved their lives, he said.

Eddie Fedele, 55, said the Pennsylvania miners also had an advantage the Sunshine miners did not have.

"They're lucky they were only down 260 feet," Fedele said. "This was down 6,000 feet, you can't just go and drill that way."

Fedele was on vacation in Colorado at the time of the Sunshine fire, and recalled his wife telling him, "Eddie, your mine is on fire."

Cullen said many survivors of Sunshine's darkest day carried the pain inside themselves for decades.

"The strength of character that we see through these guys, you can see it on their faces. It can't get every time I watch this video, I get teary eyed."

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Divers raise Monitor's turret

Los Angeles Times

After 140 years resting on the ocean bottom off the North Carolina coast, the massive gun turret of the USS Monitor — the first modern warship — was brought to the surface Monday evening, along with its two large cannons.

Strong undersea currents and bad weather Saturday had delayed the effort for two days and another storm threatened the expedition Tuesday. But on Monday afternoon Navy divers were able to hook massive cables to the eight-legged claw they had previously attached to the turret and begin the process of winching it 240 feet to the surface.

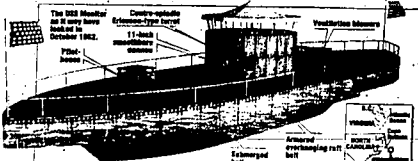
The 150-ton turret broke water at 3:55 p.m. MDT to cheers and whistles from the crew of the barge *Waters*, which has been anchored at the site 16 miles offshore since late June. Under a Civil War-era American flag, a crane operator then lowered it gently onto the barge for transport to Newport News, Va.

"It's fantastic," said John Broadwater, director of the Monitor Marine Sanctuary. "It's sitting on the barge and we are looking at dents that the Virginia put on it March 9, 1862."

Once the turret reaches shore Wednesday, it will be submerged again, this time in a tank where it will be chemically treated to remove the salt that has built up over the decades. If the turret is not treated, the salt will crystallize inside the iron, destroying the metal.

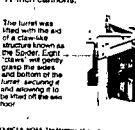
After it is cleaned and treated — a process that can take as long as 10 years — the turret will go on display along with the previously recovered engine and 600 other artifacts at a new \$30 million museum in Newport News, not far from the location of its history-making counterpart, the *CSS Virginia*.

"Future generations will not have to rely on paintings and faded photographs to remember the Monitor," Broadwater said. "The Monitor and the Virginia

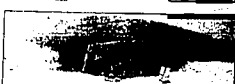


Recovering Naval History

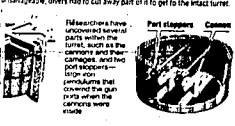
Since June, the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary has been leading a team of divers, contractors and engineers in the recovery of the USS Monitor's famous 160-ton revolving gun turret and its two 11-inch cannons.



The turret was lifted with the aid of a crane.



This composite undersea photo shows the final position of the turret along the line between the barge and the tug. The turret was hoisted and placed on the barge. Since the deck is unstable, divers held the turret in place to get the turret.



The turret was lifted with the aid of a crane.

made nautical history when they engaged in the first duel of iron-clad warships on that long-ago March day. Although the fight ended in a draw with neither ship suffering significant damage, the Monitor was able to drive the Confederate attack away from wooden warships in the area.

"It was a milestone in the history of the Navy," marking the end of the era of wooden warships, said historian Mark Hayes of the Naval Historical Center in Washington, D.C. "From then on, naval technology was a race between developing stronger guns and better protected ships."

The Monitor saw no further action and sank in an ocean storm on New Year's Eve later that year while being towed by the USS *Rhode Island*. Sixteen officers and seamen died with it. The wreckage was discovered in 1973 and its site was designated

What about the Merrimack?

Most people have heard of the famous battle between the ironclad ships, the Monitor and the Merrimack. But recent news coverage tells about the Monitor vs. the Virginia. Confusing? Here's the scoop: The Merrimack was a Union frigate, scuttled by the North when the Confederates captured the Norfolk Naval Yard. The South raised the ship, added heavy armor, and rechristened her the *CSS Virginia*.

the first Marine Sanctuary to protect the wreck. The ship itself is too fragile to be recovered intact. "It was literally falling apart in front of our eyes," Broadwater said.

Florida judge rejects voucher plan

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Just weeks before the start of the school year, a judge struck down Florida's voucher law Monday, saying the state constitution forbids the use of tax money to send youngsters to religious schools.

The decision could mean turmoil for the 50 or so students who are attending private school under the only statewide voucher program in the nation and might have to go back to public school. In addition, nearly 340 other youngsters had hoped to use vouchers this school year.

Gov. Jeb Bush, who strongly backed the 1999 voucher law as one of the centerpiece accom-

plishments of his administration, said the state will appeal and try to prevent the ruling from taking effect this school year.

Just over a month ago, the U.S. Supreme Court swept aside a major hurdle to voucher programs, ruling that such uses of tax dollars do not violate the separation of church and state required by the U.S. Constitution.

But state Circuit Judge P. Kevin Davey based his ruling on the Florida Constitution, which he said is "clear and unambiguous" in prohibiting public money from going to churches or other "sectarian institutions."

and empathizes with the purpose of this legislation — to enhance the educational opportunity of children caught in the snare of substandard schools — such a purpose does not grant this court authority to abandon the clear mandate of the people as enunciated in the constitution," Davey wrote.

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"We knew when a judge looked at it that he would side with us," said Maureen Dimmen, president of the Florida Education Association, the state's teachers union.

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Spending

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also won in 1994, switched to Democratic control in June 2001 when Sen. Jim Jeffords of Vermont left the Republican Party and became an independent.

Republican House districts that received an average of \$3.9 billion in 1995 ballooned to \$5.8 billion in 2001, a 52 percent increase, the analysis found. Over the same period, spending in Democratic districts on average increased only 34 percent, from \$3.9 billion to \$5.2 billion.

When Democrats last controlled the House and wrote the 1995 budget, the average Democratic district got \$35 million more than the average GOP district. By 2001, average federal spending in Republican districts was \$612 million more than in Democratic districts.

Armed and other GOP leaders say the spending shift wasn't part of a premeditated strategy, although they acknowledge directing federal spending toward districts where Republican representatives are politically vulnerable.

"Clearly that happens, whether you're Republican or Democrat," said former Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., who oversaw the House Appropriations Committee for three years after the GOP takeover.

Spending rises faster than rest of nation in Idaho's 1st District

Federal spending increased faster in Idaho's northern and western congressional district than nationally between 1995 and 2001.

A computer analysis by The Associated Press found that spending in the 1st District rose more than 63 percent between 1995 and 2001, while nationally it increased 43 percent.

In the 2nd District, which includes the Magic Valley, federal spending increased 46 percent over the six-year period that began with the so-called Republican Revolution and New Gingrich's Contract With America.

The analysis found that spending in the 1st District rose from just under \$2.6 billion in 1995 to more than \$4.2 billion in 2001. In the 2nd District, spending increased from \$3.5 billion in 1995 to more than \$5.1 billion in 2001.

The restoration of crop payments was a major contributor. They rose more than 1,000 percent in both districts, accounting for \$68 million in the 1st District, up from less than \$4 million in 1995, and \$152 million in the 2nd, up from under \$12 million six years earlier.

— The Associated Press

The biggest spending increases came in districts that stayed Republican since before 1995.

GOP leaders say the spending shift mostly was a byproduct of their efforts to change the direction of government and to ensure GOP areas received fair treatment after four decades of being in the minority.

Between 1995 and 2001, AP's analysis found that 20 of the 30

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Woman allegedly ran over husband

HOUSTON (AP) - Suspecting her husband of having an affair, Clara Harris did what wealthy wives can afford to do: She hired an investigator. But what the private eye saw could become Exhibit A against Harris herself.

As the investigator's video camera rolled, an enraged Harris allegedly killed her husband in a parking lot by running him over three times with her silver Mercedes-Benz. The victim's 16-year-old daughter was in the passenger seat.

"It was an accident," Harris, a 44-year-old dentist, told reporters after her arrest on a murder charge.

The episode happened July 24 outside a hotel after Harris confronted her orthodontist husband, David, and got into a screaming fight with the alleged other woman.

Bobbi Bacha of Blue Moon Investigations said the detective agency turned over to police a videotape that contains "all of the activities and movements of the subject to the very end."

Harris' attorney, George Parham, said last week that she will plead innocent at her Aug. 23 arraignment. She remains free on \$30,000 bail.

Parham, who unsuccessfully defended Andrea Yates, the Houston mother who claimed insanity after drowning her five children in the bathtub, suggested that this case, too, would hinge on the defendant's state of mind.

"Obviously, something triggered what happened," Parham said. "This was not an act that was anyway akin to the mentality of Clara Harris. We have a professional person who is very intelligent. When you see the man that you love in the arms of someone else - that has to have such a deep emotional impact on you."

Harris had hired Blue Moon Investigations on the very day her 44-year-old husband was killed. But before the investigator could confirm her suspicions, she showed up unexpectedly at the suburban hotel where her husband of 10 years had gone with one of his employees, Gail Bridges. The investigator had David Harris under surveillance at the time.

Witnesses said Clara Harris got into a fight with Bridges in the lobby, ripping the woman's shirt off, and announced that her husband was having an affair with Bridges. David Harris and about 10 hotel employees tried to pull the two women apart.

Security guards escorted David Harris and Bridges outside. Clara Harris, meanwhile, got into her 2001 four-door Mercedes S-Class 430. With tires squealing, she headed toward a crowd in the parking lot as alarmed hotel employees banged on the hood and tried to get her to stop, witnesses said.



Clara Harris, the dentist accused of murder for repeatedly driving over her husband, sits in court with her lawyer, George Parham July 29 in Houston. Clara Harris is accused of running over Dr. David Harris three times with her silver Mercedes-Benz.

"She jumped the median and ran over him three times," Nassau Bay police Lt. Joe M. Cashola told the Houston Chronicle. "I saw the daughter lying on the ground, crying uncontrollably and sobbing. She had to watch her dad 5 feet from her, underneath the car, while they're putting her mom in handcuffs."

A witness, Angela Reyes, told the Chronicle that David Harris' teenage daughter from a previous marriage jumped out of the car and punched Clara Harris in the face. Clara Harris yelled toward her husband: "I'm so sorry! I love you! Keep breathing!"

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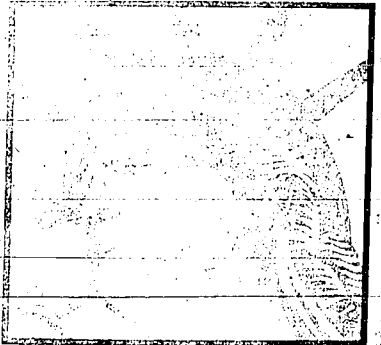
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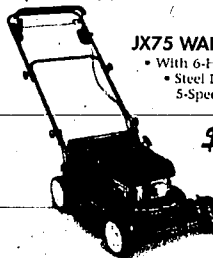
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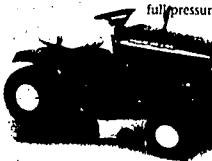


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Battling to a stalemate

Internet servers fight junk e-mail, but more is slipping through

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press Writer

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On a typical day, Hotmail subscribers collectively receive more than 1 billion pieces of junk e-mail. Such spam accounts for 80 percent of messages received — not including mail blocked by Hotmail's first line of filters.

Though Hotmail develops various tools for evading spam, unwanted messages keep slipping through.

"And it's increasing every day," said Parag Shah, a product manager with Microsoft Corp., which runs Hotmail. "Every time Hotmail or another e-mail service provider finds a way to detect spam, the spammer immediately has a way to get around that."

Call it an arms race: At best, the spam fighters are battling to a stalemate.

For many, spam has soured the Internet experience.

"It becomes more of a chore than a convenience," said Sarah Sourial, a student at Washington University in St. Louis.

Mostly legal unless it makes fraudulent claims, spam kills legitimate messages, wastes our valuable time and compels service providers to buy excess equipment to cope with spam-driven mail surges.

At AT&T WorldNet a year ago, about a dozen out of every 100 messages were spam. Today, it's closer to 25 — or even another 200 or 300 e-mails sent to invalid accounts by spammers trying to guess addresses.

In June, anti-spam filtering company Brightmail recorded 4.8 million spam attacks, consisting of thousands or even millions of e-mail containing the same pitch. That's a more than fivefold increase from a year earlier.

Why the increase?

For one, spammers are sending out higher volumes because filters are better at blocking messages. Spammers have also gotten smarter about harvesting e-mail addresses and evading filters.

E-mail marketing is also cheap — spammers pay less than a penny per pitch, compared with \$1 for telemarketing and 75 cents for direct mail, according to the SpamCop Foundation, an anti-spam group.

Spam — named after a famous Monty Python skit on the canned meat product — has come a long way since two immigration lawyers pitched their legal services on Usenet newsgroups in 1994 in one of the Internet's first commercial bulk mailings.

"After e-mail users learned to avoid using real e-mail addresses in newsgroup postings, spammers developed dictionary attacks: Send messages to 'nick31,' 'nick32,' 'nick33' and so on at common domains like earthlink.net in hopes of hitting a few real e-mail addresses."

Two virgin.com users set up the Associated Press for a test got spam within hours even though the address was never given out.

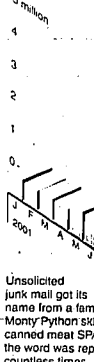
If spammers are anything, they are creative.

"After service providers learned to block mail based on phrases like 'Vigra' and '\$\$\$\$', they used programing tricks so 'Vigra' would appear as that in the program but as random code to a computer."



Hotmail General Manager Rick Holzli stands in the Microsoft offices in Mountain View, Calif., on Thursday.

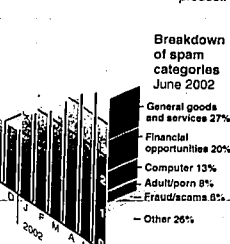
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Spam is still piling up, and faster than ever

Over the past year, the number of spam attacks recorded each month by a leading developer of e-mail filters grew from 880,000 to nearly 5 million. Each attack consists of thousands or even millions of e-mails plugging the same product.



Some spam is even sent as images so filters can't analyze their content.

Messages may also include fake removal request links to make marketers appear upstanding, and some appear to come from a friend — "John thought you might be interested in this," they'll typically begin.

Software and services widely available on the Internet make spam easier to send, and the arsenal is ever more finely tuned.

Software robots continually scour Web pages, newsgroup postings and other sources for e-mail addresses. One site sells 1 million addresses for \$59.95. Major credit cards accepted. Another offers a CD with 15 million addresses for \$120.

Other products automate spamming, altering e-mail message headers to hide spammers' origin and sometimes modifying the contents of their message slightly to evade filters.

Spammers say they are simply tilting the Internet's sales power away from big corporations that can afford fancy campaigns. They blame anti-spam vigilantes for forcing them to increasingly use underhanded techniques. "I put them in the same category as people who cheat on someone wears a fur coat or eats veal," said spammer Michael Jay, who pitches \$99 background checks.

For most everyone else, spam has taken its toll.



EDITOR'S NOTE — More than pop-ups or mysur-face Web graphics, a withering assault of junk e-mail is scouring the Internet experience. This is the first story in a three-part series that examines the behind-it and the struggle to thwart them.

PART I: A costly war of attrition sours the Internet experience.

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PART I: A costly war of attrition

caught now and then.

Sourial, the college student, recently missed a message about a family gathering because it went to an old account, one she checks only once a month because it gets too much spam. Now, she may have to miss the gathering.

Others find mail to friends bouncing back because their mailboxes had reached capacity, overflowing with spam.

Technological tools are available to block spam, but the more aggressive they are, the more legitimate mail gets discarded in the process.

Earlier this year, the Web site MacSlash.com temporarily lost its domain name when a renewal notice got rejected as spam, while filters at AT&T Broadband inadvertently blocked its own notice of a rate increase.

In the absence of federal regulation, America Online, EarthLink and other Internet service providers have tried suing the most active spammers, winning cases but doing little to deter others.

About half the states do have laws meant to deter unsolicited mass mailings. But they have proven weak or difficult to enforce.

And even a federal law could not prevent determined spammers from finding a foreign haven.

Sued by millions of dollars, spammer Alan Rasky said he may simply move beyond the reach of U.S. courts to where service providers value cash more than complaints.

"I think China is good place to be," Rasky said. "You don't get the same kind of grief."

Software lets you keep out unwanted e-mails

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

Computer Q&A

QUESTION: I am really getting distressed with the porn site e-mail I keep receiving. I have never been to one of their sites, yet this stuff keeps coming in. I classify it in Outlook as adult mail and then delete, but it keeps coming. Is there software I can buy that will effectively stop this junk from my e-mail in-box?

ANSWER: Although I was greatly impressed by a recent demonstration by Microsoft executives of the porn-blocking features that soon will be built in to e-mail for clients of the Microsoft Network, I fear the correct answer to your question is—and always will be—that computer users need to use a few tricks to cut through the utter filth and tripe that floods our electronic mailboxes.

Your note tells me that you are closer than most to a solution because you have discovered one aspect of the "rules" feature in Microsoft Outlook Express.

With a minimum of effort this tool can be turned into devastating Kryptonite that will melt away the porn and spam and leave your e-mail filled only with the stuff you want, G.E. The trick isn't to try to block the creeps one by one by you already have learned how to do. As you now know, when you do that the simle

hulls just keep coming. The trick is to set up the e-mail so that you just see notes—from those you want. Microsoft executives call this strategy a "white list," as compared to a blacklist like you have created.

Click on Tools in Outlook Express and select Message Rules. This brings up a set of prompts that will let you order the software to look for notes from people you want to hear from and automatically send their messages to a special folder. Just type in a full or partial name of all those in your life and add each to the white list.

The software lets you import everybody in your address book into this favored list with a few well-timed mouse clicks. The software also walks users through creating a new folder to which the white list gets shunted.

Once this system is in force you can simply ignore the garbage from unknowns, just as folks with carrier ID can escape telemarketers.

Keep in mind that you still will need to crawl into the swamp if you do stuff like buy things online and need to get order confirmations. But you can fix that too by adding stuff like Amazon.com and Drugstore.com to the white list.

Microsoft makes changes to comply with settlement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft Corp. is disclosing more technical information about its Windows operating system products in order to comply with a federal antitrust settlement under consideration by a judge, the company announced Monday.

"Microsoft is obligated as a company to continue to move forward to meet our obligations under the agreement, even as we are waiting for a final decision," Microsoft general counsel Brad Smith said.

The technical information will help software makers write programs that work as well with Windows as Microsoft's own products do.

Some of the technical data will be released online this month for free, while other information — data designed for large "server" computers that run networks — will require a licensing fee.

Smith dismissed concerns that Microsoft would use language in the federal deal in order to keep from having to disclose some technical information. The settlement says that Microsoft does not have to release data that would compromise computer security or anti-spam measures.

Smith said Microsoft is releasing information about almost 400 new Windows interfaces and protocols — the way Windows communicates with other software programs — to software developers this month, and only

choosing to keep two secret. "The exceptions are clearly not swallowing any of the rules," Smith said.

The disclosures came along with other previously scheduled moves to comply with the settlement. Microsoft will finish work this month on a new update to the newest Windows XP operating system which will allow computer users to hide some functions of Windows, like the media player, Web browser or mail program.

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EDITORIAL

Districts need to adopt random drug screening

The surprising resignation of Bickel Elementary School Principal Mary Lee Roberts, due to a felony-drug-charge, demonstrates a need for serious changes at local school districts. It's time the Twin Falls School District and other districts considered random drug testing of all public school employees.

Roberts resigned after Texas police found a pound of marijuana in a package addressed to her Twin Falls County home. She was later arraigned on a state drug possession charge.

The case shows once again how drug use can tragically ruin a promising career. Roberts' talent and dedication helped her attain the position of principal, where she gained the confidence and admiration of students, fellow teachers and parents.

And that's what makes the case so disappointing. When a school leader is arrested for drugs, it represents faulty judgment by an individual who has the public's trust. To blame the problem on "the antiquated laws of marijuana" as one ex-teacher described it, is pure markety. It sends a lousy message to kids to blame crime on the law, rather than the perpetrator.

The vast majority of educators and school workers are drug-free. But because this case involves a top level administrator, it damages the public perception of all teachers and administrators.

The burden now lies on the Twin Falls School District and its School Board to adopt a policy of random drug testing for employees, and school patrons should demand it. Teachers and union representatives should embrace the idea rather than resist it.

If it's necessary to drug test kids who participate in the school chess club or pep squad, it's just as necessary to test school employees. Local children and their parents will scoff at the hypocrisy of a public institution that enforces "zero tolerance" for various kinds of student misbehavior, while declining to trouble itself over the possibility of felonious employees.

Random drug testing is already a standard procedure in both the private and public sectors, including law enforcement, the legal and medical professions, the military, and even the media. (The Times-News is among the many businesses in the Magic Valley that conduct random drug testing under the Drug-Free Workplace program.)

Some people argue that random testing is demeaning and infringes upon personal rights. But that's not the issue for a public employee. Parents usually like to know through references or family friends that their teen-age baby-sitter doesn't smoke pot. They'll appreciate having that same knowledge when it comes to school officials and educators. Drug policies should be written to address the concerns of taxpayers and parents - not the employees.

The Twin Falls district has already said it may revise its policies. Other districts should do the same. And if there are legal obstacles preventing districts from implementing random drug screens, the Idaho Legislature needs to remove them. It may need to mandate random testing.

The Roberts case may be only one incident, but it demonstrates the ineffectiveness of school districts' porous drug policies. Taxpayers, parents and children deserve better.

Iraq planning needs voice of dissent

A prominent senator consider the wisdom of making war on Iraq, truly independent thinking seems to stop at the water's edge. But I keep recalling a very different scene: On Feb. 27, 1968, I sat in a small room on Capitol Hill. Around a long table, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was in session, taking testimony from an administration official. I remember a man with a push-broom mustache and a voice like sandpaper, raspy and urgent.

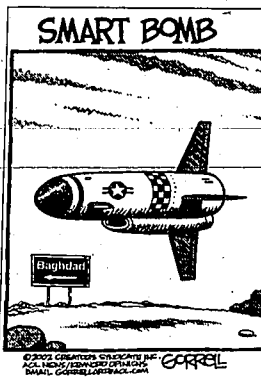
Wayne Morse, the senior senator from Oregon, did not resort to euphemism. He spoke of the "tyranny" that American boys are being killed in South Vietnam to maintain in power. Moments before the hearing, Morse said he did not "intend to put the blood of this war on my hands."

It's hard to imagine the late senator going along with claims today that the U.S. government has a right to attack Iraq because of the doctrine of "anticipatory self-defense."

A fierce advocate of international law, Morse had no patience for double standards. In 1968 he told a national TV audience: "I don't know why we think, just because we're mighty, that we have the right to try to substitute might for right. And that's the American policy in Southeast Asia - just as unsound when we do it as when Russia does it."

Nor was Morse at all tolerant of pronouncements about the necessity of saving face. He brooked at the kind of logic advanced the other day by a top Pentagon adviser, James R. Schlesinger, who asserted that "given all we have said as a leading world power about the necessity of regime change in Iraq... our credibility would be badly damaged if that regime change did not take place."

Members of Congress are apt to focus on the efficacy of taking



military action, the hazards of getting bogged down, the need for a clear exit strategy. But such discussions did not preoccupy Morse. He directly challenged the morality - not just the "winnability" - of the war in Vietnam. And from the outset he insisted that democracy requires substantial public knowledge and real congressional oversight rather than acquiescence to presidential manipulation.

Appearing on the CBS program "Face the Nation," Morse objected when journalist Peter Lisagor said, "Senator, the Constitution gives to the president of the United States the sole responsibility for the conduct of foreign policy." The senator responded sharply: "Couldn't be more wrong. You couldn't make a more unsound legal statement than the one you have just made. This is the promulgation of an old fallacy that foreign policy belongs to the president of the United States. That's nonsense."

When Lisagor prodded him ("To whom does it belong then, senator?"), Morse did not miss a beat: "It belongs to the American people... And I am pleading that the American people be given the facts about foreign policy." When his questioner persisted - "You know, senator, that the American people cannot formulate and execute foreign policy" - Morse became indignant: "Why do you say that?" he demanded. "I have complete faith in the ability of the American people to follow the facts if you'll give them. And my charge against my government is, we're not giving the American people the facts."

Today there are ample reasons for similar concern. During the early years of the Vietnam War, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee functioned as a crucial venue for dissenting perspectives, but in its current incarnation the panel is notably less independent. The witness list for this week's hearings about Iraq prompted Scott Ritter, an ex-Marine and former U.N. weapons inspector in Iraq, to charge that Chairman Joseph Biden, D-Del.,

and most of the congressional leadership "have preordained a conclusion that seeks to remove Saddam Hussein from power regardless of the facts and are using these hearings to provide political cover for a massive military attack on Iraq."

Transfixed with tactical issues, none of the senators on television in recent days would dream of acknowledging the current relevance of a statement made by Morse a third of a century ago: "We're going to become guilty, in my judgment, of being the greatest threat to the peace of the world. It's an ugly reality, and we Americans don't like to face up to it."

With war and peace hanging in the balance, I miss Wayne Morse. He insisted on asking tough questions. He fully utilized a keen intellect. And he spoke fearlessly from the heart without worrying about the political consequences.

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Bob Powers is the right man for commissioner

If you are looking for someone to make a change in the Magic Valley, he is right here and is running for county commissioner. Bob Powers is interested in some welfare. He and his wife Barb, have worked tirelessly to get the word out that he will make a difference in how the county government is run and will listen to everyone that has a concern.

We are in need of a candidate that stands for what is good for the community as a whole and that will not be swayed in reaching that goal.

SUE STROBEL
Twin Falls

Constant speed limit for school zones is ludicrous

I think it is time for the City Council to revisit the school zone speed limit. This time, hang your emotions in the hall and look at the issue with your intelligence.

Your 20 mph/24 hours per day, 365 days per year proposal is ludicrous. A limit of 20 mph during school hours or when children are present would be something everyone could live with.

Let's face it, Council, all streets in Twin Falls now have a 25 mph limit unless posted otherwise, but how often is it enforced? Please, I pray, put your intelligence over your emotions.

GEORGE KINSLOW
Twin Falls

Don't listen to the pro-dairy propaganda

We've been bombarded with propaganda telling us how wonderful the dairy industry is. It isn't every day!

I was taught that if you have to brag about yourself, there is something wrong with you. What's wrong is the large confederated dairies refuse to clean up their mess. They spent millions on high-paid lobbyists, buy politicians, give money to special interest groups and scholarships, and buy ice cream for kids. Have you heard of them paying for the asthma, emphysema and sinus patients?

A 75-year-old lady has lived here all her life. She had no asthma or sinus problems until two huge confederated dairies moved near her home. Her asthma medication costs her \$680 every three months. She had surgery to open up her breathing passages. That cost \$11,000. She paid the Medicare and supplement insurance cost of \$165 a month. The surgery removed a bone in her nose that helped the drainage, but every time Mr. Haliger sprays the manure water, her sinuses fill up again. She asked a legal attorney what to do about it. He said, "Sue him!" It is not only the medical costs and suffering, she has filed in her weakened condition, these diseased-laden flies are a real concern. She is only one example of what our confederated dairies are doing to us. There are many, many more!

We have a long list of sufferers with the same problems. Read the Aug. 5 U.S. News & World Report, Page 48, for more information.

This is an election year. Mike

Residents of Chase Drive have unneeded burdens

I usually write positive letters, but I have a couple of "gripes" this time.

I live on Chase Drive and every year the city has to dig up our street because the water main breaks and leaks. Now please tell me why this happens every year. Do you suppose they are not fixing it properly the first time, therefore, they have to do it almost every year? They just got done seal coating and now they have to dig it up. Someone please explain this to me.

"My second 'gripe'" is this: "Why do we, the property tax-paying residents of Chase Drive, have to pay for our own street lights each year? We have a walkway at the end of our street that leads directly to Sawtooth School. This is used by children and adults alike every day of the year. Isn't it possible for the city to keep these lights and our street and walkway illuminated without us paying for it out of our own pockets?" This light bill is attached to one of our neighbor's monthly bill, and I think this has to stop. I would welcome any letters from other property owners in Twin Falls who pay for

their own street lights, and dare I hope the city fathers will respond also?

Well, I have spoken my piece. I just hope someone listens!

SUE BURNIKEL
Twin Falls

Peter Rickards is working to help the Magic Valley

Sometimes, we parents of handicapped children find a champion. The champion I have found is a real top-notch kind of guy.

He cares about not only my son - who was born very limited mentally and who is now 54 years of age and afflicted with Alzheimer's - he cares about all mankind. He cares about the air we breathe, the water we drink, the pollution and the ozone layer. He cares about the poison we have put into the earth to grow larger crops. He cares about the nuclear waste spread around us.

He cares about our world, our earth and what we are doing to it. Not only does he care, he also tries to educate us with facts and figures after he does all the research.

My champion and yours is our own hometown doctor, Peter Rickards. Please let us listen before it's too late.

VI REIMAN
Twin Falls

Incumbent legislators aren't fixing Idaho's ills

Many of us try to maintain daily "do do" lists as aids to flagging memories. In the rising heat of this year's political atmosphere, I've also begun to construct a personal "do you" list. So far, it includes the following

self-analytical points, i.e., do you:

Appreciate seeing the majority vote of the people overturned by a state legislature that seeks to perpetuate itself in office ad infinitum?

Believe that elective offices should be occupied by individuals who have been hand-picked and appointed by a few leaders of a single political party rather than elected by the voters?

Like having your kids' and grandkids' educational future squandered in order to pad out a select few in Idaho through inequitable tax breaks and refunds?

Enjoy being part of a state populace that consistently boasts one of the lowest per capita income levels in the nation?

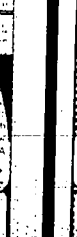
Think that public issues, like public land use, environmental protection, property taxes, grocery taxes, public school budgets and public reserve fund raids should be resolved by closed caucus, single-party deliberations?

Accept that, like mindless sheep, the voters should not question dictates from the few who wax fat by catering to the greed of narrow special interests?

Revel in self-flagellation and other forms of stoichastic treatment administered by entrenched governmental representation?

If introspection shows that I do these things, I shall vote on Nov. 5 to retain the reactionary Republican slate now in power. If a spark of Boston Tea Party spirit still burns in my soul, I shall remember in November and vote Democratic - for a change!

ROBERT L. PARRISH
Twin Falls



Al Gore shouldn't preach to President Bush about ethics violations

Tuesday, August 6, 2002 Times-News, Twin Falls, Idaho A-7

Former Vice President Al Gore has finally gotten around to questioning presidential ethics. Unfortunately, the ethics questions are not those of former President Bill Clinton, who had none, but of George W. Bush, whom polls show the public trusts.

In a New York Times column last Sunday, Gore tipped his hand on where he's headed with his first sentence: "There has always been a debate over the destiny of this nation between those who believed they were entitled to govern because of their station in life, and those who believed that the people were sovereign."

Who would know more about being "to the manner born" than Al Gore, whose father, the late Sen. Albert Gore Sr., reared his son in a pricey Washington hotel and sent him to a pricey private school so he wouldn't have to associate with public school riff-raff? Today, Gore takes the side of the rich against the poor by opposing school choice, which would give everyone the opportunity to have the same quality education his parents could afford.

Before Gore starts attacking the honesty and integrity of President Bush, perhaps he should be reminded of the eight years he spent defending and dissembling for Bill Clinton, the most deceitfully vacuous president certainly since warren Harding and perhaps in history. Has it been so long that Gore can't remember dialing for campaign dollars inside the White House, or those White House "caf fees" that raised millions in campaign cash, or the treatment of the Lincoln Bedroom as a five-star Motel 6, or President Clinton's statement, "I did not have sex with that woman, Ms. Lewinsky," or the lying under oath and impeachment of his former boss, or Gore's association with shady Chinese "businessmen" who raised gobs of foreign cash for Clinton-Gore which had to be returned because it violated federal election laws?

running mate, Sen. Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.). In an Associated Press story last week, Lieberman said Gore's populist message was inconsistent with his previous record and "ultimately hurt" their 2000 campaign, making it "more difficult for us to gain the support of some of the middle class, independent voters who don't see America as 'us vs. them.'"

At a recent gathering of the Democratic Leadership Council, Clinton Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater said that by hanging onto a populist strategy, Democrats "were in danger of slipping back to pre-1992, and that

"has been checked." (Copley News Service)

"Pre-1992" would refer to the disasters (for Democrats) candidates of Michael Dukakis, Walter Mondale and even George McGovern. If Gore wants to return to those thrilling days of liberal-

yesterday, Republicans will be delighted to see him go. They might even ask to see his ACLU membership card and question

(ital) his (end ital) ethics.

Cal Thomas is a columnist with the Los Angeles Times.



Through all of this, one never heard Al Gore question Bill Clinton's ethics, or his own - and he now brazenly questions the ethics of George W. Bush?

Gore himself is ethically challenged. In addition to the claim that he invented the Internet, Gore once praised tobacco growers, only to later join in demanding them to become politically expedient. Former Sen. Alan Simpson (R-Wy.) recalls Gore approaching then-Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole to request extra time for a Senate speech. Gore intended to make a plea for using American troops in the 1991 Gulf War. Gore reportedly told Dole he would vote against a Senate resolution endorsing U.S. military action in Kuwait unless he got more time to speak. (Gore once claimed to hold a pro-life position on principle but later flipped when polls indicated he couldn't get the presidential nomination of his party unless he was pro-choice.)

In the Aug. 4 New York Times column, Gore again tried to position himself as a populist but that doesn't even wash with his 2000

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Dietrich works again

DIETRICH - Some residents of this tiny Lincoln County town went without water over the weekend after a pump at the town well shut down.

The pump was repaired and water began flowing Monday morning, City Councilman Wayne Perron said.

"I don't think anybody thirsted to death," he said, "but people were calling me because their sprinklers wouldn't work. I'm sure some people on the upper end of town didn't have much water."

Perron said the problem was related to the breakdown of a power inverter needed because three-phase electrical service doesn't reach Dietrich, population 150. The pump quit working Friday night, and a man from Malta who knew how to make the repair couldn't be reached over the weekend.

The city water tank provided some stored water after the pump quit working, but it was drained quickly, Perron said. The tank is part of a centralized water system that went in about a decade ago and is too small, he said.

"Since the water was put in, a lot more houses have gone in out here," he said. "We have a third more population now, at least."

Perron remembers one other time when the water system shut down and "it took a day or two to get it fixed."

"If this one hadn't been on the weekend, we wouldn't have had any problem," he said.

St. Benedicts holds meeting tonight

JEROME - Starting today, St. Benedict's Family Medical Center is hosting several community meetings throughout August.

The meetings will be held to discuss what is new at St. Benedict's plans for a new hospital and how it will affect health care in the Magic Valley.

All meetings will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the following dates and locations:

- Today in the Con Poulos meeting room at 901 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

- Thursday in the KMYT community room at 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. in Twin Falls.

- Aug. 22 at the Best Western Satewood Inn at 2653 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

St. Bens encourages the public to attend one of these meetings. For more information, call Gail Mann at 324-1122, Ext. 3260, or Dennis Maughan at 324-1122, Ext. 3242.

Former POW will speak at CSI Aug. 21 at 7 p.m.

TWIN FALLS - Retired U.S. Air Force Col. and former Vietnam War prisoner of war Edward L. Hubbard will give a free motivational presentation at 7 p.m. Aug. 21 at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium. His appearance is co-sponsored by the CSI Honors Program and Edward D. Jones.

Hubbard joined the Air Force Reserve at the age of 17 and was called to active duty in 1962. From 1966 to 1973, he was held by the North Vietnamese as a prisoner of war. Throughout his 28-year military career, he was awarded more than 60 commendations and medals, earned five college degrees, and became known as the leader who could help units and organizations in the military increase their efficiency and productivity.

In 1988, Hubbard began sharing his story and ideas with groups around the nation. His book, "Escape from the Box: The Wonder of Human Potential," was published in 1994. As a motivational speaker, Hubbard says he is dedicated to helping others overcome any obstacle, handle any ideal and reach any goal by developing the correct state of mind.

Compiled from staff reports

Jerome may turn to judge for water project

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The City Council might ask a judge to approve expenditure of up to \$3.9 million over 20 years to improve the city's water system.

The proposed action follows an August 1999 election in which Jerome residents defeated a \$1.7 million bond issue for upgrades to the water system.

A public hearing tonight will take comment on a resolution authorizing the city to file a petition for judicial confirmation and approving a loan agreement with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

City officials want to apply for judicial confirmation to allow the city to get a 20-year, \$3.9 million loan from DEQ to repair

A chance to speak out

A public hearing is scheduled before the Jerome City Council tonight at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.

The council will accept comment on a resolution authorizing the city to file a petition for judicial confirmation and approving a loan agreement with the Idaho Department of

Environmental Quality for water system improvements.

A complete copy of the proposed agreement, the judicial confirmation resolution and the petition may be examined at the Jerome City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 152 E. Ave. A., during regular business hours.

and upgrade the city's aging water system. With judicial confirmation, the city must convince a judge to allow the city to make the water system improvements and recover the expenses by increasing user rates rather than seeking voter approval for a bond issue.

In the late 1990s Forsgren, an engineering firm in Boise, designed a 20-year master plan for water system improvements

for Jerome. At the time, repairs and improvements were estimated at \$3.5 million.

Two phases of a citywide upgrade to the water system - totaling \$1.8 million - are completed. Phase I, which included a new water tank and distribution lines, was completed in 1998. Phase 2, which installed water lines in the downtown area, was completed in 1999. Phase 3 is

designed to replace lines to the northeast and southwest sections of the city. A \$1.7 million bond issue to finance Phase 3 was defeated in August 1999.

In addition to the \$1.7 million of the originally suggested improvements still remaining to be made, \$2.2 million in water system installation is needed in the newly annexed areas of the city, City Administrator Travis Rothweiler said.

In 2000, the city was approved for a \$1.7 million loan from DEQ for water system improvements but was unable to use the loan at that time.

In May 2000, the City Council voted to pursue judicial confirmation for the water system improvements. The makeup of the council has changed since that vote, but the current council appears to be continuing to

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Teaching the techniques



Adis Soriano works on a piece of art during a class she is giving at St. Edward's Catholic School this week. Soriano was born in El Salvador but lives in Mexico.

Renowned artist visits T.F., will give lessons

By Levi Aspeytia
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Young people need to find paths of creativity to explore, says a renowned artist visiting Twin Falls this week for the Hispanic Heritage Fiesta.

"Whether it is art, music or dance, it is important that kids become involved in their culture," said Adis Soriano.

"Really, kids are very creative."

Soriano, a citizen of El Salvador who has lived in Guadalajara, Mexico, for the last 22 years, is teaching the younger generation about painting, using the techniques of Washi Zoo-kei, finger painting, and monotype. She'll display some of her work at the fiesta in City Park on Sunday.

Soriano began her path of art in 1983 by studying methods of design and weaving. Later, she began painting.

She has had her works displayed in several art shows since 1984. Her art pieces have been shown in Mexico and El Salvador. In 1997, she had some displayed in museums in Abilene, Texas. In the last two years, she has had her work go to Washington, D.C., and Tokyo.

In 1995, Soriano won a scholarship from the Center of Ajijic, in Mexico that allowed her to learn a Japanese technique called Washi Zoo-kei.

Two Japanese masters and artists went to Mexico and taught her. Soriano said she enjoys this technique, as it makes her work unique.

"I enjoy this because no other

work can exist that can look just like it," she said. Soriano visited Twin Falls in September while she was with some friends. While she was here,

Soriano met the people at La Posada Ministry and offered to be here for the Hispanic Heritage Fiesta. "Un Dia en el Valle," Soriano spent the winter here.

"Basically, it was the first time I experienced winter," she said. While she has been here with her two daughters,

Soriano has gotten to know people in Twin Falls.

"I love the people here," she said. "Everybody is very hos-

pitable and has treated me very well."

Her two daughters have been helping set up things for the lessons their mother is teaching.

"Many times we have helped her get things ready for her lessons and help teach," said Sofia Soriano, 17.

Her daughters have also learned some of the art techniques that their mom does and enjoy creating art in their free time.

"I like art because I like doing what she does," said Kay Soriano, 12. "I like the creativity that art presents."

As for teaching the younger generation, Adis Soriano hopes to start opening paths for children to explore and interests that can take off into careers. "My goal is to place the grain of sand for others to learn what I know and learn what they know," she said.

Meeting the artist

Adis Soriano will teach lessons today through Thursday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the basement of St. Edward's Catholic School. Registration is \$20.

She will show indigenous work from Mexico and some of her work at the Hispanic Heritage Fiesta's "Un Dia en el Valle" on Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. in Twin Falls City Park. She will also be set up to allow children to make paintings using the monotype technique.

Soriano has gotten to know people in Twin Falls.

Buhl moves toward getting Boys and Girls Club

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News writer

BUHL - Boys and Girls Club officials say the community is almost ready to establish a club for its youth.

Over the past several months, a local advisory group has met with Don Hill, the executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley in Twin Falls, and the 25-member corporate board made up of Magic Valley business people.

The Twin Falls club would help a Buhl Boys and Girls Club get established.

"Making sure the project would be welcomed by Buhl; the board of directors invited Bob Lining, executive director of

three clubs in northern Idaho. Lining visited businesses, service clubs and sites in Buhl in June, and in his opinion, there is community support to go ahead with developing a club, local officials say.

A budget of about \$150,000 a year is needed to pay for a fully trained professional staff and director.

The project will take about two years to develop and raise money for operations; backers say. A three-year financial commitment by the community is recommended by the board. An endowment plan would be set up for businesses and individuals to donate.

The first of the fund-raisers was launched Monday. It's called Roundup 2002, and par-

How to help

To help establish a Boys and Girls Club in Buhl, you can:

- Attend the next meeting of the Buhl advisory committee, Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Parish Hall.
- Call Cally Parrott at 543-2318 or Don Hall at 736-7011.

■ About Boys and Girls Clubs

Boys and Girls Clubs are in all 50 states, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, and 3.2 million youth are served by the clubs.

For more information, look online at www.bgca.org.

icipating businesses in Buhl are the two Oasis stores and Subway sandwich shop. Jars will be placed by the cash registers, and when customers pay

for merchandise, the clerks will ask if they would like to "round up" their total to the nearest dollar so that portion would be put in the jars for the Boys and Girls Club. In Twin Falls, Oasis and Subway are joined by Albertsons, JC Penney and the Lynwood shopping mall.

The Buhl advisory committee will meet with the Twin Falls board on a regular basis, and the local board will meet monthly. The next meeting is Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Parish Hall.

Everyone is welcome to join the meetings and offer recommendations and ideas.

Some important topics for discussion are a building to house

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County looks at proposed budget

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls County commissioners now have a proposed 2002-03 \$23 million budget in their hands, but it still has a way to go before being approved.

County Clerk Bob Fort presented the proposed budget Monday.

Copies of the budget have been sent to county department heads, who will have another chance to plead their cases before a final draft goes to public hearings where county residents will have a say.

"There's a lot more requests than we have money, but I think we're in pretty good shape," said County Commission Chairman Gary Grindstaff.

The budget could still go through a number of changes before a final copy is presented to commissioners for their approval in September, Fort said.

The county estimates it will bring in almost \$23 million between Oct. 1, 2002, and Sept. 30, 2003, a 2 percent increase from the current fiscal year.

The county plans to spend every penny of that \$23 million.

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T.F. fair will have lots to offer

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

FILER - If a man wrestling a 300-pound alligator isn't enough to draw people to the Twin Falls County Fair, certainly a car-smashing destruction derby will do the trick.

Of course, then there's the Charlie Daniels Band, as well as a newly upgraded arena that will host a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeo.

The 2002 Twin Falls County Fair, Aug. 28-Sept. 2, abounds with new entertainment and offers something for everyone, Fair Manager John Pitz said during a news conference Monday.

In addition to "Kachunga and the Alligator," new events include "High Action Bikes."

Using a large arena, BMX bicyclists will perform acrobatic maneuvers three times daily.

The fair kicks off with the musical headliner the Charlie Daniels Band, Aug. 28. Other musical highlights include Liberty, a gospel quartet from Boise.

The rodeo arena received new steel bucking chutes to replace a 35-year-old wooden structure. In addition, the arena received a sound system upgrade. Gone is the tiny, three-horn system that fair officials had to rent each year. In its place is professional system sponsored by Coca Cola.

Also new to the fair this year is

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MAGIC VALLEY

Illinois Valley feels safer, firefighters burn defense

CAVE JUNCTION, Ore. (AP) - A feeling of security began to return to the Illinois Valley on Monday as firefighters struggled against cool and humid weather to finish burning a 40-mile defense line against the Sour Biscuit and Florence fires.

Calm winds, cool temperatures and high humidity kept in check the fires. Monday burned a combined 275,000 acres on the S-Layan National Forest in south-western Oregon, but made it tough to fight fires to consume trees and brush along the containment line protecting the valley.

"I can't say it's not a little scary, especially as I look out the kitchen window and see an awful lot of smoke swirling around," said Susie Wood from her home in O'Brien, where backburning operations went on within 200 yards of her home.

"But I've felt confident enough to finally show my face and to take a rest," she added. "We've been working five days clearing brush around the house to make it safe."

At the Illinois Valley Golf Course, smoke hurgins the ground forced pro shop manager Bob Paul to quit his round on the back nine, but did not deter Kenny Lewis.

"We're going to go out and see if we can find the ball in this smoke," he said.

Sheriff's deputies checking on the homes of about 1,200 people who evacuated the area over the past week have found that about three-quarters of them have returned, said Josephine County Sheriff's Lt. Lee Harman.

The evacuation notice for the valley's 17,000 acres was downgraded from two hours to four, meaning residents should be ready to leave within four hours of being warned.

Illinois Valley Fire Chief Kyle Kirschner said he was not ready to

lift the evacuation warning yet, because weather conditions are calling for a warming trend beginning midweek that will make the fire more volatile.

Cave Junction Mayor Ed Fairchild said the threat was real enough to cancel this weekend's Blackberry Festival, which normally draws about 5,000 visitors to the valley.

"We're still so much in doubt where the fire will go," he said. Mike Lohrey, incident commander on the east side of the Florence fire, said he was cautiously optimistic the 2,200 firefighters could keep the flames at bay, though the cool and humid weather was making it difficult to finish burning off the last 25 percent of the 40-mile containment line standing against the fire.

The fire still has the potential, given the right weather conditions, to run down the Clctero River to the coast or jump over Chrome Ridge and descend on the Rogue River near the whitewater rafting center of Galice, Lohrey said.

"There's still a lot of fire out there. Unless we can make that area black and the area is contained, the threat is real."

Reflecting the changing focus, fire commanders stopped the several other-night community meetings at Illinois Valley High School, but planned to hold their first one in Galice, located on the Rogue River about 15 miles north-east of the fire perimeter.

Several major fires continued burning around nearly 500,000 acres in Oregon, but the Florence and Sour Biscuit fires were still to be the top priority in the nation, giving them first crack at fire resources release from other fires.

The Florence fire was 10 percent contained, and the Sour Biscuit fire 15 percent contained. Prevailing winds kept the north-

Canadians arrive for training

BOISE (AP) - Hundreds of Canadian firefighters are coming through Boise this week on their way to battle large Western wildfires.

About 120 "hot shot" crew members and 27 fire managers arrived Saturday for an orientation briefing at the National Interagency Fire Center. They shipped out Sunday for the 235,000-acre Florence fire near Grants Pass, Ore.

The Florence fire, one of the largest in the West, was using more than 2,400 firefighters Monday and was only 10 percent contained. Nearly 4,000 residences and commercial buildings were considered threatened.

Two more waves of Canadian units were scheduled to come through Boise on Wednesday and Thursday.

"We have an agreement in place with Canada that allows us to easily exchange resources during tough seasons like this," said Sue Kirschner, director of the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group.

ern flank of the fire from advancing on the rural communities of Agness and Oak Flat, located at the confluence of the Illinois and Rogue rivers, where firefighters cleared brush around homes and bulldozers dug containment lines in preparation for burning them.

Sev. and fire spokesman Susan Mathison. The fire was three miles from Oak Flat and six from Agness, but there was no evacuation notice in force, Mathison said.

However, fire commanders marked their maps with 72-hour and 48-hour trigger points which, if the fire reaches them, will prompt deputies to go door-to-door warning residents to be

Fire burns near Burley - Page A1

"This longstanding relationship allows us to top additional trained professional and experienced firefighters and managers when all of our resources are already assigned to fires," she said.

Meanwhile in Idaho, a number new wildfires started burning in the southern half of the state over the weekend.

Engines and bulldozers responded Sunday to the Crane Creek fire, burning about 10 miles southeast of Midvale. The fire was estimated at between 50 and 100 acres.

Also, firefighters continued to battle the Garden Valley Complex with 577 personnel, heavy equipment and nine helicopters. So far, the blaze, which consists of 19 fires northeast of Garden Valley, has cost \$5.1 million. Some recreation restrictions were in effect.

ready to leave within 72 hours and 48 hours.

Meanwhile, deputies arrested a Grants Pass man on charges of impersonating a firefighter and stealing some turkeys and chickens from a home where he advised residents to flee, said Harman.

Wearing a yellow Nomex fire shirt with homemade patches identifying him as a firefighter, Kenton Bowden was knocked on doors in the Selma area Sunday night telling people to flee, and tried to get into fire camp, Harman said. He was arrested Monday morning after going to the sheriff's office to ask why he had heard his name on his police scanner.

Fire at medical building injures two firefighters

WEST JORDAN, Utah (AP) - Two firefighters were injured Monday as fire spread quickly through a medical office building, burning it nearly to the ground.

Officials were trying to determine what set the non-hour fire at the West Jordan Professional Building, in the Salt Lake suburb. Salt Lake County firefighter Kerry Easton was standing on a 75-foot truck-mounted ladder when the hydraulically operated ladder

Easton was in stable condition at LDS Hospital, where he was flown by helicopter for surgery, said fire Capt. Jay Ziolkowski. Another firefighter suffered slight shoulder injuries that didn't require medical attention.

Seven fire agencies were brought in to douse the fire and guard nearby houses. Spencer Thurgood, a dentist and owner of the medical building, said everyone inside got out safely.

Three die in plane crash

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Two student pilots and their instructor were killed when their plane crashed Monday near the Idaho Falls airport.

Student pilot Jacob Womack, 23, Idaho Falls, was flying the rented Beechcraft Bonanza four-seat airplane. With him were instructor George S.L. White, 21, Stanwood, Wash., and student Lauren J. Merrill, 42, Logan, Utah.

Bonneville County sheriff's Sgt. Carl Casperson said they were doing "touch and goes," in which the plane touches down and then immediately takes off again without stopping.

"There were probably half a dozen witnesses," said Casperson. "They had just cleared the airport and were circling, and witnesses said the engine sputtered and seemed to stop and then went straight into the ground. It didn't slide at all."

The plane crashed just before 2 p.m. in a field about two miles northwest of the airport, near the Old Butte Highway. Investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board were expected to Tuesday.

Air Force eyes Lewiston for training

LEWISTON (AP) - The Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport is similar to fields Air Force C-17 pilots will fly into overseas that the government is considering it as a backup training site for 38 cargo jets.

Officials from McChord Air Force Base near Tacoma, Wash., intend to provide details at a hearing later this month in Lewiston.

Lt. Suzanne Ovel said the maximum proposal would involve 6,900 flights a year - 19 a day - into the airport, ranging from touch-and-go landings to full stops.

vice at 2 p.m. today at the Buhl Cemetery; friends may call from 12:30-1:30 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

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OBITUARIES

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PROVO, UTAH



Jeffrey Connor Nelson

Jeffrey Connor Nelson was born to his loving parents, Benjamin Thomas and Kristin Hardy Nelson, on June 23, 2002, in Orem, Utah. Son of Jeffrey was born, he was diagnosed with Total Intestinal Aganglionosis, a very rare and fatal Primary Children's Medical Center. He was able to go home with his parents on a permanent IV.

Jeffrey had a short experience here on earth but accomplished a lot. He was a very special and happy baby and blessed the lives of everyone who loved him. Jeffrey passed away on Saturday, August 3, 2002, at Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He is survived by his parents of Provo, Utah his grandparents, Randy and Karlene Hardy of Oakley, Idaho, his Uncle and Aunt, Elizabeth-Nelson of Mount Pleasant, England, and Mary and Edward Barker of Anchorage, Alaska, his grandparents, Banno, Hardy of Oakley, Idaho, Leo and Rachel Bartholomew, also of Oakley, Heidi Hale of Burley, Idaho, Greta K Brown of Anchorage, Alaska, Sam and Georgia Brown of Tucson, Arizona, and Margie Brown of Sequim, Washington, and many uncles, aunts, and cousins.

The funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 9, 2002, at the Oakley North Center of The Church of Christ, 201 N. Main and 9th St., 301 North Center Avenue, with his grandfather, Bishop Randy Hardy officiating. Interment will be in the Marion Cemetery near Oakley. Friends may call at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, on Thursday, from 8:00 until 8:00 p.m. and on Friday, from 10:00 until 10:45 a.m.

WOODS CROSS, UTAH

Linden Joseph Davidson

On August 4, Linden Joseph Davidson died in the arms of his

parents after a short battle with brain stem tumor. Linden was always happy, even during his illness, and had a special connection with his family.

Linden was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by his parents, Jennifer Almon Davidson and Joseph Alan Davidson, and his older sister, Lauren. Born October 29th 2001. Also survived by grandparents Paul and Karen Davidson, Joseph and Gertie Newman and great-grandparents Daniel H. Davidson, Victor Laughlin, Veri and Phyllis Awerdt. Preceded in death by uncles Jeddah Davidson, Jason Nieman and great-grandparents Marjorie Laughlin, Sara and Joe Nieman, and Mary Davidson.

Funeral Services August 8 at 1 p.m. at the Woods Cross Chapel, 6th South & 8th West in Woods Cross, Utah. Viewing August 7, the church from 6-8 p.m. and again for one hour prior to funeral service. Interment at the Bountiful Cemetery, Bountiful, Utah. Heartfelt thanks to the many doctors, nurses and staff at Primary Children's Hospital. Donations can be made in honor of Linden to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation of the United States, 302 Piedmont Court, Asheville, North Carolina, 28806 (800) 253-6530.

BURLEY

Vera H. Carrigan

Vera Heward Carrigan, 87, of Burley, died Sunday, August 4, 2002, at her home. She was born November 1, 1914, in Magna, Utah, the daughter of William Alma and Ida Eliza Bowen Heward. She graduated as valedictorian from Grace High School in 1932, and then attended one year of college. She married Donley Royal Carrigan on December 25, 1935.

She lived in Chula Vista, California, from 1947 until 1961, when she moved to Burley, where she has since resided. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, having served in various callings. She enjoyed knitting and quilting, but her greatest love were her two gardens.

She is survived by two sons, Donley Ralph (Sheila) Carrigan of

Monte Vista, Colorado, and Theon James Carrigan of Raymond, Washington; her grandson (whom she raised) Nathan Lynn Carrigan, of Burley, and seven additional grandchildren, and three brothers, Gerald (Dora) Heward and John Philip Heward, all of Burley, and Don (Bevory) Heward of American Falls, Idaho.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her infant son, Nathan Lynn Carrigan, three brothers, Joe, Ralph, and Earl, and one sister, Dorothy.

The funeral will be held at 10:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 7, 2002, at the Burley LDS Second, Fourth and Tenth Ward Church, 515 East 6th Street, with Bishop and Counselor, Eddy DeNault officiating. Interment will be in Gem Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, on Tuesday, from 10:00 until 8:00 p.m., and at the church on Wednesday, from 1:00 until 1:45 p.m.

JEROME

Richard Lee Gova

Richard Lee Gova, 54, of Jerome, died Friday, August 2, 2002, at his home. He was born July 30, 1948, at Wendell, the son of Marlene and Shirley Knight Gova. Richard spent his early childhood in Sun Mateo, California, and spent additional time in Idaho. He attended schools in Twin Falls, graduating in 1967. Shortly after graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served his country in Vietnam. Upon returning to the Magic Valley, he attended the College of Southern Idaho. Richard was a loyal, hard-working employee to just a few employers, spending over 20 years at Moore Business Forms in Jerome. He was an avid outdoorsman, who enjoyed camping, boating and fishing with his friends and family. He was a very kind, very compassionate man who will be missed by all who know him.

Survivors include his father, Manuel of Modesto, Ca., siblings, Donna (Bill) Novis of Modesto, Michael Gova of Pocatello, Sheryl Miller of Wyoming, Tony Gova of Merced, Ca., and Tracy Gova of Modesto; step-daughters Kellie Heim and Nickie Bartram, both of Reobourg, Or.; and a grandson Austin. Also surviving are six nieces, nephews and many friends, including a very special friend, Margaret Yates of Gooding.

Richard was preceded in death by his mother, a sister Tammy and a niece Corinna.

Graveside services for Richard Gova will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, August 7, 2002, at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. No viewing is planned. Friends may gather at the cemetery shortly before service time. Hove-Robertson Chapel and cremation service is in charge of cremation and funeral arrangements.

SERVICES

Dorothy Fischer-Lewis of Filer, service at 10 a.m. today at Filer - Peace Lutheran Church; burial will follow at Clover Lutheran Cemetery (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

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Heyburn electric sale goes to voters today Budget

The TimesNews

HEYBURN - Residents decide today whether the sale of Heyburn's electric system to United Electric Co-op moves ahead.

Polls are open from noon until 8 p.m. at City Hall. If people are already registered to vote, no identification is needed. If registering at the polls, a voter needs to take something that states his current address, such as a driver's license or piece of mail.

Heyburn voters must approve the plan to sell the city system to United Electric before the City

Council can close the deal. Union Simplot offers \$135 million at closing and 3.5 percent of the revenue coming from previous Heyburn customers for five years.

Under the proposed sale, electric rates will remain the same for Heyburn customers for the first five years unless one of three things occurs: If there is a loss of load from the J.R. Simplot Co., a change in wholesale rates charged United by its supplier, or a major catastrophe.

Heyburn City Attorney Steve

Tuft said it appears the loss from Simplot will take place in November when one processing line at the Heyburn plant closes, meaning rates will go up. Rates for Heyburn customers will not increase to a level higher than United customers pay, however.

Although Heyburn's rates are now lower than United's, the city can't maintain those lower rates when Simplot closes, city officials say. Tuft said if the city were to continue to own the electric system, rates

could go up as much as 35 percent when the Simplot plant is fully closed in April 2004.

The city will also benefit from the sale, as Simplot officials have agreed to drop lawsuits that are pending against the city if the sale occurs.

City officials have also said the electric business is becoming more and more complex and should be sold to someone who has the expertise to deal with the complex issues.

Opponents of the sale say the city shouldn't give up a money-maker, because other city utility costs will likely go up, too.

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"We're facing tight economic times, and this is a very conservative budget," Fort said.

Under the proposed budget, the county's general fund - its meat and potatoes fund - would get the largest share of the pie - \$2 million, 9.1 percent than it received last year. The general fund covers everything from supplies to capital outlay to payments to the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center, the regional 911 dispatch center, Fort said.

The next-biggest line item is the indigent care fund. The county estimates it will spend \$2.2 million on medical care for those who have no insurance and can't afford to pay their health care bills. That's 7.3 percent less than the county spent during the current fiscal year.

But Fort explained the county isn't putting less into the indigent care fund; it's just that the county ended up spending more this year than it anticipated.

"We had to open the budget and add some more money to the fund," Fort said. "We're hoping this is a one-time thing."

The county had to dip into its reserve funds to come up with the \$400,000 to pay the rising costs of indigent care.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center wrote the county a \$260,000 check to help pay the cost of indigent care this year, and the county hopes the hospital will decide to make it a regular annual payment.

"They haven't agreed to give us any more yet, but they're still working on it," Grindstaff said.

Although the hospital has not received county tax dollars for more than 20 years, it is still considered a county entity, and the county still shows the hospital's financial situation on its budget. The proposed county

budget shows the hospital expects to bring in \$136.6 million in 2002-03, up from \$103.3 million - or 32.2 percent - this year.

If the proposed budget is approved, the sheriff's office would get \$2.07 million to spend in 2002-03, up from \$1.9 million - or 8.8 percent from the current fiscal year. The extra money would cover 3 percent cost-of-living raises for sheriff's office workers, plus 1 percent discretionary raises for some sheriff's office employees, Fort said.

Also on the criminal justice front, the proposed budget calls for a 15.8 percent increase for the public defender's office, which would allow for the hiring of another public defender, Fort said. The prosecutor's office is also slated for a 15.2 percent increase, which would allow the office to hold on to an investigator and secretary whose salaries were partly paid by grants that run out this year.

Other departments in the proposed budget look as though they're getting huge increases, but that's really due to combining certain services under one line item, Fort said. For instance, the line item "court facility-domestic violence" reflects a 122.6 percent increase, but Fort pointed out this is due to the county deciding to bring drug court and youth court under the budget item. And the proposed budget shows a 241.1 percent increase for the county's emergency medical services fund. Fort said he decided to have the budget reflect carry-over funds from the current fiscal year.

"The money has always been there, but I had just been showing one year's revenue as an expenditure," Fort said.

TimesNews writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

Group opposes higher sewer rates in Burley

By Shelley Ridinger Times-News writer

BURLEY - Owners and managers of most multi-family apartment buildings in Burley are trying to sway the City Council to reverse its recent action raising residential sewer rates.

They say the higher rates will force people to move out of their units.

Steve Foster, spokesman for the newly formed Burley multi-family housing coalition, said the group will speak to the council at tonight's meeting. The seven people involved in the coalition represent 271 units in Burley.

The higher sewer rates became effective when people received

their July bills. For years, residential and small commercial sewer customers have paid a flat fee, most recently \$8 a month, plus a per-thousand-gallon fee, most recently 60 cents. The new rates boosted residential and small commercial customers to a flat fee of \$20 a month.

Foster said he will launch a 40-unit apartment building he manages is \$1,100, compared with \$45 the month before.

Foster is quick to admit that apartment owners were getting a break in rates before, and he says his group isn't opposed to higher rates or a new sewer plant, which those rates will help fund. But he and the others are opposed to the amount of the increase.

Foster proposes the city charge apartment complexes, regardless of size, a flat rate of \$27.50 a month plus 60 cents per thousand gallons used. Under that scenario, the bill for the unit he manages would be about \$300 a month.

Burley City Administrator Mark Mitton concurs that apartment complex owners were getting a great break on sewer rates.

Foster also disputes the rates reference included in a study the city paid for to evaluate its need for a new sewer plant and how to pay for that plant. The price tag for a new plant is pegged at between \$18 million and \$24 million, depending on the plant's size. A plant is needed because Burley's existing lagoons system doesn't

comply with various regulations.

Foster said that study "states specifically a rate increase is required of \$25 to \$30 per residential connection. I interpret that to mean every connection to the sewer line," Spring Plaza, which Foster manages, "has one connection to the sewer line," he said.

Mitton disagrees with Foster. "We set our rates based on a residential unit," Mitton said. "An apartment or a trailer is the same as a single-family residence. They all do laundry, flush the toilets, take showers. That's how we equated a dwelling unit." Mitton says the \$25 to \$30 a month recommended in the study was "per residential connection equivalent, not per building."

Cassia commissioners tour fairgrounds

By Nate Johnson Times-News writer

BURLEY - The Cassia County Fair Board's improvements at the fairgrounds area will make for better rodeos, but County Commissioner Dennis Crane said some might miss the naked men.

"It won't be quite the spectator sport it once was," Crane said.

The bronc and bull riders used to change clothes behind the announcer's stand, which provided little cover. This year the fair board moved a small building behind the stand to give the cowboys some privacy. Workers picked up the building and dropped it in its new home using a truck loaned by United Electric Co-op.

Cassia County commissioners toured the fairgrounds today, and the improvements to the grounds, located off of

Burley's Main Street.

The changing room is just one of many improvements to the arena. There are brand-new live stock pens, a bridge over the stripping chute and a walkway leading to the center bleachers. The bridge and walkway will keep the animals and humans separated, making the arena safer, Crane said.

"This project's been talked about for years," Crane said.

Hit by the improvements will bring more people to the rodeo during the fair and allow for other rodeos each summer.

Other commission business included:

- Budget crunch - Because the commission has not increased county taxes in two years, the reserve funds are disappearing from many departments, Cassia County Administrator Tim Hurst

told commissioners.

Counties can raise taxes 3 percent each year, but Cassia County has not raised taxes in the last five years, Hurst said.

Commissioners agreed to study the problem of dwindling reserves in a special meeting to discuss the budget at 9 a.m. Friday.

• Blaine County request - Commissioners received a letter from Blaine County officials asking the commissioners to seek status as a friend of the court in a lawsuit between the county and the state regarding development

in gravel pits. It might not help Blaine County to have Cassia County serve as a friend of the court, Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrue said.

Commissioners decided to tell legislators they would not support new laws exempting state land from county ordinances.

Burley girl turns up missing

The Times-News

BURLEY - The mother of a 14-year-old Burley girl is seeking the county's help in finding her daughter, home Wednesday.

Rosa Vega reported her daughter, Beatriz Gonzalez, missing Wednesday after the girl failed to return from a party at her home. Gonzalez was last seen near 16th and Normal streets in Burley, after she'd gone to that neighborhood to visit friends.

Gonzalez is about 5-foot-2, weighs about 140 pounds and has light brown hair. She was wearing a navy blue v-neck collared shirt, blue jeans and tennis shoes when she left her home Wednesday.

Anyone who has information about Gonzalez's whereabouts may call Vega at 678-1037 or the Cassia County Sheriff's Office at 878-2251.

Twin Falls County proposed 2002-03 budget

Oct. 1, 2002 through Sept. 30, 2003

■ Estimated revenue			
Source	2002-03	2001-02	Pct. change
Current expense	\$8,392,802	\$8,040,997	4.4%
Justice fund	\$4,508,890	\$4,467,409	1.2%
Public health	\$279,057	\$274,125	1.8%
Abuse weeds	\$103,896	\$101,351	2.5%
Indigent	\$2,212,849	\$2,196,487	0.7%
Parks/recreation	\$238,303	\$228,376	2.7%
Agricultural fair	\$801,047	\$800,490	0.07%
Avirolum	\$345,318	\$335,182	3%
Solid waste	\$275,790	\$2,650,963	5.8%
District court	\$473,495	\$473,008	0.1%
Court facility-domestic violence	\$128,000	\$197,523	-35.0%
Tort	\$420,000	\$339,877	23.6%
Pest control	\$37,000	\$32,000	15.6%
Sheriff's funds	\$73,000	\$70,000	4.3%
Revenue sharing	\$20,000	\$20,000	0%
Grants	\$1,928,096	\$1,925,990	-7.3%
Waterways	\$45,000	\$59,652	-24.6%
Snowmobile fund	\$47,754	\$22,000	117%
County EMS	\$47,754	\$46,698	2.3%
Prosecutor drug seizure	\$50,000	\$50,000	0%
Total	\$22,999,285	\$22,548,085	2%

■ Estimated expenditures			
Department	2002-03	2001-02	Pct. change
General	\$3,651,670	\$3,261,655	9.1%
Assessor	\$523,964	\$518,125	11.9%
Auditor, clerk, recorder	\$684,471	\$628,648	8.9%
Commissioners	\$190,329	\$175,726	0.08%
Coroner	\$49,023	\$41,993	16.7%
County agent	\$128,250	\$115,356	12.1%
Elections	\$11,007	\$10,000	10.1%
Maintenance	\$333,753	\$314,188	6.2%
Sheriff	\$2,067,644	\$1,935,103	6.8%
Treasurer	\$233,744	\$206,883	13%
Zoning	\$154,789	\$144,213	7.3%
Veterans	\$27,987	\$25,393	10.3%
Misdemeanor probation	\$90,400	\$109,036	-17.1%
Human resources	\$34,335	\$31,857	7.8%
Emergency services	\$33,188	\$31,121	6.6%
Research/development	\$65,805	\$60,898	7.7%
Health/keeping	\$152,327	\$142,861	6.0%
Telephone system	\$181,387	\$167,916	8%
Domestic violence probation	\$454,613	\$392,485	15.8%
Prosecutor attorney	\$714,550	\$620,324	15.2%
Juvenile probation	\$307,310	\$307,142	0.05%
Juvenile staff security	\$472,078	\$450,489	4.8%
Criminal justice facilities	\$1,796,153	\$1,609,757	11.6%
Juvenile detention	\$764,186	\$648,069	9.9%
Tort fund	\$420,000	\$292,500	44%
Ag fair distribution	\$801,047	\$800,490	2.1%
Court facility-domestic violence	\$128,000	\$57,500	122.6%
Abuse weeds	\$103,896	\$93,757	10.8%
Parks/recreation	\$238,303	\$203,360	15.7%
Solid waste	\$2,751,790	\$2,685,880	3.3%
Avirolum	\$345,318	\$333,905	2.4%
District court	\$473,495	\$504,144	-6.1%
Indigent fund	\$2,212,849	\$2,387,927	-7.3%
Public health	\$279,057	\$266,141	4.9%
Pest control	\$37,000	\$35,000	3.9%
Revenue sharing	\$20,000	\$10,000	100%
Grants	\$1,928,096	\$2,097,479	-14.8%
County EMS	\$47,754	\$14,000	241.1%
Sheriff's funds	\$73,000	\$70,000	4.3%
Waterways	\$45,000	\$56,711	-20.7%
Snowmobile fund	\$24,000	\$22,000	8.1%
Prosecutor drug seizure	\$50,000	\$50,000	0%
Medical reimbursement	\$50,000	\$50,000	0%
Total	\$22,999,285	\$22,588,344	2.7%

■ Hospital (self-supporting) \$136,577,837 \$103,300,924 32.5%

Highway district plans seal coating today in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Highway District will be seal coating roads today.

Scheduled for coating today are:

- 2700 East, from 4000 North to 4100 North.
- 4000 North, from 2700 East to 2800 East.

Club

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The club, whether it be a existing site or a new building. Plans call for the club to stay open five days a week, and programs would be organized to provide afterschool programs, summer and spring, and Christmas breaks, teen and foster programs.

Five core programming areas are character education, leadership development, education and

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- 2750 East, from 3800 North to 3900 North.
- 2500 East, from 3700 North to 3800 North.
- 3600 North, from 2450 East to 2500 East.

Blaine County Fair begins today in Carey

CAREY - The Blaine County Fair begins today with open class 4-H entries and scarecrow competitions.

On Wednesday, judging for 4-H events takes place for horse entries, along with swine, sheep and beef. That evening will also be the Junior Jamboree.

Admission is free.

- compiled from staff reports

out the programs, facilities and operating methods," Hull said.

"We have some kids from Jerome, Buhl and surrounding towns visiting often."

Gally Parrott and George Leonard are corporate board members from the area and can answer any questions as well. "We would welcome anyone to join the monthly meetings," Parrott said.

Fair

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a prostate cancer screening booth sponsored by U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Crapo was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1999, underwent surgery in 2000 and has been cancer-free since. The booth will provide information as well as

free exams and blood tests.

After a two-year absence, the Idaho food processors are pavilion, is back. The 60-by-100-foot tent will feature every agricultural product grown in Idaho.

The destruction derby, a well-attended event, will be held to the last day of the fair to "help

us end with a bang," Pitz said.

The combination of new shows with old fair favorites, such as an antique tractor pull and 4-H events, should provide eight or nine events daily.

Fair admission prices remain the same as last year: \$6 for adults, \$4 for children 6-12, and

children 5 and under are free. Reserve seats to all arena events are available for \$3.

Last year, more than 90,000 people visited the fair, bringing in more than \$500,000, enough to cover the \$550,000 cost to run the fair. Pitz said he expects similar numbers this year.

Jerome

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Jerome judicial confirmation. Rothwell said if the council approves seeking judicial confirmation, the documents will be submitted to the court this month. The judicial confirmation hearing should take place sometime in September. The judge could reach a decision the day of the hearing or may take up to a month to reach a decision. The judicial confirmation hearing will be open to the public.

The \$3.9 million loan from DEQ would be "more like a line of credit - only what is needed at the time will be borrowed," Rothwell said. "It is hard to estimate how much the average user's water bill

will go up per month... The total yearly rise per user will probably be less than \$20."

The city would use \$300,000 in cash reserves for the local share of the water system project. The city would buy the materials for the water system improvements, and the city has a five-person pipe-laying crew that would install the water pipe. That would save the city considerably over contracting the work out, Rothwell said.

Other City Council business tonight includes:

- Public hearings will be held to consider zoning property owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, located at 100

South 50 East, as residential, and zoning property owned by WOW Logistics, located on Victory Lane, as light manufacturing.

• A tentative 2002-03 city budget is completed and ready for public and council scrutiny. The proposed budget projects total revenues of \$16,375,821 and expenditures at \$1,341,452.

By law the city council is required to adopt a tentative budget and hold a public hearing. Once the council has adopted the tentative budget, the city clerk will schedule a public hearing for the budget Aug. 27.

Rothwell said the tentative budget increases the city's levy less than one-half percent, from

0.07624713 to 0.07995432.

The council will consider the closure of Alder Street, one block on both sides of Main Street, on Aug. 17 from 5 to 11 p.m. The Jerome Centennial Committee and members of the Jerome Downtown Business Association made the request so they could hold a street dance and raise money for the city's 2003 centennial celebration.

The council will also consider a request from Joe Skaug to close 200 South Road east of Lincoln Street on Aug. 27 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Skaug made the request in an effort to provide more security for cars that will be appearing in his Joe Mama Car Show.

AUGUST 6 2002

MORNING-BREAK

Capricorn should wear yellow, gold

IF AUGUST 6TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you possess unusual voice, enjoy signing in the shower. You have knowledge of color coordination, are attracted to design, architecture. You are dramatic when it comes to giving and receiving affection. Taurus, Libra and Scorpio persons play important roles in your life, could have these letters in names: F, Q, X. During September, reach beyond the immediate; you could be very much in love.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Make a move! You could be established in luxury and comfort, but it is time to take initiative. Highlight originality, innovativeness. Welcome change for romance.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20): Family member makes concession; this results in happiness. Focus on civic activities, marital status. You will enjoy seafood dinner tonight. Cancer native will

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be involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your humor gets you everywhere. Laugh at your own foibles and the world laughs with you. Popularity accented; people want to wine and dine you. Sagittarius figures prominently.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Obstacles overcome; you will be at right place at designated time. Judgment, intuitive intellect honed to razor-sharpness. You expose sex appeal. Protect self at close quarters!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You wonder: "Is it worth taking a chance?" Answer is: Yes! Scenario highlights variety of sensations and serious relationship.

Take chance on romance; you could encounter "true love."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Beauty surroundings. Major wishes come true. Blend practicality with desire for beauty and luxury. At the track: Choose number 6 post position in sixth race. You win a contest!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Those who were negative about opportunity will change their tune. Focus on advancement that includes business, career. Your value will be acknowledged. You're going places - don't dawdle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A Scorpio celebrity boasts: "I am not in bed all the time!" Scorpio reputation of being a passionate lover well-earned. Display your gentle side to Capricorn, Cancer natives.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You gain universal recognition!

Cast aside fear and doubt, and proceed with confidence. Those who were skeptical will be at your side seeking approval. Aries plays dominating role.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will shake off tendency to be ultra-sty. Make personal appearances, wear bright colors that include yellow and gold. You will encounter romantic Leo; maintain emotional equilibrium.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Spotlight on offers of partnership, marriage. Control destiny; you deserve the best and can obtain it. Cancer, Capricorn natives will play complex roles. Maintain principles!

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Scenario highlights fun, joy, love and laughter. Emphasis on intellectual curiosity; ask questions and obtain answers. Popularity on the rise; many want to wine and dine you.

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Most of what you learn in the first four years of elementary school will be valid all your life. Most of what you learn in four years of college won't be. This is another reason some people contend grade school teachers should be paid more than university professors.

Curious how people hang onto mistaken notions. You take it for granted the moon revolves around the earth? So do I. But that's not quite right. The moon and earth revolve around each other.

Leonardo da Vinci got into everything. In his kitchen notes are designs of gadgets to roll spaghetti, press garlic and slice eggs.

Professional cleaners say you can get chocolate stains out with



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hydrogen peroxide.

Many once believed it was fairly important to kill whales to get the right oil to stiffen up the cloth in bushes.

Q. What's the legal definition for "natural food?"

A. Isn't any. And there's no legal definition for "organic food," either.

Q. In the ruins of old Rome is a rock with an iron ring embedded in it. An inscription reads: "Toti emul esto." Can you translate that?

A. "To tie mules to."

Q. I know Alexander the Great died at age 33. But what of?

A. He dropped dead after he drained an enormous goblet that held six quarts of wine. Cause of death, say the historians: malaria.

Q. When suddenly stricken, men tend to fall forward, women backward. Why?

A. Centers of gravity differ.

"Cab" comes from the Latin word for "wild mountain goat."

When the French first rode in horse carriages, the ride over ruts and stones was pretty rough. So some humorist linked the mountain-goat word to the carriage.

And we wind up with "cab" as in taxi cab. Still holds.

Q. What's the closest relative in the animal world to the elephant?

A. A furry little critter about the size of a rabbit - the hyrax.



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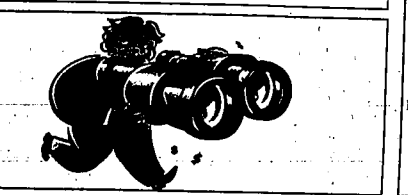
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Classes help seniors hone driving skills

DEAR ABBY: "Protective New Dad," who is reluctant to allow his grandmother to drive his baby around town, should ask Grandma to enroll in the special AARP Driver Safety Course designed especially for senior citizens.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

Drivers learn defensive-driving techniques and find out how to adjust their driving to compensate for normal age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time.

In California, drivers older than 55 who complete the course get a certificate issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. It makes them eligible for a reduction in their auto insurance rates. (In other states with similar laws, the rate varies).

To learn more about the course, including when and where classes will be held in any area, your readers can visit AARP's Web site at www.AARP.org/drive or call the toll-free number: 1-888-227-7669 (1-888-AARP-NOW).

DEAR DOROTHY: As our population ages, a course such as the one offered by AARP becomes an important safety measure for the road. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: If "Protective New Dad" has any doubts about his grandmother's driving skills, I urge him to stand firm and not allow his daughter in her great-grandmother's car no matter what.

feelings by telling her she wasn't a good driver. Mother ignored my protests and so off I went - scared to death.

Instead of driving me straight to band practice, Maggie drove all over town, picking up her friends and leaving at-misses. We had countless near-byes. By the time I returned home, I was shaking like a leaf and had wet my pants in sheer terror. I quit the band the next day.

Abby, that was 25 years ago. I never got over the fact that my mother chose the feelings of another girl over the safety of her own daughter. Maggie went on to crack up another car, seriously injuring her passenger - who could have been me!

I urge all parents to choose carefully who drives their child. If someone's feelings get hurt - tough! He or she will get over it, but the loss of a child is irreversible. You better believe my own daughter's safety comes first.

- SAVED MYSELF IN PENNSYLVANIA
DEAR SAVED MYSELF: And so it should. Your mother's judgment left much to be desired. Today it would be called child endangerment. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Protective New Dad" should have been more strongly worded. If he's uncomfortable about Grandma's driving, it's not just his own child he should worry

about - it's everyone else's, too. That's the approach I took with both my mother and grandmother when it became obvious their reflexes weren't what they once were.

First, I persuaded them to admit they were "a bit slower." Then I said: "You love children, and there are lots of them in this neighborhood. Could you ever forgive yourself if a child darted into the street, and there was a tragedy because you couldn't slam on the brakes fast enough?" They each handed over their

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TNT airs 'Selena' Wednesday

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Today

"12 Monkeys" - Monty Python alumnaus Terry Gilliam's maintained his offbeat vision as a film director with this 1995 melodrama. It casts Bruce Willis as a convict from the future sent back to the present day, where he must stop a holocaust. (CC) USA 6 p.m.

"Never Talk to Strangers" - Rebecca De Mornay is both the executive producer and star of this 1995 melodrama. She plays a psychologist who gets involved with an appealing, possibly dangerous stranger (Antonio Banderas). (TV14) PBS, 6 p.m.

"According to Jim" - Jim (Jim Belushi) isn't happy to learn how much more money Diana (Kimberly Williams) makes than he does in this new episode. He takes it as a challenge to his manhood and, moreover, to his parenthood. (RDTV) (CC) (TVPG) ABC, 7 p.m.

Wednesday

"National Geographic" - "The Perfect Storm" is the story of fishermen who took a calculated risk in trying to bring their catch back home. Several other such tales - all of them true - are recounted in "Mayday! Lost at Sea." (CC) (TVG) PBS, 7 p.m.

"Selena" - The too-brief life of the popular Tejano singer - who was just beginning to make a crossover into pop music when she was killed by a fanatic - is retold in director Gregory Nava's fine 1997 biography. Jennifer Lopez stars. (CC) (TVPG) TNT, 7 p.m.

"American Family" - Jess

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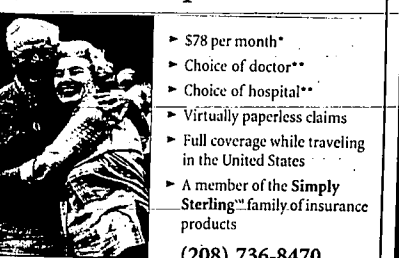
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WORLD

Israel strikes back at Palestinians

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel struck back at the Palestinians on Monday following a day of deadly attacks, firing missiles at a suspected weapons factory in the Gaza Strip and announcing a ban on Palestinian travel in the northern West Bank.

At the same time, however, Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer met with the Palestinian interior minister, Abdel Razak Yehiyeh, to discuss plans for a cease-fire that would allow for Israeli troops to leave Palestinian areas, Palestinian officials and Israel Army Radio said.

In the missile strike late Monday, four people were lightly injured when Israeli helicopters fired three missiles at a spare car parts factory in Gaza City's Zeitouni neighborhood, which is known as a hub for the militant group Hamas, witnesses said.

Israel Army Radio said the building targeted was a suspected weapons factory.

Three buildings, located near a mosque, were damaged, and five of the homes didn't explode, witnesses said. Firefighters doused a small blaze that ignited at the scene.

Salim Bahitit, 25, son of the factory owner, angrily denied the shop was used to make weapons.



Palestinians inspect the destroyed metal workshop hit by Israeli helicopters in Gaza City Monday night. Israeli helicopters fired missiles at the suspected weapons factory in Gaza City late Monday, injuring four people in a strike that followed attacks on Israelis that killed 13 people in 24 hours.

"I challenge all the experts of this world to come and to see if our metal work shop can be used to produce any kind of weapons," he said, pointing to the charred remains of his spare car parts machines.

"This is a war against the Palestinian economy. The Israelis are now targeting the national industry," he said. "It's another part of the brutal war."

The strike was the first on

Gaza since an Israeli F-16 dropped a one-ton bomb on a Gaza City block July 22, killing the military leader of the militant group Hamas, Salah Shehadeh, and 14 other people, nine of them children.

The bombing prompted international condemnation — as well as a rare rebuke from the White House — because of the high civilian toll. It also prompted Hamas to vow revenge.

U.S. rejects Iraqi offer to lawmakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House on Monday rejected an Iraqi offer to let members of Congress tour suspected biological, chemical and nuclear weapons sites.

Iraq's parliament speaker, Sadoun Hammadi, invited U.S. lawmakers on a three-week visit, accompanied by arms experts of their choice, to sites in Iraq where they suspect weapons of mass destruction are hidden.

Bush administration officials said the offer was hardly worth commenting on, saying visits by members of Congress would not satisfy the president's demand for rigorous inspections in Iraq.

"I can't think of anything funnier than a handful of congressmen walking around."

— Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense

H. Rumsfeld stressed the difficulty of locating Iraq's weapons caches since some are underground and others mobile.

"I can't think of anything fun-

nier than a handful of congressmen walking around. They'd have to be there for the next 50 years trying to find something. It's a joke," he said in an interview with a group of journalists.

Administration officials also dismissed an Iraqi offer to meet with Hans Blix, the head of the U.N. inspection team.

Iraq's obligations go beyond permitting inspections to fulfilling a commitment to disarm, State Department deputy spokesman Phillip Reeker said.

"Our position on inspections and disarmament is well-known," said Sean McCormack, a spokesman for the National Security Council.

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Gunmen storm Christian school in Pakistan

MURREE, Pakistan (AP) — Masked gunmen firing Kalashnikov rifles burst through the front gates of a Christian school Monday, killing six people and wounding three in the latest attack against Western interests since Pakistan joined the war against terrorism.

None of the 150 students, including 30 Americans, or the mostly British staff hurt in the attack against the Murree Christian School in this resort town in the Himalayan foothills about 35 miles northeast of the capital, Islamabad.

All the dead were Pakistanis, including two security guards, a receptionist, a cook, a carpenter and a bystander, police said. A Hindu woman, the wife of whose children attend the school, was shot in the hand. The hospital said two other people were wounded but gave no details.

"The goal was to hit foreigners," police district commander Moravez Shah said of the attackers, who escaped. "What we know is that they were terrorists. Whether they were religious terrorists, we have to determine."

It was the sixth attack against Westerners or Western interests in Pakistan this year, most of which have been blamed on Islamic militant groups angered by President Pervez Musharraf's backing of the U.S. war on terrorism. Since October, two churches have been attacked, leaving 20 dead, including two Americans.

"There certainly seems to be an indication that there is a certain element in our society who feel aggrieved by the foreigners generally," Interior Secretary Tasneem Noorani said on Pakistan state television.

In Monday's attack, up to four clean-shaven men believed in their mid-20s approached a guard post erected just three months ago at the entrance to the school, police and school officials said.

The men pulled weapons out of duffel bags and opened fire, killing a security guard and a Pakistani man who happened to be nearby.

The gunmen then stormed through the gates, shooting and killing a second guard and a school receptionist and blasting the windows of a dormitory.

Another security guard returned fire, forcing the attackers to race across the school grounds, hop over a back fence and disappear into the woods.

On their way out, the gunmen shot dead the cook and the teacher, who was hiding near the opposite end of the grounds from where the attack began.

"We heard the shots so we all hid under tables and in cupboards and things until we got the all-clear," said an Englishman who would not give his name. "All of the parents then came and got their kids."

About two hours after the shooting, shaken parents and students emerged from behind the school's green metal gates. Their eyes were wide with fear as they wandered past the front guard shack, its floor splattered with blood.

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SPORTSQUOTE

66 ... how many promises would you keep believing if you were leading the team with scoring, and your family and fans can't even purchase your jersey from the team store?

Twins send Cowboys packing at state

American Legion Class AA Legion state tournament at Harris Field, Lewiston Monday's game. Consolation bracket Lewis-Clark 6, Twin Falls 4. Cowboys eliminated W. Kootenay 4, Pocatello 2. Rebels eliminated Lewis-Clark 3, W. Kootenay 2. Eagles eliminated Championship bracket Treasure Valley 10, Boise 8

By Kevin Hall Times-News writer LEWISTON - Despite another early bus ride back from a state tournament, the Twin Falls American Legion baseball team came away with some newfound respect. Not to mention its first win at state in two years. Cowboys' coach Matt Rasmussen said Twin Falls showed the rest of Idaho that it should not again be taken lightly in a state tournament. "We played hard and we proved we belonged. It was kind of neat to see that they stepped up when they needed to," he said.

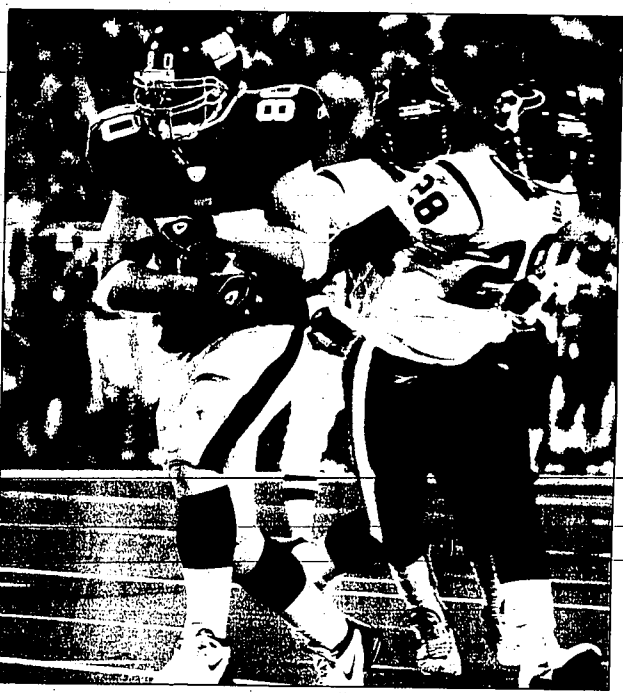
Twin Falls bowed out, 6-4, to host and 2001 national runner-up Lewis-Clark Monday at Harris Field in Lewiston. In other consolation bracket games on Monday, West Kootenay of Trail, B.C., ousted Area C champion Pocatello, 4-2 before falling to the Twins, 14-2. In the championship bracket, Treasure Valley (36-9) handed Area B rival the Boise Senators (37-10) a 10-8 defeat. Boise meets Lewis-Clark today at 5 p.m. with the winner having to beat Treasure Valley twice for the state championship. If necessary, a second championship game will be held on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Brandon Salinas gave the Cowboys (30-21-3) an immediate lift with a grand slam in the first inning for the 4-0 lead. But the Twins eventually tied, then took the lead for good on Jake Rogers' solo home run in the fifth. Lewis-Clark added an insurance run in the eighth. Rasmussen said Twin Falls gave the Twins (46-13) one final scare in the top of the ninth after leading the bases with one out. But a line shot off the bat of Mike Littleton was snapped up by a diving third baseman who then doubled up the runner at third for the game-ending double play. "It was an amazing diving grab that came a quarter inch from tying the game," he said. "The way made a breathtaking catch and kind of saved their season. You can't be disappointed about the end."

Not the outstanding performance from the mound by Twin Falls starter Steve Turner. The left-hander gave up just three earned runs in 7 1/3 innings in his first start since July 20. "He did a great job," Rasmussen said. Turner said his location was good and he got both his pitches across for strikes. "It was really good. Both the Please see LEGION, Page C2

Giants hand Texans loss

The Associated Press CANTON, Ohio - As they joined hands and knelt in prayer on their sideline, the Houston Texans' first game in the NFL took on much deeper meaning. Rookie David Carr threw a touchdown pass and the league's \$700 million expansion team looked good in stretches of its debut Monday night, a 34-17 loss to the New York Giants in the Hall of Fame game.



New York rookie tight end Jeremy Shockey takes a second-quarter touchdown pass into the end zone past Houston safety Hakim Akbar at the Hall of Fame game Monday in Canton, Ohio.

Jesse Palmer passed for 247 yards and two TDs for the Giants, and rookie tight end Jeremy Shockey had a TD catch along with a bruising 48-yard gain where he flattened several Texans.

Houston's historic first exhibition game was supposed to be a celebration, but it tempered when backup safety Leonard Evans suffered a bruised spinal cord. While their teammate was being cared for, the Texans, many of whom didn't know each other until the start of training camp, gathered in a circle and knelt in prayer in front of their bench.

Across the field, about a dozen of New York's players - led by All-Pro Michael Strahan - dropped to a knee for Evans.

"I didn't really really know what happened," Bennett said. "He just went down."

Evans was strapped on a backboard and his facemask was removed before he was taken from the field on a stretcher.

The Texans waited 18 minutes to get started and were eager to see how Carr, the No. 1 overall pick in this year's draft, would do in his first pro game.

Houston's coaching staff had to be impressed. Carr, who led the nation with 42 TDs last at Fresno State, was 9-0-17 for 96 yards. He hooked up with tight end Billy Miller for a 24-yard scoring strike late in the first half to tie it 10-10, and showed good poise on several other plays.

The Giants should be equally thrilled with Shockey.

The former Miami All-American got off to a shaky start in New York, arriving a week late because of a car's hood-out and getting into a dining-hall fight with linebacker Brandon Short the first night he was there.

But with one play, Shockey made all of his goals.

Late in the second quarter, Shockey caught a short pass from Palmer and stiff-armed Houston's Jacoby Shepherd' before heading Please see FOOTBALL, Page C2

Houston player bruises spine, loses feeling

The Associated Press Houston safety Leonard Evans bruised his spinal cord Monday night during the first half of the Texans' NFL debut against the New York Giants.

With 12:24 left in first half of the Hall of Fame game, Evans was injured while rushing a punt from the right side when he lowered his head and tried to power past Giants running back Sean Bennett.

After driving his head into Bennett's chest, Evans dropped face first to the artificial turf as the ball was kicked.

The 28-year-old defensive back was motionless as teammate Avion Black returned the punt 71 yards to New York's 18 with 12:24 remaining in the first half.

Late in the game, a team spokesman said Evans had regained some feeling in his upper body and both legs.

Evans' breathing and vital signs as well as an MRI exam and C.T. scan were normal, the spokesman said.

Evans was being evaluated and treated at Aultman Hospital.

Evans, who signed as a free agent in December, was taken to Aultman Hospital and was undergoing an MRI exam. Evans was drafted in the fifth round in 1996 by Washington out of Clemson.

Lakers announcer Chick Hearn dies at age of 85

The Associated Press LOS ANGELES - Play-by-play announcer Chick Hearn, who made phrases like "slam dunk" and "air ball" common basketball expressions during his 42-year career with the Los Angeles Lakers, died Monday. He was 85.

Chick Hearn passed away at 6:30 this evening, Los Angeles Lakers spokesman Bob Steiner told a hushed news conference outside Northridge Medical Center Hospital, where Hearn was taken Friday night after suffering a fall.

Hearn fell Friday in the back yard of the Encino home he shared with wife, Marge. The two would have celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on Aug. 13.

Surgeons operated twice on Saturday to relieve swelling in his brain, but he never regained consciousness.

Whether Hearn was the most famous Lakur of them all can be debated, but his career with the team was far longer than such standouts as Jerry West, Elgin Baylor, Wilt Chamberlain, Magic Johnson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Jamaal Wilkes, James Worthy and Michael Cooper.

And he was calling games long before current stars Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant were born.

Hearn called a record 3,338 consecutive Lakers games starting in 1965 before missing one.

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Nightfire Nationals will light up Boise

The Times-News EAGLE - One of Idaho's largest and longest-running sporting events - the 31st annual Pepsi Nightfire Nationals - returns to Firebird Raceway in Eagle - starting Wednesday through Sunday.

More than 600 entries from 15 states and Canada are expected to attend. Several entries from the Magic Valley will compete, including Jerome drag racer Mitch McDowell, who will test a brand-new dragster.

Two-time defending Nitro champion and track-record holder Ron Fasti of Scottsdale, Ariz., leads the Pepsi Fuel Altered ranks.

Competitors from the Western States/CAT U.S. Fuel Altered Nationals will challenge Fasti, notably Steven Neese of Phoenix, Ariz., in his world-record holding roadster. He is Please see NIGHTFIRE, Page C2



Jerome's drag racer Mitch McDowell, background, will test his brand-new dragster (driven by Davey Uehara) at this weekend's annual Nightfire Nationals at Firebird Raceway in Eagle.

Don Larsen auctions off perfect game memorabilia

The Associated Press COEUR D'ALENE - They would make pitcher-perfect souvenirs.

Don Larsen is auctioning off his silver-plated glove, bat and cleats - plus an autographed ball - from what may have been the greatest game ever pitched, the only perfect game ever hurled in a World Series.

On Oct. 8, 1956, Larsen pitched the New York Yankees to a 2-0 win against the Brooklyn Dodgers in Game 5. Twenty-seven Dodgers up, 27 down, including future Hall of Famers Jackie Robinson, Duke Snider, Pee Wee Reese and Roy Campanella.

Now, he is giving up the equipment he used during the game to raise money for his grandsons' college tuition.

"I figured it was an opportune time to use that money for my grandsons' college fund," Larsen told The Spokesman-Review newspaper of Spokane, Wash.

The auction began Monday and runs through Aug. 23 at mastronoti.com. Memorabilia collectors must have a \$100,000 line of credit just to qualify for the auction.

Aside from the perfect game, Larsen's career was mediocre.

He pitched in the majors from 1953, when he broke in with the St. Louis Browns, until 1967, when he retired from the Chicago Cubs. Larsen's career record was 81-91.

In relief, Larsen had 26 saves and finished with a respectable 3.78 ERA.

Marty Appel, an author, baseball historian and former member of the Yankees public relations staff, commended Larsen's intentions.

"Any time you can trade memorabilia for something that good, that's really a worthwhile transaction," Appel said.

Larsen, 72, worked at a paper company in San Jose, Calif., for 24 years after leaving baseball, then retired to Coeur d'Alene, where he spends much of his time fishing for perch, apple and anything else he can catch from Hayden Lake, Twin Lakes or Lake Coeur d'Alene.

Only 13 regular-season perfect games have been recorded since 1900.

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who holds the modern record for most punt returns in a Rose Bowl game? ANSWER: below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

American Legion baseball Class AA State Tournament, at Harris Field, Lewiston. Boise vs. Lewis-Clark, 5 p.m. Treasure Valley vs. L.C./Boise winner, 8 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Boisean wins Rupert CC Pro-Am

RUPERT - Shadow Valley professional golfer Bob Campbell shot a 5-under 66 to beat Blue Lakes pro Rob Ellis and Blackfoot's Kyle Morgan by three strokes Monday at the Rupert Country Club Pro-Am. Rupert professionals, Bob Lantz and John Van Vleet, each shot 1-under 70 to share a three-way tie with Duffy McFarland of Teton Lakes in Rexburg.

Campbell was a triple crown winner of sorts. He won the senior sweeps and headed the winning team with Bob Enyart, Curt Harris and Joe Goodrich.

Steve Studer won the first flight gross with a 69 and Gary Krumm won the second flight gross with an 81.

Bruins will hold junior football camp

TWIN FALLS - Register tonight from 5-6 p.m. at the high school for the Twin Falls High junior football camp on Aug. 13-15 from 6-9 p.m. daily at the high school.

Cost is \$30, which includes a T-shirt. For more information, call Mark Schaal at 734-5366.

Blazers acquire Daniels, Smith in five-player deal

PORTLAND, Ore. - Portland and San Antonio made a five-player trade Monday, with the Blazers acquiring Antonio Daniels, Charles Smith and Amal McCaskill in exchange for Erick Barkley, Steve Kerr and a 2003 second-round draft pick.

"It's an upgrade that we had to take advantage of," Blazers president Bob Whitsitt said. "This is a good deal for our team."

Daniels, a first-round draft pick in 1997, averaged 9.2 points and 2.8 assists last season. He'll likely be asked to play point guard, despite his misgivings about playing the position last season for the Spurs.

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

USC's Randy Tanner, who returned seven punts for 90 yards against Michigan State in 1988.

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SPORTS

Big Unit, D'backs sweep Mets

NEW YORK (AP) — Randy Johnson pitched a two-hitter and struck out 11 Monday as the Arizona Diamondbacks completed a four-game sweep with a 2-0 victory over the New York Mets.

Coming off a 149-pitch start last week — the longest outing in the majors this year — and pitching in 89-degree heat didn't rattle Johnson (16-1), who struck out the first six batters — two shy of Jim Deshaies' record to start a game.

Roger Cedeno got New York's first hit, beating the throw on a chopper to first base leading off the sixth, and Mo Vaughn singled starting the seventh. Johnson made 114 pitches and got his 32nd shutout and 181st double-digit season game.

Matt Williams homered and Craig Counsell hit an RBI double off Shawn Estes (4-9) as Arizona won for the 12th time in 14 games. The Mets lost their fifth straight and were swept at home in a four-game series for the first time since June 1995 against Philadelphia.

Phillies 7, Dodgers 5

PHILADELPHIA — Giovanni Carrara hit Todd Pratt and Jimmy Rollins with pitches with the bases

loaded as Philadelphia rallied.

With Los Angeles leading 5-1 in the eighth, Paul Shuey (0-1) walked Placido Polanco, gave up a single to Bobby Abreu and a two-out RBI single to Travis Lee.

Shuey walked Jason Michaels, leading the bases. Carrara relieved and hit Pratt on the left shoulder with his first pitch, forcing in Abreu with the go-ahead run. Two pitches later, Carrara hit Rollins in the back with a pitch.

Mike Timlin (3-3) allowed one hit in two innings, and Jose Mesa got the outs for his 32nd in 39 chances, retiring Dave Roberts on a game-ending flyout with the bases loaded.

Los Angeles had taken a 5-4 lead in the seventh inning as Adrian Beltre and Mark Grudzielniak homered on consecutive pitches by Brandon Duckworth and Timlin. Hideo Nomo struck out 10 in seven innings.

American League

Royals 12, Twins 4

MINNEAPOLIS — Luis Alia hit a three-run homer and Carlos Febles went 4-for-5 Monday, helping the Kansas City Royals beat Minnesota 12-4 Monday and end the Twins' five-game winning streak.

The bottom third of Kansas

City's order — Neif Perez, Brent Mayne and Febles — went 10-for-15 with nine runs scored and three RBIs.

After losing six in a row, including four straight by one run, Kansas City got 17 hits. Rookie Shawn Sedlacek (2-2) won despite allowing four runs, eight hits and five walks in 6 2/3 innings. Jose Mays (1-3) gave up eight runs and 12 hits in 5 2/3 innings.

Blue Jays 7, Orioles 1

TORONTO — Steve Parris (5-2) allowed one run and six hits in the seventh inning as Adrian Beltré and Mark Grudzielniak homered on consecutive pitches by Brandon Duckworth and Timlin. Hideo Nomo struck out 10 in seven innings.

Orlando Hudson, Chris Woodward and Dewey White homered for the Blue Jays, who have won 16 of their last 20 against the Orioles and five of seven overall.

Rookie Rodrigo Lopez (2-1), who had been unbeaten in six starts since June 20, gave up five runs and eight hits in five innings.

White Sox 4, Devil Rays 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Mark Johnson hit a tiebreaking triple in the ninth off Esteban Yan (5-6). Keith Foulke (2-4) pitched a scoreless eighth inning, and

Damaso Marte pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

Aubrey Huff hit a three-run homer for the Devil Rays, who split the four-game series. Tampa Bay (0-7-4) has not won a series since June 28-30 against Florida.

White Sox starter Jon Garland had a career-high eight strikeouts in seven innings.

Angels 6, Tigers 3

DETROIT — Brad Fuller hit a solo homer to break a tie and Troy Glaus followed with another as Anaheim beat hapless Detroit.

Anaheim (66-45) moved a half-game ahead of the idle Boston Red Sox in the AL wild-card race, while the Tigers (41-70) lost for the eighth time in nine games.

Brian Powell struck out Tim Salmon to start the fifth, but Fuller hit his 13th homer deep into the right-field stands and Glaus followed with a line drive into the Angels bullpen, his 19th.

Rookie John Lackey (3-2) struck out three on a high eight as he gave up three runs on six hits in 6 2/3 innings. He walked one. Three Anaheim pitchers finished, with Troy Percival pitching the ninth for his 26th save in 29 chances.

Powell (1-2) gave up five runs, three earned — on nine hits in 4 2/3 innings.

Jets lose All-Pro Abraham to sprained knee

The Associated Press
All-Pro defensive end John Abraham of the New York Jets sprained his left knee in practice Saturday, but plans to be in the lineup when the team opens its season in less than five weeks.

An MRI examination Monday revealed a second degree sprain of the medial collateral ligament, and the team estimated he will be out 4-to-6 weeks.

Abraham thinks otherwise. "I'm confident I'll be back before the first game in Buffalo," Abraham said. "I'm shooting for the last preseason game or the first game."

"I feel I'll be ready in four weeks," he said.

A 2000 first-round draft pick from South Carolina, Abraham is being counted on to provide the bulk of the Jets' pass rush. Last season he finished second in the AFC with 13 sacks.

Still, he believes the team is amply protected by the presence of veteran backup Steve White, signed as a free agent during this year's top draftee, Bryan Thomas of Alabama-Birmingham.

"That's the reason they got Bryan Thomas," Abraham said. "Someone to back me up if something like this happens. Bryan is coming along better than I thought he would. Steve also is stepping up."

White will start Thursday night in the Jets' first exhibition game, at Pittsburgh. But Thomas will also see action, coach Herman Edwards said.

Browns

Rookie running back William Green was kept out of practice by the Cleveland Browns, who don't want to take any chances with their first-round draft pick.

Green hurt his right shoulder during practice against the

Around the camps

Buffalo Bills on Friday in Rochester, N.Y., and although X-rays were negative, the Browns sat him for Saturday's scrimmage as a precaution.

He didn't participate in any contact drills on Monday, either, as the Browns prepare for their exhibition opener on Saturday at Minnesota.

Green, the No. 17 overall pick, has gotten off to a slow start with the Browns.

The former Boston College star reported to camp five days late because of a contract holdout and looked very rusty during the team's first intrasquad scrimmage.

The Browns, who have been short-on-futures contracts training camp, signed one-year contracts with free agents Chris Floyd and Kevin McLeod.

The club also placed cornerback Lamar Chanman and tight end Rod Monroe on the reserve-injured list.

Monroe, who played in seven games last season with the Browns, broke his leg in a pileup during last weekend's scrimmage with Buffalo.

Chanman played in only one game last season because of a knee injury and hasn't been able to practice this summer. He was also arrested on drugs charges and fined one game's salary by coach Butch Davis.

McLeod played in two games for the Browns on special teams in 2000.

McLeod was with Tampa Bay in 1999, but has been out of football since being cut by Atlanta after training camp last year.

Steelers

One of the few unanswered questions when the Pittsburgh Steelers' training camp opened was who would replace Bobby Shaw as the slot receiver: Terance Mathis or rookie Antwan Randle El.

Turns out, it might just be Hines Ward.

Ward, a Pro Bowl receiver whose 94 catches last season easily set a single-season team record, isn't in danger of losing his starter's job after from Plaxico Burress.

But even though it was automatically assumed by Steelers watchers that Mathis would take Burress' place, and that Randle El would push him for playing time, coach Bill Cowher may have a different plan — for now.

When the Steelers open preseason play Thursday night against the Jets, Ward will slide from the outside to the inside receiver's role in three-receiver sets. The outside receivers will be Burress and — surprise — Troy Edwards, who once didn't even figure to make it to training camp.

Packers

A year ago, Cleituis Hunt was preparing to serve a four-game suspension after training camp for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy.

Now, he's preparing to be a full-time starter for the Green Bay Packers, who have one of the staunchest lines in football with him and Gilbert Brown at tackle and Ronnie Holliday and Joe Johnson on the ends.

The Packers think so highly of Hunt and his potential that they waived veteran Santana Dorson in the offseason.

Now that he's a starter, Hunt is trying to add a pass-rush dimension

to his run-stuffing skills so he can stay on the field full-time as he focuses on just one position for the first time since he was drafted out of Division II Kentucky State in 1999.

Chiefs

First-round draft pick Ryan Sims and Pro Bowl tight end Tony Gonzalez remain no-shows midway through the Kansas City Chiefs training camp.

Marvin "Snoop" Minnis ran some routes on an adjacent practice field by himself. It was the first time in training camp Minnis has tried to go at full speed, and Vermeil said he was encouraged by what he saw.

Minnis is recovering from a broken foot suffered in mini-camp.

Vermeil said he wasn't sure if offensive lineman John Tait would be available for this week's pre-season game in San Francisco. Tait received 17 stitches in his forehead and suffered a broken nose in an altercation with rookie defensive end Eddie Freeman last week.

Bills

Ruben Brown was among four newly injured Buffalo players who didn't return to the practice field when the Bills resumed their training camp.

Brown, a Pro Bowl left guard the last six seasons, suffered a slightly sprained left knee during a joint practice with the Cleveland Browns Friday.

Also missing for the workout at St. John Fisher College were defensive linemen Kendrick Offie, who'd had a concussion, and Erik Flowers with a chip fracture in his neck, as well as tight end Dave Moore with a slight groin strain. All were injured against Cleveland.

Football

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up the sideline.

He ignored his face mask being grabbed about 5 yards later, and after picking up 30 yards, Shockey knocked Houston safety Kevin Williams to the ground with his forearm. It took two more Texas defenders to drag the 6-foot-5, 252-pounder down.

Two plays later, Shockey caught a 5-yard TD pass from Palmer to get the Giants up 17-10 at half-time.

Owen Pochman's 37-yard field goal put New York ahead 20-10, but former Giants QB Kent Hoston, battling to make Hoston's roster — threw a 48-yard TD pass to Sherrod Gideon.

Palmer's second TD pass, a 57-yarder to Jonathan Carter, made it 27-17 with 12:39 left.

Glenn's safety Clarence Lelands returned an interception 99 yards for a TD to seal it with 1:43 to go.

Baltimore Ravens in their final game before the franchise moved to Tennessee.

On their first offensive play, the Ravens were led to the end zone by Strahan. The Giants defensive end, who set a league record with 22.5 sacks last season, shed a blockage and threw James Allen for a 3-yard loss.

Major League Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB, L10, Str, Home, Away, Infr. Includes sections for All Times MDT, AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division, Central Division, West Division, and NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division, Central Division, West Division.

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Nightfire

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fresh off a win at the Tucson Nitro Knockout in late June. A fire of Sparks, Nev., will also run.

Firebrill major event, which would be a record, West Coast Pro Mod points champion Andy Neyer will also compete.

Legion

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fastball and the curve were around the zone. That was key," he said.

Turner said taking that win is a building block for next season. "We kind of had a monkey on our back and we had the opportunity to quit against Cooper/Albie but we hung in there and fought hard," he said.

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SCORES AND STATS

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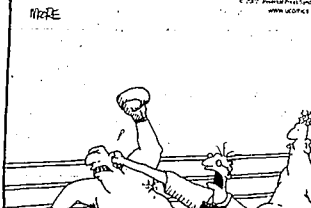
IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore

WHAT'S ON T.V.

BLUE JAYS 7, ORIOLES 1

Scoreboard for Blue Jays vs Orioles game.



Oh, no you don't. March right back to your dressing room and scrub behind those ears, mister! I told you I want a clean fight!

Boxing

Tuesday Night Fights ESPN2 8 p.m.

Tennis

ATP Tennis Masters - Cincinnati ESPN 11 a.m.

Baseball

Braves at Dbacks TBS 8 p.m.

Golf

Fred Meyer Golf Challenge, Day 2 ESPN 1 p.m.

Baseball scores for various games.

Boxing fight schedule.

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ROYALS 12, TWINS 4

Scoreboard for Royals vs Twins game.

WHITE SOX 4, DEVIL RAYS 3

Scoreboard for White Sox vs Devil Rays game.

ANGELS 6, TIGERS 3

Scoreboard for Angels vs Tigers game.

GIANTS 10, BRUINS 1

Scoreboard for Giants vs Bruins game.

PHILLIES 7, DODGERS 5

Scoreboard for Phillies vs Dodgers game.

DIAMOND BACKS 2, METS 0

Scoreboard for Diamond Backs vs Mets game.

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

Major League Leaders table.

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NFL Preseason

NFL Preseason schedule.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

American Conference standings.

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Beleagued coach will move to Orofino

LEWISTOWN — A veteran Kamiah football coach accused of battering students has decided to leave the school district and move to Orofino.

Tom Snyder said he will continue to live in Kamiah for now. He will teach physical education and health and coach boys basketball in Orofino.

Snyder, 41, said he was offered a contract this year with the Kamiah district, which would have been his 15th year, but there were stipulations attached.

In March, two parents alleged Snyder battered their children in his class. The families filed complaints with the Nez Perce tribal police, which were forwarded on to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Coeur d'Alene.

The investigation continues, but no decisions have been made about charging Snyder. Thayer, if she stays out of trouble for five years, the charges will be dismissed.

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Stewart punches photographer after race

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While NASCAR continued its investigation Monday, France said he was not interested in seeing pictures or footage of the confrontation, if any exist.

Stewart punched Gary Mook, a freelance photographer for The Indianapolis Star, after the race Sunday. Mook was trying to take pictures of Stewart as he hustled through the garage area, when Stewart stopped and hit him in the chest.

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The deal with Boston-based Gillette Corp. is for years. The cost was not announced.

CMGI agreed to pay \$114 million for naming rights to the stadium in 2000, when its stock was trading at \$44 per share. The company has piled up hundreds of millions of dollars of losses and its shares are now trading around 40 cents.

The Super Bowl champions make their debut in the new stadium Aug. 17 in a preseason game against the Philadelphia Eagles.

Ex-Seahawk pleads innocent to battery

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

"Nothing is settled. Everything can still be altered." - Claude Levi-Strauss

North-South had an aggressive sequence in this deal. A reasonable slam. It might have been easier for South to ruff two hearts on the second round with his 13 points and void in partner's suit, but then slam would probably not have been reached, and there would have been no story. As it was, North's hand was well worth pressing on with, even after South's four-heart sign-off. North cue-bid four spades, and when South cooperated, North thought...

When dummy comes down South might see a way to avoid two spade losers, but in fact the situation is far from hopeless. The key is to see that dummy's ruffing value is in spades and not in clubs. You should win the opening lead, cash the club ace, and duck a spade. Suppose the defenders continue trumps. You win in hand, then play two rounds of clubs, discarding dummy's two small spades. Now play a spade to the ace, come back to hand with a diamond ruff, and trump a spade in the dummy. Now ruff another diamond back to hand, draw the last trump, and cash your two club winners.

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HEATHER JAMILL/The Times-News
Eastern Star Twin Falls officers include, from left, front row: Dorothy Lundy, associate matron; Ann Ridgely, worthy matron; Francis Rider, worthy patron; and Ray Ketterling, associate patron; middle row: Maxine Machamer, past grand matron - conductress; Kris Ferlic, organist; Lucille Routh, sentinal; Betty Newby; warder; Hazel Wilder, Ruth; Zolt McFarland, chaplain; and Billie Reed; Adah; back row: Terry Rowe; associate conductress; Maxine McCrackan, Martha; Mabouneen Hall, treasurer; Marletta James; Esther; Esther Ketterling, Electa; Norma Berkley, marshal; and Willa Rider, secretary.

Charity, friendship Eastern Star celebrates 100 years in Idaho

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - The state of Idaho Grand Chapter of Eastern Star this year celebrated 100 years of community work and camaraderie.

The group gives much to the community in the way of several types of scholarships, sponsoring young people going into religious training, and helping the Shriners with their children's hospitals, members say.

"To be in Eastern Star, you have to have a relationship with an Eastern Star member or a Mason," says Willa Rider, Eastern Star secretary. The Twin Falls chapter has 150 members and supports Job's Daughters, an organization for young women.

"We're mainly interested in our youth," Rider says. "They're very giving to many, many worthy causes."

The Eastern Star organization also provides support to young

Want to know more?

If interested in membership, call Willa Rider at 733-8816 or Maxine Machamer at 735-3254. Eastern Star calls itself the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women may belong. The organization says it uses Biblical examples of noble conduct and moral values to portray the noble principles which should adorn the personal lives of Eastern Stars.

people who are members of Rainbow for Girls. Projects include ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership), and donating to cancer research, arthritis fund, heart fund, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, orphanages and many others.

Esther Ketterling has been a member of Eastern Star for 36 years. She joined in Shelley, Idaho, where she served as worthy matron, a leadership posi-

tion, four times. She also has served twice as worthy matron in Twin Falls.

"Ketterling describes Eastern Star as "a fraternal organization that makes money for charitable programs."

But there is more to Eastern Star.

"Getting to know people from different walks of life has been great," Ketterling says.

Bert Remaley has been an Eastern Star member for 53 years. He served as worthy grand patron in Pennsylvania, and is a past patron in Idaho. Men have to be master Masons before they can belong to Eastern Star.

"We're not a religion, but we're deeply rooted in religious principles," Remaley says. A retired Methodist minister, he says he became interested in the organization because of "the deep religious principles we teach." The group is all about charity, love, brotherhood and sisterhood, he says.

STORK REPORT

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Aspen Lee Byington, daughter of Kyle and DeAnna Byington of Carey, was born Thursday, July 25, 2002.
Kathlyn Nicole Scarrow, daughter of Mark and Trish Scarrow of Wendell, was born Sunday, July 28, 2002.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Alexis Gardiner, daughter of Diane and Spence Gardiner, was born Wednesday, July 24, 2002.
Grant Carter Bowen, son of Bucky and Shawn Bowen of Burley, was born Thursday, July 25, 2002.
Marisa Ann Stevenson, daughter of Andrea and Tod Stevenson of Burley, was born Thursday, July 25, 2002.
Belin Shayne Knoboth, daughter of Alyssa Lee Knoboth of Burley, was born

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Sunday, July 28, 2002.
Kolby Claude Osborn, son of Tabatha and Terry Osborn of Burley, was born Monday, July 29, 2002.
Madison Ann Cheney, daughter of Lisa Ann and Jeffrey Darrell Cheney of Burley, was born Wednesday, July 31, 2002.
Mariela Arroyo Alvarez, daughter of Huronia and J. Vincente Arroyo of Burley, was

born Wednesday, July 31, 2002.
Josiah Samuel Billings, son of Raquel and Eric Billings of Burley, was born Wednesday, July 31, 2002.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Dylan Mikel Reedy, son of Angela Viles and Richard Reedy of Fairfield, was born Wednesday, July 24, 2002.
Sage Elizabeth Curtis, daughter of Joan and Scott Curtis of Ketchum, was born Wednesday, July 24, 2002.
Edgar Vega, son of Ilda Ibarra and Jorge Lopez of Gannett, was born Friday, July 26, 2002.
Valente de Jesus Palomera, son of Beatriz Sulus and Jesus Palomera of Ketchum, was born Saturday, July 27, 2002.
Evelyn Corona, son of Veronica and Miguel Corona of Bellevue, was born Tuesday, July 30, 2002.



BETTY TAYLOR/The Times-News
Mathew Corio digs up the time capsule he helped bury five years ago at the Hansen Library Children's summer reading program. He was 7-years old when it was buried.

Fairfield senior takes big leap

KETCHUM - On June 15, 92-year-old Bob Frostenson was best man at his grandson's wedding. It also was his 70th wedding anniversary.

The next day on Father's Day, he drove to the top of Sun Valley's Bald Mountain. There, "galvanized" by the support of 15 family members and friends, he took a paragliding trip over the Wood River Valley, soaring for 20 minutes, family member Linda Frostenson said.

Last summer, the Fairfield resident watched two grandsons fly their hang gliders, and remarked that looked like fun, family members reported. Grandchildren Bobi Jo Frostenson and Jill Kester decided it would be a great idea for "Gramps" to "fly," and turned to Fly Sun Valley in Ketchum, operated by pilot Chuck Smith, who has paraglided for 15 years and guided more than 3,000 tandem flights. Frostenson was given the flight as a gift on his birthday in

December. The day in June was picked because of the family members coming for the wedding.

At 8 a.m., Frostenson and Smith set out. Assisting at the top of Baldy was Ketchum Mayor Ed Simon, an experienced paragliding pilot, and paragliding pilots Nat Scoules and Wolfe Richies. Grandson Andy Frostenson of Pico, a hang glider pilot, helped and photographed his grandfather's take-off, his family said. Two other pilots first made flights, checking wind and landing conditions.

With Simon holding the glider's leading edge, and a few large downhill steps, Smith and Frostenson were airborne. When the large red and white paraglider rose above the mountain rim into view of those watching 3,300 feet below, a cheer went up, his family said. The flight went perfectly, and Frostenson, with Smith's encouragement, took a hand in guiding the paraglider.



Bob Frostenson, 92, paraglides down Bald Mountain. Below, a triumphant Frostenson after the flight.

Photo courtesy of FLY SUN VALLEY, CHUCK SMITH and BOB JO FROSTENSON

As he swooped down for the landing, there was enormous grin on his face, and he said it was just like being a bird, family said. He received a student pilot membership card in the United States Hang Gliding Association. Before Frostenson, Smith's oldest tandem flier was an 86-year-old woman.

On hand for the event were sons, Ted and Merlan Frostenson of Bend, Ore. and Jack and Linda Frostenson of Fairfield. Grandchildren included Jill and Charlie Kester of Shoreline, Wash.; Eric and great-grandson Anders; and Bobi Jo Frostenson of Fairfield; Robb and Kate Kramer of Tucson, Ariz.; Joanna Kramer of Ketchum; and friends Rod and Sally Pridmore of Fairfield.



Frostenson had done his fair share of flying, his family said. He learned to fly a plane during World War II when the airport in Gooding initiated a flying school to train "spotters" for the Pacific Arena. When the war was over, he flew his own plane for 15 years.

He continues to farm with his son, Jack, on Camas Prairie, raising primarily organic alfalfa hay.

Kids dig up memories at library

By Betty Taylor
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN - Mathew Corio was 7-year-old when he helped bury a time capsule during the Hansen Library summer reading program.

Five summers later, he helped dig it up.

On July 16, 1997, under the direction of Hansen librarian Linda Oatman, the young participants in the program put together a time capsule. The children filled it with pictures and traced hand prints. Then, the capsule was buried outside the library.

Oatman said the theme then was "Timeless Treks," and the plan was to open the capsule in five years. That's exactly what happened on July 17, 2002, at the closing of this year's children's reading program.

Mathew, now 12-years-old, did the digging. He and brother Andrew, 11, pulled the capsule out of the ground, and opened it as other children, mothers, volunteers and librarians all watched.

"I didn't remember doing any of

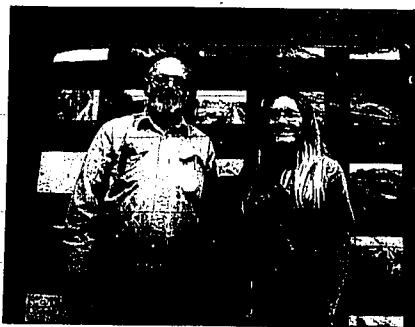


In the Hansen Library's children's summer reading program, children make apron sunglasses and family trees. From left, Game Thomson; 7, Sami Zea; 7, Meagan Wilkins; 6, and Tyson Wilkins, 6, work on their projects.

this until I saw the pictures and then I started remembering. I thought it was 'quite great,'" said Andrew, who was age 6 when the capsule was buried.

Annie Thomson, 10, had put a picture in the capsule. She said she did not remember doing any of this five years ago, but would be interested in doing it again.

RELAY FOR LIFE QUILT



Tri Anderson congratulates Rod Draper for being the highest bidder for a quilt that shows different Idaho Transportation Department projects throughout the State of Idaho. Proceeds from the quilt went towards the efforts of the department's Relay for Life team and the American Cancer Society.

Photo courtesy of TRI ANDERSON

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TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

Members of Bethel 43 won several awards at the annual Grand Session, June 19-22 in Twin Falls.



Photo courtesy of ERIC FERUC

Job's Daughters return with awards

TWIN FALLS - Several members of Bethel 43, Twin Falls, of the International Order of Job's Daughters, competed and earned awards in competitions at the annual Grand Session held in Twin Falls, June 19-22.

Age group 11-14: Jessica Lupton: sweepstakes booklet cover, first place long poem, first place long essay, first place instrumental solo and third place individual ritual competition; Natasha Lupton: third place original art booklet cover; Aryn Probasen: third place dance solo; McKalee Conrad: third place instrumental solo.

Age group 15-16: Katie Baxter: second place dance solo; Erin Ferlic: second place piano solo, first place individual ritual competition and third place story of Job; and Jackie Baxter: first place vocal solo.

Art festival winners receive recognition

TWIN FALLS - Award winners at the Art-in-the-Park Summer Fine Arts Festival on July 28-29 were as follows:

Judges Awards: Kim Gaskin, Neva Edwards, Scott Razez, Artisans original crafts: Fred Greg Bartlett, Second: Carol Probasen, Fine arts: First: Jan Ciclo, Second: Michael Sedivy, Third: James Mack, Goicoechea, Honorable mention: Janet Birrer

Kati Anderson, Florence Beck, Grades 1-3: First: Alexa Johnson, Second: Taylor Mathias, Third: Natalie Whiting, Honorable mentions: Reed McKenzie, Mary Toft, Grades 4-6: First: Sara Castro, Second: Jim Johnson, Third: Rachael Toft

Honorable mentions: Echo Hoskins, Andrea Geske, Junior high school: Yelena Buzgasarova, Second: Christi Springer, Third: Anna Quach, Honorable mentions: Alliea Ko, Emily Green, Ryan Wise, Robyn Parks



From left, Jordan Fuller, Hannah Bitzenburg, Justin Ramm, Andrew Taylor and Christie Green were some of the local competitors at a national horse competition in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Local youth compete in national horse contest

TWIN FALLS - Seven young people from the Magic Valley traveled to Oklahoma City, Okla. to compete in the 55th National Appaloosa Youth Show June 24-27.

Fuller Training Staples of Twin Falls. Bitzenburg was ninth in English showmanship, and made the finals in the western equitation 16-18 category, and the finals in hunter under saddle 16-18. Caitlyn Fuller and her horse were eighth in the headline class.

under saddle and western pleasure. Ramm earned a reserve world title in reining 13 and under and earned a fourth place finish in senior reining. He also won his age division in the dummy roping contest held. Taylor earned a ninth place finish in boys showmanship, and was a finalist in the novice western equitation class.

FLAG DONATION

Graduating members of the College of Southern Idaho Surgical Technology Club present an American flag to the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley in Twin Falls. Club representative Dana Winslow hands the gift to club representative Anderson, CSI.



Photo courtesy of CSI

THINGS TO DO

MUSIC: Seaside River Flats Barbershop Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at 1212 N. Rupert. Men and boys invited, call 436-6047.

DANCE: Magic Valley Squares Square Dance Club - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 214 Second Ave. E., in Jerome; call Vera at 734-6677. Tom at 324-4440. Couples welcome.

Club - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays in the community center at 674 Rose St. N. in Twin Falls, 733-5529. Free bridge lessons for beginners - 7 p.m. Tuesdays starting March 19 at Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave., call 735-0306.

Newspaper, ISU offer free media law seminar TWIN FALLS - News reporters and others interested in media law are invited to a two-hour seminar taught by the chairman of Idaho State University's Department of Mass Communication.

Wood River Bridge announces weekly winners HAILEY - The Wood River Bridge winners were announced: Winners for July 14 at the Harker Center for north/south were: first, Yolande Bennett and Arlene Hansen; second, Marilyn Nesbit and Dee Swartz; and third, Warren Nesbit and David Meyers.

Carnevale and Holly Lawson; second, Marilyn and Warren Nesbit; second in Flight B, Sue White and Miriam Rose; and first in Flight C, Deanne and Jerry Drake. Winners for east/west were: first in Flight A, Sue Bize and Joan Belsky; first in Flight B, Maggie Traylor and Monique Nelson; first in Flight C, Muriel and Norm Taggart; second in Flight C, June Ray and Jenn; and third in Flight C, Jennie and Roger Ferguson.

Marines promote Twin Falls resident to sergeant

Marine Corps Sgt. David R. Jensen, son of Pauline H. and R. B. Jensen of Twin Falls, was promoted to his current rank while serving with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 14, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N. C.

Cummings takes part in community project

Navy Seaman Lindsey J. Cummings, daughter of Coy L. and Terry L. Cummings of Elko, Nev., took part in three community relations projects in Singapore during a Western Pacific deployment while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, homeported in Yokosuka, Japan.

Box graduates from Air Force basic training

Air Force Airman Jeremy T. Box has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Connie Box of Twin Falls and Karl Box of Modesto, Calif.

Box graduates from Air Force basic training

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches; and received physical training and special training in human relations.

Bouge graduates from hospital corps school

Navy Hospitalman Apprentice Amber L. Bouge, daughter of Nancy J. and Richard M. Bouge of Elko, Nev., has graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at the Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill.

Bouge graduates from hospital corps school

During the 14-week course, Bouge learned a wide range of medical procedures used to provide first aid and assist Navy doctors and nurses. Bouge also received an introductory instruction for service in a variety of medical environments, from fleet hospitals and shipboard medical departments to fleet Marine forces and medical administration offices.

Bill Loving will visit Twin Falls next week to lead a "refresher" session on such topics as libel, privacy and information access. The class is designed for people working in the news media, but others are welcome.

Winners for July 22 at the Blaine County Senior Center in Halley were: first, Ellen Lau and Joyce Moore; second, Tammi Pruca and Steve Frickey; and third, Monique Nelson and Maggie Traylor.

Members should bring table service, a chair and dish to share. Members whose name begins with A-L should bring a side or salad and those whose last name begins with M-Z should bring a dessert.

Dutch oven cooking.

Guest speaker, Jeannie Bergen from Sumas, Wash., will speak on valuable lifelong friendships.

CSI offers physician coding class starting this month

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer a physician coding class from 7-10 p.m. Mondays, beginning Aug. 29.

Gooding Center postpones mature driving course

GOODING - The Gooding County Senior Citizens Center will not hold the 55 and Above mature driving course Aug. 26-27. Instead, the course will now be offered Sept. 20-21.

Christian Women's Club hosts 'summertime' lunch

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Christian Women's Club will hold a "Fun in the Summertime" women's luncheon from 12-1:15 p.m. Aug. 13 at the WestCoast Hotel, 357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Dilettantes picnic set at Twin Falls City Park

TWIN FALLS - The Dilettantes will hold a picnic at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Twin Falls City Park.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

New markets will hold ribbon cuttings

KIMBERLY - Ridley's Family Markets today will kick off two weeks of grand openings with ribbon-cutting ceremonies at its two newest Magic Valley stores.

The stores, in Kimberly and Buell, will have city and company officials on hand to officiate.

The Kimberly store, formerly Person's Jubilee, was purchased March 11 and has been remodeled and enlarged to expand the grocery department and add a bakery/department. A new pharmacy is coming soon, Ridley's said.

The Buell store, formerly R&B grocery, was purchased April 1 and was closed for a full remodeling and expansion, which included a new storefront. The new addition houses a full "scratch" bakery and hot deli, as well as a service counter, video department and liquor department, Ridley's said. All new refrigerated cases were put into the store. A pharmacy was added and is now open.

Ridley's Family Markets is a family-owned and -operated, Jerome-based business. Jerry and Connie Ridley have been in the grocery business for over 25 years. They have nine stores - as far west as Weiser, as far east as Pocatello, and as far north as McCall.

Today's ribbon-cutting ceremonies will take place at 9 a.m. in Buell and at 10 a.m. in Kimberly, and anyone is welcome.

IHFA unveils interest rate for home buyers

TWIN FALLS - A near record-low 5.84 percent is the homeowner interest rate now available through the Idaho Home Finance Association, the IHFA said Monday.

The new rate is the second lowest since the association began making residential loans in 1978, trailing only the 5.83 percent rate last fall.

The new rate is available through any of IHFA's more than 30 participating lenders statewide, with nearly 80 branches.

During 2001, IHFA helped 2,371 families purchase their first homes by providing lower interest rates and generating a homeownership investment of \$199.9 million in Idaho. IHFA said it remains on pace for its largest loan mortgage investment ever in a calendar year.

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

A list of participating lenders can be found on IHFA's Web site at www.ihfa.org/residential_lenders.html.

Barley commission hosts Chinese trade team

BURLEY - The Idaho Barley Commission plans to host a six-member malting barley trade team from China today through Thursday in eastern Idaho.

The team's visit is to see the quality and size of the Idaho barley crop and assess the feasibility of importing U.S. malting barley in 2002-03, the barley commission said. The team is jointly sponsored by the Idaho Barley Commission and the U.S. Grains Council.

The Chinese team will visit the Soda Springs malting barley production area and visit with farmers, tour Great Western's malt plant in Pocatello and tour Anheuser-Busch's barley elevator and malt plant in Idaho Falls. The team also will meet with a number of barley merchandisers in eastern Idaho about the 2002 crop during its visit to Idaho Falls Thursday.

"The Chinese market holds great potential for Idaho malting barley sales," said Evan Hayes, District III commissioner and barley producer from Soda Springs. "This team is particularly interested in our two-rowed malting barley varieties and will be visiting Idaho to talk about potential purchases."

Hayes said China is the world's largest importer of malting barley and the second largest user.

The leading malting barley suppliers to China have been Australia and Canada, but Canada is facing a drought and crop this year, the barley commission said.

Compiled from staff reports

Chamber picnic prepares to heat up City Park

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Helicopter trip, health check or home-buying help. Golfing, grilling or getting away. Take your pick and make your bid.

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and its donors aim to keep picnic parties from leaving empty-handed at the chamber's 9th annual Hot August Nite picnic and auction Aug. 15. They've amassed an array of alluring lot to suit a variety of tastes - office furniture, advertising, historical photography and other raffle prizes and auction items from local businesses.

And they'll prepare a buffet of trout and baron of beef, cooked and served by chamber board members. New to the menu this

9th annual picnic and auction

- When: Aug. 15.
- 8 to 8:30 p.m. - Chamber-member showcase and raffish.
- 8 to 7 p.m. - Picnic buffet dinner; auction packages on display.
- 5 to 8 p.m. - Bounce House and mini-train rides for children - free to those who pay to eat.
- 7:30 to 8 p.m. - Live auction.
- 8 p.m. - Big prize raffle drawing.
- Where: Twin Falls City Park.

Hot August Nite

- Sponsors: Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.
- Admission: \$10 for an adult's meal, \$7 per child under 12.
- Package deal: A \$125 package includes 12 big-prize raffle tickets (normally \$10 each); two supper tickets for the picnic; and 50 raffle tickets (normally \$1 each) for the member-showcase prizes.
- Can't attend? Absentee auction bids will be accepted until noon that day.
- Call: 733-3974.

year are hot dogs for the children.

Last year, hundreds of unexpected attendees crowded City Park for Hot August Nite, boosting the chamber's net profit from the festivities to almost

\$30,000, compared with around \$26,000 the year before, chamber executive Kent Just said. Chamber officials aim to match that \$30,000 profit this year.

The annual picnic and auction - the

chamber's biggest event money-maker - accounts for about 7 percent of the annual budget for the valley's premier business organization.

Hot August Nite last year drew 1,627 people, compared with about 1,150 in 2000. This year, Just expects about 1,500 attendees.

The night's main attraction is the big-prize raffle.

And the night's big winner will drive off in a bright red, \$20,000 Volkswagen Bug, souped up with special tires and leather interior. The Con Paulus VW-Audi-Mazda dealership is sponsoring the top prize with Cooper Norman & Co. and the chamber.

In that drawing, the second-place winner gets a \$3,700 queen-sized bed room set - furniture, mattress and springs - from

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Demanding their pay



Omar Belazi stands in his family's gas station mini-market in downtown Santa Barbara, Calif., July 23. Belazi led a lawsuit against RadioShack Corp., alleging the company failed to pay managers overtime. RadioShack agreed recently to a \$29.9 million settlement for 1,300 managers.

Workers file lawsuits for overtime pay

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - There were years, Omar Belazi says, when he willingly logged 65-hour weeks, stayed late to vacuum the store's floor and clean the bathroom, or sundered his Sundays to hit sales targets.

But a decade later - after Belazi began asking his wife and father-in-law to clean his RadioShack store without pay to help him keep up - he grew tired of waiting for the paycheck.

"It gets to be very stressful, very tiring... You just get up and go to RadioShack and go home and go to sleep," said Belazi, a former store manager for the electronics chain in Santa Barbara, Calif. "They gave me all these awards (for sales achievement) but it didn't do me any good. They didn't pay me."

A growing number of workers like Belazi are demanding more

from their employers. The result is a flood of lawsuits by employees, many in arguably "professional" jobs, who accuse their companies of cheating them out of overtime pay.

The surge in claims - some resulting in multimillion-dollar settlements - reflects an uptick in a long-simmering debate over overtime pay and who is entitled to it.

In part, that debate reflects the fact that Americans are working more hours - longer than their counterparts in every other industrialized country - and that employers are trying to stretch productivity. But it also hinges on changes in the jobs people do and what they're called.

With manufacturing jobs dwindling, more workers now toil for service-industry employers who pay salaries and bestow people with hard-to-define titles like

"analyst," "manager" and "administrator." Federal law says employees don't have to pay overtime to salaried workers in executive, administrative or professional jobs. But the law, the Fair Labor Standards Act, which has undergone only limited revision since the 1970s, relies on some outdated salary figures

and terminology that leaves room for broad interpretation. California, which has become a hotbed of overtime battles, has a law that grants overtime pay to a

broader group of workers.

That has helped stir clashes between employers and employees with very different ideas about the definition and responsibilities of a professional and what constitutes fair pay.

RadioShack agreed in July to pay \$29.9 million to settle a lawsuit led by Belazi on behalf of 1,300 current and former California store managers. The workers contended they were owed overtime because the company made virtually all managerial decisions at higher levels, and mandated that they spend most of their hours as salesmen.

The payment by RadioShack is the most recent in a series of very large settlements in California. This spring, Starbucks agreed to pay a group of California store managers \$18 million to settle an overtime suit. SBC Pacific Bell agreed last

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Credit card won't help minor get a car loan

Question: I'm 16 and want to build my credit rating so I can buy a car next year. My mom won't let me get a credit card, even though I told her it will help me qualify later for a car loan. My aunt said she might help. How do I talk her into it?

Answer: You don't. Mom gets to rule on this one. Your ability to build a credit rating of your own right now is pretty limited because you're still a minor. Minors can't legally be held to a contract, so lenders aren't going to extend you credit unless someone else is also on the hook to repay the loan.

That doesn't change simply because you get a credit card. You're still going to need a co-signer on a car loan next year, since you won't yet be 18.

If you tick off your mom by

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going around her to get the card, you can pretty much count out her help in co-signing for a car loan. And Auntie Mame might not be so willing to help you after she endures Mom's wrath.

What you can do now, with your mom's permission, is open checking and savings accounts. Having such accounts is important in starting a credit history.

Once you've had the accounts for several months, apply for a debit card. Debit cards are now accepted most places that credit

cards are and can help you learn how to handle plastic. The difference is that charges made to debit cards are deducted directly from your checking account, so it's pretty hard to charge more than you can repay.

Once you're 18 and in college, you'll have no shortage of opportunities to get a card. Learning to handle a checking account and debit card in the meantime is a good way to get ready.

You also might reconsider the idea of getting a car loan in the first place. You're usually much better off paying cash for cars and other items that lose value.

Q-You recently mentioned that people whose net worth was approaching \$1 million should see an estate-planning attorney. You probably also should mention that people should include

the face value of any life insurance policies. These amounts don't show up in net worth because they aren't technically assets or liabilities, but they can be a large part of the taxable estate of the surviving spouse.

Because this easily can be addressed through proper estate planning (by using trusts, for example), these folks definitely should see an estate attorney too.

As good as it is, life insurance policies can be a godsend for your survivors, but can wreak havoc with estate planning if not properly handled.

Questions can be sent to Liz Pulliam Weston at askliz@moneytalk.com or mailed to her in care of Money Talk, Business Section, Los Angeles Times, 202 W. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Aug. 15 tax deadline looms

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Most Idaho taxpayers already have filed their 2001 federal income tax returns. But for about 35,000 Idaho taxpayers who opted for the automatic extension of time to file, the deadline is Aug. 15.

The Internal Revenue Service is reminding taxpayers with extensions to file their



returns by Aug. 15 to avoid the late-filing penalty, which is 5 percent per month of the unpaid tax. Help may be available, however, for people who cannot file by Aug. 15.

Taxpayers with hardships or other special circumstances may request an additional two-month extension that will give them until Oct. 15 to file, the IRS said. Taxpayers with an additional time to file will not be penalized for late payment of tax if they pay the balance of their 2001 tax when they file the tax return by Oct. 15 and if 90 percent of their total tax was paid by April 15, the IRS said.

To request the additional time, file Form 2688 with the IRS by Aug. 15. The form is available on the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov. The agency will advise filers in writing whether their requests are granted. Form 2688 can be filed electronically or mailed to the IRS.

Elkhorn owners plan construction

The Associated Press

SUN VALLEY - The new owners of the Elkhorn Resort are planning to tear down the old buildings, replace them with new units and sell them under a "fractional ownership" plan.

It will work like a timeshare. Sun Valley's first fractional project, the \$100-million Elkhorn, opened several months ago.

"Usually, they're never 100 percent occupied so someone who has ownership can use more than you would expect," DeStefano said. "And you get all the amenities of a five-star hotel, like pickup from the airport and maid service."

Elkhorn's Residents Club would consist of seven four-story buildings, each with eight units averaging 2,400 square feet. Cost would range from \$190,000 to \$350,000. Owners with the \$800,000 to \$1 million, it would cost to buy a condo outright, DeStefano said.

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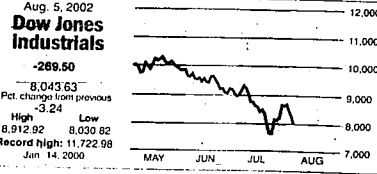
MONEY

Low posts another triple-digit loss

NEW YORK (AP) - Wall Street's hopes for a turnaround dimmed Monday after another dose of disappointing economic news sent the Dow Jones industrial average nearly 270 points, their third straight triple-digit loss.

The selling, which followed the latest disappointing economic report, came after 11 weeks of heavy selling and further eroded the huge July rally that many investors had believed might be the beginning of a recovery. Analysts said that without any encouraging economic data, there was little reason to do much buying. Doubts about the banking sector also pressured stocks.

The Dow closed down 269.50, or 3.2 percent, at 8,043.63, for a three-session loss of 692.96 points. The S&P 500 index fell 192.18 points, or 2.3 percent, below the low of 8,235.81.



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hit Sept. 21 following the terrorist attacks. The Dow last closed below that level a little over a week ago.

Broader stock indicators also fell. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 29.64, or 3.4 percent, to 834.60, and the Nasdaq composite index dropped 41.91, or 3.4 percent, to 1,206.01, a new 5-year low. It had fallen from a peak of 2,197.19 in July and from 2,721.49 on April 21, 1997, when it stood at 1,203.95.

Monday's selling followed a report by the Institute for Supply Management that showed the U.S. service sector grew in July, but at a slower pace than many economists predicted. The group's non-manufacturing index stood at 53.1 in July, after standing at 57.2 in June and 60.1 in May.

The news compounded a string of lackluster economic releases late last week - including a weaker-than-expected gross domestic product, disappointing outlooks for business and manufacturing and flat unemployment figures - that raised fears that the economy was slipping back into recession.

More fighting in the Middle East, as well as concerns about the economic situation in Latin America, added to the uncertainty. On Monday, Uruguay received \$1.5 billion from the U.S. Federal Reserve to help its ailing financial system. Brazil reportedly is seeking about \$10 billion in similar assistance.

Investors viewed the turmoil as one more reason to lock-in profits from the market's late July rally, which is fading quickly. At Monday's close, only about 140 points remained of the 1,009-point rally that the Dow racked up between July 24 and July 29.

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Prosecutors: Hundreds took advantage of 9/11 problems

NEW YORK (AP) - Prosecutors said Monday that as many as 4,000 people used ATMs to steal \$15 million from a municipal employees' credit union whose computer security system was damaged in the Sept. 11 attack.

Police said they had arrested 56 people and were stockpiling 35 others. But thousands more are under investigation in what already is one of the largest fraud cases to come out of the terrorist attack.

District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said the suspects fraudulently drew up to \$500 a day from ATMs - even if their accounts at the Municipal Credit Union couldn't cover it.

The problem stems from Sept. 11, when the attack on the World Trade Center damaged a nearby building housing the credit union's computer system. The system was also affected by subsequent telephone system and power outages.

Credit union officials soon realized they could no longer monitor the computer network that handles automated teller transactions. But they decided to allow withdrawals without the normal banking safeguards, so they would not offend members affected by the tragedy.

"This is a prime example of no good deed goes unpunished," Morgenthau said. "People took advantage."

He said as many as 4,000 people manipulated the system to overdraw their bank accounts by at least \$1,000. Of that group, more than 540 credit union members exceeded their balances by more than \$5,000.

According to authorities, a 54-year-old nurse made 54 cash withdrawals from Sept. 18 to the end of October, leaving her with a negative balance of \$18,111.

A Housing Authority employee allegedly made dozens of withdrawals, using his credit union to make purchases at a bar and restaurant, a liquor store and a motel. A school safety officer allegedly made 80 ATM withdrawals in a five-week span, leaving her account more than \$11,000 in debt.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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MARKET SUMMARY

Summary of market activity including NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, and various indices like S&P 500, Dow Jones, etc.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table listing NASDAQ National Market stocks with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, %Chg.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local market stocks including Albemarle, Alcoa, Amstar, etc.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks of the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are also listed.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing American Stock Exchange stocks with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, %Chg.

Picnic

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Everton Mattress Factory. Third prize is \$200. Idaho Lottery tickets. From the Lottery Commission.

Prize tickets for the big prizes are \$10 each, and anyone 18 or older is eligible to win.

For those who want guaranteed return on investment, however, the auction packages might appeal more. This year each one has a song theme (some more recognizable than others), and a still-announced return that might offer a few bars of each tune that render to introduce the package.

"There's an awful lot of travel in these," Just said. The auction packages include trips to Alaska, Nevada, Mexico and Idaho destinations.

Here's a sampling of the 16 packages up for live auction:
Happy Trails for Two - A three-day packing and fishing trip, by helicopter, in Idaho's White Cloud Mountains.

Home, Home in Twin Falls - 3 percent of a home's purchase price, contributed toward closing, waived up to \$1,000, origination fee and one year of free home inspection and appraisal.

Oh Canada! - A trip by air to the golf and wine country of British Columbia.
I'll Be Seeing You... Finally - Laser eye surgery for two eyes, plus teeth whitening. Both eyes gotta be on the same person.

You're Getting a New Office... Dudes! - New Dell computer, plus desk, chair, fax machine/printer and office supplies.

The 2002 version of Hot August Nite won't have the silent auction of years past. But expect to see something new, meant to make chamber members the focus of the evening.

Each business with a table in the month's showcase will raffish off an item or package worth at least \$100, such as a 27-inch color television, a white-wear rafting trip, a \$100 cash card to a store, a 3-by-6-foot vinyl banner and several tackmaster and gourmet baskets.

The winning ticket for each raffish prize will be drawn from a separate pot. Event attendees who buy \$1 raffish tickets in a package deal or separately can drop them into whichever trade-fair raffish pots they please.

Each business in the showcase gets a minute to talk about itself and announce the winner of its giveaway.

If auctions and raffish don't appeal, the event still might have something for you besides supper.

You can buy an egg and find inside a certificate for another chance or service worth more than the egg's price. The chamber plans to hawk at least three dozen plastic eggs, individually priced.

Or play to play a card game for a chance to win a stash of Idaho Lottery tickets.

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MARKETS

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NEW YORK (AP) - Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange Monday

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Sony acquires Utah-based video game maker

Sony's Santa Monica studio group has 51 employees in Salt Lake City and American Fork. No staffing changes are expected. Campbell will continue to manage the company.

BEANS

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METALS & CURRENCY

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GRAINS

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CHEESE

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POTATOES

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SUGAR

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LIVESTOCK

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COMICS

Classic Peanuts



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For Better or For Worse



By Lynn Johnston

Dilbert



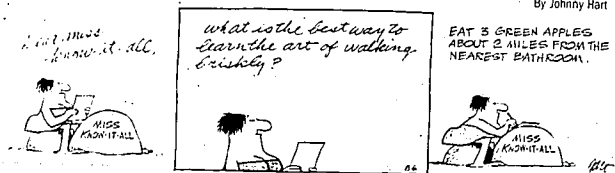
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By Dean Young & Stan Drake

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By Johnny Hart

Pickles



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Garfield



By Jim Davis

Dennis the Menace



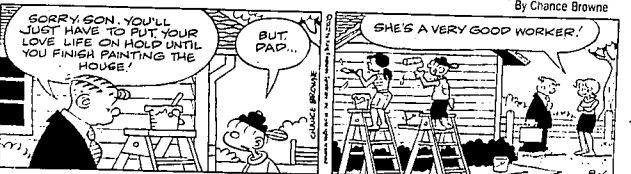
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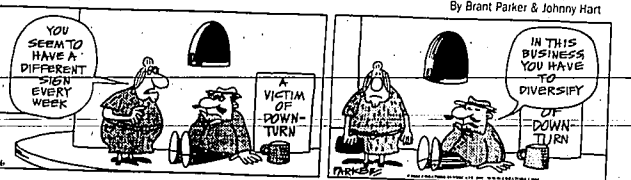
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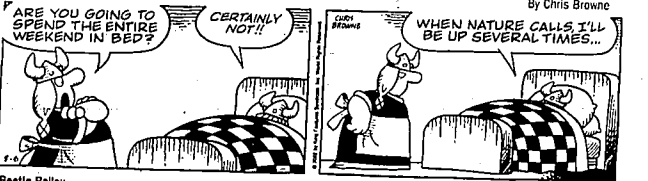
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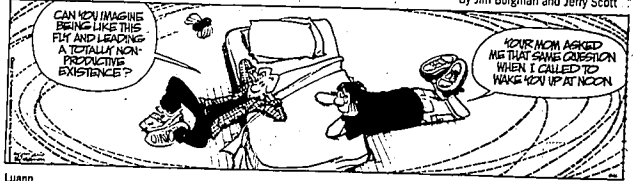
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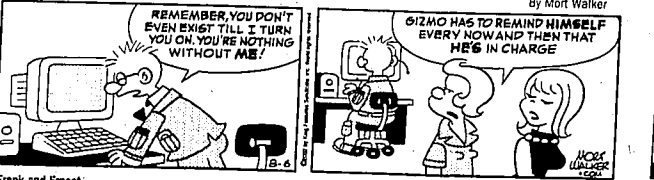
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Zits



By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

Beetle Bailey



By Mort Walker

Luann



By Greg Evans

Frank and Ernest



By Bob Thaves

Strange Brew



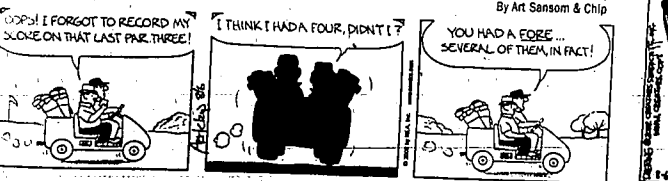
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Non Sequitur



By Wiley

The Born Loser



By Art Sansom & Chip