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Firm, county disagree Amalgamated Sugar Co. appeals tax assessment

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls County assessor estimates Amalgamated Sugar Co.'s property to be worth \$34.5 million. That translates into a big chunk of change in property taxes for the county government — \$138,188 to be exact — and an even larger check for the Twin Falls School District — \$148,956. The Twin Falls fire and highway districts

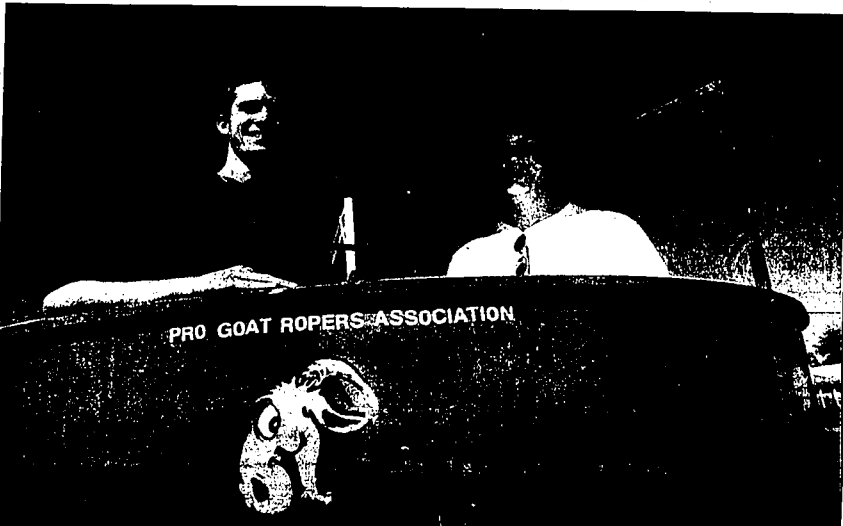
and the College of Southern Idaho receive smaller pieces of the property tax pie. But Amalgamated Sugar says its property is worth \$10.4 million — less than a third of the county assessment. That would translate into \$41,636 in property taxes for the county and \$44,883 for the school district. The county Board of Equalization — made up of Commissioners Gary Grindstaff, Bill Brinkman and Marvin

Hempleman — agreed with the county assessor, and now Amalgamated Sugar is appealing to the Idaho Board of Tax Appeals. "This is just a step to protect our appeal rights," said Wayne Neeley, a controller in Amalgamated Sugar's main office in Ogden, Utah. "We've had a very good working relationship, and we're still in discussions with Hempleman." Please see DISAGREE, Page A2



The Amalgamated Sugar Co. is appealing Twin Falls County's tax assessment of the factory's Twin Falls plant. The county assessor estimates the company's property to be worth \$34.5 million — more than three times what Amalgamated officials say it's worth.

GOATS ON A ROPE



Jake Garcin, left, and Jake Christensen are the officers in the Pro Goat Ropers Association. Three years ago, Garcin and Gooding County Fair Manager Don Gill brought the sport to the fair.

Goat ropers vie for world title in Gooding

Fair and rodeo prices
Fair admission is free. Rodeo admission is \$6, \$4 for ages 6-12 and free for 5 and under.

Schedule
Today
• 9:30 a.m. — 4-H and FFA members meet with beef judge (at the beef barn)
• 10 a.m. — 4-H/FFA beef showmanship (FFA then 4-H)
• 11 a.m. — Llano show, area west of outside show ring
• 1 p.m. — Judging of 4-H and FFA market beef quality
• 6 p.m. — Parade
• 8 p.m. — Rodeo (free rodeo passes for 4-H and FFA members and leaders)

At the fair



Gooding County Fair and Rodeo

Friday
• 8 a.m. — 4-H and FFA members meet with dairy judge (beef barn)
• 8:30 a.m. — Dairy cattle showmanship show (FFA then 4-H); 4-H/FFA dairy cattle quality will follow showmanship; dairy heifer replacement

Show will follow quality show
• 8:30 a.m. — 4-H/FFA members will judge goats (outside show ring)
• 9 a.m. — Goat showmanship show (FFA then 4-H); 4-H/FFA goat quality will follow showmanship
• 1 p.m. — 4-H and FFA master showmanship contest (or 30 minutes following dairy and goat show), beef barn and outside ring
• 6 p.m. — Parade of Champions (grand and reserve market animal sale, will be paraded sometime during rodeo)
Saturday
• 10 a.m. — 4-H and FFA market animal sale (beef barn)
• Noon — 4-H and FFA buyer appreciation barbecue
• 10 p.m. — Release of all exhibits

By Loretta Burkhardt Times-News correspondent

GOODING — At 19, Jake Garcin is in full charge of the World Championship Goat Roping Contest in Gooding. Three years ago, when Garcin began roping the family's goats from a makeshift chute in a make-do arena behind his home, he never dreamed the activity would become an annual rodeo event. Nevertheless, that's what happened, "almost immediately" after fair manager Don Gill heard about the 16-year-old kid who was substituting goats for calves. "I'd already heard about some goat-roping — somewhere in Wyoming," said Gill, "and when I heard about Jake, it seemed like a good idea. "So we talked it over and worked out the details." Please see FAIR, Page A2

Ex-principal pleads guilty to drug charge

By Mark Heinz Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The former principal of a Twin Falls elementary school this week pleaded guilty to a drug charge and agreed to have her case moved into drug court, records show. Mary Lee Roberts, 48, on Monday pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of a controlled substance, according to court records. She had previously waived her right to a preliminary hearing in Magistrate Court. The charge stems from investigators' allegations that Roberts in July tried to mail a package containing about a pound of marijuana from Houston to her Twin Falls County home. Roberts was the principal of Bickel Elementary School, but she resigned shortly after the charge was filed and before the school district could bring any disciplinary action against her. Calls to Roberts and her attorney, William R. Hollifield, were not returned Wednesday. Roberts on Aug. 21 will make her initial appearance before 5th District Judge Monte Carlson, who presides over drug court in Twin Falls. Drug court is a voluntary program which is available to a defendant facing his first felony charge. Defendants with cases involving allegations of distributing or selling drugs, violent crimes or sex offenses do not qualify. Other features and rules of drug court include:
• County prosecutors screen

Please see DRUG Page A2

Sides face off on tribal gambling

BOISE — Former Chief Justice Robert Bakes urged the state Supreme Court on Wednesday to prohibit a public vote this fall on what he said was an unconstitutional gambling initiative. "Idaho has had a strict policy against gambling since statehood," Bakes said. But advocates of the tribal gambling proposition maintained that Bakes — now a private attorney — and his anti-gambling clients, including the Idaho Ropers Association, have jumped the gun and have no standing to challenge the validity of a proposal that has yet to be adapted. "What we're dealing with is proposed legislation. It's an idea," said attorney Ray Givens, who represents the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. "Ideas aren't constitutional or unconstitutional. They're ideas." Four of the five justices peppered attorneys for both sides with questions during the 90-minute oral argument. Several seemed skeptical that the Legislature could order the court to determine the validity of an initiative before it is adopted — as lawmakers tried in the 1997 revision. Please see GAMBLING, Page A2

Research: Gene mutations led to humans speaking

The Washington Post
Two critical mutations appeared roughly 200,000 years ago in a gene linked to language, then swept through the primitive human population rapidly at about the same time that culture first appeared on the Earth, according to new research. The findings, released online Wednesday and due for publication soon in the journal Nature, provide the most compelling hints to date that the gene, which researchers described in detail only last year, may have played a central role in the development of modern humans' ability to speak — and therefore to develop language, on which culture is based. A mounting body of research suggests that the mutant gene

conferred on the ancestors of modern humans a much finer degree of control over muscles of the mouth and throat, possibly giving those ancestors a rich new palette of sounds that could serve as the foundation of language. The research suggests that the genetic mutations may at least partly explain why humans can speak and animals cannot. Researchers are likely to attempt to introduce the genetic mutations into mice as part of their work, but they said many other genetic changes would likely be necessary to produce a talking animal, and several said they doubted anything of the sort would ever be possible, let alone desirable. Please see MUTATIONS, Page A2

ATYPICAL BOAT RIDE



Police officers evacuate a resident from a flooded area in Prague on Wednesday. For more on the floods ravaging Europe, please see page C8.

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Bush touts new trade authority

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - President Bush told crowds in two farm states Wednesday that he will use his new trade-negotiating authority to export more American agricultural products. His official message was economic recovery, but politics loomed large on Bush's agenda. While he was raising money in Wisconsin and Iowa - states he lost by fewer than 7,000 votes - his wife was collecting campaign funds for the Republican Party's Senate candidate in Texas.

On his first overnight trip away from his Texas swing state, Bush remained focused on economic revival, the topic of a Tuesday forum near his ranch. He celebrated passage earlier this month of the expanded trade powers, a step he said would help jump-start the economy.

"If you're good at something, you want to open up markets for the product you create," Bush said Wednesday morning at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. "Listen, we got the best entrepreneurs in the world here in America, we got the best farmers in the world here, we got the best cheese in the world here in America."

Later, surrounded by agricultural equipment at the Iowa State Fair, he said "Our farmers and ranchers are the most productive in the world."

"What we're good at is growing food and hogs and cattle," Bush said. "And it's my job and the job of this administration, now that I've got trade-promotion authority, to do everything we can to knock down the barriers so you can be selling your products all over the world."

Trade-promotion authority allows the president to negotiate trade agreements that Congress may approve or reject but cannot change. Backers say it will accelerate trade deals and enhance exports by giving partners more confidence in administration-negotiated trade pacts.

Feds: Drought spreads to half of U.S. states

WASHINGTON (AP) - Persistent and worsening drought has spread to nearly half the contiguous United States, the government reported Wednesday.

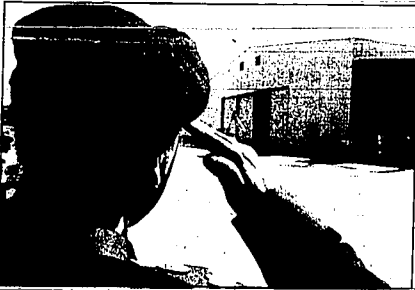
The National Climatic Data Center said that as of the end of July, 49 percent of 48 contiguous states were affected by moderate to extreme drought.

Areas of extreme drought stretched from the Southwest to Montana and Nebraska and from Georgia to Virginia, the center reported.

The greatest area of drought coverage to date occurred in July 1934, when moderate to extreme drought covered 80 percent of the contiguous United States.

There was significantly below average rainfall in 27 states in July, according to the Center, a division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

SALUTE TO COMRADES



Army Lt. Col. Nicolas Britto salutes as military personnel carry a coffin onto a transport plane at Roosevelt Roads Naval Station in Puerto Rico Wednesday. The bodies of 10 U.S. servicemen killed last week when their plane crashed into a mountainside in Puerto Rico were flown to Dover Air Base in Delaware.

Anthrax probe seems to focus on researcher

WASHINGTON (AP) - The FBI publicly declares Dr. Steven J. Hatfill no more or less important than 30 "people of interest" in the investigation into last fall's anthrax attacks, but law enforcement officials concede he is being treated differently. Hatfill's photo is the only one being shown to residents of the Princeton, N.J., neighborhood where a mailbox tested positive for anthrax last week. And a U.S. official close to the case, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Hatfill's apartment was the only home searched under a warrant in connection to the case.



Steven Hatfill

Clawson said, "Normally when you're doing a photo canvassing you have photos of more than one person, because you want to eliminate false identifications. The fact that the FBI is using only one photo makes the entire process suspect." Hatfill, 48, previously worked at the Army Medical Research Institute at Fort Detrick, Md., once home to the U.S. biological warfare program and a repository for the Ames strain of anthrax used in the attacks. At a news conference Sunday, Hatfill proclaimed his innocence and allegiance to the case.

Several FBI and Justice Department officials declined to comment Wednesday on whether the circulation of Hatfill's picture signifies an advancement in the investigation into who killed five people and sickened 13 others by sending anthrax through the mail. Hatfill's spokesman, Pat Clawson, said it's time for the FBI to either reveal why the government is interested in Hatfill or clear him. "The only thing the FBI has said is that he has a very colorful background, yet they are destroying this man's reputation."

Graham son questions Muslims

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - The son of evangelist Billy Graham, adding to his harsh criticism of Islam, said Muslim leaders haven't done enough to show their sorrow over Sept. 11, and he challenged them to help rebuild New York or compensate the victims' families. "I'm certainly not preaching against Muslim people," Franklin Graham said Wednesday on WBT-AM radio. "I am concerned about our nation, and on Sept. 11 last year, we were attacked by followers of Islam, claiming to do this in the name of Islam."

"The silence of the clerics around the world is frightening to me," he said. "How come they haven't come to this country, how come they haven't apologized to the American people, how come they haven't reassured the American people that this is not true Islam...?"

Dr. Masood Khan, chairman of the Charlotte Islamic School board, said local Muslims were outraged by Graham's statements. "What surprised us is that he's a leader of such stature. But instead of respecting other faiths, he's spreading hate," Khan said.

U.S.: Satellites detect Iraqi trucks at alleged biological weapons plant

WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. intelligence agencies detected signs that Iraq may be moving material or equipment out of a suspected biological weapons facility near Baghdad, officials said Wednesday. Some intelligence analysts believe the movements indicate an effort by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to disperse the items in anticipation of possible American military strikes, the officials said. The movements were reported first in the Wednesday editions of the Washington Times. U.S. officials who spoke on con-

dition of anonymity said spy satellites spotted trucks at the Taji complex, which includes the suspected biological weapons facility as well as a missile production plant. The purpose of the truck activity was not entirely clear, the officials said, but it appeared they were moving equipment or materials out of the facility, which is about six miles northwest of Baghdad. The officials cautioned that the intelligence is subject to different interpretations. Meanwhile, the American public is sharply divided on whether

President Bush has a clear policy on Iraq - with 45 percent saying he does and 42 percent saying he does not, according to an ABC News-Washington Post poll on this week. Three-fourths in the poll say that Bush should get authorization from Congress before launching an attack, more than the two-thirds who said his father should get authorization from Congress before attacking Iraq in 1991 just before the Persian Gulf war. They also were about evenly split on whether the final decision should be made by Bush, 44 percent, or Congress, 44 percent.

Study: High fats, calories may boost Alzheimer's risk

CHICAGO (AP) - A diet high in calories and fat may increase the risk of Alzheimer's disease in people who are genetically susceptible to the mind-robbing disorder, new research suggests. The findings, which are reported in this month's Archives of

Neurology, are the latest evidence that lifestyle factors including diet may play a role in Alzheimer's. Some researchers believe that restricting calories may slow the aging process by reducing production of cell-damaging oxygen

molecules called free radicals, formed during the body's breakdown of food. The latest study, though preliminary, suggests that for some people, calorie restriction might lower Alzheimer's risks by curbing nerve-cell death in the brain.

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Fisherman survives 19 hours at sea on ice chest

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA - A fisherman whose boat sank four miles off Seaside Heights, N.J., survived a night at sea by clinging to an ice chest for 19 hours.

Warren Steiner, 43, was reported missing Monday night, rescuers said. The Ocean County, N.J., man's sister-in-law notified the Coast Guard after he did not return from a fishing trip off Barnegat Inlet, said Patrick Montgomery, a Coast Guard spokesman.

Steiner, who authorities said was not wearing a life jacket, was plucked from the ocean Tuesday by a fisherman the Coast Guard called a Good Samaritan.

William Filce, who was piloting a 25-footer named Brown Eyed Babe II, spotted Steiner bobbing in the water, holding an ice cooler, at 11:45 a.m. EDT, Montgomery said.

Steiner had been the subject of an all-night search by rescue planes and helicopters from as far away as North Carolina and Cape Cod.

Steiner was fishing alone when his 22-foot boat, the Queen B, sank. He did not call for help

because the boat was not equipped with a marine radio, authorities said. The reason the boat sank was not known, Montgomery said. "Mr. Steiner was lucky to be found alive," said Capt. Bob Durfee, commanding officer of Coast Guard Group-Air Station Atlantic City. "His use of a float plan, and the quick notification by his family, enabled us to quickly launch and saturate the area with rescue planes, helicopters and boats," Durfee said.

Steiner was found on the edge of the area the Coast Guard had searched, Montgomery said.

He said authorities had combed the area for 14 hours with helicopters from Air Station Atlantic City; a C-130 rescue plane from Air Station Elizabeth City, N.C.; an HU-25 rescue jet from Air Station Cape Cod; and rescue boats from the Coast Guard's Barnegat Light and Manasquan Inlet stations.

"The important thing is that he was found alive," Durfee said. "But if he had a marine radio and a life jacket with an attached safety light, he may have been found sooner."

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NATION

Study: Men, women view care differently

CHICAGO (AP) — Female primary-care doctors spend more time with their patients than male doctors, and engage in more patient-oriented, emotion-focused talk during office visits, a study found.

The results suggest that gender differences noted in conversational style also occur in the medical arena, researchers said in Wednesday's *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

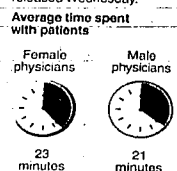
Whether the differences have any impact on patient health is not known, but the results suggest that female doctors may offer a relatively more health-promoting, therapeutic milieu, health policy specialist Debra Roter of Johns Hopkins University and colleagues reported.

They reviewed and probed results from 26 studies involving an average of more than 3,000 doctors and doctors-in-training. Included were internists, family and general practice doctors, pediatricians, obstetrician/gynecologists and medical residents.

On average, women doctors spent 23 minutes with

Time with doc may depend on gender

Women doctors spend more time with their patients and have more patient-oriented communication, researchers said in a study released Wednesday.



U.S. doctors by medical specialty and gender, 2000	Female	Male
Family practice	20,401	51,232
General practice	2,338	12,871
Internal medicine	37,073	97,461
Podiatrics	30,322	32,067
Obstetrics/gynecology	14,124	26,111

Compared to male doctors, female doctors ...

- ... spend more time talking about health-related lifestyle and social issues.
- ... engage in positive, emotionally supportive talk.
- ... involve patients in their care.

Exception: Compared to their female colleagues, male obstetrician/gynecologists ...

- ... spend slightly more time overall with patients.
- ... take more time in patient-oriented, emotion-focused talk.

NOTE: Results were compiled from 26 studies involving an average of more than 3,000 doctors and doctors-in-training.

SOURCE: Journal of the American Medical Association; American Medical Association



Study: Womb environment gains influence in development

LONDON (AP) — New research adds to a growing body of evidence that adult health is set to a significant degree by conditions in the womb and suggests the programming may start earlier in pregnancy than previously believed.

A study published this week in the *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health* found that fetuses with shorter thigh bones at 24 weeks had higher blood pressure at the age of 6 than those with longer thigh bones.

Understanding how life in the womb influences later health has become a hot area of medical research. It has focused mostly on the effect of birth weight on health and the subsequent development of illnesses such as heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and osteoporosis. But the latest study is among the first to find evidence earlier in human life.

Scientists believe that when a fetus

Feds stop sales from tissue bank

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government has ordered a Georgia tissue bank whose products are linked to a death and serious infections to stop selling its cadaver tissue, charging that CryoLife Inc. can't guarantee the grafts are free of fungus or bacteria.

Wednesday's unusually harsh action by the Food and Drug Administration comes after months of failed inspections and negotiations with the Kennesaw, Ga., company, which the FDA said has refused to adopt and follow procedures to prevent contamination of donated tissue.

The FDA ordered CryoLife to recall all the soft tissue — such as cartilage and tendons — that it has processed since Oct. 3, a month before a 23-year-old Minnesota man died from a bacterial infection linked to CryoLife cartilage received during reconstructive knee surgery.

NATION

Nevadans will vote on whether to legalize recreational marijuana

Chicago Tribune

LAS VEGAS — Nevada established its renegade reputation in the 1920s when local leaders thumbed their noses at the federal ban on alcohol, with one mayor openly threatening to put "a barrel of whiskey with a dipper" on every street corner.

The state, long a haven for prostitution, then legalized the sex trade in 13 of its 17 counties. And, at a time when the rest of America considered gambling taboo and confined it largely to illegal backroom parlors, Nevada embraced it in gaudy casinos.

Now the state regarded by many as the sin capital of America is again pioneering a new frontier: the legalization of recreational pot smoking.

In November, Nevada voters will decide whether to become the first state to legalize the recreational use of marijuana, for quantities of 3 ounces or less, for adults 21 and older. If the measure passes in November and again in November 2004 as required for amendments to the state constitution, Nevada also would tax marijuana and establish a system for distributing the drug — possibly selling it in smoke shops, pharmacies or coffee houses.

This week, the state's largest

law-enforcement group, the Nevada Conference of Police and Sheriffs, endorsed the initiative, saying decriminalizing marijuana would free officers to concentrate more on "life-threatening and serious incidents."

The initiative thrusts Nevada into the battle between the federal government and nine states over their efforts to legalize medical marijuana for chronically ill patients and into the center of an international debate over moves by Canada, Great Britain and other nations to approve the across-the-board use of marijuana.

More than 60 years after the federal government passed the first law prohibiting its use, marijuana is the most debated and studied illegal drug in the nation. It is also the most widely used illicit substance — the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration says that one in three people age 12 and older have tried it at least once during their lifetime — despite billions spent by federal, state and local law-enforcement agencies to fight it.

"What this does is allow respectable people to use marijuana in their homes and bans it every place else," said Billy Rogers, spokesman for Nevadans

for Responsible Law Enforcement, the measure's sponsor.

Statistics show that marijuana is most popular among teens and young adults, but that its use declines sharply as people reach their 30s and 40s. One study shows that 1 in 40 — or 2.6 percent — of 40-year-olds uses marijuana on a regular basis.

Marijuana falls into the netherworld between liquor and hard drugs such as heroin and cocaine, experts say, creating inconsistent and often-contradictory public policies. Most states have lowered marijuana possession charges from a felony, punishable by a mandatory prison sentence, to a misdemeanor or a fineable offense. Yet in 2000, some 743,000 people nationwide were imprisoned for marijuana possession, the highest number ever.

No organized effort has yet formed in Nevada to oppose the measure. But the initiative is facing harsh criticism from the federal government. "This is the wrong message to send, the wrong program for Nevada," U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration spokesman Will Chesny said.

Other opponents say the Nevada measure is a well-orchestrated, well-financed attempt by proponents to achieve the eventual legalization of all drugs.

Texas police find baby safe; woman arrested

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — The month-old infant who was snatched from her family's car in a Wal-Mart parking lot was found safe Wednesday more than 100 miles away. Authorities said they had arrested a female suspect. The girl and the suspect were in a car pulled over near Quantah. The girl was abducted Tuesday while her mother returned a cart in the store parking lot. A surveillance tape shows the mother holding onto the side of the abductor's car and being dragged for several feet.

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EDITORIAL

DEQ wisely scales back hydrogen sulfide limits

Give due credit to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality for easing the proposed limits on hydrogen sulfide standards. The stricter standards could have forced some farms, dairies and industrial operations out of business - without eliminating the dairy odors that prompted them.

Even so, hydrogen sulfide levels may not be the key to solving dairy odors as once was expected.

The new proposal forbids hydrogen sulfide emissions stronger than 35 parts per billion for more than a single hour per 30-day period. (The original plan called for no more than 30 minutes of 30 ppb).

The new proposal also forbids emissions exceeding 20 ppb for more than 24 hours at a time, more than once a month. The old proposal would have been twice as tough: 10 ppb.

Hydrogen sulfide can be lethal at 100,000 ppb, and it can cause serious health concerns at 10,000 ppb. But the Idaho Division of Health doesn't know the full hazards of prolonged exposure to low

levels of hydrogen sulfide.

The aesthetic consequences are better known. Even at 10 ppb, people living near dairies complain about the smell. Such is the case south of Filer, where hydrogen sulfide levels have dropped in the past year, but the smell remains.

Mike Everett, deputy director of the Idaho Agriculture Department, says the former standards would have mostly hurt smaller dairies that never register complaints.

So the 24-hour, 10 ppb standard obviously would have been excessive. It does no good to hold ag industries to a stifling standard that does little to abate odor.

Hydrogen sulfide standards can still be useful. But unless they're reasonable and health-related, they are unlikely to survive a court challenge. (Similarly, the Twin Falls County dairy moratoriums were ruled illegal because they weren't backed by valid health concerns.)

More to the point, while hydrogen sulfide standards may help, they aren't the hoped-for cure for dairy odors.

Commissioners were right

The decision by dairymen to withdraw from discussions on a proposed county dairy siting ordinance - otherwise known as the matrix - is nothing new. Negotiations between dairy interests and concerned dairy neighbors have faltered apart before. It's a shame that their hard work toward mediation came to naught.

One thing's for certain: Twin Falls County commissioners did the wise thing by adopting their own dairy ordinance in January. At the time, the commissioners

ignored calls to postpone any action until the matrix was ready.

If they had listened, the commissioners would have been forced to extend the expiring dairy moratorium - which has since been ruled invalid by a Boise judge. We would have no viable dairy ordinance on the books.

The new dairy ordinance isn't perfect. Neither side supported its adoption. But it's a good thing commissioners stuck to their guns last winter.

Politicians play Social Security shell game

Wall Street's slump and the disappearing budget surplus are shaping this year's campaign rhetoric on Social Security reform. It's easy to see why. These events have taken two cherished free-lunch options off the table. Politicians can no longer claim that investment returns from a never-ending bull market or general revenue transfers from perpetual budget surpluses will save them from making hard choices.

This development should spark a more realistic debate on genuine reform options. But the clear danger is that without a free lunch to promise, politicians

BOB KERREY AND WARREN RUDMAN

will fall back on an equally bad option: the Do Nothing Plan. Voters shouldn't let that happen.

In just development, baby boomers will begin receiving Social Security checks. The number of workers whose wages are taxed, relative to the number of beneficiaries who receive proceeds of the tax, will begin to decline sharply. Before Tiger Woods turns 50, the number of beneficiaries will grow by at least two-thirds, while the number of workers will barely budge. Doing nothing means deep benefit cuts or steep payroll tax increases for future generations, which is why the Social Security trustees warn that prompt action is essential.

Suppose that a member of Congress introduced legislation called "the Social Security Do Nothing Act." Under this bill, promised retirement benefits would be cut by 16 percent for today's 30-year olds, by 29 percent for today's 20-year olds and by 35 percent for today's newborns. Alternatively, payroll taxes would go up by roughly 40 percent in 2041. How many politicians would rush to endorse this bill? And yet these are the choices under the Do Nothing Plan.

Today's political heat is primarily aimed at three reform plans



produced by the president's Commission to Strengthen Social Security. Critics argue that the commission's plans would result in deep benefit cuts, fiscally irresponsible general revenue transfers and undue risk, when compared with the current system in a hypothetically solvent condition.

It is certainly fair to criticize reform plans on policy grounds. But it is fundamentally unfair to judge them against a standard that assumes the current system can deliver everything it promises. It can't. Today's Social Security system promises far more in future benefits than it can possibly deliver. The relevant comparison for any reform plan is with what current law can deliver, not what it promises.

No realistic reform plan looks good when compared with the false hypothetical of a perfectly solvent system. Reformers have the burden of saying what changes they would make to a system that is popular but unsustainable. Critics can sit back and take pot shots at politically

painful options without having to say what they would do instead.

We have a simple suggestion to improve the dialogue. Critics of the commission's proposals should come up with their own plans for shoring up Social Security. They should be specific about the benefit cuts and tax increases they recommend and the amount of general revenues that would be required. A real debate then could take place - not one between the commission's plans and an impossible ideal but between the commission's plans and the plans of its critics.

The public should ask: How does each plan affect total benefits, total taxes and different beneficiaries - the retired, disabled and survivors? How will each plan affect national savings? What are the risks? Do the plans provide the resources to pay for promised benefits, or do they just balance the fund on paper? Do they make Social Security permanently sustainable?

We should stop playing political shell games with this issue. If

we do not have the political will to solve the Social Security problem now, we can't hope to do so when the baby boomers start collecting benefits - not just for Social Security but for Medicare and Medicaid as well. The problems facing our health care programs are much more daunting than Social Security. These three programs together are expected to double as a share of the economy within 30 years, putting an unthinkable pressure on tax rates, the economy and the budget.

Not acting is itself a choice - one that has grim consequences for today's middle adults and even bigger ones for their children. Politicians of both parties should get behind specific reform plans or be held accountable for supporting the consequences of the Do Nothing Plan.

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LETTER

Neighbors needs to learn to control their dogs' barking

I left Jerome for a couple of days thinking I could get away from the barking yelping dogs in my neighborhood. I spent two nights in Georgetown, a nice (used-to-be-quiet) community with dogs barking day and night. I realized this is a real, intractable, universal problem and it violates our civil rights, affecting our health, well-being and pursuit of happiness, especially during sleep time.

People have no right to assume that their barking dogs are not annoying to others, especially when they get woke up by this nuisance. It is the dog owner's responsibility to see that their dogs do not bother others. It is not my job (or anyone else's) to tell the dog owners that their barking dogs are bothering us.

There should be a dog-barking curfew from Sept. 1 to June 1 (of the next year), then from June 1 to Sept. 1, when people have their windows open, it should be declared an open season on barking dogs. A \$100 fine should be levied on the owner every time their dog barks unnecessarily (except only

to warn of intruders). Some people may have dogs for protection. If their dog barks off and on night and day, does this mean they have intruders 24-7? Does intrusion consist of every little noise or movement such as wind blowing, noon whistle, passers-by, odors, dogs, cars, cats, loneliness, thirst, hunger, etc.?

There could be a number of solutions to this problem. The options are:

Follow through with complaints and citations.

Violators could move to a more remote area.

Owners could muzzle their dogs.

Use a choke collar on their dogs.

Give the dogs (and the neighbors) sleeping pills.

Pass out Prozac and earplugs to your neighbors.

Go to obedience school (take your dog, too).

Get a cat; they don't bark.

Give the dog to someone who can care.

Find a new home for the dog out in the toolies.

Get smarter dogs (owners that are trainable).

LOIS M. GEIRIG
Jerome

'Creed of greed' is ruling the greatness of America

Money, power and financial success have become the "creed of greed" in this country. Cheating and lying have become admissible and a symbol of success. Some politicians can easily be bought. America was, for more than 200 years, a beacon of democracy, justice, human rights and equality for the world, but now it is the symbol of executives' greed, power-hungry politicians and arrogance from those who make a lot of money. The moral concept now is based on how much more money one can accumulate.

The cheating and lying of these big corporations, who rob the life savings of investors and their employees' retirement incomes, is parallel with what is going on here in Twin Falls County as Helen McCracken stated in her letter to the editor on Aug. 8. To those people who live by the "creed of greed," human suffering is just collateral damage in order for them to achieve their goals.

The dairy industry has spent thousands and thousands of dollars to promote its image while failing to work with citizens to prevent the problems caused by the industry. Many citizens have sacrificed their lives to develop the "Matrix ordinance" that would have provided an effective livestock ordinance to protect the quality of life for all Twin Falls County citizens. However, the industry doesn't want any rules or restrictions, so they unilaterally scrapped the "matrix." They are afraid that

the matrix will prevent them from doing whatever they please at the expense of others. Their "economic benefit" is their tool to use to "blackmail" elected officials and citizens into submission, and they arrogantly call all people who stand up for their rights "activists." It also appears that our present county commissioners don't have the courage nor the ability to make the right decisions to protect Twin Falls County's citizens.

People who financially benefit from the dairy industry don't seem to care about those who suffer from asthma and other illness caused by dairy odors nor about those who lost their right to breathe clean air and enjoy their homes. Before I came to the United States 32 years ago, I used to hear Americans preaching about democracy, human rights, justice and Christian values to Third-World countries. But now I have experienced and seen that democracy, human rights, justice and Christian values are only good until it comes to making the big bucks.

PHUONG B. SMITH
Twin Falls

Timber in wildfire areas should be salvaged

During the summer of 1967, I worked as a crew chief on the Carlton Creek fire for the U.S. Forest Service in Packwood, Wash. Packwood is located on U.S. Highway 12 in the western part of the Cascade Range in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. After many days, the fire was finally contained, in part by cool weather and efforts of hun-

dreds of firefighters. The following year, the burned timber was put up for salvage. Cotton Brothers Logging Co. got the bid and proceeded to harvest the burned timber. Once the salvage operation was completed, the Forest Service replanted the entire area, and the single-lane road was destroyed.

Today, a beautiful stand of conifer covers the burned-logged area. Wild game is abundant. And there are no visible signs of the fire or the logging or the road that was used to haul out the timber. You can visit the scene of the Carlton Creek fire by turning on U.S. Forest Service Road No. 45 (off Highway 12), then turn left at the first intersection, follow it to the end, park and put on your hiking shoes. Take a lunch, because you will have quite a hike.

The question that keeps coming to mind is: What is going to happen to all the burned forest that has occurred this year? Are we going to salvage the timber?

By doing so, thousands upon thousands of jobs would be created, thus helping the economy. The areas would be cleaned up. The timber would be turned into useful products vs. leaving it to rot for the bugs. But, if that continues the way they have been, groups of misinformed, ill-informed, ignorant "greenies" will file a lawsuit, some bleeding-heart judges will rule in their favor, thus allowing billions of board feet of lumber to waste, not to mention the countless jobs lost. Isn't it time for some leadership with some backbone to step in and get us back on the right track? Not just for salvaging

burned timber but helping ranchers and all the folks who put food on our tables.

It would seem it's time we used some good old common horse sense in matters like these. Horse sense is still around, but it seems the horses are the only ones who have it!

ED SIMONS JR.
Gooding

Principal's mistake doesn't make her an evil person

In response to the two letters regarding Mary Lee Roberts:

Both letters seem to have come from disgruntled parents whose children were punished for breaking rules. As a fellow educator, I have seen this disturbing trend where parents try to shift the blame elsewhere instead of focusing on correcting the behavior of their children.

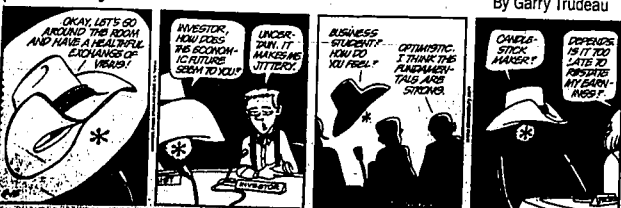
Yes, Mary Lee Roberts committed an illegal act and will be punished accordingly. However, she also touched and inspired many children during her time in Twin Falls School District.

You're right, she is a great example for our children. She no longer has a job that she loved and excelled at because she made the mistake of getting involved with drugs. If that is not a strong enough example, I don't know what is!

Parents, your children were punished not because Miss Roberts was an evil woman but because your children were breaking rules and not being "model" students.

ANDREA PIERCE
Filer

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Obesity lawsuit is too much to swallow

I'm sure you have, by now, heard of Caesar Barber, the big guy in a class-action lawsuit filed against the french-fry and fried-chicken giants for making him and others fat and ridiculed with heart disease.

He's been in the headlines, in the newsmagazines, and even on the morning talk shows, moaning about how Whoppers and wings did him in. He's the bitter as Baker's chocolate.

At age 56, Barber stands 5-foot-10 and weighs 272. He says that for years he

has practically lived on fast food, eating his fill of Quarter Pounders and chicken and biscuits as often as five times a week. Now he says he is shocked to learn that his super-size habit contributed to his two heart attacks, diabetes, high blood pressure and sky-high cholesterol.

Normally, I'd totally relate. I've been a junk-food junkie since I was tall enough to drop a nickel into a gum ball machine. Doughnuts, cake, ice cream, candy — you name it, I love it. I've even been known to try to figure out a way to convince myself that a Milky Way should fall into the dairy category of my diet plan.

But when it comes to denial, this guy takes the cake. He and 10 other fast foodies (including one who ate fries a week) have the audacity to file a class-action lawsuit in a New York court, accusing McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's and KFC of misleading them about the nutritional value of their menu choices and not offering healthful alternatives.

I guess they couldn't see those



salads in cups sitting right next to the milkshake machine at Mickey D's.

Look, I'm not one to point fingers. I know how hard it is to walk straight to the veggies at Wendy's when you can smell the burgers sizzling.

Who wants carrots and sprouts when cheddar and bacon are on the menu?

Of course, I could be missing out on a great scam simply because I never looked at my weight problem through the proper legal light.

Ten pounds here, 15 pounds there, and I never thought to demand a deposition from the lady who runs the bakery or the store clerk who set the Doritos at eye level.

("Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, these things can't possibly be my fault. Somebody's got to pay!")

Silly me. I've been shelling out good money to one weight-loss program after another so they can provide me with crazy advice like "eat more vegetables!"

Such a dope. I've been blaming myself for

not working out every day, when I could be blaming somebody else. The athletic shoe manufacturers, perhaps, for running commercials with slim, attractive athletes but not spelling out that I won't look like them if I wear the shoes while my rear end rests on the sofa.

Or maybe I should sue the blue-jeans makers for even offering a size 14. Stretch denim is a conspiracy!

There are so many ways I could sue in.

Barber's lawyer, Samuel Hirsch, says he believes this lawsuit will be as successful as the ones filed against "big tobacco."

If even one man or woman on the jury has had to eat rice cakes and dry tuna for lunch in an attempt to shed five pounds, Barber's lawsuit is toast.

I'll be the first to admit that Americans love a juicy court battle, but even with our insatiable hunger for junk, this case is just too much for reasonable people to swallow.

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Languages make these the Disunited States

As more information from the 2000 Census is released, it's increasingly clear that this is not our parents' country. Ethnically, it stopped being their country in the 1960s. Ethnically, it now resembles not a united nation, but a United Nations, with divisions along class, racial, religious, language and ideological lines.

Our national motto, *E pluribus unum* ("out of many, one," no longer applies).

Census figures show that one out of every nine residents is now foreign-born.

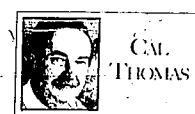
There is a difference, however, between the way immigrants were treated a century ago during the Great Wave, and how they are treated today.

Then, they were expected to become part of America, which included speaking our language, knowing our history and respecting our traditions. Now, they are allowed — indeed, encouraged — to remain who they are and not bother to learn English or care about American history. Then, we sought to make Americans of immigrants. Today, we hyphenate their citizenship and tell them they may continue to bear allegiance to other countries and causes.

Here are only a few examples of how bad the situation has become: The safety video on the Delta Shuttle between Washington and New York is delivered in both Spanish and English; this November, Denver and several other Colorado counties designated as bilingual counties must print election ballots in English and Spanish; the Department of Justice has ordered Harris County, Texas (which encompasses Houston) to start providing ballots in voting materials in Vietnamese.

Part of the reason for this forming of a less perfect union is that we are no longer sure of ourselves. Embarrassed by our success and riches, we think we're doing the world a favor by engaging in self-flagellation, refusing to repeat for the next generation what was handed to us by the previous one.

A Texas school teacher wrote to express his frustration: "We were raised with 'ultimate consequences' which would dic-



Cal Thomas

tate punishment when there was no discipline ("When your father gets home..."). Your mother wouldn't approve of this...," he noted. "Now, it's a question of how people can beat the law, rather than uphold it." This especially applies to those immigrants who have seen that if they can get to America illegally, their chances are good of winning amnesty and remaining in this country.

King Solomon warned: "Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint" (Proverbs 29:18).

The casting off of restraint is what characterizes us now, from corporate boardrooms to private bedrooms. If immigrants know only how to get here and do not learn what made America so attractive to them, they will live by their own standards, just as we who were born here are doing in increasing numbers, further undermining our strength and cohesiveness.

In his 1992 book, "The Tyranny of Change: America 1890-1920," John Whiteaker Chambers wrote of the great immigration wave of a century ago, noting that a majority of arrivals in this country never intended to stay. Many hoped that "after a few years of work, they could save enough money to return home to an improved position for themselves and their families."

"Although the majority of new immigrants permanently settled in America, a significant number left (with a departure rate of 35 percent for Croatians, Poles, Serbs and Slovenes; 40 percent for Greeks; and more than 50 percent for Hungarians, Slovaks and Italians; the rate among Asian immigrants was much higher, more than two-thirds)," Chambers wrote. "Today the departure rate is only about 15 percent and anyone who gets here, even illegally, can now expect his or her relatives to legally follow."

Many of those who stayed a century ago had poor skills and became part of large ghettos in major urban areas, where poverty continued to drain human and financial resources. The 1990 Census indicated that ethnic enclaves were huge and growing. In the city of Miami today, about half of the population speaks English poorly or not at all, new census figures show, and 75 percent of residents speak a language other than English at home.

A source for additional facts about how we have failed to assimilate immigrants can be found on the Web page of the Federation for American Immigration Reform (www.fairus.org).

It would help if we would rediscover what once was considered "self-evident" truths about America, disdaining relativism. If we can't do that for those already here, we will be of no use to current and future immigrants and cannot sustain ourselves as the United States.

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Moral climate takes another hit on TV

Just when you think our collective morality has hit bottom, the floor gives way and you find that we've fallen down another floor. I got that familiar sinking feeling once again when I heard about the new reality show on the E! network starring former stripper and Playboy playmate Anna Nicole Smith.

The Anna Nicole Show, which represents an attempt by E! to cash in on the success of the hit MTV reality series "The Osbournes," follows the aging sex symbol around with a bank of cameras in the hopes that she will do something remotely interesting.

Although critics universally panned the show as a poorly done, exploitative frank show (one creative reviewer likened the show to a trip to the vomitorium), the viewing public predictably lapped it up. After the premier, E! proudly announced that the debut of the show ranked as its highest-rated program premiere ever and was also the top debut for a reality show on basic cable.

This has become a familiar pattern. A television network comes up with an absolutely horrible idea for a show that appeals to the worst common denominator, critics and other socially responsible public figures rip the show and its producers, and people still watch in droves.

Many alarmed social critics site the popularity of programs like "The Anna Nicole Show" as stark indications that the United States is a civilization in decline, and I find it hard to disagree with their contention.

You can tell a lot about a culture by how it chooses to entertain itself, and anyone who sits down in front of the television will quickly reach the conclusion that America chooses to divert itself chiefly through a steady diet of

BILL FERGUSON

sex, violence, and coarse language. It seems that if it's something that would have made our grandparents blush, it's what we want to see and hear.

Of course, there are good television programs being made that do not resort to cheap, exploitative stunts to gain an audience but an increasing percentage of what draws good ratings are what we used to quaintly refer to as perverse, and they seem to be growing more so with each new season. But the fact that some Americans recognize this trend as part of a gradual dissension into a moral cesspool is encouraging, and I think it indicates that there is still a chance we can arrest the decline. (Remember that God would have spared Sodom and Gomorrah if a few good people could have been located in that infamous city.)

I don't advocate forming a political group to pressure the television industry to censor the content of their product. Jerry Falwell took that road in the 1980's with his Moral Majority, and we can see that such an approach is doomed to failure. The problem is that morality is not a thing that can be legislated or changed using a top down

approach. It begins and ends with individual decisions made every day in the private lives of each one of us. And the only way to elevate our collective moral condition is for all of us to start making different choices.

Stop watching TV shows that exploit and degrade people. Write to the networks that air them and the advertisers that finance them and let them know you don't care for this trash that passes for programming. The same First Amendment that gives them the right to broadcast this swill gives you the right to tell them how sick of it you have become.

I guarantee you that if enough people stop swallowing the junk they are doing out through that TV screen they'll stop feeding it to us and come up with something more intellectually nutritious. But the first step in any recovery program is that the patient has to recognize that he has a problem and has to want to get better. Are we there yet?

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Palestinian: 'Uprising will be victorious'

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Marwan Barghouti, the first Palestinian leader to be brought to trial in Israel in two years of violence, held his handcuffs over his head Wednesday and shouted the "uprising will be victorious" at a hearing in which he was charged with murder for allegedly orchestrating more than three dozen terror attacks.

Barghouti said he is a "peaceful man," but Israel says he's linked to 17 separate attacks in the past two years and claims Barghouti acknowledged orchestrating attacks during questioning.

Get-starting excitedly, he told reporters in Hebrew, Arabic and English that Israelis could only have security after withdrawing from Palestinian lands.

Barghouti was indicted in Tel Aviv District Court on charges of murder, attempted murder and involvement in terrorist organizations.

In the trial, Israel will try to show that senior Palestinian Authority officials were involved in planning and funding attacks against Israelis. The indictment said Barghouti, 45, headed terror groups in the West Bank and reported directly to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Barghouti's lawyers say he wants to draw attention to Israel's actions as an occupying power.

"We will try to convince the world that the one that has to be brought to trial is the occupier," said defense attorney Javed Boulikas.

Judge Tzvi Gurfinkel said he would not permit the defense to "turn this court into a political stage." After the seven-count indictment was filed, Gurfinkel set the next hearing for Sept. 5.

As he was led into the courtroom Wednesday morning, Barghouti shouted in Hebrew that "the uprising will be victorious." Asked how he felt, the scruffy-looking defendant said "Baruch Hashem," or "God be praised," a Hebrew expression commonly used by observant Jews.

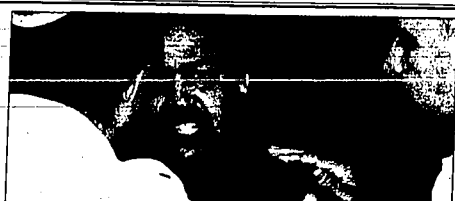
Before the session began in the Tel Aviv District Court, Barghouti was twice brought into the courtroom, only to be dragged away by guards after he launched into speeches proclaiming his innocence and blaming Israel for the

violence. He was ushered into the court for a third time just before the proceedings started.

Barghouti is the leader of Arafat's Fatah movement in the West Bank. In the days of peacemaking in the 1990s, Barghouti developed friendships with some Israeli officials and helped persuade Fatah activists to recognize Israel.



Marwan Barghouti, the West Bank chief of Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, smiles and shouts as he is pushed out of the courtroom before the opening session of the first day of his court case at Tel Aviv's District Court Wednesday. He is charged with organized terror attacks.



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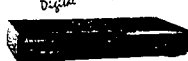
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Troops block roads to catch crime suspect

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — NATO troops blocked roads in eastern Bosnia Wednesday and flew helicopters over an area where the most-wanted war crimes suspect, Radovan Karadzic, is believed hiding.

Dozens of armored vehicles of SFOR, the NATO-led peacekeeping force, were seen driving through the remotest mountain tracks close to the border with Montenegro and Serbia.

Runners place Karadzic, the former Bosnian Serb president wanted since 1995 for alleged war crimes, in the area where people loyal to him have provided shelter. He is said to spend no more than 48 hours in one location and to be surrounded by well-trained bodyguards.

Karadzic and his wartime military commander, Gen. Ratko Mladic, top the list of suspects wanted by the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands. It indicted them for genocide and other war crimes allegedly committed during the 1992-95 Bosnian war in which 250,000 people died and 2 million people became refugees.

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Section B

MORNING LINE
SPORTSQUOTE

The Little League World Series used to be a kid's domain, like a basement with a do-not-disturb sign scribbled outside the door. Not anymore. Now it's ruled by parents and coaches who'll do almost anything to get Junior to Williamsport.

-Shawn Powell, in Newsway

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

American Legion baseball
Class AA NW Regional Tournament, at Harris Field, Lewiston.
Medford, Ore., vs. Anchorage, Alaska, 11 a.m.
Woodland, Calif., vs. Bellevue, Wash., 2 p.m.
Ontario, Ore., vs. Helena, Mont., 6 p.m.
Cheyenne, Wyo., vs. Lewiston, 9 p.m.

Rodeo
PRCA Rodeo at Cassia County Fairgrounds, 8 p.m.
PRCA Rodeo at Gooding County Fairgrounds, 8 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Pros take control at Carter Cup Matches

MERIDIAN - The Snake River Chapter PGA professionals claimed 23 of a possible 30 points over the Idaho Golf Association amateurs Wednesday in four-hole and four-ball matches at the 2002 Carter Cup Matches at Spurwing Country Club.

The professionals need just seven of a possible 30 points in today's single matches to retain the trophy for the fourth consecutive year.

Of local interest, Twin Falls golfer Aaron Curtis and Eric Peterson of Meridian lost 3-0 to pros Jay Frank and Jeff Thomson of Boise in foursome play.

Sun Valley pro Tommy Sanderson and John Graham of Idaho Falls defeated Shane Newcomb and Charles Eddy of Boise, 2.5-5 and Thomson partnered with Rupert's John Van Vleet to beat Newcomb and Peterson, 2.5-5, in four-ball competition.

The annual Carter Cup Matches feature top professionals and amateurs competing in Idaho's version of the PGA Ryder Cup.

All golfers wear buttons of the late junior golfer Cody Hayes of Middleton, who died in an automobile accident on Aug. 7.

Kleinkopf, Idaho golfers make the cut in Texas

HOUSTON - Twin Falls golfer Brett Kleinkopf shot a 3-over 74 to make the cut at the Independent Insurance Agent Junior Classic at Northgate Country Club Wednesday in Houston.

Kleinkopf opened with an 80 on Tuesday and sits in an eight-way tie for 36th place at the tournament, which ends on Friday. Meridian golfer Jason Williams is in second place overall at 141, two strokes back of leader Kevin Silva of New Bedford, Mass.

On the girls' side, Eagle's Courtney McCracken is tied in 10th place at 154. Christine Fernandez of Henderson, Nev., leads with a 139.

Valley Rec District holds signups

HAZELTON - Registration for Valley Recreation District youth soccer and football leagues will be held on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon in the art room at Valley High School. For more information, call 825-5109.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

From walk-on to WR whiz

Former Snow College player led nation in receiving last year

By Tim Korte
Associated Press writer

LOGAN, Utah - Kevin Curtis went from walk-on to wonderboy last season at Utah State, leading the nation at 9.1 catches a game. Not bad for his Division I-A debut, which came after a four-year break. Curtis spent two seasons at Snow College, followed by a two-year Mormon mission and a redshirt year at Utah State.

"I was always confident in what I could do," said Curtis, a 5-foot-11, 185-pound senior. "Walking on wasn't the route I expected to take. It had been such a long time. Please see CURTIS, Page B2



Utah State wide receiver Kevin Curtis does a television interview during media day last week at Romney Stadium in Logan, Utah.

Utah St. embarks on second season as independent

The Associated Press

LOGAN, Utah - Utah State coach Mick Denney can think of two college football programs capable of surviving over the long run as independents.

One is Notre Dame, with its storied tradition, perennially sold-out 80,000-seat stadium and fat NBC television contract. The other is Hawaii, with its sandy beaches and warm weather luring opposing teams and their boosters.

So where does that leave the Aggies? Somewhere between South Bend and Honolulu, if we're talking geography. Somewhere between marketable and no chance if we're talking about

Utah State's chances for assembling a meaningful season.

"No question, it's harder getting kids ready to play," said Aggies coach Mick Denney, starting his third season in Logan.

Since leaving Division I-AA power station Montana, Denney has gone 9-13 in two seasons at Utah State.

To keep the athletic department's budget afloat, the Aggies must travel each year to big name schools, collect a paycheck and nurse their wounds on the flight home. This fall, it's Nebraska (Sept. 7) and Iowa (Sept. 21).

"It gets frustrating, but we've just got to keep believing in ourselves," quarterback Jose Fuentes said.

UNFUL-FILLED

Mickelson has one last chance this year

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press writer

CHASKA, Minn. - Phil Mickelson can explain how to make the ball spin sideways when it lands on the green. He knows the depth chart of nearly every NFL team. He can fly a plane. He can tell you about black holes and constellations.

He has an answer for everything - except the question on everyone's mind: "Why haven't you won a major?"

"I know how to fix it, and I'm trying to resolve that," Mickelson said. "There is only one solution. His next chance to win - and last chance this year - starts today in the PGA Championship at Hazeltine National Golf Club, a course Mickelson knows better than most of his contemporaries.

Mickelson has been so good for so long that he qualified for the 1991 U.S. Open at Hazeltine as a 20-year-old amateur and tied for 55th.

"When I played here as an amateur, no one expected me to play well," he said.

They do now. Mickelson is a special talent. He has 21 victories on the PGA Tour, which puts him in elite company - just not the kind he prefers. Only Harry "Lighthorse" Cooper (31) and McDonald Smith (24) have won more times on tour without claiming a major championship.

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Phil Mickelson watches his drive on the 17th hole during the first round at the Buick Open at Warwick Hills in Grand Blanc, Mich., last Thursday. They call the PGA Championship 'Glory's Last Shot.' For Phil Mickelson, 0-for-43 in majors, this is his last shot to avoid another offseason answering questions about why he hasn't won the big one.

Oregon hopes for a Pac-10 repeat

UW, WSU, USC are among the bruisers

The Associated Press

Mike Bellotti just can't let it go. More than eight months after the coach's Oregon team dominated Colorado to win the Fiesta Bowl, Bellotti - along with most of the Ducks' fans - remains perturbed that the team didn't get a chance to play Miami for the national title.

Despite being ranked in both the AP and coaches' polls, the Ducks wound up third in the Bowl Championship Series standings and were bypassed for the Rose Bowl in favor of No. 2, Nebraska. Miami crushed the Cornhuskers 37-14 to complete an undefeated season and win the undisputed national title.

After Oregon's lopsided victory in Tempe, Ariz., many observers naturally wondered whether the Ducks could have done any better. Intensifying the debate, Oregon would have played in the Rose Bowl this year's BCS format, in which margin of victory has been removed from the computer rankings.

"I'll always be bothered by our not getting there. I thought we deserved it," Bellotti said. "I'm naive enough to think we'll get another chance. Every year, I truly believe if the ball bounces right that we can get there."

Oregon came closer to getting there than any Pac-10 team since the BCS was formed in



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- 1. Oregon
2. Wash. State
3. Washington
4. So. California
5. UCLA
6. Oregon St.
7. Stanford
8. Arizona
9. Arizona St.
10. California

- The Associated Press

'I think anybody's the team to beat in this conference.'

- Jason Gesser
Washington State QB

1998, and because of the conference's overall strength, the Pac-10 might not be represented in this season's championship game, the Fiesta Bowl, next January.

"The SEC, the Big 12, you're playing two or three tough games all year," Oregon wide receiver Keenan Howry said. "In the Pac-10, up and down, all 10 teams are tough. Every game is tough."

The Pac-10 hasn't had a consensus national champion since Southern California in 1972. USC won the coaches' poll in 1978 and Washington tied the same in 1991.

The parity is so widespread, seven different schools have won the conference title in the last seven years.

"Obviously, this league is as unbelievable as far as

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Baseball talks hit snag

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Baseball's labor talks hit a snag when the sides delved deeper into the key economic issues, leaving the union's executive board on track to set a strike date Friday.

Rob Manfred, the owners' top labor lawyer, has repeatedly expressed optimism, but even he admitted little headway was made at the bargaining table Wednesday.

"Occasionally in this process, you have bumps in the road. Today probably would be a bump in the road," he said.

When it met Monday in Chicago, the union's executive board deferred a decision on a strike date, preferring not to add pressure to talks when they were at a delicate stage.

The board is to hold a telephone call Friday and without progress probably would set a strike date, most likely Aug. 30, according to a person familiar with the players' deliberations who spoke on the condition he not be identified.

Players and owners moved only slightly on the key issues, according to several people on both sides of the talks.

Thursday's bargaining will determine what the board does Friday.

Management's proposal for a luxury tax on the payrolls of high-spending teams, as expected, is a divisive issue, one that could cause baseball's ninth work stoppage since 1972.

Owners have proposed a 50 percent tax that would start with teams over \$100 million, including 40-man rosters and benefits, with the full rate phased for the very highest spenders.

The union has discussed a tax that would start with teams over about \$140 million - only the New York Yankees project to be above that next year - with a much lower tax rate.

Players fear that a large increase among the teams in the amount of shared locally generated revenue, when combined with a stiff luxury tax, would drain so much money from the high-revenue teams that it would cause a significant drop in salaries.

Manfred said the sides moved closer on drug testing Wednesday. While the union has proposed mandatory random testing for steroids only, owners also want testing for nutritional supplements as well as the testosterone-booster androstenedione and for "recreational" drugs such as cocaine.

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SPORTS

Fall sports calendar

Fall sports tryouts, practices and meetings for all area high schools and junior high schools will be posted all week. To list your school for the calendar, call the Times-News sports desk at 735-3239, 735-3230 or 735-3639 or fax your listing to 734-5538.

Football

Meetings, practices, equipment checkout
Buhl H.S.
Football practice at Buhl begins Friday at 8 a.m.

Wendell H.S.

Wendell will check out football gear on Wednesday for juniors and seniors at 6 p.m. and again Thursday for freshmen and sophomores at 6 p.m.
A mandatory parents meeting will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in the gym.
Practice begins Friday at 6 p.m. with two days starting Monday at 7 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Kimberly H.S.

The Kimberly High football team will check out equipment on Wednesday and Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the high school.
Football practice for the Bulldogs begins on Aug. 19, with two days at 7 a.m. and 2 p.m.
For more information, call coach Kirby Bright at 423-6298.

Minico H.S.

A mandatory organizational meeting for all Minico High football players and parents will be held on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Minico High auditorium.
Football practice begins on Friday at 8 a.m.
For more information, call Tim Perriott at 436-8899.

Twin Falls H.S.

Equipment checkout for the Twin Falls High football team will be on Thursday with juniors and seniors at 8-9 a.m. and all others at 9 a.m.
The Bulldogs held their first practice at 8:30 a.m. Friday.

Burley H.S.

Burley ninth-12th graders will begin two days starting Friday at 8 a.m.
There will be a parent/player meeting Friday at 8 a.m. in the DHS Little Theater.
All new players, freshmen and juniors must have physicals before practice.
Call coach Art Roper at 677-8847 with questions.

Jerome H.S.

Practice for the Tigers football team begins Friday at 5 p.m. at the O'Rourke Stadium.

Declo H.S.

The Declo football team will get underway Friday at 3:30 p.m.
Bring football shoes, shorts and a T-shirt.
All new players, freshmen and juniors must have physicals before practice.
Those who do not have gear already need to come between 2:30 and 3 p.m.
Call coach Kelly Kiddy at 645-2011 with any questions.

Flier H.S.
A mandatory meeting for all parents of Flier football players will meet on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the gym.
Practice starts Friday at 7 p.m. at the high school.

Oakley H.S.

The Oakley football team starts practice Monday at 7 p.m.
All new players, freshmen and juniors must have physicals before practice.
Call coach Brett Graham at 312-1405 with any questions.

Gooding H.S.

Equipment checkout and practice begins on Friday at 7 a.m. at the high school.
Two days start Monday, Aug. 19 at 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. through Wednesday.
Robert Stuart Junior High eighth- and ninth-graders planning on playing football can check out equipment on Wednesday.
All players must report to the gymnasium for equipment.
Ninth-graders will receive gear from 3-4 p.m. and eighth-grade players from 4-5 p.m.
Declo JHS
Declo Junior High football meets Monday at 5 p.m. at the gym for seventh-graders.
Equipment will be handed out Wednesday at 7 a.m. followed by practice for both seventh- and eighth graders.

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West Minico H.S.

Tryouts for eighth graders is Tuesday from 3-5 p.m.
Seventh-grade tryouts are Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. For more information, call Gary Mittelstadt at 438-8761.

Minico H.S. girls

Tryouts for the Minico girls soccer team will be held on Friday from 4:30-6 p.m. and Saturday from 8-10 a.m.

Jerome H.S. girls

Tryouts for the Jerome High girls soccer team will be Friday and Saturday from 9-11 a.m. both days at Horizon Elementary School.
Practice begins Monday. For more information, call coach Vince Gibson at 735-0176.

Minico H.S. girls

Tryouts for the Minico girls soccer team will be held on Friday from 4:30-6 p.m. and Aug. 19 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at West Minico Junior High soccer fields.
Players must bring soccer or running shoes, shin guards and their own water bottle.

Flier H.S. boys

Practices begin Friday at 8:30 a.m. for

Declo H.S.

Declo High tryouts will be held from 8-10 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the high school gym.
For more information call Sheila Wheeler at 349-5564.

Kimberly H.S.

Tryouts for Kimberly will be held Friday at 7 a.m. at the high school gymnasium.
All players in grades 9-12 are encouraged to try out.
Players must be prepared to run out doors and all players must have a physical on file.
For more information, call coach Jan Hall at 734-5724.

Gooding H.S.

Workouts for Gooding High volleyball begin Friday at 7:45 a.m. for conditioning.
Practice is Friday at 3 p.m. and again Saturday at 7 a.m.
Two-day practices begin Monday at 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Valley H.S.

Tryouts for Valley volleyball are on Friday from 8-10 a.m.
Girls in grades 9-12 are invited and must have a physical on file.
Practices begin Monday from 3:30-5 p.m.

Gooding M.S.

Tryouts for Gooding boys on Monday at 2:50 p.m.
For more information, call Joleen Toone at 931-4831.

West Minico M.S.

Tryouts for eighth graders is Tuesday from 3-5 p.m.
Seventh-grade tryouts are Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. For more information, call Gary Mittelstadt at 438-8761.

Soccer

Tryouts

Tryouts for Twin Falls H.S. boys and girls

Soccer tryouts for Twin Falls High School boys and girls will be held starting Friday.
Boys will meet at Ascension Field on Friday at 6 p.m. and again on Saturday starting at 8 a.m.
Girls will meet at the College of Southern Idaho soccer field Friday and Saturday at 4:30 p.m. at the high school.
Players need to bring water bottles, shin guards and soccer balls. Players must have a physical exam on file.

Jerome H.S. girls

Tryouts for the Jerome High girls soccer team will be Friday and Saturday from 9-11 a.m. both days at Horizon Elementary School.
Practice begins Monday. For more information, call coach Vince Gibson at 735-0176.

Minico H.S. girls

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Players must bring soccer or running shoes, shin guards and their own water bottle.

Flier H.S. boys

Practices begin Friday at 8:30 a.m. for

the Flier High boys soccer team.
Practices will be held at the field in front of the high school and will last approximately 90 minutes.
All players must have a physical on file before coming out. For more information, call coach Larry Sutton at 733-4239.

Minico H.S. boys

Tryouts for the Minico boys soccer team are Friday and Monday from 8 to 10 a.m. and 8 to 9 a.m.
Bring shin guards, cleats and documentation of physicals.
Call coach Dennis Haynes at 436-1747 with any questions.

Burley H.S. boys

Practice for the Burley High boys soccer team will be held at 9 a.m. for the varsity and 5 p.m. for the junior varsity at the high school fields.
For more information, call coach Wes Nyeland at 677-3319.

Jerome H.S. boys

Practice for the Jerome boys team begins Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Horizon Elementary.

Cross country

Tryouts

Twin Falls H.S.
Practice for both boys and girls begins on Friday at 4 p.m.
All runners in grades 9-12 are encouraged to show up at the high school gym.
For more information, call coach Larry Lewis at 733-3933.

Kimberly H.S.

Tryouts for the Kimberly High cross country team will be Monday at 7 a.m. at the high school gymnasium.
For more information, call coach David Emertson at 734-2681.

Minico H.S.

Anyone considering participating for Minico cross country needs to be at the Minico track Friday at 7 p.m. ready to run.
Bring documentation of physicals. Call coach Wes Patterson at 678-4801 with any questions.

Burley H.S.

Practice for the Bobcats cross country team will be Friday at 9 a.m. at the high school track.
The practice is for all runners in grades 9-12 and all runners must have a physical on file.
For more information, call coach Mary Miller at 731-4069.

Jerome H.S.

Boys cross country begins on Friday at 8 a.m. at the high school track.
Girls cross country begins on Friday at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. at the track.

Flier H.S.

Flier cross country will meet Thursday at 5 p.m. Practice begins Friday at 8 a.m. at the high school.
For more information call coach LaRell Patterson at 733-7199.

Little League investigates players on Harlem team

The Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — A Little League from New York captures the imagination of its community, then conquers the opposition on its way to the Little League World Series. But allegations swirl about ineligible players.

Here we go again. With the Little League World Series set to open Friday, Little League is investigating allegations the Harlem team that won the Mid-Atlantic Regional did it with players from outside the league's boundaries.

Newsday reported Wednesday that Little League's three players, including star pitcher Alibay Barkley, live outside the Harlem Little League district, according to neighbors.

Last summer's Little League World Series in South Williamsport, Pa., was dogged by scandal when Bronx, N.Y., pitcher Danny Almonte was discovered to be too old to play. Almonte's team was forced to forfeit its third-place finish after officials determined he was 14 instead of 12.

Last week, Little League received two anonymous mes-

sages claiming three of Harlem's players lived outside the team boundaries and that several players were too old. To be eligible for the year's tournament, players could not turn 13 before Aug. 1.

Those charges were investigated and disproved, Little League officials said.

But Newsday reported that three Harlem players appear to live outside the district — Barkley and shortstop-pitcher Jeremy "Jeter" Lopez in the Hunts Post section of the Bronx, and third baseman-pitcher Andrew Diaz in Washington Heights.

Lance Van Auken, the spokesman for Little League and a member of the committee that investigates eligibility questions, said Wednesday the new allegations involve different players, and that Little League was investigating. If the team did use ineligible players, they may have to forfeit their last game.

Barkley was the starting pitcher on Tuesday night when Harlem beat Lehigh Little League of Bethlehem, Pa., 5-4 in seven innings to reach the World Series.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Skateboard contest comes to Ketchum

KETCHUM — The fourth annual Ketchum Skatepark Skate Contest will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Ketchum Skatepark.

Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. to noon with a \$15 entry fee which includes a T-shirt. Helmets will be required.
For more information, call (208) 726-1222 or (208) 720-5005. The Board Bin is sponsoring the event.

Boise businessman donates \$250,000 for indoor track

NAMPA — Idaho businessman John D. Jackson, of Jackson's Food Stores, has donated \$250,000 toward a new track that will be part of an indoor sports complex being built near the Idaho Center in Canyon County.

The banked, 200-meter track will make the new \$2.18 million complex in Nampa the only one west of Los Angeles, qualified to be nationally sanctioned indoor track and field meets, officials said.

They also said the facility, which will be more than 100,000 square feet, will be home to the Boise State University track and field team, which has already scheduled eight indoor meets

for the upcoming season.

It is expected to open Sept. 8. The Broncos announced they will serve as host to the Western Athletic Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships Feb. 27-March 1.

Report: O'Neal will undergo surgery on arthritic toe

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles Lakers star Shaquille O'Neal reportedly could have surgery on his arthritic big toe in the next two weeks and might miss several games of the upcoming season.

Citing sources close to O'Neal, the Los Angeles Times reported Wednesday that Dr. Robert Mohr, chief of podiatric surgery at the UCLA Medical Center, is expected to perform the procedure.

Healing typically requires three months, the newspaper said, adding that O'Neal has surgery at the end of the season to walk the day of the procedure, could be running in fewer than six weeks and playing by early or mid-November.

The three-time defending champion Lakers open training camp Oct. 4 and begin the regular season Oct. 29 against San Antonio.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Pac-10

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top-to-bottom is concerned," said Oregon State coach Dennis Erickson, whose team won the Pac-10 title and Fiesta Bowl in 2000 before slipping to 5-6 last season.

Four Pac-10 teams enter the season ranked among the country's Top 25 in the AP media pre-

season poll — No. 9 Washington, No. 11 Washington State, No. 15 Oregon and No. 20 USC.

"I think anybody's the team to beat in the conference," said Washington State quarterback Jason Gesser said. "I don't know of another conference that's like ours."

Oregon went 11-1 last season

but blew its chance at the Rose Bowl when it lost to Stanford 49-42 in the seventh game.

"If any team in our conference had gone undefeated, they would have been in the national championship game," Bellotti said. "If any team this year goes undefeated, they would deserve it. We beat each other up."

Pac-10 parity: Another wide-open season

Team-by-team capsules, in predicted order of finish.

OREGON

Bellotti says Fife and Clemens both are better athletes than Harrington.

Eleven starters, tied for the fewest in the league, are back.

One of the returnees who didn't start is TB Antonio Smith, who gained 1,058 yards as a back-up.

WASHINGTON STATE

The Cougars were 10-2 last season and are brimming with confidence.

Sixteen starters return, including Gesser, who threw for 3,010 yards.

A favorable schedule will help: The Cougars host Oregon, USC and Washington.

WASHINGTON

The Huskies run 15 starters, including Caldwell-QB Cody Pickett, who passed for 2,403 yards in seven games before going down with a separated shoulder.

The defense collapsed, allowing 112 points in its last two games, but coach Rick Neuheisel believes it will be much better this year.

USC

Second-year coach Pete Carroll says the Trojans should be improved over last year.

They won their last four regular-season games, and lost to Utah in the Las Vegas Bowl to finish 6-6.

USC returns 14 starters, including QB Carson Palmer, WR Kareem Kelly and RB Sultan McCullough.

UCLA

The Bruins won their first six games last year to rise to No. 4, but then lost four straight and didn't play in a bowl despite a 7-4 record.

The Bruins have 13 returning starters, including QB Cory Faus.

OREGON STATE

The Beavers should make a strong comeback from their disappointing 2001 with 17 returning starters.

Among the eight returnees on defense are LB Richard Seigler, S Mitch Meeuwisen and LB Nick Barnett — the team's top three tacklers last year.

Inexpensive Derek Anderson will start at QB, replacing Jonathan Smith, and Steven Jackson succeeds Ken Simonson at TB.

STANFORD

Just 11 starters return from last year's 9-3 team.

First-year coach Buddy Teevens believes in passing.

With Chris Lewis throwing and Luke Powell, Teyo Johnson and Ryan Wells catching, the Cardinal have the weapons to make it work.

ARIZONA

Fifteen starters return from a 5-6 team that lost its first five conference games.

The Wildcats allowed an average of 34.3 points and gave up more than 40 four times last season.

ARIZONA STATE

The Sun Devils lost their last five games to finish 4-7.

Thirteen starters return, including eight on defense.

Redshirt freshman Chad Christensen probably will start at QB.

CALIFORNIA

Cal went 1-10 and coach Tom Holmoe was fired, replaced by Jeff Tedford, Oregon's offensive coordinator.

The Beavs have a conference-leading 18 returning starters led by QB Kyle Boller.

—Associated Press

Golf

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And while Mickelson has never held the 54-hole lead in a major, he has finished second or third in five of the 14 majors, dating to his runner-up finish to Payne Stewart at the 1999 U.S. Open.

The burden of being the best player never to have won a major is getting about as big as the 'Wall of America.'

"I truly feel from the bottom of my heart that he's going to win several majors," said former Tom Lehman said. "Once he wins, he's going to win a bunch. You can write that down and mark my words on it."

Curtis

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since I played, I was eager to show what I could do."

Boy, did he. Curtis caught 11 passes for 171 yards in his first game, against Utah, and in the following week posted similar numbers against LSU, Oregon, Brigham Young and Fresno State.

"He did it against Utah, and people were surprised," Aggie's coach Mick Denney said. "Three weeks into the season, he did it against LSU, and people were surprised again."

Curtis averaged 13.2 receiving yards a game, ranking third nationally. His 100 receptions and 1,531 yards were single-season school records.

All that, despite drawing extra attention each week from opposing defenses.

"I expect to see a little more of that this year," he said.

If defenses crowd Curtis, it should open plays for Utah State's other receivers, Gary Coleman and Chris Stallworth, a new recruit from Pittsburgh Steelers stand-out John Stallworth. Eventually, Curtis expects to get open.

Tiger Woods is the favorite this week and every week, the result of winning seven of the last 12 majors.

Other top contenders in the strongest field ever at a major championship include British Open champion Ernie Els and defending PGA champion David Tom. All of them have won Nickelson doesn't concede that they have the game and the mettle to win a major.

Nickelson says he doesn't feel any more pressure at the last major of the year than he did in April at the Masters, when he had a whole slate of majors in front of him and every reason to believe this would be the year he broke through.

"Kevin is a play-maker," quarterback Jose Fuentes said. "If I put the ball where it's supposed to be, I know that he's going to get open, make the catch and get some yards."

Curtis never expected to be an Aggie. Growing up in South Jordan, Utah, he dreamed of handling in touchdown catches from the strong-armed quarterbacks at pass-heavy BYU.

"Kevin was like a lot of kids in Utah," Denney said. "BYU was probably his first choice."

Things seemed to fall into place when Curtis got a scholarship offer out of junior college. The Cougars needed immediate help at receiver.

When Curtis told BYU coaches he was considering a church mission, they warned the scholarship wouldn't be available two years later. He went anyway, hoping to walk-in if necessary.

By mid-2000, however, longtime BYU offensive coordinator Norm Chow was gone and Curtis had few options.

He called Utah, but the Utes were deep at receiver. He tried Utah State, where

"The feeling at Augusta is that you're trying to get your game sharp and hopefully contend," Mickelson said. "You know you have something to fall back on. It's almost like playing best-ball. You know that if you don't make birdie, your partner still may. You may win one of the last couple."

"The LPGA Championship, you don't have the feeling," he said. "The thought process going in is to give every ounce of energy to performing the best you can this week. It's like the last mile in a marathon. You really try to push yourself hard to get all you can out of your game for this one particular week."

Denney was taking over, and decided to take his chances, and he was asked to redshirt.

"I just liked what they told me," Curtis said. "They didn't give me a scholarship word because they promised to give me a look. That sold me."

The rest, of course, is history. He got the scholarship last spring.

"I'm really glad Kevin's an Aggie," Denney said. "He's the most unassuming guy you'll ever meet. He opens the door for girls and helps old ladies across the street. It sounds corny, but that guy really is All-American."

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Box score for Tampa Bay Devil Rays vs Cleveland Indians.

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SADDLE ME THIS



Photo courtesy of BILL and SARIE LEWIS

Tyler Wines of Gooding and Megan Lewis of Filer each were awarded saddles for winning their respective All-Around titles at the recent Caldwell Youth Exchange Rodeo.

Wines, the boys Junior champion and Lewis, the senior girls winner, defeated over 200 contestants from across the Pacific Northwest.

Wines won the boys Junior title by placing first in the calf tying and taking second in the Junior breakaway, Junior team roping and hog race. Lewis won the senior girls title by winning the senior poles and placing in the top four in barrel racing, breakaway roping and goat tying.

Lewis also won the Junior girls All-Around and saddle in 2000.

Local leagues will fit all your bowling needs

TWIN FALLS - Signed up for a bowling league yet? Last week, I wrote of several that were organizing. Now here are some more.

Magic Valley Senior League

Meeting: Aug. 21, 1 p.m.
 - What: Four-person teams with at least one man or one woman per team. Members must be 55 or older, or one person per couple must be at least 55.
 Contact: Jeannine Bennett at 423-5543.

Magic City League

Meeting: Aug. 22, 7 p.m.
 - What: Teams of five women.
 Contact: Jessie Biggerstaff at 734-7635.

Moose League

Meeting: Aug. 23, 7 p.m.
 - What: Five-member teams of men.
 Contact: Bob Leazer, 423-6428.



LET'S GO BOWLING
Thelma Tucker

Commercial League

Meeting: Aug. 23, 7 p.m.
 - What: Five-member teams of men.
 Contact: Jim Baiks, 733-2972.

Other leagues available are the Sh-Boom and Pintrippers that bowl on Monday nights. Both are mixed leagues. Call Darrell Reynolds at 423-9917 for the Sh-Boom league and Maury Miller at 324-3022 for the Pintrippers.

Miller is also the contact for the Consolidated four-person men's league on Tuesday evenings.

Tuesday afternoons, contact

Jessie Biggerstaff for the Latecomers three-person ladies league.

The City Mixed League will meet on Tuesday evenings. Teams are comprised of two men and two women. Contact: Lorraine Weekes at 733-7882.

The Lovin' Doubles Mixed League is Saturday nights at 7 p.m. Contact Becky Bennett at 733-7882.

There are leagues to fit everybody's schedules so call ... sign up ... and Let's Go Bowling.

Some leagues require a minimum number of members to start. Contact your local bowling center for more information. **TUES. 10 P.M.**
 MAGIC VALLEY SENIOR BOWLING LEAGUE: 423-5543. COMMERCIAL BOWLING LEAGUE: 733-2972. PINTRIPPERS: 324-3022. SH-BOOM: 423-9917. CONSOLIDATED: 423-9917. LADIES DOUBLES: 733-7882. CITY MIXED: 733-7882. MOOSE: 423-6428. MAGIC CITY: 734-7635. TWIN FALLS: 733-3333.

Thelma's weekly column appears every Thursday in *Your Sports*. Contact her at 733-4357, by e-mail at tucker@magiclink.com or fax (208) 733-3197.

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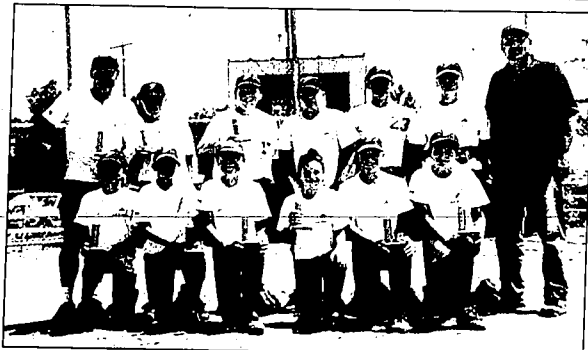


Photo courtesy of ROGER LASSEN

The Filer Little League team sponsored by Ron Bingham of State Farm Insurance went a perfect 19-0 to win the Magic Valley Little League "A" tournament held July 9-12 in Buhl.

The team also won the Hansen Invitational on June 21-22. The team averaged 14 runs per game while limiting opponents to only four runs per game.

Shown, from left to right, is: Front row, Dustin Morris, Tyson Johnson, Justin Borges, Brennan Borges, Thomas Wright and Nathan Karel. Back row, coach Steve Morris, Garlick Morrill, Codie Massey, Arlo Shaddy, Mike Smith, Matthew Lassen and coach Roger Lassen.

T-BALL TERRIFIC



Photo courtesy of JANA SELLERS

The Valley Reed T-ball team of Eden and Hazelton went undefeated in their regular T-ball season, winning seven games.

The team were also champions of the Eastside T-ball Tournament.

Shown, from left to right, is: Front row, water boy, Jared Johnson. Second row, Kade Allen, Justin Sanderson, Cheyenne Nelson, Stephen Lohry, Levi Green and Tori Gargan. Third row, Bryler Reed, Tayler Sellers, Danielle Johnson, Zachary Teagle, Justin Johnson and Ryker Shawvor. Back row, coaches Jana Sellers and Dee Dao Reed.

Let us know

Do you know of a local sporting event that ought to be in the paper? Tell us about it!

Send e-mail to kovn@magicvalley.com.

- Please include:
- First and last names.
 - Hometowns for people mentioned.
 - Date and place of the event.
 - Scores or places won for

- the participants.
- A name and phone number for more information.
 - Photographs are encouraged. Please send a self-addressed envelope if you want your picture returned.

WATER POLO WONDERGIRL



Photo courtesy of DONNA BEROLT

Angela Wirsching, a student at Hueneme High School in California, has been awarded the National High School Athletic Institute's All-American Scholar Athlete Award for the sport of water polo.

The selection is based on academic excellence, overall athletic performance and moral force of character.

Wirsching is the daughter of Steve and Lisa Wirsching of Port Hueneme, Calif., and the granddaughter of Robert and Donna Berolt and Neal and Bev Wirsching, all of Twin Falls.

BABE RUTH BOMBERS

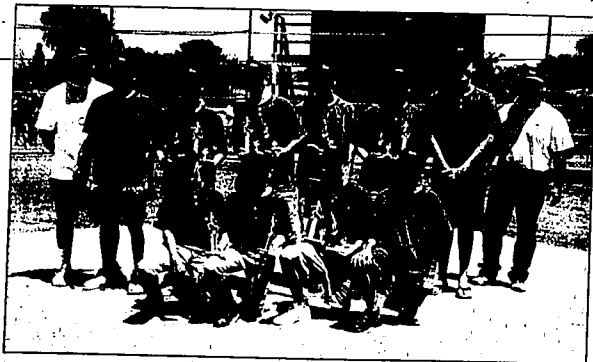


Photo courtesy of PAUL MELTZER

Left, the 13- and 14-year-old Babe Ruth baseball team won its tournament championship for the second consecutive year. The team, sponsored by Wilson Bates, placed second in league play this year. Shown, from left to right, is: Front row, Miles Naylor, Kyle McFarland, Matt Schaff and Bryan Thompson. Back row, coach Don Barnes, Tyler Norris, Josh Barnes, Sage Watkins Chance Elam, Zenon Anderson, Blake Nielsen and coach Tim Elam. Not pictured is: coach Dal Ames, Marcus Schaal and Tanner Simmons.

Right, Blake Nielsen, 14, received top pitching awards for the most strikeouts this season. He had 68 strikeouts on the year, including 11 in one game. He also threw a no-hitter.

Nielsen pitched for the Wilson Bates team coached by Dal Ames, Don Barnes and Tim Elam.

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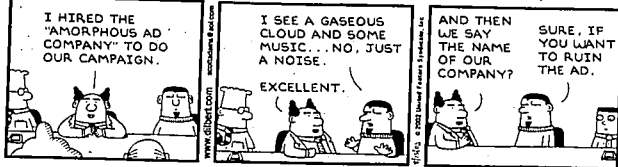
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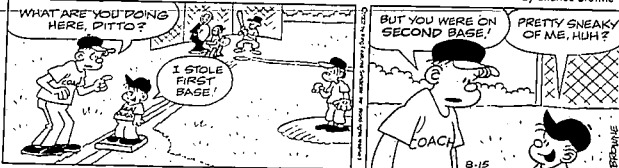
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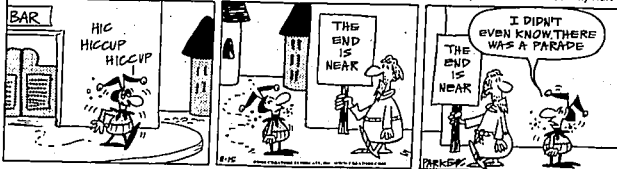
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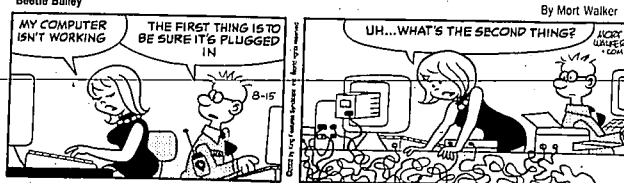
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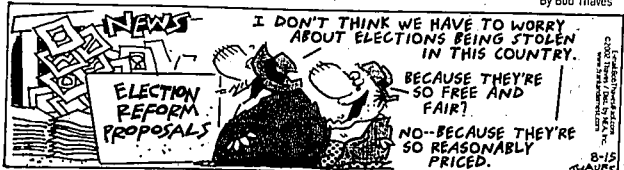
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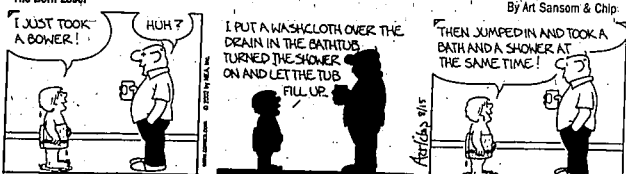
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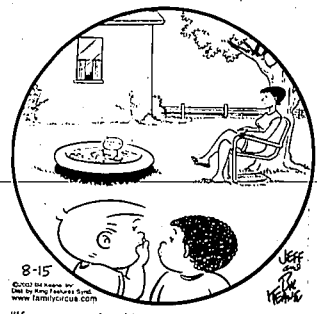
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The Family Circus

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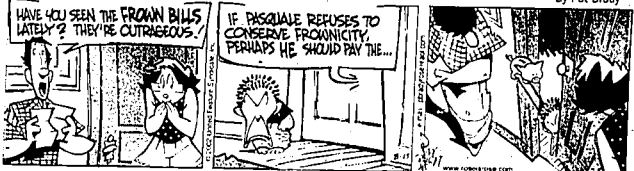


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By Pat Brady



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By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



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By Greg Evans



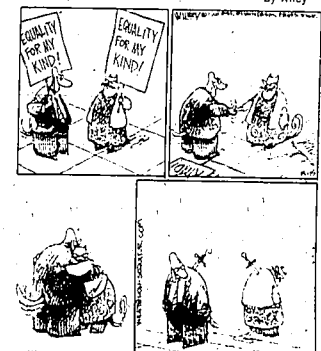
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DENTAL ASSISTANT PROJECT



College of Southern Idaho dental assistant graduate, Kylie Rex of Twin Falls demonstrates her final exam project to Ron Shoppell and Kathy Janson. Rex is now employed at Silver Creek Dental in Jerome. The CSI Dental Assistants program held an open house to promote its offerings. For more information, call dental assisting instructor Tonja Bowcut at 733-9554, Ext. 2708.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT AWARD



The Magic Valley Medical Assistant Association named Shanda Hughes, a certified medical assistant of Trinity Ear, Nose, and Throat, Medical Assistant of the Year. She received the award from Dr. H. Peter Doble III. A 1989 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho Medical Assistant Program, Hughes has held several offices in both the state and local organization. The award is in recognition of service to the Idaho Society of Medical Assistants.

Art Guild appreciates efforts for Art in the Park

The Art Guild of Magic Valley would like to thank the following sponsors who helped make the 43rd annual Art in the Park Summer Fine Arts Festival an outstanding success:

Cummins Metal Fabrication, D.L. Evans Bank, Image Arts Etc., Ratura Kimpton, KMTV, Kurt's Pharmacy, Hallmark, Bernie and Ron Lee, Magic Valley Arts Council, Magic Valley Bank, Dr. David McClusky, Rocky Mountain Horticulture, Sawtooth Dental PA, The Times-News, Twin Falls City Parks and Recreation Department and Wells Fargo Bank.

DIANNE VANDLAC
Chairman, Art in the Park
Twin Falls

Couple offers thanks for home's new coat of paint

Gerald and I wish to thank Ahldekskaiff and Paint Magic for all their time and volunteering and work that was done for us. We appreciate your beautiful work, painting, replacing windows and other work. You all did such good work and our home looks so nice and clean.

Again, thank you very much. We also thank The Times-News and KMTV.

GERALD AND LUCY ANDERSON
Twin Falls

Filer business goes out of its way to help customer

We would like to thank Denis Perron and his son, Jason. I went to Discount Home Center in Filer with a complaint. The light switches in my home

were defective. Denis and Jason called the headquarters for Fleetwood Homes and the problem was solved. Within 48 hours, the switches in our home were changed. Even though the warranty was up, everyone saw the seriousness of the situation and acted quickly.

We can't thank Denis, Jason and Fleetwood for going beyond the call of duty. The dealer we bought our home from had passed away and we could have been swept under the rug. We weren't ignored and we feel much safer now.

Sometimes all we do is complain about bad service, we felt it was time to applaud the good in area businesses. Thanks again, Discount Home Center - a good place to do business.

FRANK AND SHARON CHENEY
Gooding

Girls up pick up baby-sitting training at hospital's course

Kudos to Minkola Memorial Hospital for providing such a fine Baby Sitter Training Course. My daughter and two friends participated in the class two months ago, and they are still talking about the information they learned and the great experience they had.

A special thank you to registered nurse Trena Phillips, who taught the class. She provided a well-organized, eight-hour class for these children that not only included first-aid, child development, infant and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation, safety and recreational skills but also a pizza party for lunch ending with a cookie-decorating session.

This class was well worth the \$25 registration fee and, again,

LETTERS OF THANKS

many thanks to Trena and Minkola Memorial Hospital for providing such an excellent class for my daughter. I feel very confident that she has appropriate skills now to begin her baby-sitting "career" (as she calls it).

LORI JOHNSON
Rupert

Out of state travelers find helpful people in Jerome

To the people of Jerome: What a wonderful, friendly and helpful place you all live in.

While on our way home to Alamogordo, N.M., we had a problem with our motor home for gas at the Oasis Stop at 2816 S. Lincoln. This was Sunday, July 22, at about 9:30 p.m. My husband asked this wonderful person by the name of Mitzi Edwards if there was a place we could get a transmission cooler hose fixed.

Mitzi said her husband works for Economy Transmission and that he might be able to help us. He took a look at our problem and said he could fix it for us.

What a wonderful couple they are. The town of Jerome should be proud of them.

Mr. Edwards, we made it home just fine, thanks to you and no problem with what you did. Thank you once again, Mr. Edwards.

WILLIAM AND BONNIE STAGE
Alamogordo, N.M.

American Legion finds support from bank and community

The American Legion Post 19, Auxiliary and 408 of Fairfield would like to thank the U.S. Bank of Fairfield for the money donated to our legion at fair time.

We would also like to express a word of thank you to all of you good people who supported our food booth during the fair days.

Thanks to your kindness and support, we had successful fundraisers to help us through the year. We appreciate your support.

Thanks to all of you
GENE GEHUNIN
Adjutant
Gooding

Twin Falls resident enjoyed concert in the park season

This was a good "Concert in the Park" season. I want to thank each one that put all the effort into the "Season" year. We did miss Greg as guest, but they had some good host.

Congratulations to Ted for his 25 years as conductor. It is always fun to spend Thursdays in the park for these concerts.

Thanks to all.
IRENE SURFACE
Twin Falls

Woman appreciates chance to model for a good cause

This letter is to thank the Salvation Army for asking me to model in its fashion show on Aug. 9. It was a pleasure to help the best-managed charity raise money in such a way.

The fashion show was at the Outback, and the food after the show was outstanding! I eat all of my meals out and it certainly was a delight to enjoy such a good meal.

Truly much appreciated, and I absolutely adore your restaurant decorations!

ANN RIDGELY
Twin Falls

ART WORK



Kenya Anderson, center, shows her artwork to Cassia County parade committee members Kelly Johannsen, left, and Kim Razeo, right. Kenya was the winner of the art contest for the cover of the 2002 Cassia County fair book. The cover features the American flag and silhouettes of various community members holding hands. The theme, "United We Stand Free," was created by Lindsey Razeo.

Christopher found parents to help realize his dreams

Christopher amazes people with his photo-perfect memory. He puts it to use memorizing all the streets of his hometown. Born with Asberger's Syndrome, Chris needed parents familiar with his mild form of autism.

"I want a family that belongs to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," he also said.

Waiting children often have "wish lists" that can't be perfectly filled. In his case, all of Chris' dreams have come true. His new family knows a lot about Asberger's Syndrome, and will help him build new relationships.

His new dad also shares his love of Scouting through an LDS young men's program.

To find out more about chil-

Thursday's Child



Christopher
Age 12

dren who still need a home, call the Idaho CareLine number, 1-800-926-2588.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Disabled American Veterans schedule dance on Friday

TWIN FALLS - The Disabled American Veteran's Auxiliary will hold a dance at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the Day Hall, 459 Shoup Ave., Twin Falls. Ardic Turner will provide the music.

Open house celebrates 80th birthday this weekend

RUPERT - Nayoma Bird will be honored at an open house for her 80th birthday from 6-8 p.m. Saturday at 407 S. Meridian in Rupert. The family requests no gifts.

Magic Breathers' Club meets next week at CSI

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Breathers' Club will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Office on Aging Annex on the College of Southern Idaho campus. For more information, call Kurt Bywater at 734-9330.

Agape Christian School holds orientation/open house

TWIN FALLS - The Agape

Christian School and Child Care Center will "hold" an orientation/open house at 7 p.m. Thursday at the school, 181 Morrison St. in Twin Falls. School will begin Aug. 26. For more information, call 734-3693.

Castelford Joint School District takes registration

CASTLEFORD - Castelford Joint School District will accept registration for high school and middle school students on Friday. Students whose last name begins with A-F will register from 8:30 a.m.; G-L, 9:30-11 a.m.; M-R, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and S-Z, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Students must pay \$3 for class dues during registration. An activity ticket must be purchased by all students for \$30. The school lunch free and reduced applications are available now in the district office or school lunch room. Lunch prices will remain the same as last year.

School bus route registration will be held on the first day of school, Aug. 22.

Students must be registered to ride the bus. New students should call Doug Scott of West Valley Bus Company at 543-5492. School will start at 8:15 a.m. Aug. 22. For more information, call the

school district at 537-6511.

Ranch cancels trading days, but shows plantings

HANSEN - The Rock Creek Trading Days scheduled for Saturday and Sunday has been canceled.

But the public is invited to view a painting of how the Rock Creek Station would have appeared in 1866 from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at the Rock Creek Station and Stricker Homesite. The painting was done by Leon Smith, who will be present. Other artists also will display their work, and vintage autos will be on display.

Tours of the site and house will be available. Refreshments will be served.

There is no admittance fee, but donations are encouraged. Artists and owners of vintage vehicles are encouraged to participate.

For more information, call 829-5311 or 324-3067.

Homeschool group holds information night next week

TWIN FALLS - SIGHT (Southern Idaho's Great Homeschool Trackers) will hold a back to homeschool information night from 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday at the KMTV Community Room, 1100 Lake Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. Representatives of Barnes &

Noble and Michaels-Arts and Crafts Store will speak about what they have to offer.

Free curriculum supply catalogs, educational kits and supplies from The Imagination Station, refreshments, free sample-tables, brochures of curriculums and free Home Education Magazines and Pocket Guides to Homeschooling will be available. For more information, call 326-6550.

Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club gathers at park

JEROME - The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will hold a dance at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Hazelton Park.

Members are asked to bring finger foods.

For more information, call Tom at 324-6440 or Vera at 734-4647.

M.V.R.M.C. offers 'Baby Steps Beyond Pregnancy'

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will offer "Baby Steps Beyond Pregnancy" from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday in the hospital education center's Sage room, located north of the main hospital on Addison Avenue West.

The parenting class is for parents of infants less than 1-year old. The instructor is a registered nurse and childbirth educator.

Discussed will be active parenting, the importance of emotional nourishment during the first year of life, cognitive development, behavior patterns, social and emotional development, health concerns and sharing and support from class participants.

The cost is \$10 per family. Pre-registration is required. To sign up, call 737-2900.

Jerome merchants hold sidewalk sale, flea market

JEROME - Downtown Jerome merchants will hold a sidewalk sale and flea market, and give away free ice cream starting at 10 a.m. Saturday in conjunction with the Joe Mama's fourth annual Jerome Car Show.

There is no cost to vendors to sell arts, crafts, food and other goods. For more information, call the Jerome Chamber at 324-2711.

M.V.H.S. holds entrance testing for new students

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley High School will hold entrance testing for new students from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Aug. 21 at the school, 512 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls.

New students are required to see the counselor from the last school last attended to obtain a copy of their transcripts and a recommendation to make sure they are eligible to attend Magic

Valley High School as an "at-risk" student, as defined by the Idaho State Board of Education.

New students also must present birth certificates and immunization records when they return on Aug. 22 for interviews and registration.

Returning students may come to the school from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m. Aug. 22 to update forms and pick up schedules. There is a \$30 registration fee for all students. The first day of school will be Aug. 26. For more information, call the school office at 733-823.

CSI offers new enrichment class on Russian art

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will "East Meets West - Russian Art" as must present birth certificates and immunization records when they return on Aug. 22 for interviews and registration.

In the zero-credit course, students will learn about Scythian gold, icons, architecture and formalism, and how Russian art is a meeting ground between two separate and distinct cultures - the East and the West.

Instructor Svetlana Schuckert was born in Ukraine. There, she received her education and has taught as an associate professor of history and humanities.

The class will take place from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesdays, Aug. 27 to Oct. 15 in Shields room 103 on the CSI campus. Cost is \$50. For more information or to register, call 732-6290.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Police say three slain near Mountain Home

MOUNTAIN HOME - Two children and an adult were apparently murdered and their bodies burned beyond recognition, the Elmore County Sheriff's Department reported on Wednesday.

Authorities said the bodies were discovered by a target shooter in rural Elmore County on Sunday. They were in a burned-out car several miles off Idaho Highway 51 between Mountain Home and Bruneau.

Sheriff Rick Layher said the victims had not been identified, and there was little information on the car because it had been bought and sold a number of times. He would not say if they died in the fire or were killed before that.

A number of agencies were assisting the county in the investigation.

Transportation board will discuss BASE jumping

TWIN FALLS - A discussion about BASE jumping from the Perrine Bridge is on the agenda for the Idaho Transportation Board today in Twin Falls.

The issue is scheduled to come up at about 2:30 p.m. during the board's regular meeting at the College of Southern Idaho's Shields Building, room 104-105.

BASE is an acronym for building, antenna, span and earth. The Perrine Bridge is a popular span for BASE jumpers because of its height - 486 feet - and it's one of the few legal bridges to jump from in North America.

Twin Falls County officials have said that because the bridge is owned by the Idaho Transportation Department, that agency has primary authority over whether BASE jumping remains legal there.

Also today, the Greater Twin Falls Area Transportation Committee is scheduled to meet with the Transportation Board at 11:30 a.m.

On Friday, the board is scheduled to tour highways in the Magic Valley.

Buhl homeowners get lesson in fire protection

BUHL - A demonstration of defensible space and fuels reduction on homes along the Snake River will help residents learn to protect their property from wildfire.

The demonstration, put on by the Student Conservation Association Fire Education Corps, is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at 4707 River Road. A five-person crew will perform a fuels-reduction project in an effort to create a fire break protecting homes in the area.

The team was directed by Buhl Fire Chief Mark Grimes to focus its efforts in different areas within the district, such as River Road. These areas of the canyon are of a concern because of their location, where steep, winding roads make response time longer and more difficult for tankers hauling in water. The Buhl Fire Department recently built a new station with the intent to provide more protection for the canyon.

Grimes, volunteers from the Buhl Fire Department, the SCA Fire Education Corps and members of the community are expected to attend. Grimes will address neighbors' concerns and answer questions.

Public hearing is set for Amalgamated air permit

TWIN FALLS - Amalgamated Sugar Co. is up for an air quality permit consolidating all existing permits into one document.

The permitting process is necessary for all facilities regulated under the Clean Air Act of 1990 and is not an increase in pollutant emissions. A number of the permits are being processed by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, which must have the facilities permitted under the Clean Air Act by the end of the year. The act requires air permit records be available for public inspection.

A public hearing on Amalgamated's permit will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 12, in room 108 of the Aspen Building at the CSI.

Copies of the permit are available at the DEQ's Twin Falls office, Twin Falls Public Library, and on-line at www2.state.id.us/DEQ/airnews. Written comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. Sept. 13. For technical information contact Bill Rogers at (208) 373-0502 or wrogers@deq.state.id.us. Submit requests, comments and questions on-line to contact Christopher P. Ramsdell, Air Quality Division, DEQ State Office, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706, (208) 373-0502, cramsdel@deq.state.id.us.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

911 board OKs new director

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The board in charge of the regional 911 center late Wednesday sealed the deal to put a new director in charge and approved a break-even budget for him to work with during the upcoming fiscal year.

A memorandum of understanding putting Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Touseley in charge of the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center and accepting Ron Vogt as Touseley's on-site director will take effect Nov. 1. That's when SIRCOMM will give Touseley's department the first of monthly payments that will add up to \$100,000 over a year

and cover wages and benefits for Vogt and an operations manager.

Touseley told the Joint Powers Board of SIRCOMM that he plans to start advertising for an operations manager right away. That person's cut of the money will be \$40,000 - including \$35,000 for salary. Touseley said Vogt's portion is \$60,000, according to the center's budget for fiscal year 2002-2003. Of that, \$45,000 will go for Vogt's pay. Touseley said. There's also a \$5,000 SIRCOMM budget item for a "director's expense fund." Touseley said that money is earmarked for such things as office supplies or any business trips Vogt might take.

Vogt and the operations manager will be Touseley's employees. None of the other

personnel at SIRCOMM will be, according to the memorandum of understanding.

Vogt was hired and put on the job this month. So between then and Nov. 1, the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office has been covering his pay.

Joint Powers Board Chairman Bill Brockman said the sheriff's office will ask SIRCOMM to reimburse that money. There's \$16,000 in the SIRCOMM budget to cover such expenses, Brockman said, but the money could only be released with the board's approval.

The board also approved some final alterations to the memorandum, which got "yes" votes from every member except Twin Falls City representative Trip Craig. Brockman and board members Rusty

Parker of Lincoln County, Rob Sauer of Gooding County, John Elorrieta of Jerome and Jim Wilson of Buhl voted for it.

The alterations included a clause stating that if and when Touseley leaves office, the payments will stop and responsibility over the on-site director and operations manager will go back to the Joint Powers Board.

The board also approved a fiscal year of nearly \$48 million for the coming fiscal year, which anticipates an exact match between income and expenses. Craig cast the sole vote against approving the budget.

There are two anticipated sources of income for the center. Money from the participating counties is expected to total

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SIERRA CLUB LOOKS AT DAIRIES



Duane Reynolds, conservation chairman for the local chapter of the Sierra Club, takes photos of dairies in Jerome County. The Sierra Club chartered the plane to get a look at the layout and number of dairies in the Magic Valley.

Environmentalist group takes on CAFOs

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - One of the nation's largest environmental groups came to the Magic Valley Wednesday as part of a nationwide campaign against confined animal feeding operations.

The Sierra Club is pointing to a local cheese processor's four-year-old Clean Water Act violation and is also attacking the state ag department's approach to monitoring CAFOs.

On Wednesday, local Sierra Club members Laurien Warren and Duane Reynolds took a tour of Magic Valley CAFOs by airplane in conjunction with the launching of the organization's war on "factory farms." The campaign is targeted toward cleaning up nationwide confined animal feeding operations and their companion corporate enterprises. A Times-News reporter and photographer went along to take a bird's eye view of the situation.

The trip was paid by LightHawk, an environmental

aviation organization.

Included on the Sierra Club's "Rap Sheets on Animal Factories" is the Avonmore cheese processing plant in Richfield. In 1998, the company pleaded guilty in federal court to causing a discharge of cooling tank ammonia into the Little Wood River. The discharge resulted in a fish kill of more than 64,000 fish along 19 miles of the river and cost the company \$249,000 in fines.

No one from the business returned phone calls on Wednesday. An April 1999 Times-News story reported that company president Dave Thomas had said the fish kill might have been the result of problems in the city's sewage treatment plant or in the nearby canals, but he conceded the kill could have been linked to the spill.

Two other Idaho sites are on the list: Heckman Cattle Co. near White Bird and a ConAgra owned meatpacking plant in Nampa.

The report does not list dairies in Idaho. It does list

dairies and other large-scale feeding operations in other states.

But that doesn't mean Idaho dairies don't have problems, Reynolds said.

"There have been violations. They're just not in the EPA records," he said.

Reynolds, who is the chairman of the Sawtooth Chapter of some 350 members in south-central Idaho, said the organization spent two years compiling information from Environmental Protection Agency records. But in 1996, the EPA, the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Agriculture worked out a memorandum of understanding that gives the Ag Department policing authority over dairies.

Since that time the number of Idaho dairy wastewater discharge violations has gone from 437 to 21 in 2001. A violation occurs when illegal discharges enter the water bodies of the United States.

The Ag Department's record of reining in wastewater violations was so impressive that the

agency received honorable mention from Harvard University and the Ford Foundation last year.

But naysayers insist that the memorandum of understanding is trumped up. They claim the agency merely uses it to let dairymen go about business pretty much as usual.

"My impression is that it is not working well at all," said Bill Chisholm, a well-known environmentalist who does not belong to - the Sierra Club. "They don't have their heart in it."

No one was available Wednesday from the Ag Department to comment on the criticism.

The EPA does a yearly tour by air to determine if the Ag Department is living up to its end of the memorandum of understanding. This year the EPA regulators took at helicopter tour in early April. The tour was coordinated with the Ag Department.

Chisholm said that early April was too late to catch violators in

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Sheriff says office played no role

Investigation of porn ring was federal affair

By Shelley Rideout
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The Cassia County Sheriff's Office didn't play a role in last week's federal indictment of a Burley man who is accused of being part of a child pornography ring.

Sheriff Jim Hagens said his office didn't provide information to either the U.S. Attorney's Office or the U.S. Customs Service, nor did officials from any federal agency visit Leslie Peter Bowcut, who

is in jail in Burley. Bowcut, who uses Pete as his first name, was one of 20 adults indicted Friday as part of an Internet child pornography ring. He is charged with one federal count of conspiring to sexually exploit children.

He remains in jail awaiting sentencing by 5th District Judge Roger Burdick after pleading guilty to 14 counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor younger than 16, filed by Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus. Bowcut was arrested in February on charges of sexually abusing children.

Hagens said he and others in the sheriff's office were aware that federal authorities were con-

ducting some sort of investigation into a child pornography ring. "But we didn't know who or what."

Meanwhile, no arraignment date in U.S. District Court in Fresno, Calif., has been scheduled for Bowcut, Assistant U.S. Attorney John Conklin said. Conklin is optimistic Bowcut will be arraigned on the federal charge soon, though. Whenever that court appearance is scheduled, Bowcut will be taken to U.S. marshal will drive Bowcut to California. He must appear at his arraignment to enter a plea.

Officials in the U.S. Attorney's Office want to prosecute as many

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School finance director comes under investigation

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The resignation of Cassia County School District's financial officer last month stems from "financial irregularities" found in the district's records.

Jim Peterson, former director of finance and operations, resigned "under pressure" July 16, said Kathy Payton, secretary to Superintendent Mike Chesley. He was released from his position immediately after district officials confirmed suspicious activity, Chesley stated in a press release.

Chesley announced Wednesday district officials had uncovered five years of irregularities in the district's financial records. The amount in dispute is about \$40,000.

"For several years the district's systems of checks and balances and annual independent audit were thwarted," Chesley stated. Pertinent school district records have been given to the county attorney's office, and a sheriff's detective is investigating the matter, Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus said. The Burley accounting firm

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MAGIC VALLEY SERVICES

James Eugene Womert of Boise, celebration of life at 8 p.m. today at the Meridian Greens Ward LDS Chapel, 1920 S. Locust Grove Road (Riverside Funeral Home, Boise).

Dorothy H. Morgan of Jerome, casual gathering for family and friends at 7 p.m. today at the home of Ben and Marsha McCool, 224 12th Ave. E., Jerome.

Delbert Warren 'Del' Wilcox of Kimberly, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Our Savior Lutheran Church; private interment in the Garden of Time Columbarium at the Twin Falls Cemetery (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Lola Marie Leininger of Jerome, service at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome Bible Baptist Church; burial will follow in the Jerome cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Norma Lea Thometz of Buhl, graveside service at 11 a.m.

Friday at the 'West End' Community in Buhl. Funeral services are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl.

Lorna Jean (Brush) McGill of

Edward Donald Savaria
TWIN FALLS - Edward Donald Savaria, 89, of Twin Falls died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002, at the Sunbridge, Care & Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls. Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Nellie Irene Thompson
TWIN FALLS - Nellie Irene Thompson, 66, of Jerome died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002, in Twin Falls. The service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002, in the Jerome LDS 5th Ward Chapel, 520 N. Lincoln, Jerome. A visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, at

Springfield, Ore., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at The Light House Temple in Eugene, Ore. (Anderson's - Cremation & -Burial Service, Eugene).

Merrill Smith
TWIN FALLS - Merrill Smith, 83, of Twin Falls died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002, at his home. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Loretta M. Wallace
TWIN FALLS - Loretta M. Wallace, 42, of Twin Falls died Monday, Aug. 12, 2002, at her home. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome and one hour before the service Saturday at the church.

Dismissed.
Martin Dominguez of Twin Falls and Iris Jaynes of Buhl

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

School board prepares to file for levy

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - The Gooding School Board voted unanimously this week to be prepared to file for a school emergency fund levy based upon enrollment figures for this year.

If the number of students in average daily attendance is above the number for last year's enrollment, the district may ask county commissioners for an emergency fund levy. The amount of the levy would be based upon all taxable property in the district, and would be assessed according to the increase in students. The money would be deposited in the maintenance and operations account.

The request must be finalized before the second Monday in September.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. Aug. 27 in the district office to determine final enrollment figures and what direction the board will take.

Registration reports - Craig Maki, elementary school principal, said he has registered 502 kindergarten through fifth-grade students. Of those, 15 are new but more are expected before registration was completed.

Middle school principal Rich Thompson said he did not have

head count yet but has a large number of students.

Area scheduling - Gale Yakovac, high school principal, reported that area scheduling will be used this year.

Based upon students' requests in the spring and coupled with district requirements, a pre-schedule for each student was made. If the student has to make a change in the schedule, rooms and counselors will be available to make the changes.

Registration begins Aug. 19, in the multi-use room, from 8 to 10 a.m. for seniors, 10 a.m. to noon for juniors. On Aug. 20, registration for sophomores will go from 8 to 10 a.m. and from 10 a.m. to noon for freshmen.

Reading program - Special Education Specialist Rosanne Colay and Makel explained the Consortium - On Reading Excellence (CORE) program that will be used in the district for all elementary, special education students and sixth-grade language arts classes.

The program is in conjunction with a \$3,600 grant from Title I and Comprehensive Reform School Demonstration (CRSD) and is a three-year program.

Student request - Student Council President Kristen Sabath and Heather Williams, student council advisor, presented a

request to the board to move students from the bus route to a different location to avoid crowding. The board requested that maintenance check into the feasibility of the plan.

The board approved another request to allow students to buy parking spaces for \$1. In return, each student could paint the space with a personal touch as long as it was in good taste.

It will help keep the parking lot clean and orderly if each student is responsible for their own space," Sabala said.

Don Hedlund, maintenance supervisor, said his department would resurface the parking space painting and furnish the space.

Bus drivers - The board approved the recommended list of bus drivers by contractor Roger Cheney.

Reading staff - New staff members are Wanda Hillman for K-2 special education resource teacher; Bonnie Bishop, seventh-grade science and English teacher; Garrett Bolyard, Title 1 teacher for fourth- and fifth-grade accelerated reading program; Tracy Black and Colby Nebeker as high school assistant football coaches.

Times-News correspondent Mary Lou Potts can be reached in Buhl at 543-8854.

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names are omitted at the patient's request.

Barbara Hampton and Keith Olsen, both of Buhl

OBITUARIES

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TWIN FALLS



Anne Marie Reed
Anne Marie Reed, 71, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, August 13, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Anne was born the daughter of Harold and Ruth (Therault) Reynolds on May 9, 1931, in Quincy, Massachusetts. She grew up in the Southern California where she was a graduate of Sweetwater High School in National City, California. On June 12, 1949, in Yuma, Arizona, she was married to Clifford W. Reed Jr. She worked as a sales representative for General Electric Corp. for several years but spent most of her career as a homemaker. Her main interest was her children, where she spent many hours enjoying her daughter's horse activities and her son's sports through high school and college. In California she was active in the Pony League and the Little League Baseball. She moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1974. Bona, California in Twin Falls she was a volunteer with St. Edwards School as an art teacher in the elementary grades. She was an active member of St. Edward's Catholic Church.

Survivors include her two daughters, Cheryl of Twin Falls, Ore. and Steven of Alpine, California. Her husband died in 1974. She is survived by her children, Suzanne Castillo of Twin Falls and Steven Reed of Twin Falls. Two brothers, Vincent Reynolds and John Reynolds both of National City, California. A grandson Christian Reed of Alpine, California and by several nieces, nephews and great-nieces.

Funeral services will be held in Chula Vista, California with burial to be held at Holy Cross Cemetery in San Diego, California. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary Chapel by the Park.

TWIN FALLS

Shirley Genelle Reynolds

Shirley Genelle Reynolds passed away at home on August 12, 2002, due to complications of diabetes. Shirley was born October 20, 1930, in Hanson, Idaho, the daughter of Harley & Mildred Hathaway Johnson. On July 21, 1947, she was married to Verdie V. Reynolds. Shirley loved to be with her family, work in the garden and worship in church. All who knew and loved her will miss her.

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and Victoria

Preceding her in death were her parents, Mildred and Harley Johnson, sisters, Norma, Frances, Nadine, Kathleen, three brothers, Richard, Luis, and Ed and one grandson, Justin James Reynolds.

Funeral services for Shirley will be held Thursday, August 15, 2002, at 2 p.m. at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 255 N. Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. With Pastor Dale Motzger officiating. Interment will follow at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls. Visitation will be held Wednesday, August 14, 2002, from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

RUPERT

Viola Warner McKendrick

Viola Warner McKendrick, age 96, of Rupert, Idaho, passed away Tuesday, August 13, 2002, at Mindoko Memorial Hospital.

Viola was born April 1, 1906, at Marion near Oakley, Idaho, to Marion and Margaret Warner and Margaret Elzina.

Frost "She was the 7th of 10 children. She grew up in the Min-Cassas area. She graduated from Hoyburn High School in 1925 and later graduated from Albion State Normal School in Albion where she received her degree in education.

She taught school in Milk Creek, Burley, Kimberly and retired in Shoshone after 33 years of teaching. While teaching in Burley in 1936 she had the opportunity to travel to the east on a summer tour with Standard University. To her, this was an opportunity of a lifetime and she treasured many wonderful memories.

In 1937 she married Merrill McKendrick of Rupert. They had one son, J.D. McKendrick. Merrill and one and once said her dream was to write children's books and illustrate them. She had talents in music, art and gardening, especially growing beautiful flowers. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She is survived by her son J.D. (Judy) McKendrick of Burley and four grandsons, Scott of Anchorage, Alaska, Steve of Palmer, Alaska, Daniel (Malissa) of Burley, Idaho and David (Charmin) of Provo, Utah and four great-grandsons. One sister, Mrs. Jensen of Rupert, Idaho also survives her and many nieces and nephews and their families.

She was preceded in death by her husband Merrill in 1974, her parents Mortimer and Margaret Warner, four brothers: Wallace Daloss, Wilson, Melvyn and Marion Warner, four sisters: Clois Owens, Blanche Wilcox, Pennina Morrison and Hettie Beasley.

NAMPA

Should friends desire, contributions may be made to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Missionary Fund, Rupert 10th Ward, 525 S. F. St., Rupert, Idaho 83350, or American Federation for the Deaf and Blind, 1301 South Capitol Blvd., Suite C, Boise, Idaho 83726.

Visitation will be Thursday evening August 15, 2002, from 6 until 8 p.m. at Hanson Mortuary Chapel, 710 8th Street one hour prior to services at the Ward Building on Friday. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, August 16, 2002, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Rupert 10th Ward Chapel, 525 S. F. St. with Bishop Mark Gardner officiating. Burial will follow in the Riverview Cemetery, Heyburn, Idaho.

OAKLEY

Elmo 'Bish' Woodhouse

Elmo Morgan Woodhouse "Bish" was just six months old, when he was born September 8, 1913, in Lehi, Utah, the fifth child and second son of Morgan Thomas and Alzina Gilchrist Woodhouse. When he was just six months old, his father brought him and his family to Oakley and settled on the farm at Marion. Bish loved the farm! He started driving a team of horses pulling a cultivator when he was six and several years old. His father grew beets along with corn, hay, grain and potatoes. It was a hard job with hard power. It was slow and very tiring, but he learned to love the dirt turn over. He truly gained a respect for the land.

Elmo married Louise Port on January 8, 1940, in Burley. Their marriage was solemnized in the Idaho County Courthouse in Burley. Bish and Louise were members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on March 3, 1965. From that time until his health would not allow it, they were active in the Church. The highlight of their activity was when they took a car load each week to work in the Logan Temple and then the Boise Temple all the way to the top of the mountain.

Bish and Louise lived in Oakley their entire married life, except for a two year period beginning in 1946, when he and Verna Anderson farmed a tract of land in Rosworth. Bish had a dream of building a fresh pack potato business and that dream came to fruition when he and his two sons, Vaughn and Paul, built the Middle Mountain Produce Fresh Pack Company. Bish assisted in its operation until his retirement just six years ago.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Woodhouse of Oakley; his children, Vaughn (Anita) Woodhouse of Burley, Paul Morgan (Claudia) Woodhouse of Oakley, and Bish (Bruce) VanLauren of Twin Falls, Ore.; four sisters, Gertrude Krueger of Portland, Oregon, Alzina Walker of Draper, Utah, Ada Brown of Lake Oswego,

GOODING

Dallis Gene Garner

Dallis Gene Garner, 59, passed away August 12, 2002, in Gooding from a short illness.

He was born January 6, 1943, in Ogden, Utah, the son of Ermer and Laura Gibson Garner. Dallis leaves behind many loved ones and he will be missed.

Survivors include two sons, Bryan Garner of Nampa, and Michael (Sarah) Garner of Germany, two

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daughters, Robery Resson of Jerome and Tina (Norman) Isbell of Gooding. He is survived by two brothers, Bill (Linda) Garner & Don (Cindy) Garner, all of Gooding, Idaho, three sisters, Betty Reyes of Mt. Home, Idaho, Betty (Jerry) Winkle of Burley, ID, and Laura Moulton of Utah, and his mother, Laura (Lore) Woodhouse, ID.

His father, Elmer Garner, brothers, David & Danny Garner, and two sons, Glenn Gardner & Dallis Ray Garner preceded him in death.

Graveside funerals services for Dallis will be held Saturday, August 17, 2002, at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding, Idaho.

NAMPA

Darrell Ray Buesch

Darrell Ray Buesch, 53, of Nampa, former Filer resident, died Tuesday, August 13, 2002, at his home, following an extended illness.

He was born Dec. 18, 1948, at Sun Valley, Idaho, the son of Joseph and Ellen Marshall Buesch. He was raised in Wood River, Idaho, residing in Wood River High School in 1967. He was married to the late "Lori" Carr, and by his passing, good friends, best in Buhl for 26 years, best in Filer for 20 years, and have resided in Nampa since 1995. Darrell enjoyed fishing, gardening, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Lori of Nampa; 2 children, Makana (James) Vincent of Kuna, Idaho, Gary (Nicole) Buesch of Burley, Idaho; his mother, Ellen Buesch of Twin Falls, 4 grand-children, Wade, Quincy, Cary, and Wyatt; 2 brothers, Earl Buesch of Twin Falls, Roy Buesch of Jerome, and by 1 sister, Marjane Entze residing in Burley, and by his beloved good friend, Darrell was preceded in death by his father Joseph, sister, Iona, and 2 brothers, John and Fred.

Funeral services for Darrell will be conducted at 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, at White Mortuary, Chapel by the Park. Interment will be held at a later time in Bellewood Cemetery. Friends may call at White Mortuary, Twin Falls from 4-8 p.m. The family will hold a memorial service from 6-8 p.m. The family suggests memorials to Mt. States Tutor Institute, 190 E. Bancroft, Boise, Idaho 83712-6297 or The American Red Cross Association, 1660 Duke St., Alexandria, VA, 22314.

ATLANTIS, FLA.

Ward S. 'Bud' Gubler

Ward S. Gubler, age 76, of Okemos, Michigan, died August 12, 2002, in JFK Medical Center, Atlantis, Florida.

Mr. Gubler was born March 30, 1926, in Buhl, Idaho, the son of Carlos and Nina Gubler. Mr. Gubler graduated

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from Buhl High School in 1944 and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a B-17 tail-gunner for three years.

Mr. Gubler developed and operated his own accounting practice for many years in Fort Pierce, Florida. He was very active in the Westside Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. In 1978, Mr. Gubler moved to Okemos, Michigan, focusing his accounting practice to local clients. He retired in 1992 and continued to work part-time until his death.

Since moving to Okemos, Mr. Gubler, a charter member of Oakview Baptist Church, taught Sunday School, held many service positions in the church and was a deacon. Mr. Gubler was also very active in numerous positions and committees for the Baptist Association. He had a special interest in the Spanish mission of the Church. Mr. Gubler was an example of one who lived and loved so that others would come to know Christ as the Lord of their life.

In addition to his church service, Mr. Gubler was very active in the Literary Society on both a local and state level and served as the first treasurer for the Florida Literary Coalition.

He was a devoted and loving husband and father. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Phyllis Diaz.

Mr. Gubler is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Beth, one son Dennis Gubler (Dana) of Tampa, one daughter, Becky Mosley (Tim) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, five grandchildren, Derek Gubler and Daryl Gubler of Tampa, Jenny (Scott) Brown and Laura (Alex) Ortolano of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Carolina Mosley, serving on the mission field in Southeast Asia-North Africa; three great-grandchildren, Isiah, Otalora, Sarah Brown and Megan Brown, ages, Glenn, Mays of Jerome, Idaho and Wanda (Jim) Harjo of Twin Falls, Idaho; and also leaves behind his mother, Corinne Ragsdale and father-in-law Roy J. Ragsdale.

His family requests memorials to the Oakley Baptist Church, 1913 S.W. 32nd Street, Okemos, Michigan. Memorials may be sent to Oakview Baptist Church, 1913 S.W. 32nd Street, Okemos, Michigan. All arrangements have been entrusted to the loving care of the Bass Funeral Home.

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TWIN FALLS

Faye Olsen

Faye Olsen, 72, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, August 14, 2002, at her home in Altoria.

She was born Feb. 22, 1930, in Logan, Utah, the daughter of George and Hannah Cook Sisker. She was raised in the Rupert area and attended schools in Arapahoe, Idaho. On April 12, 1947, she married Robert Lewis in Burley, and he preceded her in death in 1974. In Feb. of 1983 she married Art Olson, in Rupert, and he died on June 17, 2001.

Faye lived most of her life in the Rupert area and moved to Twin Falls in 1987. She was a member of the LDS Church, enjoyed embroidery, swimming, roller-skating, dancing, all outdoor activities, cooking, flowers, and gardening, and loved to talk. As important as these things were they paled in comparison to the joy she derived from her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by 4 children: Linda (Dan) Leigh of Hazelton, David (Jan) Lewis of Hazelton, Dennis (Lore) Lewis of Hazelton, and Edna of Eden; 3 step-children: Bill (Virginia) Olson of Kalsipelt, MT, Bob (Becky) Olson of Kalsipelt, MT.

Monroe, NC, Debra Parlin Davenport, Iowa; 16 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers: Glen & Jerry Sisker both of Heyburn, Idaho; and by 1 sister, Vera Schenk of Rupert.

In addition to her two husbands, she was preceded in death by 1 son, Robert Dean Lewis, 2 granddaughters: Sara & Judy Leigh, and by 9 brothers and 1 sister.

Funeral services for Faye Olsen will be conducted 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002, at the Hazelton Ward LDS Chapel. Interment will follow at View Cemetery south of Burley. Friends may call at White Mortuary, Chapel by the Park, on Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, from 4-8 p.m. and at the funeral home on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The family will greet friends on Friday from 6-8 p.m.

Rodeo comes to Cassia County Fair

Heyburn taxes will not rise this fiscal year

The Times-News

BURLEY - Rodeo action gets under way at 8 p.m. today in the arena at the Cassia County Fairgrounds.

The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeo continues at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$8 for grandstand seats, \$6 for adult bleacher seats and \$2 for children's bleacher seats.

Thursday is "kids night" and children under 12, 4-Hers and FFA members may attend the rodeo free.

Spectators who want to participate in the rodeo may pay an extra \$5 to ride a wild cow.

Bar T Rodeo is providing the rodeo stock.

Earlier today, the fairgrounds are sure to be busy. 4-H and FFA members will show about 38 beef cattle in the breeding and quality contest at 9 a.m. in the livestock arena. 4-H and FFA members have entered 122 swine in the fair.

Today

8-12 a.m. - Enter flowers, flower building

9 a.m. - 4-H and FFA swine auction and breeding show, sale barn

9 a.m.-10 p.m. - 4-H basket quality bidding, 4-H building

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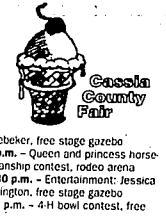
11 a.m.-10 p.m. - 4-H, open class and commercial buildings open

Noon-midnight - Carnival open, east of Hilland Avenue

Noon - Entertainment: Kent Jensen and family, free stage gazebo

1 p.m. - Entertainment: Lindsay

Fair schedule



stage gazebo

3 p.m. - Arthur Wayne, hypnotist, grass area by Main Street

4 p.m. - Entertainment: David Bean, free stage gazebo

5 p.m. - Arthur Wayne, hypnotist, grass area by Main Street

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6 p.m. - Entertainment: Ten Taylor, yodeler, free stage gazebo

7 p.m. - Arthur Wayne, hypnotist, grass area by Main Street

7 p.m. - Entertainment: Sal Jason, free stage gazebo

8 p.m. - Rodeo, rodeo arena

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

HEYBURN - Residents of Heyburn will not be paying an increased tax rate for fiscal year 2002-2003.

The City Council approved a tax levy in the amount of \$424,544 at its meeting Wednesday. The tax rate remains the same as it is this year, Clerk Ruth Davis said.

Revenue from property taxes increased substantially even though the rate did not rise. Last year, the city saw property tax income of \$256,320. The 2002-2003 amount of \$424,544 is a \$168,224 increase.

The increase is mostly due to the annexation of the J.R. Simplot Co. processing plant into the city limits, Davis said. This is the first year the annexation has been in effect.

Increased property tax revenue, along with other increases, led to the increase in the overall budget. The council accepted a tentative budget of \$7,778,167, up from last year's budget of \$7,484,286.

A public hearing about the proposed 2002-2003 budget is set for 7 p.m. on Aug. 28 at City Hall.

Other council business included:

- BPA payments - The council

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Several enterprisers will perform on the free stage from 1-7 p.m. at 6 p.m. Terri Taylor, who was named female yodeler of 2000, will sing.

Arthur Wayne's hypnotism show and the 4-H silent auction will also continue today.

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Sheep judge looks for smiles on owners' faces

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

BURLEY - They are smaller than steers and cuter than chickens, but sheep can still be a handful to keep still under the judge's eye.

Judge Ron Thamer from the Lincoln County Extension Office gave high marks in the first round of sheep showmanship for smiles and eye contact. Those earning top ribbons were relaxed in the ring and had control of their animals.

"I hope the rest of the classes aren't this tough," Thamer said.

Before the show began, fair board member Ted Higley announced a zero tolerance policy regarding harassment of any judge or fair volunteer. The announcement was met with

applause from the crowd. Higley said there was an incident of harassment on Tuesday.

There are several hundred judges and even more volunteers, Higley said. Each need to be treated with respect. If any volunteer or judge is harassed, the harasser will be asked to leave or be escorted from the fair, if necessary.

"We may not always agree, but there is a right and wrong way to disagree," Higley said.

Even with the zero tolerance policy announcement making a somber start for sheep showmen, the competitors also passed a resolution to borrow \$15 million from D.L. Evans Bank. D.L. Evans offered an interest rate of 2.5 percent with no fees. The city will use the bond issue to pay off the loan.

Other council business included:

- **Zoning ordinance** - The council voted on a zoning ordinance and the accompanying map Wednesday evening.
- **The ordinance replaces Paul's own zoning ordinance.**
- **Pollution hearing** - Council members received a letter from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality informing

Judges will stop to smell the flowers at the 1 p.m. judging. The flower building will open to the public once judging is finished.

The fair queen and princess candidates will demonstrate horsemanship in the rodeo arena at 1 p.m.

and daughter raising sheep for the fair, said sheep are a good project, although they require plenty of work.

Sheep have picky stomachs, Johnson said. They need to be fed the same feed at about the same time each day. To make them well-muscled for the fair sheep also need to be walked each day.

Bathing them is another chore, coming from their ears to their armpits, she added.

Sheep may be a good animal project because of their size. Lorana Johnson's daughter Nancy, 12, has been showing sheep for three years and said she sticks with sheep because they are easier to handle and "not as scary, I guess."

Meghan Tolle, 12, said she chose a sheep "because steers

were too big." It's also a lot of fun washing her sheep, Tolle added.

When it comes to the sheep-raising, Nancy Johnson said it's scary when first walking into the showing ring, but then it's just fun.

"It's a nerve-racking thing out there," Lorana Johnson said, "but it makes the fair a lot of fun."

"We're learning. Black jeans don't work for this," Lorana Johnson added with a smile as her son Brent left to prepare his sheep for the show, brushing the dirt from his black jeans.

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Paul City Council approves budget for 2003

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

PAUL - City Council members approved the city budget for fiscal year 2003 Wednesday.

The City Council expects to have \$6,057,510 in expenses and revenue in the coming year. This figure dwarfs the budget for the current year, a paltry \$647,000. The increase comes from the money the city will spend replacing its 45-year-old water system.

In preparing the budget, Public Works Director Rich Rau anticipated a generous \$450,000 in sewer revenues and has budgeted for additional grants in the general fund. The city may not receive all of this money.

City Council members passed an ordinance to receive a \$1.5

million bond issue to help pay for the project. Paul voters approved the bond issue in February. Council members also passed a resolution to borrow \$15 million from D.L. Evans Bank. D.L. Evans offered an interest rate of 2.5 percent with no fees. The city will use the bond issue to pay off the loan.

Other council business included:

- **Zoning ordinance** - The council voted on a zoning ordinance and the accompanying map Wednesday evening.
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- **Pollution hearing** - Council members received a letter from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality informing

them that Amalgamated Sugar Co. had applied for a tier 1 air pollution permit. The DEQ will hold a hearing on the permit at 6 p.m. Sept. 16 in the Rupert City Hall.

The company applied for a tier 1 permit to consolidate all existing air permits and state and federal air quality requirements that apply to the facility into one document. Under a tier 1 permit, no facility can increase emissions above those allowed in any current permit.

- **Transportation request** - Representatives of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program asked the council for \$750. The money would reimburse volunteers who drive those in need to doctors appointments or to grocery stores. Volunteers receive

26 cents per mile for gas, said Judy Tipton, the director of the program.

- **New signs** - Paul will be getting new green road signs with white lettering, Rau reported. The signs will go on top of stop sign poles to reduce clutter on the sidewalks, he said.
- **Cable denial** - The council decided not to allow Cable 1 to use the city offices as a box drop-off point. Accepting responsibility for boxes would be a hassle, council member Brent Stimpson said.

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the Magic Valley.

"Timing is everything, and the EPA is being very, very, and they don't and they really set themselves up to find nothing, and they do, and so they can say they have had a great deal of success," he said.

However, Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, who has been active in forming dairy regulations, said the EPA has only a couple of officials stationed in Seattle and therefore is hamstringing in making timely inspections.

"It's easy to be critical, but the Ag Department is better staffed than either the DEQ or the EPA, and there are probably more inspections being done now than there would be otherwise," Jones said.

Though the Ag Department did not have any regulations regarding wastewater discharges of hog cattle operations, it does not regulate meat packing and cheese plants. The EPA regulates discharges for those operations. The DEQ is currently asking for public comment on transferring the primary authority from the

EPA to the DEQ.

The Sierra Club, 700,000 members strong and arguably the most powerful environmental group in the country, says its ultimate goal is to stop CAFOs. But first, the organization is calling for a moratorium on new CAFOs, phasing out government subsidies to CAFOs and regulating them better. The group suggests phasing out open-air lagoons and aerial spraying of waste onto land.

Jones had no idea the organization was going to take on CAFOs, but he warned the cam-

paign could be powerful.

"They in some ways may have more leverage than the state does because they have more money," he said. "They've got a flock of in-house attorneys that specialize in environmental law. And experience, says they don't take on a project without having thought about it ahead of time. You and I might not know what their strategy is, but they have got one."

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Finance

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of Evans & Beck "has been investigating the potential misuse of public funds," Chesley stated.

Pehrson's attorney told Chesley that Pehrson intends to pay the district back the missing money, Chesley stated.

Chesley said he was notified "saturday night" about the irregularities and received documents Wednesday. He's hopeful the sheriff's detective will complete an investigation within a few weeks.

By providing information to the county attorney, the district is cooperating with the possible filing of criminal charges, Barrus said. If Barrus files criminal charges, it would be for grand theft, he said. That crime carries a possible penalty of one to 20 years in prison and a potential fine of \$10,000.

Pehrson did not return phone

calls from a *Times-News* reporter on Wednesday. When a *Times-News* reporter visited Pehrson's house Wednesday, he was not home.

Pehrson's replacement has been hired, Payton said - Pam Wade, formerly the treasurer for the Minidoka County School District, will begin work Aug. 19.

"We had 40 applicants and some very good interviews," Chesley said.

Pehrson's salary this year was \$79,003, Payton said. Wade will earn \$48,000, and the school district will pay for her to continue attending college where she is working toward a bachelor's degree in accounting.

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Bowcut

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of the defendants indicted last week as possible at the same time, Conklin said.

So far, only Lloyd Emerson of Clovis, Calif., has a scheduled court appearance stemming from the federal indictment. Emerson will be arraigned in Fresno Monday, Conklin said.

The federal and state prosecutions of Bowcut will proceed independent of one another.

Bowcut and the others were charged at the federal level after a global investigation revealed a ring of pedophiles who sexually molested children and distributed child pornography via the Internet.

Charges were filed in Cassia County after Cassia County Sheriff's Office detective learned of Bowcut's activities from the Minidoka County Sheriff's Office in February.

James Gentry, a detective with the Clovis, Calif., Police Department, contacted Minidoka Sheriff's Office Lt. Randy White about a possible child pornogra-

phy ring in Burley. White relayed that information to Cassia County Sheriff's Detective Rod Gentry. Gentry, who is a police officer, said Clovis police officers had found computer disks with a connection to Bowcut's pornographic Web site. That site reportedly included images of a girl being sexually molested. The disks were found when officers executed a search warrant at the home of Emerson.

Data contained in Emerson's computer hard drive included information linking the pornography to a Pete Bowcut, according to a Pete Bowcut. The link was through several sites, all of which were determined by police to be connected to Bowcut. Those businesses included Paul Jones Photography and P.J. Crew Co., both in Burley.

Bowcut and P.J. Crew Co. were with the Idaho sewer work project's office in August 1999 for Paul Jones Photography, listing

the business as "retail trade," according to a news story published in *The Times-News* in October 1999.

Pete Bowcut filed paperwork with the secretary of state in October 2000 for PJCREW in Burley, listing the business as "services," according to a November 2000 *Times-News* story.

And in February 2001, Pete Bowcut filed those papers for PJ Crew Co. in Burley.

Sgt. Mike Lusk of the Idaho State Police cyber crime unit discovered the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children had several tips about Paul Jones and Burley address. Those tips indicated Paul Jones might be involved in child pornography and the distribution of pictures of a girl, court records state.

In an interview with Cassia County Sheriff's Detective Pete Bowcut initially claimed he had been blackmailed and pornographic images were e-mailed to him. Pete Bowcut also told Gates someone who he lived with for a family for a time had taken the

pictures, without Pete Bowcut's knowledge.

Pete Bowcut told Gates he hadn't reported any of that to police because he and his wife were embarrassed and wanted to keep it quiet and deal with it on their own," according to court documents.

Esther Bowcut told police she knew about the photos after finding them while looking for something else on their computer.

She told police that when she confronted her husband, he told her he was being blackmailed and had no choice but to take the pictures and e-mail them to the person who was blackmailing him.

She also said she took care of it through their church and that she thought it was over and that Peter had not taken any more photos," according to court documents.

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911

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just over \$993,000. A dollar-per-line fee for land telephone lines in SIRCOMM's coverage area is expected to bring in just over \$763,000, according to the budget. The board has been pushing for a similar fee on cell phones, but the budget doesn't anticipate that during the fiscal year.

SIRCOMM covers emergency dispatch in Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding and Lincoln counties.

The board gave unanimous approval to install a new computer system and software in the center - for which the budget lists \$60,000.

To do that, the board agreed to drop a contract with the Intergraph company of Alabama

and accept a bid from Executive Information Services of Nevada. Intergraph had been SIRCOMM's computer and equipment service company since the center's opening in 1996. But it was decided to not renew the Intergraph contract when it came due earlier this year.

Intergraph is claiming that SIRCOMM still owes the company \$40,000, board members said Wednesday, but there's apparently no documentation of such a debt.

"We have no justification of that figure," Elorrieta said.

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Les Bock, executive director of the Idaho Human Rights Education Center, stands next to a bronze statue of Anne Frank in the new Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial in Boise Tuesday.

Dedication will take place Friday for Idaho's human rights memorial

BOISE (AP) — Stonemason Mario Hernandez can't help but hope that Idaho's new human rights memorial will help the state shed its image as a haven for hate-mongering racists.

"This will make people nicer to each other," Hernandez said, pointing to his finishing touches on huge slabs of marble inscribed with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. "I'm happy it's here."

Idaho — the longtime home of the Aryan Nations and other white separatist groups — has been planning the Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial since 1995. It will be dedicated Friday.

"The memorial will stand as a statement that a lot of Idahoans have a real commitment to human rights," said Marilyn Schuller, the former director of the state's Human Rights Commission. "People can point at this along with the Black History Museum, the Basque Museum and the Hispanic Cultural Center when they talk about our state."

Others aren't so sure that a \$1.5

million memorial is enough to erase the cross burnings, arson attacks and anti-Semitic graffiti scrawled across Idaho's past.

"It can't hurt, but public relations gestures — well, people take them as such," said James Aho, a sociology professor at Idaho State University and author of two books on racism in Idaho. "I'm not saying this memorial is bad at all. It's just that we don't learn our lessons that easily."

The state's reputation has become a standing joke, he said, aggravated by intense media coverage of hate groups during their peak in the 1980s.

"People magazine, Time and Newsweek brought in reporters and did articles about what was going on in Idaho, and major TV networks did docudramas about hate in Idaho," Aho said. "You tell people that enough, and it's imprinted, even though it's not completely justified."

The push for a permanent memorial began after 50,000 people visited an Anne Frank exhibit here seven years ago. The plan

evolved into a broader look at human rights and gained the support of Idaho children who collected thousands of pennies, and philanthropist Greg Carr, who donated \$500,000.

The statue of Anne Frank stands inside a replica of the attic where the Jewish teenager hid from the Nazis. The statue is surrounded by three reflecting pools, an amphitheater and a wall of travertine marble bearing 60 quotes from inspirational figures from around the world.

Carr believes Idaho's reputation is not as negative as many fear.

"I still think the predominant view is of a beautiful western state with cowboys and wilderness," he said. "Next, I think most people think of potatoes. It's only tertiary that you get some allusion to this being a backward state."

Other states have had human rights problems, he said, citing the beating murder of Matthew Shepard in Wyoming because he was gay and the dragging murder of James Byrd Jr. in Texas because he was black.

Blinken blasts Craig for taking contribution senator had returned



Alan Blinken

BOISE (AP) — Democratic challenger Alan Blinken blasted incumbent Republican Sen. Larry Craig on Wednesday for accepting a campaign contribution from discredited corporate giant Enron, only to discover Craig gave up the cash over two months ago.

Blinken questioned Craig's ethics for having accepted thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from Enron and holding on to the cash "even after several of his colleagues returned similar contributions. Is that ethical?"

Craig released a letter from campaign manager Sandy Patano, dated June 3, in which Patano informed the Greater Houston Community Foundation that the campaign was forwarding the Aug. 8, 2001, Enron contribution of \$2,000 to the founda-

tion's fund to help former Enron employees.

"Since his collapse, he feels this money should be returned to the employees," Patano wrote.

Campaign spokesman Dan Goicoechea discounted Blinken's criticism, which included Craig's acceptance in 1997 of contributions from Enron and its tarnished auditor, Arthur Andersen.

Both companies had solid reputations at that time and contributed to Democrats as well as Republicans, Goicoechea said.

Blinken, who has promised to attract good-paying jobs to Idaho,



Sen. Larry Craig

initially attacked Craig for saying congressional ethics rules restrict a senator's ability to solicit companies, and their jobs, to their states.

"I've reviewed the Senate ethics rules and can state unequivocally that there is nothing — I repeat — nothing that prevents a United States senator from using his office to honestly promote the economic benefits of doing business in his home state," the former Belgium ambassador and Wall Street investment banker said, promising to do so.

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Hansen council OKs budget

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN—The City Council approved this week the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2002-03 in the amount of \$455,131.

This represents an increase of roughly \$50,000 from last year's budget. The budget is up this year due to an increase in property taxes, an increase in sewer and water fees last spring, and because of money taken out of the contingency funds to pay for the paving of three streets, said City Clerk Linda Morrill.

The council also renewed its contract for police protection with the city of Kimberly for \$32,466. Also this week, Councilman Roger Shanahan reported the success of the College of Southern Idaho had sent commu-

nity surveys to all residents in the Hansen mailing district.

These surveys asked what projects residents would like to see to improve Hansen and asked for suggestions. The CSI team urged residents who haven't returned their survey letters to do so as soon as possible, even if they don't have any suggestions to make.

Other council business included:

- **Road work bids**—The city will be advertising for bids to pave Poplar Street and East Third and West Third streets. These three streets are the only streets in Hansen remaining to be blacktopped. Interested contractors may contact the city clerk. The work will probably be done this fall.

- **Light removal**—The council

voted to remove a light which shines on the parking lot at the corner of Rock Creek Road and U.S. Highway 30. It is unknown why the light was put there, as there is also a street light at the same location and the city is paying rent on the light.

- **Property purchase**—The council discussed the purchase of the Moore property along the railroad tracks. The council decided a public hearing should be held to get the residents' opinions on whether this purchase would be a good investment.

- **Water hookup**—The council agreed to allow Blake Froehlich to hook up to the city water system. However, the council said it felt Froehlich should be required to connect to the city sewer system also.

BLM approves City of Rocks campground

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

ALMO—The Smoky Mountain campground and RV park outside the City of Rocks National Reserve will probably be open for business in two years.

The National Park Service has budgeted money for the project. Work on the campground could begin next spring. But park officials don't expect to open the campground before 2004, park Supervisor Wallace Keck said.

The campground, with its electric, water and sewer hookups for RVs, could allow more cash-carrying tourists to stay in the area. Some Almo and Elba residents have protested the campground, saying private citizens, not government entities, should have the first shot to offer services to tourists.

Acting Idaho U.S. Bureau of Land Management Director Mike Ferguson on June 3 decided to lease the 120 acres near Smoky Mountain to the park service for the campground. Protesters had 30 days after his decision to file more comments with Interior Secretary Gale Norton. Officials in Norton's office determined Tuesday they had not received comments on the campground during those 30 days.

Smoky Mountain is close to the entrance of the park near Almo. The proposed camp-

ground is designed to accommodate recreational vehicles and provide overflow sites on crowded summer weekends. The park itself has very few campsites with enough flat space for RVs and no RV sites with access to electricity or water or sewer lines.

The design for the 120-acre parcel includes 89 camping units, 76 of which will feature full RV service. A 100-seat amphitheater, two rest rooms with showers and two septic systems are also planned. The Park Service intends to charge visitors \$12-\$13 per night, Keck has said. Campers currently use the Smoky Mountain site for free camping.

Though the pending land use agreement between the BLM and the Park Service is technically a lease, the BLM will charge no fee.

BLM officials reviewed the plans for the campground and conducted an environmental assessment, considering threatened and endangered species, hazardous materials, cultural resources and Native American concerns. Some of the proposed RV pads were shifted away from areas of archaeological interest.

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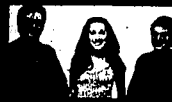
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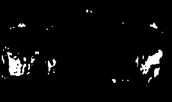


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Crews find handle on the latest of Idaho's small fires

The Associated Press

Firefighters poured more muscle and equipment into the effort to contain a 60-acre forest fire near Idaho City Wednesday as two smaller fires in the area were ignited in...

Eight 20-person firefighting crews, six engines and six aircraft were fighting the Illinois Gulch Fire Wednesday afternoon. State Highway 21 from Idaho City to Lowman remained closed to keep traffic clear for trucks and equipment.

"We're fighting this fire hard to get it contained while conditions are in our favor," fire information officer Carl Pence said. "It's hot and dry up here, but at least the winds are moderate."

The Illinois Gulch Fire was one of only a handful to blacken Idaho backcountry and range this season even though much of

the southern part of the state remained dry.

It is the second straight year the state is escaping severe fire damage after scorching 1.3 million acres go up in smoke in 2000, the worst fire season in Idaho since the Big Blowup in 1910 when millions of acres burned in northern Idaho.

Up to Wednesday, the state had recorded fewer than 900 fires on just over 56,000 acres.

Nationally, 2002 has been one of the worst fire years. More than 56,000 fires have burned over 5.5 million acres. In 2000, there were over 122,000 fires on 8.4 million acres.

"The big difference is we don't have the lightning," meteorologist Larry Van Bussum at the National Weather Service said. "It happened last year too. We didn't have that much lightning and thus we didn't have that many fires."

Judge awards \$1.47 million to research facility whistleblower

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A judge has ruled that Dugway Proving Ground should pay more than \$1.47 million in damages to a former employee who reported safety problems at the chemical-biological warfare research facility.

David W. Hall filed a whistleblower case against the Army in February 1997, four months before he retired out of what he says was fear of being fired.

Hall joined Dugway in 1986 to work in the facility's chemical laboratory. Dugway, an 800,000-acre military testing facility in the desert 60 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, researches defensive measures, detection and decontamination equipment and cleanup methods for chemical weapons.

Almost immediately after he was hired at Dugway, Hall began raising concerns about environmental and worker safety, the

ruling states.

Among them, Dugway was storing waste too close together, creating a potential fire or explosive hazard, and the toxic and hazardous chemicals were dumped down the Dugway Chemical Laboratory drain.

Hall claims that one Dugway commander called him a "traitor" for revealing problems to officials outside the military. Dugway also required him to undergo additional background checks, suspended his security clearance, attempted to lower his employee performance marks and ordered him to undergo mental-health examinations.

Meanwhile, a team from the Defense Department will visit Dugway Proving Ground in Utah's western desert next week to review records on chemical and biological weapons tests from 1963 to 1970.

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Freeloading neighbor is welcome to take her leave

DEAR ABBY: When our neighbors with five small children moved in next door, my husband offered them our barbecue grill to use, because they were trying to cook on one that was too small. Since that day, the wife has come over no less than twice a day to borrow something - but she never returns the items. She'll ring the doorbell, waking up the baby and disturbing me when I'm finally getting a break. Yesterday, this neighbor asked if she could borrow some diet soda because her husband didn't want to drink what they had at their house. (Yes, they have a car to go to the store themselves.)

I have given this woman everything from plastic ziplock bags to milk for her two youngest who are still bottle-fed - as well as lending out my dog carrier, which our dog needs.

She also comes over to use my phone for what she says is "only a minute" - then calls her husband.



DEAR ABBY: Our only child, a son in his late 40s, has decided he is gay. He was married briefly for three years and has had three partners. I have seen very little of him, as he lives on one coast and we live on the other.

We haven't seen him for four years because he will not visit us without his partner. We do not approve of his lifestyle and feel he should visit his parents alone. I think he is being unreasonable. We both have health problems and don't need the stress.

Don't get me wrong, Abby. I love my son and it is his choice to live his life this way. But do I have to be subject to it? Am I wrong? Does anyone else have my problem?

- HEARTBROKEN MOTHER IN ORLANDO

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: You are wrong. People aren't gay

because they choose to be; they are gay because they are born that way. Your son tried to please you by marrying. It didn't work - he is only being himself now. For you to demand that he visit you without his partner is both insulting and unreasonable. If he were married, you would not insist he visit you without his spouse. His partner is his family, too.

Many other parents have handled this situation in a positive way by getting information from - or joining - PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). This organization has more than 20 years' experience building bridges of understanding between lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their families. Contact it by writing: PFLAG, 1726 M St. NW, Washington, DC 20036, or by e-mail at info@pflag.org, or by visiting their Web site at www.pflag.org. You'll be glad you did.

Stone age art hints men covered their backsides

Stone Age men in what's now Africa's Tanzania were nothing but apes - but over the backside, not the front. Stone Age women wore short skirts. This, as evidenced from cave art.

What intensely interests the natural researchers is the fact that the lamprey can regenerate its spinal cord.

A newborn Koala is no bigger than a nickel.

The better French table manners call for the diner to rest the wrist - the wrist of the knife-holding hand - on the table's edge while eating with the other hand. It goes way back. To a time when it was thought wise to keep both hands in plain sight, particularly when one held a knife.

Sailors of old thought that a frog would always swim toward land, no matter how far out of sight the land might be. So if lost at sea, those sailors threw frogs into barrels of water to see which direction the frogs elected to swim. If they had any frogs. Or barrels. Or water.

Can you contradict the claim that "underground" is the only word in English that begins and ends in "nd"? That's what I asked. Mail arrived. With underfund... underground...

Q. Which of the four branches of military service, historically, has the highest desertion rate?



REVISITED
L.M. Boyd

A. The Navy.
Dolpo is a remote place in Nepal. Life is tough there. To survive, a family needs three working grownups - one to farm, one to take care of the livestock and one to buy and sell things at the distant markets. So historically

one woman commonly married two men, usually brothers. Ford offered seat belts in 1956 - and one buyer in 50 took them. The conquistadors wanted gold. When they also found platinum in South American rivers, they threw it back, believing in time it would ripen into gold.

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RIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Answer to question: Yes, ice cold plunge into future. Many will regard you as "mystery person." Imprint style, do not follow others. News received concerning inheritance.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You will locate comfortable living quarters where you will be long married. If single, you encounter future mate. Focus on who you are and where you are going. Capricorn involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Discover innovative ways of completing job. Focus on routine and research, and emphasize humor. Keep resolutions concerning exercise, diet and nutrition. Another Gemini plays role.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Lunar aspect coincides with creative aspects that test courage of convictions. Rebuilding program gets under way, if you so desire. You have "protective shield." Scorpio involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Read, write and start a diary! Explore various avenues of expression. Psychological report favors your efforts. Love given by young child sends morale soaring. Virgo plays outstanding role.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Relative seeks your aid in arrange-

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ment of furniture in new living quarters. Be generous, but know when to say, "Enough!" Beautify personal surroundings; hang pictures, paintings. Libra plays key role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Money that was lost will be retrieved. Terms will be defined in your favor. Be realistic, avoid self-deception. You will hear promises of "love forever." Pisces figures prominently.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Power-play day! Organize priorities, proceed accordingly. You exude personality, sensuality. Don't give in too quickly! Set your own pace, don't underestimate value.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You perceive potential; trust feelings. Look beyond the immediate; accept offer to travel. Help heal emotional wound of loved one. Aries, Libra play instrumental roles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take chance on romance! Vigor returns; you get proverbial second opportunity. Imprint style, wear bright colors and make personal appearances. Avoid heavy lifting. Deal gingerly with Leo.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Individual from the past makes surprise appearance, helps you obtain property. Focus on direction, motivation and meditation. You will be amazed at cooperation received from family.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Break rules by debating on religion and politics. Instead of hurt feelings, you gain allies due to intelligence, humor. Highlight clash of ideas. Gemini, Sagittarius will figure prominently.

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Hispanic Heritage Fiesta celebrates many faces of culture

By Levi Aspeytia
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - At "Un Dia en el Valle," Magic Valley Hispanics celebrated their heritage. On Aug. 11, the annual Hispanic Heritage Fiesta displayed several aspects of the culture, both traditional and modern.

Music could be heard everywhere in Twin Falls City Park. At the band shell, groups and dancers played Spanish tunes. Closer to Shoshone Street, a tent was set up with deejays mixing music, while people took turns showing off their break dancing moves to the crowd. Two deejays also freestyle rapped. Nearby, some people left their stereos on, playing their own selections of songs. In between events, car owners lined up to turn up the music for the stereo sound-off. One side of the park was dominated by the

car show, with almost 60 participants displaying gleaming cars, trucks or motorcycles. Car owners stood or sat next to their cars while chatting with friends.

Meanwhile at the south end of the park, people observed the car "hopping" contest, which tested car hydraulics.

Delicious aromas from the food booths dominated the other end of the park.

People grabbed whatever shade they could on the hot day to sit down and enjoy the food. They ate corn on the cob with salsa, or the traditional treat of tacos or burritos.

Children played on the toys and games, while others decided to try their hand at painting at the artisan's booth. Youngsters also wandered over to watch people challenge the mechanical bull.

Sunday was the culmination of week-long festivities for the Latino population.



And the winner is ...

- Best of 7 winners from Hispanic Heritage Fiesta car show were:
- Interior - Gerardo Guardado of Ontario, Ore.
 - Paint - Bart Webb of Twin Falls - "Bomb" - Sam Sanchez of Ontario, Ore.
 - Engine - Bart Webb of Twin Falls
 - Euro - Bryan Henry of Boise
 - Lowrider bike - Joey Trevino of Twin Falls
 - Motorcycle - Ramiro Martinez of Twin Falls
 - Best of Show - Tony Hernandez of Caldwell with 1965 Chevrolet Impala
 - Car hopping contest winner - Daniel Juarez, of Clatsop with 38 inches.
 - First, truck - Gerardo Guardado
 - First, street rod - Freddy Rodriguez of Twin Falls
 - First, lowrider bike - Joey Trevino
 - First, motorcycle - Shawn Roland of Jerome
 - First, Euro - Leroy Garcia of Twin Falls
 - First, 1990s - El Pecador of Buhl
 - First, 1980s - Abraham Hernandez of Mountain Home
 - First, 1970s - Jason Hawkins of Twin Falls
 - First, 1960s - Tony Hernandez of Caldwell
 - First, 1950s - Vannie Mallano of Hagerman
 - First, Bomb - Sam Sanchez of Ontario, Ore.
 - First, Sound-off category 1-260 - Travis Mason of Twin Falls
 - First, Sound-off category 261-300 - Chris Lancaster of Twin Falls
 - First, Sound-off category 301+ - Brad McDonald of Twin Falls



Above inset, Jose Perez, Hispanic Heritage Fiesta committee chairman, rides in the first fiesta parade on Aug. 10. The first place parade winner was the Kiwanis, second place was Popsi Coils and third was the Boys and Girls Club. The parade coordinator was Jaime Valero. Left, Araceli Agullar of Buhl, the queen of the Hispanic Heritage Fiesta reigned over the event, along with the princesses. They are, from left, Maiflu Perez of Kimberly, second runner-up; Agullar; Gabriella Marcantonio, first runner-up; and Ilana Rulz of Shoshone, third runner-up. The scholarship pageant was held Aug. 10. Eight young women competed in the first-time event.



Below left, Eduardo Martinez of Buhl tries his luck at the mechanical bull.



Above left, the DJs MC Fresh, DJ Kinsu, and DJ Remix freestyle rap to the crowd that gathers around them. Left, judges measure how high a car can jump in the new car hopping competition. Below, Chris Lancaster of Twin Falls plays his stereo after competing in the stereo sound-off. In all, 18 cars entered the first-year competition.



Right, Jaime Salvador of Twin Falls dazzles the crowd with his break dancing skills.

Second annual Salsa Fest arrives this September

TWIN FALLS - The Times-News is inviting Magic Valley residents to show off their best and hottest recipes at the second annual Salsa Fest on Sept. 21 in Twin Falls and Rupert.

The contest was started last year to celebrate the first anniversary of Comunidad, a page for and about Latinos.

The contest is free and will be open to the public.

There are changes from last year's contest. Judging will take place in two main categories: fresh salsa and canned salsa.

In each category, entries will be judged for hottest and best overall.

The winners in each category will receive \$50 cash, and a complimentary apron. The winning recipes also will be published in Comunidad.

The winner of the best restaurant salsa in each location will receive a free advertisement in the Times-News.

There is no cost to enter. Entry deadline is Sept. 18. Entry forms are available at The Times-News offices in Twin Falls and Burley. Contestants must bring one pint of their salsa and the recipe to the contest locations one hour before the judging.

Last year's winners are ineligible to enter.

Judging will take place at noon Sept. 21 in front of The Times-News annex on Main Avenue (in front of the Ag Weekly office) in Twin Falls, and at 11 a.m. the Potato Fest at the Rupert Square.

After the judging, chips will be provided so the public can sample the salsa entries.

The Times-News started Comunidad two years ago to offer news for and about Latinos, a growing community within the region. The page includes:

- Local news stories and profiles of people, organizations and businesses.
- Cultural events, such as quinceañeras, dances and meetings.
- State and national items of interest to and about the Latino community.
- Music and entertainment news.

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OUTDOORS

Steelhead count

Dam	2002	2001
Bonneville Dam	7,801	8,404
Lower Granite Dam	224,199	356,114

The 2002 run count over Bonneville Dam began March 15 and will end Nov. 15. The 2002 run count over Lower Granite Dam began March 15 and will end Nov. 15.

Dam	2002-03	2001-02
Bonneville Dam	197	26
Lower Granite Dam	7,787	11,638

The steelhead counting season at Lower Granite Dam begins each year on June 1. The fall portion of the count ends Dec. 15. Counting for the spring portion resumes March 1 of the following year and runs through May 31. The 2002-02 steelhead run is now complete. The final 2001-02 cumulative dam count over Lower Granite was 289,083 steelhead, 2.3 times that of the 2000-01 run and 3.2 times the 10-year average.

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Your best shot
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Share your adventure
Do you have a personal story of an outdoor adventure? If so, The Times-News would like to print it as part of our new "Calls From The Wild" series. We welcome readers' true stories about hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. Please write your story in the first person, keeping it under 500 words. Photos are a plus. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number.

TROPHIES

Jack Brooks took first place team honors at the June 1 Bassmasters Tournament of American Falls Reservoir. Brooks had a stringer of 14.72 pounds.

Crews prepare road for sportsmen after court declares it public

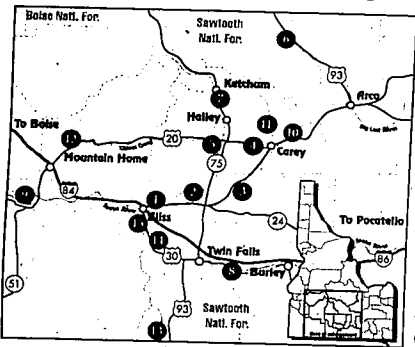
IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Bonneville County road crews are working to reopen the Antelope Creek Road for sportsmen after the Idaho Supreme

Court ruled that the route is a public road. County Commissioner Roger Christensen says the road across private grazing land to state-owned game lands and the Caribou National Forest could be ready for traffic by next week. The unanimous high court

decision ended a decade-long dispute by rejecting the claim of the private landowners that the county had essentially abandoned the dirt road east of Idaho Falls as a public thoroughfare. "No decision to formally abandon the road was ever entered by the Board nor was any notice of a decision in that regard ever pub-

lished," Justice Jesse Walters wrote for the court. "Affected persons were never given notice or opportunity to be heard or to appeal any decision to abandon Antelope Creek Road." The decision earlier this month reversed a ruling two years earlier by now-retired 7th District Judge Ted Wood.

Magic Valley Angler's Guide



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The Magic Valley fish report is for the week of Thursday, Aug. 15. Updated conditions are listed for 15 locations that include state family fishing waters and major rivers in the Magic Valley region. Reports are made courtesy of Scooter Gardiner of Silver Creek Outfitters in Ketchum, and Doug Cherry of Blue Lakes Sporting Goods in Twin Falls.

- 1 - **Malad River: GOOD.** Good hopper fishing and caddis fishing in the evening. Try Parachute hoppers and elk hair caddis.
- 2 - **Big Wood River: GOOD.** The Wood River's flow is 120 cfs, 66 percent of its mean flow of 180 cfs. The water is running low and clear, and fish have seen anglers daily for the last two months. Consider walking further to runs fished less often. Approach to runs fished less often and focus on good presentations with dead drifts. Fish are turning their attention to smaller flies. Tricos and Baetis are two bugs to look for, try a "Hopper-Dropper" setup with a small Pheasant Tail or Copper John during the mid-day.
- 3 - **Little Wood River: GOOD.** The river's flow is 162 cfs. Hopper time on the Little Wood means using Davas hoppers, Parachute hoppers, Beetles and Attractor dries.
- 4 - **Silver Creek: FAIR/GOOD.** It's all about extremes on the Creek in August - it's either size 20-22 Trico's fished with all your skill and concentration or crashing a size 10 hopper close to the grassy undercut bank. The Trico spinners are hitting the water around 8 am (give or take a half-hour). Because the Trico spinner imitations leave little to no visual reference on the water, anglers miss a number of opportunities. Consider using an indicator fly, such as a PMD Dumm or Baetis Hackle Stacker, with a Trico spinner trailing 8-12 inches behind on 6X fluorocarbon tippet. Fishing a PMD, Baetis, or Callibaetis pattern can also be a very effective technique before and after the Trico hatch. Grasshoppers, Beetles and Ants are good bets when the wind picks up.
- 5 - **Magic Reservoir: GOOD.** Try fishing on the west side at dusk, and throughout the night. Blonde duck-tails, crawdad patterns and plus-size leeches. Those going near the dam should try jigs.
- 6 - **Big Lost River: EXCELLENT.** The Big Lost River's flow below Mackay Reservoir is 146 cfs, 31 percent of its mean flow of 468 cfs. Look for fish in the shallow riffles and in deep pockets. Tricos are happening in the morning. Yellow Saliers, PMDs, Royal Stimulators, and Grasshoppers are working throughout the day. If the fish are not on top, consider bead head nymphs, epoxy back nymphs, and rubber-legged stonely nymphs.
- 7 - **Trall Creek, Warm Springs: GOOD.** Penny & Dollar Lakes, and Lake Creek Lake are user-friendly waters and great places to take beginner anglers. Hayspur Fish Hatchery routinely stocks these waters all summer. Try fishing with the following: #12-#18 Parachute Adams, #12-#18 Guiper Special, Beetles, and Ants.
- 8 - **Milner Dam: FAIR.** Smallmouth bass fishing is good. Lead line trolling and wobbly bugs have fished well, along with Rapalas on beaches.
- 9 - **C.J. Strike Reservoir: FAIR.** Shelves around 20 inches have been producing fish. Crawdad patterns, olive bugs and Halloween bugs for flies. Spinners should keep using motor oil jigs.
- 10 - **Fish Creek Reservoir: POOR.** August is taking its effect on low water and salvage operators. Try bead head nymphs and small leech patterns.
- 11 - **Little Wood Reservoir: FAIR.** Try hoppers, midge pupae, Damselfly, and Canadian Wood Leeches.
- 12 - **Camas Reservoir: FAIR.** Immature Damselfly, scuds and Callibaetis nymphs are worth trying.
- 13 - **Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir: FAIR.** The net site of its estic has been producing stringers. Use black or brown bugs, trailing leeches and fire tiger Rapalas have also shown some action.
- 14 - **Clear Lake: FAIR.** Water surfaces are getting mossier. Emerger patterns and Clear Lake specials should work.
- 15 - **Billingsley Creek: FAIR.** Terrestrial such as Davas Hopper and Henny's Fork hoppers are recommended.

For additional updates call Scooter Gardiner at 1-800-732-5687 or (208) 726-5282, or Doug Cherry at (208) 733-6446.

Goats

Continued from D1
degrees below and the wind's blowing 60 miles per hour. They're here. This is home." Goats' most remarkable asset is climbing ability, which allows them to run straight up a steep rock wall when threatened. They have slightly hollowed rubbery skid-proof footpads that act as suction cups when pressed down. Their front toes are split and splayed to grip rock, and their razor-sharp hoof edges cut like an ice axe into ice. If they have to, they stand up on their hind legs, turn around and then drop down onto all fours. These supermen of the mountains can also take flying leaps up to 10 feet from one ledge to another. Goats, which are more closely related to antelopes than are wild goats, can live 10 to 13 years. Eagles occasionally pick off a newborn. And, cougars, coyotes, bobcats and even Wolverines also can prey on the goat. But the goats' worst enemies are falls and starvation. Goats lose a quarter of their body weight during winter when food is scarce. Everything that starves them, causes their heart rate to elevate and makes them burn precious calories, Baer said. Until recently, this was not a problem but with the advent of helicopter skiing and powerful snowmobiles that can easily ascend 10,000-foot ridgelines during winter, man is intruding on the goats. To protect the goats from restricted and snowmobiles are asked to respect the animals' well-being. It's believed that there are several hundred goats in the area ranging between the Smoky Mountains and the Sawtooths. Idaho Fish and Game officer Bruce Palmer said he counted 55 goats and 14 kids living between Warm Springs drainage and Galena Summit during his helicopter count last year. He expects there are at least another 10 he didn't spot. The Smokys' goat population, which plummeted from 96 to a half-dozen during the early 1990s, is on the upswing

with 28 at last count. There are about two dozen in the Pioneer Mountains, Palmer said. Goats don't travel great distances compared to some animals their stomping ground may range about 13 square miles in summer. But going in search of the mountain goat has opened whole new realm to Neaman. "I'm out looking for this ani-

mals in places others don't go because there is no lake or trail," he said. "And I've seen some spectacular country, as a result."

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OUTDOORS

The story of a toppled landmark

Environmentalist challenges the official version

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — When an outfitter discovered the toppled remains of the landmark Eye of the Needle sandstone arch along the Missouri River five years ago, it didn't take long for authorities to conclude what caused the damage: Vandals, probably some drunken teenagers.

But now, a prominent Montana outdoor writer and environmentalist is advancing a different theory, suggesting a less sinister culprit — Mother Nature herself. "There's no doubt in my mind," said Rick Graetz, a writer and former publisher of Montana Magazine. "This was normal weathering."

The theory, which Graetz has espoused in lectures and newspaper columns in recent months, is perceptive. He says that investigators never proved their case. But the Bureau of Land Management is standing by its conclusion that vandals caused the damage.

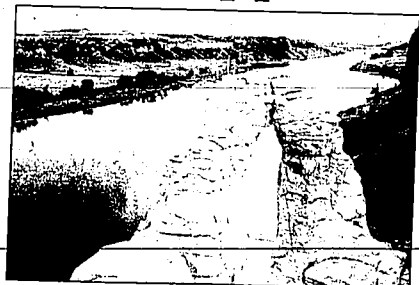
"There is no evidence to support any other conclusion," said Chuck Otto, an area manager for the BLM.

The Eye of the Needle was an 11-foot tall natural sandstone arch along the Missouri River, photographed by thousands of river rafters and once featured on the cover of the state highway map. Meriwether Lewis described the area in his journals while the Lewis and Clark expedition made its way up the Missouri River in 1805.

"An outfitter guiding a river trip along the Missouri noticed the damaged arch on May 27, 1997."

The BLM concluded days later, after investigators visited the site high on a cliff above the river, "that someone had intentionally knocked the top off the arch, sending parts of it tumbling 200 feet to the cliff bottom. Investigators said six or seven other sandstone features nearby also had been broken off or shoved over."

But Graetz and other skeptics note that investigators never arrested anyone for the damage, despite offering a reward of up to \$20,000. They also say there was



The Eye of the Needle arch that overlooks the Missouri River in the White Cliffs area, near Fort Benton, Mont., is shown in this BLM file photo taken before the landmark was allegedly vandalized in May, 1997.



The toppled remains of the landmark are shown in this photo taken after May 1997.

little if any evidence recovered to suggest humans had been at the arch recently.

Graetz does not believe vandals would have gone through the trouble required to reach the Eye. Getting there requires moderate climbing skills to ascend a steep rock wall or a long hike, he said.

Two experts brought in by the federal government to assess the site found no clear evidence of vandalism either.

Martin McAllister, an expert on archaeological damage, said he was struck at the lack of trash at the site.

"Resource criminals are litterers. They are really messy, nasty

people," said McAllister, who runs a private consulting firm from Missoula. "I saw none of the things I would associate with a crime scene out there...."

"That doesn't necessarily mean anything," he added. "You could have people that were 'clean criminals,' that did the act very quietly."

William Melson, a geologist with the Smithsonian Institution who surveyed the site for the Justice Department's investigation, said he also found no clear evidence of vandalism.

"Eventually, it was going to fail; the erosion process continues always," said Melson. "The ques-

tion is, was it natural weathering or aided by an accident or human action?"

Graetz acknowledges he has little evidence to support his argument, but said it is logical to conclude that the same forces of nature that created the arch eventually destroyed it.

Even Lewis, nearly 200 years earlier, noted the effect nature was having on the site, writing that the "remarkable white sandstone" was "sufficiently soft to give way readily to the impression of water's."

Outfitters and officials at the visitor center in Fort Benton, about 60 miles west of the Eye, still get the occasional question about the feature. The topic no longer dominates conversations in riverside towns, where the fever-pitch public outcry once led to serious discussion of reconstructing the Eye. But many hold opinions of what happened, some tending away from the official position as time wears on.

"I think we live in a world now where everybody wants to be a victim or have someone to blame. You can't just have a naturally occurring event," said J.R. Strand, executive director of the Lewistown Area Chamber of Commerce.

When Strand first heard vandals were to blame "I wanted them to catch them and hang them," he said. "But as time went on and people talked about how difficult it would be to knock over, I'm kind of concluded it's a good shot it was just the laws of nature."

Valerie Morger, president of the Fort Benton Chamber of Commerce, agrees.

"Everybody wants closure to things that are mysteries. I think that's where people have let their minds go, into the natural realm," she said. "Because nothing's been found after five years, the common citizen has to draw the conclusion that it was a natural occurrence. I think that is the consensus around here."

Bill Cunningham, whose floating party was the last known to have seen the Eye intact, said he doesn't know what to believe.

"I want to believe it was an act of nature. I want to believe that," said Cunningham, a writer and outfitter. "I hope there aren't people so despicable and rotten they would destroy something so beautiful and fragile."

Redfish Lake Visitor Center hosts events

Outdoors in brief

Rafting trip will float the Hagerman stretch

TWIN FALLS — The city of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is co-sponsoring along with Idaho Guide Service a rafting trip on the Hagerman section of the Snake River on Saturday, Aug. 17.

The four-hour trip includes some class III water and an abundance of beautiful scenery. The departure point is the boat launch below Salmon Falls Dam at 1 p.m.

The cost is \$30 and includes lunch. Register at 136 Maxwell Ave. or call 736-2265 for information.

Women's shotgun clinic will take place in T.F.

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the Twin Falls Gun Club will host a women's shotgun clinic at the TFGC range (at the north end of Washington Street) on Monday, Aug. 26, from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Shotguns, ammunition, and clay birds will be provided.

This clinic is intended for beginning shooters only and they must be a minimum of 11 years old. To reserve a place, call Claydon Wilson, Fish and Game in Jerome, at 324-4359 by Aug. 23.

— compiled from staff reports

STANLEY — Redfish Lake Visitor Center is hosting two events with an emphasis on history. Today at 11 a.m., author Judith Freeman will provide readings from her latest novel, Red Water. Copies will be available for signing. This event held in the Redfish Lake Visitor Center Amphitheater is presented in cooperation with the Stanley Community Library.

On Saturday, Aug. 17, at 8:45 p.m., artist Ralph Harris will share experiences of the Corps of Discovery. This evening presentation will highlight the role of explorer Capt. Meriwether Lewis in the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1804-1806. The Corps of Discovery was the first to explore what is now the western United States, between the Mississippi River and the Pacific Ocean.

Other activities for the week include Junior Ranger, hikes and nature walks and additional evening programs.

Junior Ranger: Friday, 2 p.m., "Animal Olympics." Sunday, 10 a.m., "Weir and Wild." Monday, 10 a.m., "Every Tree for Itself." Hikes and Nature Walks: Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m., Indian Rock Shelter Tour. Evening Programs: Friday, 8:45 p.m., "Gold Fever in the Stanley Basin." Saturday, 8:45 p.m., "Meriwether Lewis and the Corps of Discovery." The Stanley Museum is also open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Colorado will open wasting disease testing sites for hunters

DENVER (AP) — Nearly 40 stations will be opened across the state where hunters can have deer and elk checked for chronic wasting disease this fall, wildlife officials said Tuesday.

Hunters who voluntarily turn in the animals' heads to be tested will have to pay a \$17 fee, down from last year's \$25.

For the first time, testing is mandatory for deer and elk killed in northeastern Colorado, where chronic wasting disease has been found in the wild for decades.

Chronic wasting disease in the wild was once thought to be confined to northeastern Colorado and southeastern Wyoming. But the disease has also been found in Nebraska, Kansas, Montana, South Dakota and Wisconsin and in Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada.

Wildlife officials hope hunters across Colorado will have their game tested so biologists can get a good sample size. The Division of Wildlife is trying to determine how prevalent the disease is in the wild.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Boise Cascade attests to finances

BOISE - Boise Cascade chief executive and chief financial officers have filed sworn statements with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission affirming filings made by the company in 2002.

CEO George J. Harter and CFO Ted Crumley signed documents verifying Boise Cascade's 10-K report for 2001 and its 10-Q report for the first quarter 2002.

Boise Cascade is one of 947 public companies reviewed by the securities commission to file sworn statements affirming the accuracy of their filings with the commission.

Qwest rating further credit rating downgrade

Fitch Ratings on Monday further downgraded Qwest's credit, giving the Denver Baby Bell its lowest rating yet.

Lower ratings mean Qwest would likely have to pay higher interest on future borrowings.

Qwest stock closed at \$1.12 a share, down 12 cents, or 10 percent.

Qwest is the predominant provider of local-phone service in the Magic Valley.

Fitch, one of three major credit rating agencies, said it was concerned that probes by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Department of Justice would hurt Qwest's efforts to sell its directories business.

Fitch cut Qwest's rating by two levels, from "B" to "CCC+", which is seven notches below investment-grade, or junk status.

Standard and Poor's rates Qwest at four notches below junk, and Moody's Investors Services lists the company's credit at five notches below junk.

Fortune calls Qwest the nation's greediest firm

Fortune Magazine has named Qwest Communications International the nation's greediest company and calls founder Philip Anagnostis the greediest executive.

"The not-so-secret dirty secret of the crash is that even as investors were losing 70 percent, 90 percent, even in some cases all of their holdings, top officials of many of the companies that have crashed the hardest were getting immensely, extraordinarily, obscenely wealthy," the magazine declares in its Sept. 2 issue.

The designation, however, is not exactly a moral charge. And cashing out big was considered a virtue only three years ago.

Fortune examined which executives and directors took the most money out of their firms from January 1999 to May 2002 via stock or stock option sales.

Those gains were totaled to determine the greediest companies. Qwest won the dishonor, with insiders selling \$2.26 billion worth of shares.

Stocks of unsold goods rise in June

WASHINGTON - Stocks of unsold goods grew modestly in June for a second month in a row as companies took a bet that consumers would keep on buying despite stock market woes and economic uncertainties.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that stocks of unsold goods rose by 0.2 percent in June from the dishonor, with insiders selling \$2.26 billion worth of shares.

Inventories rose by 0.2 percent in May, the first increase in 16 months.

With the back-to-back increases, economists felt assured that the massive inventory liquidation taking place had ended. As inventories have diminished, companies are beginning to replenish stocks, something that would benefit the struggling recovery.

Businesses' sales climbed by 0.3 percent in June, a turnaround from the 0.3 percent decline posted the month before.

On Wall Street, investors staged a late rally, sending the Dow Jones Industrial average up 260.92 points to close at 8,743.31.

In June, retailers replenished stocks by 0.5 percent, with most of the increase from automobile dealers and clothing stores. Sales for all retailers rose 1.5 percent.

compiled from wire reports

Officials certify firms' finances

Some companies restate earnings

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Investors jaded by a wave of accounting scandals were jostled by smaller firms Wednesday as several big companies restated their finances against a deadline to swear to the accuracy of financial reports.

After waiting until the last minute, scores of major corporations rushed to comply with a new government order holding top executives' feet to the fire by requiring them to vouch in writing for the veracity of recent financial reports.

The unprecedented requirement was designed to restore



Trader David Miranda uses the telephone as trading gets under way on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday. The Dow jumped 260 points on news that corporate officials had certified their companies' earnings. For more on stocks, see Page D5.

confidence in corporate America that was shattered by the scandals at Enron, WorldCom, Adelphia and many big other companies, and brought down accounting giant Arthur Andersen.

In a major revision

Wednesday, Household International Inc., the nation's No. 2 consumer finance concern, disclosed that it earned \$386 million less than previously reported over the last nine years.

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Record bankruptcies reflect '90s debt, mammoth deals

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Consumers and businesses amassed so much debt in recent years that record numbers filed for bankruptcy protection for the second year in a row, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts said Wednesday.

The 1.5 million new cases filed during the year ending June 30 represented an 8.6 percent increase over the record number of cases filed

during the year ending June 30, 2001.

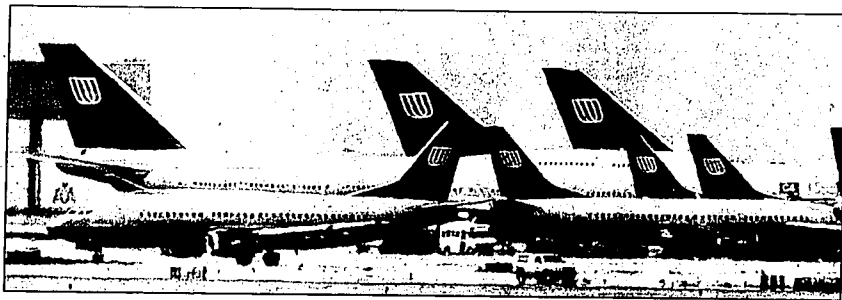
Individual bankruptcies totaled 1.47 million in the year ending June 30, up 8.6 percent from a year earlier. Business bankruptcies rose to 39,201, 5.6 percent more than the year before.

Experts said bankruptcy filings do not reflect the current economy.

"They're telling us what happened last year. It's just

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AIRLINE ANGST



A United Airlines passenger jet leaves the gate area of Chicago's O'Hare International Airport Aug 2 on its way to the terminal. United Airlines' struggling parent company announced an urgent cost-cutting effort Wednesday and said it is preparing to file for bankruptcy this fall unless it succeeds in lowering expenses dramatically.

United Airlines may file for bankruptcy

The Associated Press

CHICAGO - United Airlines' struggling parent company said Wednesday it may file for bankruptcy this fall unless it can somehow cut costs.

"Unless we lower our costs dramatically, filing for bankruptcy protection will be the only way we can ensure the company's future and the continued operation of our airline," Jack Creighton, United's chairman and CEO, said in a statement.

Three airlines have already filed for bankruptcy protection this year, citing the sluggish economy, competition from low-cost carriers and a downturn in travel following the Sept. 11 attacks.

United, the nation's No. 2 airline, would be the biggest to seek protection from creditors. The company lost a record \$2.1 billion last year and another \$851 million during the first six months of 2002.

UAL Corp. said it was setting a 30-day limit to try to reach agreement with employee groups on cost-cutting. The pilots' union agreed to a 10 percent pay cut this summer, but other groups have balked.

United is awaiting a decision on its application for a \$1.8 billion government-backed loan

Trouble in the skies

US Airways is the first of the nation's largest U.S. carriers to file for bankruptcy protection since Sept. 11. Airlines' finances, ranked by passenger-miles flown:

Airline	Profit/Loss, first half 2002	Share price, Sept. 10, 2001	Share price, Aug. 12, 2002
American	-\$1.07 billion	\$29.70	\$8.36
United	-\$851 million	\$30.82	\$3.80
Delta	-\$583 million	\$37.25	\$14.03
Northwest	-\$264 million	\$19.62	\$8.07
Continental	-\$305 million	\$39.64	\$8.20
Southwest	\$124 million*	\$17.12	\$12.72
US Airways	-\$517 million	\$11.82	\$ 5.0

*Only profitable airline among the top seven

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Source: Air Transport Association (U.S.), AP, Yahoo

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that it says is necessary for it to compete in a difficult market. Creighton told employees this week that the Air Transportation Stabilization Board appears poised to reject the application without more evidence of cost-cutting.

The airline said it is changing its business plan to build a stronger, more cost-competitive

company, but gave no details. "The changes we need to make are urgent, significant and immediate," Creighton said.

"Simultaneously, we are preparing for the potential of a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing this fall, due to our fourth-quarter debt payments." Those payments total \$875 million.

US Airways, the nation's seventh-largest carrier, on Sunday became the first major airline to file for bankruptcy since Sept. 11. The struggling airline has reached agreements with its pilots and flight attendants on \$550 million in wage concessions, but is still seeking deals with machinists and gate workers that would save another \$295 million.

Vanguard Airlines and Midway Airlines declared bankruptcy earlier.

The industry leader, American Airlines, earlier this week announced a restructuring plan that will trim 7,000 jobs by March and ground 74 jets.

United officials said they had already taken some of the steps made by American, including retiring 99 planes last year. But they are under increasing pressure to act amid increasing speculation about the possibility of bankruptcy.

UAL's stock fell 29 cents Wednesday to close at a 22-year low of \$2.45 a share. UAL stock has lost 53 percent of its value this week.

"The world has changed," Creighton said. "Revenue isn't coming back the way the industry expected. Demand isn't returning, fares remain low and the industry is grappling with how to respond."

American Airlines workers aren't surprised by layoffs

Knight Ridder News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas - Just four months after returning to work at American Airlines, flight attendant Amber Ripp once again finds her job in jeopardy.

That's a harsh prospect for Ripp, who first lost her job when American cut loose hundreds of attendants in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. She returned to the sky in April, but Ripp faces unemployment again this week as the carrier prepares to slash another 7,000 jobs. She joined American in 2001 after five years with American Eagle.

Predictably, Ripp doesn't want to leave.

"Being out of work was tough, and I'm glad to be back to the job I love," the Chicago-based attendant said Tuesday.

After weeks of swirling rumors, Ripp and other American employees finally learned Tuesday how the airline's financial woes would trickle down to them.

For many - especially those with enough seniority to escape the latest layoffs - the details brought relief.

"Everyone has been holding their breath for weeks," said John Ward, president of the Association of Professional Flight Attendants. "So in some respects, it's good to finally know what we're dealing with."

The union expects about 2,500 flight attendant jobs to be cut, on top of about 3,500 attendants who have been on furlough since last fall. However, a provision in their contract still could save jobs like Ripp's, if other attendants opt for voluntary leave programs.

American's pilots union anticipates up to 550 pilot furloughs, in addition to the 800 already out of work.

At Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, the airline's proposed layoffs were met Tuesday with little surprise.

"We knew changes were coming. We knew (Don) Carty was thinking along these lines," said Carol, a baggage handler who declined to give her last name. "They've always warned us, and let us know what was happening with the company."

Mark, another veteran baggage handler who didn't want his last name published, said the 7,000 job cuts are unfortunate, but proportionate considering American's financial losses.

"When you look at the system as a whole, it's not that big," he said.

That's a small comfort to Mickie Frye, a Fort Worth flight attendant who was furloughed last fall.

Frye, who has been making extra money by teaching horse-back-riding lessons, had hoped to return to American. The new round of layoffs make that unlikely, she said.

"This could be years before we end up going back," she said. "That makes me very sad for the people that are kind of holding on. They better start looking for something else."

Frye has all but resigned herself to giving up on her American career, and she is contemplating a move to rival Southwest Airlines.

"They are getting stronger, and American is just still there," Frye said. "They just seem to get deeper and deeper into what they're doing."

City park heats up tonight

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and its donors aim to keep picnic partners from leaving empty-handed at the chamber's ninth annual Hot August Nite picnic and auction tonight.

"They've amassed an array of alluring lots to suit a variety of tastes - office furniture, advertising, historical photography and other rare prizes and auction items from local businesses."

And they'll prepare a buffet of frost and heat-up back-cooked and served by chamber board members. New to the menu this 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 night's main attraction is the big prize raffle. The grand prize is a Volvo S40 sedan. 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 Paulsen 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, bed frame, mattress and springs - from Everett Mattress Factory. Third prize is 250 \$1 Idaho Lottery tickets, from the Lottery Commission.

Raffle 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 singer will render a few bars of each tune to introduce the package.

The auction packages include trips to Alaska, Nevada, Canada, Mexico and Idaho destinations.

If you go

- **What:** Hot August Nite.
- **When:** Today, 4 to 8:30 p.m. - Chamber members' dinner and raffle.
- **5 to 7 p.m.** - Picnic buffet dinner, auction packages on display.
- **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.
- **Sponsor:** 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 super tickets for the picnic; and 50 raffle tickets (normally \$1 each) for the membership-cost prizes.
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Feds want to block company's stock sale

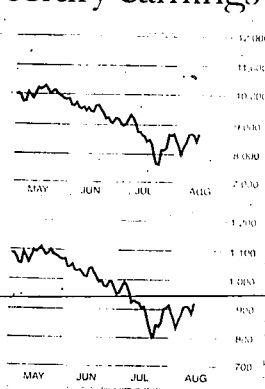
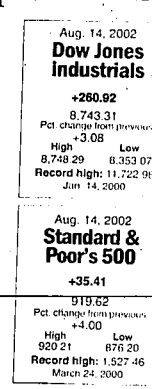
HELENA, Mont. (AP) - The U.S. Justice Department is accusing Asarco of trying to sell its most valuable asset - stock in a sister company - to avoid paying millions of dollars in environmental cleanup costs.

Asarco is simply Grupo Mexico's attempt to transfer Asarco's most valuable asset to another entity while Asarco faces bankruptcy and the very real possibility it won't be able to pay its environmental cleanup obligations.

Justice Department contends, in a statement posted on the Grupo Mexico Web site, said it was "surprised and very troubled" by the government's accusation.

Stocks jump as firms certify earnings

NEW YORK (AP) - Investors' relief over companies' willingness to stand by their financial statements Wednesday sparked a late-day rally on Wall Street, sending the Dow Jones industrial average soaring 260 points.



Qwest hires more lobbyists in Washington

Qwest Communications International is boosting its lobbying efforts in Washington, D.C., hiring two new executives and planning to hire as many as six more.

With the telecom companies feel that the regulatory agenda is much more favorable to cable than it is toward telecommunications, said Tom Friedberg, an analyst with Brean, Murray & Co.

Another factor was bargain hunting following Tuesday's declines, which were prompted by the Federal Reserve's decision not to lower interest rates.

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MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Includes columns for Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diary. Also includes a section for DIARY with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, Vol, High, Low, Net, YTD 52-wk, 52-wk High, 52-wk Low.

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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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Here are the 225 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the American Stock Exchange, and the 100 most active on the NASDAQ Exchange. Stocks are listed in order of highest percentage change in price.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, Vol, High, Low, Net, YTD 52-wk, 52-wk High, 52-wk Low. Lists various American Stock Exchange stocks including ABBOTT, ACME, etc.



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FINANCES

Investors were unperturbed, basking Household's stock by 29 cents to \$38.09 by the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

FOSSIL FUELS

The market was unaffiliated, however, by the routings - fewer than a dozen companies made them as of Wednesday afternoon.

RECORD

Continued from D4. The recession, said Michael Evans, a Florida economist for the American Economics Group.

MUTUAL FUNDS

High-profile corporate bankruptcies such as WorldCom and US Airways do not portend improvement in the numbers for at least another year, he said.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS Case No. SP-02-774 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of ARCHIE H. MILLER, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent is the undersigned and is presenting their claims within the time provided by law.

Attorney for the Personal Representative of the Estate of ARCHIE H. MILLER, Deceased. PUBLISH: August 8, 15 and 22, 2002. NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of ARCHIE H. MILLER, Deceased. PUBLISH: August 8, 15 and 22, 2002.

Boat and miscellaneous household goods. PUBLISH: August 15 and 22, 2002. NOTICE OF HIGHWAY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS SALARIES PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE 40-1214 The Jerome Highway District hereby gives notice that the monthly salary for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2002, shall be \$275.00 per month per Commissioner.

SUBJECT: Proposed use of a federally funded Block Grant Plan. AVALIABILITY OF FUND FOR PUBLIC REVIEW. PUBLISH: August 15 and 22, 2002.

WALTON, Michael R. and ALICE L. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE On December 3, 2002, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, in the lobby of First American Title Company, 2630 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, CHARLES C. JUST, ESQ., Attorney at Law, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all property at the time of the above described sale, including but not limited to the following: A certain parcel of land, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:

Public Notice is hereby given according to law, and the record of the Board of Trustees of (J) School District No. 316, Lincoln County, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on the 3rd day of August, 2002, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District their vote and authorization on a supplemental tax levy.

Notice of Public Hearing BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-03 CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO Public notice is hereby given that the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, will hold a public hearing for the consideration of the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2002-2003, including the proposed revenue sharing for the fiscal year 2002-2003, pursuant to provisions of Section 50-1002, Idaho Code, said hearing to be held at City Hall, Twin Falls, Idaho, at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, August 26, 2002.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE On the 13th day of November, 2002, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company, 2630 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, Charley C. Just, Esq., Attorney at Law, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all property at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:

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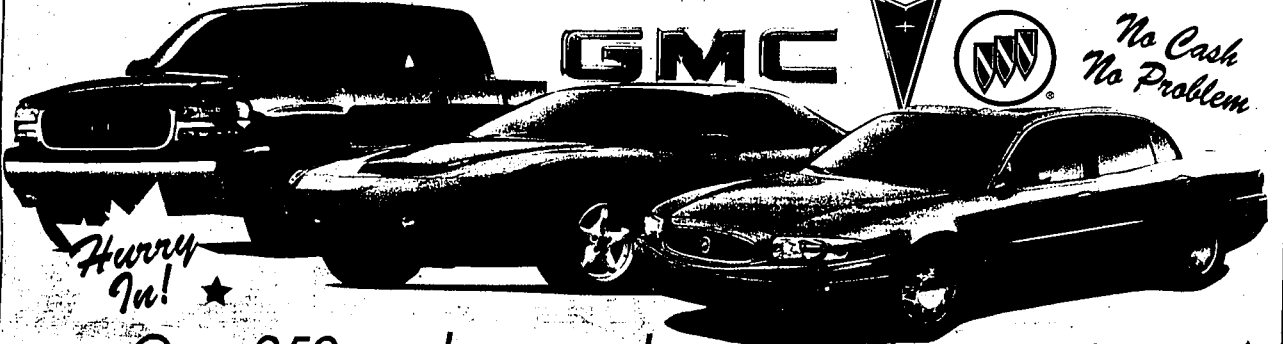
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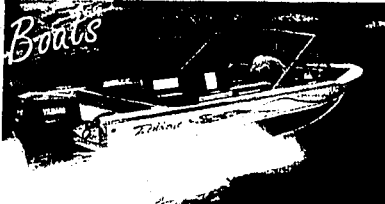
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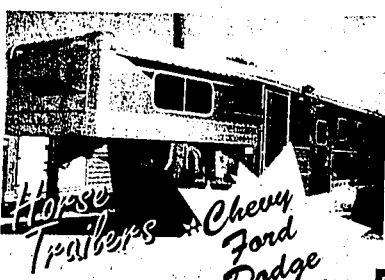


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