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Dell expects to add jobs again

Year-end estimates will grow by another 150 positions, company says

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — Dell Computer Corp. is snatching market share from its competing makers' rivals, and more of its customers' telephone calls will be ringing in Twin Falls.

Twin Falls. After eight months in town, Dell on Tuesday again upped its local employment projections. "We are going to be expanding once again," said Michael Jailet, the company's site director in Twin Falls.

"This is really in preparation for our busy season," he said. The holidays are the hottest time for the consumer side of Dell's business. By the end of 2002, Dell expects to employ the equivalent of 750 full-time, year-round work-

ers — introducing part-timers to the mix for the first time. Jailet said Dell will start its pilot program with 20 part-time positions, open this week, to help cover its call-load peaks. "And we'll see if we can expand it from there," he said.

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"Clearly a bulk of those jobs are going to be full-time."
From the outset, the state's Job Service has encouraged Dell to Please see DELL, Page A2

DEALING WITH UNCERTAINTY

Military families, vets worry about war on terror

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

WENDELL — On Sept. 11, 2001, Sharon and Roger Gentert's youngest son, Arlen, started his second day of Marine boot camp. The Genterts spent that day in a state of horrified paralysis watching reruns of the terrorists' attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on television.

The Genterts' older son, Brandon, also a Marine, half a world away in Okinawa, was mesmerized by the same shocking images on the TV in his barracks. "It was the day the world fell apart," Sharon said.

On Sept. 11, 2001, no one in the United States seemed to know for sure who was responsible for the attack. But the Genterts knew one thing: Their sons — whose universe had always been predictably secure — could be facing the suddenly real threat of combat.

Nearly a year later, the Genterts are grateful their sons weren't called into action in Afghanistan and the surrounding region. But with the U.S. military still active there — and with the Bush administration reportedly contemplating action against Iraq leader Saddam Hussein — they and others remain concerned about what is most certainly an uncertain future.



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Sharon Gentert spent a happy Labor Day weekend with both of her sons at home for the first time in years. Arlen Gentert, left, 19, began his Marine Corps boot camp a day before the Sept. 11 attacks. Brandon Gentert, 22, has been a Marine in the Pacific for more than three years.

A family's worries

Over the Labor Day weekend, all the Genterts were reunited. The two young Marines drove 11 hours to Wendell from Twenty-nine Palms, Calif., where both are incidentally stationed. It's the first time since before the attacks of a year ago that all the members of the family have been together.

After the attacks of Sept. 11, Sharon recalled that her immediate concern was for her older son, who was already trained as a mercenary.

Predicting his mother's heightened anxiety, Brandon Gentert, 22, tried calling home to tell her everything was fine. But the

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Roland Garland, 77, retired from the U.S. Army as a lieutenant colonel and is a veteran of three wars. He believes something must be done about Iraq but says potlives will make it a tough job.

President will address nation

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, who will mark the remembrance of Sept. 11 by visiting three terrorist attack sites, plans to start the observances in prayer and close them with a prime-time address to the nation.

The White House on Tuesday released details of the president's Sept. 11 schedule, which will take him and first lady Laura Bush from a private morning church service in Washington, to a moment of silence observed at

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Numbers dip at fair, income up

Annual revenue creeps upwards of \$100,000.

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

FILER — Stunt bicyclists and alligator wrestling were among the crowd-drawing attractions at the Twin Falls County Fair this year, and the Charlie Daniels Band played to a packed arena. With another fair season come and gone, fair managers Tuesday tallied 90,719 visitors who generated about \$365,000 in gate receipts, the fair office reported.

The fair saw about 3,000 more visitors a year ago, but revenue generated from ticket sales was about \$5,000 more this year. Admission prices haven't changed.

Fair Manager John Pitz figures that people who bought season passes might not have used them up. An increase in gate revenue offset to cushion a fall in carnival revenue. The fair earned about \$86,100 from the carnival this year, compared with about \$94,300 a year ago.

"We're a little up on gate and a little down on carnival, so we're sitting about in the same boat as last year," Pitz said. That means enough money to pay bills and make some improvements to the fairgrounds. Early estimates on total gross revenue from the fair are about \$686,200, a figure that includes food booth and merchant rentals, income from sponsors, and event commissions. It costs about \$500,000 to produce the fair, which leaves substantially more than \$100,000 to reinvest in the fair and fairgrounds.

"I think for the way the economy was this year, we were very fortunate to hold our own," Pitz said. The new act Kachunga and the Alligator — involving a 200-pound, 8-foot-long, sharp-toothed alligator — proved a big draw, as did the high-flying stunts of High Action Bikes.

Mulled around for next year is the possibility of selling family carnival passes. So is the possibility of keeping main gates open until midnight, Pitz said. Gates traditionally close at 10 p.m., but this year groups of kids waited until the gates closed to enter the fairgrounds and then hung out in areas that had closed for the night, he said.

Fair Board Chairman Lyle Masters said most people he spoke with enjoyed the fair this year. The weather was good, so were the events, and there were new things to see.

"I thought the fair was outstanding," he said.



For a look at the attendance figures, see ... Page A2

Economist: Idaho census numbers reveal shrinking middle class

The Associated Press

BOISE — The economic gap between Jet-set millionaires and working stiffs grew further apart in Blaine County during the quarter ending in 2001, just as it did in most Idaho counties. The disparity between rich and poor increased in 25 of the state's

44 counties, according to U.S. Census Bureau calculations released Wednesday. Besides Blaine County, usually an Idaho anomaly, rural and less affluent counties saw their gaps widen more than urban areas, which remained mostly stable.

The figures bolster the theory that Idaho's middle class is shrinking, said Peter Lichtenstein, professor and Chairman of Economics at Boise State University. As incomes become more unevenly distributed, government will have to step in and fill the gap for living necessities with

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The numbers. See page A2 for a look at today's county-by-county numbers.



Our Way of Life
How have you, your family changed since 1990? This summer, The Times-News explores what Census Bureau data reveal about your life.

Coming up
Watch for more of "Our Way of Life," concluding with October special section.

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

IDAHO ALMANAC. Idaho-Extremes: Yesterday: High 97, Low 34. Normal High/Low: 89/45. Record High/Low: 109/1964. Precipitation: 54 hours since 8 p.m. year: 0.00. Month to date: 0.00. Normal: 1.00. Water year to date (Oct. 1): 6.77. Normal year to date (Oct. 1): 10.40. Humidity: 33%. Barometric Pressure: Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 29.83 in. TP pollen count yesterday: 54. (High) pollen: 100, (Low) pollen: 10, (Moderate) pollen: 10, (Other) pollen: 10. Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

Table with 5 columns: TODAY, TONIGHT, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts: TODAY 84°, TONIGHT 56°, THURSDAY 78°/50°, FRIDAY 72°/48°, SATURDAY 72°/48°, SUNDAY 74°/48°.

CANADIAN CITIES

Table of Canadian cities: Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Winnipeg, etc. with High/Low forecasts.

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Table of world cities: London, Paris, Rome, Tokyo, Sydney, etc. with High/Low forecasts.

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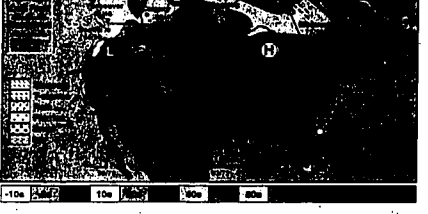
Southern Idaho: Sunshine and some clouds today. Most locations will remain rain-free, but a stray afternoon thunderstorm over the higher terrain cannot be ruled out. Boise: Partly sunny today with nothing more than a stray afternoon shower. High 86. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight. Low 58. Clouds and sunshine tomorrow; maybe a shower. High 76. Northern Nevada: Sunshine and some clouds today; an afternoon thunderstorm across parts of the higher terrain to the west. Highs ranging from the 70s in the mountains to the 80s elsewhere. Northern Utah: Sunshine and some clouds today with just a stray afternoon thunderstorm. Highs ranging from the 70s in the mountains to 80 in Salt Lake City. Northern Idaho: Intervals of clouds and sunshine today with a shower or two passing through the area. Partly cloudy tonight; cannot rule out a stray shower. Cloudy to partly sunny tomorrow with a shower possible.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 115° in Goodyear, AZ. Low 20° in Bondurant, WY.

NATIONAL WEATHER

Show areas, national positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are shown for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.



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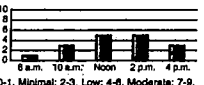
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SUN AND MOON

Sunrise: 6:57 a.m. Sunset tonight: 8:07 p.m. Moonset tonight: 7:11 p.m. Moon phases: New, First, Full, Last.

UV INDEX TODAY



0-1, Minimal; 2-3, Low; 4-6, Moderate; 7-9, High; 10+, Very High. Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

NATIONAL CITIES

Table of national cities: Atlanta, Baltimore, Birmingham, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, El Paso, Honolulu, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New Orleans, New York, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, Raleigh, Rapid City, Salt Lake City, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, St. Louis, Tampa, Washington, DC, etc. with High/Low forecasts.

U.S. plans to squeeze Iraq on weapons inspections

WASHINGTON - In a bid to forge a global strategy toward Iraq and prevent any wiggle room for President Saddam Hussein, the Bush administration is exploring tough proposals for "extremely aggressive" inspections that would force Baghdad to cede its deadliest weapons quickly or face immediate punitive action, according to U.S. officials. The proposals center on "coercive inspections," which would speed the search for weapons and potentially even back up the inspectors with thousands of U.S. or multinational troops deployed in or around Iraq. One idea suggests that if inspectors are turned away from a site suspected of producing or hiding weapons of mass destruction, foreign troops could shoot their way in, according to sources familiar with the proposals.

Twin Falls County Fair attendance - story on A1

Table showing Twin Falls County Fair attendance from 1998 to 2002. Total attendance in 2002: 93,330.

Support for attacking Iraq slips a bit, poll suggests

The drop in public support comes as the Bush administration is increasing efforts to rally support for military action, and as some leaders in both parties have expressed reservations. The poll of 504 adults was taken Thursday and has an error margin of plus or minus 4.5 percentage points. The poll also found, just over half of the public, 52 percent, approves of the way President Bush is handling the situation with Iraq and its leader, President Saddam Hussein. That's far lower than Bush's overall approval rating - which ranges in the 60s - and his handling of the war on terrorism.

Clinton, Dole raise \$105M in college funds for victims

WASHINGTON (AP) - Former President Clinton and former Sen. Bob Dole announced Tuesday they've raised \$105 million to create a college fund for families whose relatives were killed or injured in the Sept. 11 attacks. "Any victims' spouses or children - whether or not they're American citizens - can qualify," Clinton said on CNN's "Larry King Live." Several corporations and organizations donated money to the effort, along with 20,000 private contributors. Children of victims can apply for scholarships of up to \$28,000, depending on their need. "It doesn't need to be a four-year college. It can be pilot training, it can be cosmetology," Dole said. "We all thought it would be a good idea if we could do something for the next 25, 30 years. It's going to be a gift that lasts." Dole said he and Clinton, rivals for the presidency in 1996, have mutual friends who led them to begin raising money for the college fund a few days after the hijacked planes crashed in New York, Washington and Somerset County, N.J., killing more than 3,000 people. Dole and Clinton had aimed to raise \$100 million for the scholarships, which will be distributed for years. The federal government has set up a separate compensation fund for victims' relatives. At least nine families have accepted checks averaging \$1.36 million, from that fund. Dole recalls that he was on his way to a Washington hospital when he learned of the attacks. "It's going to be etched in our memories forever," he said. "You thought about it, you prayed about it. That's about all you could do." Clinton learned of the events in Australia when a friend called him and described watching the World Trade Center collapse. The White House sent a plane to bring him back to New York. "I said (Osama) bin Laden did this. I said it because only bin Laden and the Iraqis had the resources to do this," Clinton said.

Bush

Continued from A1. The White House at 6:46 a.m., MDT. That's the exact time that the first terrorist-hijacked jet flew into the World Trade Center tower in New York. They will go from there to a ceremony at the Pentagon, which also was attacked on that fateful day. The president and Mrs. Bush will then journey to Shanksville, Pa., and lay a wreath in the field where Flight 93 crashed, presumably en route to another target in Washington.

Dell

Continued from A1. Dell has heard from workers all over the state - including ones laid off by Boise tech companies - and continues to see strong, qualified candidates walk through its doors, he said. Would-be Dell workers can simply walk through the doors now. Dell in midsummer eliminated the automated telephone screening that was a required first step for any job applicant. The automated system gave applicants just one chance to give satisfactory answers to a list of questions. Dell will accept resumes in applications from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays each week at its office on Pole Line Road. The 48,000-square-foot former grocery store has 8,500 square feet that Dell's office so far has not used, Jalliet said. The company will remodel that space and add desks and computers to accommodate the expanding staff. A building-permit application submitted last week shows an estimated \$437,000 value for the remodeling, city building official Marianne Barker said. The new workers will need places to park, too. Today crews will reconfigure the parking lot south of Dell's building to turn the current 367 parking spaces into 401, said Dave McAlindin, City Hall's economic development director. That's enough spaces for 647 Dell employees working staggered shifts. The company expects to outgrow that parking within three weeks. City Hall and Dell are looking into several options - more surface parking both on and off the site, and a potential parking garage. As part of the city's incentive package, Twin Falls' Urban Renewal Agency last fall promised to finance parking garage construction at the east side of the Dell building when it's needed. The city is preparing for that project but has not given it

Advertisement for Dell's computer services, including a quote from a customer: "I'm obviously thrilled to death that they're expanding again in Twin Falls." Includes contact information for Dell's Magic Valley office.

Advertisement for Times-News circulation and subscription rates. Includes contact information for Daniel Walock, circulation director.

NATION

Senate moves cautiously on security post

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Senate agreed Tuesday to move forward with debate about creating a Department of Homeland Security, but Republicans and Democrats remained sharply divided over giving the White House new flexibility to manage the 170,000-member workforce.

President Bush and Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge met with Republican senators Tuesday to cement support for the new department and focused their discussions on the workforce issues. Bush wants the secretary of the department to have the ability to design a new personnel system that would make it easier to hire, reward, discipline and move employees.

Democrats want to keep intact all existing civil service protections and make it more difficult for Bush to move workers out of unions for national security reasons. Bush has threatened signing any legislation that includes such provisions.

The debate, which Senate leaders said will likely last three weeks, will cover much of the same ground already visited in the Republican House, where members voted in July to approve

HOMELAND SECURITY

Senate debates workers' rights in new agency

The Senate opened debate Tuesday on its version of the Homeland Security bill. Its version does not include most of President Bush's provision that deals with employees' rights in the new agency. A look at the bill's two versions to date:

White House proposal

The Secretary of Homeland Security may... establish and from time to time adjust, a human resource management system for some or all of the organizational units of the Department...

House proposal

- Emphasizes worker performance and accountability.
- Permits broader job classifications and pay scales.
- Allows waiver of union rights for national security.
- Leaves intact provisions for civil rights, disabled, age discrimination, whistleblowers and others.

SOURCE: Associated Press

most details of Bush's plan to merge 22 agencies into a single department focused on defending against terror. The Democrat-controlled Senate appears willing to go along, but some members have balked at the proposed new management freedoms and the way the department's intelligence apparatus would function.

After meeting with Bush, Sen.

Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., said many of the agencies that would be part of the new department are "dysfunctional" and could only be repaired by giving the new secretary greater flexibility. "We can't apply the same type management that we've had in the past to this new department. The stakes are too great."

Thompson, who is leading the

Republican side of the Senate debate, could introduce an amendment on the labor union issue as early as Wednesday. Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., who wrote much of the Senate's version of the bill in his role as chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, is managing the Democratic effort.

One hurdle was overcome yesterday when the Senate voted to move forward despite concerns raised by Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va. Byrd, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, helped delay Senate action on the bill before the August recess, contending that the Bush plan, released in June, required more thorough study.

The president's proposal has been barreling through Congress like a Mack truck, threatening to run over anyone who dares to stand in its way," Byrd said Tuesday.

Byrd said he supported the creation of a new department but feared that it could "careen out of control." He said he will pursue an amendment that would require the White House to obtain congressional approval stage by stage as the major components of the department are assembled during a one-year transition period.

Terrorist attacks brought new surveillance laws worldwide

WASHINGTON (AP) — Governments worldwide have made it easier for authorities to augment citizen databases and eavesdrop on telephone and online conversations in order to fight terror, according to a survey of privacy regulations released Tuesday.

The report, written by privacy activists at Electronic Privacy Information Center and Privacy International, show the United States was not alone in passing new laws that value increased security over personal privacy.

"It's a general theme toward total identification," said Sarah

Andrews, an author of the report. "When you're outside in public or when you're online, you can be identified."

That dismay, privacy groups, who worry about "free speech" restrictions and abuse of power. They have fought new laws like the U.S. anti-terror legislation that lowered the bar on surveillance requirements by authorities.

"They haven't been backed up by evidence that law enforcement and intelligence agencies were hampered before because they didn't have these powers," Andrews said.

White House rewrites rules on religious aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Acting without congressional approval to implement President Bush's stalled "faith-based initiative," five cabinet agencies are writing rules to federal law that lawmakers have balked at. The rules will help churches and other religious groups obtain millions of federal social service dollars, with few strings attached.

At the Department of Health and Human Services, officials will let churches, synagogues and mosques use federal money for programs already visited in religion and consider religion in hiring and firing workers.

It only makes sense, said Roberta Jones, the president of Cleveland-based Life Choices, that one of 522 applicants for the new grant program. Imagine, she said, if a domestic violence victim comes in for help.

"The first thing I'm going to do is pray with you," said Jones, whose group helps churches apply for government grants. "I'm now using my religious art to really minister to this person. I'm going to go to the very thing that I'm comfortable with."

HHS officials say there's no problem using tax dollars for a program in which prayer is central. Congress has refused to endorse that position, which is hotly disputed among Americans.

If tax dollars are used for secular elements of the program — like a computer or a van — we can have a religious base," said Robert Polito, director of the HHS Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

"We wouldn't be called the faith-based office if we weren't trying to see how we can partner with the faith community," he said. "We don't have to take the temperature of the religiosity of the program."

Congressional action on Bush's effort is stalled over such questions: How much religion is too much when government money is involved? Also in contention is whether to let government-funded religious groups discriminate


in hiring.

The House approved a bill with most of what Bush wanted. But in the Senate, supporters have failed to get a vote on even the watered-down version of the bill they introduced.

In the meantime, HHS is writing rules on its own, and other agencies are preparing to do the same.

Critics are furious.

"The administration seems to say, 'We couldn't get the votes in Congress, so we're going to hijack every dollar we can and move it into faith-based initiatives,'" said Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for the Separation of Church and State.



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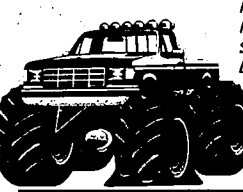
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War

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phone was always tied up because friends and relatives kept calling his mom and dad to find out if their boys were OK. Finally Brandon reached his older sister, a student at Idaho State University. She got through to Arlen Gentieri, 19, hadn't yet used the standard 30-second phone call every enlisted man gets when he reaches boot camp, so he called, too. The only thing was, because recruits are cut completely off from the outside world, he wasn't sure whether to believe the drill sergeant's news of the terrorist attacks. His parents told him to believe it.

Without a TV or radio, Arlen spent much of his time at boot camp worrying about his destination afterward. "You start going over in your mind the worst things that could happen," he said. "But so far, neither Marine has heard anything of shipping out to the Middle East."

Brandon's time in the service is growing short; he expects to be out in January. Arlen remains in the wait-and-see mode. He is also trained as a mortarmen. That means he would serve with the ground troops. Arlen has heard the rumors of going to war again against Iraq, and that could mean ground troops somewhere in the region.

"My training is for this, and I almost want to do it to use my training," he said. "But it's war, you know, and you want to avoid that at all cost. At this point, the odds are fairly slim that Brandon will see Middle East combat. Still, he said wouldn't mind going there — except for one thing.

"Biological weapons," Brandon said. "You can dodge bullets, but you can't dodge gas."

Mom and Dad remain nervous — about both sons.

"The military can send you pretty much where and when they want to send you," Roger said. The Navy veteran of the Vietnam era admitted, "I've always said the best thing for every kid right after high school is to go to boot camp, but when it's your own kids, it's a little different."

Sharon said, "As an American, I'm very proud to have two boys in the military, but as a mother it scares me."

What a Desert Storm veteran sees

Bill Riebesell has a nice life and job these days working in management of Jerome Cheese Co. But 10 years ago, life was dirty and dangerous for him. He was right in the middle of a little war action in the Persian Gulf.

He served as an Army scout in Desert Storm from the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment out of Germany.

"My job was to find the enemy and tell everyone else where they were at," he said. Riebesell carried out his mission from a battle cavalry guard vehicle.

The United States had the obvious advantage because of technology, he said. Helicopters and armored vehicles with night vision were especially advantageous.

"When they are in a cold desert sitting by a campfire or by a vehicle that has a little bit of heat, obviously you can see the enemy," he said.

Just the same, Riebesell had his harrowing moments. "It was about 90 percent boring, and the other 10 percent was pretty scary," he said. "We got shot at."

As he ponders the country's situation today, Riebesell said he has no doubt there is some tie between the Sept. 11 attacks and the man who triggered Desert Storm: Saddam Hussein.

"I couldn't imagine he's not too far away," he said. "Birds of a feather flock together, you know."

Though the criticism remains that troops weren't allowed to finish off Hussein when they had the chance a decade ago, Riebesell does not apologize.

"Our mission wasn't to be assassins," he said. Besides, "Who would take over the country?" he pointed out. "We would be the ones taking over, and he started out in the name of American servicemen want — to have their sons and daughters over there for years at a time?"

Nevertheless, Riebesell acknowledges the problem Hussein poses. "We can't have someone with nuclear weapons who is psychotic," he said.

There are other problems. A majority of the Middle Eastern countries would never accept the U.S. attacking Iraq, and that could cost the U.S. up to 80 percent of its oil supply. And most definitely, the Iraq population would not rise if they would have already risen up against Hussein, Garland said.

The American public also has to be "convinced." Not "only" do Americans not like to be seen as instigators of war, but the military has changed a lot since he enlisted at age 18 to fight in World War II, he said.

"In World War II, nobody asked, 'Why are we here?'" he said. "Then there was Korea. The troops started asking, 'Why are we here?' and they accepted it when we told them they were protecting their mothers and sisters because we weren't fighting the war on our own soil. But then in Vietnam, people said, 'Why are we here?' and they really meant it."

Still, if the saber rattling results in an invasion, Garland said, "My suggestion to those young people would be just exactly what it was when I was in active duty: You have to give up certain things that you don't like or even certain things that you think are wrong. You have to roll with the punches. If you have to go to war, go to war."

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Veteran: Political will is absent

As the young Marines from the Gentieri family consider going to war with mostly no greenhorns, they say they wouldn't mind hearing from some of the nation's old warriors.

Roland Garland, 77, is one who fought in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. He started out in the Navy and retired as a lieutenant colonel from the Army in 1972. He has also spent considerable time in the Middle East before and after retirement. He remains a leader in local military organizations.

Like Riebesell, Garland figures there has to be a connection between Hussein and Sept. 11. "Saddam is tied in — most certainly, without a doubt," he said.

And Saddam has to go, he said. Militarily, the task would be relatively easy to accomplish, he said.

"It would only take a couple of weeks to overrun Iraq," he predicted.

But there is a larger problem that looms — amassing the political will necessary to support an assault.

The political problems of the Vietnam War contributed to his retirement, he admitted. He sees similar problems if the U.S. were to invade Iraq.

For one thing, there is the problem of long-term occupation. "It would be like Afghanistan," he said. "If we don't stay there, for 25 or 30 years, the people would not change their ways of thinking."

Census

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programs such as Medicaid, food stamps and housing subsidies. "If there are more poor people, then the state will spend more on poverty programs," Lichtenstein said.

The method used by the U.S. Census Bureau and by most economists to calculate income disparity in a given population was developed in the early 20th century.

It calculates the mathematical deviation from the equal distribution of income. A population with income distributed evenly would be measured at 0; one with the widest income disparity would be measured at 1.

The statewide average was 0.427, up slightly from the 1990 census, when it was 0.421. Idaho incomes are still less disparate than the national average, which was 0.46 in 2000.

Lichtenstein also cautioned that the Census' method is a measure of income — not wealth — which might obscure the true economic picture in land-rich Idaho and other agricultural states.

Owyhee County — a poor, rural region in southwestern Idaho — had the sixth-largest income disparity in the state, according to Census calculations. It also had the lowest average income in 2000 at \$28,339.

Blaine County posted the highest contrast between rich and poor with a measurement of 0.501.

The county, known for its celebrity residents and expensive homes, also has the highest average income in the state at \$50,456.

With a population of just under 1,000 people, Camas County had the biggest 10-year increase in income disparity, increasing nearly 23 percent.

Four of the five counties in Idaho with the lowest median income — Lemhi, Shoshone, Owyhee and Adams — are in the top third of counties with the highest level of income disparity.

Clark County in eastern Idaho, along the Montana border, had the highest level of income parity, at 0.35.

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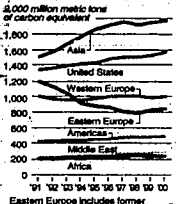
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World CO₂ emissions

Rise in spite of targets

Emissions from carbon dioxide continued to rise in the 1990s despite United Nations' proposals for countries to voluntarily reduce the pollutant.



Eastern Europe includes former U.S.S.R.; Asia includes Australia. Americas exclude the United States. SOURCE: U.S. Dept. of Energy AP

Auction house employee finds explorer's hand-written letter

LONDON (AP) - Hidden for more than 200 years, a letter written by British explorer Capt. James Cook was found wedged in the back of a picture frame. The letter was written to the British Admiralty telling them he had returned safely from his first voyage to Australia.

Bonhams Auction House said Tuesday that one of its employees found the letter in the library of Brancaster Hall, a country house near Hunstanton, Norfolk, on England's east coast. The handwritten note detailed the hardships faced by the crew of Cook's ship, the Endeavour, during its three-year journey to chart the coasts of New Zealand,

eastern Australia and Tahiti. "Nearly a third of the Endeavour's crew was killed by malarial fever or dysentery and in the letter Cook refers to "26 dead tickets" - the names of dead seamen. He also mentions five parcels containing the belongings of dead officers.

Experts believe that Cook wrote the note off the coast of Kent and passed it to a small fishing boat for delivery to London as he returned to England in 1771. Finished off with Cook's distinctive florid signature, it was likely the explorer's first communication with the Admiralty from British waters.

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Emissions accord will be ratified

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) - Russia said Tuesday it will ratify an accord directing governments to reduce smokestack emissions and other causes of global warming - a step that would make the agreement, which the United States rejected, law in much of the world.

The announcement came as leaders at the World Summit wrapped up a long-term blueprint for tackling global woes of poverty and pollution. Attention at the summit shifted to immediate crises, including Iraq.

With the imminent arrival of Secretary of State Colin Powell, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz sought support from U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and former South African President Nelson Mandela for heading off a threatened U.S. attack.

Anan urged Aziz to comply with U.N. Security Council resolutions, which call for the unconditional return of weapons inspectors, his spokeswoman said.

Mandela has urged Washington to act within the U.N. framework and not attack Iraq unilaterally.

Powell was expected to hear more such advice Wednesday during his talks with Annan and other leaders, including Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov.

Moscow will veto any measure for military action against Baghdad that comes up before the U.N. Security Council, Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said in Moscow.

The United States continued to be hammered for its rejection of the Kyoto Protocol, which many countries view as crucial for reversing a global warming trend blamed for cataclysmic storms, floods and droughts worldwide.

"All countries around the world need to address the questions of environmental protection ... under the same rules," said Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi.

U.S. Environmental Protection Administrator Christie Whitman said the United States supported other countries' ratification of the deal. But she said the agreement was not appropriate for the United States, which is taking other action to limit climate change.

Russia's ratification of Kyoto would meet the last requirement for the accord to come into effect: that the countries on board account for at least 55 percent of carbon dioxide emissions based on 1990 output.

Chicago man tops roller coaster record

HASSLOCH, Germany (AP) - Windburned and weary after 104 days of gut-churning rides, American Richard Rodriguez proclaimed a new record Tuesday for continuous roller-coaster riding - his latest in a 25-year passion.

Alternately enduring temperatures of 102 and pouring rain, Rodriguez spent at least 10 hours a day - or at least 1,040 hours on the punishing climbs and 203-foot drops of the "Expedition GeForce" MegaCoaster at the Holiday Park in southwestern Germany.

The new record - recognized by amusement parks and roller coaster producers but not by the Guinness Book of Records - breaks the 100-day record Rodriguez set last summer at the Big Fish Over the Falls amusement park in Eureka, Mo.

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EDITORIAL

Promises are finally kept thanks to new Craters bill

Almost two years after President Bill Clinton marked off an additional 646,000 acres for the Craters of the Moon National Monument, local hunters finally can take aim legally on the newly preserved land.

Legislation sponsored by Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, and signed last week by President Bush, reopens hunting in the areas that were closed to them under Clinton's November 2000 expansion proclamation.

Clinton's proclamation expanded Craters of the Moon National Monument from 54,000 acres to 700,000, under the authority of the 1906 Antiquities Act. Although the administration promised Idahoans that it would not restrict hunting access, the proclamation didn't protect hunting rights. So Simpson stepped in with corrective legislation.

Under the new law, hunting remains outlawed within the monument's pre-Clinton boundaries. But hunting is once again legal in the newly designated "national preserve" areas.

Simpson was swift to jump on the issue, introducing the legislation back in February 2001. After months of effort, Congress and Bush consented to restore hunting privileges to their pre-2000 levels. Simpson deserves credit for this accomplishment. But the whole problem could have been avoided if Clinton had

involved Idahoans more thoroughly in expanding Craters. Had there been more public involvement, as well as consultation with the governor and our congressional delegation, the promises might have been carried out.

That's why Simpson has also pushed for local and state consultation requirements in his Antiquities Act reform bill. His proposal (currently shelved until after the November election) would prohibit a president from designating a monument until he had consulted with the state's governor and congressional delegates.

Our view: New legislation that restores hunting at Craters of the Moon National Monument rights the wrongs of Clinton officials. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

To get the hunting legislation passed, Simpson needed to go through the long avenues of congressional hearings. The Craters bill passed through the House easily, but it sat in the Senate for at least a year. Hunters needlessly lost a whole season.

Environmentalists say Simpson doesn't need Antiquities Act reform, because he has shown that Congress can fix faulty monument declarations.

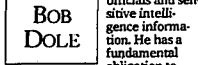
But reform may not always be this easy. Control of Congress changes party hands from time to time. And many Western states find it impossible to reshape monument proclamations. Simpson had to wait a year on this bill; other states may wait longer. The time to prevent bad Antiquities Act decisions is before they're handed down, not after.

Bush should consult Congress on Iraq

Iraq is like a runaway freight train loaded with explosives barreling toward us. We can act to derail it or wait for the crash and deal with the resulting damage.

Iraqi strongman Saddam Hussein heads one of the most dangerous regimes in the world. It may well be that his weapons arsenal includes a nuclear component. Many who reject President Bush's concept of an "axis of evil" wrongly reject his assessment of the imminent danger that rogue regimes - particularly Iraq's -

pose to America and our allies. Fortunately, the president is primarily guided and will be in the future - by responsible officials and sensitive intelligence information. He has a fundamental obligation to



protect American people and property by preparing to attack Iraq pre-emptively if necessary. He will not be judged by those with no war experience other than beating the war or peace drums on TV.

As he builds his case, he should also seek congressional approval, even though he has the authority needed. When Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, the first President Bush - after considerable internal debate - did the right thing by submitting the issue to Congress. Although Democratic leaders in the House and Senate opposed his effort, the resolution authorizing offensive measures against Iraq cleared both chambers with bipartisan support. With it came increased public support for the Gulf War. Most who voted against the resolution later acknowledged that President Bush was right and that their sanctions strategy would not have been successful.

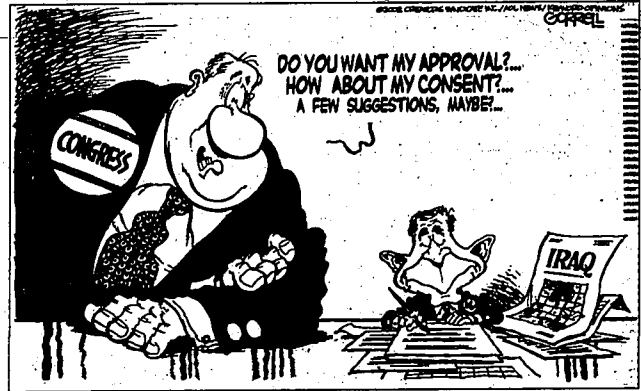
Many of the same considerations pertain today. Consultations with Congress are essential, but not adequate when armed conflict is the issue. Every member needs to ascertain the facts, and then be prepared to vote yes or nay. As Sen. John Warner of Virginia, the senior Republican on the Armed Services Committee, stated, there is a need to close the gap between what the White House knows and what Congress knows.

Congressional consideration of a resolution authorizing force would give others the opportunity to make their case before Congress for forbearance, intervention, more inspections, or some other course of action. When all is said and done, Congress will respond affirmatively and the president will be strengthened as he reaches out to willing allies.

Saddam Hussein will also clearly understand that America means business when the president and Congress come together. At that point he might yield to demands for a full and unfettered arms inspection to be conducted without delay, without conditions and without advance notice or interference of any kind. If he refuses or attempts to delay an immediate and full-scale inspection, then all bets are off.

While the president would be well advised to request congressional authorization, U.N. reauthorization is not necessary and would fail if tried. Many of the officious souls in the United Nations aren't in the path of the runaway train, and many of our democratic "friends" in the region say one thing for home consumption while privately hoping we clean up the neighborhood.

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authorizing action against Iraq would be vetoed in the Security Council. The United States cannot afford more rhetoric masquerading as action or another delay of the inevitable. The administration is right, instead, to focus on building a coalition of the willing. As Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told our troops last week, "Leadership in the right direction finds followers and supporters."

Then, if it becomes necessary, we can face this arduous task united, and good will prevail over evil. In the process our real friends and allies will join us, the overwhelming majority of Iraqis who have long yearned for a taste of liberty and freedom will be forever grateful, and countless innocent American lives will have been spared.

Dole, a former Senate majority leader, was the Republican candidate for president in 1996.

Government wastes too much time on information leaks

As far as ordinary Americans know, Osama bin Laden continues to elude his pursuers. As far as ordinary Americans know, the anthrax killer remains at large. Corporate culprits at Enron, WorldCom and then some have yet to be punished.

Plenty of bad guys pose serious threats to ordinary Americans. So what is a group of FBI sleuths probing? They want to scrutinize the phone records, data books and other paperwork of U.S. senators and their aides to determine who's been chatting up reporters. As though that were a novelty, the FBI recently sought the materials from members of the Senate Intelligence Committee as part of an inquiry into leaks of classified information related to sensitive information.

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Well, investigate is what the Federal Bureau of Investigation does. That means requesting records, uncovering paper trails, interviewing anyone with relevant information, pursuing suspicious links. Who, back in June, told news hounds about a pair of Arabic messages that the National Security Agency intercepted Sept. 10 but didn't translate until Sept. 12? CNN reported on the messages and their obscure allusions to violence against the United States; so did other news media. No doubt the leaker or leakers had their own agenda - as leakers always do - be it outrage, self-aggrandizement, genuine concern for public enlightenment or some other reason. But wasn't the infor-

mation arguably important to public understanding of the intelligence community's failure to anticipate or uncover a diabolical plot? Naturally, there must be rules governing the disclosure of classified data, and those who are privy to it cannot be allowed to use their special access to damage the nation. But there's a difference between spilling national security secrets to an enemy and letting the public in on facts that enable them to do their job of keeping a critical eye on government. How much of this exercise is about preventing loose lips from sinking ships, and how much is just a reflexive gag?

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LETTERS

Elitist groups don't take our views into account

For the past several years, an audience has been given to groups in the Magic Valley who have operated under the pretense of defenders of the "family farm," "family dairy" and "quality of life" in the area in which we live. After your article on Aug. 16, I would hope that there would be no doubt in anyone's mind what the real agenda is here. The Sierra Club, with its war chest of finances and attorneys, is willing to throw itself into this issue of confine animal feeding operations. Does anyone honestly think this multinational extremist group has any real concern for the people and communities of Idaho? Remember Klamath Falls, Ore., and their fish problem?

How much water do their farms get? What about the communities of central Utah who have the Grand Staircase - Escalante? Remember our own Craters of the Moon monument? We got lots of input on that! By allowing certain radical groups and individuals to represent the concerns of people and communities, however, we have certainly opened ourselves up to an agenda of an elitist group. A group that will ask for no input, except from a select few Idahoans who will repeat the socialist and environmental dogma of their organization. Today the issue is CAFOs. What's next on the agenda of the Sierra Club here in south-central Idaho? Removing Milner Dam? How about American Falls Reservoir or Palisades Reservoir?

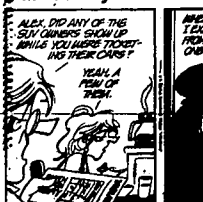
If you value your sovereignty and the sovereignty of this state, then we each need to take the time and effort to solve these issues locally with people and groups who will provide reason and logic to this discussion. There is nothing this radical extremist group would like more than to have this discussion be taken away from the people who live here and moved into a courtroom where attorneys and litigation can make a decision affecting the lives of every person in the Magic Valley. And after all of this, freedom, democracy and the rights of individuals will be the losers. If we look for a wolf in sheep's clothing, we've seen it. It is the Sierra Club and it is wearing the hide of the so-called "family farm" groups and "anti-

CAFO" crowd here in the Magic Valley. JEFF ACKERMAN, Twin Falls. Confined dairies are a plague on area homes. Have you seen the pictures on TV of the poor little children in foreign countries covered with flies? We are asked to go down there or send money to help save these children. Who is trying to save the neighbors of these large factory confined dairies? My friend lives between two of the largest dairies. She has a white fly-catcher cage fill up constantly. These disease-laden flies are unbearable. The neighbors of these factory-confined dairies have the same

health problems due to the flies and odors as the poor children in foreign countries! The dairyman's association is trying to lower the standards for hydrochloride. What about methane gas and ammonia in cow manure? The combination of these poisons plus the diseases spread by flies makes factory dairies a true health hazard to all of Magic Valley. We need help! Where is the medical community? The odors from these dairies not only hurt lungs, they injure hearts. Sunday a week ago, a friend who has a heart problem couldn't go outside to take his dog for a walk - the odor from the dairies was so bad he couldn't breathe. This is wrong? Why are we tolerating this tragedy? There are people who want to increase the number of confined

animals and add new dairies. It would be criminal to allow this to happen! No new cattle added until they clean up the mess they have made. Obviously, they can't stretch. After all these years, the filth and stench is still there as bad or worse than ever. The dairyman's association is threatening people who complain or try to stop new dairies. They will sue them like they sued the county commissioners. Why are we allowing the dairyman's association to coerce our government, and citizens while they take over our valley? Let's get federal, state and local officials who have the moral conviction to stand up for what is right! People's lives are at stake. MERLE N. STODDARD, Twin Falls.

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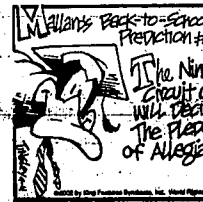
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Serb police colonel: Government ordered cover up

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Serb government officials ordered a cover-up of the remains of more than 80 Kosovo Albanians found in a truck in the Danube river, a Serbian police colonel testified Tuesday at the war-crimes trial of Slobodan Milosevic.

Col. Caslav Golubovic headed a regional office of the police in eastern Serbia when the refrigerated truck was discovered in April 1999.

The bodies, including those of women and children, were found more than 100 miles from Kosovo province, near the Serbian border with Romania, in what prosecutors say was an attempt to conceal evidence of war crimes by then-Yugoslav President Milosevic's forces.

Golubovic held Milosevic's gaze with an emotionless stare for several

seconds before taking the oath to testify truthfully against his former president.

The witness said he received a telephone call from Serb Gen. Vlastimir Djordjevic a day after the white-Mercedes-freezer-truck was found adrift in the river by a fisherman.

"(Djordjevic said) to explore the possibility of transferring the bodies

to a different truck, then transferring them to a burial place in the area," Golubovic said.

The instructions came directly from the Serb Interior Ministry, Golubovic said. Former Interior Minister Vlastko Stojiljkovic had issued instructions not to speak to the press about the incident. The human remains were later sent to Belgrade and the truck destroyed

with explosives, Golubovic said.

In cross-examination, Milosevic contested the accuracy of the testimony and asked why Golubovic's subordinates had given him varying body counts and descriptions of the victims' clothing.

"As we did not conduct an official investigation, no information was officially obtained," the witness responded.



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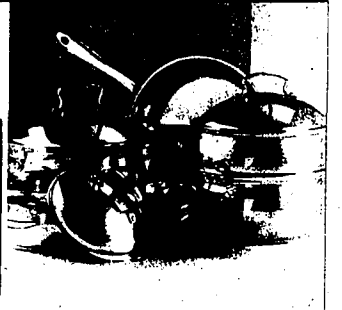
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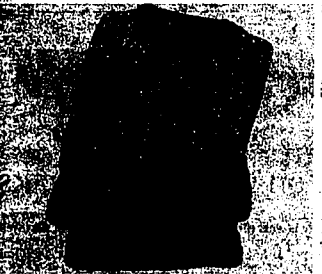
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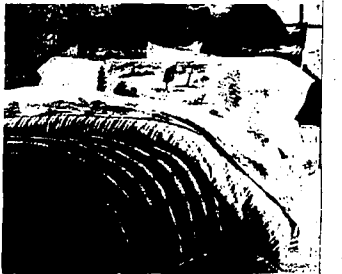
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Boy pleads innocent in shooting case

TWIN FALLS - A 17-year-old Twin Falls boy pleaded innocent in 5th District Court Tuesday to charges of second-degree murder and aggravated assault stemming from a shooting in April that left one man dead and his twin brother wounded.

A trial for Rolan Garza is set to start Jan. 7, 2003, said Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb. Garza is charged in connection with a shooting on April 6, 1997, in which a party in Hansen, Victor Cuellar, 51, died at the scene, and Francisco Cuellar, 19, was hospitalized for several days.

Garza was held Tuesday in the Twin Falls County jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

Man pleads innocent to impersonation charge

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls man pleaded innocent Tuesday to a charge of impersonating a federal agent, but the case was on hold to give attorneys time to prepare paperwork, a prosecutor said.

Duncan Bruce McIntyre, 49, pleaded innocent to a charge of unlawfully exercising the function of a police officer. The charge stems from allegations that he followed a woman who has been driving in Twin Falls on Aug. 15, pulled her over, flashed a badge and claimed to be a federal marshal.

No more hearings in the case had been set as of late Tuesday, said Twin Falls County Senior Deputy Prosecutor Suzanne Craig. McIntyre's attorney had filed a motion to dismiss the case and had requested transcripts of McIntyre's preliminary hearing in Magistrate Court, Craig said. The case can't move forward until the transcripts have been reviewed, she said.

Heyburn boy foils abduction attempt

HEYBURN - A Heyburn boy escaped a would-be abductor Saturday afternoon by hitting him with a stick, police reported.

A man walked into a front yard in the 700 block of H Street and tried to grab a 9-year-old boy who was playing in there, said Detective Dan Soto of the Heyburn Police Department.

The boy reportedly hit the man with a four-foot stick, and the man ran away. Soto said the attack took place about 12:45 p.m.

A 9-year-old girl from a house across the street saw the man and called the police, Soto said. The boy confirmed her story. Children had noticed a black car driving slowly past the house on previous occasions, Soto said.

The man was described as white, about 6 feet tall, wearing a black jacket, black shorts and a red ski mask.

People with any information about this case are asked call the Heyburn Police Department at 678-4545.

Heyburn PD will hold handgun safety case

HEYBURN - A class on handgun safety and handling is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Heyburn Police Department.

The class is held through the Council of Southern Idaho Child Abuse and Neglect program. It is recommended for anyone who is trying to obtain a concealed weapons permit.

Certified firearms instructors Dan Soto and Wayne Wiedler will discuss how to care for and clean weapons, the fundamentals of marksmanship, handgun safety and handling and use of legal force. Students participate in four hours of classroom instruction before moving to the firing range for weapons and skill practice.

Participants must bring a holster, handgun, hearing aid, eye protection and ammunition. No ammunition is allowed in the classroom. Class is limited to the first 12 applicants. The cost is \$50. For more information, call 678-1400.

Hazelton council looks at budget, grant request

HAZELTON - The Hazelton City Council meeting planned for Monday has been rescheduled. The meeting will be held Thursday.

Two public hearings are on the agenda:

- The first at 7 p.m. will be for the 2002-03 budget.
- The second hearing is on the city of Hazelton applying for a \$350,000 rural community block grant to participate in a water main structure upgrades to accommodate business growth adjacent to the community.

Regular city business also will be conducted.

Compiled from staff reports

Council approves budget for 2002-03

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The City Council approved a \$27.7 million budget on Tuesday for 2002-03, but not before long dissenter Trip Craig criticized the almost 1 percent property tax hike it will take to cover it.

"I think there are a lot of things coming up in the future that (council members) don't want to worry about now," he said.

It's the first time in a decade or so the council has chosen to raise taxes. Just the same, this is not the time to start because "in upcoming years we won't be able to avoid raising taxes," Craig said. He cited such things as arsenic and phospho-

One councilman calls for more belt-tightening, criticizing property tax hike

rus standards mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency for drinking water systems. Installing filters could cost the city upward of \$20 million to \$30 million, he said.

In addition, Craig listed the possibility of bond issues for a new county jail, a new senior center and a new dog pound the public will be asked to pay for. And that's on top of the governor's recent call for a 3.5 percent across-the-board holdback for all state agencies, he added.

City staff members have cautioned that

because of the danger of reduced state revenue sharing this coming year, they are ensuring continuity of city services by asking property owners to shoulder a slight increase in the local taxes they pay. On a house that costs about \$150,000, that amount is \$7.21 per year before the individual homeowner exemption is taken.

"This is a mostly status quo budget," City Manager Tom Courtney said.

The budget is actually down 1.07 percent from last year, but Craig still isn't convinced that it couldn't be squeezed a

little more. He pointed to the addition of more city employees as a place for scrutiny. The city is planning to add a police officer, half-time management assistant, half-time building inspector and half-time airport maintenance operator.

On the other hand, Kent Just, Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce executive, commended the City Council for its conservative ways.

In fact, though being "tight and stingy" with taxpayers' money is usually considered a good thing, Just urged council members to take a look in the near future at spending some money on road construction around the city. Eastland Drive and

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Beacon's back

Boy Scout restores light at T.F. airport

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Resolved to work aviation into his project, a soon-to-be Eagle Scout is shedding light on the past.

With a love for airplanes, Carl Ott, 16, has spent more than 200 hours restoring an old airplane beacon to earn an Eagle Scout award. His project's rotating light is the original beacon that served as "a guiding light" that lit up the area's nighttime skies for more than 50 years, said Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport Manager Bill Carberry.

Although the revolving green and clear signal was replaced years ago by state-of-the-art technology, once again the familiar sight will serve a useful purpose. The old light will be used as a night light in front of the airport terminal.

Carberry said, "And though it might never again be used as a weary pilot's safety," on Tuesday morning the refurbished light became part of Joslin Field's landscape when it was placed on a newly constructed stand designed and made by Ott.

As soon as the electrical portion of the project is complete, the beacon will commence to scatter the darkness for area travelers.

"When Carl asked to do an aviation project - something to do with flying - we helped him," Carberry said. "He's a 'ramp-rat' with flying already in his blood."

The project was no easy task. The beacon was first used in 1947 when it was put on the roof of the first terminal built at the airport. Years later it was moved to a 60-foot tower atop the field's second terminal. By the time it was decommissioned in 2000, it had gone through a lot of rough

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Wally Kendrick, left, and Ed Lang install a refurbished signal light Tuesday on a pedestal outside Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport. The light was on the original terminal building in 1947 and was later moved to the control tower, where it was struck by lightning in the 1980s. Carl Ott chose to restore the light for his Eagle Scout project, and the Twin Falls High School student began working on the project last winter. The project sponsors included Intermountain Gas Co., Columbia Paint & Coatings, Argus Electric Inc., Platt Electric Supply Inc., Pacific Steel & Recycling, D & B Supply Co., and Barry Rental Inc.

Area groups plan Sept. 11 events

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Here are some events planned by local groups to commemorate the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the East Coast:

- The Magic Valley Interfaith Association is sponsoring a Sept. 11 gathering in Twin Falls City Park.
- The event, set for 7 p.m., will focus on the theme "America Bless God." A number of area churches are involved.
- Everyone is welcome to attend.
- The Faith Community of St. Edward the Confessor in Twin Falls will celebrate a Memorial Mass at 7 p.m. Sept. 11 at the St. Edward's Hall Chapel, 206 Seventh Ave. E., to remember all that has happened to the country since Sept. 11, 2001.
- Everyone is invited to join in the celebration of life and hope.

- The Salvation Army and Rock Creek Community Church are sponsoring a service at 7 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Seventh-day Adventist Church/shared facility on Grandview Drive across from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.
- The service will be a commemoration, acknowledging that God is God, said Salvation Army Major Ann Patterson.
- A denominational, neighborhood prayer/praise meeting is set for 6 to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 11 at Barry Park, north of the Apollo motel off Addison Avenue West in Twin Falls.
- The come-as-you-are event will focus on lay-led thoughts, praise and prayer.
- To offer suggestions or for more information, call 732-5550.
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- The Ketchum and Sun Valley fire departments will host a remembrance service on Sept. 11.
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T.F. beefs up public defender's office

County officials hope to get courts moving

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - In a budget year nearly bereft of changes, Twin Falls County is beefing up its public defender's office in hope of speeding up the court system and clearing out the local jail.

"We've found that there's quite a few people being held in jail longer than they should because the public defender can't get to them," said Twin Falls County Commission Chairman Gary Grindstaff.

So, the commissioners have decided to place the county's sole staff increase this year in the public defender's office - to the tune of about \$45,000, including a salary of about \$30,000 to \$35,000 plus benefits.

The commission will vote Friday on a final draft of a \$22,995,285 budget for the coming fiscal year. That's up 2 percent from the current budget of \$22,548,085.

The extra public defender plan dovetails with the county's wishes to clear out space in its jail, which officials say is often cramped beyond capacity, forcing the county to rack up a big bill shipping inmates to other counties.

"This position should pay for itself," Grindstaff said. The county as of July 31 had spent \$363,622 during the current fiscal year sending inmates elsewhere, Commissioner Bill Brockman said. It costs \$40 to \$45 per inmate per day to ship them out, he said.

The Twin Falls County Jail had an overflow of 23 inmates being housed elsewhere Tuesday, Grindstaff said. The

Chances to comment

The Twin Falls County Commission will hold public hearings on the proposed county budget for fiscal year 2002-03 at 10 a.m. today, Thursday and Friday in the commission chamber on the fourth floor of the Twin Falls County Courthouse.

People with questions or concerns about the budget are encouraged to attend.

The commission is expected to take a final vote on the budget after Friday's hearing.

daily average this year has been 30 to 33.

Putting another attorney in the public defender's office should help move court cases along, trim the number of backlogged inmates and, ultimately, help save the cost of shipping them out, he said.

The county during the past year hawked several plans for a new jail to more than double its current inmate capacity of about 200. But after voters this spring soundly rejected a proposed bond issue, officials regrouped.

The jail plan is still in the hands of an appointed committee charged with mulling all the possible options, Grindstaff said. As of Tuesday, there was no deadline for the group to come up with a final proposal to hand over to the commission.

Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey recently asked the commission for a bigger budget so he could give his staff raises, but he was turned down.

Tousey's office isn't the only one suffering from low wages amid a "revolving door" of employees, said Twin Falls County Clerk Bob Fort. The court services division of the clerk's office and the county assessor's office have also had a lot of turnover, he said.

The court services division figures into the speed of justice, he said.

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Jerome, Richfield voters approve school levies

The Times-News

JEROME - Residents of two Magic Valley school districts voted Tuesday to tax themselves extra to help operate their schools.

Jerome School District voters approved a \$642,000 supplemental levy by a vote of 603-377, district Clerk Linda Adams said. The levy amounts to \$108 per year for the owner of a \$100,000 property, but it's less than the levy of \$15.60 per \$1,000 assessed value that expires at the end of the current fiscal year.

Richfield voters, meanwhile, voted 109-102 in favor of a \$75,000 first-time supplemental levy, Superintendent David Hocklander said. The levy will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home an additional \$167.72 per year.

"It's nice to have a majority of the community in support of the schools," Hocklander said. "This will help. It will relieve some of the problems we need to deal with."

Revenues from the Jerome levy will be distributed in this way:

- \$150,000 is set aside for transporting kindergarten children to and from school mid-day.
- \$20,000 will go to building

repairs. This includes \$4,000 per school building for maintenance, unscheduled repairs or other upgrades.

- \$105,000 will replace 30-year-old hot water pipes at the high school.

- \$40,000 will go for K-12 music equipment repairs and upgrades.

- \$170,000 will go to replace student supplies and equipment.
- \$110,000 is for camera security systems for the high school and middle school.
- \$47,000 is for a middle school fire alarm system.

While several factors created a financial challenge for the Richfield School district, the most significant factor was the state holdback required by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. School Board members had said. Without the levy, the board likely would have faced further cuts in supplies and maintenance and postponed textbook purchases. One teacher aide position already has been dropped.

Hocklander said turnout of 210 voters in the tiny district of about 200 students was strong.

"I appreciate the fact that many people were concerned enough to come-out and vote," the first-year superintendent said.

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East Fork residents like road plan

By Karen Bosack Times-News correspondent

HAILEY—A proposal to redo the dilapidated East Fork Road has been scaled back, eliciting favorable reaction from East Fork residents.

Planners have a new proposal on the table -- one which would redo just the first mile of the canyon road halfway between Hailey and Ketchum, rather than two miles of roadway.

The new proposal would cover the road between the bridge over the Big Wood River and Sheep Trail Lane.

Larry Evans, of the Boise-based Forsgren Associates consulting firm, said planners propose to shorten the project because it doesn't look as much money will be available to redo two miles of roadway.

"We had hoped to get additional funding, in addition to the \$2 million federal grant that we do have. But, with the current economic situation, that's less likely than before," he said.

"We don't need to buy right of way to do the first mile, as we would have to for the second mile."

At the same time, Evans said, shortening the project will likely garner more support from East Fork residents because it won't involve cutting into the hillside along the road or into people's yards.

That was evident among the East Fork residents who packed the Blaine County Courthouse Tuesday to hear the new proposal. Many expressed favor for the new plan, in sharp contrast to earlier meetings when some residents had harsh words for the project.

Evans said he has seen a softening of attitudes toward the project over the course of five public meetings as his firm tried to work on ways to limit the impact of the road in deference to residents' wishes. The proposed road will not look significantly different than the existing road, he said.

One resident, viewing a display that showed the impact of the road before and after upgrade, happily announced that it looked as if he would gain driveway, rather than lose it, with the new roadwork.

A few residents expressed concern that a wider road funneling into a narrower road would compromise safety. And they said they feared a nicer road would tempt motorists to drive faster than the 35 mph speed limit, compromising safety.

But Blaine County Sheriff Walt Fleming said East Fork residents have only themselves to blame for excess speed. Seventy-three percent of motorists stopped for speeding during traffic stops made last October were East Fork residents, he said.

East Fork resident Susan Rahman insisted that residents wanted a paved bike path similar to the one along the highway -- a gravel path is not acceptable for bicyclists who ride along East Fork to various trailheads at the end of the road or for pedestrians wheeling baby carriages, she said.

But Evans said there was not enough room for a recreation district-type bike path without buying more right of way.

"The best we can do is to stripe 10 feet of lane along the road," Evans told her.

The county spends an inordinate amount of money maintaining the road, said Blaine County Commissioner Mary Ann Mix. The road is actually a gravel mining road built in the 1940s, which has been sprayed-coated with oil over and over again.

Evans said if written comments prove as favorable as those expressed in Tuesday's meeting, his firm will begin developing a plan to present to the Idaho Transportation Department.

Construction money is slated for use in 2007, but it could be moved up, pending the status of other road projects.

Twin Falls hunters help battle wildfire

By Nata Johnson Times-News writer

KETCHUM—Hunters fought a wildfire Sunday with makeshift tools, keeping it under control while they sent for help.

Thad Scholes, Karl Kleinkopf and his son, Gabe Kleinkopf, all of Twin Falls, were hunting for mountain grouse at about 7,000 feet in the Russian John area northwest of Ketchum. When they came to the top of a rise Gabe Kleinkopf thought he saw smoke. He scanned the draw, expecting to see the bright colors of sleeping bags and tents. Instead he saw only a large gray area.

"My dad thought it might be a nice rock formation," Gabe Kleinkopf said.

But when the tri walked down the hill, they found the gray was ash and flames coming up the hill toward them. Scholes went back to his pickup to call for help, while the Kleinkopfs fought the flames the best they could.

The fire was burning the duff, the wood and needles piled a foot deep on the forest floor. The Kleinkopfs had no tools, so they used their boots to kick the fuels back into the flames. It was not long before their feet were "toasty hot," Gabe Kleinkopf said.

The pair used sticks as shovels -- then, when their feet had cooled, went back to kicking duff. The wind, pushing the fire toward the Kleinkopfs, blew ash and smoke into their faces.

"It was pretty hard to breathe," Gabe Kleinkopf said. They fought the fire for two hours, from around 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., before retreating.

"We wore ourselves out," Karl Kleinkopf said. Scholes drove to Esley Hot Springs, where he called 911 and gave Forest Service firefighters the location of the fire. Scholes then went back, meeting the Kleinkopfs, who were driving the other direction. They waited for the firefighters, and when they arrived, pointed the way to the fire.

The terrain was too rugged for the tanker trucks. Firefighters used hand tools and backpacks full of water from a nearby creek to put out the flames.

"It had the potential of getting pretty crazy -- there are a lot of cabins up there," Karl Kleinkopf said.

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RUPERT



Margaret Glover Antone

Margaret Glover Antone, 99-year-old Rupert resident, passed away peacefully Monday evening, September 2, 2002, at her home. She was born in Robin, Idaho, on April 15, 1903, to Sara Elizabeth and Seth Charles Glover. She married Andrew Antone on November 12, 1920, in Burley, Idaho.

Margaret saw many changes in the world in her 99 years here on earth. Her life was her family and her home. At the time of her death, all her seven children are still living. They are: Steve (Diane) Antone of Rupert, Marie Garner of Burley, Helen (Sam) Grayson of Boise, Dorothy Yagous of Caldwell, Stacey (Terry) Hunter of Crooked River, Oregon, Linda (Bob) Hatouska of Burley, and Bonnie (Shane) Thudson of Rupert. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased in death by her husband Andrew in 1983, one grandson, one granddaughter and one great-grandson. She will be missed by her family who loved her dearly. She did no harm to anyone.

There will be a family celebration of her life at her home in Rupert. Memorials may be sent to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, Tennessee 38101. The family requests no flowers to be sent. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

OAKLEY



Joy Haire

Joy Haire, 77-year-old Oakley resident died Saturday, August 31, 2002, at her daughter's home in Oakley.

She was born November 25, 1924, in Declo, the daughter of Ray and Violet Henderson Hosmer. She married Elmer Veneman on July 12, 1941, and they were later divorced. She later married Richard C. Haire on July 28, 1975, in Deavenport, Iowa, and they were later divorced. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, and took great pride in her cooking. Survivors include four sons, Ron

(Ellie) Veneman and Lynn (Sharon) Veneman, all of Burley, Bob Veneman of Heyburn, and Roy (Dani) Veneman of Fresno, California; one daughter, Judy Osborne of Oakley; three step-children, Nancy Linck and Debbie (Manuel) Alonzo, all of Illinois, and Rick (Martha) Haire of Iowa; nineteen grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, September 6, 2002, at the Oakley Cemetery, with Reverend Herb C. Whitaker officiating. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street, Burley from 1-2 p.m. prior to the funeral on Friday.

VERNAL, UTAH



Payten Hope Marie Curtis

Payten Hope Marie Curtis, 3 months, passed away Aug. 28, 2002, at her home in Vernal. She was born May 28, 2002, in Vernal, to Richard Daniel Curtis and Heather Lynn Grove. Payten brought joy, happiness, love and hope to all that Loved and knew her.

Payten is survived by her parents; a brother, Preston Curtis; grandparents, L Dee and Karen Curtis Max and Jeanne Booth; great-grandparents, Jim and Stella Davis, Mans Curtis, Karan Gordon; Aunts, Uncles and Cousins, Kevin Brandy, Kris Anne, Paige and Johnathon Jenkins; Eldon and Jessica Oaks, Scott, Adam and Christa Hankell, Amanda Davis, Kendra, Tiffany and Buck Booth.

Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, August 31, 2002, at 11 a.m. at the Saint James Catholic Church (138 North 100 West). Friends may call at Thomson-Blackburn Vernal Mortuary Friday evening from 5:30-8 p.m. with a 6 p.m. Rosary. Interment will be in the Maeser Fairview Cemetery, under the direction of the Thomson-Blackburn Vernal Mortuary.

BOISE



Robert 'Bob' Ragland

Robert Donald 'Bob' Ragland, 68, of Boise, died Wednesday,

August 28, 2002, in Nampa from injuries received in an automobile accident. Graveside services were held Tuesday, September 3, 2002 at the Dry Creek Cemetery, Boise. Arrangements are under the direction of Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguan Chapel.

Bob was born on May 24, 1934, in Gooding, Idaho. His father was Earl and Ava Ragland. Bob attended school in Gooding. He then enlisted in the Army and spent 3 1/2 years, which included a tour in Germany during the Korean War.

He married Joan Parsons in 1958 and they had two sons, Dan and John. Dan included a tour in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. He married Sharon Stevens on July 12, 1975. Bob was in advertising for several years until he retired two years ago. Bob enjoyed hunting, camping and fishing. He loved to make people laugh by always having a joke on hand.

He was an active member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles.

Bob is survived by his wife, Sharon Ragland; his two sons, Dan Ragland of Nampa and Doug (Tammy) Ragland of Cedar Hills, Utah; 3 grandchildren; two brothers, John Ragland of California and Jim Ragland of Washington; and two sisters, Opal Braa of Caldwell and Ruth Roberts of California.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Richard, mother Ava, and father, Earl.

TWIN FALLS

Ona Hayes Ona Hayes, 88, of Twin Falls, died Monday, September 2, 2002, at Heritage Retirement Center.

She was born January 21, 1914, at Virginia, Nebraska, to Isaac and Maggie May Miller Fitzwater. Ona attended school at Beatrice, Nebraska, and graduated from high school there.

Ona married Anton (Tony) Schultz in Twin Falls, Idaho. To this union a son, Gene Schultz, was born November 3, 1935. Tragically Tony was killed in a car accident in 1936. Ona later met and married Alfred W. Hayes on November 24, 1937. To this union was born a son, Roy W. Hayes, August 17, 1938.

Mr. Hayes served as county supervisor for the Department of Health and Welfare in various areas and Ona and sons followed him. They also followed him as he served in World War II with the US Army at Olympia, Washington, and Caldwell, Idaho.

After her husband's discharge from the Army, Ona and sons loved him as he again worked for the Department of Health and Welfare, finally settling in Twin Falls. Ona worked with her husband in their furniture business in Twin Falls. Mr. Hayes passed away September 1, 1971.

Ona is survived by her son, Gene (Donna) Schultz of Folsom, California; two grandsons, Greg (Amy) Schultz of El Dorado Hills, California and Derek (Diane) Schultz of Citrus Heights, California; and three great-granddaughters, Sara & Nicole Schultz and Jody Schultz.

Ona was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, her two husbands, and a son.

A graveside service will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, September 5, 2002, at Sunset Memorial Park. At Ona's request, there will be no viewing. The family suggests that memorial contributions be given to Hospice of Twin Falls. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1142.

SERVICES

Clifford Len Reid of Burley, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave., Burley; interment will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

April Renee Plummer of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at Rock Creek Park; a potluck dinner will follow.

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Council allows beer on Rupert square

By **Shelley Ridenour**
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Councilman **Layne Rutschke**, owner of **Magic Valley Times**, said he fielded plenty of phone calls on Tuesday, but he wasn't selling tires.

He was talking with residents about the proposed ordinance allowing beer and wine consumption on the Rupert Square, and not everyone was in favor of the ordinance.

In a 3-1 vote Tuesday night, the council approved the ordinance, with a sunset date of Oct. 15. Rutschke cast the single "no" vote.

With the ordinance in place, the council also approved the first license for an event which will allow beer and wine consumption. The newly formed organization **Square Events Inc.** is set to hold **Octoberfest** Sept. 28.

The event will include wine and

beer tasting as well as meat and cheese sampling. Entertainment is planned, along with food for sale. Beer and wine sales and consumption will be limited to a section measuring roughly one-quarter of the Square, said Bob Russman, president of the **Square Events Inc.** board. The group has not played how it will limit access to the area.

Comes and taps or barricades could be used to create the sampling area, Rutschman said. The entrance would be monitored, and people who have paid and shown identification will be marked.

One vendor had asked to sell beer along with hamburgers outside the sampling area, Rutschman said.

Councilman Steve Barras and Robert Christensen, along with Rutschke, agreed they did not want beer and wine sold for consumption outside the sampling area.

"We were told this was a family-type event," Rutschke said. **Dick Schafer**, a **Square Events Inc.** board member, said he and **Mike Hasdink** walked around the Square talking with business owners and found no opposition to the proposal. However, not all business owners were available.

While Rutschke said he knew many of the **Square Events Inc.** board members and considered some friends, he asked, "I think what you're trying to do is good... How does a beer and wine tasting event promote the city of Rupert?"

Mike Tylka, another board member of **Square Events**, said if out-of-state vendors come to the event and are successful, they might come back next year. They might want to do something else in the area.

Likewise, local residents are reminded of businesses on the Square and might remember to

shop locally, Hasdink said.

Russman reminded the council a fall festival is just one event which could be held on the Square. Another idea which had just come up was a quilting event. It is unlikely alcohol would be an issue at that event, Rutschman said.

Christensen said he approved of having alcohol at the fall festival, but not other events such as the Fourth of July and Christmas lighting because those events already work without alcohol involved.

Rutschke said he was afraid if one event served alcohol, there would be no stopping it.

"Once you've opened the door, it's been opened," Rutschke said.

Allowing alcohol on the Square is new to the council, Barras said, and members want to be cautious.

"This community has values. We want to keep those values... We want to be careful," Barras said.

Absent lawyer delays Bowcut will have to wait to see if trial will be closed

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By **Shelley Ridenour**
Times-News writer

BURLEY — A court hearing to determine whether a sexual abuse sentencing should be open to the public didn't take place as scheduled Tuesday, because the defendant's lawyer failed to attend.

Fifth District Judge **Roger Burdick** convened the scheduled 10 a.m. proceeding about 45 minutes late, after waiting for word from **Steven Richard, lawyer**, for **Leslie Peter Bowcut**. **Burdick** said Richard was in court in **Pocatello** and unable to get to **Burley**.

Bowcut, 28, has pleaded guilty to 14 counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor younger than 16. In a motion filed last month, Richard said Bowcut wants his Oct. 4-5 sentencing hearing closed to the public and the news media — to protect the identities of the minor children who are the victims of his actions.

A lawyer for *The Times-News* is opposing the motion, arguing that the public has a right to witness the sentencing.

Burdick said Tuesday's hearing on the closure issue had been scheduled during a pre-trial conference of attorneys, which Richard participated in. **Newspaper lawyer G. Richard Bevan** and **Cassia County Prosecutor Al Barras** said that was the recollection, too. But **Richard** apparently was unaware of Tuesday's event.

The absence of the lawyer who filed a motion was "highly unusual," said the judge.

Richard, 20, or so people in the courtroom Tuesday.

The judge said he would reschedule the hearing as soon as possible. He also said he would ask Richard to pay for the time of the other lawyers who appeared in court Tuesday.

Also Tuesday, **Burdick** granted a request by attorney **Jason Walker** to intervene in the matter. **Walker** is the guardian ad litem for four children who may be victims of Bowcut.

Walker said Tuesday he wants the sentencing hearing to be open, but he'd like to see some safeguards put in place to protect the victims from being identified.

Richard's written motion said the children's identities "will certainly be mentioned or clearly identifiable at sentencing."

The children's rights "outweigh the right of the public to know," **Richard** wrote. Also, part of **Bowcut's** motivation to plead guilty "was to protect the victims from abuse of public knowledge."

Bevan, in the newspaper's response to **Richard's** motion, wrote, "The irony of Mr. Bowcut's concern for his victims at this stage of the criminal process is absurd.... The defendant cannot shield himself from scrutiny by hiding behind the children's veil of privacy he has no right to assert," Bevan wrote.

Bevan argued that the federal and state constitutions guarantee the public's right to attend criminal proceedings.

Barras has said he supports keeping the sentencing hearing open. He says the children's identities can be protected even if the sentencing is open.

Bowcut awaits sentencing on 14 felony charges. Another 26 counts of sexual abuse remain pending, but **Barras** has said he intends to have them dismissed at sentencing.

Bowcut also faces a federal charge of conspiring to sexually exploit children, which came about as part of a federal indictment of 20 adults believed to be part of an international Internet child pornography ring. Bowcut has yet to be arraigned on that charge.

Burley approves higher user fees at library

By **Shelley Ridenour**
Times-News writer

BURLEY — User fees at the **Burley Public Library** for people who live outside the city limits will increase in accord with action taken Tuesday by the **City Council**.

Council members approved new library fees after hearing from **library board member Dave Gibbons** and **City Administrator Mike Mitton**.

The fees will double under the new plan. It will now cost \$60 per year per family for non-city residents to buy annual library cards. People who live outside the city limits who want to access to the library's computers, but not check out books, will pay \$30 per year per family for that service.

New to the library's fee structure next year will be a temporary library card. For \$25, people can have access to books and computers for three months. That option is geared to people who might be working temporarily in **Idaho**, **Gibbons** said — for example, someone based in **Burley** for a construction project.

People who live within the city limits do not pay any direct fees to use the library, **Gibbons** reminded those at the council meeting.

Much of the library's budget comes from property taxes paid by city residents. Because of that, **Gibbons** said, the library board could restrict use of the library to city residents, but the board doesn't want to do that. So board members gathered **Barras** and attempted to determine the average amount of taxes paid by property owners in the city limits are directed to the library. That number came out to \$55 per year per household, he said.

Based on that figure, board members set the fee for non-city residents at the slightly higher fee of \$60 per year per family.

That price breaks down to \$5 per month per household, he said.

"We don't feel it's fair to ask residents to pay more than non-residents," **Gibbons** said. "We don't want to be hard-nosed, but we want to be fair."

Data compiled by the library staff indicates that 55 percent of

people checked out of the **Burley library** are checked out to books to live outside the city limits of **Burley**, **Gibbons** said.

Gibbons said library board members also plan to review the fees more often, to make sure the numbers are adjusted whenever necessary.

That approach was commended by **Councilwoman Adria Masoner**. She pointed out that failure by past city councils to raise sewer rates who needed has resulted in the current council having to raise rates by a large percentage, which has angered many city residents.

Council members also Tuesday approved three new positions on the city staff for the 2002-03 fiscal year. Those include a community development specialist, who would be paid \$35,000, a full-time employee to work either at the cemetery or the city shop where one employee now splits his time; and an entry level lab technician at the sewer plant.

None of those positions has been advertised yet, but the council fully determined what each person would do. Tuesday's

approval simply puts money in the budget, should the council decide to hire the new employees, **Mayor Jon Anderson** said.

Including the salary in the budget "indicates we're more than likely going to hire someone, **Anderson** said that opportunity would come later, as the council continues to discuss how such an employee could best help the city.

The council wants this position," the mayor said. "Exactly what the person will do — that decision hasn't been made."

The new employee might focus on development, or the person could be trained in city management and help the current city administrator with some work, **Mitton** said to deal with development issues.

The council has even discussed making the community development position a contract position to see how it works out, **Mitton** said.

Cassia commission approves budget, holds taxes

By **Nate Johnson**
Times-News writer

BURLEY — **Cassia County Commissioners** will go another year without increasing county taxes.

The law enforcement, fair and jail budgets will change substantially in the next fiscal year.

Most budgets are slightly higher due to a 2 percent wage increase to all county employees, but do not reflect large increases or decreases.

"We're not like if we don't give (employees) a little bit each year, it will cost us in turnover," **Commissioner Paul Christensen** said.

The law enforcement budget decreased by about \$80,000. The sheriff's office was reduced and ment rather than buy new items, and one investigator's position is being eliminated. One detective will join the **Mini-Cassia drug task force** in October, and **Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hignens** will fill that position. Hignens had planned to buy two new patrol cars, but will put off the purchase.

"We'll just make do with what we have," **Hignens** said.

The tentative budget for the **Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center** is \$2,057,726 for the 2002-03 fiscal year. That is \$149,000

more than this year's jail budget. The additional money will pay for the new communications and remote door control system in the jail. The money also includes a salary for the new position of administrative assistant at the jail.

Commissioners added \$12,000 to the **Cassia County Fair** budget. **Fair** board members will use the money to refurbish buildings on the fairgrounds, said **Commissioner Dennis Crane**.

Meanwhile, the budget for the **United States Extension Office** is holding the line and saving a little on insurance, **Extension Agent Richard Gerrard** said.

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Washington Street are two roads he said especially concern him.

Also on Tuesday, the council held two planning and zoning hearings.

Locust Grove development — The council unanimously approved a zoning change for 6.15 acres on the corner of **Falls Avenue East and Locust Street North**. Previously the parcel was zoned partly heavy residential and partially commercial. Now it is entirely commercial, which clears the way for developers to move toward a getting a plan approved.

Developers envision a small mall with uniform building designs, heavy landscaping and road widening on both **Falls and Locust streets** to accommodate heavier traffic.

While outlining the developers to take care of traffic congestion, one resident from the neighborhood, former **Mayor Gale Kleinkopf**, applauded the proposal. He said, "Currently the property acts as a dandelion seed source from **Twin Falls to Burley**."

Ray Frost request — The council sent a request to a second reading for a zoning change on 58 acres located on **Addison Avenue and 3300 East**. **Frost** is asking for a change that would change future development of the property from about 50 or so houses on one-acre lots to around 200 houses on lots ranging from one-half acre to one-tenth of an acre. Even though **Frost** said the development won't likely take place for at least a decade, council members asked for more information on how developers intend to get city services to the property.

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Salmon teacher gets nomination for national award

The Associated Press

SALMON — When he learned that he was a finalist for the national Country Doctor of the Year award, physician **Arthur Earle** was the only person in **Salmon** who was surprised.

"I didn't have a clue," he said. "I didn't even know I'd been nominated."

His patients and co-workers were not surprised when **Earle** was one of 15 finalists chosen from 317 nominees nationwide. They were just surprised he did not win.

Recognition is presented annually by a **Texas health care company**.

Earle, 54, has been taking care of people in **Salmon** for 25 years.

He has worked 100-hour weeks, drives icy roads to care for patients in their homes and treats needy patients free.

"Salmon was my first place out of medical school in St. Louis," he said. "I came from **Idaho** originally, so I knew the country and had a hankering to get back here. Initially I liked the surroundings, the mountain scenery and all, but now it's mainly the people. This is where my roots are now."

William Bradshaw, a **New Mexico physician** who spent six weeks working at the clinic this summer, said **Earle** gives **Salmon** some of the small towns are fortunate to have.

"If you look at small towns in America, you won't find many that have had one physician for

her former doctor, **Walt Backstadter**, died in a kayaking accident in 1978.

She credits **Earle** with saving her life.

"I had a perforated ulcer," she said. "I had to have taken care of it, I probably would have died."

Deeply religious, **Earle** attends a Baptist church in **Salmon** but does not consider himself a member of any particular denomination. Asked how many lives he has saved in his quarter-century as **Salmon's** country doctor, he defers to a higher power.

"It's hard to take credit for saving lives. There are always nurses and other people involved. And when you get right down to it, it's God who does the saving," **Earle** said.

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11. The service will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the **Forest Service Park** at **Washington Avenue and First Street** in **Ketchum**.

Immediately following, there will be a gathering to honor local emergency personnel at the **Roosevelt Tavern** at the corner of **Sun Valley Road and Main Street** in **Ketchum**. There will be appetizers courtesy of the **Roosevelt**.

• The **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints** will hold a devotional service featuring the **Norman Tabernacle Chorus** at noon Sept. 11 in the **Tabernacle on Temple Square in Salt Lake City**.

President Thomas S. Monson,

first counselor in the **First Presidency**, will conduct the service. **Church President Gordon B. Hinckley** will be traveling in **Europe**.

Doors will open at 11 a.m. Tickets are not required. The public is invited.

The service also can be heard on line at **byradio.org**.

Have an event?

The **Times-News** would like to hear about local events on Sept. 11. Here's how to contact us:

E-mail: tommorgan@magicvalley.com

Phone: **Melissa Morgan at 735-3278**.

Fax to 735-5538.

State gets first check from WestRock resort developers

BOISE (AP) — Developers of the billion-dollar four-season **WestRock** resort have made good on an initial payment required when their land lease with the state.

Officials said the state has received the \$400,000 initial pay-

ment required under the deal signed by **Gov. Dirk Kempthorne** nearly three months ago.

Initial road, infrastructure and environmental work began last month, ending years of debate over whether the project would ever get off the ground.

The resort on **Lake Cascade** would be the first destination ski resort built in the **United States** in two decades.

The project is still waiting for a ruling on the challenge to its application for water rights. Earlier this summer, it survived a

federal court challenge to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers role in approving various aspects of the work, but attorneys for the local government and **Citizens for Valley County**, have until mid-September to appeal that decision.

All county employees would receive a 3 percent cost-of-living pay raise under the spending plan. Other than that, the county expects things to remain static, **Brockman** said.

"But you can never tell when somebody's going to find a better-paying job and move on," he said.

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ment, said **Airport Operations Chief Paul Utley**.

Besides the age-related wear and tear on the pavement and few cracked lenses, the beacon had also been struck by lightning twice, said **Utley**, who has been with the airport for 22 years.

"It was a mess, but (Ot) was dedicated (to the project)," **Utley** said.

An **Eagle Scout** project must be something that will benefit the com-

munity "or people in the community," said **Ott's** mother, **Nita Ott**.

But he had a lot of help — there were so many people at the airport and in the community that helped out," he said.

Carl Ott belongs to **Boy Scout Troop 68**. He is a junior at **Wyvin Falls High School** and was on a soccer team-trip Tuesday.

Times-News correspondent **Loretta Burkhardt** can be reached in **Twin Falls** at 734-3990.

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aid, because employees there are responsible for filing and processing all court records. They also collect payments on county taxes.

The starting wage of \$7.28 per hour, it has been difficult to keep people in court services, he said. So many of them are raw

recruits trying to catch up with the learning curve.

The assessor's office was also hunting for two property assessors to replace experienced members who are leaving the office.

"There will be no staff cuts in any departments this year, **Ford** said, but one new employee

request that was turned down was for another full-time parks department worker — at a salary of about \$22,000. With the county working on a new grant for the park, the parks department thought an extra hand was needed, **Ford** said.

IDAHO/WEST

Craig challenger offers drug proposal

MERIDIAN (AP) — Citing the financial burden prescription drugs impose on consumers and taxpayers, U.S. Senate challenger Alan Blinken on Tuesday proposed a sweeping plan he believes can dramatically reduce the cost of pharmaceuticals.

The drug industry did not immediately reject the proposal.

Blinken, a former Wall Street investment banker and Clinton administration lobbyist based in Belgium, called for extending the patents on drugs for up to 10 years. In return, the drug companies would give seniors discounted flat-rate prescriptions and reduce the retail price in the United States to the average in Canada, Western Europe and Japan.

Drug prices

Here is a comparison of the United States retail price and the average Canadian and Western European prices for standard dosages of five major patented prescription drugs as provided by the Blinken campaign.

Drug	U.S.	Canada	Western Europe
Aspirin	\$1.00	\$0.50	\$0.50
Amoxicillin	\$11.00	\$5.50	\$5.50
Hydrocodone	\$22.50	\$11.25	\$11.25
Insulin	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Valium	\$77.50	\$38.75	\$38.75



Alan Blinken



Sen. Larry Craig

Blinken, a Democrat challenging Republican Sen. Larry Craig's bid for a third six-year term, said that, on average, it would halve the cost of major drugs.

"We think it's something that should be discussed because these are not costs to the government and the pharmaceutical companies are left to make a reasonable profit," Blinken told a group of elderly people at the local senior center in Meridian.

Predicting that Congress will reach agreement on some kind of prescription drug benefit for the elderly before the Nov. 5 election, Blinken said he wants to get his concept into the debate.

Jeff Trewthitt, spokesman for the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, said if that occurs the association will take serious notice of Blinken's plan. "It's a new and unusual proposal that we're just hearing for

the first time," Trewthitt said. The patents currently expire after 20 years, opening the door to duplication by generic manufacturers, whose prices are typically half and 40 percent less.

Blinken declined to criticize either the Democrats or the Republicans in Washington for their approaches to prescription drug relief. He said there is no question senior citizens need some help and the plight of an 82-year-old Meridian woman, who scrounges for aluminum cans behind local bars several times a week to raise cash to pay for her prescriptions.

"In the richest country in the world, that's not a shame, it's an absolute crime," he said.

Nevada voters pick casino critic to challenge governor

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A state senator who favors raising casino taxes to close Nevada's \$180 million budget deficit won the Democratic nomination Tuesday to challenge popular Republican Gov. Kenny Guinn this fall.

With 34 percent of precincts reporting, state Sen. Joe Neal had 24,763 votes, or 36 percent, and former stripper Barbara Scott had 14,506 votes, or 21 percent. She had fewer votes than the "none of the above" option, which drew 16,292 votes, or 24 percent. Two other candidates split the rest.

Neal became the state's first black candidate for governor to advance to the general election. He will face Guinn, who rounched six little-known opponents in the GOP primary by winning more than 80 percent of the vote. The governor has reported raising nearly \$3 million to win a second term, and polls have shown him with a commanding 3-1 lead over Neal in a potential fall matchup.

That has not stopped Neal from mounting a populist campaign

based on his longtime criticism of the state's powerful hotel-casino industry, which has \$18 billion in annual profits.

Neal has called for the first tax increase on those profits in 15 years to help soften the tax burden on others. It has won Neal statewide recognition at a time he says there is growing discontent among a working class that ballooned in the 1990s as Nevada's population skyrocketed 50 percent.

"The key issue is the people who live here are bearing the burden of the tourism," Neal said. "We should do something to collect more taxes from the hotels."

Guinn said he is waiting for a Nov. 15 report from a task force on ways to raise revenue for the state. He said casinos have indicated they are willing to pay their fair share.

"We're running a state with 300,000 more people now than when I came in," Guinn said, referring to his 1998 win. "And we have 1,000 fewer people on the state payroll. I haven't raised taxes."

Court: Look again at Owyhee land

BOISE (AP) — A district judge has ordered the state Land Board to consider reclassifying a southwestern Idaho grazing lease for conservation of the rare Columbia spotted frog.

The ruling late last month by 4th District Judge Duff McKee voided award of the 680-acre Sam Noble Springs allotment in Owyhee County to the Black family, which has held the lease for more than half a century.

McKee ruled that the board improperly precluded public lands grazing critic Jon Marvel from presenting his case in sup-

port of turning the grazing land into a preserve for the frog, which has been a candidate for protection under the Endangered Species Act since 1993.

The land is supposed to have the largest population of the frogs in southern Idaho. It will be the third time the board has considered the lease. Marvel convinced the state Supreme Court to throw out the initial renewal for the Black family in 1996 because the board refused to let him bid on the tract.

Forest appeals proposal draws criticism

By Michael Meira
States News Service

WASHINGTON — Environmentalists spoke out Tuesday against President Bush's proposal to eliminate the administrative appeals process for wildfire prevention efforts.

It is an issue that is likely to be an amendment to the Interior appropriations bill coming before the Senate this week. The amendment is part of a strategy designed by a bipartisan coalition of senators to address the urgent problems coming out of a devastating fire season.

There are laws in place now that require environmental review of logging projects and allow for citizen appeals.

James R. Lyons, former under-secretary of agriculture for natural resources and environment in the Clinton administration, called the plan "a formula for disaster."

"A disaster is on our hands," responded Will Hart, spokesman for U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho. "Senator Craig and the coalition want to fix this problem

Bush plan would eliminate appeals process for some logging projects

now; 6.3 million acres have already been burned.

Environmentalists fear that removal of the appeals process is a green light for the timber industry.

It takes away "citizens' right to challenge forest policy without using the federal court system," said Michael Anderson, senior resource analyst for the Wilderness Society, a national environmental organization.

Lyons contends the action is reminiscent of a controversial 1995 salvage rider that "was a huge mistake" and limits the public's ability to be involved in managing public lands.

Supporters argue the removal of the appeals process will allow action to be taken quickly and without restraint, although the company will not be cut by the General Accounting Office, only around 1 percent of the

actions to thin forests have been challenged.

It serves a need to "cut some red tape," said Hart, and allows the government to "get into the forests to solve these issues."

Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., said the action being used "is a mechanism that will allow foresters to avoid some of the legal wrangling that has had them in a choke hold."

Pete Raffle, spokesman for the Wilderness Society, said he was worried that there aren't more specifics to the proposal.

Environmentalists contend the limited resources available for fire prevention should be used in areas with the highest risk, and cutting should occur near communities or at wildland-urban interfaces — not in remote, old growth forests.

These critics say removing large trees from scattered remote

areas is more in line with the interests of timber companies than the prevention of wildfires.

"Sen. Craig's amendment does nothing to protect wildland-urban interfaces. What it does is allow timber industries to remove big trees from back country, which only increases the risk of fires in the short run," argued Michael Francis, director of national forest programs for the Wilderness Society.

The new initiative lacks collaboration, priority and accountability, the three things at the center of the Western Governor's Association's 10-year strategy, said Greg Aplet, a key participant in the crafting of the governors' plan. The strategy was halted in May for bringing together the industry, government and special interests to conduct ecologically sound forest fuel reduction without changing any laws.

Enzi acknowledged that Craig agreed with the governors' strategy at the time, but contends "we need tools now."

Logging along Pacific Coast Trail sparks protest

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The state's largest private landowner plans to begin logging this month along a section of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail that passes through its land en route from Canada to Mexico.

Some protesters are conducting a tree-sit in the area, while others are passing petitions and organizing hikes to the area northwest of Lake Tahoe, near Sierra City.

"The trail runs smack through the middle of the harvest plan," Peter Elias of the Sierra Institute for Ecological Resource Advocacy said Tuesday.

He and others want Sierra Pacific Industries to safeguard the most sensitive land, which the Anderson-based company has done in several instances in recent months.

But the company said hikers can learn about timber harvest practices by hiking through the logging area, with no intention of trading away the land, said spokesman Ed Bond, though there had been trade talks involving the U.S. Forest Service and Trust for Public Land.

has been the practice in the Sierra Nevada range for the last 100 years, rather than clear-cutting the land as has drawn criticism to the company in other areas. In addition, it will use helicopters to remove the logs in some areas instead of building roads.

"We're trying to minimize any effect," Bond said.

The timber cut includes three miles along the trail itself, plus nearly 300 acres in three sections of old growth forest — the largest of which, along the trail, the company began logging portions of that 300 acres last month.

Portions of the trail will pass areas that will have the forest canopy removed, or will be logged with tractors rather than helicopters, Elias said.

A 60-acre clear-cut also is planned, but in an area away from the trail.

The company should spare the trees along the trail, we can all continue to enjoy the vistas and study these magnificent trees for generations to come," said Fran Burgard of the Scenic Corridor Preservation Group. "The trees' tourism value outweighs their worth as timber, she said."

Denver cops open 'spy files' — a little

DENVER (AP) — Hundreds of police activists and others were first in line at police headquarters Tuesday to check if their names were in the 3,200 so-called "spy files" that city officials say went too far in tracing dissidents.

News that religious and peace groups were among those under surveillance since about 1999 prompted cries of police misconduct, an investigation by a three-judge panel and a decision to let some people see their files before they are purged.

One file was a two-page report on Steve Schweitzerberger of Littleton, who developed a holster that would start a tape recorder whenever an officer drew his gun. He demonstrated his invention after a SWAT team killed a man during a raid on the wrong house in 1999.

"Why would they call that a spy file? They should consider me a responsible citizen who is trying to get them to do right," he said.

Mayor Wellington Webb, the subject of police surveillance when he was a young activist, has condemned keeping files on peaceful protesters.

Records of those not suspected of crimes will be released to those named in them, then purged after Nov. 1.

Release of the files, though, did not quell the concerns of some of the activists waiting in the police department lobby Tuesday morning. "They're not being totally upfront, which makes you think they're not telling you everything," said Wendy Hawthorne of the Denver Justice and Peace Committee.

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Senators back child alert plan

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senators backing a national child abduction alert system said Tuesday that they predict quick passage.

Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, and Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., introduced the Amber alert bill, which would set up a national network for distributing alerts when a child is abducted. They were joined by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which has jurisdiction over the bill.

"There's no excuse for it not being passed almost immediately," said Hatch. Feinstein and Hutchison said Judiciary Committee chairman Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., supports moving the bill quickly to a vote.

The legislation would create a Justice Department coordinator to decide when to send multi-state alerts on child abductions. Seventeen states and some cities and towns already have the "Amber alerts," named after a 9-year-old Texas girl, Amber Hagerman, who was abducted and murdered in 1996.

"Most people in the field of child disappearances believe that the first 24 to 48 hours is very critical - either you get the child back in that period of time or the likelihood of getting the child back diminishes dramatically," Feinstein said. "This is where Amber alert comes in."

Relatives quietly bury late terrorist

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) - Abu Nidal, 65, the once-feared terrorist mastermind who died in Baghdad last month under mysterious circumstances, was given a quiet burial in the Iraqi capital, his organization said Tuesday.

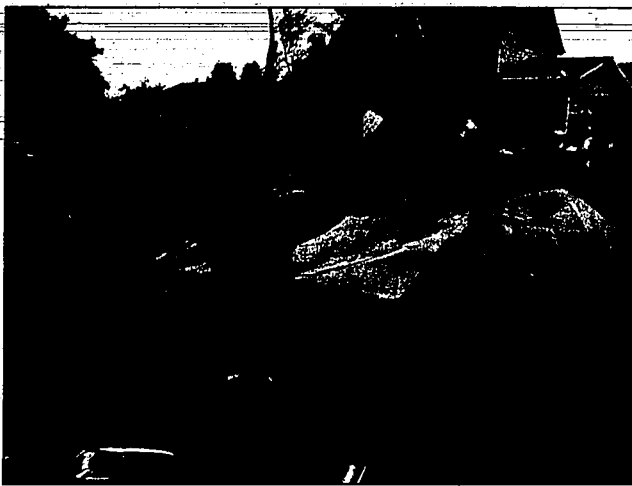
Iraqi intelligence handed over Abu Nidal's body Thursday to one of his relatives in Baghdad, the Establishment Revolutionary Council group said in a statement.

On Aug. 21, the head of Iraqi intelligence Tahir Haboush told reporters that Abu Nidal, whose real name is Sabri al-Banna, killed himself with a gunshot to the head rather than face an Iraqi court for allegedly communicating with a foreign country. The official did not say when Abu Nidal died.

Abu Nidal's group said he was assassinated by one of Iraq's intelligence agencies and asked Iraqi president Saddam Hussein to order an investigation into his death.

Tropical storm offers no threat yet

MIAMI (AP) - Tropical Storm Edouard strengthened Tuesday as it meandered about 180 miles east of Jacksonville but it could weaken as it begins to drift slowly toward land, the National Hurricane Center said. Edouard's maximum sustained wind speed had increased from 40 to 65 mph, but it was far enough at sea that its wind and rain were not directly affecting northeast Florida or southeast Georgia, meteorologists said. "It could be three days before it gets close to land," forecaster Martin Nelson said.



A steel beam impales the windshield of a car in Ladysmith, Wis., Monday after a tornado ripped through the area causing major damage throughout the town.

Wisconsin town picks up the pieces after tornado tears through

LADYSMITH, Wis. (AP) - The whine of chain saws and the rumble of earth-moving equipment echoed Tuesday through Ladysmith as cleanup began in the wake of a tornado that injured dozens of people and damaged up to 150 buildings. "It's sad," resident Mandy Fuchs said. "We're a small little town. It's the kind of thing you see in a movie, not in little old Ladysmith."

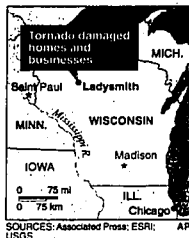
Monday's storm churned a path of destruction about a dozen blocks long and four blocks wide, and caused \$20.8 million in damage, city officials said.

"You tear down what you have to tear down. You patch up what you can patch up," said Mayor Marty Reynolds, whose garage was leveled when the city's water tower was blown over.

Gov. Scott McCallum declared Rusk County and nearby Taylor County in northwestern Wisconsin disaster areas, making them eligible for state aid. Federal assistance was being sought.

More than 30 people were treated at hospitals for injuries ranging from cuts to broken legs, officials said.

On Tuesday, mounds of lumber and glass clogged the sidewalks. Telephone poles hung suspended



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in their own wires. A car was blown about 75 yards and turned on its roof. A church was leveled.

Along the Flambeau River, the tornado left overturned Jet-Skis and ruined docks in its wake.

Residents lined up outside the Rusk County Law Enforcement Building, waiting for wristbands that would let them pass police barricades and return to what was left of their homes.

"It's depressing," Krista Diedrich said. "This is your hometown. You know that guy who lives there. You've been in that library. It's sickening."

By midafternoon, busloads of volunteers had arrived, while

National Guardsmen were expected Wednesday to help with the cleanup.

"A lot of these people I've never seen before in my life," said Will Stamper as he watched volunteers cut up uprooted trees in his back yard.

A second tornado spawned by the same storm was reported in Wausau. Officials said preliminary reports indicated two barns were leveled and at least 32 homes damaged.

Some Ladysmith residents raised American flags in the rubble. "But not everyone was somber."

On a flattened red convertible - with wooden 2-by-4s driven through the windshield - someone had scrawled a message in the dust on a window. "For sale. Cheap."

International Criminal Court moves ahead to full operation

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The governing body of the International Criminal Court held its first meeting Tuesday, ignoring U.S. campaign to undermine its jurisdiction and exempt Americans from prosecution.

There was loud applause when U.N. Undersecretary-General for legal affairs Hans Corell pounded the gavel to launch the Assembly of States Parties, made up of the 76 nations that ratified the treaty creating the world's first permanent war crimes tribunal. It plans to be operational by next year.

At the opening meeting, the assembly elected Prince Zeid bin Raad, Jordan's envoy to the United Nations and a cousin of King Abdullah II, as its president. Sierra Leone's deputy U.N. Ambassador Allieu Kanu and

Uruguay's U.N. Ambassador Felipe Paolillo were elected as vice presidents.

Representatives of dozens of nations that support the court, but haven't ratified the treaty, were in the U.N. conference room as observers. Many of the more than two dozen countries that haven't signed or ratified were also there to watch. But the seat for the United States was conspicuously empty.

"We see the dawn of a new age in the pursuit of justice," Corell said. "Impunity for those who commit the most heinous crimes will be curtailed."

The court is the culmination of a campaign that began with the Nuremberg and Tokyo trials for World War II's German and Japanese war criminals.

Defense files appeal in gang rape

MULTAN, Pakistan (AP) - Six men filed an appeal of their death sentences Tuesday, asking a court to overturn their convictions in the gang rape of a woman that was ordered by a tribal council to punish her family.

The six were convicted last weekend and sentenced to hang in the June 22 case, which drew international criticism of

Pakistan's tradition of tribal justice and the status of women in rural areas.

Defense lawyer Malik Salim said he filed an appeal with the Multan branch of the regional High Court asking that the verdicts be set aside because the judge's decision, rendered shortly after midnight Sunday, "is not maintainable according to the law and facts of the case."

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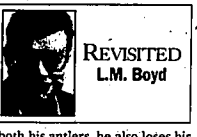
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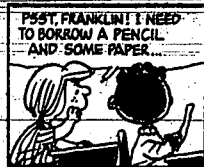
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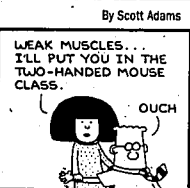


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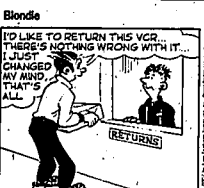
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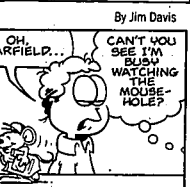
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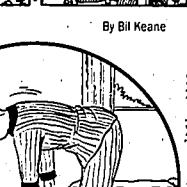
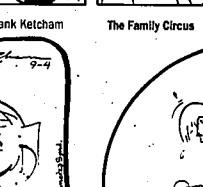
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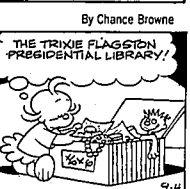
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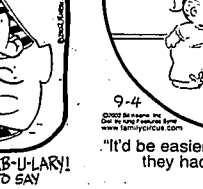
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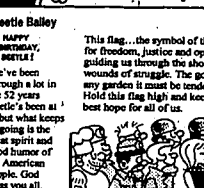
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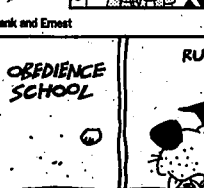
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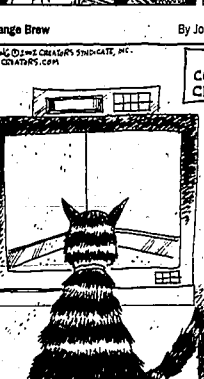
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2/3 cup (5-fluid-ounce can) Nestle Carnation Evaporated Milk
2 large eggs
3/4 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce (optional)
2 cups (8 ounces) shredded

sharp cheddar cheese
COOK pasta in large saucepan according to package directions; drain and set aside. MELT butter in same saucepan over medium heat. Remove from heat; whisk in evaporated milk, eggs, mustard, salt and, if desired, hot pepper sauce. Return pasta to saucepan and stir in cheese; mix well. Cook over low heat for 4 to 5 minutes, stirring constantly, until cheese is melted and mixture is creamy and thickened. Serve immediately.

CREAMY CHICKEN AND RICE CAKE

Makes 8 to 10 servings
1 can (12 fluid ounces) Nestle Carnation Evaporated Milk
1 package (3 ounces) cream cheese, softened
1 can (10 3/4 ounces) cream of chicken soup
1/2 cup water
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 bag (16 ounces) frozen broccoli, cauliflower and carrot mix, thawed
2 packages (6 ounces each) refrigerated, precooked chicken, cubed
1 1/2 cups instant white rice, uncooked
1/2 cup (2 ounces) shredded

mild cheddar cheese
PREHEAT oven to 350 F. Grease 13-by-9-inch baking dish. COMBINE evaporated milk and cream cheese in baking dish with wire whisk until smooth. Add soup, water, garlic powder and black pepper; mix well. Add vegetables, chicken and rice; mix well. Cover tightly with foil. BAKE for 35 minutes. Remove cover and top with cheese. Continue baking uncovered for 10 to 15 minutes or until cheese is melted and mixture is bubbly. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.
NOTE: 2 cups cooked, cubed chicken can be substituted for refrigerated, pre-cooked chicken packages.

POTATO BACON CASSEROLE

Makes 6 servings
4 cups frozen shredded hash brown potatoes, divided
1/2 cup finely chopped onion, divided
1 package (2.1 ounces) precooked bacon slices, cut into small pieces, divided
1 cup (4 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese, divided
1 can (12 fluid ounces) Nestle Carnation Evaporated Milk
1 large egg, lightly beaten

1 1/2 teaspoons seasoned salt
PREHEAT oven to 350 F. Grease 8-inch-square baking dish. LAYER 1/2 potatoes, 1/2 onion, 1/2 bacon and 1/2 cheese in prepared baking dish; repeat layers. Combine evaporated milk, egg and seasoned salt in small bowl. Pour evenly over potato mixture; cover. BAKE for 55 to 60 minutes. Uncover; bake for an additional 5 minutes. Let stand for 10 to 15 minutes before serving.

CHOCOLATE SATIN PIE

1 prepared 8-inch (6 ounces) graham cracker crust
1 can (12 fluid ounces) Nestle Carnation Evaporated Milk
2 large egg yolks
2 cups (12-ounce package) Nestle Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels
Whipped cream
Chopped nuts (optional)
WHISK together evaporated

milk and egg yolks in medium saucepan. Heat over medium-low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture is very hot and thickens slightly; do not boil. Remove from heat; stir in morsels until completely melted and mixture is smooth. POUR into crust; refrigerate for 3 hours or until firm. Top with whipped cream before serving; sprinkle with nuts if desired.

CREAM OF MIXED VEGETABLE SOUP

Makes 6 servings
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 can (12 fluid ounces) Nestle Carnation Evaporated Milk
1 package (16 ounces) frozen mixed vegetables, prepared according to package directions
1 can (14.5 ounces) vegetable

broth
1/4 teaspoon onion salt
MELT butter in medium saucepan over medium heat. Stir in flour. Gradually stir in evaporated milk. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a boil. Add vegetables, broth and onion salt.
Heat through.



Cream of Mixed Vegetable Soup will please your hungry crowd.

Good recipes for a good cause

By Dixie Thomas Reese
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Hospice Visions Inc. just published a cookbook to help celebrate the Twin Falls Centennial 1904-2004. There are 400 recipes in the book, divided into eight categories: Appetizers and Beverages, Soups and Salads, Vegetables and Side Dishes, Main Dishes, Breads and Rolls, Desserts, Cookies and Candy, This and That.

The cookbook was the brainchild of Eto Slater, a long-time Hospice employee. She said there are lots of good cooks in Magic Valley, and almost everyone likes cookbooks.

She had wanted to compile a cookbook for years, she said, and now has the right combination of volunteers to help with the typing, editing and publicity. Word went out early this year, calling for recipes from Magic Valley residents past and present — and the recipes came pouring in.

In the first run, 200 books were printed. More will be printed as needed.

"A Century of Recipes" contains cul-

nary gems from the past along with hundreds of recipes for modern-day fare. Frank Henkle submitted the recipe for a family-favorite German potato dumpling dating from 1872. Mark Anderson submitted his family's recipe for Son-of-a-Gun-in-a-Sack, which arrived via Sweden in the 1850s. Callie Ireton included a recipe for Apple Head Dolls, and Cassandra Blakley submitted her 1976 Idaho Beef Cook-Off winner.

Hospice Visions provides care for people with terminal illnesses or end-of-life conditions, explained its manager, Aric Shank. Staff members offer counseling, pain relief and help and comfort to the patient and to family members. Another alternative to hospitalization is the home-like atmosphere of Hospice Home, which sits on an acre of land at the monastery in Jerome County. For the uninsured, Hospice offers care on a sliding-fee basis or at no charge.

Proceeds from the cookbook will help provide care for those without Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance.

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More information: 735-0121

PARMESAN PARSLEYED CHICKEN

2 cups cracker crumbs (Townhouse or Ritz)
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
1/4 cup parsley (dry)
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Garlic powder (sprinkle small amount)
1 to 2 packages chicken breasts
1 1/2 cups melted butter
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Blend together cracker crumbs, cheese, parsley, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Dip each piece of chicken in melted butter and then in cracker-crumbs mixture. Arrange in a shallow pan. Pour the remaining butter over the chicken and bake for 1 hour at 350 degrees. Do not turn the chicken.
—Submitted by Elizabeth Lik

FRY PAN FISH FILLETS

Serves 4
1 pound fish fillets (cod, perch or crappie)
1 egg
1 tablespoon milk
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons fresh minced onion
1/2 cup cornflake crumbs
1/4 cup flour
1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 teaspoon paprika
Oil
Cut fish into serving portions. In a small bowl, beat egg. Add milk, salt, Worcestershire and onion. On a piece of waxed paper combine cornflake crumbs, flour, dry mustard and paprika. Dip fish pieces into the milk mixture and then into the crumb mixture, lightly pressing fish to make the crumbly stick. Fry in 350-degree, preheated pan with 1/8 inch oil for 3 to 5 minutes on each side or longer, as needed.
—Submitted by B. Jack Runyan

GREEN KISSES

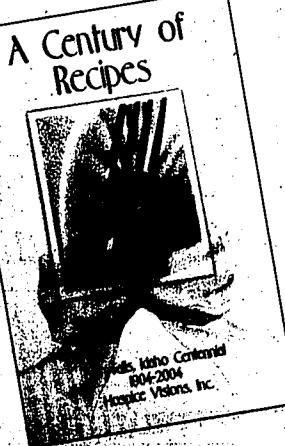
2 egg whites
2/3 cup sugar
2 cups milk chocolate chips
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Beat egg whites until stiff. Gradually add sugar and salt. Add food coloring and chocolate chips. Drop on greased cookie sheet. Place cookies in oven and turn the oven off. Leave in oven overnight. Store in airtight container.
—Submitted by Edna Kitzken

BAVARIAN LEEK SOUP

Serves 4
3 large leeks
1 can vegetable broth or 1 vegetable bouillon cube
4 tablespoons butter or margarine
4 tablespoons flour
1 1/2 cups milk
1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese
1/2 to 1 cup cooked diced ham
Wash and cut leeks. Heat 4 cups water plus vegetable bouillon cube — or vegetable broth can plus enough water to make 4 cups. Add leeks and bring to boil. Cook until tender. Melt butter in pan over low heat. Add flour a tablespoon at a time, stirring constantly. Cook for 2 minutes. Stir in milk and leek water little by little until smooth. Bring to a boil and cook for 5 minutes or until thickened, stirring constantly. Add ham, cheese and leeks. Simmer soup for 10-20 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. If you want a thicker soup, stir 1 or 2 tablespoons of flour into a little cold water until dissolved. Add to the leek soup and cook some more.
—Submitted by Gabriela Shank

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—Submitted by Elizabeth Lik



FOOD & HOME



The French Omelet offers the flavor of exotic gourmet delights.

Don't fuss - make omelets the easy way

By Ronnie Fein
The Stamford Advocate

For the perfect omelet, turn the heat to moderately high. Put the butter in the pan and let it melt completely; don't start twirling the skillet around or spreading the butter with a utensil to make the process go faster. The butter must melt on its own so you can be sure it is hot

enough. When the butter has melted and the foam appears to be dispersing, it is time to add the eggs. Don't stir the eggs for the first 30 seconds. After that, the edges begin to set. You must move the liquid portions of the egg to the pan surface. The best way to accomplish that is to tilt the pan with one hand and, with the other hand, push the egg edges

toward the center using a rigid spatula. Keep tilting and pushing until the eggs are almost set. They should look creamy, shiny and slightly underdone. Underdone portions will continue to cook as you finish the last step: fold the omelet in half or in thirds and slide it onto a serving plate. You can use the spatula for folding; you needn't flip the pan and watch the eggs fall to the floor.

FRENCH OMELET

pan set over moderate heat. When the butter has melted and looks foamy, add the eggs. As the edges of the eggs begin to set, use a rigid spatula to push the edges toward the center of the pan while tilting the pan to let uncooked portions

move to the exposed surfaces. Keep pushing the eggs and tilting the pan until the eggs are almost set, but still creamy and shiny. Fold the omelet in half or in thirds. Slide out onto a serving plate. Makes two servings.

- 4 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons water
- Salt and pepper
- 2 tablespoons butter
- Beat the eggs with the water, salt and pepper.
- Melt the butter in an omelet

SWEET STRAWBERRY SOUFFLE DESSERT OMELET

- 1/2 cup sliced fresh strawberries
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoons orange-flavored brandy or rum
- 3 large eggs
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly grated orange peel
- Pinch of salt
- 2 tablespoons "creme fraiche" or sour cream
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons sifted confectioner's sugar

bottom of the omelet has set and is golden brown (lift with a rigid spatula to look). Place the pan under the broiler for about 30 seconds, or until it begins to brown. Remove the omelet and spread the strawberry mixture down the center. Fold the omelet in half and remove to a serving plate. Sprinkle the top with sifted confectioner's sugar. Makes two servings.

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Gray-water gardening with softened water could hurt your garden's plants

Some bad, old advice has been making the rounds again. You've probably heard recently that graywater - water you've used for washing and such - can be routed directly to the garden for irrigation. Well, it can, but it's not a good idea. Not around here.

Our water is highly alkaline, like our soil. So almost every plumbing system has a water softener. Without it, our pipes clog up with minerals and our water heaters get so crusted up they quit. We won't even mention the unspeakable things that happen to the bathroom fixtures. Most water softeners use salt to clean out the minerals and the damage they cause. Salt kills plants.

The only spout in our house that produces un-softened and un-salted water is the cold water faucet in the kitchen. We drink that water, and don't want it treated. Every other tap - from the washing machine to the water heater - runs treated water. If I watered my plants (indoors or out) with that, they would die. And that doesn't even touch on the subject of what you add to a sinkful or washerload of the water we use.

I'm pretty sure my roses don't want a big slurp of shampoo or conditioner. But then, I'm sure you get the point.

GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

Conserving water is always a good idea. Giving it to plants after we've added awful things to it is not.

DEAR CATHY: I treat my chlorotic plants to copious amounts of iron and sulfur, but I am curious about proportions. The label on the last bag I purchased stated that it contained 10 percent iron and 5 percent sulfur. Is this sufficient or should I add more?

-GREEN LEAF

DEAR GREEN LEAF: That sounds like a pretty good percentage of elements to me, but then I'm not a plant in your yard. Only your plants can tell you if you're giving them what they want.

If you're seeing results - no more yellowing between green veins - then it's enough. If you're seeing leaves with burned edges, it's too much. (It's the sulfur that burns plants.) If you're adding as much of the stuff as

the bag recommends, watering it in well and you're seeing happy, all-green leaves, everything is coming up roses. So to speak. Thanks for writing.

TIP OF THE WEEK: Most gardeners have a place or two in their yards where they just can't get anything to grow. Maybe it's a spot below a tree, or maybe it's a utility area with compacted soil or even concrete.

Try growing flowers right in the bag. Here's how it works: Put a large, unopened bag of potting soil where you want to create your instant garden. Cut four to six slits across one side for drainage. Flip the bag over (make sure you don't let the soil fly out) and cut several Xs in the other side of the bag. Now, just plant annuals inside the Xs, as though the bag were an actual garden bed. You might want to match the bags to create the illusion that the annuals are growing out of the ground. The slits in the bottom of the bag will allow excess moisture to drain out, but the plastic will do a good job of conserving moisture, cutting down on your watering chores.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at: cawo@pm.org

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Feathered Friends in Your Yard

By Kathy Scott

Welcoming birds into your yard will bring you joy and help provide birds with the food and shelter they need. Birds nesting in your area will also help keep the insect population down. How can you invite and keep your feathered friends at your home?

A bird feeder is a good way to lure birds into your yard. A seed table is a tray about the size of a cookie sheet. Set the tray on top of a high, sturdy pole. Make sure it has a cover to keep it as dry as possible. You can also add a rim so the seed doesn't fall to the ground. To keep the squirrels and other rodents away, place an inverted cone, 3" in diameter, about halfway up the pole.

You need to weigh your options carefully when deciding on the placement of your bird feeder. You'll want to keep it far enough away from trees, large shrubs and bushes so squirrels and cats won't be able to jump onto the feeder. Another consideration is to keep it close enough to a smaller bush so that the feeding birds can take cover from a hawk or other predators.

After you have placed your bird feeder, you then need to fill it with seeds according to the type of bird you want to invite. You don't have to buy expensive bags of birdseed. Homemade birdseed can be as simple as saving-bits of bread, cereal and small pieces of fruit. White millet will attract doves and sparrows. Raisins are good food for robins and bluebirds and black-oil sunflower seeds bring chickadees and woodpeckers.

To keep birds in your yard, help them make nests in your trees. The next time you buy onions, keep the bag. Collect little pieces of cotton or wool material, hair from hairbrushes or lint from the dryer trap. Stuff these items into the onion bag, cinch the top and tie it to a tree. The birds will come by and take what they need to fill their nests.

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FOOD & HOME

Ohio farmer grows 85 kinds of tomatoes

By Jane Snow
Akron Beacon Journal

AKRON, Ohio — Summer in the country is announced on a plywood sign in a rutted driveway: "Squash, Pickles, Cucumbers." Ed Harp doesn't even bother adding "Tomatoes." The tomatoes are a given.

At Ed's Heirlooms in Coventry Township, Ohio, Harp grows 85 kinds of tomatoes. The tomatoes began ripening recently into globes of all sizes and colors — purplish-black, ivory, watermelon-pink, bright red, gold and lemon-yellow. Harp does not grow normal tomatoes. He grows the tomatoes that our grandpar-

ents and their grandparents grew, delicate of constitution but bursting with flavor.

Harp is saving our culinary heritage from the conformity of modern farming. Two years ago, he began buying heirloom tomato seeds from a company in Florida, after noticing the unusual produce used by chefs on television shows and in cookbooks.

"I'm seeing all these different types of baby vegetables, and there's no one around here doing that," Harp said.

Now Harp is doing that, with emphasis on old-fashioned varieties of tomatoes. He sells them in the summer to chic restaur-

ants in Akron and Cleveland. As he tromps through the dirt, sidestepping tomato tendrils, Harp plucks a choicest white cherry tomato, then a Green Pineapple. There are salmon-colored Watermelon tomatoes, narrow yellow Banana Legs and pointy Jersey Devils. There are Pink Ping Pong, Black Seaman, Green Grape and Golden Gem tomatoes.

Harp expects to harvest 200 pounds of tomatoes daily until the first frost hits in September or October. Most of the tomatoes were started last spring from seeds in a homemade greenhouse behind the two-story brick farmhouse where Harp's parents

settled 45 years ago. Harp, 48, still lives in the house with his widowed father.

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TOMATO RECIPES

Here are two of Harp's recipes.

TOMATO GRAVY
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 medium onion, sliced fine
1 clove garlic, crushed and chopped
4 cups chopped tomatoes in tomato juice

3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour
Salt, pepper
Heat oil in a 2-quart saucpan. Sauté onion and garlic until limp. Add chopped tomatoes and juice. Simmer until slightly reduced. In a small skillet, melt butter. Add

flour and whisk over medium heat for 2 minutes. Strain into pan with tomatoes, stirring until smooth. Cook and stir until thickened. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve over buttered rice.

STUFFED CHERRY TOMATOES

12 cherry tomatoes
4 ounces French-style soft goat cheese
2 tablespoons mixed fresh herbs, including basil
2 tablespoons ground pine nuts

2 tablespoons finely chopped dried cranberries
Salt, pepper to taste
Slice off top of tomatoes and hollow out with a small spoon or a melon baller. In a bowl, combine cheese and remaining ingredients. Spoon or pipe mixture into tomatoes. Chill until ready to serve.

Apple producers try to make the best of a damaged crop

By Kim North Shline
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — Michigan's usually abundant apple crop is predicted to drop to a record low 13.1 million bushels this year, down from 22 million bushels last year. But

fewer apples per tree means tastier apples for you and me, says Patrick O'Connor, of the Michigan Apple Committee.

"The tree puts all its energy into fewer fruits so they're better quality and better tasting," he says.

APPLE HAM PUFFS

2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
8 eggs
1 cup heavy whipping cream
Butter for custard or muffin cups
2 cups diced cooked ham
4 thinly sliced, peeled apples
1/4 cup margarine or butter
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour and salt. Beat in the eggs and heavy cream.

until smooth. Lightly butter six custard or muffin cups. Evenly divide the ham among the cups.

Four the egg mixture over the ham. Bake 15 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. While the puffs bake, melt the margarine or butter in a large skillet. Add the apple slices and sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon. Sauté until the sugar is dissolved. Remove the puffs from the oven and spoon the apple mixture onto the center of each puff. Makes 6 generous servings.

DEEP-DISH APPLE CRISP

3 pounds of a combination of Golden Delicious and Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and sliced
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
Topping:
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
Pinch of salt
6 tablespoons butter, cut into pieces and softened
1 cup sliced almonds
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place the apple slices in a large bowl; set aside. In a small bowl, mix together the cornstarch,

sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg. Sprinkle the sugar mixture over the apples, tossing gently to coat. Spread the mixture evenly into a 1 1/2-quart baking dish. In a separate bowl, mix the flour, brown sugar, salt and butter until the mixture is crumbly. Add the sliced almonds and mix well. Spoon the mixture over the apples, pressing down slightly as you go. Completely cover the apples with the topping mixture. Bake 45 minutes, or until apples are tender. Remove from the oven and cool on a wire rack to desired temperature for serving. Or after cooling, refrigerate until ready to eat and serve cold. Makes 8 generous servings.

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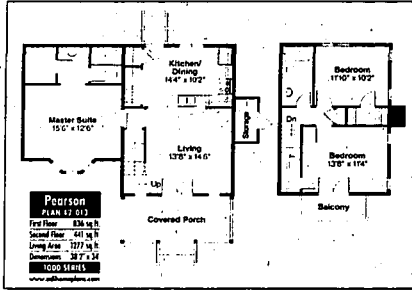
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Pearson facade will catch your eye

The Pearson's lacy trim creates an eye-catching front facade. Delicate spindles rim the second floor balcony, scallops outline the eaves and gingerbread cutouts serve as ornamental supports for the porch roof. Designer Rodney Plotenhauer created the plans for this update of a small Queen Anne-style Victorian. It's easy to imagine taking it easy in an old-fashioned wooden swing on the Pearson's porch, sipping a drink and reading a book or simply watching the world go by.



Slender multipaned windows flank wide multipaned double doors that open into a living room only partially separated from the kitchen/dining area at the rear. Stairs to the upper level are to the left, just inside the door, and a woodstove or gas fireplace nestles into a corner near the kitchen. Family and friends can enjoy the warmth and flames while seated at the raised eating/conversation bar that extends the kitchen's peninsula corner and houses the sink and dishwasher. Washer and dryer are close at hand, but easily hidden behind accordion doors. A broom closet is tucked

between this alcove and the back door. The owners could build a deck or patio, if desired.

A bay window expands the Pearson's master suite, the only main floor bedroom. This window bay makes an ideal location for a window seat, desk or display area. Other features include a walk-in closet, plus a fully enclosed shower and toilet. The lavatory is separate, allowing two people to use the facilities at once and still have privacy. The two bedrooms upstairs each have a walk-in closet and share a bathroom outfitted with a combination tub and shower.

Red-hot chefs: Firefighters light a fire under some mighty fine eating

By Beverly Bundy
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Fighting fires is not adrenaline and macho moves. It's also a lot of waiting. In a station house. Around the clock. With the same faces around the television. Like a family. And like a family, firefighters have to eat. Three times a day. Every day. With each

other. And what they're eating is some of the best food served on city property. Firefighter chefs might originally have pulled the short straw for kitchen duty, but many have evolved into mighty fine cooks.

FIREFIGHTER RECIPES

- FIRE-HALL SALSA**
Yields 5 cups
2 jalapeno peppers
2 serrano peppers
2 cans (28 ounces each) whole tomatoes
1 slice of white onion, 1/4-inch thick
1/2 teaspoon granulated garlic
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
Blacken the four peppers in a dry cast-iron skillet on high heat. While roasting peppers, process half of the tomatoes in a blender or food processor to desired chunkiness and pour into bowl.
After peppers are blackened, remove stems, seeds and skins and process the peppers along with remaining tomatoes and the onion in blender or food processor. Add this to previously processed tomatoes. Stir in spices and serve with chips. Keep in refrigerator for 2 to 3 weeks.
-Billy Hughes
- CHERRY DELIGHT**
Serves 8-10
2 cans (21 ounces each) cherry pie filling
23-ounce can crushed pineapple
1/2 to 16-ounce box white cake mix
1 stick butter
Pour cherry pie filling and pineapple into an ungreased 9-by-12-inch cake pan. Stir together and spread evenly to the edges of the pan. Pour dry cake mix over the fruit in pan. Cut butter into pats and distribute over the dry cake mix.
Bake in 375 degree oven until golden brown - about 45-60 minutes.
Cool for about 30 minutes before serving with ice cream.
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Range hoods are a must in air-tight homes

DEAR JIM: My kitchen has an old noisy range hood and it looks old fashioned. I would like one that has several speeds and is easy to clean. What are my options and which of the styles are most effective?
-JAN E.

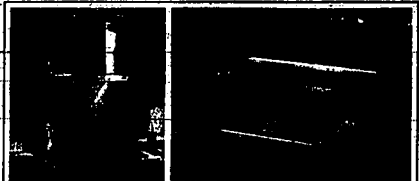
DEAR JAN: The newest range hoods are quieter, more effective and convenient to use. With today's more energy efficient, air-tight homes, it is important to exhaust cooking fumes, grease, odors, etc. for good indoor air quality. These can quickly build up in a kitchen without adequate ventilation.

Many newer range hoods also can be attractive additions to a kitchen. They are decorative with contemporary contours, metal or painted finishes, glass covers, lights, etc. Believe it or not, some fancy ones cost as much as \$15,000, but you can still find decorative, effective ones from \$100 to \$200.

On the other end of the style spectrum are ones that are hidden when not in use. They either pop up from behind the range or fold back into cabinets above the range. The key to effective and quiet operation of a range hood is exhausting just the right amount of air. An air flow of just 50 cubic feet per minute (cfm) per linear foot of the range top is usually adequate. With a new quiet range hood, you can easily talk on the telephone near one running.

Choose a model with several fan speeds for more flexibility and control of the noise level and indoor air quality. When you are just boiling some water or doing other light cooking, the maximum exhaust air flow is not required. On low speed, the fan noise level is about one-tenth as when on high speed.

A three-speed fan is usually adequate, but some expensive models offer variable speeds. A



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Range hood with wire racks and warming lights
Flip-out range hood resembles cabinet front when closed

New range hoods are quiet, powerful and stylish.

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so less builds up in the hood and duct. You can remove the filter periodically and wash it in the dishwasher. Some range hood models also use a teflon coating on the interior for very easy cleaning.

Some features to consider are digital touchpad controls. An auto-off feature allows you to leave the kitchen and the blower will gradually slow and stop after five minutes. Built-in efficient night lights are great around children who tend to leave lights on. Warming trays are also convenient.

There are also important differences in the fan design. Squirrel cage types of blowers are usually quieter and more powerful than simple, lower-cost fan blades. They also use less electricity for a given amount of air flow.

The centrifugal action of the blower tends to sling grease droplets in the air into the filter

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Coleslaw runs the gamut of cabbage's culinary potential

By William Rice
Chicago Tribune

Wherever cabbage goes, coleslaw is not very far behind. For many of us, the Northern European version is still the "mother" preparation, made from green cabbage, shredded or chopped or even minced, dressed with mayonnaise, vinegar and caraway or celery seed. In recent years, though, coleslaw has taken many other guises. Almost every crisp, firm vegetable and fruit has made an appearance in the mix, among them broccoli, carrot, bell pepper, celery, radish, fennel, onions, apple, jicama, fennel and radicchio.

The cabbage itself changes color (do you want green or red?) and texture (from crunchy white to leafy Savoy to soft nap). Some of these may be found in the supermarket produce aisle already washed,

shredded and bagged. The choice of dressings is as varied as the ingredients. But most belong to one of two primary schools: creamy or vinegar-based. Creamy dressing may be boiled or have a base of mayonnaise, sour cream, buttermilk or yogurt. Vinegar-almost-always partners with oil and both ingredients may be Western, Asian or a combination.

The basics: Remove limp outer leaves and cut the cabbage into quarters. Cut away the hard core. Place each quarter on the cutting board, cut side down, and slice down through the rounded side to make thin shreds.

If time allows, place wash in a bowl, cover with cold water and a few ice cubes and refrigerate for an hour or so. Do not salt the water - it may cause the greens to wilt. Wait to add watery garnishes such as tomatoes until the very last moment.

EMPERESS COLESLAW

1 1/2 head Chinese cabbage, thinly sliced
2 ribs celery, thinly sliced
2 green onions, minced
1/2 teaspoon fennel or anise seed, crushed
1 piece (2 inches) ginger root, minced, optional
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground white pepper
1/4 cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons peanut oil
1 tablespoon sherry vinegar

Mix cabbage and celery in a medium bowl. Combine green onions, fennel seed, ginger, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Add mayonnaise; stir to combine ingredients. Slowly stir in oil and vinegar. Pour dressing over cabbage and celery; toss to blend. Chill if desired.
Serve with chicken or shrimp.

COLESLAW RECIPES

BLENDER SLAW

1 small head cabbage, quartered; cored
1/2 green bell pepper, cored, seeded
1/2 onion, coarsely chopped
1 carrot, peeled, coarsely chopped
1 teaspoon caraway seeds

Dressing:
1 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon each: grated onion, celery or dill seed
1/2 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground white pepper
2 tablespoons lemon juice

Working in batches, place cabbage, bell pepper, onion and carrot into a blender until half full. Add cold water to within 1 inch of the top. Cover chop for 2 seconds. Empty vegetables into a fine-mesh strainer to drain. Repeat process until all the veg-

etables are chopped. Place in a salad bowl; sprinkle with caraway seeds. For dressing, beat the sour cream in medium bowl until smooth. Stir in the onion, celery seed, salt and pepper to taste. Thin the cream with the lemon juice. Pour over vegetables; toss lightly.
-Adapted from "Joy of Cooking," by Irma S. Rombauer and Marion Rombauer Becker.

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Try one last taste of summer

By Laura Rössner
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Whatever type of corn you prefer, look for corn that is still green and tender. As husk removal accelerates loss of water from the corn. The husks should be green and the silks shiny, and neither should be dry. The ears should feel plump and heavy for their size. Keep corn in the vegetable bin of the refrigerator, unhusked and wrapped in a damp cloth (1 use paper towels).

There are countless ways to enjoy fresh corn, though the easiest is to shuck the corn, then immediately add the ears to a big pot of boiling water. Don't salt the water as it makes the kernels tough. Some people add a tablespoon of granulated sugar to the water. Cook for three minutes (or up to a minute less if you like the corn crispier - take one ear out and test it). Remove and serve immediately. Pass butter, kosher salt and cayenne pepper so your family can season to their own taste.

GRILLED CORN-ON-THE-COB THE WAY FATHER-IN-LAW MADE IT

Serves 4
4 unhusked ears of sweet corn
Prepare corn as in recipe below, except that before pulling the husks back over the ears, smooth 1 tablespoon of butter all over the kernels. After husking, tightly wrap each ear individually in aluminum foil, sprinkling a teaspoon of water inside the foil before closing. Place foil-wrapped ears on preheated grill over medium fire

for 30 minutes, giving one-quarter turn every 7 or 8 minutes. My late and much-missed father-in-law, Mike Rössner, used to take them off the grill after 20 minutes, then bury them in the gray embers of the charcoal fire for the last 10 minutes, and they always tasted especially wonderful that way. If you want to copy Mike, use long tongs and two flameproof oven mitts to avoid injury.

GRILLED CORN-ON-THE-COB THE EASY WAY

Serves 4
4 unhusked ears of sweet corn
Peel back the husks of corn but do not remove them. Carefully remove all the corn silk. Run the husks under the faucet, then shake to remove excess water. Pull the husks back up over the kernels. Put the re-husked cobs on a preheated grill over medium fire for 7 to 8 minutes, giving one-quarter turn every 2 minutes. Remove one ear from the fire and taste a kernel for doneness - return to grill for another two to three minutes if raw. Serve immediately.

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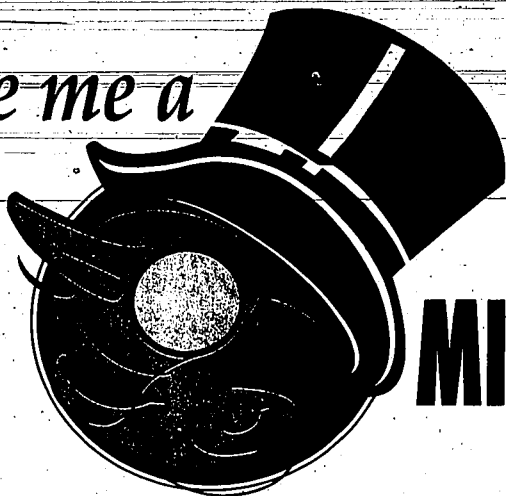
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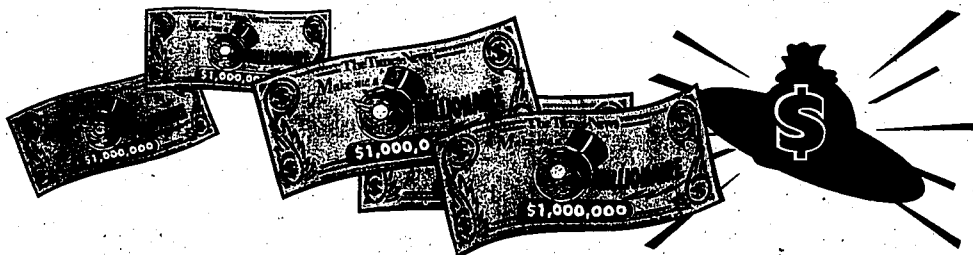


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FOOD & HOME

Pack a punch at lunch

By Althea Zanosky
Idaho Falls Daily News

Friskey tons and teens don't eat a lot of the food. In fact, they're probably throwing it in the garbage.

While 44 percent of cafeteria managers said that equal amounts of tossed food came from the cafeteria and home, an additional 35 percent claimed that more food from home was thrown out, according to a government survey.

Kids may want to get to recess, or are too busy socializing to eat. If you want to up the odds that your kids will eat a healthy meal, here are crafty ways to pack your bag lunches that'll like. First, let little ones check what they like on school menus each month, then try in-school lunches only on those days. On other days, enlist the kids' help in selecting and preparing lunches. And glance at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Pyramid at www.nal.usda.gov:8001/py/pmpap.htm.

BREAD/GRAINS

Pita stuffed with tuna or cold cuts (either one small pita or half of a regular round)
Muffin (also sold in mini-muffin packets)
Quick bread (banana, pumpkin, raisin). Some companies make healthy organic or fat-free breads that are as simple as adding water.
Kaiser roll or small club roll
Bagel
Tortillas (come in half-size rounds).
Crackers (Try some of the bagged varieties, like Elmo packs, that mix pretzels with cheddar crackers and Cheerios, sort of like a kid's patty mix.)
Bread sticks (They come packaged in boxes.)
Cold pasta or rice, especially when they're shaped like Blues clues or miniature baseballs. These can be made into a salad by mixing with other food groups. For example, rice can be mixed with black beans and wrapped in tortilla.
Cereal (Add fruit on the side in plastic bag, buy milk at school or freeze and stow a milk box to top.)

MEATS

Peanut butter
Tuna (Provide some crackers and voila, kids can build their own mini sandwiches. Kits are

also sold with premixed tuna salad in pop-open cans.)
Shelled walnuts, peanuts, pistachios

Turkey
Hummus (Another disguised health food, hummus is pure protein and great for dipping.)

Mild cheese (Cheese sticks are now swirled, to combine two cheese varieties into one stick.)
Hard-boiled eggs
Tofu

VEGGIES

Baby carrots
Cucumber slices
Celery sticks (Cut them up; smaller means less resemblance to a vegetable if you're 8 years old.)
Broccoli florets
Pepper strips - orange, yellow, and red are sweetest
Cherry tomatoes

FRUIT

Small apple
Halved kiwi packed with spoon for scooping
Mango slices
Orange, clementine or tangerine
Grapes
Small container of applesauce - now in a variety of colors and flavors - or pineapple, berries and melon chunks. Plastic diced fruit cups are now available, making canned fruits, even the pop-top kind, passe.
Raisins and other dried fruits are fabulous sources of vitamin C and fiber.

MILK

Chocolate, strawberry and plain milk are sold at most schools. Parmalat makes boxed milk that does not need to be refrigerated.
The new Fizzy Lizzy brand juices boast that they have no added sugar, and are simply fruit juices and seltzer. They're appearing in local stores this fall.
Frozen milk box - cow's milk or fortified soy
Yogurts now come in squeeze tubes, drinkable miniature bottles or cups that mesh two flavors together in swirls

Pudding cups

Fruit filled cookies
Individual/single serving size candy or cake (An empty 35mm film case is great for M&Ms!)
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2 teaspoons vanilla extract
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SCHOOL LUNCH RECIPES

TURKEY ON A BREADSTICK

2 slices dell-diced turkey
2 teaspoons mustard, mayonnaise or margarine
2 long hard breadsticks
Spread mustard, mayonnaise or margarine on each slice of turkey
Roll turkey around top of breadstick, leaving a handle for grabbing.
Dab a small amount of spread at seam of turkey to seal edge.
Makes 2 servings.

GEEZ-O-CHEEZ KABOBS

20 half-inch cheese cubes (cheddar, Muenster, Colby, Monterey Jack)
2 dill pickles, sliced into chunks
10 olives
1 stalk celery, sliced into chunks
10 toothpicks
Thread 2 cheese cubes and a pickle, olive, and piece of celery onto each toothpick. Continue until everything's used. Makes 10 servings.
-From "Brown Bag Success: Making Healthy Lunches Your Kids Won't Trade"

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Even dummies can bake

By Jill L. Kubatko
The Baltimore Sun

This recipe is from "Baking for Dummies."

LIGHT AND FLUFFY YELLOW CAKE

- 2 1/2 cups cake flour
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon ground ginger
 - 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine
 - 1 1/4 cups sugar
 - 3 eggs
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 3/4 cup sour cream, plain yogurt or buttermilk
- Preheat oven to 350. Grease two 8- or 9-inch cake pans. In medium bowl, combine flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt and ginger. In separate bowl, cream butter and sugar, using an electric mixer. Add eggs and vanilla. Scrape down the sides of the bowl occasionally. Alternate adding the flour mixture and the sour cream to the butter mixture, beginning and ending with

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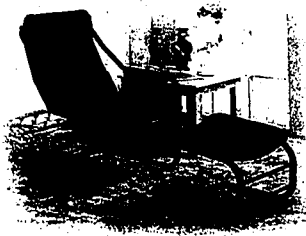
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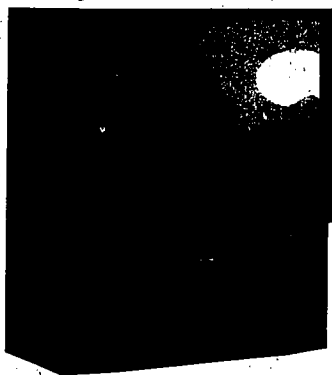


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What's in store for the high school season.

MORNING LINE

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"It was cold today, so I wanted to wear the skirt. I'm ready to get back into the cat suit."

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Serena Williams, on her outfit Sunday

TRIVIA QUESTION

Name the most recent U.S. Olympic Marathon champion. ...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school boys soccer
Bliss at Buhl, 5:30 p.m.
Filer at Declo, 5:30 p.m.

High school volleyball
Camas County, Raft River at Shoshone, 5 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Kimberly boosters meet tonight
KIMBERLY - The Kimberly High School booster club will meet at 6 p.m. tonight in the media room of the high school to plan the upcoming homecoming barbecue.
For more information, call George Plew at 423-4987.

Wendell Jayvee football game moves to Thursday
WENDELL - The Wood River-Wendell junior varsity football game has been moved from Halley to Wendell on Thursday at 7 p.m. The varsity game between each kicks off Friday at Wendell at 7:30 p.m.

Co-ed softball touney deadline today
JEROME - The deadline is 5 p.m. today for a co-ed one-pitch softball tournament sponsored by the Jerome Recreation Dept. and Jerome Softball Association to be held this Saturday at Gayle Forsyth Memorial Park in Jerome. The team fees are \$120 and due prior to the first game. To register, call the recreation dept. at 324-3389 or York Corbridge at 837-6694.

Hagerman softball touney needs teams
HAGERMAN - A co-ed softball tournament, Hagerman and Jerome, is set for Sept. 14-15. Cost is \$165 per team.
For more information, call Lyle at 736-1964 or Ben at 737-9242.

U.S. handles N. Zealand; Yugoslavia beats Brazil
INDIANAPOLIS - Yugoslavia's run of poor starts ended, and that meant an end to Brazil's great start at the World Championships. With four new starters - including two NBA stars and a recent draft pick - Yugoslavia handed Brazil its first loss of the tournament Tuesday, 90-65.
Spain was also handed its first loss, 73-65 by Puerto Rico. Argentina and the United States did remain unbeaten with wins Tuesday and they meet in the final second-round game today. Argentina beat Germany 86-77 and the United States beat New Zealand 110-62 to set up the unbeaten showdown.
In other second-round games Tuesday, Turkey beat Angola 86-66 and Russia defeated China 95-68.
Also Tuesday, Canada beat Venezuela 98-97 to take 13th place and Algeria beat Lebanon 100-70 for 15th.

TRIVIA ANSWER:
Benito Sanuelson won the first women's marathon in 1984 in Los Angeles.

Big-time center arrives at CSI

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Get used to seeing the name Sani Ibrahim. The 6-foot-10 freshman center from Nigeria via Atlanta, Ga., inked his national letter of intent over the weekend to play basketball this season for the College of Southern Idaho. Ibrahim arrived in Twin Falls on Saturday. A prototypical power player with cat-like skills on the baseline and a surprisingly deft touch from the perimeter, Ibrahim



Sani Ibrahim breath away from the NBA," said Beach of the highly coveted big man. "And we got a pretty good team around him. We got good size, good athletes, good shooters

...we're pretty good." And with Ibrahim in Twin Falls, the final piece for a run at the national championship is in place. Scrimmaging Tuesday in the CSI gym, Ibrahim showed off a toolbox worth of skills. Dunks, passes, rebounding, short-range jumpers, and defense, a whole lot of defense. If Ibrahim isn't blocking a shot, he most certainly was disrupting and altering them. If there were any weaknesses, it was Ibrahim's adjustment to the altitude after working out all

summer in Florida, but he kept up when needed. He also favored his right hand more than his left but wanted the ball on the block and sank some nice turnaround buckets on occasion. There were plenty of moves elsewhere. Six-foot-5 slasher Dante Sawyer impressed with quick power moves through the lane and a physical presence. Aking Elting, little brother of CSI sophomore Sakrit Dent, showed he's a player with nice range and a command of the backcourt. Iowa high school standout

James Ebert drained five 3-pointers in two pick-up games and sophomore Clint Deas was around the basket at will. Guillaume Yango put on a shooting clinic from 12 feet. Sophomore transfers Jaison Williams (Xavier) and Jeff Williams (Montana State) showed a knack for finishing and Ryan Davis from San Jose State kept himself busy with passing and defense. Late recruit, 6-8 Bruno Marcelino Claudino of Brazil is expected to arrive by the end of the week.

BRUIN SENIORS BOUNCE BUHL

Twin Falls wins in four to even record

By Joe Palalay
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Bruin seniors came through during critical points to help Twin Falls eke out a tough four-game non-conference win over the Buhl Indians Tuesday night in Baum Gymnasium. Twin Falls won 21-19, 15-21, 25-24, 22-20, to even its record at 1-1 behind the nine assists and smart play from setter Temple Levings, the only returning starter from last year. Her experience showed. Levings picked up a key point on a soft kill to the middle of the Buhl zone during the pivotal Game 3. The play denied Buhl during one of four game points in an eventual 25-24 win for the Bruins.

Senior middle blockers Aubrey Harding and Shay Tusow came through with points while Twin Falls rallied to win Game 4, ending the match. Harding finished with five blocks and Tusow added three. Leading 20-17, Buhl was on the verge of tying the match at two games apiece. But three Indian errors, including the match-tying line violation, a soft kill by Levings and a block by Tusow ended the match.

"Temple and Aubrey really stood out a bit," said Bruins head coach Jerry Sivulich. "Everyone else did their role. Aubrey blocked really well and Temple is just good." Levings knocked down four kills while Amanda Hovey led the team with six spikes. Krista Gambrell hit the floor for seven digs.

Buhl's lone win came during Game 2, taking advantage of the Bruins erratic serving and errors. Twin Falls hit into the net five times, sailed long three times and had two aces during the match. "Our serving is getting better," Sivulich said. "Our passing was better. We still need to get our setters out of the net."



Buhl's Jessica Brown goes up for a hard hit that whizzed past the Twin Falls defense in the second game of their match Tuesday evening in Twin Falls. The Bruins beat the Tribe, 21-19, 15-21, 25-24, 22-20 for their first win of the season.

The experience of playing in its second match paid dividends for the Bruins while Buhl looked like a team playing an opener. "More often, Twin Falls' passing was better, setting up kill attempts while Buhl often had to settle for just getting the ball over. But when Buhl passed and set well during the same sequence, senior Sherry King and junior Jessica Brown both

could hammer the ball down. Brown and King led Buhl (0-1) in kills with five apiece. King added three blocks. "We did a lot of things right," Buhl coach Erin Scott said. "Everyone played really well, we just ended up on the wrong end of it." Buhl hosts Declo Thursday while Twin Falls travels to Jerome.

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- Buhl coach Erin Scott

Williams sisters, Sampras, Roddick win

The Associated Press
NEW YORK - No one has come close to testing Serena Williams at the U.S. Open. Here's how older sister Venus responded to her first challenge: She dug in, pulled out a three-set victory, then went right out and practiced. Both moved closer to another all-Williams final with victories Tuesday, though in vastly different ways. Serena reached the semifinals by dominating Daniela Hantuchova 6-2, 6-2 at night. Venus looked a bit vulnerable against Chanda Rubin before emerging with a 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 victory to reach the quarterfinals for the 18th time in 20 Grand Slam events. There will be a marquee matchup in the men's quarterfinals, with Pete Sampras facing Andy Roddick. Four-time champion Sampras won Tuesday night's last match when No. 3 Tommy Haas double faulted on the final point, while Roddick got past Juan Ignacio Chela in four sets.



Venus Williams, of the United States, returns to Chanda Rubin, of the United States, at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Tuesday. Williams won 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.
Top-seeded Serena, the 1999 Open champion, had 29 winners to six for the 11th-seeded Hantuchova, and whipped 12 aces at up to 115 mph. When Hantuchova arrived at the National Tennis Center hours before the match, she was wearied.
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X-Country teams seek success at state

By Sarah Dean
Times-News writer

Cross country got off to a running start Friday with the first local meet of the season at the College of Southern Idaho. Local girls outpaced their counterparts when Burley freshman, Stephanie Johnson, won the girls meet in a time of 21 minutes, 10 seconds. Always competitive Jerome finished well behind Tara Davis (23:00) and Ana Barilomeu (23:06).

Team-by-team capsules - D5
Burley coach Mary Miller was thrilled with Johnson's performance. "Steph has the will and ability to excel at anything," she said. "I hope she does as well at every race." As for the rest of the rest of the team, Miller said they are very different from last year but have the willpower to make it to state.

This is a rebuilding year for Jerome's head coach Michelle Skyles. The team is young and will look to Davis for leadership. Though young, Skyles promises she will take them to state. "If we can keep the top five bunched even better than we did today, we'll do really well," Skyles said. The Twin Falls girls are also young, reports Larry Lewis, but he looks to juniors Sadie Hafer, Virginia Reynolds, Amber Dunford and Josie Morse for leadership. With perennial state champion Carr Patterson finishing graduated, Gooding hopes April Hornan

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Fall Sports Previews
The Times-News finishes its look at fall high school sports. Today: Cross country

Seattle, Anaheim still chase red-hot Oakland

The Associated Press
SEATTLE - Despite what Oakland is doing, the Seattle Mariners still have the confidence of a team that won 116 games last season. And they still believe they're good enough to win the AL West. "We need to step up and do what we're capable of doing," second baseman Bud Boone said. "Obviously, I think you've seen enough over the last two years that we're capable of doing a lot of things." The third-place Mariners (81-57) are the defending division champs and made it to the AL championship series the past two seasons. But they've known they've got to play much better in September after going 13-15 in August, their first losing month in two years. And they need for the Athletics (87-51), winners of 19 in a row, to cool off. "We won 15 games in a row last year and it felt like we hadn't

lost in two months." Boone said. "Those guys are 19. It's amazing. They might never lose again." The Mariners, who had Tuesday off, trailed the A's by six games after their 5-2 victory over AL Central-leading Minnesota Twins on Monday. They began Tuesday trailing Anaheim by two games in the wild-card race. "We can beat them," Seattle's Ruben Sierra said. "We always play well against them. By the time we play against them, that's when we have to see who is who." The Mariners tied the major league record with their 16 victories last season, but have showed signs of age and have been hit by injuries this season.

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Mets drop NL-record 15th straight home game

NEW YORK (AP) - The New York Mets bungled their way to National League record 15th consecutive loss at home.

Encarnacion had an RBI double in 12th inning as the Florida Marlins beat the Mets 3-2 Tuesday night in the first game of a doubleheader.

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PRESTON WILSON hit a tying home off closer Armando Benitez in the ninth and Juan Pierre hit a two-run homer and Matt Clement pitched a six-hitter as Chicago beat Milwaukee.

ST. LOUIS - Jim Edmonds hit a two-run homer and Woody Williams won for the first time in more than two months as St. Louis beat Cincinnati.

DETROIT - Rookie Andy Van Hekken pitched a complete game shutout in his major league debut, allowing eight hits to lead Detroit past Cleveland.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. - Jarrod Washburn became Anaheim's first 16-game winner in nine years and Orlando Palmeiro drove in a career-high four runs as the Angels beat Tampa Bay.

TORONTO - Jose Valentin's second homer of the game broke a tie in the seventh inning as Chicago won a season-high seventh straight.

LOS ANGELES - Alex Gonzalez and Ruben Sierra hit home runs to lead the Texas Rangers to a 3-0 win in their eighth straight victory.

MINNEAPOLIS - Prince Fielder hit a two-run homer and Justin Morneau pitched a complete game as the Twins beat the White Sox 5-0.

CHICAGO - Alex Gonzalez and Ruben Sierra hit home runs to lead the Texas Rangers to a 3-0 win in their eighth straight victory.

Aces

- Forest Ward**
 Where: Twin Falls Muni GC
 When: Aug. 30
 Hole: No. 4, 172 yards
 Club: 7-iron
 History: First-ever
 Witnesses: Phil McRoberts
- Bruce Evans**
 Where: Clear Lake CC
 When: Aug. 29
 Hole: No. 5, 140 yards
 Club: 9-iron
 History: First-ever
 Witnesses: Greg Hoyt
- Dave Moller**
 Where: Ponderosa GC
 When: Aug. 28
 Hole: No. 1, 121 yards
 Club: pitching wedge
 History: second one
 Witnesses: John Cooper, Leroy German, Russell Hollins, Earl Simpson, Dan Simpson
- Ron Thompson**
 Where: Clear Lake CC
 When: Aug. 24
 Hole: No. 5, 140 yards
 Club: 8-iron
 History: First-ever
 Witnesses: Doug Mackey, Gary Kennison, Ken Ambrose, Maria Thompson
- Ed Hinkle**
 Where: Centennial GC, Nampa
 When: Aug. 24
 Hole: No. 7, 113 yards
 Club: A-wedge
 History: First-ever
 Witnesses: Eric Ettar, Sean Sullivan, Dave Hicks
- Ken Redder**
 Where: Burley Golf Course
 When: Aug. 22
 Hole: No. 7, 141 yards
 Club: 6-iron
 Witnesses: Deane Hutchison
- Floyd Southwick**
 Where: Burley Golf Course
 When: Aug. 22
 Hole: No. 17
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 Witnesses: Lenny Jones, Neal Breshears

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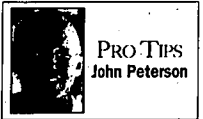
Times-News Mini-Cassia sportswriter Scott Thompson tees off on the eighth hole at Ponderosa Golf Course in Burley Tuesday.

Always put your best putt forward

Putting. Wow. A person could write a whole book on this part of the golf game. And there have been a number written already, yet never reach a meeting of the minds.

If you look at a putter rack in a well-stocked pro shop you will see an incredible number of styles and types. The tremendous array is indicative of the different philosophies of what it takes to be a good putter on the golf course.

To quote W.T. Linskill, the founder of the Cambridge University Golf Club: "No amount of eccentric implement will make a bad putter putt better."



PRO TIPS
John Peterson

If you observe a good putter on television or on the golf course you will probably be aware of several consistent patterns in their attempt to get that great big ball into that tiny little hole. The one most important thing is that their mechanics are very good. By that, I mean they approach the putt with several ideas that are consistent among all good putters. It has been said that mechanics are 10 percent of putting and feel is 90 percent, so feel and how much confidence lead to good feel.

There may be no single element of putting technique that every great putter agrees on but there are a few that most will support. The first is the eyes must be directly over the ball or maybe slightly inside the line. I think this is important because our peripheral vision has a hard time to how we relate to the target line.

Naturally, the club face has to be square to or facing the target line. I don't care how positive you are and how much confidence you have in your stroke, you can not make the ball go in the hole if the club face is pointed in the wrong direction.

If you were to watch Tiger Woods closely, you would be impressed with the stillness that his body maintains. There are very few moving parts with the majority of the motion being generated by his upper arms and shoulders.

This is his way of keeping the club face square to the line at impact and keeping the hands very quiet in the follow through stroke. With this simple motion he rolls the ball with true over-spin giving it a better chance of rolling along the intended putt line.

When talking about grip and ball position, a golfer's personal preference is most important. This is due to the player finding his or her own "comfort zone." The grip can range from overlap, cross overlap or cross-hand depending on the person's desire. Also, the position of the ball depends on the individual. I don't think it makes any difference whether the ball is played forward in the stance, centered in the stance or more toward the rear foot.

I do think it is important, however, to have the weight distributed more on the front foot if the ball is forward and on the back foot if the ball is played more toward the rear of the stance.

One of the most important elements of good putting is the ability to control emotions. The main reason for poor putting is the overwhelming desire to get the ball in the hole. As a result, the interference of the golf ball changes the putting stroke and the ball is hit with a decelerating stroke.

If you are comfortably positioned over the ball you will at least have a chance to strike the ball in an accelerating manner. Once you have done that, you have picked the line of the putt, all you can do is start it and let the Lord handle it from there.

John Peterson is the golf professional at Jerome Country Club.

Thumbs up to the Dream Swing

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Clint Harper is a lot of things — talkative, enthusiastic, patient, arrogant — and, maybe above all other things, a genius.

I must confess my original notion of him was vastly different on the final point when he called *The Times-News* this spring to suggest a story on his invention, the Dream Swing, a device aimed at improving golfers' swings.

As a journalist, I have had many more people call me up trying to drum up free publicity for some foolish invention.

I figured the self-proclaimed "dumb farmer from Idaho" was another of these, but I returned his call anyway.

My plan was to have a few laughs and golf a few rounds if he would let me — perhaps the worst golfer in history — try his invention for a month and report the findings to you.

And those findings are: This tetherball-looking contraption, designed to keep a golfer's swing on the correct plane, has helped my golf scores drop faster than a 40(X).

As reported last month, I shot a 57 on the front nine at Burley Golf Course, with plenty of mulligans. Since then, I have shot rounds of 117 and 111 at Burley and 113 at Rupert Country Club, with minimal cheating and an

Dream Swing, Pt. 2

Scott Thompson
accepted Paul resident Clint Harper's challenge to use Harper's golf swing invention for a month. This is his report after a month with the product.

diminishing slice.

I have also shot nine-hole rounds of 44, 39 and 39 at the par-3 Ponderosa Golf Club in Burley.

Most importantly, I have never enjoyed golf so much.

Harper has said not just a few times that the Dream Swing does its job better than anything else in the world. He told me just the other day that I should put side-by-side photographs of Tiger Woods and the Dream Swing with this column.

Under them he suggested a caption that would read: "Best golfer in the world; best swing trainer in the world."

I can't tell you if it's the best or not, because the Dream Swing is the only one I've tried. And, of course, I realize that simply playing more has probably helped me play better.

But I have no reservations telling you that if you have a spare \$299 lying around and want to improve your golf swing, I would not hesitate to try it out.

Not everyone feels so fondly

about the Dream Swing. Harper admits that none of the PGA professionals in the area are using his invention, and that he has run into resistance from that group.

It hasn't endeared them to Harper.

"I have the kind of personality that when they tell me it doesn't work or it's not for them, that I can tell them they are full of s---," Harper said.

That attitude hasn't endeared Harper to them, either — though no professionals I talked to would discuss Harper or the Dream Swing on the record.

This column is not designed to endorse the Dream Swing over lessons from your local professional, because I have never had a private or group lesson. I am confident that these people who have dedicated their lives to helping others improve their golf games would be extremely good at doing exactly that.

Rather, if there's given you a review of what Harper's invention did for me.

And I give it a thumbs up.

On the Web: Harper's Web site is www.dreamswing.com. Donnelley Sports in Burley also has a demo that you can take home and try.

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Golfers differ on name brand equipment

Knight Ridder News Service

Some golfers have to buy the latest and greatest. Others have zero tolerance for those golfers.

In the latter group are the kinds of people who buy Zero Tolerance club heads or other brands not as well-known as Ping, Taylor Made or Cleveland.

Chris DeWulf, who makes custom clubs at his shop, Classic Golf in Westland, Mich., said amateur golfers don't necessarily need the most expensive equipment. He uses less-expensive Zero Tolerance heads in some clubs he builds. Many little-known companies make clubs that compare favorably to their

better-known and more expensive competition, DeWulf said.

Many golfers nowadays get custom-fitted for clubs. DeWulf has been fitting customers since 1988, but he doesn't sell big-name clubs.

"For years and years, it was the less you know, the better," he said. "Now all the companies have fitting systems."

DeWulf's custom clubs are less expensive, but they are made with shafts, grips and club heads from companies most people can't identify.

Critics, who say you get what you pay for, believe custom clubs can't deliver the same results.

"The problem is the assembly

of the club," said Steve Brady, assistant pro at Oakland Hills Country Club in the Detroit area. "If it's a major manufacturer, they're going to stand by their product. If there's something wrong, they'll send you a new driver."

"If you have a knockoff club and someone who doesn't know what they're doing (building it), you can run into a problem."

DeWulf said too many golfers are impressed by brand names and fail to buy products tailor-made for their games.

"I'd shoot with a pink ladies shaft if I could shoot 72 with it," he said. "That's all that matters: the results."

There's much to consider when buying a driver

Knight Ridder News Service

The few who can crush a golf ball consistently off the tee make their living doing it.

But that doesn't stop equipment manufacturers from trying to figure out a way for the rest of us to emulate Tiger, Phil and Sergio. That's especially true for those who try to hit a ball into oblivion with their trusty driver, the king of all clubs.

"The driver is the ego club," says Chris DeWulf, owner of Classic Golf in Westland, Mich. He makes custom clubs, repairs others and says some customers tell him to build a club solely so they can hit the ball farther than their buddies.

"It's that ego thing," DeWulf said, "that caveat instinct."

Shopping for a golf driver has become complicated in recent years. It makes the days of buy-

ing a club after a couple of in-store practice swings look historic.

When you walk into a store to buy a driver, be ready to ask plenty of questions because you can be inundated with choices.

Just keep in mind that all that technology isn't everything. DeWulf said a club alone won't make you a great golfer. The swing is still 80 to 90 percent of it.

Club calender

93 Golf Ranch
Sept. 14: A golf scramble will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 93 Golf Ranch in Jerome. Cost is \$35 per person, which includes greens fees, cart and lunch. The tournament is a fund-raiser for the Snake River Elk Lodge and College of Southern Idaho Technical Scholarship Committee.

Proceeds go toward funding a scholarship for a high school senior who is registered with CSI in the vocational/technical department. For more information, call Rick Underwood at 324-7259.

Candleridge Golf Course
Sept. 12: Lullfot Memorial Tournament
Crossroads United Methodist Church is sponsoring the second annual Bruce Lullfot Memorial Golf Tournament at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12. The scramble has a shotgun start.

For more information, call 423-4311 or 736-069.

Jackpot Golf Course
Oct. 5: The fifth annual Jackpot Community Church four-person golf scramble is on Saturday, Oct. 5. Entry fee is \$50 per person, which includes greens fees, cart and lunch.

Call (775) 556-2888 or (775) 755-2351 for more information.

Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course
Sept. 14: Scramble for Books fund-raiser set for next week
The Twin Falls Public Library Foundation's Scramble for Books golf tournament will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14 at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. There will be a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. and another at 1:45 p.m. The four-person teams are asked to submit their preference upon registration. Awards go to the morning and afternoon scramble winners, men's division and mixed/adies division.

There is a barbecue lunch from noon to 2 p.m. at the clubhouse. Carts cost \$20. Raffle and mulligan tickets are available.

Nielsen shoots 90 in about an hour

The Times-News

JACKPOT, Nev. — Former College of Southern Idaho distance runner and 2002 Boston Marathon finisher Mike Nielsen is back to speed golf.

After leaving the unique sport — where golfers run between shots and holes, trying

to finish a round as quickly as possible — Nielsen carded a 90 in 1 hour, 7 minutes at Jackpot Golf Course in Jackpot, Nev., on Monday.

Nielsen said he carried four clubs with him during the round and said he is looking at possibly playing in a future speed golf tournament.

Cameraman dies during exhibition

CARMEL, Calif. (AP) — A television cameraman died Tuesday in a forklift accident while taping the Shell's Wonderful World of Golf exhibition between Fred Couples and Mark Calcavecchia.

Brian Blodgett, a cameraman for all 42 of the Shell's matches since they were revived in 1994, died while being taken to Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula. The cause of death was pending an autopsy.

Blodgett, of Jacksonville, Fla.,

was 37. He is survived by his wife, Kelly.

"Brian was a well-respected member of the golf community, and that extends to his family also," said Blodgett. "He was a very professional, very hard worker."

Blodgett was playing the second hole at Santa Lucia Preserve when the forklift toppled, Gaylord spokeswoman Ann Victor said. She said the nature of his injuries was not immediately clear.

Olympics golf gets closer to reality

The Associated Press

Golf cleared its first big hurdle last week when an IOC report recommended adding the sport to the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

Because the IOC refuses to increase the number of Olympic sports above the current level of 28, golf can only be admitted if another sport is dropped. Baseball, softball and the modern pentathlon are on the chopping block.

A larger hurdle could be an International Olympic Committee directive that a sport is added

only if it attracts the best athletes. Does golf have a chance?

"We have discussed this with the IOC," U.S. Golf Association executive director David Fay said last week before leaving for Switzerland to meet with IOC president Jacques Rogge. "They understand that golfers are independent contractors, and no one makes a decision for a player other than the player."

"Who knows what will happen in 2008? Tiger Woods might be racing yachts. You can't make an assumption six years out."

SPORTS

Offense reigns: Cutthroat boys outslug Bruins 6-5 Open

The Times-News

HALEY - Forward John Hayes scored three goals to lead The Community School (Ketchum) Cutthroats past Twin Falls 6-5 in boys soccer Tuesday in Halley.

Twin Falls then fell to 3-6 state runners-up Wood River, 2-1, late Tuesday.

Sean Higgins contributed two goals for the hosts. Ketchum's Juan Minoz opened the scoring for the victors.

"It was just a positive way to start the season and to see both teams score," said Cutthroat coach Richard Whitelaw.

The Community School (1-0-0) travels to Minico on Saturday at 11 a.m.

Minico def. Jerome, 3-1

JEROME - The Minico Spartans dominated their first game, defeating host Jerome 3-1 in boys soccer Tuesday in Jerome.

Minico's Kevin Bean scored in the 18th minute to tie the game at 1-1. A combination of Riley Griffin's goal in the 54th minute and Bean's second goal of the night in the 72nd minute solidified Minico's win.

Tiger forward Stephen Schwanebeck scored the first goal of the game early in the first half.

"It was a tough game," Jerome coach Jose Morales said. "I think we were on their end of the field most of the time. Minico had some great saves on a lot of our shots, but so did we."

Jerome (0-1-0) travels to Burley on Thursday.

Burley 2, Highland 2

BURLEY - Mick Barker's second goal of the game in the 72nd minute salvaged a 2-2 tie with Highland Tuesday in Burley.

Barker gave Burley a 1-0 lead 30 seconds into the game, but Highland answered in the fifth minute.

The Rams went on to score in the 50th minute.

"For our first game, we played really well," Burley coach Wes Nyblade said. "I felt we dominated a 5A school. But we still have a lot to work on."

Magic Valley Christian def. Wendell, 1-0

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Christian Conquerors defeated the Wendell Trojans 1-

Local sports

Tuesday night in Twin Falls

Conqueror Luke Tucker scored the solo goal in the season opener for both teams.

Girls soccer

Buhl def. Wendell, 4-0

WENDELL - Buhl blanked Wendell, 4-0, under the lights Tuesday night in Wendell.

Indians Stephanie Ordenez, Monica Routh, Bryann Anderson, and Jayne Anderson each contributed a goal as well.

Buhl's new keeper, Ashley Peterson, made three saves.

"We had some real good performances by some of the new girls to the team," said Indian coach Don Campbell. "We were satisfied with the first game and our overall performance."

Buhl (1-0-0) travels to Jerome on Tuesday.

Jerome 5, Minico 0

RUPERT - Senior Grace Miramontes scored a hat trick Tuesday to lead the Jerome Tigers to a season-opening 5-0 victory over the home-standing Minico Spartans.

Sue Lopez (4th minute) and Silvia Miramontes (8th) scored a pair of early goals to get the Tigers rolling, a year removed from a two-win season that included a victory over Minico.

"Hopefully, they will keep on coming," Jerome coach Vince Gibson said. "Offensively, our speed and execution generated a lot more shots on goal than a year ago. This is (the team's) second year under me so they know what to expect now."

Grace Miramontes was limited to playing goalie last year because of a knee injury that hindered her movement.

"We are not in good enough shape," Minico coach Melodee Christensen said. "And we need to get more power in our kicks. Our defenders are not kicking it hard enough to clear the ball. So, we have a lot to work on."

Wood River 2, Twin Falls 1

HALEY - The Twin Falls girls split with Blaine County rivals

The Community School and Wood River, Tuesday night in Halley.

The Bruins beat the Cutthroats 5-2 behind two goals apiece by Mallory Tortorelli and Orla Walsh. Bea Wunderlich also scored for Twin Falls (1-1-0).

Tortorelli accounted for Twin Falls' lone goal in the nightcap.

Wood River 2, Twin Falls 1

WOOD RIVER - Wood River ran all over Twin Falls at the soccer game Tuesday defeating them 2-1.

The first goal was made in the 28th minute by Charlotte Gourlay for Wood River and at halftime the score was 1-0.

Jenny Rutherford scored the Community School's first goal in the first minute of the second half and Morgan Arritola scored later in the game.

Mallory Tortorelli scored the only point for Twin Falls 30 minutes into the second half, responding to the second goal made by Gourlay for Wood River.

We played a little on the rusty side, rough around the edges," Wood River coach Douglas Stouffer said. "There were a lot of new girls playing at the varsity level. We are experimenting and seeing where people fit."

Wood River plays Wendell at Wood River on Thursday.

The Community School will play Thursday at Wood River at 5 p.m.

Jerome 4, Minico 0

MINICO - The Jerome Tigers clawed their way to a 4-0 finish over the Minico Spartans during their first soccer game of the season Tuesday.

Minico had a penalty kick in the second half that bounced off the goal post, and that was the closest they got to scoring.

"It was kind of sad," Minico coach Melodee Christensen said. "We didn't get many shots on goals, only one or two."

Three Minico players were injured during the game, but should be back on the field by Thursday's game against Pocatello at Minico.

Volleyball

Jerome def. Minico, 21-11, 21-9, 21-15

JEROME - The Lady Tigers of

Jerome got their season off to a good start, stopping Minico, 21-11, 21-9, 21-15 in Jerome Tuesday night.

Kristina Bingham led Jerome in kills and middle blocker Sarah Lott led the team in blocks.

Jerome coach Brent Clark said his team showed a little more.

"Both teams are trying to learn a new system," he said. "We were just fortunate to come out on top tonight."

Jerome (1-0) hosts Twin Falls on Thursday.

Dietrich def. Billas, 21-10, 21-11, 21-12

DIETRICH - The Blue Devils downed the Billas Bears, 21-10, 21-11, 21-12, in both teams' season openers Tuesday night in Dietrich.

Rachel Barker, Sheena Bingham and Ayleen Sorensen led the Blue Devils in kills.

"All three had five or more kills each," said Dietrich coach Teresa Smith.

Dietrich (1-0) hosts Richfield Thursday night.

Valley def. Murtaugh, 22-20, 21-17, 21-18

MURTAUGH def. Kimberly, 21-18 21-15 21-11

Kimberly def. Valley, 21-16, 19-21, 21-19, 18-21, 15-12

KIMBERLY - Kimberly, Murtaugh, and Valley split a tri-meet Tuesday night in Kimberly.

"Rachel Bulcher dominated at the net against Valley," Bulldog coach Jan Hall said. "She had several kills to keep us in the ballgame. Coming off the ACL tear, Rachel had quite a debut."

Kimberly (1-1) heads to the Twin Falls Invitational on Saturday.

The Community School def. Richfield, 21-19, 21-16, 19-21, 21-14

RICHFIELD - The Community School beat Richfield in four games, 21-19, 21-16, 19-21, 21-14 Tuesday night in Richfield.

Candace Farnsworth led the Tigers in both kills and blocking.

"Both teams played really well," said Richfield coach Delwin Amy. "We have to work on some little things."

Richfield (0-1) travels to Dietrich on Thursday.

Hagerman def. Castleford, 21-3, 21-14, 21-9

HAGERMAN - Hagerman defeated Castleford in three sets Tuesday 21-3, 21-14, 21-9 in both teams' openers Tuesday in Hagerman.

"They played exceptionally well," said Hagerman coach J.F. Hussman of his team. "For people who don't have a lot of experience, they really stepped up to the plate and played as a team."

Alicia Jester led in kills while Nicole Billard led in blocks.

Hagerman (1-0) plays Tuesday at Murtaugh.

Carey def. Hansen 21-17, 21-10

Mackay def. Hansen 21-16, 21-12

Mackay def. Carey 17-21, 21-14, 15-13

CAREY - Mackay defeated Hansen and Carey Tuesday in a tri-match at Carey.

In the opening match, Carey beat Hansen 21-17 and 21-10. Hansen was defeated again in its second match by Mackay, 21-16 and 21-10. In the final match, Mackay defeated the Panthers after several long rallies, losing the first set 17-21, but narrowly winning the next two 21-14 and 15-13.

"It was a good team effort," Carey coach Barbara Berg said. "This was the first match with rally scoring, so we had to get used to that."

Jesse Molyneux led Carey in kills and Nikki McAfee was the Panthers leading server.

Rimrock def. Glenns Ferry, 13-21, 17-21, 22-20, 21-19, 15-9

GLENN'S FERRY - Visiting Rimrock rallied from match point to upset Glenns Ferry 13-21, 17-21, 22-20, 21-19, 15-9 Tuesday in Glenns Ferry.

Megan Everitt made nine kills and 15 points off serve and Jessica Simons added six kills for the Pilots (0-1).

Gooding at Wood River

No report

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ing heavy wrapping on her right thumb, injured Sunday night during her fourth-round match against Justine Henin.

"I feel I have nothing to lose. I don't know why," Serena said. "I feel so free and floating, so care-free."

Next up as she tries to become the first woman since Steffi Graf to win three straight majors: Lindsay Davenport, a hard hitter many think has the best chance of coming between the sisters and a longer string of major titles.

Venus lost seven more games against Rubin than she had in her previous three matches combined. Opponents might want to take note.

"Today just wasn't my best day," Venus said. "I had a lot of short balls that I just missed. It was definitely strange missing those shots, but I tried to stay calm."

She'll play Monica Seles for a semifinal berth. Still grunting on each shot and still hitting with two hands off both wings, Seles beat Martina Hingis 6-4, 6-2 to end Hingis' streak of six straight semifinal appearances at the year's final major. Hingis had ankle surgery in May and made it into the field here as a wild-card entry.

On the other half of the draw, 1998 champion Davenport moved into the semifinals by eliminating unseeded Elena Bovina 3-6, 6-0, 6-2.

Playing on a bruised left foot, the 11th-seeded Roddick balanced 37 errors with 46 winners and beat Chela 6-7, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Sampras, looking for his first title since July 2000, beat Haas 7-5, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 7-5.

Elsewhere, three-time French Open champion Gustavo Kuerten lost to No. 24 Sjeng Schalken 6-3, 7-6 (6), 6-7 (5), 7-6 (4), and No. 28 Fernando Gonzalez beat Arnaud Clement in straight sets. Either Schalken or Gonzalez will be a Grand Slam semifinalist for the first time.

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2002 HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY Teams A look at boys and girls cross country teams

Continued from D1 can carve out her own path to state.

For boys, each school boasts a leader. At Twin Falls it's senior Estevan Chapa (10th at state) for Declo, Trae Jones (seventh at state) and Trevor Howard (11th at state) leads Jerome, and Hansen boasts three capable seniors in Cody Fowers (district champion, fifth at state) and Landon and Brandon Teeter.

But the big dog on the block, at least at 5A, is defending champ on Matt Knoff of Pocatello's Highland. Already the senior torched the field at Twin Falls' season opener last weekend, winning in 16:21. Century runner Aaron Wolfe took second (17:38) with Chapa in third. Chapa is confident about the upcoming season.

"I am stronger than I was last year. I'll stay with the team," Chapa said. "I am confident about state, too. I will be in the top five."

Twin Falls boys placed fourth at the meet with 90 points. "I am happy with the team," Twin Falls coach Larry Lewis said. "They built-up and were competitive. If we can stay healthy we will be a tough team to beat. We're on the right track and in good shape."

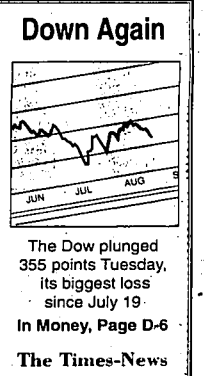
Jerome's Craig Paulin (11th at state) came in 10th, with the boys placing third last Friday with 70 points.

"I struggled a bit today, but we are very young and we will get better with experience," Jerome coach Tim Dunne said. "I feel stronger this year," Paulin said. "I want to get first in region and take the team to state."

Burley placed fifth at the meet with Drew Johnson (17th at state) placing sixth and hoping to take the team to state.

"I am a little discouraged, but still happy," Miller said. "Once we learn each other's rhythms and gain experience, we will do better."

As is every other team in the valley is hoping for.



BOYS

Class 5A

■ Twin Falls Bruins

Coach: Larry Lewis, 13th season

Returns: Estevan Chapa, sr.; Jared Conover, jr.; Casey Stroud, jr.; Darren Brown, jr.; Kody Barker, jr.

Newcomers: Tyler Jones, fr.; Joel Ruprecht, soph.

Season outlook: Bruin boys have experience, good work habits and peak mentality. Estevan Chapa was 10th at state last year, and leads Twin Falls this year.

Coach says: "We are looking to have a good year. These boys have experience and great work ethic."

■ Minico Spartans

Coach: Wes Patterson, 18th season

Returns: Ethan Evensen, sr.; Laren Barbus, sr.; Calvin Cotton, sr.; Adam Sunderland, sr.; Jose Cruz, sr.; Mark Hansen, jr.; Erik Lloyd, jr.

Newcomers: Ricky Aquyo, fr.; Charlton Coates, soph.

Season outlook: Spartans must overcome low turnout to score well this season. But core group is tight and determined to show Spartan spirit.

Coach says: "We're going to have a tight like dogs to be in the top three."

Class 4A

■ Burley Bobcats

Coach: Mary Miller, fifth season

Returns: Drew Johnson, jr.; Steven Ritchie, jr.; Wayne Christensen, sr.; Tom Preston, jr.; Tim Olsen, sr.

Newcomers: Casey Wasson, soph.; Kody Mathews, sr.; Tyler Atkins, sr.; Juan Hernandez, sr.; Steven Price, sr.; William Law, jr.

Season outlook: Both Johnson and Ritchie were state finishers, placing 17th and 20th respectively. Johnson also runs track, where he placed fifth in the state 1,600 and eighth in the 3,200.

Coach says: "My goal for (Johnson) is to place in the top 10."

■ Jerome Tigers

Coach: Tim Dunne, 33rd season

Returns: Craig Paulin, jr.; Ted Tolman, soph.; Tyler Thompson, soph.; Tyler Mortensen, sr.; Isidoro Arevalo, soph.

Newcomers: Troy Tolman, fr.; Conrad Lee, soph.; Ryan Lee, sr.; Curtis Bell, soph.

Season outlook: Paulin leads a cast of four runners with state experience. Jerome promises to be a deep team again this year. Paulin finished 11th at state, and sophomores Ted Tolman and Tyler Thompson both finished in

the top 35 at state. Tyler Mortensen, who was injured last year, looks to be a force also. The Tigers include three Mortensen brothers, two Tolman brothers, and two Lee brothers, if nothing else, there should be a lot of brotherly love.

Coach says: "Our strength will be a core of three boys that run in state last year, plus a group of incoming ninth graders."

Class 3A

■ Declo Hornets

Coach: Lynn Payne, seventh season

Returns: Trae Jones, sr.; Trevor Howard, jr.; Bret Wardle, jr.; Ryan Turnage, soph.

Newcomers: Jordan Anderson, soph.; Brandon Wheeler, jr.; Andrew Webb, sr.

Season outlook: Jones and Howard lead a strong Declo boys team looking for a return trip to state.

Coach says: "A good group coming back from last year's state competition."

■ Gooding Senators

Coach: Kent Seifert, 12th season

Returns: Drue McHan, sr.; Levi Novis, sr.; Dallan Koyle, sr.; Mitch Fleming, sr.; Kip Seifert, jr.; Eric Gushee, jr.; Dusty Ruby, jr.; Kurt Nelson, soph.; Zach Hall, soph.; Brett Chent, soph.; Josh Morris, sr.; Chris McHan, soph.

Newcomers: Daniel Shull, sr.; Sam Shull, sr.; Curtis Anderson, jr.; Brett Pickens, fr.

Season outlook: Boys will be very competitive, especially McHan, who is one of the top runners in the state. Levi Novis is the team's best athlete, coming off a knee injury. Senators take their running as seriously as any program in the state.

Coach says: "I hope we're the two teams to beat at district."

■ Kimberly Bulldogs

Coach: David Emerson, eighth year

Returns: Matt Taylor, sr.; Blake Hogle, sr.; Lyndon Crane, sr.; Brandon Ploit, sr.; Ryan Fisher, sr.; Carl Draeger, jr.; Kody Krieger, soph.

Newcomers: Bryce Richman, fr.; Tommy Chocker, fr.

Season outlook: Senior nucleus leads Bulldogs who are hoping to make a statement at district.

Coach says: "There are five seniors pulling together to make a strong team, however there is a shortage of new runners."

■ Wood River Wolverines

Returns: James Foster, third season

Coach: Joel Zellers, second season

Returns: Matt Decarufel, sr.; Jackson Harris, sr.; Luke Fletcher, David Vanderpool, Jake Cheney, Brad Bradford,

Dawson Paschell, Brian Ward, George Livingston, jr.

Newcomers: Martin Isaksson, sr.; Alex Hamlin, jr.; Chris LeBlanc, jr.

Season outlook: Unavailable

Coach says: "Gooding is always a team to beat and I expect Declo and Kimberly to provide strong competition this year as well."

Class 2A-1A

■ Hansen Huskies

Coach: Bob Wayment, third season

2001 finish: eighth in state, Magic Valley Conference champions

Returns: Cody Fowers, sr.; Landon Teeter, sr.; Brandon Teeter, sr.; Fernando Vargas, jr.; Chayse Hanson, jr.

Newcomers: Chase Funk, sr.; R.J. Harmon, soph.; Micheal Schulties, jr.; Andrew Rouse, fr.

Season outlook: Leading runner Cody Fowers returns to Hansen, where he placed first in district and took a fifth-place finish at state. Seniors Brandon and Landon Teeter will also complete for district titles, after last year's second- and third-place finishes, respectively. The fourth and fifth runners are not currently determined with two juniors and four new runners joining the team.

Coach says: "Our strength will be our first three runners."

■ Valley Vikings

Coach: Don Wight, fourth season

Returns: Drew Stewart

Newcomers: N/A

Season outlook: Stewart was the lone Viking to try out in the preseason, so obviously Valley is hoping for more bodies.

Coach says: unavailable

Coach: Lynn Payne, seventh season

Returns: Chelsea Rice, sr.; Tracy Maestas, jr.; Eryn Lowe, sr.; Lynzee Hendrix

Newcomers: Lindsay Morgan, sr.; Heidi Gaudhart, fr.; Heather Dayley, jr.; Amanda Blau, jr.

Season outlook: The girls have a lot of state experience, though none placed particularly high last year.

Coach says: "Some experience. There are also good kids starting the program."

■ Filer Wildcats

Coach: LaRell Patterson, 16th season

Returns: N/A

Newcomers: Tiffany Taylor, sr.

Season outlook: N/A

Coach says: unavailable

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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

Slowing down

Local employers in August placed just a few more newspaper ads looking for workers than they did a year earlier. Last month, growth slowed abruptly to almost nothing, after a 31 percent overall increase in the first seven months of the year.

The Times-News' classifieds sales manager, Deby Johnson, said she saw no pronounced trends in the slowing. Last month did see fewer trucking and farming jobs advertised than a year ago, she said.

In August, employers in The Times-News' classified advertising section bought 2,907 employment ads. That's less than 1 percent above the 1,972 such ads placed in August 2001. It also tops the 1,672 of August 2000 and the 1,578 of August 1999.

So year-to-date 2002's employment ads are running 25 percent above the total placed in the first eight months of 2001. At this time last year, that ad total was up just 12 percent from year-to-date 2000.

Source: Johnson

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Idaho advisers group holds first meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Southern Idaho Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors will hold its first meeting at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Mandarin House restaurant in Twin Falls.

SIIFA is the local branch of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. The association promotes ethics and integrity among its members, as well as ongoing professional training and career development, a press release said. Classes are regularly offered to insurance professionals. Members meet monthly for education and for information about legislative and other issues that affect the insurance and financial services industry.

For full membership information, call Leslie Snelson at 543-8157.

Aqua Vie begins trading under new symbol

KETCHUM — Aqua Vie Beverage Corp.'s common stock began trading Tuesday on the OTC Bulletin Board under the stock symbol AQVB, instead of the former AVBC.

The change follows a 1:20 reverse split — which was effective Tuesday — of all the Ketchum company's issued and outstanding common shares, stock options and warrants. As a result, the company said, it now has 5.5 million shares of common stock outstanding.

Aqua Vie develops and markets lightly flavored, noncarbonated, bottled spring water.

Wal-Mart faces lawsuit on birth control coverage

ATLANTA — A federal judge in Atlanta has granted class-action status to a lawsuit contending Wal-Mart discriminates against women by denying insurance coverage for birth control.

U.S. District Judge Julie Carnes ruled that all women working for the nation's largest retailer after March 2001 and who were using prescription contraceptives can pursue claims against the company.

The lawsuit was filed last year by Lisa Smith Mauldin, a 23-year-old customer service manager for a Wal-Mart store.

"It's a major victory for the working women of America," said Atlanta lawyer George Stein, who represents Mauldin.

By denying coverage for birth control, Wal-Mart saves about \$5 million a month, Stein said.

Wal-Mart — which has stores in Burley and Jerome — has about 1 million employees, about 80 percent of whom are women. Stein estimated that as many as 400,000 women are eligible to join the lawsuit.

Mark Casciaro, a lawyer for Wal-Mart, said that the company has yet to address the merits of the claims. "For that reason, I don't see this as a major victory for anybody," he said, adding that Wal-Mart denies it discriminates against women.

Compiled from staff, wire reports

McDonald's tries for healthier french fries

Chain claims new oil will cut fatty acid levels

The Associated Press

OAK BROOK, Ill. — McDonald's plans to use a new cooking oil for its french fries that it says will do less damage to the diet.

The nation's biggest hamburger restaurant chain said Tuesday the new oil will halve the trans fatty acid levels in its french fries while increasing the amount of the more beneficial polyunsaturated fat. Health experts say replacing saturated fats with unsaturated ones can help lower cholesterol levels.

Dr. Meir Stampfer, a professor of nutrition at Harvard School of Public Health, called the move a big step and said he hopes McDonald's eventually eliminates all trans fatty acids from its food. He said he also hopes other fast food chains do likewise.

"If we can get rid of trans fat in the diet, we could prevent thousands of heart attacks every year," he said.

McDonald's worked with its longtime supplier, Cargill, to develop the oil, which a few of its restaurants will begin using in October. All 13,000 domestic McDonald's restaurants — including franchised locations in Magic Valley — will use the oil by February, the company said.

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The change comes about a month after a man sued McDonald's and three other fast food chains, claiming their food made him obese.

Company executives said the oil switch had been in the works for years and was unrelated to legal actions.



A large order of McDonald's french fries sits on a desk in New York.

Dow plunges 355 points



Traders and clerks at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange signal trades and watch market developments during morning trading. Wall Street pulled back sharply on manufacturing disappointment and brokerage downgrades of Citigroup and Ford Motor Co.

Market suffers worst loss since July 19

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks tumbled Tuesday, as investors grew skeptical over a series of developments ranging from lower-than-expected manufacturing activity to brokerage downgrades of Citigroup Inc. and Ford Motor Co. The Dow Jones industrials fell 355 points.

"We're back to work from a not-so-good August," said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co. "We came in with a couple of downgrades and just a general sense the economy hasn't picked up the way we would like to see it."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 355.45, or 4.1 percent, at 8,308.05, its fifth straight day of decline. Tuesday's drop was the largest one-day loss since July 19, when the Dow fell 390.25, and it came after a 2.4 percent decline last week to break a five-week winning streak.

The broader market also finished sharply lower. The Nasdaq

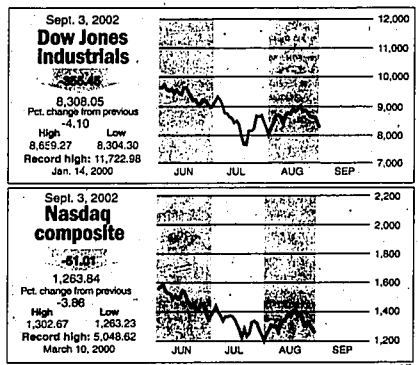
composite index declined 51.01, or 3.9 percent, to 1,263.84, after falling 4.8 percent in the previous week to end Thursday's gains. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 38.05, or 4.2 percent, to 878.02, following a drop of 2.6 percent to end a five-week run higher.

The Institute for Supply Management said its index of business activity remained steady at 50.5 in August, below analysts' expectations of 51.8. An index above 50 signifies growth.

Analysts say investors were intently watching the release of several economic reports this week, including the ISM report, as they seek evidence that the recovery is continuing now that accounting scandals appear to be fading.

Next week's anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks and concerns about a possible war with Iraq also are encouraging some nervous investors to lock in profits now, analysts say.

"It's a series of smaller things looming up in the face of 9/11



and the fact that September is historically the worst month of the market. It's getting us off to a lousy beginning," said Tony Cecin, director of institutional trading at US Bancorp Piper Jaffray in Minneapolis.

Losers on Tuesday included companies with reduced outlooks or downgraded shares.

Intel dropped 81 cents to \$15.86 after Lehman Brothers reduced the computer company's third-quarter revenue forecast, citing poor demand. Ford dropped 83 cents to \$10.94, and Citigroup declined \$3.36 to \$29.39, both on ratings downgrades. IBM fell \$3.03 to \$72.35.

Check closets before back-to-school shopping

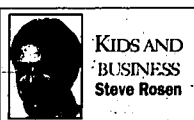
We just completed one of our annual back-to-school rituals: closet purging.

My three kids went through their closets and took out every item of clothing that either didn't fit or wasn't wanted anymore. The khaki pants that fell victim to a summer growth spurt. The collared shirt with the grease stain down the front. The skirt that was too short and the blouse that was too faded. All of it — right down to the mismatched socks — gone.

I must have hauled five loads of clothing to the basement to be given away this fall.

It's always an eye-opening experience, especially when I think of the money spent on those clothes — some of which were bought only a few months ago and are still in perfectly good condition.

Our late-summer tradition is also a great way to assess exactly what type of wardrobe our kids



KIDS AND BUSINESS Steve Rosen

will need to make it through the new school year. While we still have a few surprises each shopping trip, it sure beats going to the mall and having conversations such as this:

Teen-ager, standing in the checkout line: "I'm pretty sure my old pants don't fit. Let's just get these tan and white ones."

Dad, with arched eyebrows: "Two pairs? And you don't even know for sure if the old ones fit?"

Kid-ching!

If you're like me, you probably dread seeing the damage done to your checkbook after escorting your kids on shopping expedi-

tions for flared jeans, sweat shirts and denim skirts. Some parents worry about soccer caps and science projects, but I worry about keeping my family budget intact.

Regardless of whether you buy your kids the Acme or Ralph Lauren brand, some simple steps can help you get on top of your children's clothing needs before the bills get on top of you.

Maureen Rosen, a family money expert and author of Chapel Hill, N.C., is also a firm believer in taking inventory of every item in her kids' closets, including underwear and socks.

"I think good advice for parents is to do something like this on a semiregular basis," said Rosen, who is no relation to this columnist. "It certainly made an impression on my two kids when we hauled five large garbage bags full of perfectly usable clothes out to the van."

Because kids always seem to

outgrow stuff sooner than you'd think, Rosen thinks it's a good idea to buy clothing that is at least a size too big if possible.

For some kids, any clothes from any store will do. For others, it's the latest trendy labels from the chic shops. You know, the stores where they say all their friends shop. If your kids have expensive tastes and it's causing problems, nip that attitude in the bud. It's OK to say no.

"Set limits before the shopping trip," said financial adviser Vicky Hunt Collins of Dallas. "Tell them how much you have to spend and then stick to it. Let them help in the purchasing decisions based on the budget."

If you are willing to compromise, she said, have your kids foot the bill for the difference between the designer label and the lower-priced brand.

"Kids really don't like to spend their own money, and that will

J.C. Penney adds 'fun' to catalog

Retailer says book has gift solutions

Knight Ridder News Service

PLANO, Texas — If a couple of old hands from the famous Neiman Marcus Christmas catalog got the chance to produce J.C. Penney Co.'s holiday book, what would it look like?

To find out, check out the 532-page J.C. Penney Christmas Catalog that begins showing up in mailboxes later this week.

Does it have a most expensive item? (\$2,499 electric scooter) Gifts for him and for her? Exclusives? (Jeep Outdoor apparel, including rain repellent five-pocket denim jeans.)

Certainly, says Bernie Feiwus, a former president and chief executive of Neiman Marcus Direct, the catalog division. "This year we've put together a catalog of gift solutions. It's not just stuff.

"Where I used to work, we liked to have fun with the Christmas Book, which appealed to a small segment of a very affluent group," said Feiwus, 53, now Penney's senior vice president and associate director of catalog and Internet. "Here, our customer is middle America. We can have fun and excitement, but we have to keep in mind who the customer is. If we didn't, it would be an economic failure."

More than half of the book's 2,240 items cost under \$50. There's no limited-edition car for sale, but there is a sweepstakes that's giving away a one-of-a-kind Jeep Wrangler with Teflon denim seat covers.

Feiwus isn't the only Neiman's connection: Allen Questrom, J.C. Penney chairman and chief executive, is a former Neiman Marcus chairman.

Past Penney shoppers have said the Christmas catalog was "reliable as a reference book, but they didn't find it compelling," Feiwus said.

"It's very important to get the Christmas book right. We put a lot of effort into this because it represents how we've changed. People will look at this and decide if they are going to look at catalogs we put out the rest of the year," Feiwus said Monday.

Jewelry, which in past years had its own book, has been added, along with ideas for gifts under \$25, \$50, \$100. Gadgets are big. There's a clock radio for \$29.99 that projects the time onto the wall or ceiling and an electric wine chiller for \$79.99.

Like Neiman's stores and its Eckerd chain, its catalog division has new management and is getting overhauled. Penney has stores in Burley and Twin Falls.

John Irvin, president of Penney's catalog and Internet division and formerly CEO at The Spiegel Group, has purposefully slashed sales by more than 20 percent as he's dumped several small catalog issues and promotions tied to the stores which generated sales but lost money. The division turned profitable last year.

Penney's catalog, with sales of \$3.35 billion, is still the nation's largest general merchandise direct mail. The Christmas catalog, which has the highest sales of any holiday catalog including Neiman's, according to Feiwus, will be sent to 10 million households. He predicted that comparisons with Dallas-based Neiman's

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MONEY

Mortgage envy and crunching the numbers: Answers to refinancing questions

The Washington Post

In the 1970s, baby boomers pounced on their first homes and revved up inflation...

Today, as mortgage rates touch 30-year lows, the truly smug boomer is one who just refinanced at a better rate than his neighbor.

At the same time, though, many homeowners are simply watching this spectacle and agonizing: Should I refinance? If so, what kind of loan should I get, fixed or adjustable? Fifteen years or 30? What if I refinance a couple of years ago? Or a few months ago? Should I take cash out? What about points?

It's not just cocktail-party bragging rights that are at play here. It's the steady drumbeat that tells Americans they must get smart about their money. And so homeowners sit and fret, afraid to move, afraid not to, even if not knowing anything might be the "smart" thing to do. So, what's the answer?

Make that answers, plural - and the best answers depend greatly on the specific circumstances of the homeowner in the view of many experts, however, sorting through the maze is well worth the time and effort for many people. Current rates are going down, and while it's possible they could edge lower if the economy weakens further, financial planners and other experts suggest that homeowners get going now and not worry about eating the absolute bottom.

This may cause a certain amount of psychic pain, but failing to act may be worse. Planners here say they know of a surpris-

ing number of homeowners still holding higher-rate mortgages because of their own inertia...

This form of inflationary paralysis can be very expensive, and it overlooks the reality that an eighth of a point may not be much money compared with continuing to hold an old loan with a rate two or three percentage points higher.

Adding to the confusion is the fact that there are circumstances when it doesn't make sense to refinance, even in times like these.

Take a look at some numbers: Mortgage rates are hovering at levels unseen since the 1960s. As of last week, many lenders were quoting annual percentage rates between 6 and 6 1/4 percent for a 30-year fixed-rate loan...

Freddie Mac, the nation's second-largest buyer of home mortgages, said that the average 30-year rate reached 6.22 percent last week, down from 6.27 percent the week before. That matched the rate of Aug. 16, which was the lowest since Freddie Mac began keeping records in 1971.

The average rate on 15-year loans fell to 5.64 percent from 5.74 percent just two weeks ago, when it hit 5.63 percent. The average rate on a one-year adjustable mortgage last week was 4.34 percent.

point mean? Not all that much. On a \$150,000, 30-year mortgage, for example, the difference between a 6 percent rate and a 6 1/8 percent rate is about \$12 a month.

But on that same \$150,000 mortgage, total interest costs over 30 years would total \$246,230 at 8 percent but would fall to \$178,107 at 6 1/8 percent and to \$173,755 at 6 percent. The monthly payment would be \$1,100.65 at 8 percent, vs. \$911.42 at 6 1/8 and \$899.33 at 6.

On a \$250,000, 30-year mortgage, interest costs would total \$410,390 at 8 percent, at \$296,846 at 6 1/8 percent and \$296,846 at 6 1/8 percent.

So while it's nice to get the very lowest rate, even the nearly lowest can yield big savings.

But those numbers are for the entire life of the loan. Refinancers by definition already have a mortgage and will have paid some of it down. So there are other questions that should be addressed.

People who refinance their mortgage often look strictly at the payment. They neglect to look at the change in term or bal-

ance," said Elissa Buie of the Financial Planning Group Inc. in Falls Church, Va.

It pays to be systematic, she and others said.

Here are some points to analyze: Will I benefit from refinancing?

Most people will, but not everybody. The old rule of thumb was that if you could cut your rate by two percentage points, do it. But, as most homeowners already know, things are not that simple these days.

There are costs involved in refinancing, and unless you will be in your home long enough to recover them, it's not worth it.

You can get a pretax good idea of how much you'll have to pay in fees and other costs by calling some lenders. Your current lender is a good place to start - some lenders are interested in keeping your business and may offer you a good deal.

If your loan is fairly recent, they may figure you don't have to make you jump through all of the hoops, such as getting a new appraisal, which can also save you money.

Once you have a handle on the costs, see how long it will take you to recover those outlays

through reduced monthly payments. If you expect to be in the house longer than that, then refinancing makes sense.

In other words, if your closing costs are, say, \$2,400 and your payment drops by \$100 a month, you'll need two years to recover your expenses.

And don't lose sight of your overall interest costs. Consider the case of a homeowner halfway through a 15-year mortgage; you will have already paid back a third of the principal and will now be paying more principal than interest.

Refinancing the remaining balance back out to 15 years will sharply reduce the payment but is very likely to increase the total interest expense.

It may be hard to pass up a chance for an even lower rate, but people in this situation can console themselves by figuring how much interest they will pay if they continue with their present loan vs. how much interest, plus closing costs, they will pay if they refinance the current balance for another 15 years.

In the vast majority of cases, they will find that keeping the current loan is cheaper overall, and when the most of the rock-bottom rates can be repaid, well, mine clicks off entirely in fill-in-the-blank years.

People in this situation can also consider making extra payments of principal to shorten the term of the loan and also cuts down the total interest paid.

you kept your present loan vs. how much you'd pay if you refinanced the balance. One such is at www.interestratecalculator.com/mortgage.html.

Or you can find a search engine such as Google.com and type in "mortgage interest calculator."

How much should I borrow? If you've had your current mortgage a while, you will have paid down the principal balance a bit, maybe a lot. When you refinance, you can hold your new loan to that lower balance and further lower your payment because you're borrowing less.

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How long should I borrow for?

The 30-year mortgage has been the industry standard for some time now, but the 15-year is gaining. The advantage of a longer mortgage is a lower payment, and very long loans also put inflation to work for you as you pay back with cheaper and cheaper dollars.

Lenders are not unaware of the money, but you know why longer loans have higher interest rates - but even so, those payments get easier and easier to handle as time passes.

But interest is essentially rent you pay to use someone else's money. Please see MORTGAGE, Page D8

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Mortgage

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If you're confident you would take the savings from the lower payments and invest them successfully, a longer mortgage makes sense.

"But there's the discipline issue," said Financial Planning Group's Buie. "It's fine and interest-free, but to imagine that they have any place to go but up."

But if you're younger, have a family and really need that extra cash, the choice may also be clear.

But if you're older, are near retirement and would like to time things so that when you retire and your income falls, your mortgage payments also go away, a shorter-term loan can fill the bill.

"Would I simply sleep better having less mortgage? ... Have I found out some things about myself in this recent economy I didn't know? Do I have less risk tolerance than I thought?" she asked.

When a refinance, if you go back to the same term as you had before, you have effectively stretched out your loan. That lowers the payments but raises the total interest cost.

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Rosen

Continued from D6 help slow them down," Collins said. Parents should also look at their own shopping patterns, she said.

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years left to go on it. If you then refinance it at 30 years, you've added five years to your term and five years of interest costs.

Should I take a fixed rate or an adjustable rate? Rates on adjustable-rate mortgages, or ARMs, are very low, and thus very tempting. But with interest rates as low as they are today, it's hard to imagine that they have any place to go but up.

Should I pay points for a lower rate? If interest is like rent on money, then points are like pre-paid rent. You prepay, say, a car rental, then turn the car in early, your effective rental rate has gone up. The same applies to mortgages. If you plan to pay it out all the way to the end, paying a point or so for a lower rate is probably a good idea.

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U.S. records mixed victory

Campaign enlists friends, makes enemies

By Charles J. Hanley
Associated Press writer

The soul-searing spectacle of a September morning changed the way America looks at the world. Now a year of war, of ultimatum, of overwhelming power is changing the way the world sees America.

"Either you are with us, or you are with the terrorists," President Bush told other governments in the first days of national shock a year ago, when Congress rushed through \$40 billion for a war on terrorism and the U.S. military soon embarked, in Afghanistan, on its longest combat engagement since wading ashore in Vietnam almost four decades earlier.

For America, the counterstrike to Sept. 11 shattered old barriers and opened dangerous new horizons.

It landed U.S. forces in former Soviet territory for the first time, as a U.S.-Russian partnership grew stronger. It put American military teams into unfamiliar combat zones on the fringes of the Islamic world. And it produced a sharper U.S. tilt toward Israel, even as George Bush held out the promise of an independent Palestine.

Along the way, the forceful U.S. moves made enemies and complicated the support of friends. A wider war would mean still deeper complications.

"By confronting evil and lawless regimes, we do not create a problem," Bush told graduating West Point cadets nine months after Sept. 11.

What confronting Iraq's regime would create — a review of world opinion makes clear — is a stark image of America as enforcer of the status quo: an exclusive "nuclear club" of nations, a protective relationship with Arabian oil princes, an Israel of unrivaled superiority in its neighborhood.

The risk in the challenging times ahead is the "blowback" — the unforeseen, just as a generation ago

America's Afghan proxy war against the Soviets helped produce an unintended consequence named Osama bin Laden.

It was no surprise when old friends like Britain and Canada rushed to the United States' side as it retaliated for the terror inflicted by bin Laden's al-Qaida.

More striking was the solidarity shown by Russia, in words and quiet support, coming barely a decade after the two countries were locked in nuclear standoff.

President Vladimir Putin's backing for the American campaign reflected, in part, Moscow's



U.S. special operations soldiers keep watch from the open back end of a U.S. Army Special Forces Chinook helicopter near Khwaja Bahauddin, Afghanistan, Nov. 15, 2001.

desire to draw closer as an economic partner, in part its desire to cast its own war with Chechen separatists in the same light. The Putin embrace allowed the long arm of the Pentagon to base troops in the former Soviet states of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan, on Afghanistan's northern border.

Even more daringly, Pakistan's military ruler, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, allowed American soldiers onto his Muslim soil, turned against longtime friends in Afghanistan and threw his own forces into the hunt for al-Qaida and Taliban holdouts.

Numbers tell the story of America's changed role: In a matter of weeks, its military strength in the region, stretching from Kuwait to Uzbekistan's Khanabad air base, quadrupled to 60,000 soldiers, Marines, sailors and airmen.

Elsewhere, Washington has sent Army trainers to the Philippines, whose government is fighting Muslim separatists, to former Soviet Georgia, where Muslim guerrillas control a mountain region, and to Yemen, a sometime base for Islamist terrorists.

The "with us or against us" campaign found help at other international levels as well, in

exchanges of police intelligence, in the tracing of terrorist funds, in arrests of suspects — more than 1,300 in 70 countries, U.S. officials say.

In central Asia and elsewhere, America found new friends in its hour of need. But as the days stretched into months, as the freeze-frames of a morning's horror gave way to scenes of havoc in places called Kunduz, Kabul and Kandahar, sympathy began to fray.

"Today, the U.S. is the victim," a tough critic of the Islamists, Pakistani physicist and commentator Pervez Hoodbhoy, wrote after Sept. 11. "But the carpet-bombing of Afghanistan will cause it to squander the huge swell of sympathy in its favor the world over."

The eventual air campaign was not carpet-bombing, but it was devastating. History's most powerful nation dropped more than 18,000 bombs and missiles on one of the world's poorest lands. Across the Muslim world, and beyond, the sight angered millions.

Some reaction may have been unsurprising. A Tehran newspaper, for example, told Iranians that Washington's leaders "prescribe war and bloodshed as the only remaining course open to America for survival."

But the sharp backlash elsewhere — in Saudi Arabia, for example — may have been more

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Al-Qaida remains a half step ahead

By Liz Sly
Chicago Tribune

KHONI BAGCHA, Afghanistan — The U.S. Special Forces soldiers who descended upon this Afghan village and stormed their way into the home of Haji Uddin expected to find a meeting of al-Qaida operatives. Instead, the soldiers encountered a cowering family of mostly women and children jerked from their sleep by the roar and gunfire from American helicopters.

For more than two hours on the night of July 31, the Americans searched the mud-walled compound, smashing doors and breaking the locks on the brightly painted chests that store family valuables.

Uddin was not there. Nor were any al-Qaida operatives. Instead, the soldiers took away a brother of Uddin, a 14-year-old nephew and three seasonal farmhands who had been sleeping outside. They left behind a dead man.

Niaz Mohammed, 27, a neighbor and father of four who had been in the fields protecting his newly harvested wheat, was hit apparently by mistake when the helicopters opened fire.

And so another day passed in the Afghan installment of the U.S. war against terrorism, another day on which U.S. forces failed to find what they were looking for, but left behind a community in uproar.

A familiar pattern is emerging. In the year since the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and the Pentagon triggered the world's biggest military, the U.S. military has achieved much in the war in Afghanistan. But Osama bin Laden, the Saudi exile deemed responsible for the attacks, has not been found, dead or alive.

Lt. Gen. Dan McNeill, commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, ticks off the achievements: The swift ouster of the repressive Taliban regime last fall; the establishment of a measure of stability across vast swaths of Afghanistan; the absence of any major al-Qaida attacks during the past year. Some al-Qaida leaders have been killed or captured; including Mohammed Atef, bin Laden's head of military operations who was killed in a December air strike; and Abu Zubaydah, the man thought to have replaced him, who was arrested in

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A U.S. Army Special Forces soldier stands guard near a helicopter, not pictured, as Afghan civilians and militia members loyal to the Northern Alliance look on, in Khwaja Bahauddin, Afghanistan, Nov. 15, 2001.

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Sgt. Michael Erickson, 21, a 101st Airborne Division soldier from Riverside, Ca., mans a fox-hole near the runway at an airbase in Kandahar, Afghanistan, Jan. 21. Most soldiers who participated in the war on terrorism in Afghanistan and elsewhere say they returned home with a renewed value of life. But some say tasks like mowing the lawn and paying bills seem insignificant now.

An Afghan anti-Taliban fighter, taking cover in a foxhole, bursts into laughter as their tanks and U.S. airplanes strike al-Qaida positions in the White Mountains near Tora Bora, Afghanistan, Dec. 14, 2001.



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Cpl. Jamie Galtan, of Gardner, Mass., gets a last hug from his girlfriend, Nikkie Broadbent, of Middleboro, Mass., after a send-off ceremony at the National Guard Armory in Gardner, Mass., Oct. 18, 2001. The National Guard troops were headed to Fort Dix, N.J.

An Afghan boy peers out of a partly-broken shopfront window Sept. 2 in Kandahar, Afghanistan's second largest city. As schools reopen later this month, many Afghan kids will be forced to stay behind and work in small shops and factories due to the country's impoverished economy and a lack of school facilities.



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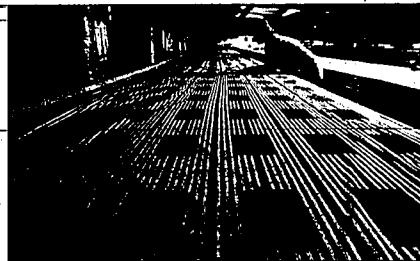
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U.S. Army Special Forces soldiers unload fire their weapons at a firing range, Monday outside of Khost 90 miles southeast of the Afghanistan capital of Kabul. There are over thousand coalition forces currently operating in Afghanistan.



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Carey Holt of The Flag Co. inspects a 100-foot-long sheet of 12-by-18-inch printed American flags at the company's facility in Acworth, Ga., Aug. 14. The Flag Co. said sales of the flags has increased by more than a million since the Sept. 11 attacks.

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A pictorial retrospective of the Sept. 11 attacks and their effect on America.

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Tim Zolanz, a scientist working with the World Trade Center remains, extracts a DNA sample during testing to identify one of the Sept. 11 victims Aug. 13 at Bode Technology Group in Springfield, Va. Zolanz and other scientists involved in the project have identified many of the victims while finding new methods for analyzing the thousands of body parts that came out of the WTC rubble.



MATT MOYER/The Associated Press

Mary Ortele, left, of Brooklyn, N.Y., holds a picture of herself with her missing husband, Peter, as she is hugged by her mother, Kathy Adun, outside the 69th Regiment Army in New York Sept. 15, 2001.



JOE CAVARETTA/The Associated Press

Pedestrians walking by in this time-exposure cause a blur on Aug. 8, 2002 at the New York, New York, Hotel and Casino on the Las Vegas Boulevard 'strip.' An impromptu memorial to heroes who died in the World Trade Center sprang up shortly after the disaster when firemen from across the U.S. began leaving t-shirts on the fence. The monument has become so popular and grown so much that the hotel has announced plans to build a permanent memorial at the site.

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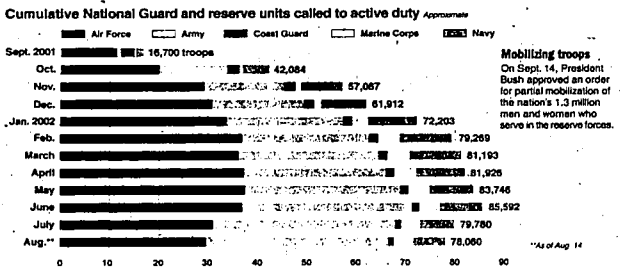
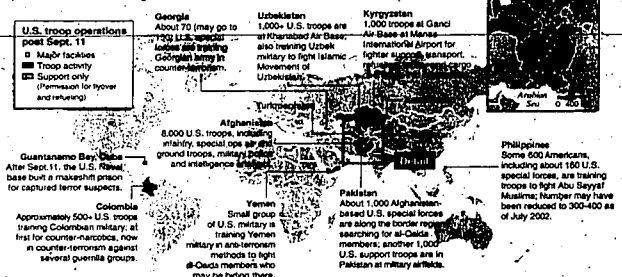
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American troops abroad in global fight against terror

Operation Enduring Freedom was launched Oct. 7, 2001, marking the beginning of the military phase of the war on terrorism. With the defeat of the Taliban in Afghanistan, U.S. military operations have spread elsewhere across the globe.



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Pakistan last March. In addition, there are 598 prisoners, mostly Arabs and Pakistanis who were captured in Afghanistan and are being held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Many hundreds of enemy fighters are also thought to have died in the early stages of the war in aerial bombardments that helped topple the Taliban and the battle of Tora Bora in December.

Although the Pentagon claimed as many as 700 died during Operation Anaconda in March, the first occasion on which U.S. ground forces were used, only a few dozen bodies were discovered after the battle. U.S. forces have suffered 40 casualties, 12 in combat. Hundreds of Afghan civilians also have died, at least 800 between October and December last year, according to Global Exchange, an American non-governmental organization.

Bin Laden might have been among those who died during the aerial bombardment of the caves at Tora Bora last December, but top U.S. officials say they have no evidence that he is dead. Privately some officials acknowledge they are acting on the assumption that he is alive.

Most of his key lieutenants also survived, along with perhaps hundreds of al-Qaida fighters and their Taliban allies, including the Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar.

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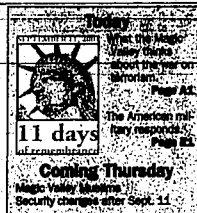
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because it is such inhospitable territory," said Sgt. Maj. Dennis Carey, who has overseen operations since November.

"The biggest lesson we have learned over here is patience. It's not a technological war, it's a boots-on-the-ground war. It's people manning checkpoints. It's people on patrol. That's what will find them," he said.

Uddin, whose home was raided in July, may or may not have ranked as al-Qaida's friend. A prominent and relatively wealthy local farmer renowned for offering assistance to the poor, Uddin says he was framed by personal rivals bearing a grudge against him for his wealth.

"It was a mistake," he said of the raid. "Someone gave the Americans false information to cause trouble for me."

While declining to discuss details of the operation, U.S. officials say the raid was no mistake. According to a local Afghan commander, Uddin had offered shelter to al-Qaida fugitives during Operation Anaconda in the nearby Shah-Kot Valley.

He was not home when U.S. forces came calling, said local commander Noor Mohammed, because the al-Qaida gathering had been switched to a different location.

But the charge that U.S. forces have frequently been fed deliberately misleading information by Afghans seeking to settle scores with rivals or gain political advantage is a common one. It contributes to growing resentment in the Pashtun tribal areas where the hunt is focused.

U.S. officials dismiss the suggestion.

To his knowledge, McNeill said, U.S. forces have never acted on a faulty piece of intelligence. A lot of effort goes into checking the reliability of every tip, he said. But a pattern is emerging, in which U.S. forces return empty-handed from most of their raids, either because their targets have moved or because they have been tipped off.

In the latest instance, a force of 2,000 U.S. coalition and Afghan forces launched Operation Mountain Sweep, the biggest mission of the war since Operation Anaconda.

Military commanders said there were indications that the mission had been compromised by leaks. Eight days after the raid on Haji Uddin's home, U.S. forces again turned up in the village, this time looking for one of Uddin's neighbors.

Amir Mohammed Ahmad, a former local Taliban official who had appeared to rally behind the new government.

This time the troops came by daylight and politely asked neighbors to take them to the man's home.

"Someone came and told him that you should not stay here anymore or the Americans will take you away. He disappeared, and he hasn't come back yet," explained his cousin and neighbor, Haji Sugar.

One of Ahmad's daughters said he had gone to Pakistan, underscoring perhaps the biggest single frustration for U.S. forces: The realization that most al-Qaida fighters are not in Afghanistan but just across the border in Pakistan.

"For a soldier, it is frustrating because you can't go after the enemy," Carey said. "But you have to respect the international border."

Many of the top leaders who got away are assumed to have taken refuge in Pakistan's cities or elsewhere in the world. U.S. officials believe that al-Qaida fighters — numbering perhaps in the hundreds — have regrouped in the tribal regions of Pakistan.

Although reports of attacks on U.S. troops are routine, the attacks tend to be ill-aimed and random.

"They hide well, but they're scared, and they're on the run, definitely," said Monty, a sergeant, who is identified only by his first name in keeping with military rules.

Since April, he has been based in the dusty town of Urgun, 30 miles from the Pakistan border, and has had little contact with enemy forces.

For Monty and other Special Forces comrades camped out in an austere, barbed-wire-ringed encampment marked on a bleak plain, life has settled into a routine.

"We go on a few combat patrols, and we have been shot at a few times," said Monty.

Monty says he has more time accepting the many dinner invitations he receives from local tribesmen, in accordance with the Pashtun custom of hospitality.

Chasing enemy forces: "A lot of it is just hanging out with the Afghans," he said.

Winning over the hearts and minds of Afghans has become a key component of the U.S. military mission in Afghanistan.

These days, U.S. forces are likely to be found digging wells or teaching Afghan children to play baseball.

In most parts of the country, the strategy is working. The U.S. military presence remains popular, and the biggest fear among most Afghans is that the U.S. will lose interest and go home.

But in the south and the east, where the military effort is concentrated and where the Taliban originated, it can count on most local sympathies, matters such as the death of Uddin's relatives raise questions over the ability of U.S. forces to retain the support of the local populace over the long term.

"No one speaks openly against us," Monty said. "But this is a Taliban area."

There's a lot of Taliban still around. A lot of people like America and want us to stay, but there's a lot of people who would like to kill Americans. It's kind of split."

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unexpected. Muslims were also angered by the secret roundups of U.S. Arabs and a Justice Department plan to fingerprint Middle Eastern visitors.

That "squalid little proposal" will further injure America's image and interests in the Muslim and Arab world," said Saudi Arabia's Arab News.

A Gallup poll three months into the war found that esteem for America was as low in Saudi Arabia as in Iran — just 15 percent in both. Even in Kuwait, freed from Iraqi conquest by U.S. troops 11 years earlier, only 28 percent "favored" America.

Even beyond the Muslim belt stretching from Africa to east Asia, the mood of September — the human compassion for innocent lives taken — gave way to new emotions, new concerns.

Moscow's leading polling organization found America's approval rating among Russians dropped from 70 percent to below 50 percent from September to March. The pollsters attributed it to the bombing and worries about a new U.S. presence on Russian borders.

Farther west in Europe, although governments stood by Washington and supplied at least token special forces to the Afghan war, popular criticism sharpened.

In France, a book peddling the fantasy that nightingale American conspirators, not Islamist terrorists, were behind the Sept. 11 attacks sold hundreds of thousands of copies. Other questioning was more serious, however, especially when America called on friends to join in harm's way with it on one hand, brushed them off with the other — on global warming, on accepting an international court for war crimes, on trade barriers.

The editor of the British magazine The Economist, Bill Emmott, commented that the world would soon see "whether America is going to be content to establish and nurture an international system based on norms and laws ... or whether it might now prefer one based primarily on power."

After the swift Afghan victory, some in Washington did look for new ways to project power, for other fronts, other opportunities.

Saddam Hussein became a prime potential target because of his refusal to allow an unhindered search for nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction.

But even in Britain, Bush's strongest supporter in Europe, polls this month showed a majority against attacking Iraq. Still, such voices as the conservative Daily Telegraph stayed the pro-invasion course, concluding, "There is no alternative."

Invading a second Muslim state after Afghanistan would risk inciting Arab opinion to explosive levels in Egypt, Saudi Arabia and elsewhere.

A wider war was what bin Laden wanted.

After the bombs began falling on Afghanistan, the terrorist leader broadcast a statement telling Muslims that America had divided the world into two parts — "one of faith ... and another of infidelity." With his summons to "jihad," he clearly hoped to plunge the planet into religious turmoil. But his call to war narrowed the focus, too, to bin Laden's personal jihad in his Saudi Arabian homeland.

What lies beneath that kingdom's sands, 25 percent of the

world's known oil reserves, will be a lifeline for America and its allies for years to come. In addition, the \$39 billion the Saudis spent on U.S.-made weapons in the 1990s was a lifeline of a different kind.

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By Robert G. Kaiser The Washington Post

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan — The American military base in the arid hills of southwestern Uzbekistan...

But the base, named K2, is a powerful symbol of the United States' arrival in a region that was once better known as a theater of operations for armies led by Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan and Tamerlane...

Central Asia's leaders consider the U.S. presence here the inauguration of a new era. Islam Karimov, the uncompromising leader of Uzbekistan...

"The logic of the situation," said Abdulaziz Kamilov, Karimov's foreign minister, "suggests that the United States has come here with a serious purpose, and for a long time."

The purpose that brought the United States to Central Asia was the hunt for Osama bin Laden, his followers and protectors. Once U.S. officials declared war on bin Laden, they needed strategic assets near his base in Afghanistan.

An Unsettled Neighborhood

The five nations of Central Asia have been struggling to overcome the legacy of Soviet rule since 1991. All five—Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan—now consider themselves allies of the United States...

need of nation-building; none has governing institutions strong enough to ensure stability. They are banking on support from the United States, and U.S. aid for various projects has increased this year. The secular governments have suppressed a growing Muslim fundamentalist movement...

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Uzbeko consider themselves the dominant people of Central Asia and have claimed as their national ancestor Tamerlane, a descendant of Genghis Khan...

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The Fergana Valley—Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan

Area: About three-quarters the size of Maryland. Population: 10 million (Maryland has 5.2 million people)

The Fergana Valley is the region's most fertile and most densely populated area, but has been divided since Soviet days among three nations—Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

Since 1991, Uzbekistan's strict enforcement of its borders—including the use of mines—has created

restrictions on travel and commerce in the Fergana Valley, seriously disrupting life there.

A history of ethnic tensions and a strong Muslim tradition have made the Fergana Valley a source of anxiety for governments in the region. Fighting and violence erupted in the late '80s and early '90s. Since then, the Uzbek government has cracked down on Muslim fundamentalists, some of whom have had ties to al Qaeda.

TURKMENISTAN Area: 188,200 sq. miles (more than two-thirds the size of Texas) Population: 5.5 million Per capita annual income: \$4,300

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The State Department describes U.S. policy in Central Asia as "strategic and high level engagement."

None of the leaders in the region permits free politics or fair elections, and as a result, all lack legitimacy, according to a Bush administration official.

Craner, testified to Congress recently that the human rights situation in the five Central Asian states was "very poor," "poor" or "extremely poor."

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