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Broaden the base?

Budget crunch puts focus on sales tax exemptions

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It might not seem like much, but you can trim 5 percent off the cost of funeral flowers if you order them through the funeral director.

That's the amount of the sales tax. Oddly, in Idaho you will pay sales taxes on the same flowers if you order directly from the florist.

That's because Idaho law exempts morticians from collecting sales taxes on items used in the production of funerals.

Idaho adopted its sales tax of 3 percent in 1965 with the idea that food and goods would be subject to the tax. Lawmakers increased it from 3 to 5 percent in 1983-85 at a time the state was in a budget crunch about as bad as the one it faces now. In the 37 years since the creation of the state sales tax, some 71 categories of exemptions have been created.

But with the sales tax already at 5 percent — and state government short possibly up to \$200 million for 2002-03 — some lawmakers are wondering if this year presents the perfect opportunity to eliminate some of those exemptions. Not only might it bring more consistency to sales tax law, some say, but it could also be a way to scrape together more revenue.

The exemptions, for the most part, include supplies and equipment that go into producing items and also all services. Attempts to eliminate any of them are likely to ignite fierce legislative battles.

What counts, what doesn't
The example of ordering funeral flowers illustrates the complexity of sales tax exemptions.

"My understanding is that anything that doesn't go into the actual funeral, like a grave marker, is taxed," local funeral director Michael Parke said.

Using the same theory, supposedly, Idaho lawmakers forgive farmers from paying sales taxes on their equipment. For example, if a farmer buys a bulldozer that he uses in his farming operations, he won't pay any sales tax. On a piece of machinery that typically costs \$100,000 to \$200,000, he's going to save up to \$10,000.

But the person who does road construction for a living doesn't get out of paying sales taxes on the same piece of machinery. Lawmakers look at producing roads differently. And so it is with



Mary Lewis, the owner of Buds and Blooms in Twin Falls, prepares an arrangement of flowers for a funeral. Under state law, florists collect sales tax on flowers but funeral homes do not. With an anticipated revenue shortfall, the Legislature is looking at eliminating some of Idaho's sales tax exemptions.

someone who constructs large buildings. If he requires a bulldozer, he pays sales taxes, too.

The difference is in how the law is written. According to sales tax code, supplies that go into manufacturing, processing, mining, farming and fabricating

are exempt from sales taxes. So construction workers are not in the business of fabrication?

It's the difference in end use, tax specialists say. If the end product is still subject to more processing, as is the case with most of what farmers produce,

then the exemption applies. So, the tractor is exempt because it is used in the act of producing, but the farmer's pickup is not. And the guy who constructs a road or building is making his profit from the end product.

"It gets confusing," said Randy
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Sept. 11 anniversary poses challenges for educators

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — While the events of Sept. 11, 2001, proved tragic for many, its aftermath posed a challenge for educators.

They must now decide how to best to teach such a complex subject as well as how to maintain students' interest in something that, in a child's mind, happened long ago.

The ongoing "war on terrorism" certainly allowed government teacher Ted Larsen to incorporate the attacks into most of his lessons throughout the year.

"Government affects every aspect of everyone's life everyday," the Twin Falls High School teacher said. "We need to make sure the study of govern-

Today
Schools respond to Sept. 11 anniversary.



Children's views. **Pages E3-4**

Monday

Red Cross actions come under fire.

ment is relevant."

But some of that study includes controversial notions such as examining

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11 days of remembrance



BERLIN — An American woman suspected of planning a terrorist attack at the U.S. Army's European headquarters, where she worked in a general store for military personnel, warned a fellow employee to stay away from the market on Sept. 11, a slip that allowed police to foil the alleged plot, German and U.S. officials said Saturday.

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Saddam on their minds

Bush, Blair say world must confront Iraq

The Associated Press

CAMP DAVID, Md. — President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair said Saturday the world must act against Saddam Hussein, arguing that the Iraqi leader has defied the United Nations and reneged on promises to destroy weapons of mass destruction.

"We owe it to future generations to deal with this problem," Bush said as he greeted Blair at Camp David for a busy brainstorming session on Iraq.

"The policy of inaction is not a policy we can responsibly subscribe to," Blair said as he joined Bush in trying to rally reluctant allies to deal with Saddam.

Chance of inspections
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"A lot of people understand that this man has defied every U.N. resolution. Sixteen U.N. resolutions he's ignored," Bush said.

The meeting came five days before Bush addresses the United Nations. The president is expected to challenge the international community to take quick, tough action to disarm Saddam, saying that without allied help the United States will be obligated to act on its own to remove Saddam, according to advisers involved in writing the speech.

Bush will tell the U.N. there is no time to waste; one early draft refers to Iraq as a "ticking time bomb."

Senior Bush advisers acknowledge that Bush is setting the stage for a confrontation with Saddam, with the U.N. speech a last-ditch attempt to build an international coalition. The president assumes the showdown eventually will lead to military action, aides said. Key allies — including France, Germany and Russia — oppose the use of force against Iraq.

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Authorities say terror suspect warned worker

The Washington Post

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Thursday

World tour
Magic Valley Arts on Tour brings a potpourri of music and dance to Twin Falls.
Friday

Ready for barbecue?
The First Assembly of God invites everyone to a Fall Roundup.
Saturday

Raising competent kids
Find out how south-central Idaho teen-agers stack up against the real world.
Sunday

Teens' trial in killing re-ignites debate over adult prosecution

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — Jurors who tried two baby-faced boys on charges of killing their father with a baseball bat were aghast to learn that another panel had acquitted an adult accused in the case. But their conclusion that the boys only helped and didn't swing the bat stunned the prosecutor who presented both cases.



Terry King

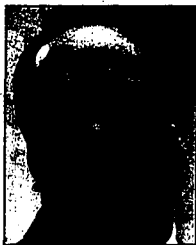


Alex King

Alex and Derek King, ages 13 and 14, were spared a life term when a jury found them guilty Friday of second-degree murder without a weapon.



Derek King



Ricky Chavis

The boys face 22 years to life without parole, but the judge is free to go below the minimum when they are sentenced Oct. 17. If they had been convicted of first-degree murder as charged, their only option was life sentences without parole.

Their convictions have rekindled talk about changing a Florida law that allowed them to be tried as adults.

In a separate trial, convicted child molester Ricky Chavis, 40, was accused of committing the crime by himself. He was acquitted and the verdict was sealed until after the boys' trial.

Assistant State Attorney David Rimmer, who prosecuted both trials, said he thought the panel in the boys' case had ignored the allegation they wielded the bat and simply gave the boys a "jury pardon" by convicting them of the lesser offense.

The jurors "know good and well he was killed with a weapon," Rimmer said. "That's a jury pardon. That's OK. I don't have a problem with that."

The jury forewoman said that wasn't the case, that the panel believed neither boy swung the bat but rather that Chavis carried out the slaying. The jurors did not know that Chavis already had been acquitted in his separate trial.

Their decision to convict the boys of second-degree murder was based on their belief that Alex and Derek opened the door to let the killer into the house, forewoman Lynn Schwarz told the Pensacola News Journal.

That reasoning stunned Rimmer. "I didn't think that at all," Rimmer said.

Rimmer had avoided asking the Chavis jury for a conviction,

saying the only reason the case came to trial was that the boys had lied, either when they told police they killed their father, or to the jurors when they said Chavis did.

He said it was up to the Chavis jury to decide which was the lie and added: "I don't have a dog in this fight."

Of the jurors' reasoning in the boys' trial, he said: "I thought perhaps he encouraged them to do it, but I never felt Chavis was there."

Alex and Derek had testified that they opened the door and that they then went out to Chavis' car, but no physical evidence was introduced at their trial showing that Chavis had been in the house.

Schwarz said the jurors thought the boys' recorded confessions were forced, rehearsed and unbelievable.

Schwarz said the King jurors

were aghast when they heard Chavis had been acquitted. "I was so shocked, I just couldn't believe it," said Schwarz, 52. She said the other jury "saw a different presentation and a different interpretation. It's too bad they couldn't have all been tried together. That might have been a fairer trial."

Abortion politics stymies popular health center bill; future uncertain

WASHINGTON (AP) — Community health centers do not perform abortions, but abortion politics are holding up legislation renewing federal support for their work.



Dick Army
House majority leader

There is widespread support for the centers and President Bush puts them at the center of his plan to help the uninsured. But House Majority Leader Dick Arney, R-Texas, will not let a bill reauthorizing the program come before the full House until he gets a vote on a much more contentious matter involving abortions at other publicly funded institutions.

Although money for the health centers continues to flow, the dispute has left a bill renewing the program in limbo.

"Why would they want to hold up, even in the slightest, care for uninsured people, underserved people, low income people, care for children and women? Why would they want to hold this up over abortion?" asked Dan Hawkins, policy director for the

National Association of Community Health Centers. "I just feel like this bill was in the wrong place at the wrong time, like an unwitting victim."

He has urged community health centers to call Arney's office and lobby the congressman to let the bill go through. Despite the president's support for health centers, the administration is not taking any public position on the matter.

The legislative branch sets the legislative calendar, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said.

Arney found its way into all kinds of seemingly unrelated issues on Capitol Hill. It has held up other bills on foreign aid,

bankruptcy and health privacy.


Late last year, legislation renewing the community health center program was sailing through the House. The bill was set for a quick vote under special rules reserved for noncontroversial matters.

Then Arney stepped in. He wanted to attach a measure, long sought by anti-abortion groups, that would bar federal, state or local government from forcing hospitals, doctors, insurance companies or other health care providers to perform, make referrals or pay for abortion.

Tangled up in abortion politics, the legislation was pulled from the House schedule and has yet to be brought up for a vote.

Arney later agreed to separate the abortion provision from the health center bill. But he will not allow a vote on health centers until he gets a vote on the abortion bill, said his spokesman, Greg Crist.

"First things first," Crist said.



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As the storm's remnants slowly moved west, officials worried sub-

stantial rain could fall around San Antonio, which suffered severe flooding earlier this summer.

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TRIAL BY FIRE

Girls in rehab program battle wildfires, their own demons

NASELLE, Wash. (AP) - Crystal Horne has been burned before. The quarter-sized pink scars on her left forearm testify to that.

And, for a time, the 17-year-old girl with an anarchy-symbol tattoo and flame-red hair seemed destined to burn out: drinking heavily, dealing and using drugs, running from police.

But when her bad deeds landed her in juvenile prison, she found a calling that turned her stubborn energy into a saving grace:

Fighting wildfires. Horne now leads an all-girl fire-fighting team of juvenile offenders from Naselle Youth Camp, in the southwest corner of Washington state.

There, car thieves and gang-bangers learn to put axes, shovels and chain saws to good use. They plant trees, clear brush and maintain trails, while training and hoping for a big wildfire to fight.

This summer, she and the other girls watched on TV as firefighters battled fierce blazes in Oregon, Colorado and other Western states - but not in Washington. They itched to prove themselves.

"I like this," Horne says, "It's something I can say I did good at."

The girls wake at 6:05 a.m. every weekday. Horne, her hair now faded to its natural strawberry-blonde, leaves a stuffed animal on her bed and a "Chicken Soup for the Cat and Dog Lover's Soul" on her desk.

Waiting outside their dorm after breakfast, the sleepy girls light up as foreman Sid Hicklin ambles into view. Lanky and tan from years in the bright sun, Hicklin worked in law enforcement before joining the Department of Natural Resources.

Supervising the girls is unlike any other job.

"They take everything I say to heart. I can't be so critical," he says. "Some of their backgrounds are really devastating. You just have to build them back up."

He's learned a lot they don't teach in forestry school. He knows who's taking new medication, whose father just died, who's in or out of the ever-shifting cliques. His daily log has notes like, "Girls are nit picky. Told them to work without talking."

The one thing he doesn't know is what crimes the girls committed. He says he never asks.

When Hicklin stops the crew truck at an overgrown crossroads, the girls climb out past a blue-and-gold decal on the door with the words, "Hicklin's Angels."

"Let's go," he calls to them. "Hornes says this morning."

New girls take a while to build the muscle needed to cut trails,



Above, members of an all-girl firefighting team of juvenile offenders from the Naselle Youth Camp work to build a practice fire line in woods near camp in June in Naselle, Wash. They learn to use axes, shovels and chain saws as they plant trees, clear brush and maintain trails, hoping they get a chance to fight a big wildfire. At right, the girls line up June 10 at the camp before heading out to practice digging fire lines in woods. From left are Ashley Chapman, Brandy Carlson, Amy Earl, Cassandra Carey, Audrey Gibson, Crystal Galindo, Felisha Gonzales and Crystal Horne.

saw branches and run chain saws.

"I wasn't used to working that hard," says Cassandra Carey, 15, of Lynnwood. "You start to get the hang of it and you start to get in shape. It starts to build your self-esteem."

Carey has earned a blue hat, a mark of leadership, while serving time for possession of stolen property. It's the first time she's felt like a leader. Following her friends got her the gang tattoo below her eye - three dots for "Mi Vida Loca," my crazy life - that she now wants removed.

Washington used to have several youth rehabilitation centers like Naselle. After years of budget cuts, now Naselle's the only one. Naselle staff are nervous about next year's anticipated state budget crisis.

The camp has four boys' fire crews and one for girls. Everyone else works, too, whether in maintenance, the sign shop, the garden or the fish farm. After work, they go to school and counseling.

Superintendent Thomas Quinn wants them to learn social responsibility. He thinks it sinks in. Last winter, the 150 inmates raised \$3,000 to "adopt" a local family for Christmas.

The fire crew program has not been without problems. In June 2001, two boys beat their foreman and left him for dead. The severely injured foreman survived. Now security staff accompanies the crews.

Amy Earl, a sometimes surly 17-year-old from Tacoma, loves fire crew.

"I like knowing I'm saving people's lives," she says.

She was charged with criminal assistance to murder after her boyfriend killed a friend. The same boyfriend gave her three sexually transmitted diseases and urged her to drop out of school.

He's serving a life sentence for

murder. She believes fire crew put her on a different path.

"My saw breaks down, I have to fix it," she says. "Now it's like, I'm my own woman and I don't need anybody to make decisions

for me. It's time to realize it's not a game any more, this is life."

Spokane - not big by wildfire standards, but it is threatening several homes. Some people give the all-girl crew odd looks, but they quickly prove themselves by extinguish-

ing all the hot spots in their area.

"Everyone was really surprised," Horne says. "When they realized just seven girls did all that work, they were like, 'Wow.'"

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September 11 in schools

Some are watching Valley school districts plan to observe the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on Tuesday.

Valley

Students will be asked to wear red, white and blue clothing on Tuesday, Sept. 11. The event will be held at 10 a.m. at the school.

Blaine County

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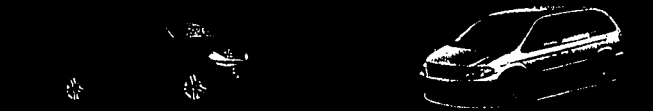
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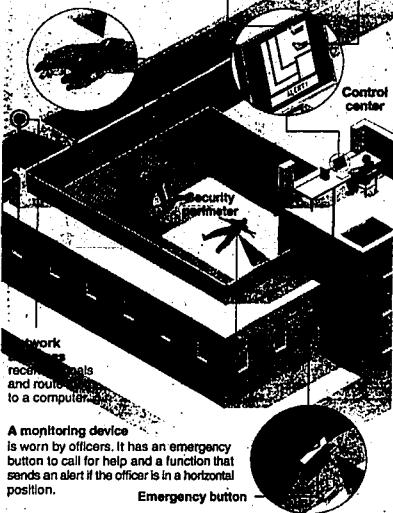
A breakthrough in preventing breakouts

A small number of prisons have begun using a new electronic monitoring system that can continuously track the location of inmates to within 20 feet.

The electronic bracelet worn by inmates is waterproof and tamperproof. Each one transmits an identity-stamped radio signal every two seconds. If an inmate leaves the security perimeter, an alarm is sounded at the control center.

A computer monitor displays the location and identity of inmates and officers. Information is archived for possible use in investigations.

Yellow dot for inmates
Blue dot for officers



A monitoring device is worn by officers. It has an emergency button to call for help and a function that sends an alert if the officer is in a horizontal position.

SOURCE: Technology Systems International Inc.

Radio-based system tracks inmates

The Associated Press

Frank Ochoa, imprisoned on an attempted carjacking conviction, thought he had the guards fooled.

The inmate at a minimum-security prison in the California desert slipped his electronic bracelet around a hot cup of coffee and made a run for it.

Ochoa apparently didn't know that by tampering with the tracking device, he had triggered an alarm at the Calipatria prison's security control center. Guards caught Ochoa less than a mile away.

The sophisticated radio monitoring system that helped capture Ochoa two years ago is now being installed at a handful of other U.S. prisons. If widely adopted, it could one day change the way correctional facilities are run.

"It completely revolutionizes a prison because you know where everyone is - not approximately but exactly where they are," said Larry Cothran, a technology consultant to the National Institute of Justice.

Using radio transmitters monitored by a network of receivers, the system tracks prisoners and corrections officers to within 20 feet. Inmates wear tamper-proof, water-resistant bracelets while officers wear pager-like devices.

It's a high-tech version of the head count, except these two head counts are conducted every two

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seconds versus the old-fashioned method of five to eight times a day.

Any time an inmate tampers with or removes the bracelet - or strays out of range - the bracelet trips an alarm. Guards monitoring the prison can not only pinpoint the location but also know who is in the vicinity.

The monitoring device for officers has a red button that allows them to signal for help and an automatic "man-down" alarm if the device ends up in a horizontal position.

If guards aren't careful, the tilt mechanism has been known to trigger alarms if the device gets twisted on their belt or they drop their pants, said Chris Trott, president of the Calipatria guards union.

"Sometimes you go to the bathroom and your alarm goes off," he said.

Location data shows up as dots

on a computerized map - blue for corrections officers and yellow for inmates. A list indicates who each dot represents and all movements are stored in a database, for investigative purposes.

So far, Scottsdale, Ariz.-based Technology Systems International Inc. appears to be the only company selling such a product in the United States.

Called TSI PRISM, the system is based on technology Motorola Inc. developed in the 1980s with an eye to military uses. The company decided instead to license it to TSI, which spent seven years honing it for prisons.

The state of Michigan, which recently installed a \$1 million PRISM system at its new maximum-security 200-inmate juvenile prison, thinks the technology will aid investigations of assaults and of sexual contact - a common violation among inmates,

many of whom are sex offenders. "If someone says someone assaulted him last night, this system can help us figure out if he was telling the truth," said Marlys Schutjer, acting director with Michigan's Bureau of Juvenile Justice.

"It should really help a lot in cutting through a lot of guessing games."

Trott said guards using the devices credit them for helping to understand prisoner involvement in fights or other incidents. "It's almost like having a videotape of the incident, because you can track who was there," Trott quoted guards as saying.

Tight government budgets, however, are a huge hurdle to widespread adoption - at least until the cost decreases. Outfitting a prison generally costs \$13 million or more, according to Greg Oester, TSI's president.

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Funeral for jazz great proceeds through Harlem

NEW YORK (AP) - The remains of jazz great Lionel Hampton were carried in a white horse-drawn hearse through the streets of Harlem on Saturday, with trumpeter Wynton Marsalis blowing a dirge to lead the funeral procession.

The 94-year-old showman and bandleader died Aug. 31 of heart failure. Hampton suffered two strokes in 1995 and had been in failing health in recent years.

Starting from the Cotton Club, once an icon of great music, hundreds of mourners walked in a procession to a service at the nearby Riverside Church.

President George W. Bush sent a letter of condolence, which was read by his father.

"His legacy of music, education and civic dedication will continue to inspire generations to come," the former president said, quoting his son. A condolence letter from former president Bill Clinton was also read at the service.

The service was presided over by the Rev. James Forbes, pastor of the church, who called Hampton "this 20th Century marvel of a man."

The Rev. Calvin Butts, pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem, also spoke at the service, calling Hampton "an inspiration. He lived a long time. God gave him energy to continue his music for as long as he lived."

Bush remembered meeting Hampton when the former president was director of the Central Intelligence Agency in the 1970s. At the time, Bush said, morale at the spy agency was low.

"He loaded his band on a bus they came to CIA headquarters and performed to an overflow crowd," Bush recalled.

After the service, Hampton was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx, near other greats of American music - Duke Ellington, Miles Davis, Coleman Hawkins and Irving Berlin.

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Charlotte and Benjamin Loveland, of Ogden, Utah, purchased their four-bedroom home by choosing a location near public transportation access.

Fannie Mae promotes public transportation

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Hoping to ease traffic and revive older suburbs, Fannie Mae is offering bigger mortgages to people who buy homes near train stations and bus stops.

After a modest debut in a few cities, the program was introduced this week in Philadelphia. Fannie Mae, or the Federal National Mortgage Association, as the company is formally known, is hoping to offer it soon in Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Baltimore, Louisville, Ky., and State College, Pa.

Buyers who purchase a home within a quarter-mile of a bus line or a half-mile of a train station can qualify for a mortgage up to 8 percent larger than they could get under a traditional loan.

In exchange, they must agree to limit the number of cars they own to no more than one per adult driver.

The arrangement was perfect for Charlotte and Benjamin Loveland, who are buying a home in Ogden, Utah, about 40 miles north of Salt Lake City.

The couple had not been planning to use public transportation, but the larger loan is allowing them to buy a four-bedroom house on a street served by a city bus line. Now, Benjamin Loveland plans to take the bus to class at Weber State University.

"He doesn't have to pay for parking. He doesn't have to fight the crowds," Charlotte Loveland said. "He has enough stress at work. We figured using the bus to commute to school would be more relaxing."

The program is aimed in part at reviving older suburbs that fell out of favor when people began driving longer distances to work.

In the Philadelphia area, the "Smart Commute" program is being administered by Citizens Bank in five counties served by buses and commuter trains. The program will cover much of the city as well as older suburbs like Norristown, Chester and Jenkintown.

The program is based on studies showing that people who commute on public transportation can save \$200 to \$250 per month, compared to the cost of owning, maintaining and insuring an automobile.

"Basically what the program acknowledges is that commuting by train or by bus is cheaper than owning a car, and because you are spending less money, you can afford more house," said Barry Seymour of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, which did research for the program.

So far the loan offer is still considered a pilot program.

Swimmer nears Mississippi finish

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Marathon swimmer Martin Strel has dodged whirlpools, tankers and a lightning bolt. On Saturday, he was 45 miles from completing his journey down the length of the Mississippi River.

Strel, 47, started his trip July 4, at the source of the river at Lake

Itasca, Minn. On Saturday, he was about 2,300 miles downriver, 45 miles from the Gulf of Mexico.

"He's really tired, but he's been swimming quite strong for a couple thousand miles," said David Hale, one of three kayakers who volunteered to accompany Strel on the trip.

Scientists see asteroid threat as remote, real

WASHINGTON (AP)—A space rock big enough to cause widespread damage and death will hit the Earth only about once every 1,000 years, but experts say the destruction would be so extreme that nations should develop a joint defense against asteroids.

Participants at a NASA-sponsored conference on the hazards of comets and asteroids smashing into Earth estimated Friday that the planet probably would be hit about once each millennium by a space rock big enough to release about 10 megatons of explosive energy.

Such a rock, estimated at 180 feet across, scorched through the atmosphere over Tunguska in Siberia in 1908 and flattened trees across 800 square miles of forest land. No crater was found and experts believe the damage came from atmospheric shock. Bigger space rocks, which

would cause considerably more damage, would hit the Earth even more rarely.

An object of about 1,000 feet "would flatten everything in an area the size of New Jersey and kill everybody there," said Erik Asphaug of the University of California, Santa Cruz. The planet-wide effects of such a catastrophe are unknown, he said, but debris thrown into the atmosphere could diminish sunlight and perhaps affect agriculture for months.

If such a rock should hit the ocean, it could trigger tsunamiic giant waves hundreds of feet high; to roll through and destroy coastal cities.

A planet-killer asteroid, big enough to destroy whole species, would be rare of all. The last came 65 million years ago when a six-mile-wide rock wiped out the dinosaurs and about 70 percent

of all species. Although scientists can estimate the odds of an impact, they can't really pinpoint when it could happen.

"We don't know when these accidents will occur," said Duncan Steel of the University of Salford in England. "There could be one sometime in the next 100 years. We don't know."

Asphaug, the meeting's organiz-

er, said scientists recognized the risk to the planet of asteroids and comets in the last few decades and only now are beginning to shape proposals to protect the planet.

"This is the only major natural hazard which can, in principle, be made predictable and even eliminated if we find the dangerous ones and learn how to modify their orbits over time," he said.

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Arab League leader sees chance for inspections



Saddam Abdul Qadir, a six-year-old Iraqi boy suffering with cancer, rests on his bed at the Al-Mansour Hospital in Baghdad on Saturday.

Iraqi hospital turns basement into shelter

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Dr. Lay Qasha is preparing for a U.S. attack on Iraq by turning the basement of his Baghdad children's cancer hospital into a bomb shelter — stocking enough food, medicine and water for 500 people.

"We can move everyone down to the basement in five minutes," Qasha said Saturday. "We're now putting in an air conditioning system to supply fresh air to the hospital's shelter. We're also stocking up on gasoline for generators."

The hospital took similar precautions during the 1991 Persian Gulf War that was launched by a U.S.-led coalition after Iraq invaded Kuwait. The hospital was not hit during that war and is not

near any military installations, but it is preparing for a hit by a stray missile.

"I'm so scared," said Feyruz Bekir, a 25-year-old Baghdad pharmacist. "It is not nice to live in a city under a constant threat of bombing."

A day earlier, a member of the foreign relations bureau of Saddam's ruling Baath Party said Iraq was preparing for war, although he did not elaborate.

"We're doing what ever we can to defend Iraq," Abdulrezak Al-Hashimi said late Friday. "We're determined to stop them (Americans) from achieving their objectives on Iraq. We can, and we will, defend Iraq."

CERNOBBIO, Italy (AP) — There is a "strong possibility" U.N. weapons inspectors will be allowed to return to Iraq unconditionally in a move to avoid a U.S. military strike, the leader of the Arab League said Saturday.

Secretary-General Amr Moussa said the inspectors would have unlimited access to "whatever sites" they want to see in Iraq.

"There's room for optimism that the inspectors will be allowed back, especially after con-

sultations, rounds of talks between the government of Iraq and the U.N. Security Council," Moussa said on the sidelines of a seminar in Cernobbio, a lake retreat in northern Italy.

"There is a strong possibility the inspectors will go back."

Moussa did not say what talks between the United Nations and Iraq he was referring to, but the two sides have held talks this summer.

Iraq says it wants to continue negotiations with the United Nations, but has not responded to Secretary-General Kofi Annan's demand that inspectors be allowed to return first.

President Bush is seeking foreign and domestic support for a possible attack on Iraq, which Washington accuses of continuing to make weapons of mass destruction in violation of U.N. resolutions calling for Iraq's disarmament.

Markets could handle Iraq war — analysts

LONDON (AP) — A U.S.-led war against Iraq would likely drive oil prices higher, as markets adjusted to a halt in Iraqi crude shipments, analysts say.

However, alternative sources of oil abound, and any spike in prices would probably be brief, they add.

Hostilities wouldn't be a surprise, unlike Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait and the Persian Gulf War that ensued in 1991. A gradual intensification in bellicose comments from President Bush has given oil markets plenty of time to prepare, and prices already are inflated by a so-called "war premium" that analysts estimate at \$2 to \$4 per barrel.

Although Iraq straddles the world's second-largest proven oil reserves, its exports have fallen sharply in recent months. Other members of the OPEC producers' cartel have more than enough production capacity to make up for any shortfall in Iraqi supplies.

Iraq

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Bush said U.N. weapons inspectors, before they were denied access to Iraq in 1998, concluded that Saddam was "six months away from developing a weapon." He also cited satellite photos released by a U.N. agency Friday that show unexplained construction at Iraq sites that weapons inspectors once visited to search for evidence Saddam was trying to develop nuclear arms.

More information will be presented as the president continues his effort to rally support at home and overseas for his views on Saddam, a senior White House official said Saturday. The official stressed the administration's view that Saddam's weapons capabilities have been consistently underestimated in the past.

Dressed casually and preceded by a military escort in formal dress, Bush and first lady Laura Bush welcomed Blair as he got off a helicopter to a brilliant late-summer afternoon at the secluded presidential retreat in Maryland's Catoctin mountains. After less than four hours of one-on-one talks, as well as larger discussions and dinner at the compound's Laurel Cabin — which included Vice President Dick Cheney — Bush walked Blair on a wooded path back to his helicopter and the British premier headed off for London.

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WORLD

Family grieves over Afghan hero

Man dies trying to stop assassination of country's leader

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) - Azimullah Khaksar's goal in life was to serve his country. With his death, he got what he wanted. He had saved the president's life.

The 19-year-old died Thursday trying to disarm a gunman during an assassination attempt on Hamid Karzai. The president was uninjured, although a bodyguard and the attacker also were killed.

The attack happened as the president, in town to attend his youngest brother's wedding, finished a tour of the governor's palace, which is under renovation.

Hundreds of people were pressed against the palace gates to see Karzai's casket when the attacker, a recently hired security guard, stepped forward to fire several rounds into the presidential vehicle.

Television pictures showed Khaksar showing the assassin to the ground before both were hit by hail of gunfire from Karzai's American bodyguards. An Afghan bodyguard also was shot and killed in the melee.

"He was the only person who reached forward to shake Karzai's hand. He wanted to kiss his hand," said Khaksar's brother, Hikmatullah, in recounting what witnesses told him. "Then the assassin opened fire, and he jumped on him."

On Saturday, Azimullah Khaksar received a hero's funeral at the Ahmed Shah Baba Shrine, reserved for the country's martyrs, across the street from the governor's palace where he died.



An Afghan man is restrained as he walls in grief near the coffin of his friend Azimullah Khaksar Saturday in Kandahar.

His coffin, carried to the shrine on a tank, was draped in an Afghan flag. His brother carried his portrait, inscribed with his name and the label "shaheed" - martyr.

The 500 people who attended included the town's mayor, the army chief and Gov. Gul Agha Sherzai, making his first public appearance since Thursday's attack in which he was grazed by a bullet.

With his head wrapped in a white bandage, he was talking with the Khaksar family, vividly describing the attack and thanking them for their son's sacrifice.

Pulling out a picture of Azimullah Khaksar at a recent picnic, 17-year-old Bilal Ahmed

said his friend often would tell him, "If the government is stable, we should both join the army and serve our country."

With a rueful shake of his head, Ahmed added, "He did serve his country. He is a hero now."

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Afghan president visits grave of anti-Taliban commander

BAZARAK, Afghanistan (AP) - After praying at the grave of a legendary anti-Taliban commander slain by a suicide bomber last year, President Hamid Karzai vowed Saturday to fight terrorism despite an attempt on his own life two days ago.

Karzai flew by helicopter through northern Afghanistan's rocky Panjshir Valley to pay his respects at the tomb of Ahmed Shah Massoud, mortally wounded in a Sept. 9 suicide bombing blamed on Osama bin Laden.

"We will continue to fight. We will continue to go and fulfill the objectives and desires of the man who is lying buried under the ground here," Karzai told reporters after visiting Massoud's grave.

Karzai has been moving around under a phalanx of American and



Hamid Karzai

Afghan bodyguards since a governor's security guard tried to gun him down Thursday in the southern city of Kandahar.

Some 17 people have been detained for questioning. All served as guards for the provincial governor.

Security has also been stepped up in the capital, Kabul, after a car bombing Thursday left 30 people dead and dozens more wounded. In Kabul on Saturday, international peacekeepers and Afghan troops were out on the streets in force, stopping and searching vehicles at checkpoints.

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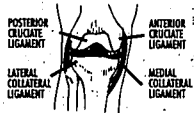


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Departing U.N. rights chief fears for civil liberties

GENEVA (AP) - Departing U.N. human rights chief Mary Robinson, in a bleak assessment of the state of human rights, accused governments of hiding behind the ongoing war on terrorism to trample civil liberties and crush troublesome opponents.

"Suddenly the sword is used all the time," Robinson said, referring to terrorism. "And that's the problem."

The United States, Russia and China were among the nations she said were ignoring rights in the name of combating international terrorist groups.

"Everything is justified by that T-word," the 58-year-old former Irish president said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I hope that countries will put human rights back on the agenda because it tended to slip after

September 11."

Robinson argued the Bush administration set the tone by holding detainees from Afghanistan without charge at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. She also criticized Washington's opposition to the new International Criminal Court.

"The world needs leadership in human rights and the United States could give great leadership. It's not giving it at the moment, unfortunately," said Robinson, who leaves her post Wednesday.

When Robinson took other governments to task for abuses in the post-Sept. 11 era, they often cited the United States as an example in arguing that human rights standards have changed, she said.

Top terrorism fugitive hid from police on nudist beach

ATHENS, Greece (AP) - Greece's most wanted terrorist suspect spent more than a month hiding on a nudist beach near Athens before surrendering to police, authorities said Saturday. Police said they found a tent and belongings used by 44-year-old Dimitris Koufodinas, the alleged chief assassin of the November 17 terrorist group.

Koufodinas, who has been charged with 17 murders, gave himself up Thursday after taking a taxi to police headquarters in central Athens.

Police said he had been hiding for at least a month on a small beach on Angistri, a small island popular with British tourists,

about 31 miles, southeast of Athens. The beach is used by campers and nudists, local residents said.

November 17 has been blamed for a total of 23 killings and dozens of bomb attacks since it first appeared with the 1975 assassination of the CIA station chief in Athens.

Sixteen suspected members have been arrested since a bungled bomb attack near Athens on June 29.

The largest manhunt in Greek history had been mounted to catch Koufodinas. The government said he eventually surrendered to protect those sheltering him.

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Mexican economy shows signs of growth and stability

MEXICO CITY (AP) — There is no devaluation, and the only lines at banks are to set up new accounts.

In a hemisphere of economic turmoil, Mexico is showing signs of growth, clinging tightly to stability and cutting spending in an effort to keep its economy from being dragged down by regional chaos.

After a yearlong recession linked largely to the struggling U.S. economy, Mexico posted 2.1 percent growth in the second quarter of this year. Although part of the good news was due to the fact that Easter holidays fell in the first quarter — instead of in the second like last year — most analysts predict that Mexico is on the road to recovery.

"You are likely to see some quarters of pretty strong growth in the near future," said Miguel Palomino, chief economist for Latin America at Merrill Lynch.

Still, while Mexico looks good on paper, much of that success has yet to trickle down to ordinary people. By President Fox's estimation, half the country's families lack adequate housing, clothing or transportation.

"Hawking \$4.50 mocha frappes is one of Mexico City's many new fads. 20-year-old Armando Sustos is trying to save money to study marketing at a nearby college on his daily salary of \$8.60.

While his job at the slick, new toffee shop is better than his first at McDonald's, he worries about

'You are likely to see some quarters of pretty strong growth in the near future.'

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the lack of customers. By late afternoon one day, he had seen only six customers and had spent most of his time staring out at a replica of the Washington Monument centered in an empty, cavernous plaza.

"Many stores are closing," he said. "The mall isn't pulling people in because no one has money."

Even with a business-friendly president like Fox, Mexico has suffered from its recession. The maquiladora — or assembly for export — industry has lost more than 100,000 jobs, most along the border with the United States.

Government officials admit that while the overall economy is coming back to life, it will be months before that recovery is felt in the maquiladora industry. Employment at Mexico's maquiladoras dropped 15 percent during the first six months of this year compared with the same period in 2001.

Many manufacturers — faced with the choice of paying a Mexican worker \$20 a day or a Chinese worker \$2 a day — have moved to Asia.

Still, Mexico is the envy of much of Latin America, where many countries are mired in political and economic disorder.

Venezuela's economy shrank 7 percent in the first half of the year, due in part to a failed coup in April, while Argentina is still trying to gain emergency bailout funds from the International Monetary Fund after a devastating devaluation and banking crisis.

The possibility that a left-leaning candidate could win Brazil's presidency in October has investors worried about policies that could lead to a default of the country's \$264 billion debt. And Uruguay is facing its worst crisis ever, with inflation expected to peak at 50 percent next year.

"When we see the rest of the world, when we see that Latin America is in a downward spiral, when we see the devaluations, the economic crashes, when we see the violence in these regions, we think of our dear Mexico and the security that there is for its economic stability," Fox said recently.

Part of Mexico's stability is due to its close economic ties to the United States — the destination for more than 80 percent of Mexican exports and an economy that is also showing signs of improvement.

Mexico court upholds Indian rights law

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's Supreme Court on Friday rejected challenges to an Indian rights law, angering rebel supporters who say the law does not go far enough in protecting the nation's indigenous peoples.

The 8-3 ruling is likely to spark protests by rebel sympathizers who had all but frozen their dialogue with the government for the last year.

Enrique Avela, a spokesman for the Zapatista Front in Mexico

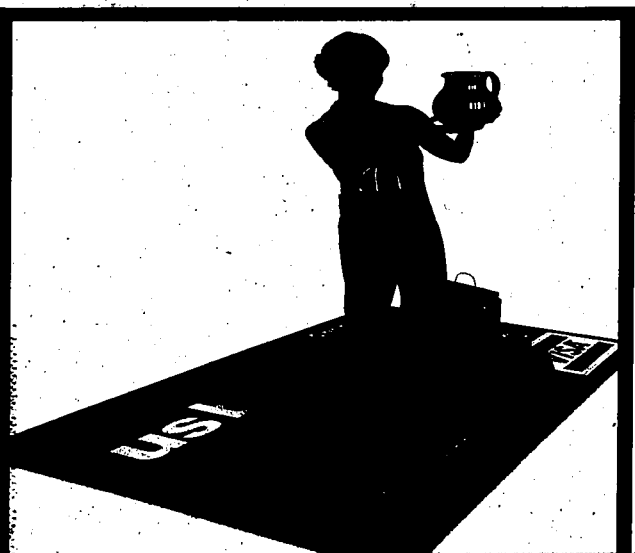
City, called the high court's decision "a tragedy."

The Mexican Interior Department, which is in charge of political affairs, tried to ease disappointment with a statement assuring that "the topic of Indian rights and culture is not finished" and saying that the government is ready "to broaden those rights through reforms to federal legislation."

Emilio Zebadua, secretary of government for Chiapas state,

where the rebels are based, urged those upset by the ruling to demonstrate peacefully and urged the federal government to make renewed efforts at ensuring Indian rights.

The Law on Indian Rights and Culture, which went into effect in August 2001, was designed to grant Indians limited autonomy. It was a central demand of the Zapatista rebels following their brief armed uprising in the southern state of Chiapas in 1994.



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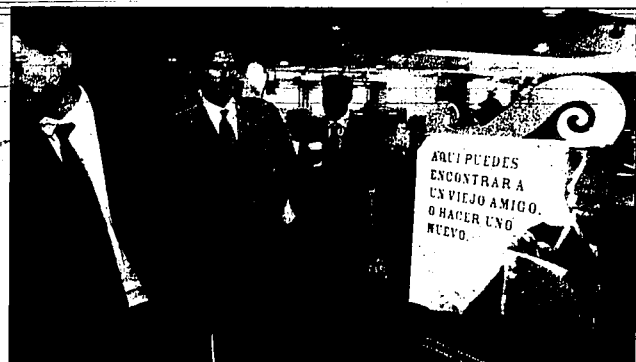
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EDITORIAL

State officials need to look at rolling back state wages

Now that Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has issued a third wave of hold-backs in a year, the state's budget is approaching its most serious test. The governor and state legislators must prepare for the budget decisions in almost a generation.

resources, Medicaid and agriculture can be maintained, and jobs can be preserved.

Which is better - a 3 percent pay cut, or a pink slip? The state can review all jobs and determine which positions should be immune from rollbacks.

Our view: As the state evaluates its options for boosting the economy, it should consider rollbacks in state worker wages.

Both parties will find this proposal politically unappealing. Some people will say a rollback represents a tax increase on a select few. Point well taken.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

But throughout the past decade, the public sector has grown faster than the private sector. Government is one of the biggest growth industries in the country and in Idaho.

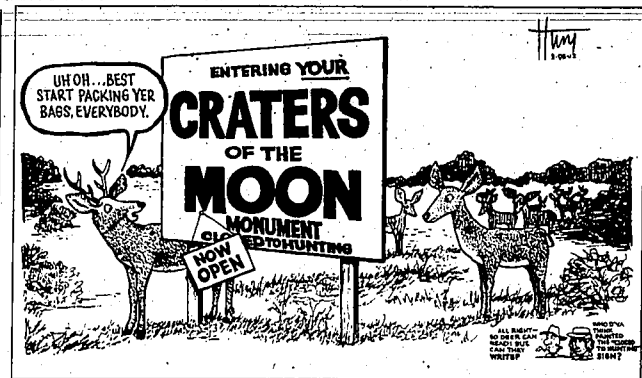
Statistics from the Associated Taxpayers of Idaho show that in state budgets from 1988 to 2001, general fund appropriations grew at an average annual rate of 8.3 percent.

Meanwhile, the personal income of Idaho taxpayers averaged just 7.1 percent annual growth.

The fact is, state salaries have outpaced the incomes of taxpayers who support government. For most state agencies, worker incomes represent the biggest portion of their budgets.

State leaders should consider a temporary wage rollback before tax increases or layoffs. It could be the soundest way to get the state out of the red.

This way, critical state programs such as prisons, water



Oil critics voice shallow complaint

DENNIS T. AVERY

America's oil consumption blocking democracy in the Muslim world? Tom Friedman, The New York Times columnist, says an Indian Muslim leader recently told him that Muslims don't hate America.

Muslim democracy? I seem to recall the U.S. stopping Iraq's Saddam Hussein from annexing not only Kuwait, but also Saudi Arabia and whatever other parts of the oil-rich and Muslim Middle East he could drag under his despotic rule.

Alternatively, the United States could shift its heavy dependence on our huge coal deposits, using the new clean-burning technologies.

Renewable wind power are solar, but it's horribly expensive to harness them for consumers. The Tennessee Valley Authority says it can generate electricity at coal-fired plants for less than two cents per kilowatt hour.

Does Friedman blame America for all those bad governments too? President Bush has offered a major proposal to ease our reliance on Muslim oil drilling for the apparently major American oil deposits offshore and in the Arctic National Wildlife Preserve.

Environmentalists were horrified at the prospect - even the Audubon Society leases the rights to oil-drilling in its nature preserves.

Moreover, wind farms average only 30 percent productivity, so we'd need to clear 600,000 acres of forest or wild meadow to even theoretically replace that one coal-fired plant. We also have to keep the coal-plant operational for those rare periods when the winds die down all across the nation.

The eco-groups themselves aren't really serious about wind power. The Sierra Club is opposing a modest new coal-water power facility proposed for Nantuxet Sound in Massachusetts, a power-deficit state that currently imports electricity from eco-inefficient hydroelectric dams.

If America tied itself to solar cells, which are not only erratic - they don't work at nighttime or in cloudy weather - but 30 times as expensive as China's coal power, where would most of tomorrow's jobs be created?

Europe's high-energy taxes are a big reason Europe has created virtually no new non-governmental jobs in recent decades.

Wind and solar "farms" would also take huge amounts of land away from wildlife. To replace a one conventional 1,000-megawatt power plant that occur-

perhaps 20 acres, we'd need to take over perhaps 200,000 acres on which to spread 2,000 huge wind turbines.

Wind turbines must be spaced at wide intervals to be kept clear of each other's propwash.

Americans can't protect themselves from any of the world's big dangers including winter's cold, grinding poverty, Moslem terrorists or wildlife habitat losses unless we're realistic.

I hope the Sierra Club moves west of Twin and comes to me home. They are always welcome!

DEBBIE BROSS, King Hill

Twin Falls County Fair should honor Coast Guard

The Twin Falls County Fair was a great event and thrill for an old town boy such as myself.

I was expecting the U.S. Coast Guard to be recognized as it is an armed force of the United States and served well in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm

Love answered the hate of the terrorists

Before my brother became a pastor, he asked our father for some good advice. My father responded with three words: "Love the people."

DAN RIEKE

Today, we remember the hate of the terrorists and the love that has answered it. We are encouraged to see our soldier and other relief agencies bringing help to the children and homeless in Afghanistan.

Without the wisdom of love, terrorism encourages a reoccurring vengeance that destroys life. We observe this among other nations and pray that it will not drag us in. "In God we trust" is our strong foundation upon which fear and violence find no lasting foothold.

Americans can't protect themselves from any of the world's big dangers including winter's cold, grinding poverty, Moslem terrorists or wildlife habitat losses unless we're realistic.

My father gave my brother three words of advice. They were good ones. Indeed, these three words are the same given to each of us by a much greater Father.

Editor's note: Wayne Hyiby is a retired U.S. Coast Guard lieutenant commander.

Thief who stole American flags has no honor

As a member of Monarch Lion Club No. 45, we have a money-making project to help with those who have eye problems. We contract the professionals and businesses to put out American flags on national holidays in their respective businesses.

Two flags were removed (stolen) from the northeast area of the Lynnwood Mall on Sept. 2. It must be a great thrill to see American flags in broad daylight. Whoever did this must be a patriotic thief.

WARREN W. FOWLER, Twin Falls

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Editorial is half-right, but also half-wrong

I write in response to your Aug. 6 editorial. Your opinion is half right and half wrong.

As an eighth-grade teacher in Kimberly Middle School, I am on the fringe of an experiment with single-sex classrooms in our sixth-grade core classes. At the heart of the experiment was the education of four experienced and professional educators that 11- and 12-year-old students might achieve advancement in classrooms of the same gender.

I am proud to be a history teacher, a member of the National Education Association, and the president of its local affiliate in Kimberly.

Sept. 11 and following, we as organizations, schools and community gathered in parks, held patriotic assemblies for victims, raised money for firefighters' families, and sent letters to Afghan children. We have not blamed one another. Until now.

Letters

Times-News section "11 Days of Remembrance" as a teaching tool. The NEA's Website and The Times-News will help me understand the significance of Sept. 11, with or without single-sex classrooms.

Twin Falls area has plenty to offer in parks and trails

I have been a resident of the Twin Falls area for 43 years and not until the last few have I realized what I have just out of my mind.

I have always had good neighbors, firemen, policemen, sanitation workers and mailmen. Over the years I have taken the time and opportunity to share them either personally or in writing. The things that I have come to appreciate more are the green areas of this incredible small city.

Writter bids Sierra Club advocates welcome

I would like to address the letter from Mr. Ackerman and his view of the Sierra Club.

I have had the opportunity to work closely with members of the Sierra Club to keep a confined animal feeding operation out of my back yard.

I have been extremely impressed with their desire to ensure the land and water continue into the next century.

I was expecting the U.S. Coast Guard to be recognized as it is an armed force of the United States and served well in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm

1994. I moved in five years prior to

OPINION



Congress bipartisanship disappears

When President Bush appeared to leaders of Congress last week for a show of bipartisanship to end the prospect of gridlock on major bills, he likely was wasting his breath. That, at least, is the clear message from three scholars who have assessed the situation.

All of them operate on the assumption that legislators will behave in a way that makes political sense for them and their parties, and they agree that conditions on Capitol Hill are hostile to Bush's plea.

In a paper presented at the recent Boston convention of the American Political Science Association, Peter Trubowitz and Nicole Mellow of the University of Texas-Austin said that bipartisanship occurs only rarely and briefly under special circumstances, and those circumstances just don't exist today.

At the same meeting, Sarah A. Binder of the Brookings Institution and George Washington University said the evidence shows that while gridlock may be damaging to the reputation of Congress, individual lawmakers are not punished by their voters for the failings of the institution and thus have little incentive to worry about such matters.

The Texas pair began by noting that partisanship is the natural condition of Congress, because its members "need the support of key constituencies (partisans) to get re-elected, (so) they tend to avoid taking policy positions that might antagonize party activists, campaign contributors and core supporters. ... Because these groups have intense policy preferences, lawmakers are reluctant to reach across the aisle and vote for policy positions their partisans might deem too 'soft' or 'weak.'"

That's the general rule, Trubowitz and Mellow say, but there have been times in the past century where bipartisanship has emerged. Those times are "most likely to occur when the political parties are competitive and regionally dispersed, and when the national economy is growing."

Nationally, Republicans and Democrats are closely balanced, but, as many have noted, restricting this past year protected so many incumbents that no more than 40 of the 435 House seats are really competitive. The country is sharply divided regionally — remember the red and blue states in 2000 — with each party dominant in its own geographical base. And the national economy, far from growing, has been mired for more than a year in job-sapping doldrums.

"During hard times," they say, "lawmakers will strongly advocate partisan positions (and) be less preoccupied with appealing to 'swing' voters and more concerned about shoring up their political base." Thus, their conclusion: "Given the tenuous balance of the two parties in the national government and the closeness of the 2000 election, the president's overtures to

bipartisanship are understandable. However, the parties are increasingly regionally polarized, the economy is stumbling in ways that highlight class differences, and a quick resolution to the war on terrorism is nowhere in sight. If the past is a predictor for the future, these are tough odds that the president faces. In all likelihood, finding a new bipartisan consensus will remain elusive."

But shouldn't members of Congress worry about going home to face the voters with no Medicare prescription drug benefit, no patients' bill of rights, no increase in the minimum wage and no real answers to budget deficits and a lagging economy? The short answer, professor Binder says, is no. "Poor legislative performance by Congress, in other words, is unlikely to affect candidates' electoral fortunes. Voters might be turned off by legislative inaction, but are unlikely to hold incumbents' performance against them in the voting booth."

Individual members of Congress are valued for their constituent services, their presence at local events and their ability to bring specific projects to their districts — and most face negligible, underfinanced opposition.

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Binder finds no significant relationship between the degree of gridlock in Congress and the electoral fate of Congress as a whole or of its majority party.

The reputation of Congress as an institution does go down when gridlock surges, she says, and there is statistical evidence that gridlock may impel an increase in the number of members who retire voluntarily from office. But it just doesn't hurt at election time.

Thus, "the dilemma of gridlock: Despite the harm frequent stalemate does to institutional reputations, there is little electoral incentive for legislators to address it." The president can exhort all he wishes, these observers say, but he is not likely to produce bipartisanship or avoid gridlock. Sorry about that.

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Getting in touch

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- There is a well documented shortage of **lean** beef in the U.S., though the U.S. supply of marbled beef is plentiful.
- Customer demand for lean beef has risen dramatically in all purchases. (ie: supermarkets and restaurants alike)
- McDonald's must ensure its supply of **lean** beef. Since the 1970's, the number of McDonald's restaurants in the U.S. has grown from 1,500 to over 13,000. **But**, the number of cull cows and other non-feedlot animals sent to market has declined from about 12.5 million to about 5 million head.

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- McDonald's purchases nearly One Billion pounds of US beef each year, **twice** that of its nearest competitor. To those of us who support the U.S. Beef Industry as we have since the inception of McDonald's, does it make sense to boycott the largest customer the U.S. Beef Industry has?
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- McDonald's is working with the National Cattleman's Beef Association and American Farm Bureau to explore solution to the lean beef shortage.
- The amount of beef that enters the U.S. is governed by a strict quota system. McDonald's strongly advocates keeping the quota unchanged, we only would compete for lean Australian and New Zealand beef already entering the U.S.
- McDonald's is working to expand foreign markets for U.S. beef. Last year, McDonald's exported more than 19 million pounds of beef to Central America and the Caribbean.
- Our competitors chose foreign beef over U.S. beef long before there was a shortage of lean ground beef simply because it was cheaper. For more than 30 years, our national competitors' hamburgers have contained as much as 50% imported beef. By remaining committed to the American cattleman, McDonald's has invested \$180 million over the past 15 years in the U.S. industry that would otherwise have gone to foreign suppliers.

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- Most importantly, McDonald's has the highest standards for food quality and food safety, (including feed certification) in the business, and uses only those products which meet or exceed our highest standards.
- All of our beef, regardless of where it is sourced, is subject to our stringent guidelines and USDA inspection. Beef in our Magic Valley McDonald's comes from Otto & Sons in West Jordan, Utah. Cattle are sourced throughout the Intermountain West.
- McDonald's is using a small amount of high-quality Australian and New Zealand lean beef in Southeastern U.S. test markets to supplement our U.S. beef. McDonald's does not and has never imported beef into the U.S. from Central or South America. This information floating around the Internet is absolutely **false**.

In closing, we want our Magic Valley customers to rest assured our commitment to the American farmer remains strong as ever as does our commitment to you, our customer, in providing the highest quality product always from the Golden Arches.

If you would like to verify any of the above information, you may call or write Terry Stokes, President, National Cattleman's Beef Association, 303-850-3319 or John Hayes, Senior Director, U.S. Supply Chain, McDonald's Corporation, 630-623-5826 or Bill Kyle, Owner/Operator, Magic Valley McDonald's Restaurants, 208-734-5505. We hope that this information clarifies and answers any questions you may have had regarding this very emotional issue.

Sincerely,

Bill and Donna Kyle

Bobble your head if you're almost famous

What are the qualities of greatness in postmodern America? Vision? Courage? Insight? Access to Britney Spears' personal adviser?

Nah. Greatness nowadays consists solely of being cool enough to have a bobblehead doll made in your likeness.

If you're not down with bobbleheads, you're nowhere. It's the hottest collectible in America in the moment, far surpassing Beanie Babies.

Major League Baseball teams that gave bobbleheads away last season averaged a 13.9 percent bump in attendance.

In case you've been summing in a cave, bobbleheads are 7 1/2-inch tall ceramic dolls with oversized heads mounted on springs.

Every professional athlete in the country, damn near, has a bobblehead look-alike, as do most major public figures, including the president.

In fact, comparison to the malevolent movie doll Chucky isn't so far-fetched. With a dozen or so bobbleheads watching you from the shelf, you get the queasy feeling you could easily become deranged and compelled to back over your neighbor's Hummel lawn ornaments again and again.

So bobbleheads are best collected discreetly, keeping in mind that any doll left next to Allen Iverson's for any length of time is likely to lose its head.

By the same token, any bobblehead placed near the sports Steinbrenner doll will instantly quadruple in value.

These toys have been around for 400 years; bobbleheads were invented in China in the 17th century and made of papier-mache.

But it's only in the past 40 years or so that they've taken on their current form, originally as souvenirs sold by big-league baseball teams.

The bobbling history books then weren't people but mascots: A St. Louis Cardinal, a Detroit Tiger, a Houston Astro(nau), a Philadelphia Philly (a mare's head with long eyelashes), an Oklahoma Sooner (an elephant), it's a long story.

The Minnesota Twin had two bobbleheads, of course, the Cleveland Indian and the Atlanta Brave were topped with very bobbleheads. Correct Native American visages, and the Washington Senator's noodle looked like Teddy Kennedy's after an especially long weekend.

It's not that I'm as big a kid and kept it until a few years ago; it was great fun to mix and match.

Removing Teddy Kennedy's head, for example, and putting it on the Oakland A's body. Or placing the Anaheim Angel's noggin atop the Arizona Diamondback's serpentine body, creating a sort of Garden-of-Eden monst.

My great ambition is to become distinguished enough to have my own bobblehead doll. I'm thinking a lithe, athletic body topped by Robert Redford's melon crested in character, but with the wrinkles ironed out - and a shock of jet-blond hair.

It wouldn't be such a tragedy if the Steve Crump bobblehead didn't actually look like Steve Crump. After all, the Kenneth Lay doll - he's the man who wrecked Enron, you'll recall - could pass for Dick Cheney (go figure) and the Richard Simmons bobblehead closely resembles Martha Stewart.

And I'm pretty sure that the Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston dolls are just the same head on different bodies. Which, of course, describes much of America today.

Steve Crump is the Times-News features editor. Write to him at crump@magicvalley.com.

Church sponsors family TV

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Two new commercial television stations offering family programming are airing in Twin Falls and soon plan to add a nightly community newscast.

The stations are operated by Christian Broadcasting of Idaho, a nonprofit corporation revived by Calvary Chapel of Twin Falls pastor Mike Kestler.

The new stations are a ministry of

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cable or with Teton Wireless service. Channel 27, an affiliate of the American One Television Network, carries Western and equestrian programming and some classic television series and films.

"Possibly as early as the first full week in October we will begin a local 5 p.m. newscast," Stocklin said.

Local sporting events also may be part of a programming line-up. The church is looking forward to serving the community in a new way, Kestler said.

Local television programming will be operated out of church's radio broadcast headquarters in Twin Falls.

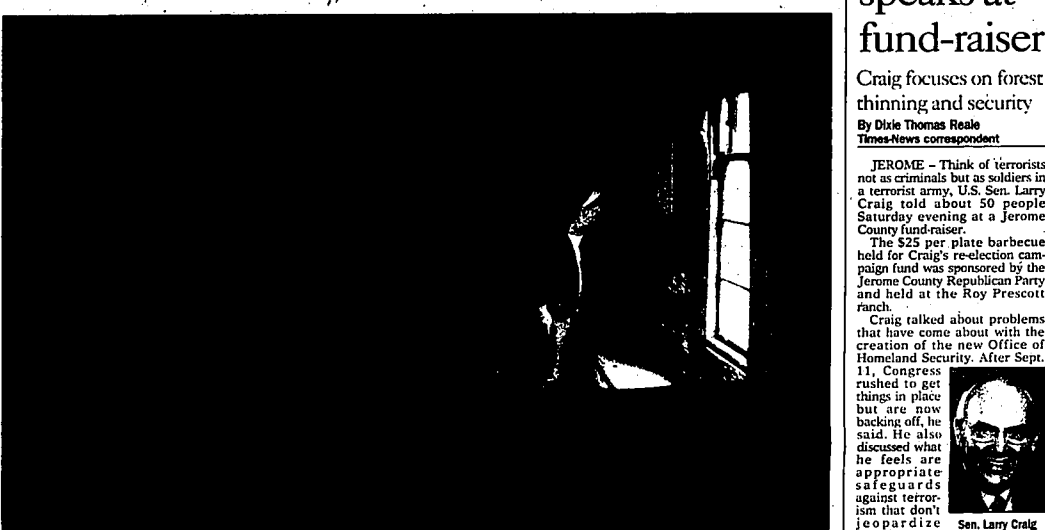
The radio service in partnership with Calvary Chapel of Santa Ana, Calif., carries Christian radio programming throughout the country and internationally.

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DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

PIECES OF THE PAST



Emily Caywood, 10, touches the log walls of a one-room schoolhouse at the Cassia County Museum. The museum held its 30th anniversary on Saturday.

Cassia museum keeps history local

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

BURLEY - Ahh, the good-old days.

Grinding grain by hand, spending an Idaho winter homeless during the Great Depression and hiking more than a mile to school through snow drifts.

Lifelong Cassia County residents recounted their histories Saturday at the county museum's 30th anniversary celebration.

The museum's collection is built from local historical accounts and donations that document life in the country from its earliest pioneer settlers to post-World War II development.

"So many of our things were going out of the county, because we didn't have a place for them," said Janice Thornton, a member of the museum's board

of directors.

The community created its museum 30 years ago to keep its history in town. A trip to the museum is a standard educational experience nowadays for the county's fourth-graders.

Thornton, 75, donated a lavender stage dress that belonged to her great-aunt Edith Schroeder, who performed intermission shows at the movie theater. Two local theaters were major sources of social activity at the time.

"At Christmas, we always went to the Burley Theater the day before, and we got a bag of candy and an orange," remembers Opal Jones, 75, can vouch for the truth of stories grandparents today tell of hiking through snowdrifts to school. She lived more than a mile from town as a

youngster.

On display at the museum is a hand-cranked coffee grinder Opal Jones' father, John E. Schenk, bought at an auction. He used it to grind animal feed on his farm. Jones remembers the daily chore as a small child. The grinder looks something like a spindle. The children hung on the hand crank to take a short upward spin around its wheel.

When Glenn Draper, 88, was a toddler, the family immigrated from Utah to Idaho by covered wagon.

"We came up through the Utah-California trail, up through the City of Rocks, down to Birch Creek and up to Oakley," he said.

His father made a living dry farming and had a nice place on Willow Creek near Oakley but lost everything in the Depression.

That set off a series of moves, because of struggles to pay the rent. The family wound up in a city of squatters on the north side of the railroad tracks in Burley.

"My early life, all I can do is remember being scared," Draper said.

For two years, Draper lived in a canvas tent with his family before President Franklin D. Roosevelt started the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s.

"While he was in, he was just God Almighty to the working class people," Draper said of Roosevelt.

Draper left home to fight fires and earn \$25 a month for his family.

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East Coast playhouse accepts woman's musical

By Loretta Burkhardt Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Inspired by her splendor, a two-hour musical is now in its finishing stages.

The work began two years ago when local songwriter, Stephanie Holman, was vacationing in the New York area.

"It was like I was seeing the Statue of Liberty for the first time," said Holman. "Only this time (it seemed like) I was seeing it through the eyes of an emigrant."

And the words to the song (about the semblance of the statue) came like inspiration.

Holman, who writes under her maiden name, Armiger, submitted her play, titled "Lady Liberty to the Gateway Playhouse, in Sumner Point, N.J., in May.

Following its review, the 18 song script was accepted.

And with lyrics relating to



Local songwriter Stephanie Holman sits with the author of 'The Encyclopedia of the Statue of Liberty', Barry Moren, at Ellis Island in New York. Holman has written a musical about the Statue of Liberty, which will tentatively open on the East Coast in summer 2003.

the monument as seen through the eyes of an emigrant," it is tentatively scheduled to open

on the East Coast in the summer of 2003.

And though she wrote the

words to all but one of the songs, "America I Love You," she isn't taking direct credit.

"The songs were inspired," Holman said.

Nor is she taking credit for the musical compositions. Although she came up with the words and the tunes, Holman needed assistance writing the music.

She found help in gospel singer Caleb Collins.

"With a new musical you Holman, who co-directed a working version of the musical with her friend, Collins, who is the director of music at the First

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Senator speaks at fund-raiser

Craig focuses on forest thinning and security

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Think of terrorists not as criminals but as soldiers in a terrorist army, U.S. Sen. Larry Craig told about 50 people Saturday evening at a Jerome County fundraiser.

The \$25 per plate barbecue held for Craig's re-election campaign fund was sponsored by the Jerome County Republican Party and held at the Roy Prescott ranch.

Craig talked about problems that have come about with the creation of the new Office of Homeland Security. After Sept. 11, Congress rushed to get things in place but are now backing off, he said.

He also discussed what he feels are appropriate steps someone for a traffic violation he can get that person's background information in a matter of minutes," Craig said.

Law enforcement agencies do not need more laws or arresting authority, he said. There are plenty of laws on the books that can be enforced.

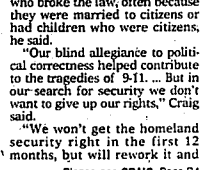
"We need to enforce the borders," Craig said. About two decades ago the United States stopped deporting foreigners who broke the law, often because they were married to citizens or had children who were citizens, he said.

"Our blind allegiance to political correctness helped contribute to the tragedies of 9-11. But in our search for security we don't want to give up our rights," Craig said.

"We won't get the homeland security right in the first 12 months, but will rework it and

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Sen. Larry Craig



Sen. Larry Craig

YOUR WEEKEND

The Lamphouse Theatre

What: "Wendigo" will be shown. Where: The Lamphouse Theatre, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls. When: 4:30, 7 and 9:15 p.m. today.

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What: Full Moon Madness Karaoke will be featured. Where: The Blue Room, 613 Fremont, Rupert. When: 6-10 p.m. today. How much: No cover charge.

To have an event appear in "Your Weekend" send your information to: Melissa Morgan, PO Box 546, Twin Falls, ID 83301, e-mail her at mmorgan@magicvalley.com or fax it to 734-5538.

Evel Knievel says he's paid his debts

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Evel Knievel says it's no stunt he's produced proof that he paid his debt to the Internal Revenue Service. Knievel, who made millions as a motorcycle stuntman in the 1970s, disputed published reports, based on court records, that he owed the government as much as \$5.3 million in back taxes. At the time, Knievel and his attorney, Wade Dahood, said they reached a settlement with the IRS under which Knievel was obligated to pay only a fraction of that amount.

In early August, Knievel said he owed the IRS just \$15,000. Now a letter from the IRS, addressed to Robert C. Knievel, backs his claim. "You have completed the payment of all of your debt in full. In compromise," it states. "This settles any previous owed Federal income taxes, according to the terms of the agreement made between you and the Government." A spokeswoman for the IRS said last month that the agency does not comment on such matters.

Knievel is also being taken to court by a Twin Falls woman who says he owes her thousands of dollars. Esther Swenson filed documents in July asking that Butte District Court enforce a \$9,700 judgment against Knievel from October 1975. She is the widow of O.K. Swenson, who contracted with Knievel to build 200 outposts for Knievel's failed rocket launch across the Snake River Canyon near Twin Falls in 1974. Some 123 outposts were burned or otherwise destroyed by Jump Week reversers.

SERVICES

Ruth Darling Sciften of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Buhl Presbyterian Church; burial will follow at the West End Cemetery (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Opal Lollar of Gooding, service at 11 a.m. Monday at Gooding First Christian Church; burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery.

In Gooding; friends may call from 4-7 p.m. today at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

John Byron Roy of Gooding, service at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Gooding LDS Church; viewing from 5-7 p.m. Monday at Demary's Gooding Chapel and one hour before the service at the church.

Sheila Shepherd of Buhl, memorial service at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Buhl.

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DEATH NOTICES

Marzella M. Day
TWIN FALLS — Marzella M. Day, 85, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Sept. 6, 2002, at Desert Rose Retirement Center. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. A complete obituary will appear in the Monday edition of *The Times-News*.

Raymond E. Elorriaga
BOISE — Raymond E. Elorriaga, 70, of Boise and formerly of Hagerman, was found dead Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2002, at his home in Boise. Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at St. Catherine's

Catholic Church in Hagerman. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Hagerman. Arrangements are under the direction of Demary's Gooding Chapel.

LaVerda M. Allan
RUPERT — LaVerda M. Allan, 90, of Rupert, died Saturday, Sept. 7, 2002, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

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Our sincere thanks to our family and friends for the calls, visits, cards, food, flowers and prayers following the loss of our beloved Ron.

We extend a special thank you to Doctor Retmler, Doctor Desmond, Doctor Lobb and the dedicated staff at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for their special care and support during this difficult time.

The Ron Pope Family

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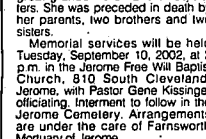
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JEROME



Murel Irene Olechka
Murel Irene Olechka, 73, of Jerome, passed away September 4, 2002, in Jerome, Idaho. She was born February 16, 1929, in Westphalia, Kansas, to Madison Raiman Shepard and Bessie M. Offield Shepard. She moved to Idaho in 1956 with her husband where they raised seven children. Her family was her life. She loved to visit and she was very proud of her children and grandchildren. Irene was an active member of the Jerome Free Will Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband, Hank Olechka of Jerome; her children, Larry (Sandy) Culver of Jerome, Rita (Mick) Robinson of Twin Falls, Robert (Carolyn) Culver of Jerome, Leon Culver of Jerome, Pam (Steve) Human of Twin Falls, Martha Culver of Twin Falls, and Steve Culver of Jerome. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and six nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters. Memorial services will be held Tuesday, September 10, 2002, at 2 p.m. in the Jerome Free Will Baptist Church, 810 South Cleveland. Jerome, with Pastor Gene Kissinger officiating. Interment to follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

KIMBERLY




Betty Ann Kelson Morrill
Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, teacher and friend passed from us on September 7, 2002, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Betty Ann was born April 18, 1942, to Lawrence and Myrtle Kelson of Moroni, Utah. During her childhood, she spent many happy moments of play and work with her brothers and sister. She was cherished by her family and childhood friends, and captivated others with her creativity and enthusiasm. She graduated from North Sanpete High School in 1960, and continued her education at Snow College and Utah State University. In 1965, she earned her Bachelors of Science in Education. During her studies, she met and fell in love with Garth Doyle Morrill. They were married for life and all eternity in the LDS Temple in August of 1965. After graduation, they lived in Logan, Utah, for a time before settling in the Magic Valley. During their thirty-seven years together, they raised three children, Ann Michelle, Meggin Lynn, and Matthew Kelson. Her role as mother was one most cherished, and she loved raising her family with her sweetheart, Doyle. Betty Ann served the community as an elementary school teacher for over 35 years. She taught in Salt Lake City, Cache Valley, Utah, and Blaine, Idaho. The greater part of her career was in serving the Kimberly School District, where she taught grade 1-5, as well as the gifted and talented program for over 20 years. Teaching youth was one of her greatest joys and she loved the children through her unconditional service to the children she taught, she created a legacy of strength, integrity and love. Some of her fondest memories were of students returning to visit her and thanking

her for being their teacher and a great example. Betty Ann was active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she lovingly dedicated her time and talents to many callings of service. Her faith in the Savior was a great strength to her, and was felt by all who knew her. Betty Ann loved theatre and drama. She had many opportunities to share her creativity and artistic flair. Several years ago, Betty Ann was faced with a difficult challenge. She was diagnosed with cancer, a dragon on her back which she fought valiantly. Cancer would prove to be a continuing battle in her life. Through these adversities, she continued to show grace, dignity, and love for family and friends. She felt that though "we may not be able to choose how we die, we certainly choose how we live." Her unwavering love and courage reflected this resolve. Survivors include her husband, Garth Doyle Morrill; her daughters, Ann Michelle (Mark Lee) of Hyrum, UT, and Meggin Lynn (David Mann) of Woodruffville, SC; her son, Lawrence Kelson Morrill (Kari Lewis) of Long Beach, CA; her grandchildren, Dalton Doyle, Derrick Dalton, and Elizabeth Ann Mann; and her aunts, Myrtle Kelson and Kater Matk Lee; her sister and brothers, Lora Adcock of Riverside, CA, Duane Kelson of Boise, ID, and Paul Kelson of Boise, ID. Preceding her in death are her parents, Lawrence Kels and Myrtle Kelson; her brother, Gary Kelson; her daughter, Angella; and twins, a boy and a girl, who were not named. Memorial services will be held at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, north of Kimberly, Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 1 p.m. Dedicatory services will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Family and friends may call at White Mortuary on Monday, Sept. 9, from 4 until 8 p.m. and at the Stake Center at 11 a.m. prior to the memorial service. Friends who suggest memorials be made to the Morrill-McAdams scholarship fund, c/o Wells-Fargo Bank in Kimberly.

BOISE
Robert Dean LaRue
Robert Dean LaRue died at a Boise hospital on Monday, August 12, 2002, as a result of congestive heart failure. There will be a memorial service at Whitney United Methodist Church on Sunday, September 15, as part of the regular 11 a.m. worship service. LaRue was born near Meridian, ID, on June 4, 1922, to Roy and Daisy LaRue. Early in his life the family moved to the Heyburn area, where he grew up on a farm near Heyburn. He graduated from Heyburn High School and the University of Idaho with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering, and later a master's degree in agricultural engineering. He spent two years in the US Navy, followed by 13 years in active reserve, retiring with a rank of Lieutenant Commander. As an educator his teaching career included the University of Idaho; the School of Mines & Technology in Rapid City, SD; the Colorado School of Mines in Colorado; State University at Fort Collins, CO; and The Ohio State University, in Columbus, OH, where he retired after 23 years of teaching. After moving to Boise in 1988, he taught several classes at Boise State University. Teaching assignments included freshman engineering, engineering graphics, computer programming, etc. He organized and directed workshops in computer graphics for faculty teaching engineering graphics throughout the US and British Columbia. He was a member of The American Society for Engineering Education holding various offices. The Engineering Design Graphics Division of the Society presented him with their Distinguished Service Award. He married Betty Brazeal, Rupert, in 1949. They were later divorced. In 1982, he married Virginia Dunham. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; his children, David, of Ulice, NY, and grandson, Zachary; John (Brenda), Columbus, OH, and grandchildren, Bethany and Matthew; a daughter-in-law, Barbara, of Indianapolis, IN, and grandson, Eric; Boston, MA; Stephanie and Marcia Chauvin, Boise; Joanne Smith (Allan), Spokane, WA; Jim Dunham (Kathy), Spokane, WA; and Doug Dunham (Catherine) and wife, who is also survived by two brothers, Reverend Paul LaRue (Ruth), Salem, OR; Lawrence LaRue (Peggy), Wendell, ID; a sister, Myrtle Esther (Glenn), Boise, and an aunt, Sara LaRue,

her for being their teacher and a great example. He was preceded in death by a brother, Warren, and a son, Robert. He was a member of Whitney United Methodist Church in Heyburn, Idaho. His other interests included reading, singing, classical music, model railroads, Ohio State football, and the alumni association of Heyburn High School. Memorial gifts may be given to the building fund of Whitney United Methodist Church.

PAUL



Naomi Ruth Murphy
Naomi Ruth Murphy, a 65-year-old Paul resident, was welcomed into the arms of Jesus on September 2, 2002, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care, from complications of Diabetes. Naomi was born June 19, 1937, at Ordway Colorado. She attended school in Colorado and Missouri. She received a GED from CSI in 1990. She successfully completed a correspondence course. She married Lawrence Murphy on October 15, 1961. She ran a Home Day Care Center for 19 years. In recent years, she worked as a CNA at May's Country Living Center in Rupert, Idaho. She enjoyed collecting rocks, gardening, crafts, being outside, and looking at antique shops. She and her husband enjoyed attending and working at the Nazarene Church in Rupert for 23 years. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence Murphy of Paul; a daughter, Janelle Hanson of Nampa, ID, a son, Chad Murphy of Nampa, ID, and her brother, Paul Will of Hansen, ID, and her two grandchildren, Jaydee and Callyn. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 10, 2002, at the Paul Baptist Church, Fourth East and Lincoln Lane, with Pastor John Ziulkowski officiating. The viewing will be Monday evening from 6-8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel, 710 6th Street, and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the Church. The family suggests that memorial be made to The American Heart Association and The American Diabetes Association.

BOISE
Eldon G. Biggerstaff
Eldon G. Biggerstaff, 81, of Boise, died Monday, Sept. 2, 2002, unexpectedly. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, 5400 Fairview Avenue, Boise. Jerry Christian will officiate. Burial will follow in the Cloverdale Cemetery under direction of the Alden-Waggoner Chapel. Mr. Biggerstaff was born June 21, 1921, at Churchill, Idaho, a son of Crosby and Clara Biggerstaff. Eldon graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1940. In 1949, he married Wanda Miller. They resided at Twin Falls until 1954 when they moved to Boise, where he was a teamster driving for Garrett Freightlines until his retirement. Survivors include three sons, Lonnie Miller of Tempe, Arizona, Curtis Miller of Waquail, Massachusetts, and James Biggerstaff of Meridian, Idaho; and a sister, Helen Christian of Twin Falls, Idaho. Friends may call Sunday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Alden-Waggoner Chapel.

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Peppermill Casino group withdraws purchase offer

By Karen Terrell
Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. — Citing a materials breach of contract, the Peppermill Casino group has terminated its offer to purchase the West Wendover casinos that are currently in bankruptcy.

After hearing of the failed sale of the State Line and Silver Smith casinos, Elko County officials said late last week they would ask the federal bankruptcy court to appoint a trustee to take over control and management of the properties to protect the jobs of nearly 1,000 people.

The border town casinos are owned and controlled by the Smith Family Properties.

"The Elko County affirms that its principal concern is to keep the doors of the Silver Smith and the State Line casinos open now and in the future and to keep the 982 employees working," District Attorney Gary Woodbury said in a written statement.

Woodbury said the Elko County School District, city of West Wendover, and Elko County are "being dramatically

Bankruptcy proceedings

Elko County Treasurer Cesar Salicchi said the bankruptcy proceedings of the Silver Smith and State Line Casinos are by far the largest the county has been involved in.

As of Sept. 1, the West Wendover casinos owed \$1,487,000 in back taxes to the county. Of that amount, \$816,000 would have gone to the school district and \$315,000 was earmarked for West Wendover. Currently the casinos owe \$217,682 in property tax with \$130,800 being the school district's share and \$51,500 going to West Wendover.

County Fiscal Officer Cash Minor said this year's county budget could be impacted if current taxes are not paid, since the projected funds were used to balance the books.

affected" by the company's failure to pay its property taxes. And losing 20 percent of West Wendover's work force "would be devastating," he said.

But Michael DeVine, chief executive officer of the Smith Family Properties, strongly refutes the county's claim that jobs are in jeopardy and that the doors of the casinos may soon close.

"Some politicians thought we were just going away, but we are still around and are going to continue in business," DeVine said Saturday. The payroll is being met and, financially, the properties are showing returns on the "slightly positive" side of the ledger, he noted.

In describing the financial woes that have led to the bankruptcy of the properties, DeVine said what the casinos have gone through is similar to the budget problems that Elko County has faced.

"Four years or so ago when the mines were booming, the county over-expended itself and failed to read the interpreters. They (commission members and officials) thought mine expansion would go on forever. Now revenues are down," DeVine said.

At the same time, the two casinos were spending \$15 million a

year running an airline to bring tourists from 105 cities. A remodeling job doubled the size of the State Line, creating a beautiful facility with old slot machines, he said.

"We over-expanded and also misread the interpreters. We made mistakes, and now we are opening up to them," DeVine added while indicating elected politicians sometimes don't take individual responsibility for their decisions.

DeVine said that as a result the casinos were more than \$50 million in debt in 1998 and no longer operating an airline.

He became the CEO two years later. During his first year at the helm, he said the cash flow doubled as operations were streamlined during the first four months, but he was unable to bring the casinos out of the financial abyss.

The Smith Family made the decision to sell the casinos in 2001, and the Peppermill Group expressed an interest in purchasing them. When no offer was forthcoming, the two casinos filed for bankruptcy at the beginning of this year. A few

months later, Peppermill came forth with an offer to purchase the casinos for \$49.6 million. The sale was delayed because the Federal Trade Commission said the transaction could be a violation of anti-trust laws since not completed, Peppermill Casinos would have owned four of the six gaming locations in town.

William Paganetti, CEO of Peppermill Casinos, said last week the offer was withdrawn because the FTC investigation "is a costly and time-consuming venture that would have diverted attention and resources away from our core business."

DeVine said other buyers are now showing interest in purchasing the two casinos. Negotiations are currently under way with the Isle of Capri casino group in Mississippi.

He would not divulge the purchase price being discussed but indicated that it was far less than the county's \$84 million assessment.

He indicated if a proposal is accepted, he would ask the county to reassess the property. The

process could happen under an obscure bankruptcy law.

DeVine acknowledged all of the county's claims against the properties but has been advised not to make payment until the bankruptcy has been finalized.

The company is also exploring other financial sources including the possibility of refinancing. The bankruptcy court has given the Smith Family about a month to develop a financial plan for the properties.

DeVine said a hearing was held Friday and the court has determined the casinos have sufficient cash collateral to remain open during an extended period of time.

DeVine said one way or the other the State Line and Silver Smith are going to get "capital infusion" and both will be operating in the future.

"We have been here for a long time and we will be staying," he noted. The State Line Casino opened in 1926 and has the longest continuously held gaming license in Nevada. The Silver Smith opened in the 1980s.

Lincoln County seeks asset builder

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — Lincoln County is bursting at the seams with youth programs.

Local programs are expanding so much that Health Net Coalition is recruiting a full-time AmeriCorps youth asset builder, said Julie Ingram, the Lincoln County Health Net facilitator and chairwoman of Shoshone Gem Community.

Successful Shoshone Youth Action Council programs have prompted Health Net officials to plan more programs for the county, which makes it necessary for another person.

"It is our hope, this coming year, to form similar Youth Action Councils in Dietrich and Lincoln Falls as well as to organize Lunch Buddy-type programs in both of these communities," Ingram said. "This is one of the reasons we hope to find asset builders who reside in, or have lived in, Dietrich and/or Richfield this year."

The youth asset builder will receive a \$775 per-month stipend. Half is paid by the Association of Idaho Cities, and half is paid by

Want to build assets?

Lincoln County Health Net Coalition is recruiting a full time AmeriCorps Youth Asset Builder. Applicants must reside in Lincoln County. The position must be filled before Sept. 18. For more information or to apply, call Cheryl Adams, Lincoln County youth probation officer, at 886-7872, or Julie Ingram, Lincoln County Health Net facilitator, at 886-2466, or e-mail juliegram@velocitus.net.

the local sponsoring agency, in this case Lincoln County Juvenile Probation. However, a grant from the Idaho Children's Trust Fund will cover the county's half of sponsorship this coming year, Ingram said.

Another reason Health Net officials say the position could be of service to the community is because of the success of having juvenile probationers involved in youth programs.

Cheryl Adams, juvenile probation officer for Lincoln County, said she is currently working with about 25 probationers who are involved in many of the youth programs.

"The busier you can keep kids in a positive way the less likely they are to return to my office," she said. "In my opinion it keeps them from getting back into the court system."

The program gave a rundown of some of the successful programs the Shoshone Youth Action Council and AmeriCorps Asset Builders have been involved in since October 2001, such as Youth Action Council bi-weekly meetings.

"We let the youth focus on things that they wanted to see accomplished in their community, and let them develop action plans to see these projects through," Ingram said.

One of the projects was shoveling snow off of sidewalks for the elderly, with four teens and one adult participating.

A Lunch Buddies program was established in Shoshone schools with 10 youth, 10 elementary students and four adults participating.

Other projects range from fixing up basketball courts to making a presentation at the Twin Falls Governor's Roundtable Reception, or helping plan events such as Shoshone Arts in the Park

or Idaho Children's Trust Fund Youth Community Service Day in Boise.

With all these programs for youth, Bev Ashton of the 5th District Department of Juvenile Corrections sees a difference.

"These programs exhibit a community's commitment to its youth and shows youth that the community cares," Ashton said.

"With more on its plate for the future, including a "Beach Volleyball" pit in collaboration with Shoshone School District, private business owners, the city and county; a community garden; a collaboration with the Lincoln County commissioners to move the skate park to a downtown location near the volleyball pit and basketball courts; and several other projects.

"The upshot of these efforts is that we are, as a county, making a concerted effort to collaborate and to provide opportunities for youth," Ingram said. "I believe this is beginning to make a discernible difference."

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Junior high offers character building classes

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — Character building classes are being taught to students in eighth and ninth grades at Shoshone Junior High School.

Jann Thomsen, teacher of the classes, said the class will be about the life assets and about the "character building." Curriculum includes "Reviving the Wonder: 76 Activities That Touch the Inner Spirit of Youth," a book by Ric Snuecker with Suzie Rutherford.

Research Press, the company that publishes the book, says the book's purpose is to revitalize young people's hopes, dreams, and beliefs — empowering them to get up to be healthy and responsible adults.

The book targets students in grades five to 10 and can be adapted for other grade levels.

Another move to encourage youth has been to keep the computer lab open so that those who do not have access to a computer can use the lab.

"By donating time, Thomsen is showing her commitment to the asset labeled "The Community Values Youth."

The mission statement of Research Press is to build a community leaders which actively encourages and assists youth in the development of life-skills, which foster personal health, success and citizenship, Thomsen said.

"Specific action plans will be created in response to identified areas of concern in our community, which hinder the well-being of our youth."

The program was started because some adults of Shoshone wanted to empower the youth of the community and make them more confident and successful adults, Thomsen said.

Meetings

What: Student/Teacher Empowerment Program of Shoshone (STEPS) meetings.

When: 7 a.m. on the second Friday of each month during the school year. The first meeting is Friday.

Where: Manhattan Cafe in Shoshone.

Who: Michele Burke from Advocate for Survivors of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault will be the guest speaker.

Anyone interested may call Jann Thomsen at 886-2361, Ext. 1929, or 886-7075.

For more information on Reviving the Wonder: 76 Activities That Touch the Inner Spirit of Youth, go to www.researchpress.com.

Those involved include teachers, administrators, clergy, parents, Shoshone School District staff, law enforcement, members of the judicial system and youth, site programs.

One of the programs STEPS interacts with is the after-school program called Adventure Club, which is for elementary latchkey

students. The group also sponsors the Senior Celebration. After midnight the seniors who have graduated that year stay the night at the bowling alley and eat, play games and win prizes.

"I personally sent out the survey to the three districts in Lincoln County and asked what the youth felt were creative activities," she said. "In our survey with Health Net we found that the youth felt there were not enough creative activities."

To help change that, the group worked with other groups and businesses to build a skate park, Thomsen said.

"We have also worked with the Shoshone Northside Highway Committee on what is needed to make (Idaho) Highway 24 safe by the school."

With the help of the students on

the STEPS committee the group made a public service announcement with KMVT. STEPS also worked on the "Safe Kids" program.

Future plans include expanding and getting more young people interested in the program.

"My personal goal is to have so many students and participants that we need a larger meeting place," Thomsen said.

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ROLLING IN PROTEST



Pegey Haney, 72, right, a Las Vegas grandmother of seven, rolls a fake marijuana cigarette Friday at the Stop DUI headquarters in Las Vegas. The group is opposed to Nevada's question nine on the November ballot which would decriminalize the possession of up to three ounces of the drug if passed. The fake joints will be used as visual tools to demonstrate to the public what three ounces of pot looks like.

Families detail destruction of rapes

BOISE (AP) — Condemned killer Darrell Payne was sentenced to a minimum of 20 years in prison for raping two teenage girls, after their families detailed the destruction those crimes have caused.

Payne pleaded guilty last month to two counts of rape for sexually assaulting two 14-year-olds in Barber Park in June 2000. He also has been sentenced to death for the murder of Boise State student Samantha Maher.

While the sentence was worked out ahead of time, Friday's hearing was the first time the families have spoken out.

The sister of one girl said Payne changed her sister's personality and almost ripped their family apart.

"This man is a disgusting, perverted, sick freak. He doesn't deserve to see the trees outside, eat food, breathe or even think," she said.

The sister also expressed anger at the Boise police officer who initially did not believe the girls had been raped.

"If the police would have believed them, it could have changed how they found this menace to society and could have prevented the murder," she said. "Since the incident, I no longer have trust in the Boise police."

Community Ombudsman Pierre Murphy earlier released a report that said the officer acted inappropriately and that his actions may have resulted in a 24-hour delay in notifying the public about the assaults.

Payne was sentenced to two concurrent life sentences, with 20 years fixed, by 4th District Judge Ronald Wilper Friday. Wilper followed a plea bargain worked out between Payne and prosecutors, dropping one charge of rape in exchange for a guilty plea on the other two charges.

The sentence will run concurrently with the death sentence Payne received in May for the kidnap, rape and murder of Maher in July 2000 — less than two weeks after the girls were attacked.

One girl's mother said her daughter had to be taken to the hospital three times for suicide attempts, has been diagnosed with depression and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Advisory panel wants tougher teaching standards

BOISE (AP) — An advisory panel believes Idaho's 16,000 teachers should undergo a more stringent certification process that not only charts their professional development but documents how it has affected student performance.

The proposal, part of a statewide plan to link certification of teachers to improved student academic progress, will be the subject of public hearings during the coming year before the state Board of Education. The board will consider it next year and the plan could be imposed as early as 2004.

"I think it has possibilities," Idaho Education Association

President Kathy Phelan said. "Teachers will find it good for the profession. But the devil is in the details."

And many details must still be determined, including whether changing the certification system should be accompanied with a change in the way teachers are paid.

The proposed three-tiered certification system would replace the existing system where teachers maintain certification primarily by taking six credit hours of instruction every five years.

The advisory panel, operating under the auspices of the Maximizing Opportunities for Learning and Teachers program,

has been developing teacher standards since the late 1990s.

Jim Hammond, vice president of the state Board of Education, called links between teacher certification and education and student performance standards "the pillars of meaningful Idaho education reform."

The panel also proposed more focused training for working teachers, who would spend half their training time on state education priorities and local school goals and improving knowledge in their fields.

It would replace the existing program that too often provides teachers with training unrelated to their jobs.

Bear mauling victim will return to Ohio in custody

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — An animal rights activist who was mauled by a grizzly bear near West Yellowstone while tracking a bison has been arrested for failure to pay child support in Ohio.

The activist, who originally identified himself as Jesshua Amun when he was mauled on Aug. 25, identified by authorities as Jeffrey Scheu.

He was taken into custody this week as he left an Idaho Falls

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hospital to return to the Buffalo Field Campaign.

Bonneville County Prosecutor

Dane Watkins Jr. said Scheu, 35, will be returned to Butler County, Ohio.

Neither Watkins nor a spokesman with Ohio's Job and Family Services Department knew how the case came to the attention of the Bonneville County Sheriff's Department.

"There are six counts of non-support, but no amount is listed," Watkins said.

Scheu and three other members of the Buffalo Field

Ranger learns from two-agency stint

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — After spending 46 days working as manager of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Burley Field Office, while keeping his job as the U.S. Forest Service's Burley District ranger, Scott Nannenga has some ideas to help the two agencies work in tandem.

"Here's the forest and all around is the BLM," Nannenga said pointing to green spots surrounded by tan on a wall map.

Though the Forest Service, part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the BLM, part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, are separated by an organizational rift, the two agencies deal with the same people and the same areas. In Cassia and Twin Falls counties, for example, grazing permittees often start their livestock on lower BLM land then move the animals to higher pastures managed by the Forest Service. If there is a gap between



Scott Nannenga

at the end of the BLM grazing season and the beginning of the Forest Service opens its grazing allotments, permittees end up in problem, Nannenga said.

Nannenga and BLM Field Office Manager Theresa Hanley met earlier to sort out some of the grazing conflicts, but there is room for more cooperation between the two agencies, Nannenga said. Rather than relying on their bosses to talk, employees of the BLM and the Forest Service should exchange calls on a regular basis, Nannenga said.

If BLM and Forest Service employees are going to start working together they will have to put aside interagency rivalry and overcome differences in language. There has always been a half-joking, half-serious rivalry between the two agencies, Nannenga said. While working at the BLM, Nannenga found there is no truth to the idea that the Forest Service is superior. In fact,

Nannenga would like to use some of the methods he saw at the BLM. The bureau does a better job of monitoring its grazing allotments than the Forest Service, he said.

The two agencies are also separated by language. When Nannenga was in the Forest Service he often had to raise his hand and ask for the definition of an acronym or an abbreviation, he said.

These difficulties are not insurmountable, Nannenga said. Employees flow back and forth between the Forest Service and the BLM. There are two former BLM employees now working in the Burley Ranger District Office.

Both agencies would benefit from a free and regular exchange of information.

"If we're studying a mule deer it's hard for us to do a good job of analysis" without BLM data, because the deer spend half the year on BLM land, Nannenga said.

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Hospital releases crash victims

JEROME — A driver and his passenger Saturday were treated and released from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after surviving a rollover crash on Interstate 84.

Both Kellen W. Morris, 19, of Wilder, and Sara L. Brown, 18, of Homedale, had been wearing

seat belts, the Idaho State Police reported.

The 1992 Toyota pickup driven by Morris rolled multiple times when it went out of control, the ISP said. The pickup had been traveling eastbound. The truck was about one mile west of Jerome when it went off the north side of the road. Morris overcorrected and the truck went

off the south side of the road, struck a fence, and rolled, the ISP said.

Brown was airlifted to Magic Valley Regional for treatment.

Morris was a trauma patient and released from the hospital, the ISP said. A hospital spokeswoman said Saturday evening that Brown also had been treated and released.

Judge says bale before you burn

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A Panhandle judge ordered farmers to stop burning their bluegrass fields this year until they have baled and removed the majority of the straw on the ground.

First District Judge John Mitchell issued his opinion late Friday, partially granting an injunction to opponents who are challenging the yearly agricultural practice.

Mitchell also ordered farmers to post a \$100,000 bond to reimburse eight plaintiffs for medical costs, lost wages and expenses if they leave town to escape the smoke.

The three farmers to notify the state Department of Environmental Quality when they intend to burn.

Mitchell ordered the department to maintain their records

of the burns for the public to review.

After their suit over the smoke was filed last week.

Court records show the family of Marsha Mason, a Rathdrum asthmatic, who died two years ago during a day of intense burning, filed a wrongful death suit that names 57 local bluegrass farmers as defendants.

"The judge has bankrupted us," said Prairie farmer Terry Jackling. "There is no way we can get everything baled by Tuesday when it is going to rain."

Nor is there adequate equipment to go around for the job, farmers say. That means a two-burn season could last as much as a month longer for farmers determined to get a grass crop next year.

But as the season drags on,

the future yields will, drop as plants have little time to create grass seed after the fires.

Though field burn opponents say they are not trying to put farmers out of business, they welcomed Mitchell's decision.

"Nobody is trying to hurt farmers. Nobody is trying to hurt them," said Bud Moon, Hope mayor and lead plaintiff in the class-action lawsuit.

"Lord love them, they are all card-carrying Americans, but we all are."

The lawsuit is the first clear legal victory for clean air advocates in a long campaign marked by setbacks from the state and federal courts.

Earlier this year, a federal judge denied a similar request for an injunction against grass growers brought by Safe Air For Everyone.

Aquifer committee reaches tentative study agreement

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The state has until Monday to reach a final agreement with Washington about who will control a \$3.5 billion study of the region's drinking water supply.

The Spokane Valley-Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer committee was only able to reach a tentative agreement on joint control of the project after a three-hour meeting Friday.

"We ran into some sticky points, but we have language we think we can agree on," said Gilbert, spokesman for the Washington Department of Ecology, said.

If an agreement is not reached, the states could lose out on partial funding of the project.

The aquifer committee, representing government, environmental and business interests in the area, has already secured \$500,000 in the Interior Department's budget for 2003. But the budget item does not say how the money will be shared.

The group has to make a decision before Sept. 15, said Craig, Idaho, and Patty Murray, D-Wash., present the appropriations bill next week.

"Everyone is very interested

in working collaboratively on this," Neil Beaver, water coordinator for The Bands Council in Spokane, said.

While Idaho will receive a third of the funding, the state lags behind Washington in aquifer research.

For example, Idaho has not tracked how much water is drawn from the aquifer that is the sole source of drinking water for 400,000 people in the two states.

That may force Washington, which is nearing completion of lengthy watershed planning study, to spend some of its money in Idaho.

But Idaho's decision to reject two huge power plants that would have sapped a total of 60 million gallons a day from the aquifer has encouraged environmental groups to work with the state.

"Look what Idaho did with the power plants," Rachael Paschal, a Spokane environmental attorney, said. "They're really stepping up and doing a good job. So we're motivated to try to work with them."

The committee plans to sign and publicly release the management plan on Monday.

Craig

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get it right eventually," he said. The department of transportation was created in the 1950s out of several departments. "It took five years to get it right," he said.

Craig also talked about forest conditions contributing to fires in the West. Forests have been allowed to build up dead and diseased trees and underbrush for the past several years. Where

there should be around 50 trees to an acre there are now 700, Craig said, leading to costly fires.

Democratic California Sen. Diane Feinstein and Craig have joined forces on a forestry bill to thin and clean out the dead and diseased trees on 25 million acres of federal land. With their plan there will be at least 10 trees per acre to show the public what the forests should look like, he said.

Music

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Assembly of God Church in Twin Falls.

"I was glad to help her," said Collins, who is studying graphic design at the College of Southern Idaho.

And though he doesn't see music theater in his future, writing the music and setting up the stage for a filmed presentation were not difficult undertakings

for 20-year-old Collins, who sings gospel because, "It's something I feel really makes a difference in people's lives."

The musical script was filmed with a cast of local talent and submitted for review.

Collins said the play has been accepted, that's not the end of the story.

With the hope that the play "relating to early America and

the history of the statue itself" may someday be seen on Broadway, Heiman continues to make narrative changes.

"This musical is history — and I want as many people to see it as possible," Heiman has three goals for the musical: She hopes that after seeing the play, the audience will know where the statue came from and why; that the play will

help people remember some of those who were most responsible for bringing the statue to America; but most of all, that the audience will walk away from the play with a good feeling and "perhaps a humming favorite tune."

Times-News correspondent Lavetta Burkhardt can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3399.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

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Milk served every day
Monday: Macaroni and cheese, Texas toast,
Tuesday: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, celery
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, later tots,
Thursday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich,
Friday: French fries, fruit, dessert

BUHL SCHOOL

Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or
Monday: Cereal, toast
Tuesday: Pancakes, maple syrup
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Donuts
Friday: Cereal, cinnamon toast
Monday: Cereal, toast
Tuesday: Pancakes, maple syrup
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Donuts
Friday: Cereal, cinnamon toast

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: Pancakes
Tuesday: Chicken and gravy
Wednesday: Donuts
Thursday: Hamburgers
Friday: French fries
Monday: Hamburgers
Tuesday: Chicken and gravy
Wednesday: Donuts
Thursday: Hamburgers
Friday: French fries

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Spaghetti, corn, mashed potatoes,
Tuesday: Sliced turkey, baked potatoes,
Wednesday: Hamburger pizza, peas,
Thursday: Chicken patty, carrot sticks,
Friday: Sweet and sour meat balls, rice, jelly

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Tuesday: Turkey gravy
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Turkey choice

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, fruit, juice
Wednesday: Scrambled eggs, flour tortillas,
Thursday: Egg McMuffin, juice, fruit
Friday: Finger steaks, potato wedges, rolls

INMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day
Monday: Mini corn dogs, French fries,
Tuesday: Muffins, applesauce, granola bars
Wednesday: Spaghetti, green salad, dressing,
Thursday: Bread, meat
Friday: Sliced bar, bread sticks, apricot
Saturday: Macaroni and cheese, vegetable,
Monday: French fries, fruit
Tuesday: Italian sausage pizza, vegetables, dip,
Wednesday: Cherry cookie

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Corn dogs, pasta, peas, trail mix
Tuesday: Ham and cheddar, mashed potato,
Wednesday: Chicken fillet, later tots, orange
Thursday: Tacos, corn, bread stick, cherry

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Corn dogs, pasta, fruit and veg
Tuesday: Deli sandwich, macaroni salad,
Wednesday: Chicken fillet, later tots, fruit
Thursday: French fries, potato wedge, fruit
Friday: Pizza pocket, bread stick, fruit and vegetable bar

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day
Monday: Pepperoni Hot Pocket, seasoned
Tuesday: Potato wedges, apple quarters, Rice Krispie
Wednesday: French fries, french onion rings,
Thursday: Popcorn chicken basket, french
Friday: Hot Italian sub sandwich, potato
Saturday: Chili dip, nachos, mini meat
Sunday: French fries, french onion rings,
Monday: French fries, french onion rings,
Tuesday: French fries, french onion rings,
Wednesday: French fries, french onion rings,
Thursday: French fries, french onion rings,
Friday: French fries, french onion rings

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, apple juice, cherry cutie
Tuesday: Pancakes, syrup, scrambled eggs,
Wednesday: Cereal, grapes, cereal bar
Thursday: French fries, fruit cup
Friday: Cereal, applesauce, orange twist
Monday: Pepperoni Hot Pocket, salad bar
Tuesday: Nacho supreme, soup and sandwich
Wednesday: French fries, french onion rings,
Thursday: Taco bar or pizza, corn, blueberry
Friday: French dip sandwich, potato bar
Saturday: Chicken and french onion rings,
Sunday: French fries, french onion rings,
Monday: French fries, french onion rings,
Tuesday: French fries, french onion rings,
Wednesday: French fries, french onion rings,
Thursday: French fries, french onion rings,
Friday: French fries, french onion rings

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, apple juice, cherry cutie
Tuesday: Pancakes, syrup, scrambled eggs,
Wednesday: Cereal, grapes, cereal bar
Thursday: French fries, fruit cup
Friday: Cereal, applesauce, orange twist
Monday: Hamburger, French fries, orange
Tuesday: French fries, french onion rings,
Wednesday: Submarine sandwich, mini
Thursday: Beef and bean burrito, salsa
Friday: Ham and cheese sandwich, later
Saturday: French fries, french onion rings,
Monday: French fries, french onion rings,
Tuesday: French fries, french onion rings,
Wednesday: French fries, french onion rings,
Thursday: French fries, french onion rings,
Friday: French fries, french onion rings

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served every day
Monday: French fries, bread sticks, pizza sauce,
Tuesday: Pizza, bread sticks, pizza sauce,
Wednesday: Spaghetti, green beans, French
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, potato wedges,
Friday: Tomato soup, crackers, baked
Saturday: French fries, french onion rings,
Monday: French fries, french onion rings,
Tuesday: French fries, french onion rings,
Wednesday: French fries, french onion rings,
Thursday: French fries, french onion rings,
Friday: French fries, french onion rings

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served every day
Monday: French fries, french onion rings,
Tuesday: French fries, french onion rings,
Wednesday: French fries, french onion rings,
Thursday: French fries, french onion rings,
Friday: French fries, french onion rings,
Saturday: French fries, french onion rings,
Monday: French fries, french onion rings,
Tuesday: French fries, french onion rings,
Wednesday: French fries, french onion rings,
Thursday: French fries, french onion rings,
Friday: French fries, french onion rings

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Milk served every day
Monday: Shepherd's pie
Tuesday: Hot sandwiches
Wednesday: Turkey, noodles
Thursday: Nachos
Friday: Cheese bread

GOODING ELEMENTARY

Choice of milk served every day
Monday: Cheeseburger with fries, salad bar
Tuesday: Spaghetti with rice, potato bar or
Wednesday: Spaghetti with roll, salad bar
Thursday: Crispy chicken salad, potato bar
Friday: Chicken noodle soup

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered every day
Monday: Tomato or chicken noodle soup,
Tuesday: Beef stew, refried beans, fruit,
Wednesday: Chicken gravy over mashed
Thursday: Chicken, whole wheat roll, jelly
Friday: Hot dog, French fries, apple,
Saturday: Cheese

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Milk served every day
Breakfast menu
Monday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of
Tuesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of
Wednesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of
Thursday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of
Friday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of
Monday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of
Tuesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of
Wednesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of
Thursday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of
Friday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: Cereal, cinnamon stick
Tuesday: Pancakes, sausage
Wednesday: Cereal, Pop Tarts
Thursday: Biscuits, gravy, scrambled egg
Friday: Cereal, muffins

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served every
Monday: Spaghetti, green beans, Italian
Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza, pineapple,
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed
Thursday: Chicken, green beans, rolls,
Friday: Sifted, refried beans, shredded
Saturday: Hot dog, French fries, apple,
Sunday: Cheese

MINDOKA COUNTY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal, cinnamon toast, applesauce
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito, fruit, trail mix
Wednesday: Cereal, muffin, peaches
Thursday: Breakfast cookie, raisins, pears
Friday: Cereal, toast, fruit
Monday: Corn dog, later tots, carrot sticks,
Tuesday: Student's choice
Wednesday: Deli sandwich, macaroni salad,
Thursday: Nachos, refried beans, peaches
Friday: Spaghetti, green salad, applesauce,
Saturday: Bread sticks

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu

MINIDOKA COUNTY SCHOOLS

Monday: Cereal, cinnamon toast, juice
Tuesday: Cheese toast, sausage, soy
Wednesday: Breakfast on a bun, apricots
Thursday: Cereal, graham crackers, banana
Friday: Peanut butter cereal bar, apple
Monday: Chicken patty, potato wedges,
Tuesday: Enchiladas, corn, apple, peanut
Wednesday: Hamburger gravy, mashed
Thursday: Roll, fruit mix
Friday: Turkey deli sandwich, tortilla chips,
Saturday: Peaches

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Idaho milk production overtakes Minnesota, ranks 5th in nation

TWIN FALLS - Dairying in Idaho reached a milestone in July, as the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service announced Aug. 28 that Idaho had edged out Minnesota for the No. 5 spot in the nation in monthly milk production for the first time.

IASS data show Idaho milk production during July totaled 719 million pounds, 3.9 percent more than June, and 5.6 percent more than the same month last year. Idaho Dairymen's Association claims that each dollar brought into the state through milk sales results in \$2.10 more in local business activity. Not only does this "multiplier effect" claim check out with Idaho Department of Labor economist Greg Rogers, it is on the conservative side, he said.

Rogers said the figure actually falls between \$2.20 and \$3 locally.

Using IDA's quotation of 2001 on-farm cash receipts of \$1 billion, milk production boosts the state economy by \$2.1 billion. Since 71 percent of the milk receipts in Idaho were earned by Magic Valley dairymen, it can also be said that



to the dairies, Rogers said, pointing out that dairy jobs are year-round. Gooding County's recent rate of less than 3 percent unemployment was "phenomenal." Rogers figures dairies support between 5,000 and 10,000 jobs in Magic Valley alone, including the jobs in businesses selling products and services to the dairies.

"It's a huge impact," he said.

PUC upholds its decision
BOISE - The Idaho Public Utilities

\$710 million in milk sales puts more than \$1.5 billion into the local economy.

The region's low unemployment rate is also largely attributable

to the dairies, Rogers said, pointing out that dairy jobs are year-round.

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Commission has affirmed its decision not to allow Idaho Power to recover lost revenues associated with last year's voluntary load reduction program.

In April, the Commission approved Idaho Power's request to recover the direct costs of the program, nearly \$74 million, from customers. But the Commission rejected the company's request to collect another \$12 million in lost revenue - the amount, including interest, the company believes it might have received from the sale of power to irrigation customers had the program not been in operation.

Idaho Power petitioned to have the PUC reconsider its decision, asserting that denying recovery of lost revenue was unreasonable and unlawful.

In affirming its decision, the PUC said the load reduction program was the prudent, if not the required, action to take in response to last year's crisis and that financial incentives to enact the program, such as recovery of lost revenue, were not needed.

Idahoan disputes trout rating

TWIN FALLS - A misconception about regulations has earned farm-raised trout a "yellow" rating from a seafood watch group.

For the last several years, the Monterey Bay Aquarium has issued a seafood guide for consumers using traffic signals as a guide: green is the best choice, yellow is proceed with caution and red is avoid. The ratings are based on conservation and environmental concerns. Any fish on the green list is caught or raised in an environmentally friendly way, while those on the red list are either endangered or raised in an way that harms the environment.

According to the Seafood Watch portion of the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Web site, farm-raised trout was given a yellow for because "Although regulations exist for U.S. trout farms, treatment for effluent is not required and controls in foreign countries are unknown."

That characterization is simply not factual, said Gary Fornshell, who is presi-

dent of a trout association as well as the University of Idaho's extension aquaculture specialist. Aquaculture facilities must meet stringent regulations to comply with the Clean Water Act.

Grains show upside potential
IDAHO FALLS - As combines finish up grain harvest in the United States and the rumors of the smallest wheat crop in three decades come closer to fact, growers are seeing something they haven't seen in a while - a favorable price outlook.

In fact, the outlook is so favorable that the University of Idaho extension grain economist Paul Patterson characterizes it as "excellent."

Fundamentals are the reason for Patterson's propitious market view: In short stocks have declined to the point where the market has to start rewarding growers to plant more wheat.

Portland price for hard red spring wheat (14 percent protein) was \$5.50 a bushel on Sept. 4, up 75 cents over a day window.

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Utah man puts life back together

Jury found former Zions Bancorporation exec innocent of drug, porn charges

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — If Dale Moroni Gibbons had to do it all again, he wouldn't turn such a bad turn.

The former Zions Bancorporation executive didn't think much of it at the time, but his bashes in the summer of 2000 began a string of run-ins with the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Department that eventually led to criminal drug and pornography charges.

After \$500,000 in legal bills and a year of watching his supportable life splashed across the nightly news, Gibbons convinced a jury two months ago that he was innocent.

Now he's living with his 21-year-old girlfriend in a Las Vegas apartment and looking for work.

The road will be rough, he says. But to his surprise, strangers at the ATM machine or in restaurants have only offered sympathy and support.

"He said some of his most horrible days were those surrounding his arrest. One morning he awoke to find two dead rats on his driveway. Another time a box of nails went across the pavement in front of his house. 'I didn't want to show myself anywhere in Salt Lake,' he said. 'I wanted to wear dark sunglasses and a hat.'"

Now Gibbons says he's trying to get ahead, looking for a job and living in a different city. But he's also pursuing a lawsuit against 21 law enforcement officers and district attorneys for defamation and malicious prosecution.

Although Gibbons was declared innocent, the feeling remains that he was partly on trial for the incongruity of living a conservative, buttoned-down life by day and a swinging party life by night. He resigned from the position of chief financial officer of Utah's largest bank about a month after he was charged. The



Former Zions Bancorporation executive Dale Moroni Gibbons, shown here Tuesday, is living with his girlfriend in Las Vegas and looking for work.

bank has replaced him, and an independent audit of the books showed no problems.

Gibbons believes he was framed and is unapologetic. "I've lived my life with gusto," he said. "I go to clubs. I've bungee jumped. ... And yes, I like to go out with friends and drink. Yes, I do."

He claims that methamphetamine found in his dresser drawer was planted by police.

Gibbons said he doesn't subscribe to an overarching conspiracy theory leading to his prosecution.

He believes the ambitions of a police investigator paired with police and prosecutorial titillation at Gibbons' young girlfriend and a middle name that connects him to Mormon conviction — by day and a swinging party life by night. He resigned from the position of chief financial officer of Utah's largest bank about a month after he was charged. The

"What you have in Dale is a

great white whale," said his attorney, Darwin Overson. "He's upper class, making a lot of money and he's white. With him they can demonstrate that they aren't just targeting people of lower economic means."

After a string of complaints from neighbors about parties in the summer of 2000, Gibbons called police himself about eight months later to report that his then 19-year-old girlfriend had tried to commit suicide.

Police found her and his 15-year-old daughter semiconscious hours after having been at a night club. Authorities said his girlfriend had ingested cocaine, and

his daughter had an "unidentified substance" which Gibbons said was Benadryl.

Several days later a search warrant on his house turned up what police said was methamphetamine in a dresser drawer and pornographic magazines and videos. He was charged with exposing his daughter to porn and with possession of meth.

Gibbons said now he's much more conservative, even driving more slowly. "I used to go 15 miles over the speed limit, but I don't do that anymore," he said.

He said he goes to parties and bars a lot less. "It's not as appealing to me as before."

Gibbons said he just wants to move on. He knows exactly what he'll say if asked about all that commotion in Utah: "As a result of misconduct by county law enforcement, I was wrongly accused and charged with breaking the law."

Off-duty deputies sleep in uniform to cover gaps

BONNERS FERRY (AP) — Boundary County sheriff's deputies are stretched so thin they sometimes sleep in their uniforms while off-duty and awaiting the next shift.

The county currently has its five deputies to cover every day, vacation and sick shifts. If one needs backup, he often must call another deputy out of bed, said detective Mike Naumann.

To cover scheduling gaps, the

deputy who gets off work at 2 a.m. remains on-call — sometimes in bed in uniform — until 4 a.m. The deputy who comes on duty at 6 a.m. is on call starting two hours earlier, Naumann said.

Deputies held an informational picket on Thursday to raise public awareness about the situation.

For years, the Boundary County Sheriff's Department has requested more than the current six patrolmen.

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Idaho quilting queen keeps her nose to the grindstone

BURTON (AP) - Most of the Beattie family activities involve Linda and her quilting frame.

She spends 12 to 14 hours a day quilting, mostly at night. She starts in the afternoon when the phone calls start to die down, and her goal is to get to bed before 1 a.m., although usually it doesn't happen.

"After 4, I get ambitious. I do a lot of designing, writing, quilting and sewing," Beattie said.

Beattie has been quilting ever since her mother-in-law gave her a quilt for her wedding. Since then she has made about 20 a year for 32 years, cranking out more in the past few years than ever before.

She sells quilts, designs quilts, teaches quilt classes, and next spring she will publish her first quilting book - which includes poetry for each design in the book. The book will include 12 origi-



nal Beattie designs, although she has created more than 100 and has more ideas swirling around in

her head. Most of her quilts, which take about two weeks to make, are

Linda Beattie displays one of her quilts at her home in Burton last month. Beattie has been making quilts for more than 30 years.

hand-stitched. She sells her quilts in other states, such as California or

Kansas, for as much as \$1,500, or in Idaho for as much as \$500 for a queen-size quilt - less in Idaho because people want to try quilting themselves, she said.

After buying the material, which can cost about \$100, and taking into account all the time spent to stitch it and piece it, the paycheck doesn't add up to much.

"You don't stay in it for the money," she said. "You don't even make minimum wage."

Beattie keeps quilting because she loves it. It has brought in a little income while enabling her to stay home with her four children throughout the years.

Beattie hopes that through her book, she will be able to cover more of the costs of her habit. The book will give her more recognition, although she already is being sought out by quilting guilds as far north as Canada. Beattie, who often is invited to

teach what she calls the lost art of quilting, recently was asked to teach in Montana and Oklahoma.

The classes usually only cover the cost of the traveling, but Beattie goes because it helps her to get out and see other places.

"I've worked all my life to find a job that would pay me to travel," Beattie said.

She started teaching classes about 20 years ago at Porter's Craft and Frame in Rexburg, where she still teaches. Between the Stack and Whack, and the basic quilting class, Beattie teaches future quilters everything from the type of material to use to the right way to stitch.

Beattie also teaches classes online, which is where some of the quilting guilds find out about her, and she currently is in the process of setting up a Web site where she will be selling kits, patterns, books and some of her quilts.

Triplets celebrate their 80th birthday together

POCATELLO (AP) - The Seelos triplets were born eight decades ago to George and Sylvia Seelos in a farmhouse at Sunbeam in Pocatello.

Their mother's regular doctor was out of town when they arrived on Aug. 30, 1922, so a doctor, described by the family as under the influence of alcoholic spirits, delivered them. He then charged their father triple the regular delivery rate.

The Seelos triplets were given only first names, all beginning with the letter E: Ethel (now Carlyle), Edna (Richardson Jolley) and Elsie (Rowe Bartholomew).

At birth Edna was the smallest at 4.25 pounds, Ethel and Elsie, 5 pounds and 5.25 pounds.

"We were born right in the middle of harvest," Edna said, "and our parents named us the first thing they could think of."

The triplets, who moved to Pocatello with their family at the age of two, recently celebrated their 80th birthdays together.

The triplets have a combined total of 13 children, 37 grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren, making a progeny of 91.

Separated during part of their adult lives, the triplets have been together in Pocatello the past ten years. They contact each other every day, either in person or by phone.

"We have always gotten along," Edna said. "I guess we are on the same wavelength."

Sometimes through the years, they purchased the same gifts for family members. Edna and Ethel both gave their mother identical vinegar and oil cruetts for one birthday. One was purchased in

New York and the other in Pocatello.

Edna says the three pretty much like the same things. They dressed alike until high school, when they convinced their mother that wasn't necessary, and she agreed. During their Pocatello High School days, they performed extensively as a trio. Ethel and Edna on violin with Elsie as piano accompanist. They even competed for Miss Pocatello, and Edna placed fifth.

The triplets didn't discover that their birth certificates were wrong until they were about to retire. The certificates indicated they were born on three different days, Elsie on Aug. 20, Edna on Aug. 8 and Ethel listed as Aug. 31. Edna's daughter, Anita Ruchti was in Boise at that time and cleared up the error with the Bureau of Vital Statistics.

The triplets were the youngest in a family of eight children. Their brother, Robert Seelos, who was five when they were born, was used to keeping one animal out of a litter. He looked at the triplets and asked his father, "Which one are we gonna keep?"

One day he put the three girls in a wagon, pulled them along the road and flagged down cars. When they stopped, he asked the drivers if they wanted one of the triplets.

Robert, a retired commander in the Navy, lives today in San Diego. Calif. Sister Amy Shaw just celebrated her 90th birthday in Coalgate, Utah. Their Pocatello sister, Neita Kramer, often joins the triplets for get-togethers. Brothers, Leonard and Martin, and their parents are deceased.

Scientists get ready to study Kennewick Man remains

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP) - Scientists may try to piece together Kennewick Man's skeleton to determine what secrets the ancient bones hold.

Eight scientists and their colleagues are starting to prepare a plan to study Kennewick Man after a judge overturned a federal agency's decision blocking independent study of the 9,000-year-old skeleton.

The proposal - due within 45 days - is likely to include an effort to piece together the remains, something that wasn't done in earlier studies.

"Our study team will look at the entire skeleton - as much as we can be reassembled - and say how the different colorations ... bone fragments ... and weathering patterns relate to each other," said Alan Schneider, a Portland, Ore., archaeologist who represents the scientists who had custody of the remains.

Kennewick Man is about 350 bones and fragments discovered in July 1996 on the Columbia River shoreline in Kennewick in south-central Washington.

The find constituted one of the oldest and most complete skeletons found in North America. It touched off debate about whether the skeleton was an ancestor of American Indians, or an early visitor from another continent.

The scientists sued for access to the bones after the U.S. Interior Department backed American Indian claims that the remains should be reburied without further studies.

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Pete Sampras on his chances today to win the U.S. Open men's title

TRIVIA QUESTION

Who was the first player from a Pacific Coast school to win the Heisman trophy?

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IN BRIEF

Canyon Springs, Jerome host tourney

TWIN FALLS - Deadline to sign up for the 13th annual Canyon Classic golf tournament is Thursday, Sept. 12. The tournament is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, will be played at both Canyon Springs Golf Course and Jerome Country Club.

The tournament has three divisions: men, women, and couples, and is the second largest tournament in the area in terms of participants with over 300 golfers expected from Idaho, Utah, Montana, and Nevada. Call 734-7609 for more information.

Snake River Bowl forms youth leagues

BURLEY - Snake River Bowl in Burley is forming youth bowling leagues. Call 208-679-2635 for information.

Redman wins Burley ladies golf event

BURLEY - Darla Redman placed first in "the good, the bad, the ugly" competition at Burley Golf Course during a Ladies Golf Association event. Ruth Baker won the second flight and Norma Morrison the third flight. Joyce Westfall won the putting contest.

Heinze wins low net competition in Rupert

RUPERT - Belva Heinze won the low net competition at the recent Rupert Ladies Golf Association ladies' competition. Lucille Wakewood was second, with Sergene Jensen and Keran Armit tied for third place.

Burley Booster Club will meet Monday

BURLEY - The Burley Booster Club is meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in the Burley conference room to discuss its golf scramble.

Caldwell announces co-ed softball toumey

CALDWELL - Don's Truck Wash will sponsor a one-club co-ed softball tournament in Caldwell on Sept. 21 at Gabiola Fields. The team fees are \$140 for the ASA-sanctioned tournament. Call Joni Pe Don at 362-5562 evenings and 861-736 daytime. Or call Ronica at 454-5182 to register.

Yankees' Wells loses two teeth in dinner fight

NEW YORK - Yankees pitcher David Wells lost two teeth and was punched in the head when he was attacked by a man waving a butter knife at a dinner early Sunday, police said.

Rocco Grazioso, 27, of Yonkers, N.Y., was arrested and charged with assault and menacing. Wells was at the dinner when Grazioso walked in and made a remark about Wells' mother, who is deceased.

Compiled from staff and wire reports
TRIVIA ANSWER:
Terry Baker of Oregon State in 1962.

Washington State powers past Vandals

The Associated Press
PULLMAN, Wash. - Devard Darling and Jonathan Smith each had three touchdowns as 11th-ranked Washington State beat Idaho 49-14 Saturday.
Washington State (2-0) won the Battle of the Palouse against its cross-border rival by sacking Idaho quarterback Brian Lindgren six times - three by Richard Lester.
Lindgren still completed 33 of 49 passes for 267 yards and an interception, but the Vandals (0-2) gave up 500 yards for the second straight week. Washington State had 517, a week after Boise

State pilled up 503 against Idaho. Darling, a wide receiver who transferred from Florida State, caught scoring passes of 15 and 41 yards from Jason Gesser. Darling also scored on a 15 yard reverse.
Smith, a reserve running back, scored on runs of 1, 7 and 7 yards. He carried 12 times for 121 yards, including a 52-yard run late in the fourth quarter.
Gesser was 12-of-16 for 220 yards and three touchdowns to go with an interception. His other TD pass was a 37-yarder to Mike Bush, who had four catches for 108 yards.
Washington State discovered

No. 1 Canes roll, BSU falls - Page C4

its running game, a week after gaining just 108 yards in a victory over Nevada. The Cougars had 240 yards this time.
The Vandals, who had to travel just eight miles from their campus in Moscow, Idaho, were overpowered from the start.
Lindgren fumbled the exchange on the second play of the game, and Will Dering recovered for the Cougars on the Idaho 15. Darling ran a reverse 15 yards



Washington State running back John Tippins runs for 18 yards against Idaho Saturday in Pullman, Wash.

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Serena strikes again

Younger Williams wins third straight major championship

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Take that, big sis! Serena Williams confirmed at the U.S. Open what's become clear since spring: She's not just No. 1 in the world rankings, she's No. 1 in her home hierarchy.

Unabashed about powering the ball and taking advantage of mistakes just as against any other opponent, she easily beat Venus Williams 6-4, 6-3 Saturday night to win a third straight Grand Slam title - all by beating her older sister in the final.

Before the match, they acted like siblings, with Serena walking around the umpire's chair to whisper in Venus' ear during an elaborate ceremony that included Aretha Franklin's singing and the unfurling of a U.S. flag the size of the court.

And when it ended, they hugged at the net, both smiling.

But between the lines, Serena showed little love for Venus, taking full advantage of her 10 double faults and 23 other unforced errors.

A glance at such statistics might indicate a poorly played match, which most of their previous nine tour meetings were. But like the Wimbledon final in July, they both pounded the ball and chased down each other's apparent winners.

When Venus faced match points at 5-3 in the second set, she wiped out the first with a second-serve ace, and the next by extending for a pretty backhand volley winner.

Two points later, Venus - playing with tape on her right hand to cover a blister - double faulted to set up a third match point. Serena capitalized, sending a booming backhand to a corner, and Venus' forehead hit the net.

Perhaps Serena just wanted it more, an extension of her self-described rededication to excellence over the past year. It's helped her go 4-0 in 2002 against Venus and even their career series at 5-5.

While Venus was quiet and straight-faced throughout the match, Serena displayed plenty of the fire she does when beating other top women.

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Serena Williams holds the championship trophy after beating her sister, Venus, 6-4, 6-3, to win the U.S. Open Saturday in New York.

Agassi, Sampras set up another showdown



Andre Agassi hits a shot against Lleyton Hewitt Saturday during Agassi's semifinal victory at the U.S. Open in New York.

American veterans will meet in final

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Andre Agassi ran like a kid. Pete Sampras pumped his fist like a rookie, and the two old Americans made it back to the U.S. Open final.

It's a most unlikely pairing of players who are past their peaks. On Saturday, though, they played as if they were still on top.

"We're both here again," Agassi said. "It's going to be a blast."

They've met in two previous U.S. Open finals, Sampras win-

Men's final

Tv: 2 p.m., CBS (KMYT Ch. 12)

ning in 1990 and '95. They're back with shot-making reminiscence of those days and energy suited for players 10 years younger.

The 32-year-old Agassi beat 21-year-old defending champion Lleyton Hewitt 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-7 (1), 6-2. Sampras, 31, beat Sjeng Schalken, who turns 26 today, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (4), 6-2.

The final Sunday will produce the oldest U.S. Open champion since Ken Rosewall, who was 35

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Pressure mounts on Steelers as Super Bowl eludes grasp

Knight Ridder News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas - Who says the NFL doesn't have dynasties anymore?

The Pittsburgh Steelers have reached at least the AFC Championship game four of the past eight seasons. They are 85-54 (.612), including playoffs, in that span.

Of course, the only thing missing - and a requirement for a dynasty - is a championship. So far, the Steelers have nothing to show for the NFL's best-laid plan, aside from annual preseason magazine covers touting them as favorites.

The Steelers, who have 20 starters back from the team that lost to New England



24-17 in the AFC Championship Game last season, are a popular pick to win it all this season. They opened with 5-1 odds in Las Vegas, second only to St. Louis' 7-2.

Aside from a 7-9 record in 1998 and a 6-10 mark in '99, the Steelers have remained in contention for the diamond ring. They had 15 home-grown starters last season, including five of the team's six Pro Bowlers.

Who will be the surprise team in the

A look at Week 1 of the NFL season - Page C6

NFL this season?

The Patriots, 5-11 in 2000, opened last season as 50-1 long shots to win the Super Bowl. So their Super Bowl XXXVI victory continued a trend, following the St. Louis Rams, who went from 4-12 in '98 to Super Bowl XXXIV champions, and the Baltimore Ravens, who were 8-8 in '99 and Super Bowl XXXV champions the next season.

Steelers receiver Plaxico Burress: "I would say probably Washington."

Browns quarterback Kelly Holcomb: "I think we could be. Defensively, we were pretty darn good last year, and I think we've gotten better."

Texans quarterback Mike Quinn: "Wow, I don't know. You can't really tell. It's hard to say."

Redskins cornerback Fred Smoot: "Since everybody doubts us, that makes us the surprise team."

Rams receiver Troy Edwards: "I say watch out for the Cleveland Browns."

Steelers safety Lee Flowers: "I think Houston is going to be pretty good this year."

Redskins receiver Jacques Green: "I think it's going to be the Redskins."

Bruins cruise past Pocatello

By Jared Ehom
Special to The Times-News

POCATELLO - Mark Schaal couldn't have asked for a better start to the season.

The Bruins also might not have been able to find a better opponent to face off against, either. Twin Falls rolled past Pocatello for a second straight season, taking a convincing 39-10 win late Friday at Holt Arena. Last year, it took seven games before the Bruins got a win - also against Pocatello - this year, they needed just one.

"It's great for our team psyche," Schaal said. "Especially for us to do this on the road."

"The Bruins hadn't won at Holt since 1981; the victory also ended a four-year string of season-opening losses."

Twin Falls opened the game in charge and never looked back as tailback Jake Salinas opened the scoring with a 56-yard sprint to the end zone in the first quarter.

Pocatello, which saw its losing streak extend to 11 games, never managed to get its offense on track against a stingy group of Bruins. Not until the game was well in hand did the Indians punch through an offensive point when junior quarterback Nick Jensen scrambled, finding Zak Bradshaw in the end zone with 1:40 to play.

Prior to that, Pocatello's only points came when a Twin Falls punt attempt was snapped out of the end zone.

"Our kids did a really good job keeping them in check," Schaal said.

The Bruins were led by a duo of Salinases. Jake ran for 100 yards while cousin, Brandon, picked up another 59 on the ground. Though not spectacular, Twin Falls quarterback Luc Martin efficiently guided his team downfield on multiple occasions.

But it was the running game that did the trick for Twin Falls.

With Jake and Brandon Salinas handling most of the carries, Twin Falls never was challenged.

"We knew we had three good backs," Schaal said. "We knew that was our strength and we wanted to get that established."

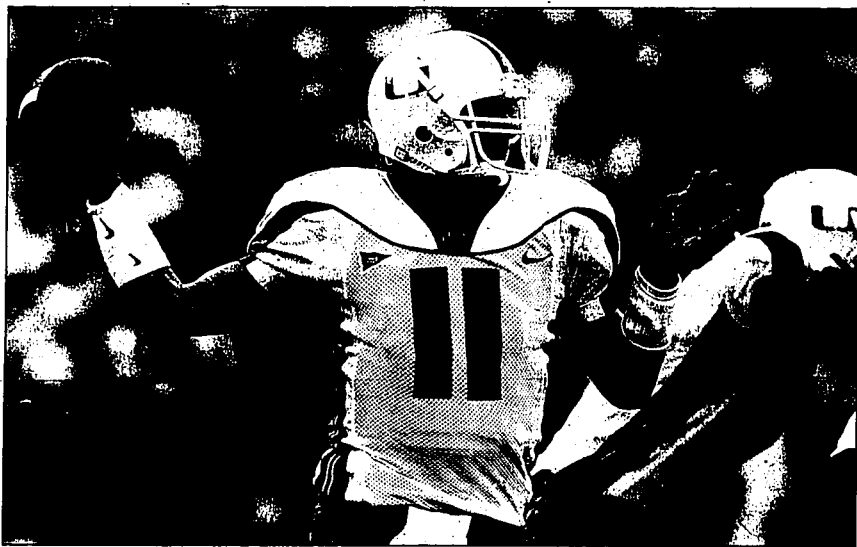
What may also have been established was a new attitude for a team that has seen more than its share of tough times, going 6-20 over the past three seasons.

"We had some mental mistakes," Schaal said of the season opener. "But those are things we can shape up and

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SPORTS

Miami swamps Florida



Miami quarterback Ken Dorsey throws a pass during the Hurricanes' 41-16 win over Florida Saturday in Gainesville, Fla.

Hurricanes light up scoreboard, keep Gators in check

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Miami dominated Florida Saturday.

The top-ranked Hurricanes left the Swamp on Saturday the same way they came in — best in the state, best in the country, and still waiting for their first big challenge of 2002.

Ken Dorsey threw four touchdown passes, Willis McGahee ran for 204 yards in just his third career start in Miami's 41-16 win over No. 6 Florida.

A great opportunity for new Gators coach Ron Zook to prove he can make it in the big time instead turned into a showcase

for Dorsey, and a couple of Hurricanes trying to replace key players from last year's national championship team.

Miami (2-0) actually came into this game as a two-point underdog, but when the day of domination was over, that seemed silly.

"I don't know what that was all about," defensive tackle Matt Walters said. "It's not a big surprise to us that any of that happened."

McGahee, a sophomore tailback who replaced Clinton Portis, averaged 8.5 yards a carry against the overmatched Gators (1-1).

Safety Maurice Sikes, replac-

ing big-play defensive back Ed Reed, had two interceptions, one of which he returned for a 97-yard touchdown late in the third quarter.

"We have players who want to play and can play," Sikes said. "Just nobody has heard of them."

Sikes' big play gave Miami a 34-16 lead and sealed the victory to extend the nation's longest Division I-A winning streak to 24 games.

This was the first regular-season meeting between these once-bitter Florida rivals since 1987, and the Gators looked like they might want to wait another 15

years to face a team like this again.

The defeat was Florida's worst at home since 1979, when they fell 40-0 to Alabama and 31-3 to Kentucky. The 41 points were the most the Gators have given up at home since 1970 (a 63-14 loss to Auburn). That came a full two decades before Steve Spurrier took over the program and took it to greatness.

But not even Spurrier could have saved the Gators this time. They were too overmatched.

"We're better in all phases — offense, defense and special teams," linebacker Jonathan Vilma said.

Any questions?

Hurricanes answer critics

By Mark Long
Associated Press writer

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Top-ranked Miami answered all the questions Saturday night.

The defensive backs harassed Florida's receivers, the offensive linemen gave Ken Dorsey plenty of time, and Willis McGahee ran for 204 yards in just his third career start in Miami's 41-16 win over No. 6 Florida.

All of them showed they might be just as good as their predecessors.

"I think it's a wake-up call to everyone else that we are here to stay," center Brett Romberg said. "We have always known that we have been here and nobody is giving us any respect. I think it opens up a lot of people's eyes that we are here."

The defensive backs may have made the biggest statement.

Maurice Sikes had two interceptions, including one he returned 97 yards for a momentum-swinging touchdown in the third quarter, and Kelly Jennings, with the primary assignment of covering Taylor Jacobs, held Florida's best receiver to five catches for 56 yards.

Sean Taylor and Antriel Rolle were just as good in the young secondary's first test of the season. The defensive backfield had the team's biggest area of concern after losing all four starters from last year's national championship team.

"The Hurricanes lost Ed Reed, Phillip Buchanon, Mike Rumph and James Lewis — a unit that helped Miami lead the nation with 28 interceptions last season."

"We have players who want to play and can play," Sikes said. "Just nobody has heard of them."

The offensive line was nearly as suspect as the defensive backs coming into this season.

Bryant McKinnie and Joaquin Gonzalez graduated, leaving sophomore Carlos Joseph and junior Vernon Carey to replace a tackle tandem that didn't allow a sack last season.

Miami coach Larry Coker raised some eyebrows last week when he said this year's line was a better run-blocking unit than Miami had last year. "No comparison," he said.

They backed up Coker's words against the Gators. The Hurricanes had more than 300 yards rushing for the second consecutive week.

"Hopefully we silenced all the critics," Carey said. "Everybody who watched the game knows what we can do."

The line also helped McGahee prove he is a solid replacement for Clinton Portis and Frank Gore.

With Portis having left school a year early and Gore out until at least October with a knee injury, McGahee has applied itself the void in five catches for 56 yards around and through Florida's defense Saturday.

Another question answered, leaving only one remaining: Can the Hurricanes repeat as national champions with big games against Florida State, Tennessee and Virginia Tech on the schedule?

Sooners rally past Tide in final minutes

Holtz's No. 22 Gamecocks commit seven turnovers, fall to Virginia

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma scored twice in the final 2:11 to beat Alabama 37-27 Saturday in the first regular-season meeting between the tradition-rich programs.

Kejuan Jones' 8-yard run with 2:11 remaining capped an 80-yard drive that gave the Sooners a 30-27 lead. With 24 seconds left, safety Eric Bussey picked up a fumble and returned it 45 yards for the clinching score.

its first two possessions and built a 29-point lead late in the third quarter.

No. 8 Ohio St. 51, Kent St. 17

COLUMBUS — Freshman Maurice Clarett scored twice and Craig Krenzal completed his first 11 passes for the Buckeyes (2-0).

It was 38-0 before the Golden Flashes (1-1) crossed midfield late in the second quarter.

Regional scores

Air Force 38, New Mexico 31, OT	Arkansas 41, Boise St. 14
California 24, New Mexico St. 13	Carroll, Mont. 20, Rocky Mountain 3
Cent. Michigan 32, Wyoming 20	Cent. Washington 43, North Dakota 7
Colorado 34, San Diego St. 14	Colorado Mines 49, S. Dakota Tech 7
Cornell, Iowa 41	Colorado College 14
Dickinson St. 35	Montana St.-North 14
Montana 45, Albany, N.Y. 7	Nebraska 44, Utah St. 33
Oregon 28, Fresno St. 24	Stephen F. Austin 30, Montana St. 13
St. Mary's, Cal. 20	Sacramento St. 42
Utah 40, Indiana 13	Washington 34, San Jose St. 10
Washington St. 49, Idaho 14	

Virginia 34, No. 22 South Carolina 21

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Matt Schaub threw three touchdown passes, and Virginia took advantage of seven South Carolina turnovers to beat the 22nd-ranked Gamecocks 34-21 Saturday night.

The Gamecocks (1-1) fumbled six times and threw an interception. Three of the turnovers led to Cavaliers touchdowns, while two others happened deep in Virginia territory, stopping potential scoring drives.

No. 23 Notre Dame 24, Purdue 17

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Defense rescued the Fighting Irish again, as Gerome Sapp and Lionel Bowen scored on fumble returns 11 seconds apart, and Vontez Duff added a 34-yard interception return for a touchdown in Notre Dame's victory.

No. 17 Colorado 34, San Diego St. 14

BOULDER, Colo. — Chris Brown ran for 185 yards and two touchdowns as No. 17 Colorado overcame the loss of starting quarterback Craig Ochs to beat San Diego State 34-14 Saturday. Ochs departed at halftime with his third concussion in the last 14 months.

No. 24 LSU 35, The Citadel 10

BATON ROUGE, La. — Domanick Davis ran for two touchdowns as 24th-ranked LSU bounced back from its season-opening defeat last week with a 35-10 victory over The Citadel on Saturday night. The Division I-AA Bulldogs (0-1) were outscored 21-0 in the first half and only made it past midfield once, and then only to the LSU 49-yard line.

No. 25 Wisconsin 34, West Virginia 17

MADISON, Wis. — Brooks Bollinger passed for 218 yards and two touchdowns to freshman Jonathan Orr, and the Badgers ran off 27 second-quarter points. Behind great protection, Bollinger completed 12 of 15 passes for 203 yards in the first half as Wisconsin (3-0) built a 34-3 lead.

Oklahoma (2-0) lost quarterback Jason Witten, who tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee on a non-contact play. He was hurt when he turned upfield on a keeper around the right side.

The game between teams with a combined 13 national titles — seven for Oklahoma, six for Alabama — was pretty much a dud until Alabama (1-1) came alive in the third quarter with three touchdowns and a field goal to take a 27-23 lead.

No. 4 Tennessee 26, Middle Tennessee 3

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Cedric Houston ran for a touchdown and Jason Witten scored on a pass from Casey Clausen Saturday as No. 4 Tennessee beat Middle Tennessee 26-3.

No. 15 Michigan St. 27, Rice 10

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Charles Rogers caught nine passes for 155 yards and two touchdowns for Michigan State, which withstood an early scare by forcing four second-half turnovers. Rogers' second touchdown catch, a 5-yard pass from Jeff Smoker, got the Spartans (2-0) ahead 20-10 with two minutes remaining in the third quarter.

No. 7 Michigan 35, Western Michigan 12

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Braylon Edwards caught four passes for 93 yards and two touchdowns, and Michigan quarterback John Navarre tied a school record with four TD passes.

Michigan (2-0) scored 13 on

No. 9 Nebraska humbles Utah State

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Jammal Lord threw two touchdown passes and ran for two scores as No. 9 Nebraska beat Utah State 44-13 on Saturday night.

De Juan Greco intercepted two passes for the second straight week and Dahrhan Dierdrick ran for 93 yards for the Cornhuskers (3-0) in their best offensive game of the season.

Nebraska finished with 418 yards of offense on a night when the Huskers kept it simple, even by Nebraska standards.

It wasn't exactly an offensive outburst, but with a game at Penn State looming next weekend, the Huskers didn't need to do anything fancy to beat the Aggies (0-2).

Lord pitched the ball only once on the option and finished with 59 yards on nine carries. The first-year starter got a chance to work on his passing in three quarters of work.

He was 6-of-12 for 105 yards, including a 23-yard touchdown pass to Wilson Thomas and a 33-yard scoring strike to Matt Herian.

Kevin Curtis scored Utah State's only touchdown on a pass from Jose Fuentes. The play ended an 80-yard drive late in the first quarter that was the only time the Aggies moved the ball consistently until Nebraska started substituting midway through the second half.

Curtis had six catches for 102 yards, and Fuentes was 16-of-38 for 214 yards with three interceptions.

Dane Kidman kicked late field goals of 29 and 43 yards for the Aggies' best field.

The Huskers scored on six of their first five possessions.

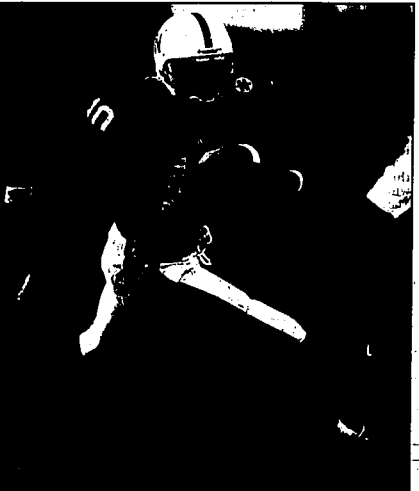
Good defense by Nebraska and shoddy punting by the Aggies quickly gave Nebraska the early lead with two short touchdown drives.

The first started at Utah State's 22 when the Aggies were called for interference on a pylon return. Nebraska would have opened the drive at its own 35 after a 49-yard punt by Steve Mullins, but a holding call forced him to punt a second time. Judd Davies scored later on a 1-yard run.

The second short drive started when Mullins had to kick from deep in his end zone and Groce returned it 17 yards to the 23. Lord hit Thomas for a touchdown on the next play.

Lord found a wide-open Herian over the middle for another TD on the first play of the second quarter, then Groce set up another touchdown with a leaping interception at the Utah State 38.

Lord ended that drive with a 1-yard run to make it 34-7 Nebraska. He added a 28-yard run near the end of the second quarter that gave Nebraska a 37-7 halftime lead.



Nebraska's Jammal Lord runs for a touchdown against Utah State Saturday in Lincoln, Neb.

Major League Baseball

All Times EDT AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	
New York	88	53	624	-	5-5	L-1	44-25	44-28	11-7
Boston	79	61	584	8.5	5-5	W-2	37-33	42-28	5-13
Baltimore	64	76	337	23.5	1-9	L-2	34-37	29-42	9-9
Tampa Bay	62	80	437	28.5	2-5	L-2	34-38	29-42	9-9
Toronto	47	94	333	41	2-4	L-5	25-45	22-49	7-11

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	
Minnesota	82	60	577	-	2-4-6	L-1	48-25	38-35	10-8
Chicago	68	74	479	14	2-6-4	L-4	38-32	29-42	8-10
Cleveland	64	77	454	17.5	2-7-3	W-4	34-37	30-40	6-12
Kansas City	55	76	390	26.5	2-6	L-5	33-37	22-49	5-13
Detroit	52	80	366	30	2-8	W-1	31-40	21-50	6-12

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	
Oakland	89	52	631	-	2-9-1	W-1	48-25	43-27	18-2
Anaheim	87	54	617	-	9-1	W-1	49-25	41-28	11-7
Seattle	83	58	589	6	5-5	W-2	41-30	42-28	11-7
Texas	65	78	461	24	2-6-4	W-3	36-35	29-41	9-9

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	
Atlanta	90	50	643	-	7-3	W-3	47-23	43-27	15-3
Philadelphia	70	71	498	20.5	2-5-5	L-2	35-34	35-37	10-8
Florida	69	73	486	22	2-7	L-3	42-29	27-44	12-6
Montreal	68	73	482	22.5	2-5-5	L-5	42-29	26-44	10-8
New York	66	74	471	24	2-5	W-5	33-38	33-36	10-8

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	
St. Louis	79	61	524	-	2-7-5	W-3	42-27	37-34	8-4
Houston	75	67	528	4.5	2-7-5	W-1	41-30	34-37	5-7
Cincinnati	68	73	482	11.5	3-7	L-1	34-37	34-36	2-10
Pittsburgh	65	73	464	17	2-5	L-3	32-39	31-41	3-9
Chicago	60	81	426	21.5	2-5-5	L-5	32-40	28-41	6-8
Milwaukee	51	91	359	29	5-5	W-1	29-42	22-49	2-10

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	
Arizona	87	55	613	-	1-7	L-2	46-25	41-29	11-7
Los Angeles	82	59	582	4.5	2-7-3	L-1	40-30	42-29	12-6
San Francisco	80	61	567	8.5	2-7-3	W-2	41-29	38-32	8-10
San Diego	65	77	482	22	4-8	W-3	41-29	24-48	7-11
Colorado	60	82	423	27	4-8	L-3	33-35	22-47	6-10

First game was a win

AMERICAN LEAGUE Saturday's Games

- Cleveland 4, Chicago White Sox 3
- Boston 4, Toronto 1
- Anaheim 4, Baltimore 2, 10 innings
- Seattle 5, Kansas City 2
- Detroit 2, N.Y. Yankees 1
- Texas 11, Tampa Bay 2
- Oakland 2, Minnesota 0

Today's Games

- Toronto (Loaiza 7-8) at Boston (F.Casali 5-13), 11:05 a.m.
- Detroit (Van Hekken 1-9) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 12-5), 11:05 a.m.
- Texas (Sext 3-2) at Tampa Bay (Sosa 1-7), 11:15 a.m.
- Anaheim (Wahman 16-5) at Baltimore (Hentgen 6-8), 11:35 a.m.
- Seattle (Valkens 8-10) at Kansas City (Suppan 6-15), 12:05 p.m.
- Cleveland (Mulholland 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Biddle 1-3), 12:05 p.m.
- Oakland (Zito 19-5) at Minnesota (Milton 13-7), 9 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE Saturday's Games

- N.Y. Mets 5, Philadelphia 4
- San Francisco 4, Arizona 3
- Arlington 4, Montreal 0
- Milwaukee 9, Cincinnati 6
- Colorado 5, San Diego 3
- Houston 6, Los Angeles 1
- Pittsburgh 4, Florida 1
- Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, late

Today's Games

- Montreal (Coton 7-3) at Atlanta (Glasco 16-9), 11:05 a.m.
- Florida (Pavano 3-10) at Atlanta (Meadows 1-4), 11:35 a.m.
- N.Y. Mets (Thomson 8-11) at Philadelphia (Duckwold 6-8), 11:35 a.m.
- Cincinnati (Haynes 18-9) at Milwaukee (Hogobauer 1-4), 12:05 p.m.
- Chicago Cubs (Wood 10-8) at St. Louis (Simontucci 9-5), 12:10 p.m.
- San Diego (Lawrence 11-10) at Colorado (Jennings 16-4), 1:05 p.m.
- Arizona (B.Anderson 6-10) at San Francisco (Ortiz 10-10), 2:05 p.m.
- Houston (Oswalt 18-9) at Los Angeles (Sizem 14-9), 5:10 p.m.

Santiago's single lifts Giants over Arizona

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Benito Santiago hit a game-winning single and the San Francisco Giants beat the Arizona Diamondbacks in the bottom of the ninth inning for the second straight game, 4-3 Saturday.

Jeff Kent led off the ninth with a single against Byung-Hyun Kim (8-3) and advanced to second on Barry Bonds' groundout. Santiago, who drive in three runs, followed with a single to right field and Kent scored without a play.

The Giants beat the Diamondbacks 1-0 Friday night on Reggie Sanders' game-ending single.

270th career victory, tying him with Burleigh Grimes for 30th on the all-time list.

Jones connected in the first and third innings against Tomo Ohka (13-7). When Jones came up again in the fifth, Ohka hit him in the left ear flap of the batting helmet. Ohka was immediately ejected by plate umpire Wally Bell as the benches and bullpens emptied. No punches were thrown. Jones left the game with a bruise around his left ear and cheek.

gave up two runs on five hits in eight innings, falling to 15-4 career against the Tigers.

Red Sox 4, Blue Jays 1. BOSTON — Casey Fossum combined with three relievers on a three-hitter, and Manny Ramirez had a homer and three RBIs as Boston beat Toronto.

Fossum (4-3) got his first six outs by strikeouts, a streak that was interrupted by Tom Wilson's solo homer that gave Toronto a 1-0 lead in the second inning. He struck out nine while holding Toronto to three hits in six innings.

The Red Sox scored two off Brian Bowles (0-1) in the sixth when Ramirez hit an RBI double and scored on Cliff Floyd's single. Ramirez added a two-run homer in the eighth, a 430-foot shot over the screen above the Green Monster to make it 4-1.

Indians 4, White Sox 2. CHICAGO — Karim Garcia hit a two-run homer and Bill Selby also homered as Cleveland defeated Chicago.

Cleveland won its fourth in a row. Chicago has lost four straight after a seven-game winning streak. C.C. Sabathia (11-10) pitched four-hit ball for eight innings, matching a career high for his longest outing.

Angels 4, Orioles 2, 10 innings. BALTIMORE — Tim Salmon hit a go-ahead single in the 10th inning and the Anaheim Angels extended their winning streak to a season-high nine games with a victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

David Eckstein led off the game with a home run and Brad Fullmer later connected for Anaheim. The Angels, leading the AL wild-card race, moved a franchise-best 33 games over .500.

With one out in the 10th, Jorge Julio (5-6) walked Troy Glaus. Pinch-runner Chone Figgins stole second and scored on Salmon's liner to left-center. Salmon took second on the throw home, and pinch-runner Alex Ochoa scored.

on Adam Kennedy's double down the right-field line.

Rangers 11, Devil Rays 2. ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Texas tied a major league record by homering in its 25th consecutive game when Herbert Perry hit a three-run shot in the third inning of the Rangers' victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

The Rangers joined the 1941 New York Yankees, 1994 Detroit Tigers and 1998 Atlanta Braves in accomplishing the feat.

Perry went deep on a 1-0 pitch from Viktor Zambrano (6-7). The opposite-field drive put Texas up 5-0.

Athletics 2, Twins 0. MINNEAPOLIS — Mark Mulder pitched eight shutout innings, outdueling Joe Mays and leading the Oakland Athletics over the Minnesota Twins.

David Justice and Scott Hatteberg drove in runs for Oakland, which their AL-record 20-game winning streak end with a 6-0 loss to Minnesota on Friday.

But Mulder (17-7) struck out 10, won his fourth straight start and silenced the Metrodome crowd of 43,628. Five of the Twins' seven hits off Mulder were infield singles. He didn't walk anybody, either.

Mariners 9, Royals 2. KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Bret Boone drove in four runs as the Seattle Mariners tried to keep pace in the AL West with a victory over the Kansas City Royals.

Seattle remained six games behind division-leading Oakland, which has won 20 of 21. The Mariners trail Anaheim by four games in the AL wild-card race.

Edgar Martinez and John Olerud walked with two outs in the third against Miguel Asencio (3-5) and scored on Boone's triple to right-center to give the Mariners a 3-1 lead. Mariners starter Ryan Franklin (6-3) allowed two runs and six hits in 5.23 innings to pick up the victory.

Kenseth rallies to win Monte Carlo 400

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Matt Kenseth rallied to get laps back twice in the early going and dominated late Saturday night, out-running everyone to win the Monte Carlo 400 for his series-high fourth victory of the year.

Kenseth twice fell behind in the first quarter of the 400-lap race, but his Ford was strongest during two periods of long green-flag runs, and the 120 caution-free laps to end it allowed him to show his domination.

It was the Roush Racing driver's fifth career Winston Cup race.

Ryan Newman finished second in his Ford after teammate Rusty Wallace had trouble with 11 laps to go. Jeff Green was third in a Chevrolet.

Auto racing

featuring green-flag runs that showcased the best cars. Marlin's race didn't last long as he, teammate Jimmy Spencer and Jeff Burton all crashed early.

Marlin's misfortune seemed like a golden opportunity for four-time champion Jeff Gordon to close his 91-point deficit, but he brought his Chevrolet to the garage only a few laps later with a broken cam shaft.

The race also further jumbled the already tight point race when series leader Sterling Marlin crashed on his ninth lap, and-place Jeff Gordon had to make a pit stop.

Braves 4, Expos 0

ATLANTA — Andrew Jones hit a pair of two-run homers before being beaned, and Greg Maddux helped the Braves pitch their third straight shutout.

Maddux (13-5) labored through five innings, but didn't allow any runs on seven hits and four walks. It was enough for his victory.

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Jacksonville activates Smith

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jacksonville Jaguars on Saturday activated receiver Jimmy Smith and said he'll start the season opener Sunday against Indianapolis.

Smith reported to the team last weekend after a 38-day contract holdout. The NFL granted the notes Jaguars a two-week roster exemption, meaning they could carry an extra player until they activated Smith.

"They didn't need to cut anyone when they put Smith on the active roster because on Friday, linebacker T.J. Slaughter was suspended for four games for violating the league's policy on anabolic steroids and related substances.

Car accident lands Browns player in hospital
BROOK PARK, Ohio — Cleveland Browns safety Chris Akins was hospitalized Friday night following a one-car accident.

Police Lt. Jim Foster said Akins, 25, was taken to Southwest General Hospital in nearby Middleburg Heights. A nursing supervisor said he was in stable condition.

Browns spokesman Todd Stewart said he didn't have any information on Akins' injuries. Foster said Akins, a standout on special teams, was traveling southbound on Interstate 71 in his sport utility vehicle when the accident happened about 6 p.m.

Akins' truck left the road at an exit ramp. Foster said police were trying to determine if Akins was trying to exit the interstate when he lost control of his SUV.

"It appears that it flipped over," Foster said. Although the accident report was not finished, Foster didn't



Jacksonville receiver Jimmy Smith walks off the field Oct. 28, 2001 in Baltimore. The Jaguars activated Smith Saturday after a 38-day holdout.

think alcohol was involved or that Akins hit another vehicle. He was alone in the SUV. Akins, in his fourth NFL season, joined the Browns last year after getting cut by Green Bay.

Ravens sign Boulware to contract extension

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Ravens and linebacker Peter Boulware have agreed on a seven-year contract extension. Financial terms were not announced. The 27-year-old Boulware led the AFC in sacks last season with 15. He is the Ravens' career sacks leader with 52 sacks in 80 games. Boulware agreed to the deal

Friday night and signed the extension at noon on Saturday, according to Ravens spokesman Kevin Byrne.

Jets extend contract of Pro Bowl center

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — The contract of Pro Bowl center Kevin Mawae has been extended by the New York Jets. Terms of the agreement, reached Friday night, were not disclosed. Mawae, who signed with the Jets as a free agent in 1998 after four seasons with Seattle, has started 123 consecutive games, the longest active streak among NFL centers.

National Football League

Table showing NFL standings for the American Conference (East, South, North, West) and National Conference (East, South, North, West) with columns for W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA, Home, Away, AFC, NFC, Div.

(2001 records) All times EDT

Arizona at Washington 7-9 8-8

Arizona isn't as soft as some opponents Steve Spurrier faced in early-season college games. But in his sport utility vehicle when the accident happened about 6 p.m.

Atlanta at Green Bay 7-9 12-4

The Falcons unveil a new 3-4 defense and QB Michael Vick, last year's top draft pick. KR Allen Ross, who played for the Packers last year, was lured to Atlanta by a three-year, \$3 million deal, making Damien Gordon expendable.

Detroit at Miami 2-14 11-5

The Dolphins are the only team to make the playoffs each of the past five seasons, while Detroit was 2-14 last year. Miami's defense typically feasts on young quarterbacks, and the Lions will start 23-year-old Mike McCalister, with top draft pick Joey Harrington in the wings. 1 p.m.

Minnesota at Chicago 5-11 13-3

New coach Mike Tico wants to install the "Randy Rio," making sure the Vikings' throw in WR Randy Moss' direct percent of the time. They work 4-1 when it happened in 2001, when Minnesota won just five times. Chicago's secondary will have different assignments throughout the day. 1 p.m.

Philadelphia at Tennessee 11-5 7-9

The Eagles feel ready for another shot at the Super Bowl. They just missed last season. Donovan McNabb keeps improving, and they added RB Dorsey Levens and WR Antonio Freeman, Can Ryan Gardner and Luvon Krivicki to the team.

Baltimore at Carolina 10-6 1-15

The Chargers turn to Drew Brees,

NFL Week 1

Lone Star state of mind

Professional football returns to Houston on Sunday night when the expansion Texans meet the Dallas Cowboys in an intrastate battle to open the season. The main building block for the Texans is quarterback David Carr, who was selected with the first pick in the 2002 draft. Cowboys' Emmitt Smith needs 540 yards to surpass Walter Payton's career rushing record of 16,726.

The Ravens start untasted QB Chris Rodman. Baltimore will bank on RB Jamal Lewis, who returns after missing last season with a knee injury. The Panthers who have their own offensive problems realized Chris Workmon did not have a grasp on the offense. So 14-year veteran QB Rodney Peete will make his first start since 1998. 1 p.m.

Indianapolis at Jacksonville 6-10

The Jaguars defensive coordinator John Pease promises a more aggressive style than last year, when the Jaguars built a bunch of late leads. The Colts hired defensive mastermind Tony Dungy to replace Jim Mora as head coach. Dungy must lead a defense that finished 29th last season and drafted DE Dwight Freeney in the first round. 1 p.m.

Kansas City at Cleveland 6-10 7-9

Childs Tony Gonzalez finally ended his holdout last week and is expected to play. However, DT Ryan Sims, the first-round draft pick who also held out, will be kept out. Cleveland's defense, which lost All-Pro linebacker James Miller (from Achilles' tendon) to a season-ending injury in the preseason, will have to stop Kansas City's running game featuring Priest Holmes, the league's leading rusher a year ago. 1 p.m.

N.Y. Jets at Buffalo 10-6 3-13

Drew Bledsoe will be asked to carry much of the offensive load for a team that has yet to provide the glimpse of a running attack. Jets are coming off a 4-0 preseason performance with confidence. Vinny Testaverde looks comfortable in an expanded offensive attack that finally features the semblance of a passing game. 1 p.m.

San Diego at Cincinnati 5-11 6-10

The Chargers turn to Drew Brees,

who won the QB job over Doug Flutie in training camp. New coach Marty Schottenheimer lost his debuts with Cleveland, Kansas City and Washington. The Bengals have chosen Gus Ferrelle, their fifth different starting quarterback in the last five years. WR Michael Westbrook, who missed all preseason with a broken bone in his wrist, is expected to play. Linebacker Takeo Spikes also returns from a torn chest muscle. 1 p.m.

New Orleans at Tampa Bay 7-9 9-7

Tampa Bay hired Jon Gruden in hopes of building a high-powered offense. The Saints unveil a now-lock offense featuring more speed at receiver and versatile Duane McMiller replacing Ricky Williams in the backfield behind scrambling, strong-armed quarterback Aaron Brooks. 4 p.m.

Seattle at Oakland 9-7 10-6

With QB Trent Diller slowed by a sprained right knee, Matt Hasselback will start. Shaun Alexander had a record day the last time these teams met, rushing for 266 yards and three touchdowns. Raiders' coach Bill Callahan makes his debut and is on a quest to bring a championship to a veteran-laden team before it's too late. 4 p.m.

St. Louis at Denver 14-2 8-8

The Broncos and rest of the league finally got a chance to see what Mike Martz has cooked up this year. St. Louis has kept its practices closed and its game plan simple during the preseason. The Broncos' effort got their first indication if Brian Griese can rebound from a dismal 2001 season. 4 p.m.

Dallas at Houston 5-11 0-0

Without injured lead tackle Tony Boselli, things will be more difficult for Texans' quarterback David Carr, the No. 1 overall draft pick, against a defensive line that includes La'Roi Glover, who led the NFL in sacks two seasons ago. Emmitt Smith begins his assault on Walter Payton's career rushing record. 8:30 p.m.

Pittsburgh at New England 13-3 11-5

If a win in a rematch of the AFC title game doesn't eliminate doubts whether last year was a fluke for the Patriots, expect another season of players complaining about a lack of respect. The Steelers revamped their special teams, which allowed two touchdowns in the AFC championship game. 9 p.m.

ACL answers: Technology helps athletes come back faster

By Michael Martz Associated Press writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Edgerrin James bursts through the line, darts to the outside and twists his hips, leaving a defender flailing at the air. The NFL's two-time rushing champ has done it thousands of times in his four years with the Indianapolis Colts — just never on a rebuilt knee. Not long ago, the possibility of James or anyone else making it back from a devastating knee injury in 10 months seemed like wishful thinking. Such injuries not only ended seasons but also careers. At best, players' skills were altered forever. Yet less than a year after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, James is back on the field, showing the same moves that turned him into one of the league's most feared runners. "Everything's been good at practice — it's just a matter of time before everyone sees that," James said. "Every day I'm getting better and better."

On Sunday, the Colts open the season at Jacksonville, and James intends to prove he's at full speed. In addition to James, Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis missed 13 months with a torn ACL and believes he's completely healthy now. Indiana Fever forward Tamika Catchings overcame a torn ACL to capture this year's WNBA rookie of the year award, and Indiana University soccer player Ryan Muck remains a national player of the year candidate just 14 months after waging the same battle. Medical advancements have changed everything. In the last decade, the success stories have increased dramatically. Running back Terry Allen recovered from serious injuries on both knees to produce three straight 1,000-yard seasons. Former Atlanta Falcons running back Jamal Anderson ran for 1,024 yards in 2000, one season after he tore the ACL in his right knee. And the testimonials of yesterday's knee surgery are ringing for the countless athletes who agonize over their misfortune today. "It used to be that if you tore the ACL, people said, 'Why

Advertisement for ACL surgery featuring a hand holding a surgical instrument and the text 'Saving lives. Good as new. Medical advances are allowing athletes to recover from ACL surgery part with an artificial ligament.' Includes a quote from Dr. William Sterett.

don't you just live without it?" said Dr. William Sterett, a partner at the Streadman-Hawkins Clinic in Vail, Colo. "Now you'd be worse off and there's a 98 percent chance that you would be much better if you had the surgery." Each year, Sterett, the team physician for the U.S. women's Alpine ski team, and Dr. Richard Stedman perform about 400 ACL operations. Stedman is a pioneer in developing better surgical procedures and rehabilitation programs, and his work has translated into quicker, fuller recoveries. Today, Sterett said, 40 percent of all ACL cases require no other surgery. In the other 60 percent, less invasive procedures are recommended. "You're more likely to tear one on the other side than the repaired one," Sterett said. Terrell Davis, though, is the exception. He tore his ACL in 1999 and never fully recovered before another knee surgery may have ended his career last month. Physically, rehab is trying. Athletes must wait six weeks after surgery, until the swelling has dissipated and the range of

motion returns, before they can begin strengthening muscles. Once the muscle tone is back after six to 12 weeks, they finally begin training. In most cases, that's the easy part because athletes can see results. The tougher part occurs when they return to the playing field. Mack, for instance, thought he reinjured his left knee when he felt a funny twinge shortly after he began kicking. Doctors reassured him it was only scar tissue that had broken loose. Months later, however, Mack encountered another problem. "The speed was not there," he said. "It was not as good as before, and that was probably the toughest part mentally." Usually the mental aspect is the final hurdle, and it may not disappear until an athlete takes a good shot on the knee and bounces back. James isn't worried. He said he knows what he can do, and he's been proving it at practice. That's given him the confidence he can block, run, cut and make defenders miss — the way he always has.

Lancaster takes lead at Canadian Open

MARKHAM, Ontario (AP) — Despite another day of low scores, no one could catch Neal Lancaster in the Canadian Open on Saturday.

Lancaster was never in serious trouble and posted a 5-under 67 on a toasty afternoon at Angus Glen, giving him a two-stroke lead over Australia's Greg Chalmers and his first 54-hole lead on the PGA Tour in six years.

Nine other players had a better score, but Lancaster might have had the best round. He played in the final group, when the greens were firm and bumpy, and hit the ball so well that he had six other birdsie chances inside 12 feet.

Instead of celebrating his position — 16 under 200 and his first third-round lead since the 1996 Nissan Open — he was kicking himself. Lancaster ended his round by missing birdie putts of 12 and 8 feet on the final two holes.

Chalmers chipped in from 15 feet for eagle on No. 7, then rolled in a 30-foot eagle putt on No. 9 in shooting a 65 to earn a spot in the final group for the first time.

Sorenstam holds slim lead at Williams Championship

TULSA, Okla. — Annika Sorenstam shot a 4-under 66 in hot conditions to take a one-stroke lead over Lorie Kane and Cristie Kerr after the second round of the Williams Championship.

Sorenstam, seeking her seventh LPGA Tour victory of the

year and ninth worldwide title, had six birdies and two bogeys as the temperature soared to 97 degrees on the Tulsa Country Club course.

Glider paces field at Kroger Senior Classic

MAINEVILLE, Ohio — Bob Glider shot a 7-under 65 to take a one-stroke lead in the Kroger Senior Classic, putting him in position to win consecutive senior tour events for the second time this year.

Glider, winner of the Allianz Championship last week in Iowa, had a 13-under 131 total. First-round leader Andy North (68) and Ed Dougherty (68) followed at 12 under, and Tom Kite, with the day's low score of 64, moved into contention at 11 under.

Karlsson grabs two-shot edge at European Masters

CRANS-SUR-SIERRE, Switzerland — Sweden's Robert Karlsson shot a 3-under 68 to take a two-stroke lead over Italy's Emanuele Canonica after the third round of the European Masters.

Karlsson had a 14-under 199 total. Canonica shot a 65. England's Barry Lane shot a 64 to match Scotland's Paul Lawrie (66) and South Africa's Trevor Immelman (65) at 11 under.

British Open champion Ernie Els (66) and England's Nick Faldo (69) were eight strokes back.



Neal Lancaster, of Smithfield, N.C., gives a kick on the second hole during the third round of the Canadian Open golf championship in Markham, Ontario, Saturday. Lancaster leads by two strokes.

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when won in 1970. Sampras said the match would be "a huge moment for both of us, for the game, two older players, two rivals over the years. He brings out the best in me."

The crowd should be split in its sentiment but, for a change, Agassi won't root for Sampras. "We've grown up together. You hear all this talk about his game, where he's at, where he's not at," Agassi said. "Inside my own heart and mind, I've been pulling for him."

It will be a clash of styles. Sampras beat Schalken with powerful serves and aggressive volleying at the net. Agassi knocked off the top-seeded Hewitt with patient baseline play and timely rushes.

Sampras beat Agassi in the Open quarterfinals last year and holds a 19-14 lead in their career matches. But Agassi is having a much better year, having won four titles.

Sampras is winless in more than two years after winning Wimbledon in July 2000 and lost there in the second round this year. Seeded just 17th, he's fired up for the Open, where he won four times and was runner-up the last two years.

Agassi, seeded sixth, was in trouble several times. But he responded, finally winning when he broke Hewitt's serve for the third consecutive time.

Ahead 0-40 in the final game, Agassi lost the next two points. On a hot day, the bald whirlwind finally closed out the match in 2 hours, 59 minutes with a forehand winner to the corner.

"Nothing in my career compares to playing against Pete," Agassi said. "Pete's the best I've ever played against, and that forces you to get that little special rush of blood that makes you do that thing that's special."

In the other semifinal, Sampras used powerful serves and dominant net play to reach his third straight Open final. He lost to Marij Safin in 2000 and Hewitt last year.

"He was placing the ball so

good with 120 mph serves," Schalken said. "I couldn't touch the ball."

Open up by his return to the net. Agassi flashed his trademark fist pump after several critical points. After match point, he didn't have to walk far to sluke Schalken's hand.

That's because Sampras finished Schalken off with another backhand volley a few feet from the net.

Sampras won 62 of 85 points at the net while Schalken tried only nine and won them all. Sampras was just as dominant with his serve, being 23 aces to five for Schalken.

"My serve is my weapon. I'm going to use it whenever I can," Sampras said. Sampras was the world's top-ranked player from 1993-98 and won his record 13th Grand Slam tournament at Wimbledon in 2000.

"The years of dominating are over, but I still believe that I can win a major," he said.

Kiwis' Black Magic conjures up Cup paranoia

The Associated Press

As the sun dipped toward the horizon, a sloop shrouded in black from the deck down was towed quietly out of Auckland's Waikato Basin for its shakedown cruise on New Zealand's Hauraki Gulf.

Darth Vader going out for a sail? No, the crafty sailors from two-time defending champion Team New Zealand were splitting their new America's Cup yacht past the many prying eyes along syndicate row, trying to keep their design secrets, well, secret.

The aptly nicknamed Black Magic didn't drop its skirts until it started sailing, a measure unheard of even by the standards of America's Cup paranoia.

The 80-foot yacht slipped back into the harbor after dark, adding a touch of intrigue to the 151-year-old, high-stakes competition, which has often been full of spying and skulduggery.

There are probably design innovations lurking beneath those skirts — a new bow shape or unique rudder configuration maybe? Or are the Kiwis saving those for their second boat?

"Your imagination can go either way," Team New Zealand designer Clay Oliver, a Rhode Island native and U.S. Naval Academy graduate, said coyly from Auckland. "That's the beauty of it, the mystery of it."

Team New Zealand will try to stay under wraps as long as possible. As the defender, it will train until the America's Cup match starts Feb. 15. The nine foreign challengers begin their elimination series Oct. 1.

"Want extreme?" The heavily wrapped hull of the newest Black Magic (NZL-81) was trucked from the builder's yard to the compound at night. The shrouded boat was christened after dark. Still to come is NZL-82, which probably will be used in the defense.

Countless hours and millions of dollars go into designing high-

tech America's Cup yachts. So the Kiwis, way ahead of the regatta in dominating the last two curves, believe they have good reason to be secretive.

In one of the murkier chapters of Cup espionage, design information from Team New Zealand's winning yacht in 2000, as well as information from other syndicates, ended up in the hands of Seattle-based OneWorld Challenge, backed by billionaires Craig McCaw and Paul Allen.

The America's Cup Arbitration Panel penalized OneWorld one point going into the challenger series for having the secrets.

Using such information could give a syndicate an excellent starting point for designing a new yacht. However, the panel accepted OneWorld's claims that none of the information was used in the design of its two new boats, and OneWorld was given credit for unfairly disclosing it had material it shouldn't have.

America's Cup sailors are mostly an obsessive bunch. They want to keep things hidden, but want to know what everyone else has, too.

"To their credit, syndicates are behaving themselves a lot better and things are self-policed," said Gary Jobson, ESPN's sailing analyst and a tactician aboard Ted Turner's Courageous in 1977.

"But human nature says, 'What's a war going on and what is the other guy up to?'"

Rules against spying have been tightened since the heyday of espionage in 1992, when frogmen poked around underneath boats and syndicates used helicopters and chase boats to shadow rivals as they trained off San Diego.

"That was part of the game and if you wanted to win, you had to play the game," said Bill Koch, the last American to host the Cup in victory. "I thought it was a bit distasteful, but if I was going to win, I was going to play the game and we played with a vengeance."

Koch's America3 (America Cubed) syndicate, which spent \$2 million on spying alone, was best known for having a powerboat named Guzzini, its windows darkened and an array of antennas sticking out.

"Nobody knows if they worked, but at least it sort of spooked the herd," Oliver said.

It particularly rattled the psyche of the Italians, who lost 4-1 to Koch in the finals. Koch later revealed that Guzzini's instruments could measure only the current and wind speed.

"These days, syndicates must

stay at least 660 feet (200 meters) away while observing and photographing rivals out on the water. They can't use listening devices, divers, planes or helicopters to gather performance data.

Using satellites and submarines are no-nos, too. Seriously.

However, idle chatter — like over sprints in a waterfront pub — is fair game.

Designers still try for that kind of breakthrough, "and the fact that they are hidden under skirts in most cases allows imaginations to run wild," Oliver said.

Comunidad
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SALSA FEST

SALSA RECIPE CONTEST Free to Enter!
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September 21, 2002
Twin Falls - Noon
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In celebration of the 2nd Anniversary of Comunidad, the news page for and about the Latino community, The Times-News is sponsoring a salsa recipe contest open to the public and local restaurants. Participants are invited to enter their all-time best, most-asked-for, raved-over, favorite tortilla chip-dipping concoction to win cash and prizes. Contests will be held in both Twin Falls and Rupert and will be judged in three categories:

- Category #1-F - Fresh Salsa
- Category #2-C - Canned Salsa
- Category #3-R - Best Restaurant Salsa

Entry deadline is September 18. Entrants will supply one pint (16 oz.) of salsa and their recipe an hour before judging on September 21 at their designated contest location, in front of the Times-News Annex on Main Avenue or on the Square in Rupert, to be judged by well-known salsa connoisseurs. Winners in each public category will receive a \$50 cash prize, a Salsa Fest apron and their winning recipe will be published in Comunidad and restaurants will receive a free ad in The Times-News. Prizes will be awarded in all three categories in both locations. 2001 Salsa Fest recipe winners are not eligible to enter.

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

SALSA FEST ENTRY FORM

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Entry deadline is September 18. In Twin Falls entries can be mailed to - Times-News Salsa Fest, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83301, faxed to (208) 734-6538 or dropped by 132 3rd Street West, in Mini-Casas (mail in mailboxes) dropped off at Times-News Mini-Casas Bureau, 1283 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318 or faxed to (208) 678-0474.

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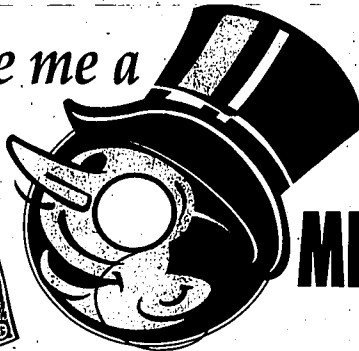
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New Zealand's entry for the America's Cup and her crew arrive for the boat's christening in Auckland, New Zealand, Aug. 26.

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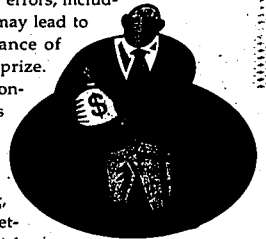
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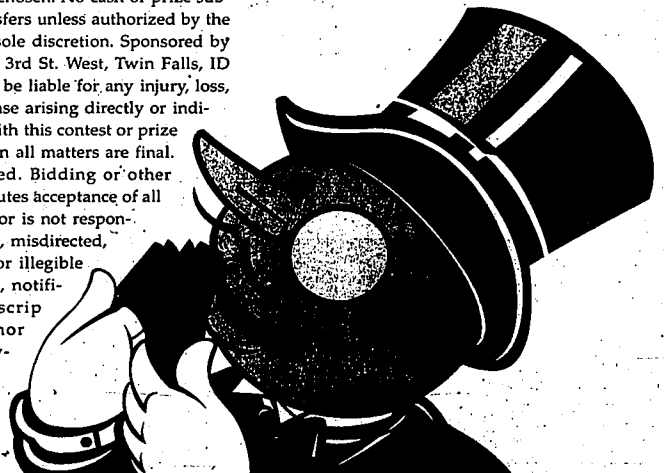
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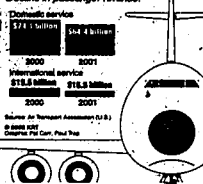


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U.S. airlines lost nearly \$8 billion in 2001. Decline in passenger revenue:



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CSI offers career direction class

TWIN FALLS - The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a "WorkSmart: Career/Educational Planning Skills" class for people who want to identify their personal values, interests and existing skills. Information will direct participants toward their education and job options. Whether currently employed or not, students can take the first step in developing their personal and career goals and make a plan of action to pursue those goals, organizers said.

The class will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 12-26, at the Center for New Directions. One credit is offered. Cost is \$77.50; scholarships and financial aid are available. Deadline to register is Monday.

For more information, call 732-6680 or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 6680.

Better Business Bureau holds financial boot camp

BOISE - Customers are spending cautiously, and no business can afford to make a mistake. So business people should sharpen their business skills before the critical fourth quarter arrives, the Better Business Bureau said.

So the BBB is offering a Business Success Boot Camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 19 in the Rocky Mountain Conference Center at the Best Western Vista Inn in Boise.

Cost is \$40 prepaid for BBB members and \$79 prepaid for nonmembers. Information is available at www.boisebbb.org. For reservations and questions, call 342-4649, then dial 0 for the operator.

Investment rep presents program on stock market

TWIN FALLS - Lynn Hansen, the Edward Jones investment representative in Twin Falls, will host a free program at 11 a.m. and again at 5 p.m. Tuesday for investors seeking high-quality opportunities in today's stock market.

During the program, guests will learn steps to help weatherproof their portfolios in turbulent markets, the company said. Edward Jones experts also will discuss their perspectives on realistic expectations for individual investors.

"Weathering a volatile market is never easy," Hansen said. "However, it doesn't hurt to stop you from making progress toward your financial goals."

The live, interactive broadcast is presented at Edward Jones branch offices nationwide via the firm's private satellite network. The public is invited.

For more information about the Tuesday program or to reserve a seat, call Hansen at 732-0500. Additional viewing times are available for those unable to attend the scheduled times.

Survey: Many don't know how to use cell phones

Mobile phones may seem to be everywhere, but it doesn't mean people really know how to make the most of them.

A survey of 803 people by St. Louis-based Maritz Poll found that 47 percent of adult Americans wireless subscribers don't know how to use all the functions on their phone. Half, or 50 percent, said they don't use all the minutes on their monthly plan that they pay for, either.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

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Wheels across the West

Businesses rely on trucks, trains

By David Burgess
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - For a business like Everton Mattress Factory Inc., transportation is a constant challenge.

"The shipping situation is critical," said Vice President Larry Everton. "Without it we would cease to exist." The difficulty for Everton Mattress in Twin Falls is not lack of available transportation (trucks do the hauling). But it is the distance from suppliers that complicates operations.

"The shipping in is the biggest problem," Everton said. Some materials from the more distant suppliers came in on common carrier Consolidated Freightways before Consolidated declared bankruptcy and shut down its operations last week.

But suppliers in Nampa and Salt Lake City are still too far away for the factory to run on just-in-time inventory.

He said he has to keep at least a week's supply on hand of big, bulky, space-eating bedding parts such as inner springs and foam. To keep those high-turnover supplies on hand, Everton uses about 28,000 square feet of warehouse space, much more than necessary if it were located near suppliers.

A couple of years ago, Everton had considered moving the plant out of Old Towne, as the need for more space had become so acute.

The need was met when a deal was struck to lease property owned by the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency. The mattress factory gained 10,000 square feet formerly occupied by Swire Coca-Cola, and Everton said he is very grateful to the city for making it possible to keep the plant in Old Towne and still be competitive.

Simpler shipping

Everton used to do its own trucking but for eight years or more has contracted that out to Gilbert Trucking and Transport of Twin Falls. That relieved Everton of the paperwork and maintenance involved with running trucks and trailers all over the West delivering mattresses.

"We are probably not saving money," Everton said, "but we are saving our time and headaches."

Everton products are shipped to the company's own stores and

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Truck traffic - we have it

The intersection of Interstate 84 and U.S. Highway 93 is the busiest intersection in the region, said Bob Richards, Jerome Chamber of Commerce economic development specialist.

The stretch of U.S. 93 between Twin Falls and the I-84 interchange is also notable for its heavy commercial vehicle traffic - 2,600 on an average day, with both directions combined, according to Idaho Department of Transportation data from 2001. More trucks, from delivery vans up to semis, travel that stretch of road than any other in Idaho, aside from I-84.

The statistic points to a major transportation strength of the region: trucking.

Distance to urban markets

Below are the mileages from Twin Falls to major urban centers in the West, which could be both potential markets and sources of supplies for businesses in Magic Valley.

Seattle	631
Portland, Ore.	558
Boise	128
Salt Lake City	226
Denver	711
Las Vegas	503
Los Angeles	783
San Francisco	687

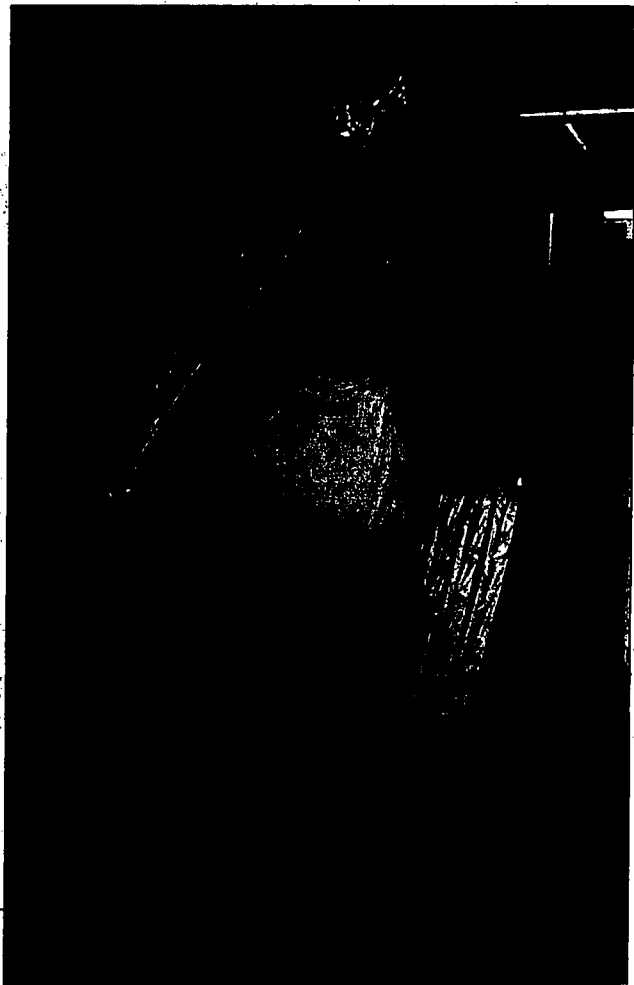
Delayed gratification

Incoming employer WOW Logistics will bring to Jerome a service it offers in Wisconsin that could assist in international trade.

"Part of the Jerome facility will be a Class 3 public customs-bonded facility. It's a real valuable service that perhaps not a lot of people know about," said Chad Collett, business development specialist with WOW Logistics.

He said companies can put off paying the duty on imported products by storing them in a customs-bonded facility until the imported products are needed. Duties are paid on the imports only as they are taken out of storage, thus improving cash flow.

"The benefit comes in if you bring product in and it tends to sit a while, or if you bring a lot in at once," Collett said.



Chris Johnson loads mattresses onto a truck for distribution from Everton Mattress Factory in Twin Falls.

Airport moves freight, links Magic Valley to the world

By Courtney Price
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Joslin Field-Magic Valley Regional Airport is certainly not the busiest airport in the country when it comes to passenger travel. In fact, the airport has only five commercial flights daily.

But air freight is an often forgotten aspect of the airport that is important to the area's economy.

Bill Carberry, manager of the Magic Valley Regional Airport, explains that when a person orders something online or from a catalog, for instance, the reason it can get here in two days or less is because we have a local airport.

The airport gains revenue by charges to the companies that lease space at Joslin Field and also by charging a fee depending on the gross landing weight of an aircraft.

And the airport has room to expand as demand increases. At this time, Joslin Field has no need to turn any potential market away. The infrastructure is ready and waiting for economic growth.

"We are certainly always open



A FedEx plane is fueled and prepared for its evening flight to Salt Lake City.

to more business," Carberry said. Reeder Flying Service is one company that does operate out of Joslin Field.

During the summer, the Forest Service uses Reeder helicopters. Some smoke-jumpers are even stationed at the field and flown in and out via airplane as needed.

Owner John Reeder contracts with companies including Federal Express, United Parcel Service and Airborne Express, selling fuel and providing maintenance if needed. He also rents office space to Airborne Express and Western

Express. The latter is based in Boise and does interbank transfers four times a day, and transports film canisters for theaters and packages for medical labs.

Every day, Federal Express, United Parcel Service and Airborne Express flights arrive from Salt Lake City around 9 a.m. The same planes make the return trip later in the day around 5 to 6 p.m. carrying freight collected during the day.

On an international level, profitable shipping companies link the world. For example, FedEx

Corp. has service to over 210 countries - all of which can be reached from Magic Valley.

"A lot of communities would love to have air service, we are lucky to have it here. It links us nationally and internationally," Carberry said.

Business for the shipping companies had dipped with the economic slowdown nationally, but is looking up.

On June 25, FedEx Corp. reported earnings of 78 cents per diluted share, compared to only 38 cents reported at the same

time last year. Alan B. Graf, executive vice president and chief financial officer for the company said that total average daily package volume grew 5 percent over the previous year at the end of the fourth quarter.

Airborne Express has enjoyed a rewarding year so far also. Airborne earned 1 cent per share for the quarter ending June 30. As a comparison, in the second quarter of 2001, the company reported a net loss of \$6.4 million, or 13 cent per share.

"Although shipment and revenue growth remains difficult in the current economic environment, we made very meaningful strides in improving productivity year-over-year," said Carl Doranway, chief executive of Airborne Express.

United Parcel Service, in a July 12 report, blames its decline in business on the slow economy as well as customers diverting their package volume to competitors because of unresolved contract negotiations between UPS and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

For the second quarter of 2002, earnings per diluted share dropped 1.8 percent to 54 cents compared to 55 cents from the same quarter last year. However, revenue in the second quarter of this year was up 2.5 percent to \$7.68 billion.

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

BUHL - Mayor Barbara Gietzen and Buhl Chamber of Commerce executives visited U.S. Bank to award a plaque and gifts to Pansy Pettit, the chamber's Extra Mile Awarded winner for August.



Pansy Pettit

Pettit, a loan officer, was nominated for the way in which she handled a customer's loan. Pettit was nominated by a customer who appreciated how Pettit explained details about the loan and quickly completed it.

Pettit received gift certificates, pictures, flowers and a coffee mug from businesses and merchants of Buhl.

TWIN FALLS - Cooper Norman announced news about four of its employees:



Kris Slotten

Kris Slotten, who has been with Cooper Norman for 10 years, sat for the two-day Certified Public Accounting Exam in May. In August, Slotten was notified she had passed the exam and will receive certification soon.

Her experience includes knowledge of payroll and QuickBooks set-up and training. Slotten specializes in employee benefits. During her tenure at Cooper Norman, she earned her bachelor's degree in accounting

from Boise State University in 2000.

Jennifer Konvalin also sat for the two-day Certified Public Accounting Exam in May. In August, she was notified she had passed and will receive certification soon.



Jennifer Konvalin

Konvalin joined Cooper Norman in January 1999 as an intern while completing her college education. She graduated from Montana State University in May 1999 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She specializes in construction accounting and QuickBooks set-up and training.

Lance L. Whitney, who joined Cooper Norman in December as a new associate, is now licensed as a certified public accountant in Idaho.



Lance Whitney

Whitney is originally from Twin Falls. He graduated from Brigham Young University in 1996 with a master's of accountancy degree and passed the Certified Public Accountant Exam in the same year. He then became licensed as a CPA in Oregon. In 2001, Whitney and his wife, Lani, moved back to Twin Falls.

Dave Buddecke, of Cooper Norman Business Brokers & Advisors in southern Idaho,



Dave Buddecke

received the Certified Business Intermediary designation at a recent International Business Brokers Association conference. Business brokers are the intermediaries for owners who want to buy or sell their businesses. Business broker transactions - mainly geared to brokering sales of mid-sized and small businesses - are valued at more than \$1.5 billion per year, the company said in a press release.

Buddecke was awarded the designation after demonstrating knowledge about business broker services, documenting practical experience, participating in a curriculum of at least 60 credit hours of association courses, passing an examination and pledging to uphold IBBA's code of ethics.



Larry Laub

TWIN FALLS - Professional Truck Driving School in Twin Falls announced the graduation of Larry Laub on August 15. Laub received a Class D commercial driver's license with hazardous materials, doubles and triples, and tankers endorsements. He will work for Swift.

Music Instructors

start business in Jerome

JEROME - Darren and Lynn Olsen, owners and instructors, opened Noteables Creative Music Center in Jerome.

The new business teaches music with a multimedia studio and a focus on the individual learning styles of each student.

Noteables Creative Music Center offers voice and piano lessons that combine the use of several learning centers, including ear training, theory, computer, video and games and activities. It also offers ensemble classes for those interested in a music education, but without specifically learning piano or vocal performance. All lessons are taught weekly and are one hour in length.

For those wanting less frequent exposure, two-hour music workshops are available monthly. Instruction will include topics of interest to those with a love for music or desire to expand their knowledge. Lessons and classes for all ages, 4 to 104, and all experience levels, beginning to advanced, are taught on an ongoing basis, and registrations are accepted throughout the year. The business can be reached by phone at 324-5172 or by e-mail at noteablesmc@aol.com to schedule a demonstration or for details.

South Side Cafe opens in Twin Falls
TWIN FALLS - South Side Cafe opened for business Tuesday at 170 South Park Ave. W., Suite A, in Twin Falls.

Owner Mary Haines has been in the restaurant business for 35 years and has managed several restaurants. She said the new cafe offers "good home-cooked value meals."

A grand-opening celebration is planned Oct. 14. Haines can be reached at 737-0903.

MILESTONES

Automated Dairy Systems garners awards at meeting

JEROME - Westfalia-Surge of Napaerville, Ill., presented Automated Dairy Systems Inc. with two Platinum awards, two



Jerry Higley



Sue Higley

Eagle awards and two Pinacle awards at its North American dealer meeting April 5-10. Automated Dairy Systems Inc., owned by Jerry and Sue Higley, has served the dairy equipment and supply needs of the area for 18 years at its two locations in Jerome and Nampa. Platinum Award recipients were honored for their sales of Westfalia-Surge products for fiscal years 2000 and 2001. The Eagle Award was presented to the top dealership in the Western U.S. region for sales, and the Pinacle Award was presented to the top dealership in North America for sales in those years.

Westfalia-Surge Inc. provides a line of equipment and supplies for dairies of all sizes and management styles.

Two Head Start centers gain accreditation

WENDELL - South Central Head Start said two more Head Start centers - Orchard Valley Head Start in Wendell and Little Wood Head Start in Shoshone - were granted accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Association for the Education of Young Children

Currently, eight of the 10 Head Start centers have NAEYC accreditation, with one center waiting to hear from the national office in Washington, said Chasji Jester, community services specialist for South Central Head Start.

NAEYC recognition has been achieved by only 7 percent of early childhood programs nationwide, the local Head Start said.

The Orchard Valley Head Start site, supervised by Cindy Scott, and the Little Wood Head Start site, supervised by Jay Thurber, each serves 32 children and families.

NAEYC accreditation is a voluntary process in which early childhood programs demonstrate that they consistently meet national standards. Programs seeking accreditation undergo a self-study, collecting information from parents, teachers, administrators and classroom observations. An onsite visit is conducted by early childhood professionals trained by NAEYC. Accreditation lasts for three years, with annual updates required.

"The heart of NAEYC accreditation focuses on the child experience," said NAEYC spokeswoman Barbara Miller in a statement.

"The process carefully considers all aspects of program provision - including health and safety, staffing, staff qualifications, administration and physical environment. But the greatest emphasis is on the children's relationship with the staff and how the program helps each child grow and learn."

Other accredited sites in south-central Idaho include the College of Southern Idaho Child Care Center and Child Development Lab, and South Central Head Start centers in Twin Falls, Buhl, Jerome, Hansen and American Falls.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Diversified Martial Arts said it gave more than \$65,000 in 390 one-month scholarships to schools, churches and other groups throughout Magic Valley. Coach Brian Higgins has provided similar opportunities three times a year for more than seven years. The scholarship program aims to expose youngsters and adults to the discipline, fitness and character-building opportunities of martial arts, he said.

The Magic Valley SAFE KIDS Coalition was one of three local recipients of proceeds from this year's Glanbia Charity Golf Challenge. SAFE KIDS received \$10,000 from Glanbia Foods Inc. Other recipients included the Southern Idaho Learning Center and Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

The Magic Valley SAFE KIDS Coalition is part of the National SAFE KIDS Campaign and is an affiliated program of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Its mission is to prevent unintentional childhood injuries - the No. 1 killer of children ages 14 and under.

SAFE KIDS provides educational materials, classes and assistance on injury prevention programs. SAFE KIDS offers low-cost infant, convertible and booster car safety seats to fami-



Kyla Kelly, director of the Magic Valley SAFE KIDS Coalition, receives a check from Dave L. Thomas, president of Glanbia Foods Inc.

lies of all income levels. It also offers reduced prices on gun locks, bicycle helmets, snow and multiport helmets, and seat belt covers. Since 1991, the coalition has distributed more than 4,400 bike helmets across southern Idaho, and given away or distributed 500 smoke detectors, 175 gunlocks, 75 playground safety videos and thousands of child car safety seats.

For information, call SAFE KIDS at 737-2430.

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Employees worker harder, longer

The Associated Press

Employees in the post-recession work place are working longer and harder and rarely have a break from the daily routine, according to an online survey by CareerBuilder.com.

After months of layoffs, hiring freezes and job cutbacks, more companies are having to do the same amount of work (if not more) with less staff.

In its survey of 1,400 workers,

more than a third reported increases in their personal workloads in the past six months.

And despite the innovations of flextime and four-day work weeks, the majority spent more than 40 hours working during the week.

Thirty-nine percent of those who arrived at work early stayed late, while 30 percent of those who arrived right on time said they stay late.

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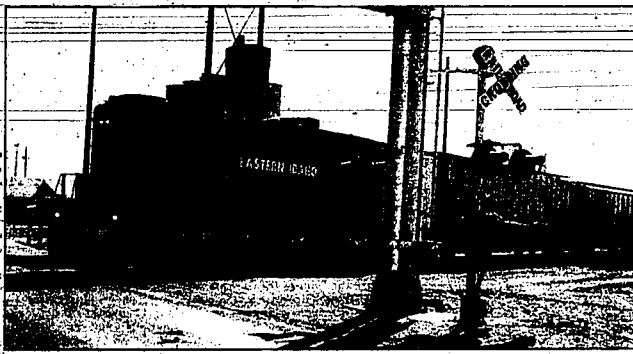
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An Eastern Idaho Railroad train crosses Shoshone Street South in Old Towne Twin Falls.

Railroad grows by shipping farm products

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Growth of the dairy industry in southern Idaho has fueled growth of Eastern Idaho Railroad.

"We were happy to see this dairy explosion," said Jack Lisle, general manager of Eastern Idaho Railroad.

Shipments are up slightly from last year, Lisle said.

"We had a high car count in 1996, then it dropped off for a few years.

Now it is back up to a little more than 1996," he said.

The dairy industry in southern Idaho grew steadily through the 1990s with the expansion of cheese factories, fueling the railroad's growth.

For instance, about 30 to 40 cars per day, Lisle said, move dairy feed products along with other related products from the Rupert area to Wendell, where the heaviest concentration of dairies is.

In 2000, Watco Companies, the parent of Eastern Idaho Railroad, acquired a building in Old Towne Twin Falls. The company administers Eastern Idaho and six other railroad companies along with other rail-related operations out of the Old Towne office.

Feed companies also moved into the area.

One feed firm adding to the railroad's growth is Western Hay. Western is building a large warehouse in Hazelton and Eden next to the railroad and will utilize the railroad to ship hay.

"They are building new track. That is a big investment on Western Hay's part," Lisle said.

"They are investing in the valley." While dairy industry shipments are up and coming, Eastern Idaho's largest single customer is still the sugar factory.

"Twenty-five percent of our business is the sugar factory," Lisle said.

Connections and competition

Eastern Idaho is categorized as a short line in the Union Pacific system.

Eastern Idaho receives a division of the rate in the pricing structure determined by Union Pacific.

The cost of using rail service can vary dramatically depending on the commodity, Lisle said.

The average car load of agricultural products would cost about \$1,600 to ship across the country, said Mike Furney, from Union Pacific's western public relations office.

But it depends on exactly how far the load is going, he said.

Eastern Idaho officials will help customers get a rate quote or help with any aspect of "getting their



Martin Ibarra stacks boxes of Idaho potatoes inside an Eastern Idaho Railroad car at Mart Produce near Rupert. Mart Produce is one of the many agricultural customers helping to fuel growth for the railroad.

EIRR track

Eastern Idaho Railroad operates about 133 miles of main line track from Minidoka to Buhl on the south side of the canyon and to Wendell on the north side. That does not include side tracks.

Loading stations in the southern segment of EIRR Twin Falls branch are: Minidoka, Acaquia, Rupert, Schow, Heyburn, Starb's Ferry, Hobson, Miner, Murtagh, Hansen, Kimberly, McMillan, Twin Falls, Curry, Penney, Flax, Cedar and Buhl.

Oakley industrial stops are:

Crippen, Ruby, Pella, Beeville, Kenyon, M. Kenyon and Martin. Raft River stops are: Unity, Elock, Hatch, Springdale and Declo. North side branch stops are: Travers, Wasco, Myers, Paul, Hynes, Hazelton, Eden, Falls City, Barrymore, Hyda, Jerome and Wendell.

This list does not include the EIRR's northern segment in the Idaho Falls area.

Source: Eastern Idaho Railroad

product from where it may come from, getting it on site at their facility — whatever their needs may entail," Lisle said. "One car to us is as important as 25 cars."

The railroad is constantly finding opportunities for new business, he said.

"We are expanding continually," he said. "If you stand still you get run out."

Trucking presents stiff competition.

"Those folks know their jobs, get out there and get after it," Lisle said. "When potatoes went to trucks we lost quite a little business to that."

While trucks compete for shipping business with the railroad, the railroad maintains a niche.

"The railroad as a whole makes its money on large heavy loads that travel great distance," he said.

And the railroad still has a certain relationship with truck companies, Lisle said. Neither would do well without the other. Feeds come in by rail and are off-loaded to trucks and distributed to dairies, he said.

Trains and trucks

With the importance of the relationship between trains and trucks in mind, Twin Falls businessman Todd Bliss in June 1999 opened an "intermodal facility" in a portion of an industrial park near Hankins Road in southeast

Twin Falls.

An intermodal facility can be described as a station where freight from both the railroad and trucks can be transferred.

As yet, it is used only occasionally. But Bliss wants other businesses to know that the facility is available.

"It is ready to use," he said. "An operator can set up."

Several companies are positioning themselves to make use of the facility in the future.

Independent Meat has had a distribution center open at the intermodal center for 2.5 years, but the center uses rail service only occasionally, said chief executive Patrick Florence.

Right now, trucking works best for the meat company, as independent shipments can reach the West Coast in 12 hours by truck, he said.

But dynamics of shipping can change quickly depending on commodities and economics. Demand and currency exchange rates and many other factors play a part, he said.

"In six months we could be using rail more," Florence said.

Another company, Loomix West LLC, a feed supplement company, is negotiating with Bliss and would eventually be using the intermodal facility.

But a deal has not been completed yet, said Steve Faust, spokesman for Loomix.

Wheels

Continued from D1
to wholesale customers in all directions from Twin Falls.

"For road transportation out, we are in a good spot," Everton said.

Everton estimates it costs \$5 apiece to ship products an average distance to market, but that figure can be much higher or lower depending on shipping variables such as the number of finished products that fit into a trailer and distance to market.

Locally, sales are strong. Everton said business has been "phenomenal" in Twin Falls, "breaking every record."

If Everton Mattress Factory can stay competitive even with its logistical challenges, then perhaps new businesses can do the same with what transportation options Magic Valley has to offer.

The weakest link

Dave McAlindin, Twin Falls economic development director, doesn't focus on a single transportation feature when luring new business.

"The recruitment process is about providing options," he said. Then the prospective employer chooses a site that works for it.

"We have the luxury of being able to market to someone multiple means of transportation," he said.

Jan Rogers, director of Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization, said she tailors her presentations to the prospect's needs.

"It varies. Many want the consideration of rail. All want the consideration of delivery," she said. "Seastrom (Manufacturing Co. Inc. of Twin Falls) sends out I don't know how many overnight packages FedEx. They had to have that access."

Transportation has never been a non-starter in her dealings with prospects.

"We really have fairly extensive rail, trucking and overnight shipping," she said.

But the region's air service is minimal.

Rogers said economic development leaders are working on increasing air service, but if a company looking for a new location needs that now, "then we are not going to be a player,"



Rogers said.

"Our weakest link is major air service," she said, but it has not been a major deterrent in her experience.

McAlindin said more air service would help economic growth. Travelers — both tourists and business people — would have more convenient connections than they do now, he said.

A consultant's study earlier this year determined the Twin Falls area is an underserved air-travel market. The study found that 39 percent of local air passengers board flights at Joslin Field, while 38 percent use Boise's airport and 21 percent use Salt Lake City's.

Road and rail

With slim air service, no seaport, and no apparent river shipping, southern Idaho seems to run on wheels.

The rail and road infrastructure in the valley was good enough to bring in a player in the warehousing industry.

Both trucks and trains will move products to and from WOW Logistics' new 232,000-square-foot warehouse in Jerome.

When WOW announced it was coming to Jerome, executives with both Glanbia Foods and Jerome Cheese predicted it would attract other businesses.

Bob Richards, Jerome Chamber of Commerce economic development specialist, said the WOW announcement has not yet generated new business-recruitment prospects.

"Not at this point," he said. "I don't expect that to change until WOW is up and running."

WOW Logistics adds to the region's transportation infrastructure, Rogers said, and she is anticipating additional opportunity because of it.

"We are getting more leads than the rest of the state is," he said, judging from what she is hearing from other economic development specialists around Idaho.

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MONEY

1 Congestion relief

This fall, some of the earthwork and dirt moving should start on a \$7.3 million project at the junction of U.S. Highway 93 and Interstate 84. Western Construction out of Boise is the apparent low bidder, said Scott Malone, Idaho Transportation Department assistant district IV engineer. The project will feature a loop up onto Interstate 84, which will relieve congestion by eliminating the signal and left turn lanes. New ramps will be constructed by the Flying J as well as a new bridge on the north side to go over the westbound lanes of I-84. The two-season job should be completed by fall of 2003. Projections based on a study done eight years ago were that 2,000 vehicles per hour go through that intersection at its busiest, with as many as 20,000 per day, Christensen said.

2 Mindoka County's long haul

Mindoka County Highway District just finished a repaving project that spanned several years. The project started in Paul with the county each year paving two miles of 600 West, which is the main arterial in the county. Over the past 10 years, the county has also paved 400 West, which is the other main farm-to-market road in the county. Many travelers use 600 West as a shortcut when traveling from Utah to Sun Valley. The road is also a main route for agricultural use, with sugar beet and potato trucks and other hauling products from fields to storage and to market. Completion of the two roads - about 25 miles total - cost more than \$2 million, said Jess Miller, manager of MCHD. "We've spent a lot of money trying to keep those roads upgraded for heavy truck traffic," he said.

3 Main route to Sun Valley

A recycled asphalt and cement repaving job is under way from Richfield Canal to the junction of U.S. Highway 93 and Interstate 84, which will relieve congestion by eliminating the signal and left turn lanes. New ramps will be constructed by the Flying J as well as a new bridge on the north side to go over the westbound lanes of I-84. The two-season job should be completed by fall of 2003. Projections based on a study done eight years ago were that 2,000 vehicles per hour go through that intersection at its busiest, with as many as 20,000 per day, Christensen said.

10 road projects

By Lorraine Cavener
Southern Idaho Business
correspondent

We tracked down important road and highway projects improving transportation infrastructure around the valley.

tion of U.S. Highway 20 and State Highway 75, north of Shoshone, said ITD's Malone. Highway 75 is the main route to Sun Valley and is heavily traveled. Bruce Christensen, ITD traffic engineer for Region IV, said that on an average day in 2001, 29,000 vehicles traveled that stretch of highway, both directions combined. Nelson Construction out of Boise is the contractor for the \$1.3 million project. Work started the third week of July and will continue until about the end of August. The project is a little over nine miles long.

4 Double duty road crews

State crews in July completed repairs on State Highway 24 from Staircase to Mindoko. The road needed repair where it was broken, cracked and rutted. Average daily traffic, both directions combined, on that stretch of highway is 15,000 vehicles as far as Dietrich and about 500 beyond that, Christensen said. Instead of using a contractor, the repair work was done by state maintenance forces, said ITD's Malone. The same crew operates snowplows in the winter and performs other state road maintenance duties.

5 \$1 million road

Bannock Paving is the contractor on the \$1 million Kasota Road project, which runs from the Interstate 84 - Kasota exit to 550 West on State Highway 25. ITD's Malone said a machine like a big rototiller is used to mix

the pavement on the top with the base underneath. It is compacted back down and a new pavement overlay is then installed. The road will be slightly wider when finished. Average daily traffic in both directions combined is 53,000 vehicles just west of Paul and 15,000 per day at the intersection with I-84.

6 Gooding upgrades streets

A street construction project in Gooding was finished early this summer, including curbs and gutters. The city applied for the grant, but the upgrade was done in conjunction with construction at the Walker Center, an alcohol and drug treatment facility. A U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development loan was made to the Walker Center for a portion of the project. A federal Idaho Community Block Grant of \$363,000 covered part of the cost of the streets in the Walker Center community.

7 Brrrrump, brrrrump

An extensive "rumble strip" project on Interstates 84 and 86 will help keep drivers alert and on the pavement. The project, which started in May, will stretch from the Utah state line on I-84 all the way to Glenns Ferry and on Interstate 86 from the I-84 and I-86 interchange to Pocatello. Surface Prep, a company out of Pennsylvania, is doing the work on the \$560,000 project. A machine, described as being like a tumblebug wheel, is used to cut grooves into the pavement as a safety precaution.

8 Forty-two miles sealed

Burley Highway District just finished 42 miles of seal coat on Cassia County roads, said Deloy Fastick, maintenance coordinator for BHD. The work included seal coat on the Miller, Raft River and other areas of the county. The project cost about \$300,000 and county maintenance crews worked on the project from July 8 to July 24, Fastick said. Each year the highway district tries to seal coat about 40 miles of Cassia County roads, he said.

9 New road for ISP

The City of Jerome has started building Victory Lane, which will run beside the new Idaho State Police building. The new road will run about one mile, from 200 South to 100 South, said Bob Culver, Jerome's public works director. The all-weather gravel road should be done by October or November and it should be paved by sometime next year, he said. Estimated cost for the Victory Lane project is \$950,000 including dirt, water and sewer, said Scott Bybee, Jerome city engineer.

Emergency routing plan

The cities of Rupert and Paul received a local highway grant for an emergency routing inventory and maintenance plan, which will show where maintenance is needed. The money is from LTAC, which is a combination of state and federal money, designated for local highways. Each city received \$100,000 for the project, said Rich Rau, head of the Paul public works department. "The reason we are doing it together is we were able to get more for the money," Rau said. Engineers are in the process of negotiating with Idaho Transportation Department for work on the project. Surveying, mapping and other work should begin sometime this summer, he said. The project is necessary to be in compliance with federal government emergency standards, Rau said.

Warehouse industry faces low demand, labor issues

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Changes in the region's economy are impacting the warehouse industry in the Magic Valley. "This is a very challenging time in Idaho and across the Northwest," said Hal Justice, executive vice president of Amercold Logistics. Frozen French fries make up the bulk of the Atlanta-based public warehouse company's business in southern Idaho. Amercold Logistics operates warehouses in Burley and Nampa as well as Ontario, Ore. "Right now that industry (frozen potato products) is not doing well," Justice said. "That has an impact on them and us as well."

explained Debra Rose, general manager of Henningsen Cold Storage in Twin Falls. Henningsen has over 12 million cubic feet of freezer space between its two warehouses in Twin Falls, making the Twin Falls operations the largest of the seven locations owned by the Hillsboro, Ore.-based company. The temperature of this space runs between 0 degrees and -5 degrees F. Although Henningsen does not have any cooler space (which runs anywhere from 28 to 60 degrees F, depending upon the commodity being stored) or dry storage, officials are considering adding both cooler and dry storage space in their new expansion.

The announced closing of the Singleton potato processing plant in Heyburn along with an overall reduced demand for potato and vegetable products has left some holes in Amercold's warehouses. Justice said the company is working to attract other customers who need refrigerated storage facilities. If need be, a warehouse could be converted to dry or nonrefrigerated storage. Converting to dry storage is economically unpalatable because dry storage rates are less than rates charged for refrigerated storage and the company has already made a substantial investment in temperature-controlled storage. The cost of constructing a refrigerated warehouse including the computer equipment, engine room, insulation and racks runs about three times that of a dry warehouse, Justice said.

The cold storage business is a very competitive business, Rose said. Customers pay a monthly storage charge, plus a handling charge that covers the cost of receiving and shipping the product. Henningsen's larger customers have electronic data interchange which allows Henningsen to receive information, such as advance receipt notice, shipment notice and transfer notice electronically. Henningsen's customers arrange their own transportation, using their own fleet of trucks they use exclusively or in conjunction with common carriers. The carriers make an appointment with Henningsen to pickup or deliver product and the warehouse loads their trailers on a set schedule. One change Rose has seen in the warehouse business in the last year is an increased emphasis on protecting the integrity of product stored and shipped from warehouses.

Increased power costs over the past year have also cost temperature-controlled warehouses in Idaho some of the competitive edge those warehouses used to have over other parts of the country. And as more high-tech businesses move in to the Magic Valley, the labor pool has shrunk. Refrigerated warehouses have a particularly tough time attracting high-quality employees because "we can't offer them a nice, cozy office job. Our employees must live in a severely cold climate,"

Each trailer or rail car loaded by Henningsen is secured with heavy cable seals with a unique identification number. The seals are placed on the doors by the warehouse personnel. The seal numbers are recorded on the bills of lading and are cross-checked at the receiving warehouse to make sure that they match and that the seals have not been tampered with en route. This step has become a much bigger concern to customers since the events of Sept. 11, Rose said.

Drivers find opportunity in high-turnover industry

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Every Monday the Professional Truck Driving School starts another class for beginning truck drivers. Finding jobs for the graduates isn't difficult, but keeping them on the road can be.

Amane said. "Fuel is so much more expensive now and insurance is so much more expensive. It's hard for small companies like ours." The Amanes work with brokers to find their own loads. Even though they run credit checks on potential customers occasionally they aren't paid, which puts another strain on their profit margin.

pensate for time spent away from family. "There is a big turnover in trucking," Bice said. "We have no trouble at all getting jobs for our graduates."

"Companies are begging us for drivers," said Bob Bice, head recruiter for the Twin Falls-based driving school. "There's a better shortage now more than ever." The very nature of the profession itself is what makes it hard to keep drivers on the road. As Cindy Amane describes trucking, "It takes a special kind of person to sit behind a wheel for ten hours a day, seven days a week." Amane and her husband own Amane Transportation Consultants in Twin Falls. They haven't noticed a change in their business from the slower national economy, but the aftermath of Sept. 11 has hit their bottom line. The cost of insurance went up almost immediately as insurance companies dealt with claims resulting from the attacks. "We're making the same thing on a load as we did six years ago,"

why you keep doing it," she said. Many of the truckers who graduate from the Professional Trucking Driving School go to work for companies either hauling locally or over-the-road. Bice encourages students to get with a company and stay with that company for a year. Companies often have dedicated runs - for instance Twin Falls to Salt Lake City - that allows a trucker to be home most nights with their family, but those routes aren't usually offered to a new employee. A solo driver starting out can make \$35,000 a year plus benefits that usually include retirement plans and major medical dental and vision insurance. Team drivers who can keep a truck on the road 24-7 can earn \$95,000 to \$100,000, Bice said. But the pay doesn't always com-

Students at the Professional Truck Driving School spend the first three days in the classroom before spending the rest of a half-week practice driving. Before they complete the three-week course they also learn how to fill out log books and read maps. Once a student graduates and is employed by a company, the new driver will spend three to six weeks driving with a company trainer before getting their own truck. Most are paid about \$350 a week during the company's training period. One change that Bice has seen in the industry is that more women are earning their commercial drivers license. Three years ago he used to see one or two women a month start training, now he sees two to four. "It's a good profession. Women are finding out they can handle it better than they thought," Bice said.

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Trucking firm responds to demand

By David Burgess
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In the comparatively small, but centrally located and growing pond of Twin Falls, there are several big names in the common carrier industry. One of those big fish is USF Reddaway.

With nine employees, and six power units pulling 22 trailers locally, U S F Reddaway delivers freight and picks up less-than-truckload shipments from business across Magic Valley and Wood River Valley daily.

The terminal in central Twin Falls is, however, one of the smaller operations in the Reddaway corporate network, said Paul Bernhisel, terminal manager for the past year and a half.

The building has 12 doors and 3,600 square feet of dock. The broad dock is convenient for shifting loads around.

"We like the width here. It's about double what is common at other terminals," Bernhisel said.

Reddaway's nearest terminals are in Boise, Pocatello, Lewiston and Salt Lake City.

Reddaway has leased the building for the past seven years. Before that, the building served as a terminal for several other trucking companies that have come and gone, Bernhisel said.

"Trucking is a very competitive business, very service driven," he said.

Shippers today want to know the exact date a shipment will arrive at its destination, not just a range of possible arrival dates.

"We are responding to the customer's demand for next-day and second-day time-definite service," said Bernhisel, who has been in the trucking industry for 11 years.

Along those lines, the corporation is spending a lot of money on information technology, he said. Shippers can log on to the Reddaway Web site and look up shipment documents such as bills of lading and delivery receipts.

"Anything relating to a shipment gets done in," Bernhisel said. Any customer with a password can see the documentation online.

Also, just last year the Twin Falls terminal had Thin Client software and hardware installed. The Windows-based system keeps the terminal in touch with the corporate office in Clackamas, Ore., and other terminals. The installation is part of a company-wide upgrading of internal and external communications.

USF Reddaway statistics

	Operating		LTL		LTL	
	revenue (millions)	trucks (thousands)	trucks (thousands)	shipments (thousands)	Employees	
2001	\$266.2	968.2		1,896.2	2,595	
2000	\$276.9	1,035.9		2,094.5	2,800	
1999	\$244.6	950.1		1,926.4	2,666	

Source: www.usfc.com

USF Freightways financial data

USF Freightways selected consolidated financial data

	2001	2000	1999	1998
Balance sheets				
Current assets	\$446,250	\$396,361	\$362,928	\$279,849
Property and equipment, net	732,520	750,485	660,510	544,282
Intangible assets, net	174,724	181,978	74,538	140,201
Other assets	25,170	22,250	14,191	10,341
Total assets	\$1,378,664	\$1,351,074	\$1,212,167	\$974,673
Liabilities and stockholders' equity:				
Current liabilities	\$285,711	\$292,175	\$370,344	\$228,877
Long-term debt	252,774	260,137	133,137	151,096
Other non-current liabilities	170,672	163,047	149,827	135,566
Minority interest	1,855,539			
Total stockholders' equity	687,692	635,176	558,859	459,134
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$1,378,664	\$1,351,074	\$1,212,167	\$974,673

To read the notes accompanying the company's consolidated financial statements, go to www.usfc.com/usfretredaw/home.asp.

Fast facts

- USF Reddaway**
- Is based in Clackamas, Ore.
 - Offers LTL service throughout the northwestern United States and western Canada.
 - Operates 58 terminals.
 - Employs over 1,540 drivers.
 - Owns 1,182 tractors with an average age of 5 years.
 - Owns 3,324 trailers with an average age of 6.5 years.
 - Earned \$266.2 million in revenue in 2001.
 - Is one of five regional carriers within parent company USF Freightways.

What is LTL?

LTL, or less-than-truckload, shipments are less than 10,000 pounds. Freight is picked up from customers' local drivers and consolidated. The freight is then transferred by line-haul drivers to the terminal serving the delivery area. There, the freight is transferred to local drivers to be delivered to its destination by local drivers.

Source: www.usfc.com

USF Reddaway calls itself the oldest and largest interstate trucking company in Oregon. The company was founded by the Reddaway family of Oregon City after World War I. It joined USF Freightways in 1989.

USF Freightways, based in Chicago and trading on the Nasdaq as USFC, is the holding

company for a \$2.5 billion group of companies. USF Freightways operates five regional carriers, a truckload carrier and four other companies providing logistics, reverse logistics, distribution services and worldwide freight forwarding.

The company's recent volume data reflect the downturn in the national economy. USF Freightways LTL trucking company transported 14.9 million shipments in 2001. That was down from 15.5 million shipments in 2000, but still above the 1999 figure of 14.8 million. Total tons shipped in 2001, however, were just 95.2 percent of the 1999 total.

Reddaway's companywide shipment totals run parallel to its parent company's. But, Reddaway's total tons shipped in 2001 were still 2 percent above the 1999 level.

Bernhisel said it doesn't seem as though the industry has recovered completely from the shock of Sept. 11 and the subsequent dip in business. Locally, he said, freight coming in to Reddaway's Twin Falls terminal is still down a little, but freight going out is actually up over last year.

"I have a pretty positive outlook for the Twin Falls economy. They said things were heading down a couple years ago, but we never really fell in here," he said.

"I think we will continue to see our business grow here in the Twin Falls region."

More locals are getting on Greyhound

By Lorretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — "Thank God and Greyhound..." could have been heard at bus stops frequently over the past year as ridership increased locally.

"People are traveling, and we're seeing a slight increase," said Steve Stewart, who manages the Greyhound bus terminal in its new location at 1390 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.

Although departures remain "about the same" nationwide — with the exception of the spike in passenger travel in the weeks immediately following 9-11, Dallas corporate spokeswoman Kim Plankett is not surprised that ticket sales are up in the Twin Falls area.

And the reason for the local upswing could be accessibility. At its new location, the terminal is closer to an Interstate freeway interchange.

Greyhound Lines, a Texas-based unit of Canada's Laidlaw Inc., moved to its present location at its station at 461 Second Ave. S., Twin Falls, when the owner of that facility retired. The previous location served the company well for 30 years, but according to riders over the past year, the relocation seems to have been a healthy move.

"When we needed to relocate, we looked for easy access, convenience and safety for our passengers and the general public."

Greyhound, the nation's last remaining nationwide bus service, owns and operates terminals in larger cities such as Boise, Buhl and Salt Lake City.

However, in small-town bus-stop situations, the terminal is usually owned and operated by independent agents.

The company's new owners are Mike and Linda Hunzaker of Kimberly.

The Hunzakers contracted to

house the local Greyhound bus terminal a year ago in an existing building located near their Saake River Chevron Station business on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

They employ one full time and one part-time worker for Greyhound's four daily scheduled stops in Twin Falls.

But things have changed for Greyhound since Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Under new security rules, front seats on Greyhound buses are off-limits to passengers.

Exceptions to the front-seat rule will be made for children traveling alone and for Greyhound employees.

Greyhound operates 2,300 buses and carries an estimated 25 million people a year. The company is the largest North American provider of inter-city bus transportation, serving more than 3,700 communities.

The company also provides Greyhound Package Express in the United States and Greyhound Courier Service in Canada, and offers vacation packages, cruises, sight-seeing and shore services.

And now, with more than 20,000 departures in the United States and Canada each day, a growing number of that number is boarding locally.

School crunch

But on the flipside of ridership, the numbers seem to be down somewhat this past year for the Jerome-based, Northside Bus Co.

With a fleet of 10 charter buses that run on a demand basis, NBC school buses struggle to satisfy NBC's transportation contracts with the Buhl, Hagerman and Jerome school districts. Over the past year, numbers have dropped, said the company's president, Mike Flack.

"And the economy seems to be taking the blame."

More space pays off for distributors

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — When it comes to space in a distributor center, it's often not how much space is available but how that space is laid out that makes a difference.

Just ask several distributors who moved from loading trucks in multiple facilities to loading under one roof. Yes, the extra space is nice, but the real benefit comes with the increased efficiency of having all the inventory organized in a logical way under one roof.

Bob Dyson, general manager of Napa Auto Parts in Twin Falls, said it used to take two hours for employees to pull an order together in the company's old 5,000-square-foot facility. After moving into the new 17,500-square-foot facility in February 2001, that time was cut in half.

Swire Coca-Cola also saw an improvement in efficiency after moving from a 35,000-square-foot facility to a 55,000-square-foot facility a year ago. Instead of picking up one building to drive up 12-packs of product to another to load liter bottles, all of the supply lines are in a single building.

That lets distributor change its employee force from a warehouse manager, warehouse supervisor and five loaders who were consistently drawing overtime, to a warehouse manager, warehouse supervisor and 2 1/2 loaders with virtually no overtime pay, said Ken Lovell, senior sales center manager.

That labor efficiency allowed Lovell to shift the positions from the warehouse to the sales force and change a cost center to an income-generating center.

"We've been able to reinvest those dollars into a sales-generating area," Lovell said. "It's worked out pretty well, we've had good, solid growth."

For Swire Coca-Cola, the entire move was planned to take advantage of efficiency gains. Employees began preparing for their new roles several months before the move. The facility itself was designed for more than a decade of growth.

The company's distribution area remains the same as it was before the move: essentially all of the Magic Valley.



Eric Webb, manager of the Napa Auto Parts store in Twin Falls, helps Bryan Sylvester from Berger make a selection in the retail store.

Each business faced different challenges during its move. Swire Coca-Cola carried inventory at both facilities in preparation for the move, then made the move to the new \$2 million facility in a 48-hour period.

Communication proved the most challenging aspect for Napa Auto Parts employees. At the old facility, space constraints dictated that employees did most of the freight receiving and repackaging outside. Communication was as simple as yelling out.

"Hey, Joe, grab this part. It needs to go to so-and-so," explained General Manager Bob Dyson.

But once the company moved into its new \$1.2 million facility, a more formal communication system was needed to package orders for other Napa stores in Jerome, Bellevue, Buhl, Pocatello and Rexburg. Learning the new computer system and figuring out where product was in the new warehouse actually added about an hour to the time it took to process orders for the first month before the efficiencies were realized and the processing time dropped to less than an hour.

Dyson said sales growth dating back to the late 1990s had necessitated the move. In 1998, the business office was moved from the old facility to free up more space for packaging orders. Those offices were moved back into the new facility along with improved retail space.

"It was definitely the right move," Dyson said. "We've seen a lot of new faces (in the retail store). Traffic has increased dramatically."

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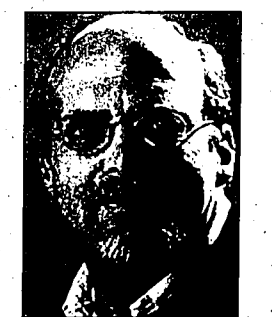
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SF, 45, mother of 3, likes Harley, seeks SM, N/S, 6+, Harley owner a must, to enjoy companionship and good times. #47727

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SF, 35, blonde/blue, mother of 1, enjoys dining, horse riding, good times. If you're a good-hearted man with similar interests, then call #47727

SPEND YOUR LIFE...
With someone real SWF, 35, single, blonde, enjoys family/dining, BBQing, the outdoors, music, the beach, amusement parks, quiet nights in, non-smoker, LTR. #475774

LIKE LIDS
Female, 28, single mom, independent, Arias, non-smoker, seeks man who really enjoys life, enjoys kids and outdoor activities. #505758

FULL OF LIFE
Tall, blonde, soft-spoken, single white female, 41, enjoys hiking, enjoys outdoors, pets, being with friends. Seeking single, white male, 50-67, non-smoker, for long term relationship. #442259

SHIPS INTERESTS
Adventurous, outgoing SWM, 38, non-smoker, enjoys outdoor activities, walks, hiking, sunsets, relaxing, seeking like-minded, 23-30, with similar interests. #422466

ADVENTURE OF LIFE
Athletic, 40, 5'9", blonde/brown, Libra, smoker, kids at home, enjoys outdoor activities. Seeking tall, professional, country gentleman, 35-48, smoker, who loves to laugh, for casual dating, possibly more. #417675

COMMITMENT
Outgoing SWF, 29, 5'2", short brown hair, Arias, smoker, seeks WM, 30-38, smoker, who loves to spend evenings and weekends with. #396300

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED
DWF, 45, 5'7", blonde, Virgo, N/S, short brown hair, seeks WM, 35-55, N/S, to spend evenings and weekends with. #396300

CIRCLE THIS AD
Outgoing, DWF, 33, 5'2", 185lbs, brown hair/eyes, N/S, enjoys reading, camping, family activities. Seeking like-minded, 30-45, who's family-oriented, for LTR. #392668

YOU NEVER KNOW
Mature SWF, 18, enjoys the Power Puff Girls. Seeking tall, honest SM, 18-25, for possible future. #392668

LAST 82 SLIPPER
WOM, 40, fun, hard-working, honest, seeks SM, 35-50, who is into sports, movies, music, and more. #392668

SPECIAL FRIENDS
DWF, 50, 5'8", N/S, brunette/blonde, intelligent, honest, friendly, seeks SM, 45-55, mature, honest, serious, who's outdoors and evening activities, possible relationship. #412468

I AM ME
Confident, secure, independent DWF, 30, seeks true, honest, fun-loving, strong and secure SM, 25-30, for sports, music, outdoor. #411930

ARE YOU STILL SEARCHING?
Employed, independent DWF, 48, enjoys life, outdoors, summer. Seeking SDM, 35+ for friendship, caring times, and love. #392668

KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR
Educated, affectionate, kind, wholesome, honest SWF, 37, N/S, single mom, great smile, humor, and will love children, animals, cooking, dining. Seeking SM, 30-40, for partnership. #430418

DIRECT LADY
College-educated, independent, affectionate SWF, 38, love my three dogs. Seeking someone to cuddle with, marriage, weekend drives, trips, and LTR. #430323

COME JOIN ME
Beautiful, outgoing WCF, 42, 5'8", green eyes, likes fishing, cooking, movies, long walks and traveling. Seeking secure WCM, 30-51, for LTR. #230673

WANTED OPPORTUNITY
Young-acting SWM, 63, 6', 175lbs, Scorpio, N/S, enjoys fishing, camping, and more. #230673

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MY TYPE IS!
A naturally beautiful, nice gal, 18-22, N/S, who has a great personality. I'm a SHM, 5'7", 142lbs, N/S, and I hope I'm your type. #573054

THE LONG RUN
SWM, 35, 5'7", 140lbs, brown/blond, delivery driver, Gemini, smoker, enjoys fishing, intellectual conversation, and car races. Seeking woman, 20-45, honest, self-respecting. #559956

SINGLE COWBOY
SWM, 39, cowboy, enjoys the outdoors, for a possible relationship. #538343

RANCHER
SWM, 62, likes travel, outdoor activities, romance, family. Seeking very attractive, fun, outgoing woman for LTR. #641981

SHOW YOU A GOOD TIME
I like fishing, camping, hiking, rodeo, movies, 30, who wants to take you to sports, gardening, travel. Seeking W, 30-50, to share all this with. #197305

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
A sweet, simple SF, 18-22, for this tall, dark SM, 20, who wants to take you out and show you a good time. #595951

SUMMER SWEETHEART
SWM, 55, 160lbs, brown/blond, easy-going, hard-working, honest, sincere, Arias, N/S, enjoys camping, fishing, 'camping', bowling, and fishing. #595951

ENJOY THE OUTDOORS?
WM, 41, 5'11", brown/hazel, husky build, interested in the arts, music, movies, and more. #504815

LOOKING FOR YOU
SWM, 22, self-employed, enjoys fishing, camping, sports, movies, children. Seeking SWF, 21-30, with similar interests, for friendship. #387393

CHILLING
Laid-back, original SWM, 26, loves a bit of mischief, enjoys fishing. Seeking attractive SWF, 21-30, for romance. #498329

DO ME GLYS ALWAYS...
Just lead! Single dad, 34, 6'4", 205lbs, brown/blond, likes movies, fishing, sports, movies, and more. John Travolta), would like to meet caring SF, to turn my luck around. #512125

DON'T PASS ME BY
SM, 42, considerate, humorous, 180 lbs, enjoys fishing, hiking, special art. Seeking fun-loving, down-to-earth SF, 20-35, for relationship. #5032079

TAKE A CHANCE
I'm 41, 5'8", N/S, city, truck driver, motorcycles, walks, drives, watching TV, enjoys fishing, and more. Seeking down-to-earth, faithful, sensitive, understanding woman, 20-40, who's interested. #512206

JOIN ME
My favorite sport is snowboarding. I'm 29, 5'10", 170 lbs, N/S, and I'm looking for a girl, 18-23, who is nice, honest, and fun. #611223

LIKES HAVING FUN
SM, 52, likes sports, fishing, enjoys hunting, snowmobiling, and more. Looking for a lady, who is into a lot of outdoor things. #512125

SOMETIMES A LITTLE ROWDY
DWM, 40s, N/S, loves the outdoors, movies, music, some sports, night out, quiet evenings at home. Seeking SWF, 30-40, honest, fun, and fun. #500083

WANTNA MEET?
SWM, 16, N/S, enjoys camping, fishing, hiking, enjoy boating. Seeking a SWF, 18-19, who is sweet, honest, and like to travel. #500083

SINGLE DAD
SWM, 40, N/S, single dad, enjoys camping, fishing, hiking, and more. Seeking woman, 30-40, who's family-oriented, friendship first, possible LTR. #500083

FACE TO FACE
This is really cute! SWM, 51, N/S, special, outdoorsy SF, 28-50, enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, and more. #500083

WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD
SWM, 29, 5'10", 160lbs, N/S, new to area, enjoys camping, fishing, hunting, movies, and more. Seeking attractive SF, 22-29, N/S. Kids okay. #439643

LOVE FATHER
SWF, 27, 6'1", 200lbs, loves nights in the wild, motorcycle riding, and kids. Seeking SWF, 25-35, with similar interests. N/S, NDVogue, N/D. #303634

LOOKING FOR FUN AND?
I'm an independent, 40 year-old DWM looking for a friend and possibly more. I like reading, snuggling on the couch, cooking. I'm retired from the Navy. Financially secure. You, 35-45. #19933

YOUR COWBOY DREAM
Outgoing WPM, 43, 5'9", 165lbs, blond hair, hazel eyes, enjoys rodeo, dancing, walks, family time, fishing, and romantic times. Seeking WF, 30-45, loving, honest, open-minded, with humor, for possible LTR. #616358

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Honest, sincere, trustworthy, confident, independent, easygoing, fun, outgoing SWM, 37, seeks similar SF, 32-42 to be friends first, possible LTR. #595951

SEEKING A FRIEND
DWM, 40, enjoys the outdoors, hiking, fishing, camping, walks, sunsets, rodeo. Seeking SWF, 35-45, for friendship first, possible LTR. #595951

FIREWORKS
Light up my nights (and days too)! This SM, 28, would like to find that spark in a non-smoking SF, 20-30. Interests: animals, camping, hiking, fireplace, and more. #574881

WANTED:
cowd or country girl, slim, attractive, no kids, enjoys fishing, camping, hunting, dancing, country music, rodeos, horseback riding, hiking, walking. Take her to this SWM, 32, 6' brown/blond, fatherly build. #569100

FATHER OF THREE
True blue country boy, SWM, 37, 6'1", 185lbs, long brown/hazel, enjoys hunting, fishing, the outdoors, kids. Seeking true, sincere, attractive SWF, 25-40, for good times together. #520252

SEND ME AN ANGEL
SWM, 39, farmer/rancher, single dad, loves animals, fishing, hunting, barbecue, the outdoors, camping, watching movies, sitting by the fireplace. Seeking SWF, 25-42, with similar interests, for casual dating. #517934

THE LORD KNOWS BEST
Reserved, city SM, 29, like movies, being active in life. Seeking dependable, emotional SF for friendship, dating, possible LTR. #494510

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N/S, like sports, travel. Seeking SWF, 19-20, N/S, goes to church, for sharing interests, quiet times together. #595919

HEARTS MUSINGS
Outgoing, hard-working WPM, 54, 5'4", 160lbs, Libra, teacher, three children enjoys sports, ballroom dancing, song writing. Seeking honest, romantic, to dance the night away. #517282

SEARCHING FOR SOMEONE
SWM, 61, 215lbs, blonde/blond, N/S, Sagittarius, enjoys fun-loving WF, 25-35, N/S, for friendship and possibly more. Kids okay. #432300

RISE WITH ME!
SWM, 45, enjoys fishing, boating, Harley, working out, evening walks, working on cars. Seeking outgoing, active female, 20+, who loves life. #568857

BEING THAT TRAIN
SWM, 22, 6'1", brown, hair, light drinker, homosexual, enjoys partying, hanging out cars. Seeking outgoing, active female, 20+, who loves life. #568857

STRAW RELATIONSHIP
Responsible SWM, 21, N/S, employed, enjoys movies, the outdoors, skiing, taking, good times. Seeking SF, 19-25, with similar interests, for fun and possible relationship. #531521

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS
Outgoing, friendly SWM, 43, 5'8", 160lbs, brown/blond, enjoys working out, family, dancing, sports, movies, romance. Seeking loving, honest, open-minded WF, 35-47, for possible LTR. #628249

FAMILY MAN
SWM, 49, 5'8", 165lbs, Leo, smoker, seeks SWF, 35-45, to share a good time with. Enjoys family time. #628249

CHRISTIAN
SWM, 43, 6'1", 180lbs, Leo, N/S, brown/blond, seeks WF, 35-45. Enjoys kids, music, movies, sports. #528157

FM FINE
WM, 51'0", 165lbs, enjoys anything outdoors, sports. Seeking WF, 30-45, N/S, who knows LTR. #627289

LET'S TEAM UP
SWM, 40, outdoorsy, like, blonde/blond, Cancer, N/S, enjoys golf, fishing and camping. Seeking WF, 37-42, N/S, who is outdoorsy, for friendship, possible LTR. #606538

CALL ON ME
WM, 63, 6'2", 180lbs, astro, social drinker, enjoys fishing, boating, camping, the outdoors. Seeking honest, sincere, romantic, easygoing, slender WF, 53-58, HW, professional, for companionship. Possible LTR. #347781

FOR THE MOMENT
SWM, 35, 5'7", 150lbs, outgoing, spontaneous, truthful, romantic, enjoys outdoor adventures, reading. Seeking sincere SF, 25-45, for friendship. #520891

WHERE ARE YOU?
SWM, 47, 5'10", 210lbs, enjoys family, friends, hunting, fishing, camping, the outdoors. Seeking attractive, slender SWF, 32-48, to spend time with, possible LTR. #577707

SHARE IDEAS WITH ME?
Healthy, fit, positive, honest, interesting, eager SWM, 34, N/S, a cuddler, enjoys reading, movies, fishing. N/S, to spend free time with. #528918

THE PERFECT MATCH
Loving SWM, 41, big heart, has children, looking for the perfect match. Seeking sincere SF, 33-47, for possible relationship. #526018

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Genuine, curious SM, 48, likes running, hiking, travel. Seeking WCF, 40-45, for new adventure. #526018

PRICE OF DREAMS
Dreamy, athletic SM, 39, enjoys cooking, movies, some sports. Seeking intelligent, sexy SF, 20-40, for quality time, learning, sharing. #526018

LOVE OUTDOORS
SWM, 19, enjoys going out and having fun, being, polo, movies, driving, etc. Seeking like-minded, for friendship and more. #549917



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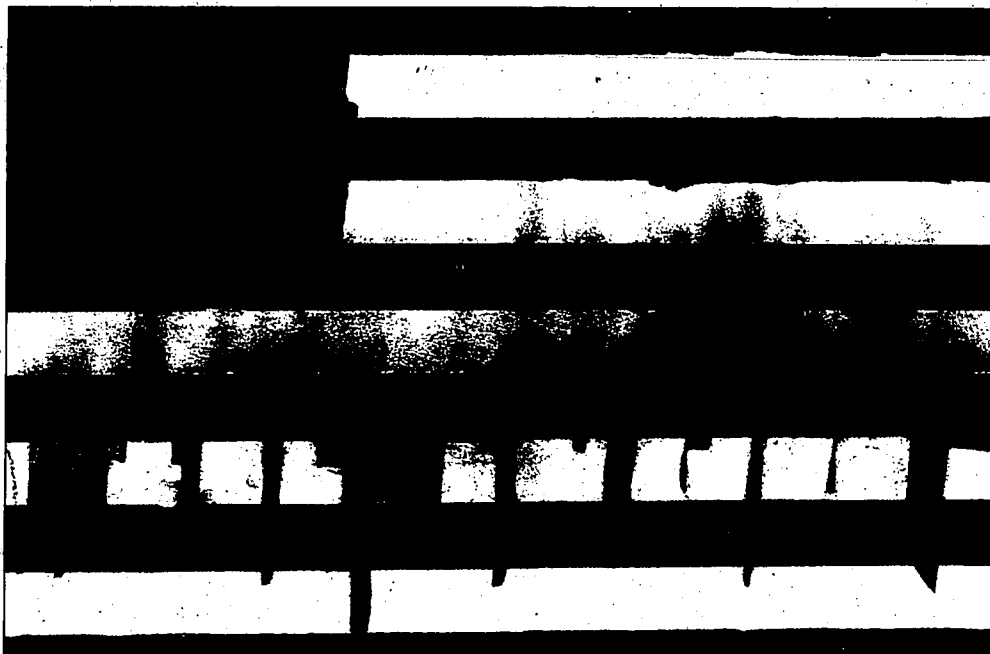
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Children from around the Magic Valley express their feelings about Sept. 11

Anna Medina, seventh grade, Buhl



Tyler Hutchinson, seventh grade, Buhl

"Patriotism"

The definition of patriotism means many things to me. According to the dictionary it means; "love and devotion to one's country. According to me it means; being loyal to America and supporting America.

Patriotism is more than a feeling it is an action, something that we can do every day. We can be patriotic by saying the Pledge of Allegiance, posting our American flag, showing respect to our flag and country during parades and sporting games by covering our heart which is a way of saluting our flag.

Our freedom was and is not free. Therefore, one of the best ways we can show our patriotism is by honoring our veterans and those who are presently serving in our armed forces. There are people in our country today who have fought for the freedom that we take for granted. They made many sacrifices so that we could do the things that we do everyday. Our veterans and those in the military sacrificed many of their own needs for our needs.

Being patriotic means loving our country even though it is not perfect.

It means being thankful for the rights and freedoms that we have, and it means that we need to do what we can to change the bad things. We can help by cleaning up litter; we can help by giving food to the poor. There are programs that help the less fortunate get the things they need like food and housing. Even kids like me can help by giving away things that I don't need anymore like toys and clothes.

Being patriotic means that I can't just "be" in America, but I also have to "do" in America. Our country is great but it needs change. We can all do things to make America a better place to live and we can be thankful for the America that we have.

- Logan Vander Stelt, age 8
Jerome



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Jace Lancaster, age 3, and Janie Lancaster, age 11, Jerome

"How Sept. 11 Affected Me"

A year has passed since the day the world stopped turning. It was a clear yet dark September morning. It was a day in which we were exposed to true evil and saw the most ugly and inhumane act carried out on innocent lives. Out of these shadows also came the true human spirit. Strangers ran into the those towers and risked their own lives to save another person. It didn't matter what race, religion or gender they were; it was our natural instinct to save a life in need. During that day, the best feeling I can describe myself was numbness. I couldn't believe what just happened. Then came sadness and anger. It affected all of us differently but the aftermath of this disaster brought unity, compassion and patriotism. These morals are stronger than hate. These are things these cowards and scum can't comprehend. They found out first hand it's not that easy to crush the American spirit. My grandfather, who was a World War II vet, experienced this hate and fury. He stood tall and brave and didn't back down and I think the nation has done the same thing. We are united, stronger and brave because we are Americans. Though our bell of democracy and freedom has been cracked, it sure isn't broken and it will keep on ringing and never stop until the end of time.

— Dean Bartlett, freshman
Jackpot High School

"America the Beautiful"

When those planes ran into the Twin Towers, my heart was in my throat. It was the saddest thing I ever saw. When I see our flag swaying in the wind it tells me I am free and I do no have to worry about days like Sept. 11 every day.

I will never forget that horrible September morning. I was out of school because of the flu; my mom was home sick too. We had a phone call to turn on the TV. We watched all day about America being under attack. I was sick but I could not keep from watching those planes and the firemen and the police officers. It was hard for me to think that people could be so mean.

— Ethan Parkin, age 13
Rupert



Olga Kryshnal, seventh grade, Buhl

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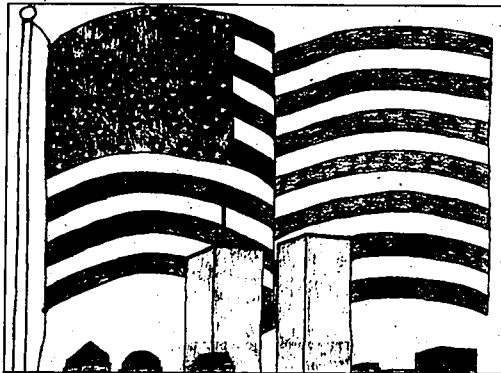
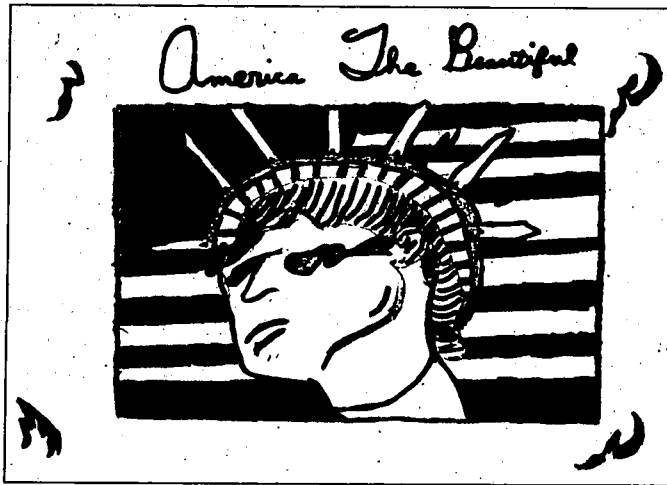
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Zach Waynetska, age 11, Twin Falls



Micheal Tomkin, seventh grade, Buhl

"That Fateful Day"

On that day, we all prayed.
 People paid attention to all that was lost -
 And at such great cost.
 So many died that it made us all cry;
 And, as the sun set, many could not believe, yet, it was true.
 America was hit and we all felt it too.
 So many died - not just a few.
 People were scared as the towers both crashed -
 They started to run in such a flash!
 Next to the Pentagon, more hijackers hurried -
 Hoping to kill in their rage and their fury.
 Passengers on the fourth plane heard of the news;
 And decided they had nothing to lose.
 They were wise and brave on that fateful day;
 They lost their lives - what a high cost to pay!
 Americans were saddened by what had happened.
 It's sad to see, and this may turn out to be World War III;
 But since our cause is just, go through it we must;
 And this be our motto - "In God is our trust."

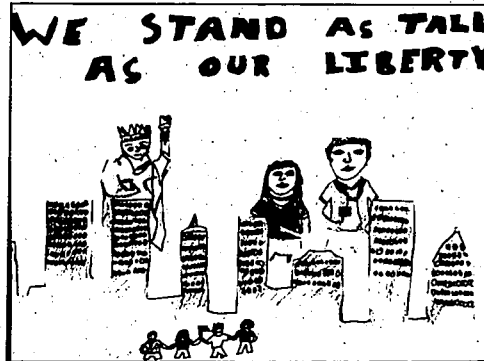
- Jill Blayney, age 15
 Rupert

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Kids express how they feel about Sept. 11.

Monday
How did Sept. 11 change charity and trust?



Cori Flint; seventh grade, Buhl

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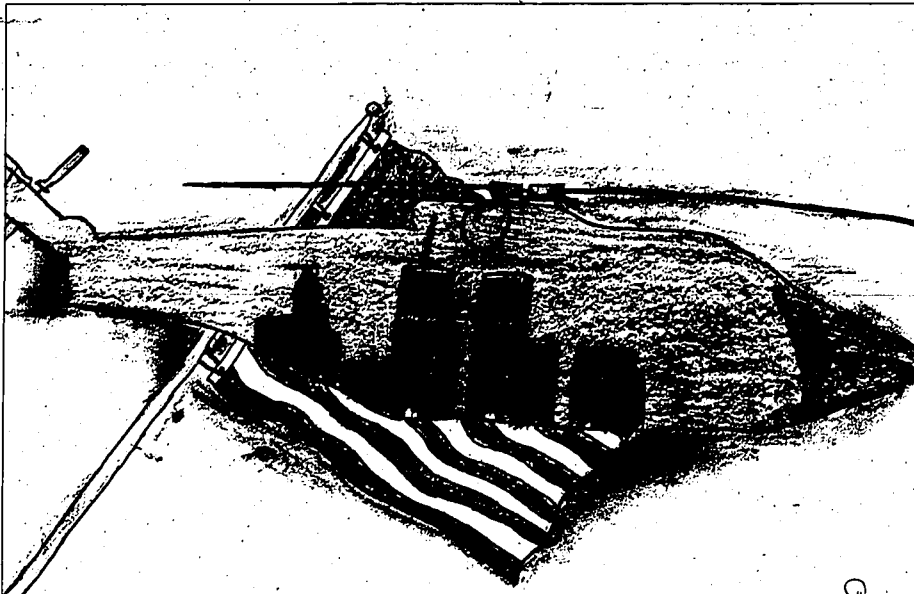
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The kids' view



Will Chivers, seventh grade, Buhl

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Thought of tragedy was miles away.
People said, 'I love you' with not a thought
of goodbye. Nobody thought thousands of
people would die!

When the buildings were struck, everyone
thought it was a dream. Enough tears were cried
to form a massive stream. People become heroes
just doing a good deed. Everyone wanted to help
the cities in need.

No people are writing beautiful songs
Terrorists are being hunted because of their wrongs
The United States has a new type of pride
One that comes from deep inside.

America is now closer in our hearts.
Families, that day, were torn apart.
But their lives are slowly being put back
together. America will rise in all types of weather.
- Alyn Cheney, age 13
Wendell

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Wrapping up the loose ends of life

I love magazine articles that tell readers how to organize their lives. I even collect them, and organize them alphabetically. Obviously, I'm not the target audience for stories offering this type of advice.

In fact, I'm the expert when it comes to closet bins and file folders. Because, by nature, I am extremely well organized. It's life that isn't organized.

Once, I clipped a tip about stockpiling Christmas gifts early, so I wrapped some in June. By November, the tape on the packages had snapped. I almost did, too.

Nevertheless, I am intrigued by 3M's recent call for contestants in its Scotch Brand Most Gifted Wrapper Contest.

"When it comes to gift wrapping, do family and friends continually marvel at your imaginative handiwork?" the fax reads. "Are you able to turn even the oddest-shaped gift - such as a tennis racket or trampoline - into an exquisite showpiece?"

My answer is no, but I'm certainly interested in the subject. The people who think they can "outwrap the pros who work in department stores" will travel to Rockefeller Center and challenge their peers to a colorful duel of tape dispensers. (If you're interested, email giftwrappers@untp.com for information before the Sept. 16 deadline.) As for me, I'm much better at unfurling laundry than ribbon, so I'm going to concentrate on getting it right closer to home.

I do Christmas OK, except for the tape incident, but I never can remember which anniversary represents what: Should the ribbon be gold or silver? Or maybe that's the Olympics.

One year when my daughter was in her starry-eyed adolescent stage, she started asking questions about my own anniversary, questions like, "What's the most romantic anniversary gift Dad ever gave you?"

"I know you mean well, but these questions are way too hard," I told her. "I just want to go to dinner and a movie someday."

Besides, I knew my daughter would eventually grow up and experience life - and her husband would give her un-gift-wrapped anniversary chocolates and then eat them himself.

I once read about a sociological study of families which concluded that holiday preparation is done almost entirely by women. According to the study, women buy 84 percent of the Christmas gifts and also wrap their own gifts and half of their husbands' gifts. That would be the gift that's not for them, I suspect.

The trick, of course, is to stay organized, but not too organized. Not as "organized" as my friend Marion, who is always taking care of everyone at the same time. One week, Marion ended up wrapping two wedding shower gifts and three baby shower gifts in a 10-minute span of time.

The bride-to-be was speechless when she opened her booties and found them.

Then there was the time when I tried to organize too many people around me and ended up with just enough time to whisk a toy into a paper bag and stuff my husband self-deliver it and our then 6-year-old son to a birthday party. Some of the boys at the party didn't know each other, and the only kid who hadn't arrived was a kid named Ryan. After my son was in the house, his father noticed the gift tossed in the back of the car. So Dad trudged onto the party scene with the gift, and overheard one of the boys say to another boy, "Do you suppose that's Ryan's?"

The second boy replied, "I don't think so. Ryan's probably not some old guy."

And we're getting older by the minute.

"I don't think I have time for a gift-wrapping contest."

Denise Turner is assistant featured editor at The Times-News.

Where's the homework?

Survey shows most teens don't study at home

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Whether they're just not doing their homework - or don't have much homework to do - most south-central teen-agers sure aren't taking school home with them.

Only 48 percent of the sixth-through 12th-graders in the Magic and Wood River valleys say they do at least an hour of homework every day, according to an "Assets" survey taken last spring by HealthNet, a coalition of area hospitals, social service agencies and the College of Southern Idaho.

"It's better than the national average (45 percent in 1997), but certainly homework isn't a significant part of many students' lives," said Karyn Goodale, HealthNet coordinator. "And there's a big difference between boys and girls."

The survey showed that 54 percent of girls in Twin Falls, Cassia, Jerome, Minidoka, Blaine, Gooding, Lincoln and Camas counties regularly do homework; the figure for boys is 41 percent.

Fifty-eight percent of teens in Blaine and Camas counties have homework; in Lincoln County, only 43 percent do.

"The good news is that homework increased in five counties (since a 1998-2000 HealthNet survey)," Goodale said. "Reports of homework are stable in grades 7-11 and lowest in the sixth and 12th grades."

Among the other highlights of HealthNet's "commitment to learning" survey results:

Only 34 percent of south-central Idaho sixth- through 12th graders reported their parents were involved at school, and parental involvement decreased in six of the eight counties since the 1998-2000 HealthNet survey.

"Slight increases were noted in six counties (Blaine and Minidoka)," Goodale said. "Parental involvement in school drops in each grade, ranging from 50 percent involvement in sixth grade to 23 percent involvement in 12th grade."

Thirty-five percent of kids in Twin Falls, Jerome and Blaine counties said their parents were involved at school; only 30 percent of Camas County teens said so.

"It's kind of troubling," Goodale said, "I don't know if the reasons are economic or if a lot of parents are just so involved in their kids' activities that are not related to school that they don't have time to get involved at school."

Nationally, 29 percent of teen-agers reported their parents were active at school in a 1997 survey.

Only 26 percent of south-central Idaho teens are readers, as defined as reading for pleasure three or more hours a week.

Twenty-six percent of the area's teen-agers report success in school, as defined as getting mostly A's on their report cards. That number has declined since the 1998-2000 survey in five of the eight counties, and now ranges from 53 percent in Camas County to 49 percent in Minidoka County.

Two-thirds of the region's kids reported they're motivated to do well in school. Sixty percent claim to be actively engaged in learning, and 58 percent say they care about their grades.

Across the board, girls were far more likely to be committed to learning than boys - at least a 9 percent difference, according to the survey.

The older the get, the less



Cody Lumsden, a fourth-grader in Avon, Ohio, hits the books. Less than half of south-central Idaho sixth-through 12th-graders report that they have homework.

Homework Rx

Western middle-school teacher Kevin McCarthy tells Parents magazine it's the top question he hears from parents every year: Should I help with homework? Here's his advice:

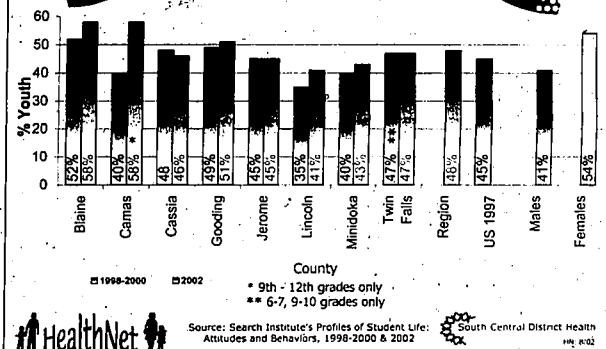
Help develop a system for keeping track of assignments. If your child is having a hard time, ask his teacher to initial his assignment pad at the end of the day to confirm that he's written everything down.

Encourage a set time for doing homework, either right after school or later in the evening. Ban distractions such as TV, phone calls and computers until all work is complete.

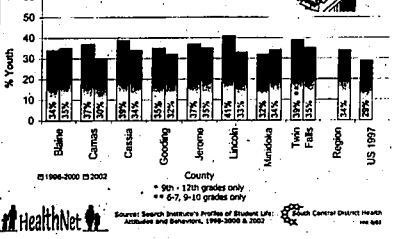
Don't sit alongside your child, correct his mistakes or do his work for him. His teachers need to know what he's learning and where he could use some extra help.

- Source: Wichita, Kan., Eagle

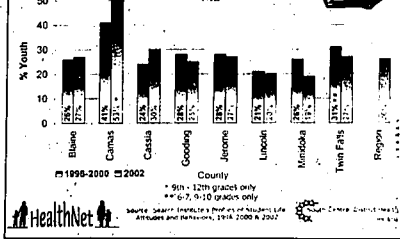
Youth who report "Homework"



Youth who report "Parent Involvement in School"



Youth who report "Success in School"



The area's teen-agers are motivated to succeed at school.

Ninth-graders are the least likely to be actively engaged in learning in south-central Idaho.

Only 30 percent of south-central Idaho teens say their school has a caring climate.

Ten-agers became more independent, they rely less on their parents, and it's easy for parents to become less involved in their lives, including their schoolwork," Goodale said. "Yet research suggests parental involvement in education for students is important."

Thirteen thousand three hundred fourteen students - about three-fourths of all students in the sixth through 12th grades in the public schools of the eight counties - responded to the survey, conducted between February and April. HealthNet surveyed a much smaller sample of kids between 1998-2000. The "assets" index was devel-

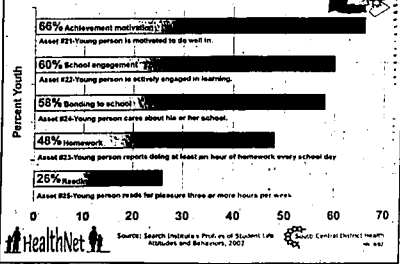
oped by the Search Institute, a Minnesota-based research company. Ideally, teens should have between 31 and 40 such "assets" in their lives, the institute said.

Asset categories include support, empowerment, boundaries and expectations, constructive use of time, commitment to learning, positive values, social competencies and positive identity.

The Search Institute contends that kids with 31 or more "assets" have only a 3 percent likelihood of using alcohol and a 1 percent risk of using illicit drugs, and that they're 53 percent more likely to succeed in school and 88 percent more apt to maintain good health.

HealthNet established eight outcome objectives in 1996 designed to develop youth assets and reduce risk-taking behavior, and since then coalitions in eight counties have worked to implement them. In addition to CSI, HealthNet

South Central Idaho Youth who report experiencing the Commitment-to-Learning Assets



Includes Family Health Services, Magic-Valley Regional Medical Center, the South Central District Health Department, Cassia Regional Medical Center, the Walker Center, Minidoka Memorial Hospital and St. Benedict's Family Medical Center.

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Seniors find difficulties without cars

Los Angeles Times

Hundreds of thousands of Americans are oulving their ability to drive, a new study has found, leaving them dependent on others to provide rides for several years.

"Hundreds of thousands of older people quit driving each year and must turn to alternative transportation," said Dan Foley, a biostatistician at the National Institute on Aging in Bethesda, Md., and lead author of the study. "I don't think sufficient attention has been paid to the transition from driver to non-driver in the aging population."

Nearly 10 percent of the nation's drivers today are older than 65. The aging of the baby boomers and an increase in the number of female drivers is expected to yield a growing population of older Americans living longer than they hold a driver's license.

Foley and his colleagues found that the largest number of older drivers giving up the privilege did so around age 85, which suggests that the "oldest old" may be most in need of transportation help.

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Dr. Arun Karlamangla, a geriatrician at the University of California, Los Angeles, said it's often difficult for non-driving seniors to arrange transportation to appointments. Many of his patients arrange low-cost rides to their medical appointments through a local organization but

often wait a couple of hours for the ride back home, he said. Others rely on relatives, or pay for assistance.

"This is going to become an issue, more among the people who are less well off," Karlamangla said. "We haven't thought about this as a society."

Dr. Richard Marotoli, director of the geriatrics and extended care section of VA Connecticut Healthcare System in West Haven, said comprehensive approaches are needed. That means, for example, that when the Department of Motor Vehicles takes away a senior citizen's license, social services agencies should address the transportation gap left behind.

In the new study, the researchers analyzed data gathered in 1993 and 1995 about a sample of Americans age 70 and older, along with follow-up data on 4,996 male and female drivers with access to a car.

In 1993, 82 percent of men and 55 percent of women in that age group were driving. Two years later, 7 percent of the drivers had died and 9 percent had stopped driving. Extrapolating from those

numbers, it appears that more than 600,000 people age 70 and older stop driving each year, because of poor vision, memory impairment or the inability to get around anymore. About 400,000 older drivers die annually.

In their study, researchers found that the rate of those who continued to drive fell from 88 percent of men in their early 70s to 55 percent of those 85 and older.

Among women, about 70 percent were driving in their early 70s, but only 22 percent continued to do so at 85 and beyond.

Foley's work found that the so-called driving expectancy for an older adult fell short of overall life expectancy. Men and women able to drive at ages 70 to 74 were expected to keep on driving 11 more years; but the men statistically were expected to live an additional 17 years, and the women 21 years.

That means men became dependent on other drivers for an average of six years, and women an average of 10 years. The study appeared in the August issue of the American Journal of Public Health.

Get an updated 'Red Book' online

Knight Ridder News Service

Q. I have an old "Red Book" and was wondering if it has been updated with new amounts.

A. Yes, and it's available online. At Social Security, one of our goals is to help people with disabilities return to work if they would like to. To help them, we put together an updated "Red Book" every year. The 2002 "Red Book" goes into detail about working while disabled, how work affects benefit payments and eligibility, the Ticket to Work program and other employment supports that can help.

Visit <http://www.ssa.gov/world/Resource/Toolkit/redbook.html> or call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to request a printed copy. You can also visit your local Social Security office.

Q. I want to get a Ticket to Work. Where can I get one? A. Right now Social Security is in the process of mailing 2.4 mil-

Social Security Q&A

lion tickets out to people in the first 13 states: Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Iowa, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Vermont and Wisconsin. By January 2004, tickets will be available in all 50 states, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. For more information, visit our Web site at <http://www.ssa.gov/work/Ticket/ticket-info.html> or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778), or visit your local Social Security office.

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

SENIOR CALENDAR

available each meal time.
Tuesday: Menu not available
Thursday: Menu not available

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly
Monday: Cheesy tuna wrap, green beans, coll. slaw, peas, cookie, coffee, milk
Tuesday: Spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, applesauce, cookie, coffee, milk
Wednesday: Hamburger, enchiladas, cauliflower, tossed salad, pudding, cookie, coffee, milk
Thursday: The thrift store is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Friday: Baked potato, fried steak, potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit medley, cherry cheesecake

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield
Meals are served at 12 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The suggested donation for seniors is \$2.50. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under age 10. To eat a meal at the center, call ahead at 764-2226.
Tuesday: Crab linguini with vegetables, green salad, fruit Jell-O, dessert
Wednesday: BLT sandwich, potato salad, vegetables, dip, fruit, cookies
Thursday: Turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, cabbage salad, cauliflower, tossed salad, pudding, cookie, coffee, milk

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.
Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Lunch prices are \$3 and evening meals will be \$2. Sunday dinners are \$3.50. Meals can be delivered on Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 at 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.
Sunday: Roast beef dinner
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.

306 S. Main Ave.
All dinners are noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.
Monday: Baked pork chops, potato, vegetables, three bean salad, cookie
Tuesday: Meatloaf, potatoes, peas, carrots, beet salad, bread, pudding
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Baked chicken, pota-

to peas, pasta salad, roll, cherry crisp

Activities
Sunday
Trip to Jackpot; leave center at 12:30 p.m.
Monday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Pinocle at 12:30 p.m.
Hand and foot at 6 p.m.
Tuesday
Pool at 9 a.m. at 1 p.m.
Bridge at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Board meeting at 1 p.m.
Fun night at 6 p.m.
Thursday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Blood pressure at 11 a.m.
SHA at 11 a.m.
Harmon Travel Agency at 12:30 p.m.
TOPS at 5 p.m.
Pinocle at 7 p.m.
Friday
Bridge at 1 p.m.
Hand and foot check at 1 p.m.
Bowling at 1:30 p.m.
Bingo at 6:30 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
Monday: Lasagna, bread sticks, carrots, tossed salad, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, winter mix vegetables, under the sea salad, zucchini bars
Wednesday: Swiss steak, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, Jell-O with fruit, cream puffs
Thursday: Ham with raisin sauce, sweet potatoes, peas, three bean salad, peach cobbler
Friday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit medley, cherry cheesecake

Richfield Senior Center

Monday: Meat loaf, macaroni and cheese, green beans, cookies, fruit cocktail, orange juice, milk, coffee
Tuesday: Split pea soup, grilled cheese sandwich, carrot and raisin salad, peach pie, orange juice, milk, coffee
Wednesday: Split pea soup, grilled cheese sandwich, carrot and raisin salad, peach pie, orange juice, milk, coffee
Thursday: Chicken soup, dumplings
Friday: Pork chops, potatoes, vegetables, salad, dessert
Thrift store open Monday,

carrots, homemade rolls, macaroni and cheese, cake, orange juice, milk, coffee

Wednesday: Egg salad sandwich, cucumbers, tomatoes, apricot pie, orange juice, milk, coffee
Friday: Baked potato bar, chili, hamburger, broccoli, strawberry shortcake, orange juice, coffee, milk

Silver and Gold Senior Citizens

203 Wilson, Eden
Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include: salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days. Home delivered meals are delivered Monday through Friday.
Tuesday: Pork chops, scalloped potatoes, peas, salad, applesauce, cake, rolls
Wednesday: Bake day
Thursday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn, spinach salad, cookies, bread
Friday: Pork chops, potatoes, vegetables, salad, dessert
Thrift store open Monday,

Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman
Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2. Coffee, tea, juice and bread served with all meals.
Monday: Chicken soup, dumplings
Tuesday: Beef stew, biscuits, salad, pie
Friday: Pork chops, potatoes, vegetables, salad, dessert
Thrift store open Monday,

Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Halley
Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals
Tuesday: Pork cutlets, gravy, buttered rice, cauliflower, peas, mix, biscuits, sliced tomatoes, chocolate pudding parfait
Wednesday: French dip, au jus, potato salad, french cut green beans, ambrosia salad, strawberry shortcake
Friday: Roast turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, carrot and corn mix, cranberry Jell-O salad, green salad, apple crumb pie, ice cream

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.
Monday: Goulash, green beans, rolls, cheseeecake, salad, beverages
Tuesday: Fish burgers, macaroni salad, fries, cherry pie, beverages
Wednesday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, peas, rolls, cake, tossed salad, beverages
Thursday: Enchiladas, tossed salad, refried beans, rice, ice cream, beverages
Friday: Smorgasbord
Center gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Quilting and pool table daily during center hours. Crafts every day. Volunteers are needed to do grocery shopping for shut-ins. Call Riddleys at 436-1200

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland, Burley
All dinners are served at noon. Monday: Beef stroganoff, mixed vegetables, hard roll, coffee slaw, apricot crisp
Tuesday: Ham and beans, corn bread, green salad, spiced peas, rainbow cake
Wednesday: Birthday and anniversary dinner
Thursday: Taco salad, vegetables, rice, peaches, assorted desserts
Friday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, honey carrots, mixed fruit, lazy daisy cake

Activities

Exercise from 10-11 a.m.
Songfest from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Bridge
Tuesday
Quilting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Bingo from 1-2 p.m.
Wednesday
Pinocle from 1-4 p.m.
Thursday
Exercise from 10-11 a.m.
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Pinocle from 1-4 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.

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Family gets nervous with brother in the driver's seat

DEAR ABBY: My brother just turned 16 and is learning to drive. He has already run over a chipmunk, a garbage can and our fence.

Yesterday, my father asked my brother to drive home in our brand-new van. My mom and I were terrified. I started yelling, "You're too young to die!" My mother told him to pull over because she was afraid she was going to "hurt." Abby, what should I do the next time I have to be in a car he is driving? Help me!

- GOING BANANAS BECAUSE OF BRO



DEAR ABBY
Abby Cadabby

DEAR GOING BANANAS: You should never get into a vehicle with anyone - your brother included - unless you are certain the person is a safe driver. And your brother should not be behind the wheel unless he is accompanied by an adult

Write to Abby

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who can supervise his driving. It appears your brother still has a lot to learn - and he may need some additional lessons from an accredited driving instructor.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 38-year-

old white-collar professional who works in a stressful and demanding position. I cherish my time off (nights, weekends and holidays). I need to unwind and rejuvenate myself.

The problem: my mother. She also leads a hectic life filled with ongoing responsibilities, which include running her own business in addition to managing several apartment buildings she owns.

Whenever there is a problem with one of her rentals, she complains about everything she has to take care of. Then she'll ask

me to help her out fixing plumbing, changing locks, etc.

Abby, my mother nets in excess of \$250,000 per year. I have offered to find a handyman to assist her, but she gets upset and says, "It costs too much to hire someone."

Mom tries to make me feel guilty by telling me that the day will come when I'll inherit everything she has. What should I do to keep the peace?

- OVERWHELMED IN ORLANDO
DEAR OVERWHELMED: Your peace of mind is more

important than "keeping the peace." Tell your mother that with all of her responsibilities, she needs a handyman - and if that means you inherit less, so be it. Then offer again to help her find one.



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Though it's hard to believe, many cruise lines offer great vacation packages for little ones traveling with grandparents. Some, like Disney's Big Red Boat, are very kid-intensive, making sure that the little ones have plenty to occupy their time. Other major cruise lines, although generally thought of as more adult-oriented, have lots that youngsters (especially teenagers) can enjoy with grandparents. Check which cruises offer the right activities, dining options and ports-of-call for the younger set.

Whatever type of vacation you plan, remember that younger travelers differ greatly

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1 can celery or mushroom soup, undiluted 1/3 C. Skim milk or chicken broth
1/2 C. or more shredded low fat cheddar cheese 1 Tablespoon butter
2 T. or more dry bread crumbs or wheat germ or Shaker's Fiber Plan Daily Crunch

Preheat oven to 450°. Simmer together until tender: broccoli, onion and celery. In 2 quart pan (9X9 inch), arrange chicken and vegetables. Combine soup and milk and pour over chicken. Sprinkle cheese over soup layer. Melt butter and mix in bread crumbs. Sprinkle over cheese. Bake at 450° for 20 min. Garnish with sliced ripe olives. Serve over rice.

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