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**GOOD MORNING**

**WEATHER**

Today: Hot and sunny. Tonight, mostly clear skies. High of 98, low of 67.

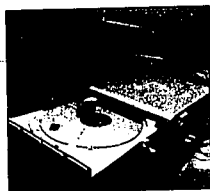
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## Bush names new EPA head

### Utah governor Mike Leavitt gets the post

**The Associated Press**  
WASHINGTON - President Bush chose Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt on Monday to head the Environmental Protection Agency, turning to another Republican governor to be his voice on an issue where his standing with voters is weak.  
The choice ends months of speculation that Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne would be the president's pick.



Mike Leavitt

Kempthorne said he was called by Bush Chief of Staff Andrew Card Sunday night and told Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt was the choice. "It's good to have the speculation over," Kempthorne said. Leavitt, a three-term governor who favors giving states a bigger role in environmental regulation, would succeed Christie Whitman, a former New Jersey governor who resigned in May. "Mike Leavitt will come to the EPA with



Dirk Kempthorne

a strong environmental record, a strong desire to improve what has taken place in the last three decades," Bush said in Denver after spending a day promoting his plan for thinning forests to prevent wildfires. Kempthorne only recently acknowledged that he was being considered for the post. And he said he had no regrets about not being chosen. "As you know, I didn't apply for it,"

**Leavitt's replacement in Utah - A2**

Kempthorne said Monday after Bush's announcement. "And I'm getting into this job (governor) and having fun. All over the state you can see the fruits of our efforts now. I wish Governor Leavitt well."  
The EPA post has been a lightning rod for critics of the administration's environmental policies. Whitman resigned after 2.5 years in which she sometimes butted heads with White House and other administration officials who saw energy development as a bigger priority.

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### Crews gain control of area fires

Officials suspect human activity ignited blazes

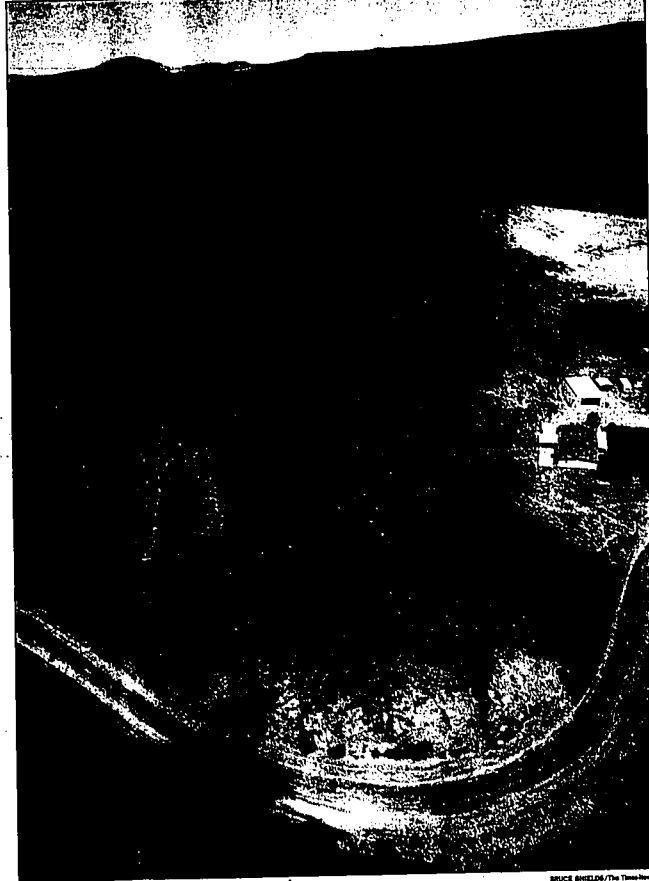
**By Brandon Flala**  
**Times-News writer**

**SHOSHONE** - Two wildfires totaling about 4,500 acres in southern Idaho were expected Monday to be put out by tonight. No injuries or property damage were reported from both fires, which are suspected to be human caused, said Sley Huffaker, public affairs officer for South Central Idaho Bureau of Land Management.

"These are two of the largest fires this summer, and to have them at the same time means all our resources are committed," she said. "There were no engines in the yard left."  
The Timmerman Fire, east of Idaho Highway 75 at Timmerman Hill, had burned about 3,000 acres by Monday afternoon, Huffaker said. It started at about 2:30 p.m. Sunday, and containment was estimated for noon today, she said.

About 125 BLM and Forest Service members were fighting the fire Monday, including 14 fire engines and two water tenders, Huffaker said.  
"We suspect a vehicle caused the fire," she said. Catalytic converters underneath cars can easily ignite dry brush. Some structures were threatened at one point, but no damage was reported, Huffaker said.  
The Foothills Fire, about five miles southwest of Carey, had burned about 1,500 acres by Monday, Huffaker said. It started Sunday afternoon, and it was contained Monday evening, she said.

About 75 BLM and Forest Service members were fighting the fire Monday, including nine fire engines, two bulldozers and one water tender, Huffaker said.  
A power line or transformer might have caused the fire, she said.



A lobe of the 1,500-acre Foothills Fire near Carey threatened structures on both sides of it. BLM fire crews contained this fire Monday and expected containment today of the 3,000-acre Timmerman Fire just a few miles away.

### Civilians and coalition forces bake in Baghdad heat

**The Associated Press**

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** - It's 122 degrees in the shade. The temperature in the Iraqi capital - already superheated by resistance to the American occupation - has danced around that scorching, shoe-sole frying figure for days now.

This year, with electricity in short supply after the war, what is normally a nuisance has become a catalyst for violence that raises the deadly threat facing U.S. and British soldiers. Two American tanks rumbled by Monday as Saad Ali, 37, welded a window frame in the iron-monger district in northwest Baghdad.  
He lifted an old pair of sun glass lenses, held in place by a band of rubber bands. Grime circled his eyes; circles of perspiration dimpled his bright green T-shirt, shot through with holes from welding sparks.  
"I slow down a lot in the summer," he said. "If I don't keep these iron bars out of the sun, I can't touch them."



Salam Salman, 40, paints a wall while a visitor swims at a hotel pool in Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday. There is little respite for residents of Baghdad or U.S. soldiers in sweltering 122 degree heat.

Baghdad is always hot in summer. The difference this year is the electricity cuts. Normally, most Baghdadis stay cool through the August heat with air conditioners or old water-evaporation coolers. But with no electricity, there's no cooling. And who's to blame? The Americans, who haven't

been able to bring electricity generation back to prewar levels. In Basra, 280 miles to the southeast and even hotter, the blazing heat and power cuts brought angry residents into the street over the weekend, leaving at least two people dead in violent confrontations with British soldiers. A third person, a civilian coalition employee of Nepalese origin, was shot and killed by an unknown attacker while delivering mail to U.N. workers in Iraq's second-largest city.

Many people say they are edgy because they can't sleep; their houses are too hot at night without air conditioning. Iraq's American administrator, L. Paul Bremer, blames antiquated infrastructure for delays in restoring power. Beyond that, he says, U.S. authorities have spread what electricity there is around the grid more evenly this summer. Saddam Hussein used to make sure the capital was served 100 percent. The provinces got what was left.  
Hanging off the roof of a hotel

### Cheese plant plan goes back to Gooding commission

**By Jennifer Sandmann**  
**Times-News writer**

**GOODING** - Should a man who lives more than three miles from a cheese company's proposed wastewater treatment plant be allowed to appeal to stop the project? If Gooding County commissioners say yes, they will consider once again whether to overturn Jerome Cheese Co.'s permit granted by the County Planning and Zoning Commission.

If commissioners say no, the appeal will not be heard, the permit issued by the zoning board will stand, and Jerome Cheese could begin construction.  
The company would pipe wastewater from its cheese and whey processing plant in Jerome seven miles over the county line into Gooding County. The water would be treated and recycled on a 940-acre farm that is two miles north of Niagara Springs.  
The County Commission heard testimony Monday by Jerome Cheese Co. representatives and by appellant William Archibald. Afterward, Commissioners Rob Sauer and Thomas Bingham said they wanted more time to review the case. The commission will reconvene at 10 a.m. Sept. 8 to decide whether the Archibalds may appeal.  
"They cannot bring an appeal unless they have demonstrated that they own property that will be

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### Kootenai CEO says hospitals face challenges

**By Sandy Miller**  
**Times-News writer**

**TWIN FALLS** - Hospitals are heading toward a "perfect storm," a hospital chief told Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Hospital Board Monday.  
"All hospitals are facing the same issues," said Joe Morris, chief executive officer at Kootenai Medical Center, a 225-bed district hospital in Coeur d'Alene.  
Those issues wouldn't be so difficult to deal with on their own, but all have come to the forefront at the same time, Morris said. Those challenges include labor shortages, shrinking Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements, the rising number of uninsured and finding the dollars to buy the latest technology.  
"The future has never been so unsure as it is today in health care," Morris said.

The biggest advantage to being a district hospital is that it has the ability to tax just like a school district, he said. Kootenai Medical Center hasn't levied taxes in eight years, but it's an option that is there should the hospital need the money, Morris said.  
In a hospital district, hospital board members are elected by voters rather than appointed.  
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TWIN FALLS FORECAST
Today: Hot and sunny with breezy to brisk winds at times. Highs in the 90s to near 100.
Tonight: Mild and dry with partly cloudy to clear skies. Lows in the 60s.
Tomorrow: More summer heat and sunshine. Highs in the 90s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST
Today: A mix of sun and clouds with plenty of sunshine. Highs in the 90s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy and mild. Lows in the lower 60s.
Tomorrow: Hot with brisk winds at times and a few scattered clouds. Highs in the 90s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST
SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
A quiet mountain thunderstorm is not completely out of the question later today, but with a dry atmosphere in place they will likely contain more wind and lightning than anything. Hot conditions will continue.
Today Highs 85 to 92. Tonight's Lows 40 to 42.
BOISE
With no immediate change in the weather pattern, the heat and the place over the next several days. Be prepared for some brisk winds as well.

Today Highs/Lows 87 to 102/81 to 66
NORTHERN UTAH
We cannot completely bring in a dry forecast through the middle of the week, although any thunderstorms will be isolated at best.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST
Today: Hot and sunny with brisk winds at times. High 98.
Tonight: Mild and mostly clear to clear skies. Low 67.
Wednesday: Brisk to windy at times, continued sunny and hot. High 64.
Thursday: Plenty of sunshine and heat. High 82.
Friday: A few degrees cooler, sunny skies. High 85.
Saturday: Continued dry, sunny and very warm to hot. High 77.

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REGIONAL FORECAST
Today Tomorrow Thursday
City HI Lo W HI Lo W HI Lo W
Boise 90 48 pc 88 22-24 86 50 su
Burley 94 60 pc 91 51 88 49 su
Coeur d'Alene 91 60 su 89 49 su 87 52 su
Eagle 95 50 su 92 49 su 90 51 su
Eugene, OR 90 48 pc 88 49 su 87 48 su
Gooding 90 48 pc 88 49 su 87 48 su
Hagerman 90 48 pc 88 49 su 87 48 su
Idaho Falls 92 50 su 89 49 su 87 48 su
Jerome 90 48 pc 88 49 su 87 48 su
Lewiston 94 57-58 91 52 88 49 su
Malden 91 57 89 49 su 87 48 su
McCall 92 50 su 89 49 su 87 48 su
Moose Lake, MT 90 48 pc 88 49 su 87 48 su
Pocatello 90 48 pc 88 49 su 87 48 su
Rupert 90 48 pc 88 49 su 87 48 su
Shoshone, ID 90 48 pc 88 49 su 87 48 su
Twin Falls 90 48 pc 88 49 su 87 48 su
Valley View, MT 90 48 pc 88 49 su 87 48 su

CANADIAN FORECAST
Today Tomorrow
City HI Lo W HI Lo W
Calgary 77 52 pc 75 47 73 50 su
Edmonton 72 48 su 70 48 su 68 50 su
Lethbridge 78 54 su 76 54 su 74 56 su
Regina 93 54 su 91 54 su 89 56 su

Yesterday's Weather
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Boise 85-66 90-00
Burley 91-60 90-00
Coeur d'Alene 94-52 90-00
Eagle 95-50 90-00
Idaho Falls 91-60 90-00
Lewiston 87-60 90-00
Malden 91-60 90-00
Pocatello 90-60 90-00
Rupert 90-60 90-00
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Twin Falls 90-60 90-00
Valley View 90-60 90-00
World Forecast
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Anchorage 61 35 48 su
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Austin 82 65 77 su
Baltimore 82 65 77 su
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Harbin 82 65 77 su
Houston 90 68 83 su
Jakarta 82 65 77 su
London 82 65 77 su
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Lyons 82 65 77 su
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Miami 82 65 77 su
Mexico City 71 50 74 su
Moscow 82 65 77 su
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wrenches, he complained he didn't have electricity. "You just have to live through it," he said.

Iraq is virtually landlocked, with no moderating influence from the sea. That and the prevailing wind - which the Arabs call the Shamal, or north wind - turn the country into a furnace in the summer.

Abathar Hamid, a 37-year-old mechanic, squatted in front of a 1980 Datsun outside his north brick and repair shop in north Baghdad. Putting down his

Utah may get first woman governor
SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Utah Lt. Gov. Olene Walker, a Salt Lake City Republican and one of the highest profile women in state politics, may become the state's first female chief executive if Gov. Mike Leavitt leaves for the top job at the EPA.

Leavitt faces a confirmation process in the U.S. Senate. He said he would stay on as governor until his confirmation. When the governor leaves the post, the lieutenant governor takes over, according to the state constitution.

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adversely affected," said Chris Meyer, attorney for Jerome Cheese.

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Kootenai Medical Center has seven board members, two of them doctors. They serve six-year terms and there are no term limits.

U.V. INDEX
Low Moderate High
The higher the index the more sun protection needed.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP
A map of the United States showing weather patterns, including high and low pressure systems, fronts, and precipitation areas.

EPA
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Bush said Leavitt "understands the importance of clear standards in every environmental policy." "He respects the ability of state and local government to meet those standards, he respects the ways of command and control from above," the president said.

Industry groups and congressional Republicans lined up behind Bush's choice, while environmental groups and Senate Democrats were adamantly opposed or at least skeptical. Leavitt, 52, has championed the idea of increasing environmental cooperation among federal, state and local officials. The environmental issues he has focused on have mostly concerned public lands - experience that would seem more suited to running the Interior Department than the EPA.

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# Liberian leader goes into exile

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) - Indicted war criminal and former warlord Charles Taylor went into exile in Nigeria on Monday, under international pressure and besieged by rebels who have over-run most of the West African country.

Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo welcomed Taylor at the international airport in the capital, Abuja. The two leaders shook hands and embraced before walking down a red carpet together, after surrendering power to his vice president in the capital, Monrovia. Relatives, friends and some government soldiers at the airport cried and wailed as Taylor and his relatives left.

Rebel leader Sekou Conneh, speaking in nearby Ghanu, welcomed Taylor's departure from Liberia and declared: "The war is over."

As Taylor left, U.S. warships appeared on the horizon off the coast - a thrilling sight for Monrovia's desperate for an end to 14 years of war. Yet no forces disembarked and the ships soon withdrew from view.

Rebel assaults on the capital have killed more than 1,000 people in the past two months alone and driven thousands from their homes. Rebels had threatened more fighting if the former warlord did not leave the country immediately. As Taylor had reneged on promises to resign in the past, his departure was not certain until the moment the plane took off.

"I can hardly believe it. He has brought too much suffering on the Liberian people," said Henry Philips, 38, a former security official. "His absence is better than his presence."

Pushed this time to resign by the United States and West African leaders, Taylor began his farewell address by exhorting the international community to help Liberia: "We beg of you, we plead with you not to make this another press event."

# NATO takes over Afghanistan peacekeeping force

KABUL, Afghanistan - Stepping beyond the bounds of Europe for the first time in its 64-year history, NATO took command Monday of the 5,000-strong peacekeeping force in Afghanistan - the clearest sign yet that the world's most powerful military alliance is adopting new strategies in the global war on terror.

The handover ceremony took place at a heavily guarded high school auditorium in the Afghan capital, Kabul. NATO Deputy Secretary General Alessandro Minuto Rizzo called the new mission "a reflection of NATO's ongoing transformation and resolve to meet the security challenges of the 21st century."

NATO will lead the multinational force "as long as necessary," Rizzo said.

Germany and the Netherlands have jointly led the International Security Assistance Force, known as ISAF, since Feb. 10. At Monday's ceremony, outgoing commander, German Lt. Gen. Norbert van Heyst, passed a green ISAF flag to his successor, German Lt. Gen. Gutz Glemmeroth from NATO. Glemmeroth's deputy will be Canadian Maj. Gen. Andrew Leslie.

### World in brief

Lalin was a former regime member who is on the U.S. list of 55 most-wanted Iraqis and who has gained growing importance as the coalition thins the ranks of Saddam's inner circle, said Lt. Col. Mark Young. He would not identify the target.

About 70 men were detained, and some were still being questioned late Monday, 4th Infantry spokeswoman Maj. Jesslyn Aberle said.

Young said the raid sent a powerful message.

"Even if we didn't get the guy, it shows there is nowhere that the coalition can't go and for these guys can find sanctuary," Young said as soldiers searched homes and vehicles leaving the village, 60 miles northeast of Baghdad. They encountered no resistance.

Arab states will deal with Iraq's Governing Council  
CAIRO, Egypt - Arab states will deal with the U.S.-appointed Governing Council in Iraq but not recognize it as a legitimate government, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher said Monday.

Maher spoke at the end of a hastily convened meeting of foreign ministers of the "big three" of the Arab world - Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria.

The meeting was called after Israeli warplanes raided Lebanon Sunday following a bombardment by the Syrian-sponsored Hezbollah group that killed an Israeli teenager and wounded five other civilians.

Maher declined to say how he and his colleagues decided to address the revival of fighting along the Israeli-Lebanese border, but said: "It is unimaginable that we meet here without discussing the Israeli provocations."

Monday, clearing the way for their release, but a Palestinian official dismissed the gesture as meaningless.

The exchange reflected the general freeze in peace moves under the U.S.-backed "road map" plan, despite six weeks of dramatically reduced violence during a unilateral Palestinian cease-fire.

Israel released 334 members of militant groups from prisons last week, but Palestinians also rejected that move as Israeli propaganda, complaining most of the freed prisoners were near the end of their terms and no senior members of militant groups were among them.

On Monday, President Moshe Katsav signed orders to reduce sentences for the 69 prisoners, the government said in a statement. All were held on criminal charges - such as illegal entry into Israel or Israel. The prisoners are to be released Tuesday, the statement said.

Hisham Abdel Razek, the Palestinian Cabinet minister in charge of prisoner affairs, was scornful. "This prisoner release has nothing to do with the negotiations, nor does it have anything to do with politics," he said. "This means nothing to us."

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Israel will release 69 Palestinian prisoners  
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### Coalition forces launch raid in northeast Iraq

AIN LALIN, Iraq - American troops swooped into a remote Iraqi village aboard Black Hawk helicopters Monday in search of a member of Saddam Hussein's inner circle. They couldn't find him, but rounded up about 70 suspects.

North of Baghdad, meanwhile, three American soldiers were wounded in a grenade attack, a day after a U.S. military policeman was killed in a bombing.

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Leap solicits bids on sale of T.F. spectrum

TWIN FALLS. — San Diego-based wireless communications company Leap Wireless International Inc. on Monday said the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of California has authorized sale of 15 MHz of spectrum in each of the Twin Falls and Idaho Falls markets.

In its efforts to maximize value through the sale of excess spectrum, Leap's subsidiary which owns the licenses, Cricket Licensee (Reauction) Inc., had previously entered into a license acquisition agreement with Edge Acquisitions LLC.

Leap said the Idaho Falls and Twin Falls licenses were acquired by the debtor in September 1999 for about \$84,000 and \$49,000 respectively, and are carried on the debtor's books at those values.

As required by bankruptcy laws, competing bids will be solicited on the licenses. Bids are due Sept. 3.

The current sale price is \$3.25 million, and any competing bids must top that in increments of \$25,000.

Proceeds from the sale will remain subject to a security interest in favor of the holders of senior secured vendor debt issued by Cricket Communications Inc., Leap said.

### Sun Valley Co. delays unveiling of master plan

SUN VALLEY — The Sun Valley Co. has delayed its scheduled Wednesday unveiling of a long-range master plan for its resort properties, asking the city of Sun Valley for "several more weeks" before making the presentation, Sun Valley Mayor Dave Wilson said.

Wilson said he wasn't given any reason for the delay.

He said the City Council would reschedule a town hall-type meeting at the large, four-story Sun Valley Inn when he is notified the company is prepared to make the presentation.

The resort, wholly owned by Sinclair Oil which in turn is wholly owned by Earl Holding, is engaged in a burst of renovations costing millions of dollars.

The new master plan is expected to reveal plans for expansion — perhaps a new hotel to compensate for the loss of some 300 hotel rooms in the Ketchum and Sun Valley area due to conversions to long-term rentals, and perhaps construction of new condos on the company's property.

Compiled from staff reports

# Product can convert VHS to DVD



Carly Florina, chairwoman and CEO of Hewlett-Packard Co., introduces her company's new products at a news conference in New York Monday.

## H-P introduces 100 products at conference

The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — It's a familiar sight in many households: shelves of home videotapes gathering dust.

A new Hewlett-Packard Co. device aims to make it easier for consumers to transfer their memories from analog VHS tapes to the increasingly popular, longer-lasting digital format of DVDs.

The DVD Movie Writer dc3000 was among 100 consumer products the computing giant announced Monday for the holiday shopping season.

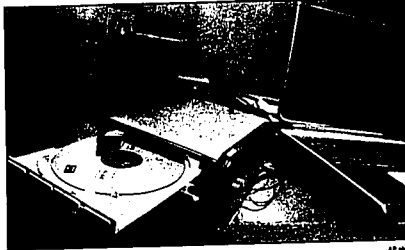
The Movie Writer, priced at \$399, will be available in mid-September, the company said.

The gadget combines features

to complete a task that often requires separate purchases of software, a video capture card and a DVD burner. It connects to a computer through a USB cable and can record videos from a VHS, Hi8, Digital 8 or Mini DVD player onto a DVD.

With a growing number of consumers going digital, "HP is packaging a product here that meets some pent up demand in the marketplace," said Ryan Jones, senior analyst with market researcher Yankee Group.

About 35 percent of American households have a camcorder, two-thirds of which still use non-digital formats that produce tapes that can be difficult to search and edit, Jones said.



When connected to desktop or laptop computer and a VCR, this device from Hewlett-Packard transfers VHS or other analog tapes and creates digital copies on long-lasting DVD-R/RW discs.

# Credit counseling may not be best option

Question: My credit card interest rate is 23.99 percent. My credit isn't good enough for me to transfer the balance to one of those no-interest credit cards, so I'm thinking about signing up for credit counseling service to help me lower the interest rate.

Answer: Credit counseling can indirectly affect your score, so it's not a good option unless you're already falling behind on your payments. The widely used FICO credit scoring formula ignores any refer-



ence to credit counseling that's contained in your credit report. Your credit card company, however, could make you suffer if you use one of these services by reporting you as late — and that does hurt your score.

A better approach if you're current on your bills is to simply get serious about paying this debt off.

Most likely the reason you're not climbing out of debt is because you're still digging.

You absolutely, positively have to stop using the card. Freeze it in a block of ice if that's what it takes. Then put every extra cent you have toward paying off the balance. If your current income isn't sufficient, get a second job or to help you generate more cash that you can use to pay off the card.

You'd be smart to deal with this now, rather than wait for things to get worse, as credit problems almost inevitably do.

Q: You recently answered a reader who couldn't find a copy of

her late father's living trust and who feared that the estate would have to go through probate as a result. Before she goes on a hunt for the signed document, she needs to find out whether any property, stocks, bonds, savings accounts, etc. were ever placed in the trust. That should be easy to do — file to property would be recorded that way, so tax bills, brokerage statements and bank accounts would be addressed in the name of the trust, rather than in her father's name.

If nothing is in the trust, finding the signed papers may not matter. Too often people think all you

Please see TALK, Page A6

## COURT FILINGS

The Times-News

BOISE — Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

### Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Graciela Viveros, 1742 Almo Ave., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-41603.

Heidi Watson, 1862 E. 2900 S., Wendell, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-41624.

Randall Allen Webster, 1129 Spruce, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-41626.

Sean Michael Farnsworth and Vicki Jean Farnsworth, formerly known as Vicki Jean Hulse, 3765 N. 2381 E., Filer, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-41627.

Jaime Lynn Alejandra, also known as Jaime Aldrich and Jamie Castaneda, and Eric C. Alejandra, also known as Eric Alejandra, 2236 Hansen Drive, No. 2A, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-41628.

Sue Flora, 327 Third Ave. N., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-41638.

Angela Gail Baron, also known as Angela Baron and Angela Bergman, 92 Cory Circle, Ketchikan, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-41640.

### Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Kimberley R. Morgan, also known as Kimberley R. Bessel and Kimberley R. Espy, 1129 Pincerest Lane, Elkhorn, Wis., formerly of Gooding, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 50-99 liabilities, \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-2898.

Rick D. Rudy, 421 Second St. E., Hansen, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-41604.

Henry Carvajal and Gloria I. Carvajal, 1740 Camarillo Way, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-41625.

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Lemhi County will be the new home of a business incubator

SALMON (AP) - Lemhi County is the new home of the Salmon Valley Business and Innovation Center, a technology facility that specializes in business expansion and job creation.

The \$2.1 million business incubator was funded in part by a \$500,000 Rural Idaho Initiative Grant from the Idaho Department of Commerce, a \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration and \$101,000 in labor and materials from the city of Salmon.

The 150,000-square-foot facility houses Lemhi County development professionals and Idaho State University's Community Distance and Learning Center.

The building is also wired with high-speed internet access and offers spaces for industrial firms as well as commercial offices.

"A prime location for our community," said Gynni Gilliam, economic development director for Lemhi and North Custer counties. "A building like this helps attract new businesses and encourages local companies to expand. Our goal is to fill it to capacity with job creation projects."

Representatives from the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and Bechtel BWX7 also presented checks for \$100,000 to the Lemhi County Development Center and Salmon River Industries.

Bankruptcies

J.C. Belleu and Cori Lee Belleu, 3888 N. 2430 E. Filer, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets not indicated, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-41635.

Rick W. Lee and Diana L. Lee, 2329 Kingsgate Drive, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets not indicated, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-41636.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000. Sharr J. Jones, 1811 Hansen Ave. Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-41612.

Charles Leroy Teeple, also known as Andy Clark, and Kimberly Gayle Teeple, also known as Kimberly Gayle Cochran and Hazel Teeple, 475 Brooks Ave., Kameo, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-41637.

Everett Randall Clark, also known as Andy Clark, and Patricia Elaine Clark, 520 Mistllyn St., Buhl, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-41639.

Ralph Pufahl, 2659 S. 1050 E., Hagerman, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-41641.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$500,000 to \$1 million. Michelle Dishaw, also known as Michelle Bybee, 748 Washington St. N., No. 3, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$500,000 to \$1 million. Case no. 03-41623.

Chapter 7, business, \$100,000 to \$500,000. William R. Gregersen and Sheryl Jeanne Gregersen, 267 Buckingham Drive, Twin Falls, bankruptcy, Outfitters, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-41613.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Lists various stocks like ACE, AIG, AMZN, etc.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary of market activity including NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, and Gainers/Losers.

DIARY

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Lists dairy products like Milk, Butter, etc.

INDEXES

Table with columns: Index Name, Last, Chg. Lists S&P 500, Dow Jones, etc.

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Table with columns: Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, YTD. Lists local stocks like HomeDepot, etc.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 625 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the NASDAQ National Market and 700 most active on the American Stock Exchange.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Lists various NASDAQ stocks like AAPL, MSFT, etc.



CLOSING FUTURES

Table listing various futures contracts including commodities like soybeans, corn, and wheat, with columns for contract name, price, and change.

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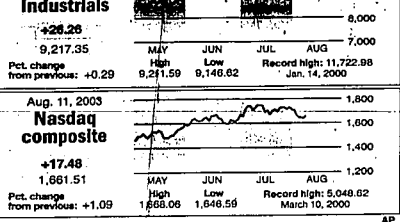
Table listing dates and corresponding market data for various futures contracts.

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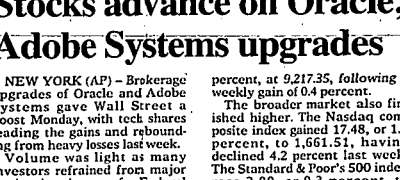
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FOSSIL FUELS

Table listing fossil fuel futures contracts including oil, natural gas, and heating oil.



Nasdaq composite



Stocks advance on Oracle, Adobe Systems upgrades

NEW YORK (AP) — Brokerage upgrades of Oracle and Adobe Systems gave Wall Street a boost Monday, with tech shares leading the gains and rebounding from heavy losses last week. Volume was light as many investors refrained from major buying in advance of a Federal Reserve meeting on interest rates Tuesday and economic reports due later this week. Oracle gained 39 cents to \$11.68 after Merrill Lynch upgraded the software company's stock rating to "buy" from "neutral," citing good value. Adobe Systems climbed \$1.48 to \$33.26 after U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray raised the graphics software maker's stock rating to "strong buy" from "outperform."

Trading has been uneven in recent weeks as investors sought more solid evidence that the economic recovery is firmly back on track.

BEANS

Table listing various bean futures contracts.

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Talk

Continued from A4 have to do to create the trust and all assets go into it automatically. That's not the case.

A: You're quite right. Estate planning lawyers see this every day: Clients spend time, money and effort to create a trust, but never get around to actually transferring their assets, rendering it pretty much useless. The story of the reader with the missing trust, however, has a happy ending.

Q: Good news! I wrote to you earlier about not being able to find a trust lawyer in Mexico who turns out that one of the banks where my dad had an account also has a complete, signed copy of the trust. My attorney says we

should have no problems avoiding probate, and so far we haven't. A: That's great to hear, and thanks for providing the opportunity to once again remind readers that they should let their loved ones know there are important documents such as living trusts and wills. If your relatives can't find this paperwork, they often carry out your wishes and you may saddle them with unnecessary worry and expense.

Questions can be sent to Liz Parnell at [askquestion@hotmail.com](mailto:askquestion@hotmail.com) or mailed to her in care of Money Talk, Business Section, Los Angeles Times, 2141st St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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# Appreciation lunch sticks in workers' throats

**DEAR ABBY:** I work as a staff assistant in a large department of a Fortune 500 corporation. Every year, prior to Staff Appreciation Day, each staff assistant in my department receives a formal invitation to lunch that reads:

"In appreciation for your hard work and dedication, you will be given an extra half-hour to attend the staff appreciation lunch. Location: (A fairly expensive restaurant that takes a half-hour to get to and from.) Time: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Why: Because you deserve a long lunch." (The extra half-hour is our "gift." We are responsible for the cost of our meal.)

Is there a tactful way to point out to the powers-that-be that inviting employees to an "appreciation lunch" at their own expense at a restaurant the honors would not normally choose because of the cost, and then suggesting that the extra half-hour taken up in travel time is a gift, is more than a little offensive?

Believe me, I'd beg off, but I feel pressured and obligated to attend. What else can I do, Abby?

**- LOST IN DILBERT'S WORLD**

**DEAR LOST:** From your description of the "generous" policy, I think I know why it's a Fortune 500 company. It would be interesting to know what kind of performance rewards their executives get.

If it's company policy, I don't think there is anything you can do about it - except, perhaps, to gently confide to your boss that the whole thing is a bit of a farce.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 18 and have just become engaged. I want to go to college, but my fiancé, "Kirk," doesn't support my decision. It was a struggle for me to finish high school. I dropped out at 16, but recently received my GED with lots of support and encouragement from Kirk. But now that it's time for me to begin college, he doesn't want me to go. He says he's ready to settle down and start a family. Well, I'm not. I think my



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abigail VanDusen

Life has just begun. Please help.

**IN OREGON**  
**DEAR CONFUSED:** You have worked hard to get to where you are. Do not allow your fiancé's insecurity to hold you back. If you're not completely ready to settle down and start a family, you should not allow yourself to be pressured into it.

Tell Kirk that you love him and that you need his support now more than ever. Perhaps there is a class the two of you could take together so he won't feel left behind. Please explore this with Kirk. Good luck.

**DEAR ABBY:** There are two groups of girls in high school: the "cool" girls and the "not so cool" girls. I have good friends in each group, but the groups hate each other.

When I hang out with a friend in the "cool" group, my friend in the other group ignores me for the rest of the day - and vice versa.

Abby, when school starts again, how should I handle this ridiculous situation? Help!

**CONFLICTED TEEN IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR CONFLICTED:** You're already "handling it" very well by being your own person and not allowing yourself to be manipulated.

ed. Since you can't change other people, you must change the way YOU react to them. Be strong and do not allow either group to isolate you.

There are great advantages in learning early how to get along with all kinds of people. Remember that.

ACROSS	1 Humdinger	14 In a short time	15 Assail confidently	16 Grassy Smith,	17 Price of golf	18 Uncommon	19 Employ again	20 Greek goddess of wisdom	21 Without a crew	22 Fluttershy flyer	23 Information	24 Retaliation	25 Falls to be	26 Wide separation	27 Bay window	28 Tome and Principle	29 Wood fat	30 Bovine comment	31 Bring about	32 Tangle into	33 Tenant's payment	34 Musical span	35 Noley	36 disturbances	37 Sensed	38 Pulled apart	39 Set sail	40 Generator	41 firma	42 Zlich	43 Press	44 Duet guru Jenny	45 Lyrical poems	46 Cain's river	47 Stoppewolff author	48 Suet or beet	49 Dames						
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**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

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## Chilled bees don't sting

Your ability to remember faces is learned, not instinctive. And you don't get good at it, if ever, until you're about 18. So says one authority on the matter.



**REVISITED**  
L.M. Boyd

Labrador is the good place to learn something about cold temperatures. That's where Clarence Birdseye was when he figured out how to quick-freeze foods.

Chilled bees don't sting. You know those seemingly silent elephant processions we see in National Geographic specials? They're pretty noisy, actually. To the elephants, their infrasound rumbles beneath our hearing range is constant, loud and far-carrying.

Four of five 11-year-old girls nationwide who think they're overweight. Or so contend the survey-takers.

It's Gibb's Law that reads: "Infinity is one lawyer waiting for another."

The Appalachians are older than the Rockies. The Rockies are older than the Alps. The Alps are older than the Himalayas.

In Benjamin Franklin's day, stools outnumbered chairs by far, far far.

If pencil sales go up, business is about to get better. So says a money expert whose job it is to forecast economic trends.

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The Fast & Furious (R) 10:30

**Orpheum**  
Schindler's List (R) 6:45-9:30  
(R) 9:40-12:30

**Jerome Cinema 4**  
SWAT (R) 7:10-9:40  
Pirates of the Caribbean (R) 6:45-9:30  
Spy Kids 2 (R) 7:10-9:30  
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Odyssey 6 (Theater)

**Twin Cinema 12**  
Pirates of the Caribbean (R) 6:45-9:30  
Bad Boys 2 (R) 7:10-9:30  
Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas (PG) 7:10-9:30  
Race Almighty (R) 7:10-9:30  
Tom Bombadil 2 (R) 7:10-9:30  
Charlie's Angels 2 (R) 7:40-9:30  
American Wedding (R) 7:40-9:30  
Twins (R) 7:40-9:30  
Gigli (R) 7:40-9:30

**Friday**  
Twins (R) 7:40-9:30  
Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines (R) 7:40-9:30  
SWAT (R) 7:40-9:30  
Diner's Ending (R) 7:40-9:30  
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EDITORIAL

Paying for Cheney's visit comes with the package

Seeing Vice President Dick Cheney on the campaign trail in Western states is no surprise in today's political world, especially for a politician from Wyoming. But what about seeing the veep dress the flesh with rich donors...

second term. To deny a leader that, right would handicap incumbents.

(On the other hand, incumbents have a distinct fund-raising advantage over challengers, thanks especially to the new campaign finance reform laws. But that's a whole separate editorial.)

The point is, if Cheney and President Bush are to travel on political business, they cannot do so without the security detail. That is not their choice. It is the choice of the people...

Our view: The high price of Vice President Dick Cheney's visit to Idaho is an unavoidable cost of having a secure executive branch.

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

And Blaine County, Idaho, has some lush hillsides. That's the lure for both Republicans and Democrats, even though the county was the only one in the state to pick Al Gore in 2000.

The real surprise for some readers might have been the revelation that the Bush-Cheney election committee didn't pay all travel and security expenses for the campaign visit.

No doubt, some will be shocked - shocked! - that American taxpayers foot the bill for jets carrying Secret Service officers, cargo planes carrying armored trucks for Cheney, limousine services and medical standby units.

Liberal taxpayers may be dismayed at paying hundreds of thousands for Cheney to drop in for deviled eggs and iced tea. But similar events take place in any administration, Republican or Democrat.

Whether we like it or not, a president or vice president's job includes fund raising for a

all campaign-related travel. That would boost campaign costs and make politics even more of a big-money enterprise.

Or we could eliminate the Secret Service altogether, returning to the days when presidents walked, the streets unescorted.

Such was the case for George Washington, who was spotted strolling through downtown Philadelphia by an English visitor. "Is that President Washington?" the Brit asked a nearby American. "Where's his guard?" The American struck back with pride. "Here," he boasted.

In these more perilous times, it would be less than prudent for Cheney or Bush to travel without security. No one expects that. The cost of security is part of the price of a modern presidency.

The Terminator shoots political blanks

Leave it to a movie star to come up with a stunning plot twist. Arnold Schwarzenegger has to be credited with pulling off one of the biggest surprises in state political history by throwing his headband into the ring.

It appears he deliberately misled the moment, most Californians apparently don't think so; a recent Los Angeles Times poll found that 53 percent of registered voters were not inclined to vote for him.

DOUG GAMBLE

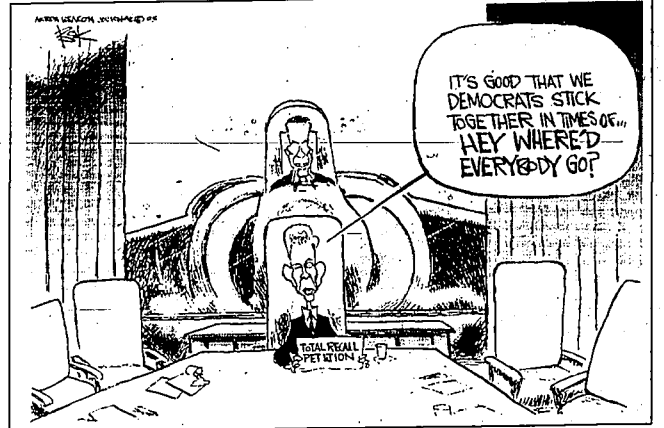
The question is, can he mislead enough Californians into believing that he is the one to rescue the state from an unprecedented financial crisis and set it on a path back to its former glory? At the moment, most Californians apparently don't think so.

Making his announcement on Jay Leno's "The Tonight Show" rather than a legitimate news venue was an insult to everyone who takes politics and California's problems seriously, indicating a candidacy more about self-promotion than public service.

Likewise his flip remark that the decision to run for ISDB is the most difficult since deciding to get a bikini wax in 1978, something that millions of Californians who are in real pain and looking for proven leadership must have found hilarious.

Schwarzenegger will undoubtedly pump up his performance on the stump as the campaign progresses, but his news conference outside the NBC studios in Burbank, Calif., was pedestrian.

Of course Schwarzenegger is an amateur politician, one who may have many voters asking where the beef, as opposed to the beefcake. In a celebrity-obsessed society, the candidacy of a movie star with little political and no government experience may not seem so absurd in more tranquil times, but



when the state is hanging by its fingertips over a pit of fiscal calamity?

Comparisons between Schwarzenegger and Ronald Reagan are ludicrous and an affront to those who revere the former governor and president. Not only did Reagan pilot the Screen Actors Guild during one of the most tumultuous eras in its history, he also immersed himself in politics and public policy long before running to be chief executive of California.

Reagan also had something else that Schwarzenegger may not have: a thick hide for the indignities of the campaign trail. In the weeks leading up to the recall election, Schwarzenegger will learn that the inquisitors of the political media bear no resemblance to the fawning poster-kissers who populate the celebrity beach. Then there will be the inevitable tabloids.

He doesn't even compare with his "Predator" co-star Jesse Ventura, who was a real-life action hero as a Navy SEAL in Vietnam and served four years as mayor of Brooklyn Park, Minn., before running for governor of that state.

Schwarzenegger's candidacy will not be embraced by California's conservatives. Like former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan (who had been leading Schwarzenegger in the polls), the actor - who is pro-life, supports adoption rights for gay couples and is pro-gun control - is actually a Democrat in a Republican lioncloth. He once said he was ashamed of Republicans who voted for the impeachment of President Clinton.

Republicans also have to ponder the possibility of Schwarzenegger winning and being a disastrous governor. That would put a Democrat back in the top job in 2006, returning state Republicans to the political wilderness for the foreseeable future.

If Davis is recalled and the choice of an alternative is determined by name recognition alone, Schwarzenegger would win. But if Californians recognize the need for deft leadership by an experienced politician who can navigate the mazes of government, there are enough viable alternatives to prevent the actor who debuted in "Hercules in New York" from appearing in a new production called "Neophyte in Sacramento."

Doug Gamble has written speech material for Republicans, including presidents Reagan and Bush.

Idaho State Board takes a wrong turn on ISDB

August 5, I was delighted to find myself in total agreement with The Times-News editorial, "State Board could include public on ISDB decisions." The editorial pointed out that "the sources of friction between Ramos and the Board are unclear to outsiders." Neither does it appear that these sources of friction have been made clear to insiders.

Of my 30 years in education, 14 have been at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, ISDB. I left the school in the summer of 2001, just as Angel Ramos was selected as the new superintendent. At a close distance, I was able to watch his positive approach and his high level of interaction with students. I was able to work with him when asked to lead a workshop for Outreach teachers, and just the last spring, I was invited to facilitate a lively panel for the Family Weekend (an extremely positive event for families that had been re-introduced by Angel during his first year). The weekend offered many innovative activities for parents,

READER COMMENT Victoria Roper

thanks to Angel's leadership and creation of a positive team. The ongoing debates in the education of students who are deaf and hard of hearing and/or blind and visually impaired have gone on for more than a century. New advances in technology and medicine influence these debates but do not solve them. Angel Ramos has not treated these debates but sees them as healthy and not to be suppressed. The majority of students ISDB serves are through the Outreach Program, where more than 25 specialized teachers serve families with newborns, toddlers and school-age students in the seven state regions. Angel's ideas regarding long-distance education and technology to expand communication for those Outreach students who are in public schools, private schools or

home-schooled speak to his commitment to all deaf and/or blind youngsters across the state.

Joining those who spoke to a State Board representative this spring, I was pleased to see the board support Angel Ramos for the upcoming school year, with a corrective action plan. My shock is that the board is deciding to cut short this plan and support based on disagreement (not non-compliance) on two points! Normally action plans occur over time, from six months to a year, with periods of review and ongoing support. To cut short this plan after less than two months, during the summer, leaves us in a quandary. To abruptly remove the superintendent just as the school year is about to commence seems ludicrous. What about the students?

I commend the Save Our Superintendent group for taking the high ground and not attacking other personalities. Angel Ramos, as an individual, has been attacked by a handful of disgruntled parents and a few unnamed ISDB staff who are not choosing

to communicate openly with the public. There cannot be a dialogue when only one side is willing to openly share its concerns. Now some staff hesitate to speak out for fear (real or perceived) of losing their jobs in this climate of distrust.

How can one group defend the welfare of the school when the opposition is perhaps protected inappropriately? Should the board really hand the reins to those who would harm this man and only covertly share concerns with the board? Let us hope that the Board of Education will reconsider on Aug. 14 and proceed in a more open manner. It is in everyone's best interests.

Victoria Roper of Gooding has been a special educator in Idaho since 1972 and was Idaho Teacher of the Year in 1984. During 14 years at ISDB, she was a classroom and consulting teacher, inter-district director of education/principal for preschool-12, school counselor and director of Outreach. She is currently Community Relations director at the Walker Center.

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Oakley residents missed a chance to help community

The ignorant audacity of Robert Whiteley's Aug. 1 letter prompts me to respond. Having grown up knowing Whiteley, I was shocked to read a letter so inflammatory and bereft of intelligent commentary.

First, Whiteley's claim that the fire department's sign is un-democratic is illogical. In late July, the department erected a sign (on a plot it already owns) hoping to

create interest in the upcoming election. Its claim that the sign resided on the future home of the department was no more undemocratic than any presidential candidate predicting victory several months ahead of Election Day. In neither case is any sort of control over the election presupposed; these statements simply convey confidence in one's cause and a simple desire for success. Second, while the amount of the bond issue is of paramount importance in understanding the

issue, Whiteley remains willfully misinformed. The department hopes to construct a building worth \$300,000; a successful bond vote would have raised half Whiteley's claim, or \$150,000, and allowed the department to petition for matching grant monies.

More offensive were his thinly veiled attacks on the personnel of the volunteer department.

New men and women provide a valuable service and, in seeking a building, are not looking to enrich themselves but simply to

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provide for the valley's security from fire. References to Saddam Hussein and accusations of arrogance, therefore, were not a constructive part of the community dialogue and display very poor taste. It is sad that efforts to improve the community render one open to comparisons to genocidal despots. Reasoned debate, not name-calling, should be the order of the day.

In voting the bond issue down, the citizens of Oakley missed an opportunity to invest in their

town. While a discussion of property taxes and their burdens should have bearing on the discussion, clearly the attitude represented by Whiteley's letter would do nothing to improve the community. Indeed, careful, emotionless consideration of the issue would have shown that the burden would not have been as large as many prominent citizens wish to believe. Meanwhile, the real loser will be the people of Oakley, who will forgo the numerous benefits that a new building would have provided.

One hopes that the reasonable people of Oakley will continue to be more concerned with putting out fires than they are about throwing incendiary rhetorical devices in the pages of this newspaper.

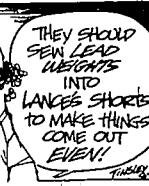
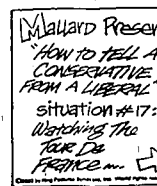
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By Bruce Tinsley



OPINION.

# U.S. savers need a break from low interest rates

**H**ave you opened a bank savings account or a CD in recent months? Have you renewed one in the last year or so? Then you know what 13 cuts in the fed funds rate have done. Nationally, interest rates on passbook savings accounts are a miserable 0.5 percent one year CD's give a whopping 100 percent more, a paltry 1 percent. Pretty soon banks will be charging us to store our savings.

Don't like it? Keep your money at home, and don't forget to sign up with the MDIC (Mattress Deposit Insurance Corp.)!

American savers have wealth in the trillions and represent tens of millions of voters.

Unfortunately, federal policy is geared overwhelmingly toward Wall Street's Casino Stock Market and its high-flying entrepreneur capitalists. These gamblers (some of them thieves) dominate America's economy with the help of a legal and bureaucratic system that underwrites their activities.

The interest of tens of millions of American savers is regularly neglected - literally and figuratively - by politicians and government agencies that regulate our economy. We are just theoretical pinpoints on the demographic and economic charts.

For the last three years, financial publicists have credited consumer spending - much of it consumer debt at high interest rates of 7 percent to 18 percent - with saving our economy while stocks totter, a nose dive.

Given the current situation, all citizens may soon be issued a universal consumption card to track their spending. Not spending enough, not incurring enough debt, might eventually brand you as an enemy of the state.

SILVIO LACCETTI

Consumers must be cash cows, having two stomachs so as to digest, regurgitate, spit out and buy again all the product required.

So, is saving only for suckers? We are hearing more and more voices concerned about America's low savings rate. Currently, it is about 3 percent, way down from 1980's levels around 8 percent.

U.S. savers fuel the economy just as spenders do, but we receive little praise. Savings deposits provide capital for various consumer and business loans. According to FDIC statistics there is \$5.56 trillion in interest-bearing deposits in banks insured by that agency. More than \$2 trillion is in money-market funds not insured by FDIC.

You don't have to be an Einstein to see what banks do. They take our money and lend it out at rates ranging from 4 percent to 20 percent. What a surprise it is to learn from the most recent FDIC Quarterly Banking Profile that "Industry Earnings of \$29.4 billion set a new record."

Banks have a hall with our money. When they are very creative, banks have a grand masquerade ball. They lend money to consumers through credit cards. These have the highest rates in the nation: 4.25 percent to 22.9 percent, according to recent statements by Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. Incredibly, this type of debt has gone up 15 percent from April to May of this year.

Can you spell COW? Amid all of this, we are suddenly hit in the face with a \$455 billion budget deficit. This is by far the worst deficit ever projected and caps a terrible trend begun in the 1980s. Total national debt is now at \$6.7 trillion. Per capita national debt in mid-July was about \$23,000. Contrast this figure with only \$4,100 in 1980.

What kind of fiscal/monetary policy does this? Disaster is looming. Retirement is now a dirty word. For most Americans it may be only a dream. A recent Congressional Research Service study found that the average value of a worker's company-sponsored retirement account was about \$46,000 in 2000. For workers aged 55-64 the average value was \$72,000. Want to retire? Don't read AARP descriptions of Asheville, N.C. Instead look for Coffeeville, Kan., on the map. It is a very appropriate place for retired savers!

Perhaps you won't be able to retire at all. Accumulated consumer debt forces people to work longer to pay it off. Consequences of this situation are also appalling: you work till you drop while bottling up the job market for young and eager consumers.

So now we begin to hear the cry for Americans to save 15 percent of their income. But we have no fiscal/monetary policy that considers the interest of these Ben Franklin types who don't want much exposure to the equities market. Put the money away and watch the power of compounding interest - at 1 percent. Grass grows faster on a hot August day!

American savers need a break. Their needs must be considered. After all, the American saver also votes. We may start voting our special interest. It just may help

save America.

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### Band's final performance went without praise

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Where was *The Times-News*? And why was there no congratulations in the paper for a job well done on their final appearance by these talented musicians?

My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed an evening out listening

to both of these wonderful performances, and we truly hope that they will return next summer for another delightful evening of their music.

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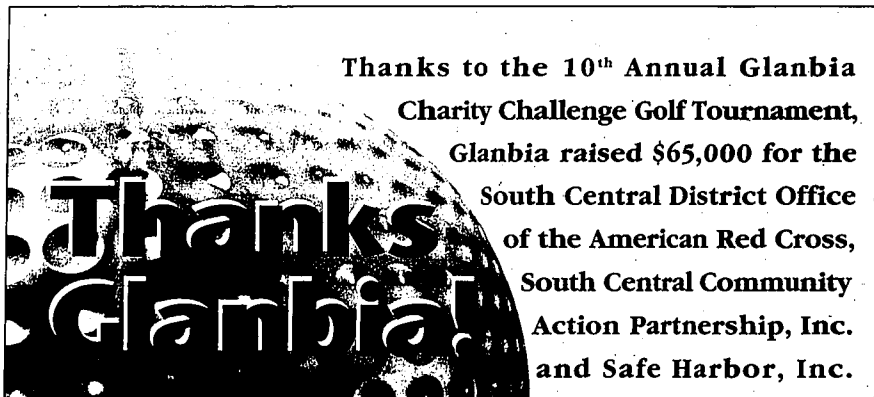
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**MORNING BREAK/NATION**

**Aries: Home issues need your attention**

**IF AUG. 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY...**...today falls on the full moon, so this year you should reap rewards for past efforts. If unattached, you should find the perfect mate. You're a world traveler with linguistic talents, you are philosophical, forgiving and unusually generous. This will be a year where dreams can be realized. Financial gains are likely in December; love and romance in January/February.

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** Unexpected issues at home need your attention. A self-serving friend has expectations and takes your support for granted. Children and loved ones are springing a surprise.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** You're seeking beauty, inspiration and relaxation. Friends have the right answers. You may be competing today for a project. Boasting about your prowess will be detrimental.

**HOROSCOPE**  
 Jeraldine Saunders

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** There's much going on at work. You feel you deserve promotion that could be in the offing. Contradicting others because you know better—makes you appear superior and gets people's backs up.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** The planetary seesaw pattern is about to break, so your confusion may be over. Someone with your best interests at heart makes a financial proposal. Pamper yourself and escape to a spa.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Swimming against the tide and issuing ultimatums are not going to help you. Focus on a monetary matter and bills outstanding, especially a payment you forgot that could get expensive.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** The moon in your opposite sign, Pisces, is causing you to look too far ahead. You're ambitious and want a big piece of the cake. Relax and be in the moment with someone close.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Your wish to be of service speaks volumes. Someone in the background has a financial message. You may be making some changes in your lifestyle. Be magnanimous, grant a personal favor.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Today is a good one to get ahead in the workplace and root for your interests with confidence. Alignment of Mercury and Pluto enhances personal financial gains; money makes money.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** The planets are begging you to succeed. The probabilities of success are overwhelming, with unexpected windfalls part of the bargain. A message from on high forces you to reassess your position.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Are you confused and unable to come to terms with pressing issues? Take a break and deal with things as they come. Someone has a friendly word on your behalf.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Starting off the day in the dumps, you're invigorated by lunchtime and ready to deal with anything. Partners have a great idea how a venture can be improved.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Your reserved and friendly nature is being overlooked. Don't be shocked at how little awareness close friends have of your situation. Your psychic nature already knew what was afoot.

**Government moves to fine human shield**

**SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) —** A retired school teacher who went to Iraq to serve as a "human shield" against the U.S. invasion is facing thousands of dollars in U.S. government fines, which she is refusing to pay. The U.S. Department of the Treasury said in a March letter to Faith Fippinger that she broke the law by crossing the Iraqi border before the war. Her travel to Iraq violated U.S. sanctions that prohibited American citizens from engaging in "virtually all direct or indirect commercial, financial or trade

transactions with Iraq." She and others from 30 countries spread out through Iraq to prevent the war. She spent about three months there. Only about 20 of nearly 300 "human shields" were Americans, she said. Fippinger, who returned home May 4, is being fined at least \$10,000, but she has refused to pay. She could face up to 12 years in prison. In her response to the charges, she wrote the government that "if it comes to fines or

imprisonment, "please be aware that I will not contribute money to the United States government to continue the buildup of its arsenal of weapons." Since she won't pay, she said, "perhaps the alternative should be considered." The government also has asked Fippinger, 62, to detail her travels to Iraq, and any financial transactions she made. In her response, Fippinger wrote that the only money she spent was on food and emergency supplies.

If Fippinger does not pay, the fine may increase, and the money will be drawn from her retirement paycheck, her Social Security check or any of her assets, officials said. "She was (in Iraq) in violation of U.S. sanctions," said Taylor Griffin, a Treasury Department spokesman. "That's what happens." Shortly before the U.S. invasion in March, Fippinger was one of several dozen human shields scattered around a refinery in Baghdad.

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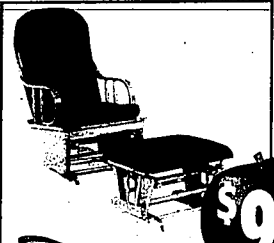
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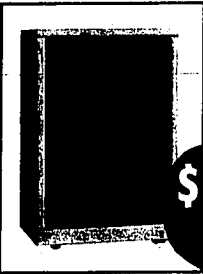
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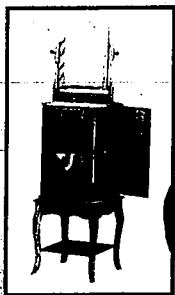
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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Officials still mull charges in shooting

**TWIN FALLS** - No charges had been filed Monday against the former husband or current fiancée of a Hailey woman shot and killed Friday by law officers near Park City, Utah.

Natalie Turner's fiancée, 31-year-old David Gayler of Hailey, was still being held at the Wasatch County Jail Monday on suspicion of attempted homicide, said Sgt. Dan Rosenhan, public information officer with the Utah Department of Public Safety. Meanwhile, her ex-husband John Pochynok, 40, is in his 50s, was still listed in stable condition at the University of Utah Medical Center, following surgery for bullet wounds directly under his heart and through his liver. He could face criminal charges, Rosenhan said.

Both the Wasatch County and Summit County district attorneys' offices are considering filing charges in the case, Rosenhan said. Utah police say Turner, executive director of the Hailey Chamber of Commerce, had already been shot at least twice by Pochynok when she stepped from a car and pointed a gun at Utah law officers, who shot and killed her.

Turner, accompanied by Gayler, had driven from Hailey to Pochynok's Park City home to discuss the custody of their two children. Neighbors heard yelling and gunshots coming from the home and called police, Rosenhan said. Gayler and Turner put the wounded Pochynok into their car where he was headed for a hospital when police stopped them outside Park City.

### Police look for man who was shot in the chest

**BURLEY** - Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hignens is wondering where a wounded man might have gone.

Sheriff's deputies were called to a Burley home at 1:24 a.m. Saturday to a report of a 32-year-old man who had shot himself in the chest. But the man disappeared while his brother was phoning police.

The man's brother told police he had gone next door to talk to his brother. The man was having trouble breathing and when asked what was wrong, showed his brother a wound in his chest and said he'd shot himself.

The brother went to get some towels and water to clean the wound, and the wounded man left, Hignens said.

The brother looked around for the wounded man, and when he couldn't find him, he called police. Four or five sheriff's officers looked for the man for about four hours but couldn't find him, Hignens said.

### ISP trooper helps choking man, saves his life

**BURLEY** - An Idaho State Police trooper is being credited with saving a man's life.

According to a press release from the ISP Trooper James Moyer was contacted at his home in Burley by a neighbor Wednesday night. The neighbor thought a man was having a heart attack, but the man was actually choking on a piece of food, ISP Sgt. Douglas McFall said.

The man was riding in a car with his wife and began choking. Moyer stopped the car in front of Moyer's house and helped her husband out of the car in an attempt to dislodge the food. Her efforts failed, and her husband passed out and fell down.

Trooper Moyer performed several abdominal thrusts and removed part of the blockage, McFall said. Moyer continued to protect the man with breathing until ambulance personnel arrived. His wife called authorities.

### Twin Falls woman gets new hearing on sentence

**BOISE** - The Idaho Court of Appeals on Monday ordered a new hearing for a Twin Falls woman convicted of drug possession who challenged her removal from a program that offered the chance for probation instead of prison time.

The court ruled that Amanda Christine Goodlett's prosecution invoked her rights to seek reconsideration of the decision under a court rule allowing requests for reduction in sentences.

Goodlett was placed in the so-called retained jurisdiction program after being sentenced to three to six years in prison for possession of methamphetamine.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Parties settle defamation lawsuit

## Sides come to terms after hung jury

By Brandon Flata  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** - A defamation of character lawsuit filed by Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver against Clear Channel Communications has been settled after a jury reached no con-

clusion in the case.

A trial last week in U.S. District Court in Boise ended Thursday with a hung jury, said Charles Brown, a Lewiston attorney representing Clear Channel. The case was then settled Friday.

"Both sides felt it was fair," said Terry Tario, local manager of Clear Channel stations.

Brown and Tario both refused to describe the terms of the settlement. Neither Weaver nor his attorney could be reached for

comment Monday.

The case stems from a report KLIX-1310 AM radio ran on Oct. 29 and Oct. 30, 2001 - in which former radio announcer Suzanne Todd (also known as Suzanne Juss) stated that "reliable sources" had said Weaver had been involved in a car accident. The sources said alcohol and another vehicle might have been involved.

An investigation by the Idaho State Police found that such an

accident never took place.

Todd refused to identify her sources, despite a federal judge's order to disclose the information and questioning by Weaver's attorney.

"The identity of the sources remained secret during the trial, Brown said.

"I am quite pleased I was able to protect my confidential sources," Todd said. "I feel quite blessed I never did give up their names. To me, that's the best part

of this - I gave a promise and was able to stick to it."

Todd said she feared her confidential sources could be fired or suffer other harm if their identities were revealed.

"It was quite an education to see the judicial process at work," she said. "I have absolutely no regrets. It's important to provide information, and especially when it involves public officials."

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## EQUINE PAMPERING



Jessica Laumb of Declo brushes her horse before Monday's horse show at the Cassia County Fair. Laumb is a member of the Albion Greenhorns 4-H Club. Cassia's fair got under way Monday and stretches through Saturday.

# T.F. council awards construction contract

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - The Bureau of Land Management's new air tanker base at the Twin Falls airport is set for expansion after the City Council awarded a construction contract Monday.

The council accepted a \$400,600 bid from Stanley Associates Inc. for construction of a nearly 6,000-square-foot building and other work for the BLM base at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport.

According to materials prepared for Monday's council meeting, Stanley Associates submitted the lowest bid - and significantly lower than the \$540,000 the proj-

ect had been estimated to cost.

The BLM will pay for the work, while the city will own the facility and lease it. Work on the building should begin soon and could be finished in about six months - contingent upon funding from the BLM.

The same arrangement was used last year to complete a \$655,000 development at the airport where BLM firefighting aircraft are loaded with retardant to battle blazes in the region. The first phase of the project consisted of construction of tanks, loading pits, an evaporation lagoon and related items.

The second phase calls for construction of an operations build-

ing that would provide offices, restrooms, showers and cooking, training, briefing and lounge areas for BLM firefighters and pilots. It also would have exercise storage and maintenance areas.

Under the terms of the agreement between the city and the BLM for the first phase of the project, the BLM pays for construction and then gets free rent for the first five years. The federal agency then pays a yearly lease payment for the next 15 years. Then at the end of 20 years, the city will own the base, and the BLM will renegotiate a rental agreement.

The base financially benefits

the city with measures such as landing fees, city officials say.

The base, designed by Riedesel Engineering LLC of Twin Falls, occupies about 10 acres in the southeastern part of the airport grounds. It serves BLM aircraft from throughout the region.

In other business Monday, the council:

\* Approved the final plat of the Jurgens Subdivision at the corner of Addison Avenue West and Rose Street

\* Approved a request from William Gehrke III to waive a permit requirement to allow a garage at 711 Canyon Springs Road contingent upon final technical review.

# Twin Falls school board restores three positions

By Robert Mayer  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - It's not a complete catch-up, but the Twin Falls School District is trying.

The School Board agreed Monday night to reinstate three of the 13 positions that were cut during May 2002 budget-slashing moves.

Money left over from the 2002-03 budget, around \$150,000, provides funding for an elementary music teacher, elementary physical education teacher and elementary school teacher.

However, these aren't permanent reinstatements. Because carryover money is uncertain from year to year, a continued stagnant economy could force the district next spring to once again cut the very positions the district reinstated, said Linda Baird, human relations director.

The district audiologist remains at half-time, and the elementary orchestra remains a voluntary enterprise, although the district still offers the use of its facilities.

Also Monday, Filer parents

“We're not asking for anything new. We're asking that the bus continue on routes they've been doing

for years.”

—Lonn Theate, Filer parent

made the trek to the Twin Falls district to lead to board members to continue to allow Filer buses pick up their children in the Twin Falls district.

Some 34 children live in the Twin Falls district near the Filer border and attend Filer schools. For decades, a gentleman's agreement allowed Filer buses to venture the half-mile into Twin Falls territory to ferry the kids to Filer schools.

The modern age has caught up

with this casual negotiation. Idaho code states that such arrangements must be written down and updated annually.

“We're not asking for anything new,” said Filer parent Lonn Theate. “We're asking that the bus continue on routes they've been doing for years.”

But board members were concerned that such an agreement could open them up to either litigation or cuts in transportation funding.

“We're not trying to be difficult,” said Chairwoman Vera Reidman, who repeatedly had to bring order to the meeting. “We are trying to balance doing what's right for kids and what the state tells us to do.”

The state is trying to save dollars, said Superintendent Wiley Dobbs, and that means cutting back on transportation costs. The state might consider Filer's forays into Twin Falls territory an exercise in wastefulness, reducing future funding, he said.

Ultimately, the board agreed to continue the practice, for this year anyway.

# Jerome looks at slight property tax increase

By Dixie Thomas Reales  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** - City taxpayers stand to see their property taxes increase slightly in the coming fiscal year, but the city budget is actually going down.

The city's proposed budget for the 2003-04 fiscal year is down about 3 percent from last year, but the mill levy is up about 3 percent. The City Council is scheduled to adopt the proposed budget at noon today.

The city proposes to spend \$15,954,652 in the next fiscal year. That amount is \$696,578 less than the \$15,258,074 the city expects to spend in 2003.

Meanwhile, the city property tax levy will rise about 3 percent.

A person who owns a home worth \$100,000 paid \$762.72 in city property taxes last year without a homeowner's exemption. With the exemption that rate was \$381.36 in city property taxes. In 2004 that same homeowner will pay about \$12 more in city property taxes - \$785.60 without the homeowner exemption and \$392.80 with the exemption.

There is hope in sight for lower

taxes, City Administrator Travis Rothweiler said. The city is growing at a rate of 2.9 percent overall per year. The urban renewal area's property valuation is growing at 42 percent per year in 1999 urban renewal area, but the city's valuation of the area is only \$6 million. In 2004 the market value of the area is anticipated to be about \$76 million.

The city's Urban Renewal Agency should dismantle between 2008 to 2010 with all its projects completed. When that happens, the city and other governmental entities with taxing authority in the area will reap the benefits of the growth and increased property valuation in the area. As it stands now, Urban Renewal gets the property taxes resulting from the increase in valuation for its operating expenses. When the agency dismantles, the overall city property taxes should decrease by 20 to 25 percent because of the broader tax base, Rothweiler said.

In the meantime, “the city will have to continue to do more with less,” Rothweiler said.

Some highlights of the pro-

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DEATH NOTICES

Dave Hamlett
TWIN FALLS - Dave Hamlett, 82, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Aug. 11, 2003, at Bridgeway Estates.

Haekel S. Conrad
TWIN FALLS - Haekel S. Conrad, 84, of Twin Falls died Monday, Aug. 11, 2003, at Curry Retirement Estates.

Douglas E. Taylor
BURLEY - Douglas Edward Taylor, 50, of Burley, died Sunday, Aug. 10, 2003, at the Burley Care Center.

will precede the service. Funeral and cremation arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

LaVern Dorothy Oswald
BOISE - LaVern Dorothy Oswald, 80, of Boise, died Sunday, Aug. 10, 2003, in Boise.

Leone F. Jones
DECLO - Leone Fisher Jones, 85, of Declo died Sunday, Aug. 10, 2003, in Declo.

and from 10-10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Gary Allen Brown
JEROME - Gary Allen Brown, 53, of Jerome died Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2003, at his home.

Carthel F. Hartwell
BLISS - Carthel F. Hartwell, 79, of Bliss, died Saturday, Aug. 9, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Frank Riley Anderson of Nampa and family of the Declo and Burley area, service at 11 a.m. today at the Declo Stake Center in Declo; friends and relatives may call one hour before the service; interment will be at the service at the Declo Cemetery (Relyea Funeral Chapel, Boise).

143 N. Locust; a private family burial will precede the service (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Harold J. Meulenan of Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

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MINIDOKA COUNTY COURTS

The Times-News RUPERT - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Minidoka County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals
Frank Riley Anderson, 26, insufficient funds check fraud, Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
Alicia J. Juarez, 49, failure to carry driver's license on person, Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Misdemeanor sentencing
Beverly Kay Anderson, 37, driving under the influence, amended to inattentive driving, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended, treatment program; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Driving under the influence dismissals
James J. Jinnens, 19, one count misdemeanor driving under the influence under 121, dismissed; one count leaving the scene of an accident, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, 24 months probation, 90 days in jail, 30 days suspended, 54 days credit; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Driving under the influence sentencing
Beverly Kay Anderson, 22, one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$103.50 court costs, 180 days in jail, 60 days probation, 10 days in jail, 80 days suspended, treatment program, credit for time served; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Driving under the influence sentencing
Marshall Ramirez, no age available; one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$250 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 180 days driver's license suspension, 24 months probation, 90 days in jail, 10 days suspended, time credited, one count failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court costs, two days in jail; one count attempt to elude an officer, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court costs, two days in jail; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Felony dismissals
Dennis Angelo Martinez, 19, one count aiding a probation; one count enhancement for use of a deadly weapon, one count aiding aggravated battery, dismissed; one count accessory to a burglary; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Felony sentencing
Dennis Angelo Martinez, 19, one count aiding a probation, 24 months probation, 24 months probation, 90 days in jail, 54 days suspended, 36 days credit; one count failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court costs, two days in jail; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Deferred prosecutions
Sharon M. Magness, 51, driving under the influence, amended to inattentive driving; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Juvenile dismissals
Becky N. Hansen, 17, inattentive driving, amended to failure to notify upon existing failure on highway, \$150 bond; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Juvenile sentencing
Anthony Jae Gravilla, 15, failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

OBITUARIES

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Arthur A. Smith - Twin Falls

Arthur A. Smith, 67, of Twin Falls passed away Friday, Aug. 8, 2003, at Sunbridge Rehabilitation and Care Center. He was born June 23, 1936, in San Francisco, Calif., the son of Warren and Betty Smith.



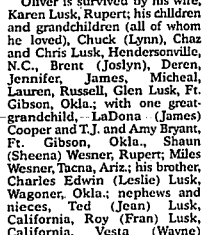
Arthur is survived by his wife of 44 years, Marie of Twin Falls; two sons, Ron of Saipan and Ray of Reno, Nev.; his mother, Betty of Concord, Calif.; two daughters, Ron of Baltimore, Md.; a sister, Judith of Brittain, France; and his beloved furry girls, Tasha

and Lady. He was preceded in death by father and stepmother. A celebration of Arthur's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, 2003, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park." The fam-

ily suggests memorials be given to the Animal Shelter of Wood River Valley, 100 Cray Creek Road, Hailey, ID 83333. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory.

Oliver Morgan Lusk - Rupert

Oliver Morgan Lusk, a 75-year-old resident of Rupert, Idaho, formerly of Kingman, Ariz., and Muskego, Okla., passed away Aug. 9, 2003, and his first day in Heaven.



Oliver was born in Rockville, Mo., June 20, 1928, the son of Charles Galloway and Edith Hampton Lusk. Beloved husband of Karen Lusk.

Oliver accepted Christ as his personal Lord and Savior as a child during a Methodist Tent Revival. He was licensed to preach in Tallequah, Okla., in 1977 in a Southern Baptist Church and was ordained in 1979, at the South Burlington Baptist Church, Burlington, Vt.

He was a frequent speaker to various service groups and Honor Guards. He worked in construction and natural gas pipelines with his brothers and so many other endeavors.

He was pastor of Rupert United Church, chaplain of Minidoka Home Health & Hospice, chaplain of Civil Air Patrol-Burley Squadron, executive board member of Utah/Idaho Southern Baptist Convention, mission committee of Magic Valley SBC Association, Mini-Cassia Ministerial Association, worked with Bill and Marie Jensen and Narecan of Idaho, Citizens on Patrol, Red Cross of Rupert, School to Work Program as a Vista Volunteer, ESL program with CSI. He was a frequent speaker to various service groups and Honor Guards. He worked in construction and natural gas pipelines with his brothers and so many other endeavors.

He was previously married to Ila McSpadden and they had one son, Chuck Lusk. He was also previously married to Dona Johnson with her two children, Brent and LaDonna, who took his name. He married Karen Kuhlman Wesner on Feb. 14, 1993, and became stepfather to her sons, Shaun and Miles Wesner.

Preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Edith Lusk; brothers, Lloyd and Roy Lusk; and a nephew, John Lusk. Oliver said death is not a punishment if you know Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, it's a reward. Jesus told us He was going to prepare a place for us and Oliver was ready. "I'll see you later Oliver, I love you, Karen. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003, at the First Baptist Church, 2263 Highland Ave., Burley, with Pastor Dennis Stoneman officiating and military rites. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Raymond Keeton - Buhl

Raymond Keeton, a resident of Buhl, Idaho, since 1987, passed away on Aug. 7, at Washoe Medical Center in Reno, Nev.

Ray was the son of George Kheitan and Perouse Avoianis, born on April 14, 1923, in Clovis, Calif. He attended schools in San Diego, and graduated after serving in the Navy in World War II. He was employed as a supervisor at Ryan Aeronautics (1948-1959), assistant superintendent at General Dynamics Astronautics, San Diego (from 1959-1964) when he left to work at Don W. Snyder Wholesale

Liquor Distributors until his retirement in September of 1978. Subsequently Ray and his wife owned Yellowstone Bus Company in Gardiff, Calif., and Lion's Gate Gallery in Ketchum, Idaho.

He is survived by his wife, F. "Teddy" Keeton, his four children, Steven Keeton (Cindy), San Marcos, Calif., Metcalf (Gary) of Yuba City, Calif., Dawn Galemore (David) of Spring Valley, Calif., and Joanna Perrone (Darryl) of Buhl and Reno, Nev.; and 10 grandchildren. Ray and Teddy purchased the

old Cedar Draw School and renovated it as their primary residence. He was a member of the Clear Lake County Club, DAV vice president of the board of directors of the Idaho Arts Archives & Research Center, Filer Public Library and superintendent for many years of the photography division of the Twin Falls County Fair.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Ray Keeton Photography Fund at the Filer Public Library. Interment will be at Ft. Rosecrans Military Cemetery in San Diego, Calif.

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# Civil Air Patrol volunteer dies in crash

**The Times-News**

**MINIDOKA** — A Rupert minister was on a volunteer exercise for the Civil Air Patrol Saturday when a freight train collided with the van he was driving, officials say.

The Rev. Oliver Morgan Lusk died after being ejected from the Civil Air Patrol van he was driving, according to a report from the Minidoka County Sheriff's Department. Lusk was alone in the auto.

The freight train was west-bound, and Lusk was driving south when he crossed the tracks at 700 East on Idaho Highway 24, Union Pacific spokesman John Bromley said. The crossing is marked with the traditional rail-

road crossing signs, but cross-buck arms are not in place. Neither the train nor the tracks were damaged, Bromley said. The train was delayed while police investigated the accident, but was able to resume travel.

Bromley didn't have site-specific crash data, but he said he couldn't recall any other intersection collisions at that intersection, which is about 1.25 miles west of the city of Minidoka.

UP officials will conduct their own investigation of the accident, he said.

Members of the train crew told a Minidoka County Sheriff's Deputy Joe Moore they saw the van approaching the crossing and said it appeared to have swerved at them, but didn't stop,

the accident report states.

Lusk, 75, was on a volunteer Civil Air Patrol exercise Saturday. Civil Air Patrol squadron leader LaVerne Johnson said.

Lusk had placed a target for an airplane to find in a training exercise.

Lusk was pastor of the Rupert Baptist Church. He served as chaplain for the Civil Air Patrol Burley squadron and Minidoka Home Health and Hospice. He also volunteered for the American Red Cross and Rupert Citizens on Patrol. Lusk had traveled to Ecuador and Honduras to participate in disaster relief programs.

Lusk was always willing to help people, said George Falkner, who

worked with Lusk in Civil Air Patrol. Red Cross and other organizations loved him," Falkner said. "There was never a bad word about him."

Lusk, who was the part-time paid volunteer emergency services director for the Mini-Cassia Red Cross chapter at time the Rupert office closed, sorely lamented the closing of the local chapter and had worked with the group that unsuccessfully tried to form a new chapter.

The community will miss Lusk, Falkner said. "I don't think there's ever been a finer man around."

A funeral is scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church in Burley.

# SNRA ranger plans transfer to Alaska

**KETCHUM** — Sawtooth National Recreation Area Ranger Debora Cooper will transfer to the Chugach National Forest in Alaska after nearly four years with the SNRA.

There she will be the new district ranger for the Seward Ranger District on the Kenai Peninsula. Ruth Monahan, Sawtooth National Forest supervisor, announced Monday.

Cooper's replacement is expected to be named before her October departure date, a Forest Service news release said.

"I am truly saddened when I think of leaving the SNRA," Cooper said. "Being the SNRA ranger for the past four and a half years has been both a demanding and rewarding job. I'm looking forward to new challenges and a new scope of work, but I will always have the high lights of her SNRA tenure the acquisition of a number of important conservation easements through the cooperation of many people."

**Around the valley**

Work began at the Marley Bridge over the Little Wood River about five miles northwest of Richfield. Crews will then work southwest along Highway 93, and a guardrail will be installed along the High Line Canal bridge about four miles south of the Highway 93/Idaho Highway 30 junction.

The entire project is expected to be complete by the end of September. MarCon Inc. of Nampa is the contractor for this \$354,000 project.

# Commissioners seek prosecutor applicants

**By Lorraine Caveney**  
**Times-News correspondent**

**RUPERT** — Applications are now being accepted for the job of Minidoka County prosecuting attorney.

Minidoka County commissioners Monday agreed to send letters to qualified attorneys in Minidoka County to see if any are interested in applying for the job, and to advertise the opening.

A new prosecutor must be hired by the end of October when Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney Rick Bollar leaves his post to become the new magistrate judge in Cassia County.

He replaces Roy Holloway, who is retiring.

After commissioners recognized Bollar by stating "all rise" and saluting when he entered their chambers Monday, they discussed the process of replacing him.

Applicants for the prosecutor's

job must live in, or be willing to move to, Minidoka County, be at least 21 years old, be admitted to practice law in Idaho and be U.S. citizens. Interested attorneys must apply to the commissioners. Applications are due Aug. 29, 10 o'clock a.m. and interviewees are scheduled Sept. 8 and select the new prosecutor Sept. 22.

Typically when an elected county official resigns, the prevailing political party submits a list of candidates to the county commissioners, who then choose the next elected official. But Bollar was elected as an independent, so that process can't be followed.

County Clerk Duane Smith reminded Bollar he must submit a formal letter of resignation.

Other commission business included:

- Hospital update — Minidoka Memorial Hospital Administrator Carl Hanson updated commissioners on the renovation of a

wing in the hospital's extended-care facility.

Eligible officials have applied for a \$6.6 million loan to pay for the \$4 million project and to refinance an existing building loan. The new interest rate would be 3.7 percent, compared with the current rate of 4.85 percent.

"We could save some bucks there," Hanson said. Money to pay back the loan would come from additional revenues generated because of space for more patients in the extended-care wing.

"Currently we are turning away one resident every two weeks," Hanson said. "Nursing care is in demand."

- Wetlands appeal — Commissioners learned an appeal review officer from the Corps of Engineers will be in the county Aug. 20 to evaluate the county-owned property near exit 208 on Interstate 84 which has been designated as a wetland.

Mores Bergman, who works in the corps' Omaha, Neb., office, is scheduled to meet with commissioners and other interested parties at 9 a.m. that day at the site.

Minidoka County employees is the lowest increase for the 15-county insurance pool which Minidoka County belongs to, Hyatt Erstad Jr. of Erstad and Co. told commissioners.

Other counties are seeing increases between 15 and 20 percent, he said. He advised commissioners to not make any changes in the county's health plan options.

# Demolition of Minidoka County buildings starts today

**RUPERT** — Demolition of three county-owned buildings near the Minidoka County Courthouse is scheduled to begin about 9 a.m. today.

Rupert Streets Superintendent Bob Russman said the demolition of the vacant buildings is expected to take the better part of the day. City workers will spend the next several days cleaning up the site and then laying gravel, he said. The area will be used as a parking lot. Eventually the site will be paved, Russman said.

The buildings are at the corner of Fremont and Seventh streets and haven't been used for anything but storage for years.

The county agreed to tear the buildings down and give the land to the city for parking as part of the downtown renovation effort.

— compiled from staff reports

Work begins on Highway 93 guardrail project

**RICHFIELD** — A project to install and upgrade guardrails along U.S. Highway 93 in south-central Idaho began Monday, the Idaho Transportation Department announced.

# Parade marshals stress community service

**By Shari Chaney**  
**Times-News writer**

**MALTA** — Honored for their years of community service, Alvin and Rosella Neddo will ride in the Cassia County Fair and Rodeo Parade on Wednesday as grand marshals.

"It's an honor, but sometimes you wonder why you were chosen," Alvin Neddo said.

After talking with the Neddos, it's really no secret.

Alvin Neddo has been involved with the local flood district, fire district, highway district, cattle association and the Lions Club.

He spent 26 years on the highway district board, helped create the fire district, and when the Malta area Lions Club ceased to exist because of a lack of members, Alvin Neddo moved over to the Deco Lions Club to stay involved.

It's important for people to be

involved in their communities, Alvin Neddo said. People need to be a part of local service groups and government groups. When the local highway district has budget hearings, people need to show up to find out where their tax money is going.

"People just don't show up. They're not interested," Alvin Neddo said.

Rosella Neddo spent years helping with 4-H and participating in the local parent-teacher association while the couple's two daughters were in school. After the children grew up, Rosella Neddo went to work, but if there was a need, she was there to help.

"People can both see and feel the benefits of community service, the couple said.

"That olled road out there is one of them," Alvin Neddo said, pointing to the road that runs right outside his door.

"There's the satisfaction of helping people," Rosella Neddo added.

However, recruiting new members to help clubs alive is hard work. "That's a tough deal," Alvin Neddo said.

Television killed many clubs; people used to join clubs for entertainment, the Neddos agreed. Many people are also busy with the activities of their children.

The Neddos are impressed with the Burley Lions Club's sponsorship and coordination of the Spudman Triathlon. "That's what service clubs can do," Alvin said.

Parade committee Chairman Sam Yoshida said the committee tries to honor people who have put in many hours of community service and might not have been recognized in other ways.

The main duty of the marshals is to ride in the parade. The cou-

ple will also be introduced before the rodeo each night, Yoshida said.

Being at the Cassia County Fair will be nothing new to the Neddos.

Alvin Neddo was born and reared on the ranch which his daughter now manages. His daughter is the fifth generation of their family to use the land.

Rosella Neddo was a transplant to the area, coming from a high school to work for a civil aeronautics unit near Malta. Now she has lived in Idaho longer than she lived in Wisconsin, she said.

When did the couple find out they'd be honored?

"When they came knocking on our door," Rosella Neddo said.

Official duties, as far as they know, include riding in the parade, Rosella Neddo said.

"That will be enough," Alvin Neddo quipped.

# Cassia County building fees could increase

**By Shari Chaney**  
**Times-News writer**

**BURLEY** — Building fees assessed by Cassia County officials could increase, if county commissioners adopt a proposal they first saw nearly six months ago.

That plan calls for increasing building fees by 42 percent during the next year. The first increase could occur Oct. 1, with the second jump taking place one year later. Each increase would be by 21.5 percent.

County Building Inspector Dan Barker said fees assessed in the first six months of this year total \$27,589. If the first proposed 21.5 percent increase had been in

effect, revenue would have reached \$33,383. The entire 42 percent increase would have increased fee collections to \$38,176.

Cassia County building fees are lower than fees assessed both in Minidoka County and the city of Burley, Barker said.

The commission took no action on the proposal.

Barker also presented two quarterly construction reports. Total construction value in the county has increased. In the first quarter of 2003, 40 projects with a total value of \$2,430,346 were permitted. In the second quarter, 41 projects with a total value of \$3,180,747, received permits.

# Radio

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Todd now works for the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce as a membership manager.

During trial, Todd said the jury was instructed to deliberate as though she had no confidential sources.

Richard Boardman, a Boise attorney representing Weaver, had earlier sought sanctions against Clear Channel for refusing to disclose the sources.

"The jury was instructed (Todd's) sources couldn't be relied upon," Brown said.

"Despite that, there was a hung jury."

Todd has refused to disclose his sources, said Weaver. He first filed a lawsuit in March 2002. The identity of the sources was important in order to prove Todd held actual malice against Weaver.

Weaver sued for libel, slander and negligent training and supervision.

Boardman tried repeatedly to discover the identities of the secret sources, according to court documents.

In an affidavit filed with court

documents related to the case, Weaver stated that Todd might have had a bias against him because of a Jan. 3, 2001, shooting in Eden.

Weaver and some of his deputies that night staged a raid at the home of Eden resident Tim Williams, 47. Gunfire erupted, and Williams died at the scene along with deputies Phillip Anderson, 23, and James Moulton, 30.

In his affidavit, Weaver pointed out that Todd's name had appeared in a Jan. 17, 2001,

"Tribute to Tim Williams" advertisement that appeared in *The Times-News* and bore the name of numerous Magic Valley residents.

Weaver also contended that Todd had used Twin Falls attorney Pat Brown as one of his sources for the story about the rumored crash. Brown was hired by some of Williams' relatives to represent them in a lawsuit against Weaver and the sheriff's office — so Brown's bias against Weaver should have been obvious, according to Weaver's affidavit.



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# Jerome

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posed budget:

- Pay raises — The city has budgeted \$2,144,267 total for employee wages and benefits in 2003-04, \$134,984 more than the current year. The city budget maintains the total number of full-time employees at 75.25.
- All employees would get an across-the-board 2 percent cost-of-living wage increase. Otherwise employees will receive merit increases as their work performance indicates.
- City Administrator Travis Rothweiler said.
- "Employees must earn their raises. Just because the money is budgeted for raises does not mean that it is going to be spent," he said.
- Administration — The administration budget is down, dropping from \$449,623 in the current fiscal year to \$420,820 for 2003-04. One full-time position is being moved from the administration department.
- Library — The library budget would rise from \$196,000 in 2002-

03 to \$198,400 in 2003-04. The library is gaining a full-time position.

The library will now be open on Tuesdays. The library has not operated on Tuesdays for many years. The library is also planning to buy a lot of books.

- Public works — The public works department would gain one full-time position.
- The water fund had \$9,964,000 budgeted for the current year. The proposed budget is \$9,610,000.
- Some \$8.6 million of that amount is related to: a \$4.8 million Economic Development Administration grant to install sewer, water and fiber optic lines from the city limits to the battle Park to be built there and to Crossroads Ranch; \$3.6 million is from a Department of Environmental Services state revolving loan fund for a drinking water improvement project; and \$200,000 is from an Idaho community development block grant to extend sewer and water lines to WOW Logistics.

The wastewater treatment plant's budget would rise by \$560,000, from \$1.21 million to \$1.77 million, some \$700,000 of that budgeted amount is for an upgrade to the plant being funded largely by the city's Urban Renewal Agency.

- Police — The city police department budget would rise by \$118,619, from \$868,057 to \$986,676. The police department has a \$28,853 lease payment for three police patrol cars purchased in 2003. This is the second of three payments.
- The police department will also pay 25 percent of the total cost of two Community Oriented Policing grant positions, an expense estimated at about \$15,000. In addition, \$2,000 is set aside for the continued maintenance of the drug dog \$10,400 for training opportunities for members of the police department; and \$14,500 will maintain the police department reserve officer program.
- Other costs — Many costs are uncontrollable, Rothweiler said.

Costs are up in health insurance, employee retirement and workers' compensation and computer operating software licensing.

- Employees' major medical and health care costs are expected to increase \$13,735 (15.5 percent), from \$107,804 to \$121,539 estimated to be paid in 2003-04. Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho contributions will increase from \$159,580 to \$175,859. The difference of \$16,279 represents an increase of a little over 9 percent.
- Workers' compensation insurances will also increase from \$24,448 to \$40,218, a 54 percent increase.
- The licensing fees associated with computer operating software will also increase from \$4,000 to \$22,000.
- Grants — Nearly 60 percent of the proposed budget is funded by federal or state grant dollars or loans. Only about 40 percent of the budget is funded by local property taxes, user fees or the city's proprietary funds.



# Thais pay big bucks for lucky license plates

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Thailand's first auction of lucky license plates drew about a thousand bidders Monday, with the high bid - \$95,200 - going for number 9999.

The winner, Communications Minister Suriya Jungsrungrungki, said he was sure his purchase was worth it, because of the luck it would bring, and because he could sell it at a profit.

"This is better than investing in the stock market," he told the auction, held at a five-star hotel and broadcast live on television.

Thais consider the number nine auspicious because of its association with the King Bhumibol Adulyadej, whose royal title is King Rama IX.

The second-highest bid of \$47,619 was for plate number 5555.

The Land Transport Department, overseen by Suriya's ministry, organized the auction to address complaints that corrupt officials secretly sell lucky plates or allocate them to well-connected people.

Unlike many plates in the United States, which are mostly a mark of individualism, lucky-number plates in Thailand are a source of envy, associated with the rich and famous.

The Land Transport Department set aside 301 numbers for the auction, with the 42 most desirable ones sold Monday. The rest will go on the block Tuesday and Wednesday.

Most license plates auctioned Monday went for more than \$23,900, almost as much as the cost of a mid-size sedan. The money is to go to a fund for victims of road accidents.

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Section C

## Local man helps young people get their wings

By Heather Abel  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Over the past 37 years, Larry Christensen has been active in his community. One of the things he is most proud of is his job as Admissions Liaison Officer for the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

He has helped more than 75 young people get into the academy by "guiding" interested sophomores and juniors, and teaching them what they need to know to get an appointment, he said. He is in contact with young people from Mountain Home, to American Falls.

The academy is strict in its admissions, accepting young people with a 3.5 grade point average and above and at least a 28 on their ACT exams.

The academy has about 15,000 applications yearly. Of those, 1,200 are appointed.

"Most of the kids I interview are active in high school activities," Christensen said. "You have to be organized. You have to be organized."

Community service is something else the academy board considers. Admission works on a points system. For example, an Eagle Scout would receive 10 points in the process.

One of the boys he helped is Lance Udjiem, Undijem, 46, was one of the only Idahoans ever to become a Thunderbird, and now works with Delta Airlines.

"He's had a great career," said his mother, Virginia Udjiem. "Somehow he's managed to do all the things he's wanted to do. I think Lance really enjoyed the Air Force Academy. It was a hard road to hoe, but he knew what he wanted to do... Larry was very instrumental in getting him appointed. He's done a good job for the academy."

The lieutenant colonel said the percentage of girls at the academy is about 10 percent. He also said that young people learn respect and discipline at the academy.

"They make a follower out of you, then they make a leader out of you," he said. "You've got to be able to take orders before you can give orders. When they come out, they're very mature, they're officer material. These guys are so bright."

He said it's important if young people are interested in going to the academy to do well in school. "It's up to them to maintain good grades," he said. "I guide them. I'm here to help them."

Christensen also has been active in the Kiwanis Club, Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, the Employers Support Nation



Photo courtesy of LARRY CHRISTENSEN

**About Larry Christensen**  
Larry Christensen is retired officially from the Air Force, but still doing the work for the academy.

His military career started with the University of Utah Air Force ROTC. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1953; went through supply

Guard Reserve, and is on the 2003 board of directors for Idaho Ethanol.

He has served as president of the Bruin Booster Club, was chairman of Western Days parade and

school and command staff and Intelligence courses; has served at the Lackland, Yuma and Hill bases; and was a reserve officer. He has been a liaison officer to the Air Force Academy since June 5, 1985, and said that every year he has helped at least one student earn an appointment there.

organizer of the 1984 Olympic Torch celebration for the Magic Valley. He started the Key Club at the Twin Falls High School and organized a German band in Twin Falls.

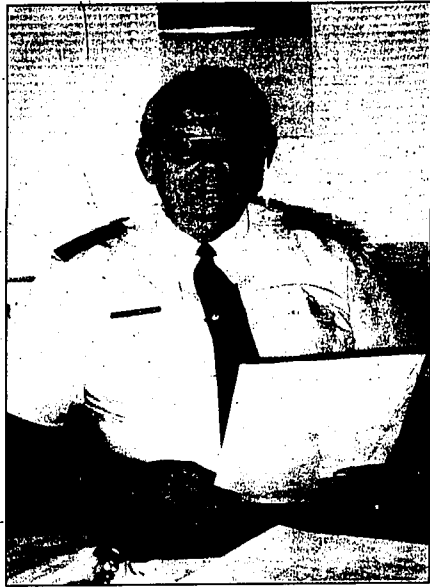


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Larry Christensen has helped more than 75 young people get into the Air Force Academy. Left, at a Rupert Kiwanis meeting, Larry Christensen congratulates Chase M. Webster of Rupert, who received an appointment to the USAF Academy.

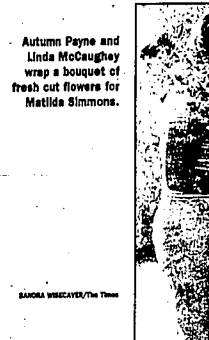


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## Hagerman market offers plenty

By Sandra Wiscover  
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - Farmer's Market signs will be going up in the Hagerman Valley every Friday and Saturday this summer.

The event got off to a good start with lots of visitors for the recent grand opening, held in conjunction with an open house for Billingsley Creek State Park, said Linda McCaughey, coordinator. The market is located in the

garden center building at Billingsley park, located 1 mile north of Hagerman on Highway 30. Shoppers are encouraged to stop by between the hours of 3-8 p.m. Fridays and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

Vendors have offered a variety of items, ranging from produce, herbs and fresh cut flowers to wheat weaving, custom-made greeting cards, wooden creations, tote printed and other craft items.

For more information about the

market or to sign up as a vendor, call McCaughey at 837-6113.

The market is one of many events new park manager, Lonnie Johnson, is promoting. Johnson was assisted recently by a group of volunteers to paint the barn at the park. The barn, an indoor arena, garden center and greenhouse are all facilities at the park that Johnson said he hopes will be used by the public.

For more information about the park, call Johnson at 837-4505.



Photo courtesy of PAUL TRADER-WOLFE

Local young people were honored by the Gooding County HealthNet Coalition for their service to the community.

## HealthNet honors Gooding youth

GOODING - National Youth Service Week was observed April 27 to May 4, and young people all over the country, including the Magic Valley, volunteered to serve their community.

In Hagerman on April 25 and in Wendell on April 26, teenagers assisted the elderly. The communities had been canvassed earlier, and elderly homesteaders needing yard work were identified, reported representatives of the Gooding County HealthNet Coalition.

On the day of the service, the young people pulled weeds, mowed lawns, picked up trash and performed many other services that their older neighbors found difficult to perform.

On May 3, the Gooding County HealthNet Coalition held its annual celebration honoring young people from Wendell, Hagerman, Bliss and Gooding by recognizing their participation in the Lunch Buddies program and the Youth Action Council. Held this year at the Basque Cultural Center in Gooding, the event

brought together the young people involved, their families and friends, and local dignitaries in a tribute where each participant was individually honored.

The Lunch Buddy program pairs mentors and mentees for lunch twice a month. Youngsters today face many obstacles growing up, and some find themselves isolated, alienated or simply lonely. HealthNet representatives said. The mentor one-on-one relationship grows confidence in the child as he or she begins to feel special, for some the first time in a long time, for others the first time ever.

The Lunch Buddy program invites adults, as well as high school students to participate as mentors. The young mentees are selected by their teachers from the elementary and middle schools as the children most likely to benefit from this mentor relationship.

The Youth Action Council, another project of HealthNet, brings together high school stu-

dents from Wendell, Hagerman, Bliss and Gooding who meet to decide on which community projects they want to make happen. Some projects are based on helping members of the community, such as the sick or elderly. Others focus on providing safe and fun activities for local teenagers.

Adult community members also were honored by Spirit of Service Awards which recognized their contribution to supporting asset building in the young.

HealthNet, a regional coalition that promotes healthy lives for residents throughout southeastern Idaho, sponsors these programs and activities. Their focus on young people involves asset building. A group of 40 "assets" have been identified as strong contributors to a successful transition from childhood through teenage years into adulthood.

For more information on Lunch Buddies, asset building or any other HealthNet program, call Julie Trader-Wolfe at 934-5514.

### COOLING OFF



Photo courtesy of TRISHA YERGEN/The Times-News

Kessidee Solakiewicz, 2, and Drevan Staker, 3, cool off in the kiddie pool next to the Burley city pool. The two are cousins, and have been making a daily event of playing the kiddie pool following their 'aqua tot' swimming lessons in the larger pool.

## STORK REPORT

### Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Ava Jess Otero, daughter of Emily Frances and Joseph Ryan Otero of Twin Falls, was born Friday, July 18, 2003.  
Desanna Velicina Gravier, daughter of Gilbert and Christy Gravier of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Aug. 3, 2003.

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Aidan Michael Fuller, son of Matthew and Sabrina Fuller of

Twin Falls, was born Monday, Aug. 4, 2003.

# TWIN FALLS COMMUNITY

## Zonta honors woman with award

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls High School 2003 graduate Leah Meeks has been awarded the Zonta International Club of Magic Valley's Annual Young Women in Public Affairs Award.

Meeks was presented with a check for \$300 by Zonta President Barbara Bartolatz-Miciek during the July 24 Zonta Club meeting in Twin Falls.



Leah Meeks, right, receives a check from Zonta President Barbara Bartolatz-Miciek. Meeks is the Zonta International Club of Magic Valley's Annual Young Women in Public Affairs Award winner.

Last year, 29 women from 29 districts and 14 countries competing in the final round of judging for the five \$1,000 awards from Zonta International.

Zonta is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working

together to advance the status of women both locally and worldwide. The club has operated in the Magic Valley for four years. Meetings are held at noon on the fourth Thursday of each month.

For more information, call Bartolatz-Miciek at 737-2908.

## Local Lion earns highest honor

TWIN FALLS - Kenneth P. Goller, a member of the Twin Falls Lions Club, has received the Melvin Jones Fellowship award from the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

The award is the highest recognition offered in Lions. It honors Lions who display dedicated and humanitarian services to others and who embody the Lions motto: "We serve."

Goller has been involved in numerous club projects and fundraising activities.

Goller was born in Kimberly, grew up on a farm south of Hansen and spent his military career in World War II as a paratrooper. For 30 years, he lived in



Kenneth Goller

West Covina, Calif., where he owned and operated a barber shop. When he retired in 1988, he returned home to southern Idaho. He lives in Twin Falls with his wife, Joan. His children and grandchildren are grown.

The Lions Foundation is the humanitarian arm of Lions Clubs International, with endowment funds exceeding \$240 million.

Interest generated from this endowment funds humanitarian and geographic areas of the world. The foundation is designed to meet humanitarian needs in all types of catastrophes. These include earthquakes, storms and human disasters, such as the 5-11 and Oklahoma City Federal Building attacks. Funding also is provided for Habitat - for Humanity, equipment for eye care, youth projects and medical equipment.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship is named in honor of the founder of Lions Clubs International, a Chicago insurance executive who founded the association in 1917.



Classmates from the Jerome High School Class of 1943 who attended the recent class reunion are, left to right, back row: Melvin Newlan, Bob Woodhead, Lloyd Goodrich, Kenneth Irons, Kenneth Crothers, Gene McIntyre, Bob Kuhl and Bill Barnes; middle row: Joyce McManhan Delano, Flota Williams Adams, Malcolm Brooks, Dick Bengoechea, Clyde Sheppard, Joe Madesh, Alvin Walters, Truman Beam, Bert Miller, Virginia Johnson Dopita and Margaret Halbert Hamilton; front row: Margaret Sinclair Wolfe, Elsie Kuhl West, Irene Ogata Bishop, Elizabeth Higgins Tews, Mildred Nutach Chojnacki, Norma Hansen Dorman, Leona Heap Harding and Doretha Kober Weigert.

## Jerome class of 1943 reunites

JEROME - The Jerome High School Class of 1943 held its 60th class reunion July 25-26 at the Snake River Elks Lodge.

The event was organized by classmates Bob Kuhl of Twin Falls and Bill Barnes of Jerome. Of the 80 classmates graduating in 1943, 27 attended the reunion.

some coming from as far away as Texas. Twenty-three of the classmates are deceased.

Registration and social time to get acquainted opened the reunion on the afternoon of July 25.

A dinner was served by the Ladies of the Elks, and the group

danced to the music of Echo. On July 26, the group met for a brunch served by the Ladies of the Elks and visited. Classmate Melvin Newlan of Jerome said they had a good time getting to know each other again and remembering past times.

## THINGS TO DO

### Music

Snake River Blues Barbershop Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at 123 K St., Rupert. Men of all ages invited. Call 435-6047.

Snake River Magichords Barbershop Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at 123 K St., Rupert. Men of all ages invited. Call 736-4637.

Dance

Snake Valley Square Dance Club - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Methodist Church at 211 S. Boulevard St. in Jerome. Call 736-5562.

West End Senior Center dance - 8:11 p.m. second Saturday of month at center. \$4 per person. Call 543-4577.

### Bingo

Silver and Gold Senior Center - 7:30 p.m. and 2033 main. Dinner and snack bar opens at 6 p.m. Must be over 18. Call 736-5562.

Snake River Senior Citizens Center - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 218 N. Rail St. W. Shoshone. Must be over 18. Call 886-2369.

Agape Senior Center - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Main Street in Kimberly. Anyone over age 18 is welcome. Call 423-4338.

Snake Heritage Senior Center - 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays in 2421 Overland Ave. in Burley. Age 18 and over. 879-8666.

Minidoka County Senior Center - 7 p.m. Fridays, 202 11th St. in Rupert. Age 18 and over. 423-4337.

American Legion Hall in Twin Falls 715 p.m. Fridays, 447 S. Main St. Dinner open at 6:30 p.m. Must be over 18. Call 736-1729.

Jerome Senior Center - 6:45 p.m. Thursdays, 212 First Ave. E. in Jerome. Snack bar opens at 6 p.m. Must be over 18. Call 536-5642.

American Legion Hall in Wendell - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 1610 N. Main St. in Wendell. Dinner open at 6 p.m. Must be over 18. Call 536-6642.

Twin Falls Senior Center - 1:30 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays. Call 734-5084.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Burley - 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 406 E. 200 S. Jerome. Call 324-0000.

### To add a listing, please send a notice with:

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### Valley Vista Retirement Center Pinchle Club

6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays in the community center at 651 Rose St. N. in Twin Falls. 733-5531.

Pinchle club - 1 p.m. Tuesdays Community Club House, 1770 Adeline Ave. E., anyone invited. Call Oia at 733-4116.

Snake River Elks Pinchle - 2 p.m. Sundays at Elks Lodge, 402 E. 200 S., Jerome. Next to 5 Golf Ranch. For Elks and their guests.

### Other

Northeast Gem and Hobby Club - 7:30 p.m. fourth Thursday at Wendell City Hall. Call 324-3670 or 543-9086.

Snake Valley Iris Club - luncheon and meeting. Call Glenda at 733-8040 or Vicki at 733-8836. New members welcome.

Writers of the Word, Christian writers group - 10 a.m. first Saturday at Twin Falls Reformed Church, Carolyn Lewis at 734-0115.

Pioneer Button Club - 6:30 p.m. last Friday the month at Kimberly Public Library. Call Marilyn at 423-5525.

Snake Valley Astronomical Society - 7 p.m. second Saturdays in front room at Herrett Center on CSI campus. Call 736-2447.

Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club indoor range - 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays at 253 5th Ave. W. Twin Falls. Limited to 20 rifle, moderate price caliber. Call Stu at 324-5960 or Larry at 733-4213.

Snake River Canyon Kennel Club of Idaho - 7 p.m. fourth Wednesdays at the KMYT community room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Call Bernice Richardson at 734-0262.

Twin Falls Herpetology Society - 7 p.m. third Tuesday at Herrett Center. Call Nick Peterson at 732-5671.

The Knitting with Pats Guild - 5:30-7 p.m. first Thursday, Sheep to Shawl, 628 Main Ave. N., call Chrissy at 735-8425.

Moose Lodge 612 dart league - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at 835 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Call Dennis or Ron at 734-6371.

Snake River Region Chapter of Gold Prospectors of America - meets last Saturday. Call 670-0119 or 536-8325.

Snake River Elks Steak Night - 6-9 p.m. Fridays at Elks Lodge, 402 E. 200 S., Jerome. Dancing starts at 9 p.m.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### CSI offers holistic health workshops this fall

TWIN FALLS - The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer two new holistic health workshops this fall.

"Health Begins with Knowledge" will be held from 7-9:30 p.m. Aug. 27 in Taylor Room 277 at CSI. The class is designed to instruct students in increasing their wellness and longevity by applying basic principles of holistic health. They will explore the impacts of toxins and learn how to restore mineral balance, about the interactive nature of body systems and how to let the body communicate what it wants. The cost is \$48.

"Manage Your Energy" will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 6 in Taylor Room 277 at CSI. The class will assist students in attaining professional and personal growth with tools used by corporate leaders and others who want to become aware of their unique energy and other sources to rejuvenate. There will be an hour break for lunch. The cost is \$95.

Instructor Bob Willits is a board certified alternative medical practitioner by the American Alternative Medical Association and has an extensive teaching history.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

### Agape School schedules orientation night

TWIN FALLS - Agape School will hold a back to school orientation night at 7 p.m. Aug. 21 at the school 161 Morrison St. in Twin Falls.

Parents and children will have the opportunity to meet the teachers, visit classrooms and bring school supplies.

For more information, call 734-3633.

### Harley Owners Group holds motorcycle ride Sunday

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Chapter of the Harley Owners Group will hold a motorcycle ride Sunday. The group will leave from Snake Harley Davidson, 2404 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls and ride to the Pomerelle Mountain Resort, south of Albion.

Members will eat grilled hamburgers and ride on the chair lifts at 4 p.m.

The public is encouraged to see the bikes.

For more information, call Snake Harley-Davidson at 734-8400.

### Desert Sun Dancers schedules family camp-out

SHOSHONE - The Desert Sun Dancers will hold a Prairie Creek family camp-out Saturday and Sunday at Prairie Creek, 15 miles north of Ketchum.

Members will eat potluck meals featuring Dutch oven cooking. Dancing will be held. There is

no charge, but donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the sanitary facilities.

For more information, call Glenn Bradley at 886-2808.

### Jeep Preservation Club organizes vehicle show

TWIN FALLS - The Jeep Preservation Club of Magic Valley will hold a Jeep and military vehicle show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls City Park on Shoshone Street North in Twin Falls.

Those interested in participating in the show should call 731-1049 or 324-5148.

The show is free.

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## Balky AOL 8.0 is easily replaced

By James Coates  
Chicago Tribune

Q. Every time I try to download AOL 8.0, I get a message that states AOL cannot find my modem, and then the computer freezes. When I try to download AOL 8.0 it only completes to 92 percent. I have tried everything AOL and Hewlett-Packard have suggested on my HP Pavilion 9650C.

A. I have closed all programs, deleted global.org, reinstalled the modem (Conexant Soft56K data/fax PCI modem), rebooted the computer with the HP system recovery disc and application disc, deleted AOL 7.0 and then installed AOL 8.0, and I still get the same message, and the computer freezes.

I can delete and reinstall AOL 7.0 without any trouble. I would appreciate any suggestions. Thank you.

-Bud Rose@aol.com

A. Your tale of woe over AOL 8.0 is particularly apt right now - America Online executives are pushing hard with plans to release AOL 9.0, which they say is the most significant update ever to the world famous "You've Got Mail" software. I can make one solid prediction about what will happen when AOL 9.0 ships: **Computer Q&A**

There will be notes to this column from folks like you, only AOL 9.0 not loading instead of AOL 8.0.

Since the beginning of America Online there have been customers (maybe in large numbers) whose computers just couldn't digest the proprietary software. The reason they can't get it to work is that there is something in the complex AOL software that cannot coexist with something in the complex operating system and hardware drivers on the victim's machine.

The reality is that insuperable problems can arise due to conflicts somewhere among the 30 million lines of code in Windows XP and the millions of lines of software instructions cobbled into the AOL system over the past decade of upgrades to 8.0 from 1.0.

But since you have had your chips busted by technical support people at AOL and HE, I suggest you take a common-sense approach and just stop fretting about downloading AOL 8.0 and stick with the sturdy AOL 7.0.

As most AOL users know all too well, the company continually updates the software with those annoying downloads that happen without the customer's consent when signing off. Over time version 7.0 will acquire most of the worthwhile new stuff anyway without any need for long downloads. I have a computer that started with AOL 5.0 that has been gradually updated by those continual sign-off downloads until it boasts the lion's share of all the hot new video and radio features that AOL 8.0 offers anyway.

So here's my reluctant advice. Stick to 7.0 right now, and then when 9.0 is released try it, because there always is a chance that whatever is messing you up with 8.0 will not affect 9.0.

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## Report on electronic voting devices shakes states' trust

The Washington Post

The Virginia State Board of Elections had a seemingly simple task before it: Certify an upgrade to the state's electronic voting machines. But with a recent report by Johns Hopkins University computer scientists warning that the system's software could easily be hacked into and election results tampered with, the once-perfunctory vote now seemed to carry the weight of democracy and the people's trust along with it.

An outside consultant assured the three-member panel recently that the report was nonsense. "I hope you're right," Chairman Michael Brown said, taking a leap of faith and approving Diebold Election Systems' upgrades. "Because when they get ready to hang the three of us in effigy, you won't be here."

Since being released two weeks ago, the Hopkins report has sent shock waves across the country. Some states have backed away from purchasing any kind of electronic voting machine, despite a new federal law that has created a gold rush by allocating billions to buy the machines and requiring all states to replace antiquated voting equipment by 2006.

The report has brought square into the mainstream an obscure but increasingly nasty debate between about 900 computer scientists, who warn that these machines are untrustworthy, and state and local election officials and machine manufacturers, who insist that they are.

"The computer scientists are saying, 'The machinery you vote on is inaccurate and could be threatened; therefore, don't go. Your vote doesn't mean anything,'" said Penelope Bossall, director of the Office of Election Administration at the Federal Election Commission.

"That negative perception takes years to turn around." Still, even some advocates of the new system are thinking twice. The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, which pushed for electronic machines to help visually impaired and disabled voters, says the Hopkins report has given them pause. They're calling on President Bush and Congress to convene a

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forum of experts to hash it out. "We have become concerned about these questions of ballot security," said Deputy Director Nancy Zirkin.

Her group and others supported passage of the \$3.9 billion Help America Vote Act in November. Of the \$1.5 billion appropriated so far to replace old machines, rewrite outdated equipment standards, encourage research to improve technology, train poll workers and update registration lists, about half has been released. And that has all gone toward buying electronic machines.

The remaining money is to be released once an Election Assistance Commission is appointed. By law, the board was to have begun work in February. But the names of the four commissioners, two from each major party, have yet to go to the Senate for confirmation.

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The stakes are high. The 2000 Florida presidential election showed the current system's

shortcomings. A subsequent Cal Tech/MIT report found that of more than 100 million votes cast nationwide, as many as 6 million weren't counted because of registration errors or problems with punch-card and lever machines. One study found that of 800 lever machines tested, 200 had broken meters that stopped counting once they hit 999.

Frustrations with the old machines - levers were invented in the 1930s and punch cards in 1904 - have turned many local election officials into staunch supporters of the new electronic models. Advocates for the disabled say that the machines will enable the visually impaired, for the first time, to put on headphones and vote a secret ballot.

Mischale Townsend, registrar of voters in Riverside County, Calif., said the electronic machines have saved as much as \$600,000 in paper every election and, from 1996 to 2000, helped increase voter turnout to 72 percent, up 10 percent.

Any tampering would be caught, she said, in the extensive pre- and post-election testing. The best defense of the machines, she said, is that there has been no documented case of voter fraud. "If the computer scientists had one valid point, one, then why hasn't one incident of what they're saying occurred in all of these elections?"

But past is not prologue, historians and political scientists warn. "Some of these backing scenarios are highly improbable. But it's not completely out of the question," said Larry Sabato, a political scientist at the University of Virginia who has written about political corruption. "When the stakes are high enough in an election, partisans and others will do just about anything. So this is a worry."

## Study: Five to seven message relays can connect strangers

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a Web-connected world, even strangers are only a few electronic clicks away. A study finds that most anyone can reach a distant stranger in an average of six relays by asking friends and acquaintances to message some site seemingly closer to the target.

Researchers at Columbia University set up an experiment in which individuals would try to get a message to a stranger somewhere else in the world through the Internet. Participants knew basic facts about the 18 targets: name, location, profession and some educational background.

The participants were urged to send their contact message to someone they knew who was closer to the target. That person, in turn, was urged to send a message a contact that they knew. The process continued until the target received the message or, as often happened, the process broke down from the lack of interest.

More than 61,000 individuals from 166 countries signed up for the experiment and created a total of 24,163 message chains. Only 384 of the chains, however, reached their targets.

Most chains died, said Duncan J. Watts, a Columbia sociologist who led the study, due to fading of interest. Many messages were simply not relayed, cutting chains prematurely.

Of the chains that were completed, it took an average of four mes-

sage relays, but Watts said "that is a misleading number because it is biased toward short chains." Longer chains, he said, are more likely to end due to lack of participating.

To compensate for this bias, he said, the researchers estimated how many messages would have been relayed if there was perfect cooperation.

"That estimate is five to seven, with an average of six," he said. "That is the true answer and that is what the world actually looks like from the point of view of how the network is connected."

On average, said Watts, it would take five message relays for a searcher to find a target in the same country. When the target was in another country, it took, on average, an additional two messages.

Watts said that friends were most frequently used for relaying messages toward the target, but the most successful of the chains relied more heavily on professional contacts. That included sending messages to a target known only as someone in the same profession as the contact.

Also, Watts said that people who were only remote acquaintances played an important role in the successful chains: That's because close friends tend to know the same people and have the same contacts, while more distant acquaintances are more apt to bring in new contacts unknown to the searcher.

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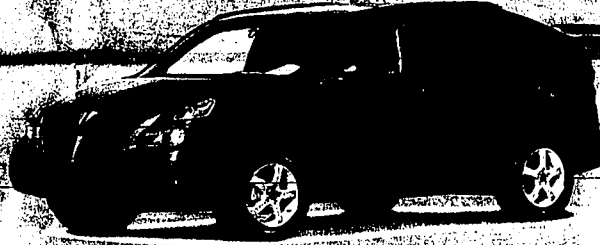
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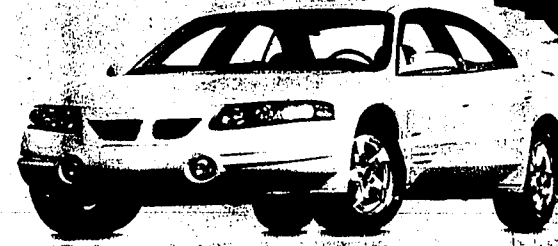
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff
The English country gentleman
"going after a queen" the use
speakeable in full pursuit of the
unentable.
Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2003

How would you play the play in
three no trump on the lead of the
club queen? Presumably, having
paid close attention to my intro-
ductory sentence, you duck to cut
the defensive communications
since no switch can hurt you.
With the defense continuing
silently, you could hope for the
rather unlikely 3-3 split in spades.
But how about this as an alternative?
Play a diamond to dummy's
king. When it holds, duck the next
diamond. If West has the bare
side, all it will do is East wins
his diamond jack, he has no clubs
left to play.

ANSWER: Reopen with one no-
trump rather than doubling or
bidding two diamonds. The bal-
ancing no trump shows 11-15
points or so and is a far more ac-
curate description than making
an off-shape double or bidding
two diamonds with such a feeble
suit.

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### Coming Wednesday

One of the NBA's all-time bad boys gets another chance with the Denver Nuggets.

### MORNING LINE

#### SPORTSQUOTE

No videotaping. Raiders apparel will be burned on sight.

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—One of the San Francisco 49ers training-camp rules for fans

#### TRIVIA QUESTION:

During a tirade after his 1978 resignation, New York Yankee Manager Billy Martin said, "One's a born liar, the other's convicted." Who was he talking about?

...answer below

#### IN BRIEF

### Filer hires head football coach

FILER — Former Pocatello High head coach Jaxon Schweikert will take over the reigns of the Filer football program, athletic director Loyd Garey announced Monday.

The hire was approved by the school board Monday morning. "We feel real excited about the opportunity to have such a high-quality individual come in," Garey said. "We didn't know what to expect this late (in the summer). It's a real pleasant surprise."

Schweikert, 38, was the Pocatello head coach for two years, going 2-17. His contract was not signed in mid-May. Before that he went 7-20 at another 4A Idaho school, Moscow. Schweikert's best season came in 1997, when he led 12-2 Firth to the 2A championship game. He started out at Glenns Ferry as an assistant before moving on to Firth.

Josh Bay of Jerome and Bob Clark of Castleford were both hired as assistants at the 3A school.

Schweikert is the new dean of students and will teach physical education, weights. He replaces Brett Wright, who took the offensive coordinator position at Wood River High School in late July.

### Filer soccer players, parents meet tonight

FILER — The Filer High school soccer program will hold a meeting for parents and players at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the school's gymnasium.

### Idaho State ranked 11th in preseason poll

PHILADELPHIA — The preseason Sports Network Division I-AA football poll was released Monday with Idaho State ranked at No. 11. The poll is used to determine at-large playoff spots at the end of the season.

The Bengals, 8-3 last season, join two other Big Sky Conference teams in the poll.

No. 4 Montana received five first-place votes and 1,729 votes, trailing No. 1 McNeese State with its 25 first-place votes and 1,905 points. No. 2 Georgia Southern had 18 first-place votes and 1,832 points. No. 3 Western Illinois had 15 first-place votes and 1,733 points.

Western Kentucky had 17 first-place votes and 1,532 points, good for fifth.

Northeastern, Grambling, Furman, Appalachian State and Bethune-Cookman rounded out the top 10.

Villanova is ranked 12th, followed by Fordham and Massachusetts.

Montana State, 7-6 last fall, was ranked No. 15 with 775 votes.

Maine is ranked at No. 16, followed by Delaware, Eastern Illinois, Wofford, No. 20 Southeast Missouri State, Penn, Northwestern State, Nicholls State, Stephen F. Austin and at No. 25, Eastern Kentucky.

Compiled from staff reports

#### TRIVIA ANSWER:

Reggie Jackson and George Steinbrenner.

## 'Miracle' coach dies in wreck

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Herb Brooks, who coached the U.S. Olympic team to the "Miracle on Ice" victory over the Soviet Union at the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics, died Monday in a car wreck, a state official said. He was 66.

Brooks coached the 1980 Olympic team that won the gold medal in Lake Placid, N.Y. He returned to lead the 2002 U.S. Olympic hockey team to a silver medal.

Brooks was killed when his car rolled over at a highway intersec-



Herb Brooks

(1987-88), the New Jersey Devils (1992-93) and New York Rangers (1981-85), where he reached the

tion north of the Twin Cities, according to the state official, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Brooks coached the Minnesota North Stars (1987-88), the New Jersey Devils (1992-93) and New York Rangers (1981-85), where he reached the

100-victory mark faster than any other coach in franchise history. He also coached the French Olympic team in Nagano 1998.

Born in St. Paul, Brooks played hockey at the University of Minnesota, where he later coached from 1972-79, winning three national titles and left with a 167-99-18 to lead the national team.

He was inducted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in 1990.

In the infamous U.S.-Soviet Union hockey matchup, Brooks told his players: "You're meant to

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Members of the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team pile on goalie Jim Craig following the team's 4-3 upset of the Soviet Union at Lake Placid, N.Y.

## It has begun



Coach Dan Vogt keeps an eye on the footwork of some sophomore linebackers during the first day of Bruin football practice at Twin Falls High School Monday.

## Bruins, Spartans start fall football drills

By Joe Palasley  
Times-News writer

#### Local sports

TWIN FALLS — The area's Class 5A football programs began preparing for their opening games Monday.

For Twin Falls interim head coach and offensive coordinator Gary Krumm, Monday marked the beginning of getting to know the players, something he'll rely on his assistant coaching staff on heavily in the days ahead.

"What they tell me will be invaluable," Krumm said.

"We're expecting a lot of the kids. We need to know which kids are waiting in line to get into the weight room and who aren't so willing."

One thing he knows already is that the Bruins will likely be

undersized up front. "That's a real concern," Krumm said after the Monday evening practice.

"I'm concerned about our size, strength, power and speed up front."

"I have to find out the kids' characters and personalities before I can judge. It's hard to tell after one day."

About 80 kids came out, including 20 seniors and 25 juniors.

"It's decent," Krumm said. "I'd wish for more."

He does have the players at the skill positions, including incumbent starter Luc Martin at quarterback.



The Bruins shined in the recent Wendell competition.

"We have good speed, good hands and kids who can deliver the football," Krumm said.

"The most important aspect of our skill players is their savvy. They know the game and can think well on the go."

The Bruins defense remains undersized up front, but features

considerable footspeed for defensive coordinator Ed Praeger.

"We like our speed on defense but we're concerned about our toughness up front," Krumm said.

But against running-oriented teams, that speed may not be enough.

"The question is, 'Can we stop a runnign team?'" Krumm said.

"Our speed doesn't do us any good if they're getting four yards a pop."

The coaches also took time to remind the athletes about proper hydration and eating habits during two-day-a-days.

"It's the little things that can be a positive, or a negative," Krumm said.

Minico also opened practice. Attempts to reach head coach Tim Ferrigot failed Monday night.

## Fighter's death raises questions

Brad Rone took his last fight so he could have enough money to attend his mother's funeral. He ended up being buried next to her, in matching cream-colored coffins.

Rone died last month in an outdoor ring in a small Utah town, where fans yelled at him to get up after he collapsed late in the first round. A punch didn't kill him, but you could say boxing did.

TIM DAHLBERG  
Associated Press

The portly 34-year-old heavy-weight held assorted jobs but made his real living being what is known in the sport as an opponent, someone who could be counted on for a few rounds against a local favorite or an up-and-coming fighter.

He wasn't supposed to win, and he rarely did. Rone had lost 76 straight when he got into the ring that night against Billy Zumbrun, a Utah fighter of little note who beat Rone a few months earlier.

He was there for an \$800 payday, money he wanted to use to get to Cincinnati for the funeral of his mother, who died of a heart attack a day earlier.

Instead, Rone's life came to an end at the Cedar Raceway Park, where a temporary boxing ring



Onlookers and fight officials help lift a stretcher carrying Brad Rone to a waiting ambulance after he collapsed following the first round of a fight against Billy Zumbrun. He was later declared dead.

had been erected for a night of four fights in Cedar City.

Rone never seemed to get hit by a telling punch before collapsing. Preliminary results revealed he may have died of a heart problem that he might have just as easily suffered running the bases in a pickup softball game.

Rone's death, though, begs the obvious questions, even if getting hit in the head didn't kill him: What was a guy who was 0-27-1 in his last 28 fights doing in the ring? And what can be done to keep

other Brad Rones who crisscross the country in search of fights from risking their lives for a few hundred dollars?

"He was just a sparring partner type of guy," said Marc Ratner, executive director of the Nevada Athletic Commission. "I didn't even know he was still fighting."

That goes to the heart of one of the biggest problems in a sport with a lot of big problems. Ratner is perhaps the sport's most respected figure, an administrator

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## Eagles look sharp in preseason debut

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The Philadelphia Eagles looked like a team ready to shake off the disappointment of losing in the 2002 NFC Championship game and challenge for a straight NFL East title, beating the New Orleans Saints 27-17 Monday night in the preseason opener for both teams.

The Saints looked much like the same team that missed last year's playoffs after losing their final three games and five of their last seven.

Philadelphia quarterback Donovan McNabb spent just over 3 minutes on the field, taking the Eagles 75 yards to score on the game's opening series. McNabb was 5-for-5 passing for 58 yards. He hit Freddie Mitchell with a 29-yard touchdown pass, putting Philadelphia up 7-0 with 11:28 remaining in the first quarter.

Running back Duce Staley remains a holdout and will be fined \$5,000, for a total of \$70,000 so far for missing training camp.

Koy Detmer replaced McNabb and was 6-of-9 for 51 yards with an

interception and A.J. Feeley was 11-of-18 for 98 yards and a touchdown.

The Eagles got field goals of 29 and 49 yards from David Akers and Lito Sheppard had an 88-yard punt return.

Touchdown as they took a 20-3 halftime lead.

Feeley hit Kori Dickerson for a 1-yard touchdown in the third quarter to make it 27-3.

Defensive end Jerome McDougle, Philadelphia's No. 1 draft pick, had four unassisted tackles and a sack.

New Orleans quarterback Aaron Brooks, who had offseason surgery on his throwing shoulder, played less than a quarter and was 3-of-6. Todd Bouman, who played the rest of the first half, was 3-of-6 for 38 yards.

New Orleans gained only 106 yards in the first half and was 0-for-7 on third-down conversions.

Curtis Kenton, acquired by New Orleans from Cincinnati last year, to back up Duce McAllister, had 45 yards on 16 carries in three quarters. He also caught four passes for 33 yards.



# Astros spoil Woods' milestone

**CHICAGO (AP)** - Wade Miller outpitched Kerry Wood and Jeff Kent hit a two-run double Monday night as the Houston Astros beat the Chicago Cubs 3-1.

Wood struck out Jeff Kent for his 1,000th-career strikeout. Craig Biggio homered for the Astros who maintained their two-game lead over St. Louis in the NL Central after the Cardinals beat the Pirates 6-4. The third-place Cubs fell 3-5.

Miller (9-10) gave up five hits and a run in six innings, striking out nine. Octavio Dotel pitched two scoreless innings, and Billy Wagner worked the ninth for his 34th save in 37 chances.

**Dodgers 9, Marlins 3**  
**MIAMI** - Dontrelle Willis retired only six batters and gave up seven runs, including a three-run homer by Adam Beiler that helped the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Florida Marlins. In a rare show of offense by the Dodgers, their first eight hitters reached base in the third inning as they scored six times. Nine runs matches their best since April 20.

The Marlins, who have lost two in a row for only the second time since June 17-18, fell one-half game behind idle NL wild-card leader Philadelphia. The Dodgers are three games back.

**Cardinals 6, Pirates 4**  
**PITTSBURGH** - Albert Pujols and Bo Hart homered in the first and the St. Louis Cardinals, relying again on solo homers and Jim Edmonds' exceptional arm, held on to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates. Edmonds twice threw out runners at the plate, including Abraham Nunez in the eighth with the potential go-ahead run on base. The Pirates had four consecutive singles in the eighth, yet didn't score as relievers Pedro Borbon and Cal Eldred each retired a batter with the bases loaded.

**Expos 3, Rockies 1**  
**MONTREAL** - Vladimir Guerrero led two-run homer and Zach Day pitched six strong innings to lead the Montreal Expos over the Colorado Rockies. Guerrero followed Jose Vidro's one-out double in the third off Jason Jennings (10-10) with a drive over the centerfield wall for



Chicago Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood delivers during the first inning against Houston Monday, his 14th homer.

**American League Royals 12, Yankees 9**  
**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** - Mike DiFelice hit three doubles as Kansas City tied the New York Yankees combined to set an American League record with 19 two-base hits in the Royals' 12-9 victory Monday night. The teams broke the AL mark of

18 doubles by Cleveland and Minnesota on July 13, 1996. The major league record is 23 by St. Louis and the Chicago Cubs on July 12, 1931. Mike Sweeney, Joe Randa and DiFelice all doubled during a four-run eighth inning off Yankees newcomer Bret Prinz. After the Royals set a team record with 11, the Yankees made sure the game broke the league record for doubles as Derek Jeter



and Jason Giambi hit them in the ninth. DiFelice drove in three runs as the Royals won their third in a row, taking advantage of the Yankees' battered bullpen to send New York to its third straight loss. The Yankees had not lost at Kansas City since Sept. 6, 2000.

The winner was D.J. Carrasco (4-4), who pitched 1 2/3 innings of hitless relief. Sterling Hitchcock (1-3) took the loss.

**Devil Rays 4, Orioles 3**  
**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.** - Finch-hitter Jared Sandberg doubled home the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, lifting the Tampa Bay Devil Rays over the Baltimore Orioles. Yalio Lugo singled with one out off Hector Carrasco (1-3) and B.J. Ryan relieved. After Carl Crawford popped out, Sandberg doubled into the left-center gap for the victory.

Travis Harper (2-6) worked two scoreless innings. Tampa Bay tied it at 3 when Travis Lee hit a two-run, two-out homer to reliever Eric DuBose in the eighth.

**Twins 5, Indians 3**  
**MINNEAPOLIS** - Luis Rivas hit a two-run homer and Kyle Lohse pitched smoothly into the ninth inning to lead Minnesota to its fourth straight victory. Lohse (9-3) won his third consecutive start for the Twins, who improved to just 3-5 against the Twins this year. They're 17-8 since the All-Star break - the second-best record in the majors in that time.

LaTroy Hawkins relieved and gave up a single to Ryan Ludwick before getting Travis Hafner to ground into a double play. Hawkins got his first save since 2001. In the sixth, Torii Hunter was hit by a pitch without incident. Hunter was ejected on July 4 for walking toward Indians pitcher Jason Davis after a pitch came high and inside.

# Major League Baseball

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**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
New York	70	48	.603	-	4-6	L-3	33-24	37-22	13-5
Boston	68	49	.581	2.5	5-5	L-1	38-19	28-30	10-7
Texas	67	49	.575	3.0	6-4	L-1	29-22	32-27	10-6
Baltimore	57	60	.487	13.5	5-5	L-1	31-27	26-33	5-13
Tampa Bay	48	71	.393	24.5	5-6	W-1	27-34	19-37	3-15

**Central Division**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Kansas City	63	54	.538	-	2-4	W-3	32-27	31-27	9-8
Chicago	62	55	.530	1	2-4	W-1	37-22	25-33	10-8
Minnesota	61	57	.517	2.5	7-3	W-4	33-27	28-30	10-6
Cleveland	60	59	.509	3.5	5-5	L-1	30-29	20-40	8-12
Detroit	30	85	.261	32	2-8	L-3	14-42	16-43	4-14

**West Division**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Seattle	71	45	.607	-	2-4	W-2	35-24	38-22	10-6
Oakland	67	50	.573	4	2-4	L-1	40-18	27-32	9-9
Anaheim	54	63	.462	17	2-8	L-3	31-28	23-35	11-7
Texas	51	66	.436	20	2-3	W-1	29-29	22-37	4-14

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Atlanta	76	41	.650	-	2-4	L-2	40-17	36-24	10-5
Philadelphia	64	57	.527	12	2-4	L-1	34-25	30-28	9-8
Florida	64	54	.542	12.5	5-5	L-2	35-24	23-30	9-9
Montreal	60	59	.504	17	2-5	W-1	37-22	23-37	9-8
New York	48	69	.410	26	4-4	L-2	23-35	25-34	5-10

**Central Division**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Houston	64	54	.542	-	2-4	W-2	36-23	28-31	11-7
St. Louis	62	56	.525	2	2-4	W-3	34-25	28-31	10-8
Chicago	60	57	.510	3.5	2-4	L-1	28-30	32-27	9-8
Arizona	54	62	.466	9	2-5	L-1	25-33	22-39	5-7
Cincinnati	52	65	.444	11.5	2-6	L-1	27-31	25-34	7-5
Milwaukee	46	71	.393	17.5	2-7	W-1	21-39	25-32	5-7

**East Division**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
San Francisco	73	44	.624	-	5-5	W-1	41-18	32-28	10-8
Arizona	62	55	.530	11	6-4	W-2	35-23	27-32	10-4
Los Angeles	61	58	.521	12	7-3	W-1	34-23	27-30	11-7
Colorado	60	61	.498	15	4-6	L-3	41-19	19-42	9-6
San Diego	46	73	.387	28	4-6	W-1	24-36	22-37	8-10

2-first game was a win

**AMERICAN LEAGUE Monday's Games**

Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 3	Minnesota 5, Cleveland 3
Kansas City 12, N.Y. Yankees 9	Detroit at Texas, late
Toronto at Seattle, late	Chicago White Sox at Anaheim, late

**Tuesday's Games**

Baltimore (Lopez 5-6) at Tampa Bay (Bell 2-2), 5:15 p.m.	Minnesota (Reed 5-11), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Traber 6-5) at Texas (Dorneguez 0-0), 8:05 p.m.	Detroit (Bonderman 5-15) at Texas (Dorneguez 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 12-5) at Kansas City (May 5-5), 8:05 p.m.	Toronto (Halladay 16-3) at Seattle (Garza 9-12), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Burke 5-5) at Oakland (Zito 8-10), 8:05 p.m.	Chicago White Sox (Wright 0-5) at Anaheim (Ra 12-9), 8:05 p.m.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE Monday's Games**

Montreal 3, Colorado 1	Los Angeles 9, Florida 3
St. Louis 6, Pittsburgh 4	Houston 3, Chicago Cubs 1

**Tuesday's Games**

Colorado (Tass 2-0) at Montreal (Ojas 8-10), 5:05 p.m.	St. Louis (Tomko 8-7) at Pittsburgh (Fogg 6-5), 5:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 13-9) at Florida (Beckett 5-8), 5:05 p.m.	Milwaukee (W. Franklin 7-8) at Philadelphia (Ducoworth 4-6), 5:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Ponson 9-1) at N.Y. Mets (Lincecum 1-5), 5:10 p.m.	Arizona (Schilling 5-6) at Cincinnati (P. Wilson 6-8), 5:10 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 6-8) at Atlanta (Maddux 11-8), 5:35 p.m.	Houston (Radding 8-8) at Chicago Cubs (Zambriano 10-8), 8:05 p.m.

# Team USA wins handball bronze

**SANTO DOMINGO**, Dominican Republic (AP) - Team handball hardly is a mainstream American sport, so winning a medal at any international event is an achievement. When the United States beat Uruguay 25-23 Monday, it was reason to celebrate with Pan American Games bronze. Goalie Danny Hennessy swatted away five penalty shots for the Americans. Hennessy replaced starter Italo Zanzi with 12 minutes to go in the second half with the Americans ahead by three goals. He was supported offensively by the Fitzgerald brothers of North Babylon, N.Y. Joe Fitzgerald, a 1996 Olympian, had five goals, and Tom, also a 1996 Olympic veteran, scored four.

## Pan American Games

The difference for Brazil in its 31-30, double-overtime victory for the gold medal was Gustavo Silva's goal with 25 seconds to go. It was a rugged day for U.S. boxers, who went 0-for-3. Light flyweight Rayonta Whitefield of Augusta, Ga., lost 16-9 to 2001 world champion Yan Bartolomey of Cuba. Lightweight Karl Dargan of Philadelphia got off to a strong start against Francisco Javier Vargas of Mexico but he tired badly and lost on a late flurry 19-18. Light heavyweight Rommel Rene of Orlando, Fla., was beaten 12-5 by Mexico's Ramiro

Reducindo. The United States finished first and third in cycling in the women's 30-kilometer time trial. Kim Brucker of Boulder, Colo., took the gold, 38 seconds ahead of Clara Hughes of Canada. Kristin Armstrong of Boise got the bronze. Jose Scarpa of Colombia edged Chris Baldwin of Boulder to win the men's 50-kilometer time trial. Samantha Harvey, who finished fourth in modern pentathlon four years ago representing the United States, earned a silver medal Monday night in the event representing Brazil. The U.S. women outlasted Venezuela in a volleyball quarterfinal 25-17, 25-20, 35-34.

# Death

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who genuinely cares for fighters and isn't afraid to stop those he thinks might get hurt. It doesn't always work. Last year Pedro Alcaraz died during a title fight on the Las Vegas Strip. But Rone was banned from fighting in Nevada three years ago. He had to go on the road to get a fight. This year alone he fought in Idaho, Utah, Oklahoma and twice in California. Boxing regulators in those states knew his record, yet allowed him to fight. Rone had been fighting for 14 years, but the last time he won a fight was when he beat Kevin Roster in a four-round decision at a Michigan casino in 1999.

In the last seconds of the first round, Zumbrun hit Rone with a punch that seemed to do no damage. The bell rang and before Rone could reach his corner, he crumpled to the canvas. The ring doctor couldn't find a pulse. He tried mouth-to-mouth resuscitation while another doctor pounded on his chest. A few days after he died, the General Accounting Office issued a report saying the lack of consistency among state commissions does not assure boxers of being protected. A national commission could have protected Rone by taking a look at his record and not allowing him to fight. He might have died anyway, but not in the ring. Ironically, Rone accomplished something by dying that he couldn't do while boxing. Because he died, the fight was ruled a no contest. His losing streak ended at 26 fights. *Tim Dahlberg is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press. Write to him at tddahlberg@at*

# Coach

**Continued from D1**  
be here. This moment is yours. You're meant to be here at this time. The U.S. team won 4-3 in a game often referred to as one of the greatest sports moments of the century. Brooks was the last player cut on the 1960 U.S. gold medal team. Last season, Brooks was the director of player development for Pittsburgh Penguins. He rejected a multimillion dollar offer to coach the New York Rangers last summer, saying didn't want to be away from his wife

and family in Minnesota. He had an NHL career coaching record of 219-221-66-2.

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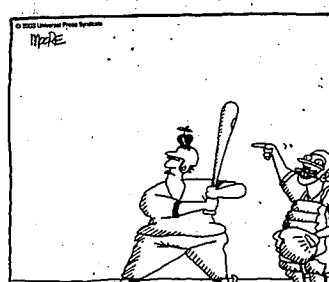
BASEBALL

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore

WHAT'S ON T.V.

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Baseball

Podres at Braves, TBS, 6:30 p.m.
Astros at Cubs, WGN, 8 p.m.

Tennis

ATP Western & Southern Financial
Group Masters, early morning, ESPN, 11 a.m.

Fourth district coaches, officials meet Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — The fourth district meeting for all coaches and officials at 7 p.m. at Twin Falls High School...

Terps placed on probation for recruit payments

BALTIMORE — Maryland was placed on one year of probation for the school on Monday because an assistant football coach committed a "major" violation...

Clarett says he'll join Buckeyes practice soon

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Maurice Clarett met with Ohio State athletic director Andy Geiger and NCAA officials on Monday...

Clarett is being held out of practice with the defending national champions because of another violation

"I believe I'll be able to start practicing back again this week," Clarett said in an interview...

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FOOTBALL

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Cliffjeters officially passes Williams at No. 1

NEW YORK — Kim Cliffjeters officially replaced Serena Williams as No. 1 Monday, becoming the first woman to lead the rankings without having won a Grand Slam tournament...

losing champ Moya loses in first round

CINCINNATI — Defending champion Carlos Moya was knocked out of the Cincinnati Open by a first rounder...

Reigning Wimbledon champion Roger Federer moved up one slot to No. 2, 120 points behind Agassi

Williams, in contrast, won titles at the Australian Open and Wimbledon, giving her five of the past six majors...

Three horses destroyed after spill at Del Mar

DEL MAR, Calif. — Three horses were injured and two were killed in a major accident on the track Monday following a chain-rear accident during the fourth race at Del Mar.

Source: Hawks will bring back GM, coach

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Hawks will keep general manager Billy Knight and coach Terry Stotts for the upcoming NBA season...

Reds Of Kearns to have season-ending surgery

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