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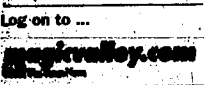
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Smoke fills valley skies

Air quality rating goes to 'moderate' risk

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Though an eerie haze throughout the Magic Valley had transformed the sun into a garish pink on Monday morning, Department of Environmental Quality officials gave the air quality a rating of low risk.

Idaho fires - A7

By early afternoon, however, Steve Van Zante of the Twin Falls DEQ office had to change the air quality rating to a moderate risk. Changing wind conditions drew the smoke into Magic Valley from the Withington fire in the Salmon-Challis National Forest, said Forest Service spokesman Ed Waldspfel. That's about a 240-mile drift.

With a moderate risk, the DEQ advises that "sensitive" people should consider limiting prolonged outdoor exertion. Sensitive groups include children, the elderly and those with existing health conditions. People who have high exposure should limit their outdoor activities, too. Those people include those who work, exercise or spend extensive time outside.

Waldspfel said the Withington fire had burned 10,500 acres and was only 5 percent under control

on Monday.

Also, beginning Friday morning, tougher fire restrictions will go into effect in part of the Salmon-Challis forests, on the northern portion of the Sawtooth National Forest, and on all of the Boise and Payette national forests, said Randy Richter of the Sawtooth National Forest.

The new restrictions prohibit the following acts:

- Building, maintaining, attend-

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Students pick up the slack

Tuition, fees at CSI constitute bigger part of college funding

By Robert Meyer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Not only are tuition and fees at the College of Southern Idaho rising on a nearly annual basis, but less state assistance is being passed on to students to shoulder an increasing proportion of the college's funding.

"Yet, in the eyes of many students, CSI remains a bargain. I think it's pretty fair," Burley freshman Lacey Taylor said Monday. "It's cheaper to go here than anywhere else."

Danielle Brown of Twin Falls can attest to that, too. She's taking both CSI and Boise State University classes at the Twin Falls campus.

"(BSU) classes are three times as much," she said. "It's what you have to deal with if you want to go to school."

CSI officials say they don't like placing a greater financial burden on students, but it's a reality in today's poor economy with a decreasing percentage of state support.

"Is that a concern for me? You bet," CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer said. "Any time you raise tuition and fees, you have to gauge how many people will cost their ability to go to school."

CSI's budget for the 2003-04 school year calls for \$5.2 million in tuition and fees, an 18 percent increase from the current year's \$4.4 million in student money. That reflects both an increase in tuition and fees and an expected rise in enrollment.

The actual tuition increase for the coming school year - which begins on Monday - is \$50 hike per student. That translates to a \$50 hike for a full-time student, raising tuition to \$825 a semester from \$775.

Monday evening at its monthly meeting, the CSI board approved a \$25.9 million budget for the coming fiscal year - a 5.6 percent increase from the current year's \$24.5 million budget.

To accommodate the estimated 7 percent fall enrollment growth, the budget calls for a handful of new positions in both academic and administrative areas. Human resources, the library and student services will each receive a full-time employee. A couple of part-time positions were created in resource development; a half-time grant writer; a half-time alumni person and a half-time foundation accountant.

Four new academic instructor positions were added, too.

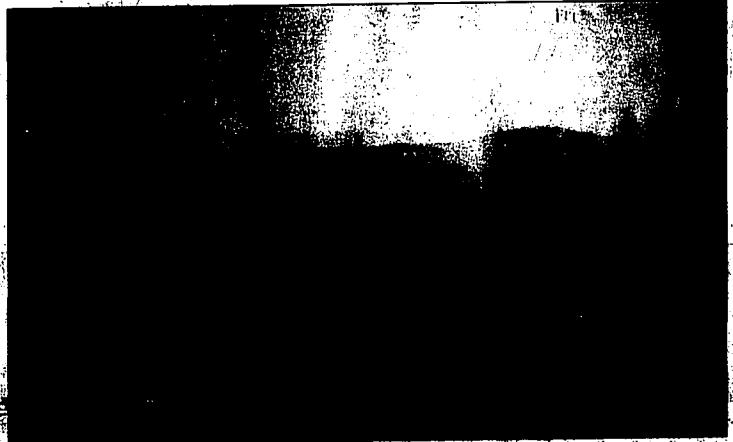
An increasing drain on the budget is an estimated \$768 per person increase in annual health insurance premiums. Multiply that by roughly 600 employees, and that quickly tacks on roughly \$460,000 to the fringe benefits budget.

CSI officials say they're continuing to squeeze as much work as they can out of college employees during the tight budget year that includes administrators, many of whom are filling two positions.

With CSI's 10-year accreditation coming up in 2005, Meyerhoeffer is banking on an improved economy to return his staff to normal.

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SACAJAWEA'S SPIRIT



A statue of Sacajawea holding her infant son, whom William Clark dubbed Pompey, stands guard over the new Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural and Education Center near Salmon.

Center in Salmon taps into Lewis and Clark pilgrimage

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SALMON - A warm layer of humid air, mixed with smoke from a nearby forest fire, settled in on this city over the weekend as people prepared to celebrate the opening of the Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural and Education Center.

Rose Ann Abrahamson, a member of Sacajawea's Lemhi tribe, was delighted.

"See how misty it is - we believe air like this allows spirits to come down closer to Earth," she said. "I can feel Sacajawea's spirit with us now. It's mystical."

The grand opening symbolized the beginning of what is expected to be a pilgrimage by 1 million to 4 million people to Idaho in the next couple of years to walk where Lewis and Clark walked. It also whetted the appetite of Idahoans like Twin Falls residents Roy and Vivian Drake who would like to follow parts of the trail themselves.

For residents of south-central Idaho, the Sacajawea Center might be the closest link to the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The Corps of Discovery entered what is now

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Above, a Shoshone-Bannock drummer from the Fort Hall Indian Reservation keeps time during a blanket dance at the new Sacajawea Center.

Area offers glimpse of expedition

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SALMON - The 71-acre Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural and Education Center located a mile east of Salmon along Highway 28 provides a good first step for Magic Valley and Wood River Valley residents to explore the Idaho portion of the Lewis and Clark Expedition through Idaho.

The center features a visitor center and historic barn left over from the veterinarian who owned the property.

A mile-long trail winds its way through the Lemhi River bottom past tipis, grass lodges, a sweat lodge and a recreated fire weir that illustrates how early residents gathered salmon.

Interpretive specialists will give hands-on demonstrations, especially at scheduled events like Sacajawea Heritage Days, which is held each year in mid-August.

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Left, several re-enactors joined Scott Mandrill (in the bear hat), who is covering the entire Lewis and Clark journey by horse, keelboat and foot, atop Lemhi Pass during the shooting of the official U.S. bicentennial film. The 20-minute film will be shown in visitor centers, including the new Sacajawea Center near Salmon.

U.S. troops sort through informers' good, bad tips in Iraq

The Associated Press

BAOUBA, Iraq - Notes passed to U.S. patrols, whispers in the ear of an Army interpreter, tips hidden in loaves of bread - these are essential tools in the hunt for hold-outs from Saddam Hussein's regime.

Yet, as the U.S. Army becomes more entrenched in Iraq, soldiers have learned the hard way they were sometimes used as instruments of revenge by feuding tribes.

For instance, the 3rd Battalion of the 67th Armor Regiment, 4th

Explosion kills soldier - A7

Infantry Division detained 12 men this week who an informant identified as members of Saddam's Redyeven militia planning attacks on soldiers. They were released within hours for lack of evidence. Soldiers now suspect the informant was feeding with the men and used them to get revenge.

It wouldn't be the first time.

"When we first got here, we would get a report, a guy on the

street would say 'This guy and this guy are bad,'" said Capt. Dan Hull, a battalion intelligence officer. "Being naive enough, we would take action on it and all they would have is a couple of AK-47s and the guy who tipped us off is just sitting back laughing."

And even when information seems rock solid, it doesn't necessarily pan out.

On Monday, troops had what appeared a sure thing: Eight men planned to set up firing positions at an abandoned military camp on the outskirts of Baouba and assassinate a senior regional Iraqi official by firing rocket-propelled grenades at his convoy as it entered the city.

A "credible informant" provided the time the attack was to take place, a map showing the assailants' planned escape route and the number of men involved. Six men were to fire rocket-propelled grenades, while two ensouls wielding Kalashnikov assault rifles stood behind, ensuring the triggermen fired their rounds.

U.S. Army scouts took up position in the rubble of looted build-

ings at the former military camp, about 45 miles northeast of Baghdad, shortly after 2 a.m. They spent the night waiting to intercept the attackers.

Dogs barked, donkeys were startled by their humvees and distant, sporadic gunfire broke the silence of the night, but the attack never took place. By 11 a.m., the troops shuffled back to their base a few hundred yards away. Officers asked The Associated Press not to identify the official who was.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy early, the becoming sunny and very warm. Highs in the upper 80s to near 90.
Tonight: Mild and clear. Lows in the lower 60s.
Tomorrow: Turning hot again with plenty of sunshine. Highs in the 90s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Comfortable with partly sunny skies. Highs in the 80s.
Tonight: Quiet and dry with scattered clouds. Lows in the mid to the upper 50s.
Tomorrow: Hot and sunny. Highs in the lower 90s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. A return to a moody dry and mostly sunny weather will start today and continue through the middle of the week.
Today Highs 74 to 79 Tonight's Lows 41 to 43
BOISE Hot summer days with sunny skies will make a comeback through the middle of the week as high pressure starts to rebuild in the west.

Table with columns for City, High, Low, and weather conditions for various Idaho locations like Boise, Burley, and Idaho Falls.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Forecast cards for Today, Tonight, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, each with a weather icon and temperature range.

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Table with columns for Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Moonrise and Moonset.

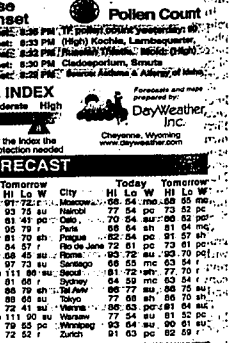
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow, High, Low, and weather conditions for various national cities.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow, High, Low, and weather conditions for various world cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Pilgrimage

Continued from A1. Idaho on Aug. 12, 1805, by crossing Lemhi Pass, but the rugged terrain of the Salmon River forced Lewis and Clark to take a northern route more distant from southern Idaho.

Informers

Continued from A1. "It was either bogus information in the first place or they may have been tipped off. Or, it's possible they were in on the plot to get up to the main highway," said Sgt. 1st Class Tracy S. McCann, a battalion scout.

Smoke

Continued from A1. ing or using a fire or campfire anywhere along the route, including developed recreation sites. This includes the use of sterno fuel and charcoal grills.

CSI

Continued from A1. workdays and to finally provide rest that have gone missing for two years. Boosting employee morale was a key factor in Monday morning's annual "state of the college" meeting.

Center

Continued from A1. Divide and down an Indian path to the Salmon area. And Jon Cummings at 100 Ace Wood Bed and Breakfast, which lies 24 miles north of Salmon, can show visitors a site above Highway 93 where Lewis and Clark are believed to have dug several caches for supplies they couldn't take with them over the rugged Bitterroot Mountains.

Corrections

along with directions on how to get to the and journal entries describing the importance of each stop.

She has done a lot for Indian women today. A lot of today's Indian women identify with her bravery.

Indian women identify with her bravery. Although she was a captive woman, she was a leader. "All this time we've talked about Lewis and Clark. That's why this center means a lot to us—it means people are finally recognizing Sacajawea's contribution," said Joe Diaz, whose wife, Lucy, is a great-granddaughter of Lewis and Clark.

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NATION

Blackout warnings came too late

NEW YORK (AP) — Warnings of trouble in the sprawling electric power grid ahead of the nation's worst blackout came too late, or not at all, over a telephone hot line network created to prevent widespread breakdowns, power officials and politicians said Monday.

Investigators were probing the role of the low-tech system of phones put in place to disseminate information between regional power groups to avert just such a crisis.

Failures in Ohio transmission lines prompted at least three congressional hearings last Thursday between FirstEnergy Corp., the utility that owns them, and the industry group that manages transmission across much of the Midwest, said Mary Lynn Webster, a spokeswoman for the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator.

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Despondent mother drowns herself, child

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — A woman apparently upset over money problems walked into a lake with her daughter and son in tow, drowning herself and the 4-year-old girl, police said Monday.

Kenneth Lockhart, 32, of Akron, drove her Jeep up to the Summit Lake on Sunday, parked it and either walked off a boat dock or ramp with her daughter and 8-year-old son, police said. The boy was able to swim to shore.

"Preliminary information indicates that she might have been despondent over some personal and financial problems," said Akron Police Capt. Daniel Zupinelli.

The boy was listed in fair condition at Children's Hospital.

Divers pulled Lockhart's body from the lake Sunday night. With nearly a dozen family members watching from the beach early Monday, divers recovered 4-year-old Kayla Langdon's body, said Lt. Sylvia Trundle.

"It was really something to see her little body," Trundle said. "The family was very, very loving and concerned."

Trundle said the bodies were found in an area of the 115-acre lake that was 8 to 10 feet deep. Police hoped to interview the boy as soon as he was able, Trundle said.

"We'll be meeting with family. Everyone is pretty much in shock right now," she said.

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Produce manager David Barreto restocks fruit on the refrigerated shelves at Grinstead's Supermarket in New York City on Monday. Barreto said the store lost between \$6,000 and \$7,000 in produce during the blackout.

Interconnection, which manages power across much of seven states and the District of Columbia.

"We know that as the specific events began to unfold, we had some conversation with them about what we were observing in our system," Hinkel said. "The immediate response is you call the other operator."

FirstEnergy spokesman Todd Schneider said he could not provide any information about the conversations.

Premier Ernie Eves of Ontario complained that U.S. power grid operators did not notify their

Canadian counterparts about the problems, either, as required under protocols developed after a 1965 blackout across much of the same region.

And many individual utility companies said they had little or no indication of problems in the system before their own facilities shut down.

"The first indication that we had was when we started to see our transmission lines trip out," said Ralph LaRossa, vice president of electric delivery for New Jersey's PJM. "There was not a heads-up prior to the event."

Millions go back to work for first time since blackout

NEW YORK (AP) — Millions of people headed back to work Monday for the first time since the lights went out last week, riding trains and elevators idled by the outage and getting a closer look at the aftermath of the biggest blackout in U.S. history.

In Detroit, residents returned to drinking straight from the tap, and New Yorkers started the work week with the nation's largest mass transit system running on schedule.

"We're off to an auspicious start," Dennis Selmont said at the train station in Milford, Conn. "There's no one standing on the platform telling us there are no trains."

For many business owners, the first day back at work meant throwing out millions of dollars worth of spoiled food and culling up losses from missed retail sales caused by the blackout.

The outage cost New York City's 22,000 eateries \$75 million to \$100 million in wasted food and lost business, the New York State Restaurant Association calculated.

"All the meat, all the deli, all the ice cream, frozen foods, dairy, everything," said John Catzmadis, chairman of the Red Apple Group.

Poll: Majority favors law against gay marriage

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than half of Americans favor a law barring gay marriage and specifying wedlock be between a man and a woman, an Associated Press poll found.

The survey also found presidential candidates could face a backlash if they support gay marriage or civil unions, which provide gay couples the legal rights and benefits of marriage.

The poll, conducted for the AP by ICR International, Communications Research of Media, Pa., found 52 percent favor a law banning gay marriages, while 41 percent oppose it.

About four in 10 — 41 percent — support allowing civil unions, roughly the same level found in an AP poll three years ago. But 53 percent now say they oppose civil unions, up from 46 percent in the earlier survey. The increase came largely from people who previously were undecided, the polls suggested.

Close to half those surveyed said they would be less likely to support a presidential candidate who backs civil unions (44 percent) or gay marriage (49 percent), while only around 10 percent said they would be more likely.

"I don't think it's a great idea, the whole idea of marriage is

bringing up children," said Jim Martin, a 64-year-old engineer from Alexandria, Va. "If somebody was promoting it, I would vote against them."

The issue poses a challenge for the Democratic presidential candidates in the 2004 election. The six leading candidates say they oppose gay marriage but are sharply critical of efforts to legally ban it, either with a law or by amending the Constitution.

Pet of the Week



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One dies after explosion at plant

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The explosion occurred about 8:30 a.m. in a hopper containing wood chips at US Plastic Lumber Ltd., which makes building materials, furnishings and industrial supplies.

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- Introductory courses on Computers, Windows, Access, PowerPoint, Internet, Photoshop, Illustrator, Frontpage and more.
- Other courses in Computer Literacy Skill Development, MAC Operating Systems, Troubleshooting Hardware, Network Technology, Scanners, Digital Cameras, Dreamweaver, and more.

Some classes begin the week of August 25. Others follow throughout the fall semester.

Thursday, August 21, 7-10pm
Canyon Building at CSI, Room 119
(Parking between Herrett Center and Canyon Building)

For more information, contact the Evening Computer Coordinator
Olenka Paredes at 732-6441 or email: oparedes@csi.edu

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COMMUNITY

Community Editor: Pat Marzantonia - 735-3288

Kids experience camp in the city

By Nate Poppino
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Noel Morfin has always had a dream - a dream of bringing the experience of summer camp to underprivileged children.

Through the help of the First United Methodist Church of Twin Falls, he began to realize that dream.

Morfin and a cadre of volunteers put on the *Manos De Amigos* Day Camp or Hands of Friendship Day Camp July 21-25. The camp brought children from a migrant camp and various towns throughout the Magic Valley to the church for a week of fun, games and learning about God under the theme, "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands."

"The purpose of the camp is to try to put a little bit of God in their lives, but at the same time not overwhelm them with it," Morfin said.

The camp was supported by not only the church, but volunteers from Oregon Trail Elementary and various community members. Area businesses such as Eduardo's, Great Harvest and Smith's donated pound after pound of food to feed the more than 60 campers and volunteers.

Volunteers came not just to help, but to enjoy the fellowship.

"I enjoyed getting to meet new people and seeing people that I already knew but hadn't talked to for a long time," junior counselor Veronica Chavez said.



For daily activities, the children were divided into four different groups, and then rotated between four different activities: Bible Adventure, Creation Awareness, Crafts and Games and Recreation. Throughout the whole experience, the staff worked hard to give the impression of a camp atmosphere, even trying to play

outdoors often despite the more than 100-degree heat wave.

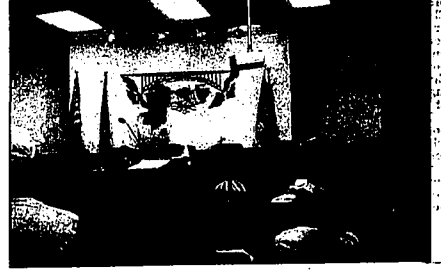
"We tried to use some of the terminology that the kids hear at camp, like campfire time and counselors," Noel's wife, Dana Morfin said. "Anything to give some of that away-at-camp feel."

The experience culminated when the campers toured the city

council chamber, fire station and police station. They got to climb through a fire truck and hear a police siren.

The children weren't the only ones impressed by the field trip. "Visiting the fire and police stations were easily the best part of the camp," Chavez said.

This was the third camp the



Above, campers with the First United Methodist Church day camp learn about government from Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow. They also visited police and fire stations. Left, the camp also included fun games, like a race in Twin Falls City Park.

Morfin has put together. The first were in Rupert and Wendell in 2001 and 2002, respectively. The camp is Noel Morfin's first major project as a pastor at the church. He already has more plans for camps in the future.

"Hopefully, when school starts we'll be doing an after-school program out of the migrant camp maybe on Tuesday and Thursday, and we are doing another camp next summer," Morfin said.

Noel and Dana Morfin have enough enthusiasm for whatever

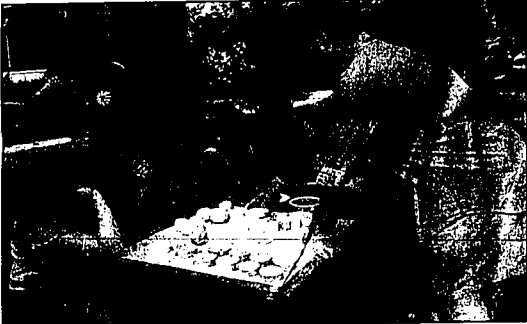
they plan, and enjoyed this year's camp.

"The best part is actually seeing the kids come in and enjoy themselves and having the parents call and say 'You guys are doing a great job, my kid's really enjoying it,'" Noel Morfin said. "It's not always a sure thing that what you're doing is what people want."

"I think the best part is introducing the kids to my big friend, God and having them leave knowing they have that big friend," Dana Morfin said.

PIONEER WAYS

Girl Scouts from Twin Falls, Bilsa, Kimberly and Hansen spent most of the day recently at the Rock Creek Station and



strawberry hemlock south of Hansen, learning about the area and pioneer life in order to qualify for their Oregon Trail Badge. Curtis Johnson taught the girls how the pioneers made soap.

BARBARA JONES/The Times-News

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Samantha Lynn Lentz, daughter of Sunni Jo Lentz of Jackpot, Nev., was born Friday, Aug. 1, 2003.

Arianna Layne Garcia, daughter of Rita L. Harris of Buhl, was born Friday, Aug. 1, 2003.

Braylin Layne Simmons, son of Mica Layne and Keith Alexander Simmons of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Cassia Regional Medical Center will no longer be sending birth announcements to *The Times-News*. To have a birth announcement printed in the Stork Report, bring a copy of the child's birth certificate to *The Times-News* office in Burley or Twin Falls. Parents who bring in their child's birth certificate will receive one free issue of the newspaper.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Melissa Morgan The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-5538. Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call Melissa at 735-3278

KEEPING FIT



Above, Youngsters are taught about yoga during Fit Camp, which was sponsored recently by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center at the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium. The camp, for children ages 7-14, showed how to make healthy snacks, the importance of exercise, nutrition basics and more.



Left, Asher Campbell, 4, holds a soggy noodle that is supposed to represent a warmed-up muscle. About 30 youngsters and parents learned about keeping it through fun lessons.

Parade entries win Cassia honors

BURLEY - The Cassia County Parade Committee announced winners for this year's parade in Burley.

- Adult service: Rupert Elks Lodge, first; Burley Elks Lodge, second; Historic Oakley, third
- Animal drawn: Blair and Lana Bowers, first; Glen and Myra Beck, second; Earl Craythorn, third
- Animals: Cassia County Posse, first; Cache Peak Back Country Horsemen, second; Minidoka Wranglers, third
- Best of Show: D.L. Evans Bank Church
- View LDS Church 2nd Ward, first
- M4C (Mini-Cassia Community Christian Church), second
- New Life Fellowship, second
- Classic cars: Casey Anderson, first; Ed and Margaret Goodrich, second
- Gary Jones, third
- Commercial: D.L. Evans Bank, first; Cassia Regional Medical Center, second
- Project Mutual Telephone, third
- Crowd pleaser: Drug Free Promotions, Keith Adams
- Marching Bands: Burley High School Band, first
- Modified cars: Ruben Chavez, first; Ken Sellen, second; Tyler Clark, third
- School drill teams and cheerleaders: Kati River Trojans, first; Oakley High School, second; Burley High School, second; Cheesedeaders, third



The Oakley High School Stingers perform during the Cassia County parade. Their talent earned them second place in their division for the event.

- Youth marching and dance: En Pointe Dance Academy, first; Step Ahead Dance, second; L.J.'s Intermountain Martial Arts, third
- Youth organization: Christian Center Assembly of God, first; Girl Scouts of Mini-Cassia, second

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Council honors women of the year

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Council, which includes chapters of Beta Sigma Phi, an international women's group, met recently for the annual Founder's Day event.

The event includes giving accolades to each chapter that has a member receiving the honor of Woman of the Year. Receiving the honor this year were outgoing president of Xi Alpha Tau Chapter, Jeanne Meyer; outgoing president of Xi Mu Chapter of Jerome, Mary Ann Papponi; Doris Finley of Procepton; Lita Kappas; outgoing president of Delta Epsilon, Sunny Jensen; and outgoing president of Xi Alpha Epsilon of Jerome, Christi Thornberry.

The council also reported adding a new chapter, Delta Mu, which makes a total of six chapters in the Magic Valley.

Outgoing Council President, Jeanne Meyer introduced the new officers. The new council president is Sunny Jensen.



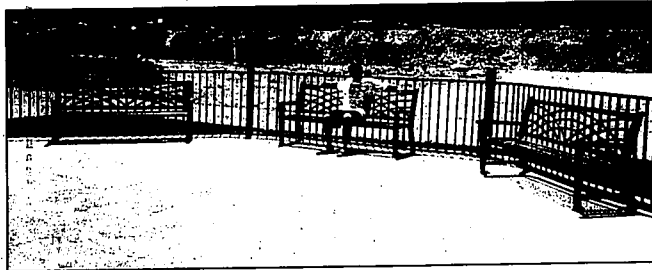
Sunny Jensen, left, the new president of the Magic Valley Council, which includes chapters of Beta Sigma Phi, with outgoing council president, Jeanne Meyer.

Donations from the five chapters to the community totaled more than \$10,000, Meyer reported. The money went to a homeless shelter, Volunteers Against Violence, Council on Aging, a cancer society, Pregnancy Crisis Center, two scholarships for College of Southern Idaho students and families at Christmas.

For many years of donations to the Festival of Trees has earned Beta Sigma Phi a plaque on the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's wall of donors.

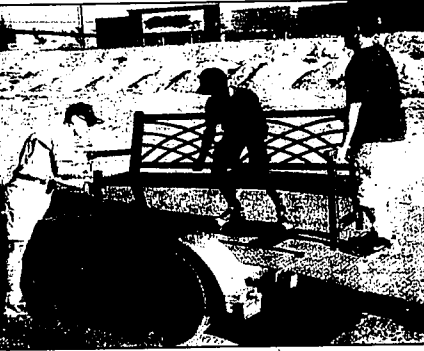
For more information about the organization, call Meyer at 733-1184 or 733-5082.

A PLACE TO REST



Above, Steve Turner of Twin Falls shows the finished benches he installed for his Eagle Scout project. The three gray steel benches incorporate a design of the Perrine Bridge into the ironwork at a stop along the new canyon rim trail near the bridge. Turner is the son of Revie and Denise Turner.

Right, Evan Albright, a Scout from Troop 87 and Evan's dad, Doug, are two of many volunteers who helped Steve Turner, right, with the bench project. The project was accomplished in cooperation with the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department. The Dick Sterling family purchased the materials in memory of their deceased son, Scott.



Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge announces weekly winners

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announced its weekly winners.

Aug. 7: first, Don and Ruth Rober; second, Harold and Renee Butcher; and third, Riley Burton and Alma Hoobey.

Aug. 9: first, Wilma Driscoll and Jessie Lingawer; second, Joe Blackford and Norma Prestidge; and third, Marilyn Botkin and Harold Bulcher.

The Twin Falls Unit met on Aug. 10 with 14 and a half tables. The bridge game, the bridge players at a potluck dinner.

fourth, Barban Burk and Mary Lou McGonigal (fifth overall); fifth, Beverly Reed and Maxine Watkins; and sixth, Norma Prestidge and Sam Smutny. Flight B overall winners: first, Jaye Koehnoff and Madeline Sawaya; second, Ruby Grimes and Doris Watts; fourth, David and Gwen Stoker; fifth, Harold Bulcher and Jessie Lingawer; and sixth, Al and Frances Anglin.

High: (first overall), second, Chuck and Shirley Hunter (third overall); third, Jaye Koehnoff and Madeline Sawaya (fourth overall);

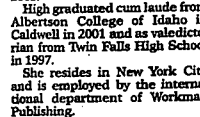
High graduates from NYU with French studies degree

Sara J. High, daughter of Ken and Janis High of Twin Falls, graduated Sept. 9, 2002, from New York University with a master's degree in French studies.

The focus in French history, politics, society and culture. The convocation ceremony took place at Avery Fisher Hall in the Lincoln Center on May 13, 2003.

High graduated cum laude from Albion College of Idaho in Caldwell in 2001 and as valedictorian from Twin Falls High School in 1997.

She resides in New York City and is employed by the international department of Workman Publishing.



Sara High

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Graduates include Diana Rae

Cramer, bachelor's of arts, biology, and Kelly Lynn Seaton, bachelor's of arts, elementary education.

Edwards receives degree from Creighton University

Dustin Edwards of Twin Falls received a degree from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., on May 17.

Edwards, the son of Dan and Linda Edwards of Twin Falls, earned a doctorate of pharmacy degree.

Twin Falls resident is inducted into honor society

Twin Falls resident Jennifer Speicher has been inducted into the Sigma Theta International Honor Society of Nursing through the Iota Sigma, Chapter at Azusa Pacific University, located northeast of Los Angeles, Calif.

Speicher was one of 26 undergraduate and graduate students from Azusa's School of Nursing inducted into the honor society. Sigma Theta Tau works to foster,

develop and connect nurse scholars and leaders worldwide to improve health care; promotes nursing excellence through its initiatives in research and leadership and development of distributed nursing knowledge for use in practice.

Membership is by invitation to nursing students who demonstrate an excellence in scholarship and nurse leaders who demonstrate exceptional achievement in nursing.

Pospichal accepts membership in society

Michelle Nicole Pospichal of Filer has accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at the University of Idaho in Moscow.

The society is a national, non-profit honor organization that recognizes first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically.

Twin Falls student makes honors list at Texas A & M

West Texas A & M University in Canyon, Texas, has named almost 1,200 students to honor lists for the spring 2003 semester.

Receiving this honor is Julie M. Benson of Twin Falls, a senior.

THINGS TO DO

Music

Snake River Flute Barbershop Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at 123 K St. Rupert. Men of all ages invited, call 436-0477.

Magic Valley Barbershop Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Methodist Church, 360 Sheldon St. E. Men of all ages invited. Call 734-6377.

Dance

Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Methodist Church at 211 S. Buchanan St. In Jerome, call Vera at 734-4447 or Tom at 234-6446.

West End Senior Center - 8:11 p.m. second Saturday of month at center. \$4 per person. Call 543-5777.

Bingo

Silver and Gold Senior Center - 7-9 p.m. at 201 Wilson, Eden. Doors and snack bar opens at 6 p.m. Must be over 18. Call 835-5601.

Golden Years Senior Citizens Center - 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at 215 N. 1st St. W. Snookers. 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 423-1318.

Golden Heritage Senior Center - 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays in 2421 Overland Ave. in Burley. Age 18 and older. Call 878-9646.

Middleton County Senior Center - 7 p.m. Fridays, 702 11th St. in Rupert. Age 18 and over. Call 436-1010.

American Legion Hall in Twin Falls - 215 p.m. Fridays at 445 Seaton St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Must be over 18. Call 736-1723.

Jerome Senior Center - 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, 215 East Main. Snacks and bar open at 6 p.m., early bird at 6:45 p.m., regular bingo at 7 p.m. Must be over 18. Call 836-6664.

Twin Falls Senior Center - 1:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays at 733-6284.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Burley - 7 p.m. Saturdays at 679-9889.

Snake River Elders 2807 - 7:15 p.m. Mondays at lodge, 406 E. 200 S. Jerome. Call 324-0020.

West End Senior Center - at 7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at the center in Burley, 1340 Oakley Ave. in Burley.

Magic Valley Senior Center - 5:30 p.m. Early bird at 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 801 S. Main St. W. Snookers. Call 812 - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 2:20 p.m. Sundays at 835 Park Ave. in Twin Falls. Call 733-6284.

Bakal Moore Lodge 305 - 7 p.m. early bird, 7:30 p.m. regular bingo at 1101 Main St. Call 543-9415.

To add a listing, please send a notice with:

Name of the organization or club; Time, day and place of the activity; Telephone number of a contact person.

Send to: Pat Marcantonio - Twin Falls News - P.O. Box 548 - Twin Falls, ID 83303. E-mail: patm@magvalley.com For more information, call Pat Marcantonio at 735-3288.

Valley Vista Retirement Center

Phishle Club - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays in the community center at 653 Rose St. N. in Twin Falls. 733-5331.

Phishle Club - 1 p.m. Tuesdays Community Club House, 1779 Adams Ave. E. anyone invited, call Ole at 733-1111.

Phishle Club - 2 p.m. Sundays at Ella Lodge, 402 E. 200 S. Jerome, meet to 90 Call Ranch For Ella and their guests.

Other

Northside Game and Hobby Club - 7:30 p.m. fourth Thursday at Wendell City Hall, Call 324-3070 or 543-0266.

Magic Valley Irish Club - luncheon and meet. Call Linda at 733-6284 or Vicki at 733-6284.

6838. New members welcome.

Writers of the Word, Christian writers group - 10 a.m. first Tuesday in Twin Falls Reform Church, Carolyn Lewis at 734-6115.

Phishle Club - 1:30 p.m. first Friday of the month at Kimberly Public Library, Call Marilyn at 423-5255.

Magic Valley Astronomical Society - 7 p.m. second Saturday in Post room at Heritage Center, 659 W. Wednesday at 2631 Ave. W. Twin Falls. Limited to 25. 11th, modernize picnic call, call Stu at 324-9500 or Larry at 733-4333.

Snake River Canyon Kennel Club of Idaho - 2 p.m. fourth Wednesday at the RVY only room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., call Bernadette at 733-6284.

Twin Falls Herpetology Society - 7 p.m. third Tuesday at Heritage Center, call Nick Peterson at 733-6271.

The Kaitling with Paul Guedl - 5:30 p.m. first Tuesday in Heritage Center, call Nick Peterson at 733-6271.

Phishle Club - 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Snake River Senior Center, 702 11th St. N. in Rupert, call 436-1010.

Phishle Club - 1 p.m. Tuesdays at Magic Valley Bridge Club, 446 Park St. W. Twin Falls, 733-6699. Newcomers welcome.

Magic Valley Phishle Club - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Disabled American Veterans 130 Harrison Street and Shoop Avenue, Twin Falls.

Parkinson's Support Group holds potluck dinner

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Parkinson's Support Group will hold a potluck dinner at 7 p.m. today at the KMYT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Meat and rolls will be provided. Members should bring a salad or dessert to share, drinks and table service.

Nichole Whitener, information and referral center coordinator, will give an update from the national American Parkinson's Disease Association conference.

Members are asked to wear their name tags.

For more information, call Don Arrington at 733-8868 or Ray Clark at 324-5013.

Ageless Senior Citizens hosts ice cream social

KIMBERLY - The Ageless Senior Citizens Center will host an ice cream social from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Kimberly City Park.

Entertainment will be provided by the Old Time Fiddlers. The public is invited.

For more information, call the center at 423-4338.

CSI offers class on Russian art next month

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer the zero-credit enrichment class, "East Meets West: Russian Art" 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 4 through Dec. 11 in Shields Room 203 on the CSI campus.

Students will trace Russian art's connection with eastern and western art, and discuss Scythian gold, Russian architecture, ancient icons and Easter eggs, Khokhloma's tableware and Tula's

Blanchard speaks about mining in Stanley area

STANLEY - The Sawtooth Interpretive and Historical Association will host a program with guest speaker Tom Blanchard at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the Redfish Lake Visitor Center amphitheater.

Blanchard will speak on mining in central Idaho and the Stanley area.

The free presentation is made possible by the support of the Idaho Humanities Council, National Endowment for the Humanities and Sawtooth Interpretive and Historical Association.

For information, call the Redfish Lake Visitor Center at 774-2376. The center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Twin Falls School District announces open houses

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls School District announced the following open houses for affected schools:

Bickel Elementary School: 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday.

Harrison Elementary School: 5-7 p.m. Thursday.

E. B. Fanning Elementary School: 5-7 p.m. Thursday.

Lincoln Elementary School: 4-6 p.m. Thursday.

Alzheimer's Memory Walk benefits Idaho residents

TWIN FALLS - The Alzheimer's Memory Walk will be held at 9 a.m. Sept. 13 on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

All funds raised will stay in Idaho and be directed towards programs supporting those affected by the disease as well as their families and caregivers, organizers say.

In addition to the 2-mile walk, the event will include a breakfast and prizes for all participants.

For more information, call Laureale Smith at 734-8645.

Movies

Motor-Vu Drive In

Inland (R) 8:45 - 9:45
Sey Kids 3D (PG) 10:00

Grand-Vu Drive In

Tonight! Red Wings 2 (R) 8:45 - 9:45
American Wedding (R) 10:00

Orpheum

Seabiscuit An American Legend (PG) 4:00 - 7:00 - 9:40

Jerome Cinema 4

SWAT (PG) 7:10 - 9:40
Open Range (R) 8:45 - 9:40
Spy Kids 3D Game Over (PG) 9:40
Seabiscuit (PG) 8:45 - 9:40

Odyssey 6

Grind (PG)
Today 12:15 - 3:45 - 7:00 - 9:45
Johnny English (PG)
Today 11:15 - 7:30 - 8:45 - 7:00 - 9:15
Spy Kids 3D Game Over (PG) 9:40
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28 Days Later (R)
Today 12:15 - 3:45 - 7:00 - 9:15
LXG (PG) Today 11:15 - 4:15 - 7:15 - 9:45
Freddy vs Jason (R)
Today 12:15 - 3:45 - 7:00 - 9:15

Twin Cinema 12

Pirates of the Caribbean (PG) Family Digital
Today 12:15 - 3:45 - 6:45 - 9:40
Red Wings 2 (R) Today 12:15 - 3:45 - 6:45 - 9:40

Open Range (R)
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Diner's Finding Nemo (G)
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Bruce Almighty (PG)
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Tomb Raider 2 (PG) Today 12:00 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:30 - 9:40
American Wedding (R)
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Upown Girls (PG)
Today 12:00 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:30 - 9:40
Gigli (R) Today 9:00 - 9:30
Freddy Friday (PG)
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Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines (PG)
Today 12:00 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:30 - 9:40
SWAT (PG) Today 12:00 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:30 - 9:40
Summer Matinee #11
August 29 - 9:00 - 11:00

EDITORIAL

Fort's case deserves firm prison sentence

By pleading guilty to one felony count of misuse of public funds last week, former Twin Falls County Clerk Bob Fort bypasses a trial and moves straight to sentencing.

With guilt or innocence no longer at issue, the only remaining question is an appropriate punishment.

In our view, Fort's punishment should include time in a state prison - or else the public will have been denied the justice it deserves.

While some may think it inappropriate to suggest a punishment in a pending case, Fort's case merits public discussion. Public officials convicted of white-collar crimes involving sums of thousands of dollars deserve stern treatment.

Earlier this year, a Cassia County School District official was given a mere six months of work release in the Minicassia Criminal Justice Center, after pleading guilty to misuse of more than \$49,000 of school funds.

Now comes the Fort case. The Idaho attorney general's office chose to charge Fort with only one felony count. By quickly pleading guilty, Fort is positioned for a suspended sentence or probation - with little or no time in a county lockup.

Law-abiding taxpayers deserve better. They have a right to know public officials will be held to a rigorous standard.

A major factor in any sentencing is the message it will send about society's tolerance for crime. A stiff sentence

will serve as a deterrent to future crimes by anyone else in a similar position. Crimes like those Fort committed have become much too familiar. We've seen numerous cases around Idaho where officials have treated public coffers like their own petty-cash box.

These cases are about more than merely stealing money. They are about stealing the public's trust. That problem is more common in more populous states and metropolitan cities. But when it hits smaller communities such as Twin Falls, Idaho, its impact is just as big.

Some people will say the taxpayers have lost enough money on Fort already, and they shouldn't waste more incarcerating a nonviolent offender. But how much will taxpayers lose if a light sentence invites others to duplicate Fort's crimes?

Some also may defend the former clerk as an amiable public figure, who still enjoys support from the community, and who reportedly confessed his crimes openly. But remember this: Fort was stealing from taxpayers up till the day he was caught. How much longer would his actions have continued if a county commissioner hadn't probed further into a questionable travel expense?

Those who confess willingly are more deserving of mercy than those who confess only after they are caught.

For justice to be served, Fort deserves prison time. A term of five to 10 years is fitting, to serve the appropriate warning to others who may be tempted to steal from taxpayers.

Our view: Public officials who steal large amounts of money deserve hard time. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

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BLAME BUSH!

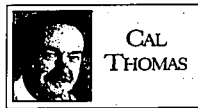
Warning preceded blackout

The first thing that crossed my mind when the lights went out on the 22nd floor of my Times Square Hotel last Thursday afternoon was, "Klaatu warned us." OK, it wasn't the first thing, but it makes for a more interesting lead sentence.

Sci-fi film fans will recognize the name Klaatu from the 1951 film "The Day the Earth Stood Still." The alien and his robot, Gort, land their flying saucer in Washington in the middle of the Cold War to warn earthlings that we had better get along or suffer consequences of galactic proportions. Now isn't that a better way to explain the nation's biggest power outage than listening to insufferable politicians blame each other "The power failure was your fault," "Was not," "Was too," "Was not."

President Bush said the power outage was a "wake-up call," begging the question whether you can receive one if there is no power. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay promises we will now get that long-awaited and revised energy policy. I doubt it. We'll be back to Lael Peterson and Arnold Schwarzenegger before you can say "drilling for oil in Alaska" or "energy independence."

Power failures bring mixed blessings, but blessings nonetheless. They force us to consider our ultimate powerlessness. The grid we have constructed is one of self-deception. We pour our time, attention and money into so many things that, when the power behind our inventions lets us down (computers, cell phones, BlackBerries and TV), there is an overwhelming sense of resignation and realization. Resignation, because we are all caught in the rarest of circumstances, namely, the same boat. Realization, because we aren't as smart as we arrogantly think we are.



Looking out my hotel-room window after calling my wife in Ireland before the cell-phone connection went down (she was watching Fox News and told me that terrorists were not being blamed), I recalled my past associations with Times Square. How many times had I stood in that place over the years - in poverty and in plenty, in success and in failure, in uniform and in civilian clothes, in love and out of love?

I was living in New York at the time of the 1965 blackout (another massive power-grid failure that should have been a "wake-up call" but we went back to sleep) and remember the street merchants hustling transistor radios, flashlights and candles at disaster mark-up prices within minutes of the city's descent into darkness. I was an Army private, fighting Communies through Armed Forces Radio from offices at Broadway and West 57th Street, making \$99 a month and working a second full-time job as a WOR-TV engineer to make ends meet.

During that and this blackout, there was a feeling of unity that has escaped most other efforts to

"bring us together," a slogan from a forgotten political campaign. Of course, 9/11 was a unique moment, which we hope will not be repeated, whatever positive side but dissipating benefits (there weren't many for the families of the victims).

A large creak outside the Renaissance Hotel froze at 4:14 p.m. The Jumbatron and other electronic advertising that have long been a part of Times Square went dark, as if a huge plug had been pulled or a large bill left unpaid.

Walking down 22 flights, eating a cold sandwich and limp salad for dinner and then climbing the same steps barely illuminated with eerie green glow sticks, I thought of the many in the world for whom cold food, a safe place to sleep and an indoor toilet would be a major upgrade.

Someone wrote that the outage drove us back to the 19th century. Is that necessarily bad? Then, it seemed more people talked to each other. Now, on the shuttle to New York from Washington, people are mostly buried in their newspapers during the flight and in their wireless contraptions after landing. Then, we mostly knew our neighbors. Now, we often move before we've met them.

The fictional Klaatu warned us. So have nonfiction writers, philosophers and religious leaders. But as Don McLean sang in "Starry, Starry Night," "They would not listen, they're not listening still, perhaps they never will."

Cal Thomas is a commentator for Fox News Channel and a syndicated columnist.

We must keep kids totally safe from big, bad, scary world

We have failed miserably. Every day our children face terrible dangers, and yet we do nothing to protect them.

At this moment, an innocent child somewhere in this wealthiest nation in the history of mankind is balanced precariously on a sturdy bike with training wheels so huge that gale-force winds couldn't tip the thing over, wearing nothing but a helmet, goggles, elbow pads, biking gloves, knee-pads, shin guards, sunscreen and bug repellent.

MARK CLOUD

Shame! Shame on us for putting our children at such horrible risk of, of something... something really bad!

It's a great big, scary world out there, with bumps and bruises and bumps and bruises around every corner. Yet we ignore the risks and bury our heads in the sand (which, by the way, an unsuspecting toddler could't see) and think, "We should never, under any circumstance, go to the beach, and sandboxes should be outlawed like trans-fatry foods).

It's time we put our collective head out of the potentially hazardous sand and realize that the world just isn't as safe as it was when we were growing up so long ago in those sunny, less colorful days of the 1960s and 70s.

Back then, we could ride our bikes without wearing helmets and pads because the ground was softer and our heads were harder than those of today's delicate child. We didn't have to wear sun screen and bug repellent because sunburned shoulders and mosquito-bitten legs were what we deserved if we weren't smart enough to get out of the midday sun and away from the creek at dusk.

We didn't have to be strapped into car seats because there were no minivans and only station wagons, and we desperately needed to crawl around the back seats and make faces out the back window at the cars behind us. And we weren't scared of Ritalin because we didn't have attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder like today's every-child-is-special child; we were just annoying little punks who needed a swift kick in the backside.

But today's eggshell children aren't so lucky. They need more medication and protection from things than we ever did, or else they'll contract meningitis and tick necks from the straps on their safety helmets. How can we protect today's child from any possible discomfort? There's really only one option left: full-body safety bubble suits.

That's right. For the sake of our kids - our future - it's imperative that we begin forcing them to be encased in full-body bubble suits at all times. And just to be on the safe side, they really shouldn't be allowed to leave their houses. Actually, they should just stay in their hyperoxygenated padded rooms with all sharp edges removed. Of course, it wouldn't hurt to just strap them gently, but firmly, into soft recumbent safety chairs in the middle of their secure rooms.

If we all work together to keep our kids strapped into comfortable recumbent chairs in protective, head-to-toe bubble suits in the middle of their padded rooms, we can ensure that nothing bad ever happens to them, which is what a healthy childhood is all about. It takes more than a village to raise a child.

Mark Cloud is an attorney who lives in Atlanta. He wrote this for the Baltimore Sun.

LETTERS

Iraq situation turns into a comedy of errors

Wow! If ever there was a Jay Leno headline qualifier, The Times-News does it in style in its Aug. 9 issue. Main headline: "Crime wave sweeps Baghdad." Directly to the right of this in headline position, "Bush lauds progress, security in Iraq since fall of Saddam." Doesn't it just fill you with confidence in our government?

How about all these fall guys saying it was my fault, the reports to the President were inaccurate. How could you get an issue more important than this? Any chief executive officer worth his salt would have heads rolling with that type of performance on a major issue.

We are spending \$4 billion a month in Iraq, \$1 billion a month in Afghanistan, and we are obtaining an equal amount of nothing in both cases. The war lords are back in control

of Afghanistan just like they were before we "liberated" that country with an expensive war. It ain't working, George!

All of those countries over there have their own dynasties; they don't want Democrat to work or they will be in jeopardy. Now that it is in such a big mess, why don't we declare another victory and turn it over to the much-maligned United Nations and pull out?

What we really need on this issue is a good sex scandal to get everybody's attention.

MATT SMITH
Twin Falls

Group tried to pay for better water escapements

Song birds and bats and raptors are dying by the hundreds at public expense on public land on the Pleasantview cattle allotment near Malad. This is because of poorly constructed water storage tanks and

escapements.

The deaths are often especially cruel because bats and birds can be trapped in the algae on the sides of the tanks as the water level drops. Then they are baked alive in a slow death as the sun hits the metal tanks. I know, I've seen this on this allotment in the company of the very permittees and agency personnel who claim to have so much concern for our land and wildlife.

Two years ago, the Eastern Idaho Group of the Sierra Club volunteered to the Pleasantview Grazing Association to pay not only for better escapements on these massive water tanks but to install them.

We were totally ignored. JACKIE JOHNSON MAUGHAN Pleasantview Grazing Association to pay not only for better escapements on these massive water tanks but to install them. (Editor's note: Jackie Maughan is the treasurer of the Northern Rockies Chapter of the Sierra Club.)

Summer concert series was time well spent

I want to thank everyone who took part in the concerts in the park this summer. I couldn't make all of them this year but really enjoyed the ones I attended. Thanks to all who took part in them for their

time and the enjoyment they give.

The final concert was very good, and I look forward to their appearances in the future.

What a wonderful way to spend Thursday evenings!
IRENE SURFACE
TWIN FALLS

Getting in touch

Want to make your feelings known to your representatives in Congress? Here's how:

Sen. Mike Crapo
In Twin Falls, call or write: Linda Norris, senior regional director 202 Falls Ave., Suite 2 Twin Falls, ID 83301 734-2515; Fax 733-0414 In Washington: 239 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510 (202) 224-6142 email messages can be sent via Sen.

Crapo's home page at www.senate.gov/crapo

Sen. Larry Craig
In Twin Falls, call or write: Mike Mathews, regional director 560 Filer Ave. Suite A Twin Falls, ID 83301 734-6780, Fax 734-3905 In Washington: 520 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510 (202) 224-2752 e-mail: lrcraig.senate.gov@email

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Monrovia sees calm as peace deal is signed

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Government officials and rebels signed a peace accord Monday to end a three-year insurgency that devastated Liberia, left thousands dead and drove out warlord-president Charles Taylor. "The war is over," declared one rebel leader.

Calm settled into Monrovia as shopkeepers opened for the first time in a month, though many residents and refugees who crowded the capital had little money with which to buy desperately needed food.

The accord, signed in Accra, Ghana one week after Taylor's flight into exile, calls for a two-year transition government meant to lead Liberia into elections — and out of 14 years of vicious warfare that left parts of virtually every city and town in this West African nation in ruins.

"I want to believe that with the signing of this agreement today, Liberia will never be plunged into another spiral of violence in the quest for political power, or under the false pretense of liberating the people," said retired Nigerian Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar, chief mediator in the 2 1/2 months of talks.

The two rebel movements — Liberians in Uniform for Reconciliation and Democracy, and the Movement for Democracy in Liberia — signed, along with representatives of Liberia's post-Taylor government.

"Today is a good day. Today is a happy day. The war is over," Liberians United leader Sekou Conneh declared, exchanging copies of the deal with his rebel and government counterparts, and embracing them.

Peace talks, under way since June 4, were quickly sidelined by fighting that overtook the capital after all sides violated a June 17 cease-fire accord.

Mortar barrages and AK-47s fusillades with the capital as the battle ground killed well over 1,000 civilians outright since June, and left hundreds of thousands in Monrovia trapped and starving.

The signing of the accord comes in a fast-paced week of momentous events in Liberia, beginning with Taylor's resignation and Aug. 11 departure from Liberia under pressure from rebels, West African leaders and the United States.

Highway 21 re-opens week after fire forced closure

BOISE (AP) — Seventeen wildfires were reported burning in Idaho on more than 80,000 acres Monday.

Highway 21, a major route between southwestern and eastern Idaho, was reopened after the Canyon Creek forest fire forced its closure a week before.

Departing firefighters also left the remote communities of Elk City and Red River with a new plan to keep them safe should the Slimy fire or future blazes race to their doorsteps.

Fire officials at the Boise National Forest hoped to contain the 5,475-acre Canyon Creek fire 20 miles northeast of Lowman by Aug. 28. Nearly 720 firefighters remained on the lines Monday, and had the blaze 55 percent contained.

Highway 21 between Grandjean and Banner Creek was reopened, but motorists should plan on waiting for a pilot car between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. Traffic is open the rest of the day.

To the north on the Boise forest, crews continued efforts to secure the north end of the 5,385-acre South Fork fire 25 miles north-

east of Cascade. The blaze was reported to be 60 percent contained Monday evening. Idaho Power Co. is also working to restore power to the community of Yellow Pine.

In north-central Idaho, U.S.

Highway 12 was closed between Greer and Kaminah. The Millerpost 59 blaze was reportedly causing burning trees and rocks to roll across the roadway.

The fire on state forestry land grew to 5,500 acres by Monday and

was 55 percent contained. The closure on Highway 12 between Lolo, Mont., and Lowell by the 9,700-acre Beaver Lake complex has been lifted. The fire has moderated with cooler temperatures and light rain.

Explosion kills U.S. soldier

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — An American soldier was killed by an explosive device in Baghdad Monday as firefighters tried to control a suspicious blaze on an important oil pipeline.

U.S. officials said the soldier, from the Army's 1st Armored Division, was fatally wounded when the device detonated. He was rushed to a combat hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The military didn't release any other details and it wasn't clear if the blast was the result of a hostile act. The soldier's name is being withheld pending notification of his next of kin.

Two soldiers were wounded in a separate incident, after guerrillas attacked their convoy with rocket

propelled grenades and small arms fire about 8 miles east of Turbat in an area controlled by U.S. forces, spokesman Lt. Col. William MacDonald said. The soldiers were in stable condition.

Meanwhile, the fire raged on Iraq's main northern oil export pipeline into Turkey, the U.S. Army said. Accounts varied over whether the blaze was accidental or an act of sabotage. It would take at least 10 days to repair the damaged pipeline, 4th Infantry Division spokeswoman Maj. Jocelyn Aberle said.

GOP urges review of bull trout status

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne joined the four members of Idaho's congressional delegation on Monday in asking for a formal status review of the protected bull trout.

The five Republicans said in a letter to Interior Secretary Gale Norton that a great deal of progress has been made to recover the species in Idaho and other states.

"It is imperative we determine the current status of bull trout as well as determine where to prioritize our future efforts. A status review will greatly assist these efforts," the letter said.

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Citations over seat belts rise by 300 percent

NAMPA (AP) — Since a tougher seat-belt law went into effect in July, Idaho State Police have increased the number of tickets they give out for not buckling up by more than 300 percent.

State Police spokesman Rick Ohnman said the fourfold rise is an effort to ensure drivers obey state law. Troopers issued 662 seat-belt tickets in July, up from

164 in June.

"We're working it really hard, Ohnman said.

Troopers — have increased patrols since the new seat-belt law took effect July 1. The state also received federal funds to help pay for the overtime to wage the crackdown on seat-belt scofflaws.

Police in Idaho wrote almost

29,000 seat-belt citations last year.

The tougher law requires everyone in a vehicle to be properly restrained and doubles the fine for violators. Ohnman said the increased patrols are intended to alert motorists about the department's new attitude toward traveling without seat belts.

"We're not going to give warnings, we're going to give tickets," he said.

The new seat-belt law raised the fine from \$5 to \$10. It won approval in the Legislature last winter following a campaign by Middleton resident Phyllis Smith, whose son was killed in a 2001 car crash when he was not wearing a seat belt.

The measure passed by lawmakers was a compromise. Smith and her supporters wanted the state to allow officers to stop drivers solely because they failed to wear seat belts.

Instead, police who stop drivers for another reason such as an improper lane change can issue a citation if anyone in the car is not properly restrained.

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Section B

AROUND THE VALLEY

Review board will report on priest case

TWIN FALLS - A former Twin Falls priest suspended because of allegations of child pornography found on his computer appeared before a church review board Monday in California.

Father Dominic Nguyen appeared before the Sexual Misconduct Oversight and Review Board in Orange County, said Shirl Giacomi, chancellor at the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange.

The board will make a recommendation to Bishop Ted Brown (in Orange County), she said. "After Brown gets the recommendation and reaches a decision, we will issue a news release." Giacomi said the board's recommendation is confidential.

Giacomi previously said the investigation concerns both the allegations of child pornography on the Twin Falls computer at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church and a July 30 Associated Press report about Nguyen having a previous sexual relationship with a woman in California.

Nguyen had served at St. Columban Church in Garden Grove, Calif., before he was sent to Twin Falls as an assistant priest in November 2000.

Jerome sheriff says he feels vindicated

JEROME - Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver said he feels vindicated after settling his defamation lawsuit against a local radio station for \$65,000.

The case was recently settled after a jury in U.S. District Court in Boise reached no conclusion in the case.

The settlement included no admission of liability and no retraction, according to a transcript of the Aug. 8 settlement proceedings.

"I set out to make a point, as a matter of principle, that I was not going to allow the media to report totally false rumors about me," Weaver said in a news release issued by his attorneys, Richard Boardman and Christina Salami of Boise.

"The case has settled for a not insubstantial sum, which will be used to pay my attorneys' fees. I believe my point has been made."

During the trial, Weaver took the stand and adamantly denied under oath that any such accident ever occurred," according to the release.

The case stemmed from a report that aired Oct. 29 and Oct. 30, 2001, on KLDX-1310 AM radio. In that report, then-radio announcer Suzanne Todd (also known as Suzanne Just) cited "reliable sources" saying Weaver had been involved in a car accident. The sources said alcohol and another vehicle might have been involved.

An Idaho State Police investigation found that no such accident had taken place.

Firefighters extinguish brush fire near airport

TWIN FALLS - A brush fire near the Twin Falls airport was quickly extinguished Monday afternoon.

A fire started at about noon Monday near the Idaho State Valley Regional Airport and burned about 60 acres before firefighters put it out at about 1:30 p.m., Twin Falls Fire Department Battalion Jack Barnes said.

No injuries or structure damage was reported, Barnes said.

Sparks from a worker cutting a metal fence post are believed to have started the fire, Barnes said. A crew was installing a new perimeter fence at the airport.

The Salmon Tract Rural Fire Department also helped extinguish the fire, Barnes said.

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Jerome fines food processors for discharges

By Didi Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Two large food processing plants are facing fines from the city as a result of excessive wastewater discharges last month.

The city sent letters to WestFarm Foods and to Jerome Cheese Co. on Aug. 5, assessing the companies \$3,000 and \$2,500, respectively, for violating their wastewater contracts with the city. Both assessments are within the framework of the wastewater treatment agreements between the industries and the city of Jerome, City Administrator Travis Rothweiler said.

A WestFarm Foods spokesman said the

company regrets the excessive discharge, while a Jerome Cheese official questioned the city's data in the matter.

The wastewater treatment plant, industrial spills and odors will be the central of discussion at tonight's City Council meeting. All interested residents are invited to attend and voice their concerns.

The city contends that in late July the sewer plant received excessive wastewater discharges from both WestFarm Foods and from Jerome Cheese which overloaded the plant. Both industries failed to properly notify the city of the expected large amounts over the allowable loads dictated

by the wastewater treatment agreements with the city.

Both companies' wastewater overloads resulted in the city suffering additional costs for treatment, dealing with unexpected higher load levels and odor problems, Rothweiler said.

Wastewater treatment plant manager John Boyd said WestFarm Foods sent a total of 5,344 gallons over its permitted limit into the city's wastewater system in July, 7,714 of those gallons were sent between July 20 and 30. Jerome Cheese sent a total of 60,850 gallons over its permitted limit in July, 24,160

of those gallons were sent between the 20th and 30th.

Boyd is still compiling the costs incurred with dealing with the overloads to the system. But it should be around \$15,000, he said.

Officials from both companies have been invited to attend tonight's City Council meeting and discuss the spills, assessments and other wastewater issues.

Jerome Cheese Plant Manager Bill Riebesell said the letter from the city did not specify the date of excessive wastewater discharge. In late July there were several power outages, he said.

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Retired cop: Legalize drugs

Former officer says war against drugs is waste of time, resources

By Rebecca Mesny
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The longest, dustiest, loneliest trail of a cowboy was never as challenging as Howard Woodriddle's road.

With a one-eyed pinto named "Misty" and just 16 pounds of pack, the retired police officer is traveling more than 3,000 miles to send a message to America: The millions of hours spent on drug enforcement reduce public safety.

"There's a massive crime wave because of the U.S. prohibition of drugs," he said. "Drugs are cheaper, stronger and easier to buy than ever before, according to Woodriddle.

The solution? "There is no solution," he admits. "Only approaches."

Woodriddle is a founding member of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, a group of current and retired police officers who support legalizing drugs. He said he retired from law enforcement in 1994 after 15 years as a police officer in Bath, Mich. On Monday, he and his horse traveled between Kimberly and Ellers on the latest leg of his cross-country odyssey.

"Drugs have been around for thousands of years, and likely always will be," he said. "But the 1 to 2 percent of Americans who use heavy narcotics will use them whether or not they're legal. And the other 98 percent of Americans don't need a law to stop them from using. We won't use drugs, because we're smarter than that."

Current drug laws, he maintains, are a waste of time.

"We're the mosquito on the rear of an elephant," he said. "We make 0.0 difference, and every cop knows it."

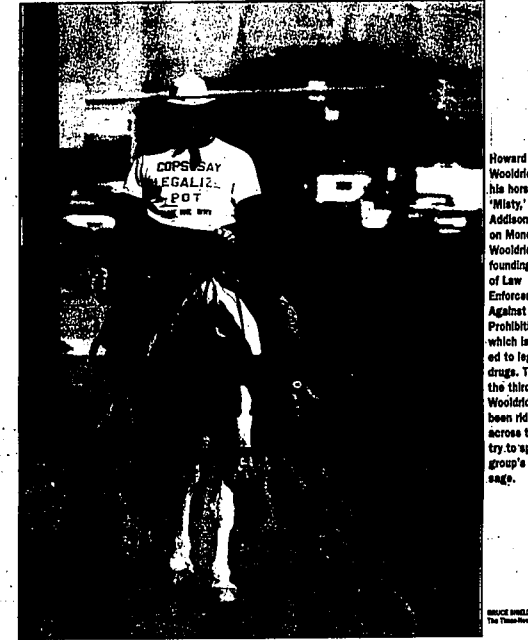
Local officials, however, disagree.

"We have a lot of people who were cooking meth but are now in jail," said state Sen. Denton Darrington, R-DeClo, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Without current drug laws, he said, each of those people would still be on the street peddling drugs.

To him, that evidence enough that drug laws make a difference in the community.

Woodriddle expects that kind of response.

"They make big busts and fill up prisons," he said. "But does it reduce the supply of drugs on the street? No."



Howard Woodriddle rides his horse, 'Misty,' down Acorn Avenue on Monday.

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"The word on the street is that we're doing this," he said. "They know about the headlines and they know we're aggressively pursuing them."

Because punishment is the best deterrent to any crime, he said, the police department is devoting a tremendous effort to that area. And because drugs are often at the root of other crimes, the Twin Falls police expect the crackdown to reduce crime in general.

But what many see as vital, Woodriddle sees as ineffectual.

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Twin Falls City Council turns down TV tower

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The City Council didn't do much explaining before turning down a proposal on Monday for a 120-foot TV tower at 1440 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

The vote was 5-2 against letting Marlin Turner build a special-use permit to operate a television station. Earlier the city Planning and Zoning Commission had approved the tower, only with five stipulations.

But Lamar Orton, city planning and zoning administrator, said he received an e-mail from one of the neighbors of the proposed business who objected to the tower. So Orton asked the City Council to review the proposal before the Planning and Zoning Commission gave it a second hearing.

By city ordinance, the type of tower Turner was proposing is prohibited in nonresidential and residential zones. Wireless communication facilities are to be located on existing towers, structures or buildings - unless the applicant can prove no existing structures are to be found.

Mayor Lance Cook, who voted against the tower, said after reading all the comments against it before the Planning and Zoning Commission, he couldn't understand why the commission passed it.

The commission had commented that the tower would be inappropriate on the side of the city's gateway, that there is an ordinance against it and that the explanation for the proposal was inadequate.

But Councilman Chris Talkington, who did vote for it, said it gives the phrase "significant adverse impact" that is to apply to special-use permits, he didn't see how the council could turn it down.

"I don't think we have the grounds," he said.

Turner, who has already bought a building at the North Blue Lakes location for her proposed 25-employee business, had threatened to take the business to the city of Shoshone - if she could not get the permit for the tower.

Also Monday, the City Council went ahead with unanimously approving the 2003-04 budget. The budget for 2002-03 is \$27,671,972. The budget for the coming year is \$30,183,065, an increase of about 8 percent.

The new budget includes money for the city's own emergency dispatching system, a new animal shelter and upgrades in technology for the police department that include in-car computers. It also includes a 2.5 percent lump-sum increase in city employee salaries. Employees will for the first time ever get raises based upon performance.

But though the new budget is larger than that for the current year - which ends Sept. 30 - increased property values and library bonds paid off early will limit property owners' tax increases to about \$4 annually per \$100,000 in taxable market value. Earlier city fathers had advertised the increase would be about \$20, because of a voter-approved bond issue last November for a new senior citizens center.

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Sheriff says new Blaine County jail would save money on transport costs

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - If and when a new jail is built, Sheriff Walt Femling said, Blaine County might save as much as \$100,000 a year alone in the expensive procedure of shuttling juveniles between Hailey and the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center in Twin Falls.

Femling told county commissioners during a briefing Monday that a new jail would have adequate, separate accommodations for juveniles, who could be held here pending court hearings rather than transported back and forth to Twin Falls for lack of facilities here.

Blaine County pays \$136 per day for housing juveniles in Twin Falls, he said. Other costs include the time of deputies and fuel for the shuttle trips between Twin Falls and Hailey.

As envisioned by Femling and the consulting firm DLR Group, the proposed new jail would have more beds (79) in less space (37,321 square feet) than a new jail facility proposed in a 1995 bond issue (69 beds in 38,503 square feet).

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rejected by voters. But the new proposal requires no public funds as tentatively outlined by the sheriff. It would be a lease-purchase project - the estimated \$6.9 million facility financed by a private builder, leased back to the county for up to 30 years, paid by the county with revenues from fees charged by other jurisdictions for housing federal, state and other counties' prisoners that totaled \$255,438 in 2002.

County will help fund bridge study

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - County commissioners Monday approved giving \$10,000 a year for the next three years to the Greater Twin Falls Transportation Committee to help fund its impact study on a new \$20-million river crossing.

The committee must match part of the \$1.5 million it received from the federal government to conduct the study, said County Commissioner Tom Mikese.

David Maestas, chairman of the Greater Twin Falls Transportation Committee, has said that matching funds totaling \$300,000 are needed from Twin Falls and Jerome counties, cities and highway districts. Pledges need to be in place by Sept. 1, or the \$1.5 million will have to be returned to the Federal Highway

Administration. The current study is expected to be completed by next summer. The study will help determine the best location and design for the bridge. The study will also help determine the best location and design for the bridge. The study will also help determine the best location and design for the bridge.

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Della Merzocca - Kimberly

Della Merzocca, 73, of Kimberly, passed away Sunday, Aug. 17, 2003, at her home with her family by her side.

Della was born Aug. 8, 1930, in Emmett, Idaho, the daughter of Albert and Thelma Landon Johnson. She later moved to the Burley area where she attended Burley High School. She married Keith Bowcut in 1948. To this marriage three children were born, Sandra Fern, Pamela Marie and Dane Keith. In 1960, she married Thomas Francis Marzocca and were blessed with one child, Teresa Elaine. Thomas passed away in October of 1978. Ray Lickley and Della began their life adventures in 1979 and have had a very full life. They spent many winters in Arizona and resided the rest of their time in Kimberly. Della



enjoyed bridge and was noted in the "Bridge World" as an outstanding bridge director. She achieved

the rank of life master. She was also an excellent sales lady at Price Hardware, where she worked in the china and crystal department.

Della is survived by her loving companion, Ray Lickley; her sister Elaine Warr; her four children, Sandra (Leonard) Vincent, Pamela (William) Green, Dane (Valerie) Bowcut and Teresa Marzocca (Prudencio); 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two grandchildren.

The service for Della will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, 2003, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park." Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, and from noon to 1:45 p.m. the day of the service at White Mortuary.

Helen W. Banner - Hayburn

Helen Wilma Stoddard Banner, 73, of Hayburn, was called home by her Heavenly Father on Saturday, Aug. 16, 2003, after a long struggle with her health.

She was born on March 26, 1930, to Milton Chester and Lillie May King Stoddard in Woods Cross, Utah. Her parents moved to Rupert, Idaho, when she was 2 years old. It was there she grew up with her five brothers and sisters. She met and subsequently married the love of her life, Golden Leo Banner, when she was 19. Dancing, fishing and hunting were sources of much enjoyment for them. Together, they brought four sons and two daughters into the world.

Helen worked at J.R. Simplot Company for 20 years, serving as a secretary in the union for many years. She retired in 1995. She was an active member of The Church of



Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Stoddard; and two sisters, Belva Mix and Delsa Wrigley.

She is survived by four sons and a daughter, Milton (Kathy) Banner, Bertha Shaw, Leslie (Elva Jo) Banner, Mark (Melissa) Banner and Brent Banner; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren with more on the way; and one brother, Aaron Stoddard.

Helen will be greatly missed by those who know her.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 22, 2003, at the Hayburn 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 550 Villa Drive, with Bishop Gene Price officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Earl F. Short - Twin Falls

Earl F. Short, 79, of Twin Falls, passed away Saturday, Aug. 16, 2003.

Earl was born Aug. 4, 1924, in Sapulpa, Okla., the son of Elmore Short and Pearl Spears Short. He moved to Rupert with his family at the age of 2. He attended schools in the Rupert area, graduating from high school in 1943.

On March 13, 1948, Earl married Virginia L. Jones in Elko, Nev. During WWII, Earl was inducted into the Army at Fort Douglas, Utah, where he initially trained as a truck driver. He was sent to the Philippine Islands where he served with the 21st Regiment 24th Infantry Division landing at Zamboanga, Mindanao Island. Earl served two tours of duty during the Korean conflict along the DMZ. During the Vietnam War, Earl was stationed at Dong Tam running supplies to the Seabees and outfitting camps. During his course, Earl was awarded two Bronze Stars, a Soldiers Medal, a Philippines Liberation Medal, a Good Conduct Medal and has



earned the Purple Heart. Also during the course of his military career, Earl and family lived in Germany, Alaska and California. After retiring from over 21 years of military service, Earl worked for 12 years with the Idaho State Police as a trooper weigh master at the Hollister Post of Entry.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Virginia; his sons, David (Elaine) Short of Boise and Bruce (Karen) Short of Twin Falls; and three grandchildren, Amanda, Phillip and Maria. He is also survived by four brothers, Roy (Irmay) Short and Paul (Barbara) Short of Twin Falls, Hugh (Naomi) Short of Rupert, and Calvin (Sherry) Short of Sandy, Utah; brothers-in-law, Walter (Rea) Jones of Twin Falls and Lou Charles of Rupert; sister-in-law Agnes Short of Rupert; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Janice, and his son, Walter; his parents; brothers Reid, Ray, Ralph, Alvin and twin brother, Yeard; and sisters Retha Lawson and Mable Charles.

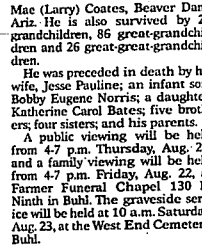
The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 21, 2003, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 9-9 a.m. Thursday at Park's Funeral Home.

Jerry Ellis Norris - Buhl

Jerry Ellis Norris, 92, of Buhl, passed away at the home of his son on Aug. 15, 2003, after a long illness.

Jerry was born in Crossville, Tenn., to Thomas and Sarah Ann Norris on Dec. 31, 1910. He came to Buhl, Idaho, in 1918, where he lived most of his life and worked as a butcher and farm laborer. He married Jesse Pauline Vicory on Sept. 1, 1932, in Gooding. The couple had seven children, including two sons, Jerry Edward (Bertha) Norris, and Thomas Herlick (Theresa) Norris. Dr. Vin Falls; three daughters, Leola Christine (Robert) Sharp, Scobey, Mont., Majorie Pauline (Terry) Palmer, Ellis and Linda



to Nampa in 1992 to live with

Mae (Larry) Coates, Beaver Dam, Ariz. He also survived by 28 grandchildren, 86 great-grandchildren and 26 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jesse Pauline; an infant son, Bobby Eugene Norris; a daughter, Katherine Carol Bates; five brothers; four sisters; and his parents.

A public viewing will be held from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, and a family viewing will be held from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, at Farmer Funeral Chapel 130 N. Ninth in Buhl. The graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at the West End Cemetery, Buhl.

Lois R. Hopkins - Nampa

Lois R. Hopkins, 88, of Nampa and Gooding, died Aug. 17, 2003, at the Gooding Hospital following a long illness.

Lois was born Oct. 14, 1914, in Greeley, Colo., to Charley Guy Warner and Phyllis M. Warner. She went to school in Pierce, Colo. Her favorite memory was playing on the girls' basketball team. She married Ray W. Hopkins May 29, 1931, in Golden, Colo., where they farmed. They later moved to Denver, Colo., and then to King Hill, Idaho, in 1955 and Gooding, Idaho in 1956 where they farmed. Lois also worked in the drug store and the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind and enjoyed many hours as a foster grandparent. They moved



to Nampa in 1992 to live with

their son, Terry, and his wife, Maureen, who died in 1995.

Lois was also preceded in death by her son, James; an infant son; her parents; three brothers; and one sister.

She is survived by two daughters, Dora Brinkman of Denver, Colo., and Peggy McGuire (Dean) of Gooding; two sons, Terry (Maureen) of Nampa, Randy Hopkins of Hagerman; and two sisters, Dorothy Bell (Fred) of Denver and Marilyn Kloster of Yakima, Wash.; 13 grandchildren; and 43 great-grandchildren.

As she wished, there will be a graveside service at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, 2003, at Hillcrest Memorial Garden in Nampa, Idaho.

Craig B. Stewart - Gooding

Craig B. Stewart, 72, died at his home in Gooding on Sunday, Aug. 17, 2003.

He was born in Hailey, Idaho, the son of George W. and Ella May (Severe) Stewart. Craig was raised 8 miles west of Hailey at his parents' ranch in Rock Creek. He joined the Army in 1951, serving with the 485th ENG COM BN. in Germany. After his honorable discharge in 1955, he went to work for the Forest Service and remained

there until 1964. He worked for Mike Ivie Construction in Bellevue, Idaho, and then for Sun Valley as a ski lift mechanic supervisor. He retired in 1982 and continued to run the family farm until 1990, when he and his family moved to Gooding.

Craig is survived by his wife, Janice Stewart of Gooding; a son, Mike, currently serving in the U.S. Army in Germany; a daughter, Audrey Gutches of Bellingham,

Wash.; two grandchildren, Josh and Tara; and seven brothers and sisters, Jim Stewart (Ramona), of Gooding, Ella Anderson of Boise, Mary Lewis of Jerome, Doug Stewart (LucAnn) of Payette, Bob Stewart (Pat) of Payette, Ann Miller (Freddy) of Sterling, Alaska, and Katie Cox of Boise.

At Craig's request there will be no services. Arrangements under the direction of Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Edith Darling Fenstermaker Thompson - Rupert



Edith Darling Fenstermaker Thompson, 62, of Rupert, Idaho, passed away Sunday, Aug. 17, 2003, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

She was born Nov. 2, 1940, in Burley, Idaho, the daughter of Florence Darling Millard and Melvin (Jim) Fenstermaker. She married Brent Thompson on Aug. 30, 1975, in Burley, Idaho.

She is survived by her husband, Brent; her children, Cecil Wayne (Joyce) Amen and Crystal June (Greg) Granillo, Declo, Idaho, Corrine Jean Hulbert, Boise, Idaho, Larry Dale (Anita Dee), Maier, Kasota, Idaho, Jimmy Leland (Maier) Thompson, Rupert, Idaho; brothers, Melvin "Jim" Fenstermaker, Rupert, Idaho, and Leland Ross Fenstermaker, Temple City, Calif.; and her sister, Melva Irene Fenstermaker, Cloward Spring City, Utah; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a niece, Valerie Helene Fenstermaker; and a grandson, Alfred Lee Ortega.

Gary Leslie Smallmon - Carey

Gary was born Jan. 2, 1969, in Alpena, Mich., and passed away Nov. 1, 2002, in Boise, Idaho.

He was the 15th child born to Ernest and Annie Kenwell Lytle. Due to unfortunate circumstances, seven of the children became wards of the state of Michigan. Gary was later adopted by Leamon and Lillie Smallmon.

The memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, 2003, at the Carey Cemetery.

A sincere thanks to American Heating in Hailey for providing a monument for Gary and to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Parke in Carey for the cemetery plot.



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DEATH NOTICE

John Urrizaga

TWIN FALLS - John Urrizaga, 75, of Twin Falls died Sunday, Aug. 17, 2003, at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, 2003, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, with a Catholic vigil service following at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 22, 2003, at St. Edward's Catholic Church. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

A full obituary will appear at a later date.

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Cassia commissioners review solid waste fees

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The solid waste fee assessed Cassia County residents might decrease.

County residents each now pay \$60 a year for the solid waste district. Cassia County Treasurer Gayle Ekelson provided commissioners

with estimated revenue figures if the annual fee dropped to \$50. The solid waste fund contains \$604,059, after making this year's \$517,846 payment to the solid waste district, Ekelson said.

The fund, which has steadily grown from \$195,689 in 1997. At the same time, Ekelson said, the county's payments to the solid

waste district have decreased. Payments from the county to the district have declined from \$583,550 in 1999 to 2003's payment of \$517,846, Ekelson said.

She said the county would have collected \$505,200 in 2003 if the fee was \$50 per unit, rather than \$60. That would not have covered the county's pay-

ment, but with a fund balance of more than \$600,000, the county has enough money in the fund to make next year's payment.

If needed, commissioners could raise the fee again later, Ekelson said.

Commissioner Clay Handy said it doesn't make sense to keep accumulating money in a fund that can't be used for anything else.

Vanishing Cassia County Fair ribbons cause stir

The Times-News

BURLEY — People who entered the photography and art categories at this year's Cassia County Fair might have seen ribbons fluttering next to their entries which later disappeared.

Cassia County Fairgrounds Manager Deane Draper said a miscommunication led to art and

photography judges handing out too many ribbons. Judges normally award a blue, red and white ribbon in each category. During the photography and art judging, however, several ribbons of each color were given in each category.

When the mistake was noticed, the extra ribbons — those distributed after the first blue, red and white ribbon in each category was

awarded — were removed, Draper said.

If more ribbons were awarded in art and photography, Draper worries people will want additional ribbons in all other categories.

What the mistake means more money paid out in premiums, and that money would add up quickly.

Fair officials have worked for several years to create consistency

among departments, Draper said. Giving more ribbons in one department would undermine that effort.

Cassia County Commissioner Clay Handy asked if letters could be sent to people who had entered in the art and photography contests, but Draper said fair officials do not have a master address list of entrants.

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Administration and a new application made in 2004.

The preferred spot for the new bridge is north of the U.S. Highway 93-Highway 30 interchange west of Twin Falls. Plans for the project began three years ago, and it could be another 20 years before the long-term project is completed.

Also Monday, commissioners selected Ware and Associates, a local auditing firm, to conduct this year's governmental audit. The company has been conducting the county's audits for several years. Mikesell said commissioners would have sent out a request for proposals, but due to the recent upheaval in the county clerk's office and budget deadlines creeping up, they didn't have time.

"We don't feel we have the means available to do an RFP and meet the deadlines required by the statute," Mikesell said.

Former County Clerk Bob Fort recently resigned from office after admitting to misusing public funds. New clerk Kristina Glascock came on board in the middle of the budget process.

Meanwhile, Mikesell said commissioners are close to hiring local accountants Larry Braga and Lisa Donnelly to do an independent audit of county funds. Braga and Donnelly have submitted a proposal to do a county audit for \$30,000 to \$45,000. The audit would look at all the funds Fort had control over and randomly select expenditures from other county funds.

Minidoka schools see mixed results in test scores

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Looking at Idaho Reading Indicator scores and new state-mandated benchmarks, Minidoka County School District has reason to celebrate kindergarten scores and reason to worry about the third grade.

Federal Program Director Judy Mills talked with Minidoka County School Board members Monday night.

In kindergarten, state mandates call for 60 percent of stu-

dents to be proficient in reading, according to IRI scores, by 2006. Currently 72 percent of kindergarten students are proficient.

Mills also pointed to the limited English proficiency students. About 59 percent of LEP students statewide have proficient skills; 88 percent of LEP students in the district are proficient.

In the first grade, 70 percent of students need to be proficient by the 2006 mark, Mills said. The dis-

trict hangs just toemals below the state; the state has 65 percent of first-graders at proficiency while Minidoka County has 58 percent.

It's the same story in second grade, where the proficiency benchmark is 80 percent of students by 2006. Currently 67 percent of second-graders test at proficient levels, while 58 percent of district second-graders are proficient.

Concern comes at the third-grade level, Mills said. The state average of proficient students sits at 62 percent, and the district has

just 44 percent. By 2006, the goal is to have 85 percent of third-graders proficient.

"The state's not meeting that goal," Mills said. "We're not even coming close to meeting that goal."

A concern lies in the third grade for the students who aren't testing at proficient levels, but there is also a concern for third-graders who have passed to fourth grade without being proficient, Mills said. Teachers and administrators are looking for the answers.

Judicial council recommends three finalists for opening

BOISE — The Idaho Judicial Council has selected three Twin Falls attorneys as finalists to replace retiring 5th District Judge Nathan Eiger.

The names of Richard Bevan, Richard D. Greenwood and John K. Butler have been submitted to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, the council announced Monday. The council interviewed those three and two other candidates — local attorney Brian Harper and 5th District Magistrate Judge Sandy Stoker — Thursday in Twin Falls.

Eiger plans to step down on Oct. 1. There is no deadline for Kempthorne to select a new judge.

Bevan, Greenwood, Harper and Stoker also have applied for the 5th District judgeship vacated by newly appointed Idaho Supreme Court Justice Roger Burdick. They will join by Casey Robinson, Tom Kershaw Jr. and Dennis Byington. The Judicial Council plans to interview candidates for that job in September.

The annual salary of a district judge is \$91,596.

Magic Valley in brief

Wednesday's deadline will go on sale as leftover permits at 10 a.m. Aug. 30.

Fish and Game is sending out postcards to remind more than 14,000 hunters who have not picked up their tags. The tags they hold represent about 40 percent of the 36,000 controlled hunt tags available in Idaho.

"We don't want you to be disappointed by going in just before your hunt starts to find out that you no longer have a controlled hunt permit because you missed the Aug. 20 deadline and somebody else has now taken your spot in your favorite hunt," said Steve Barton, chief financial officer for Fish and Game.

In the past, hunters have failed to buy 6 percent to 8 percent of permits drawn in controlled hunts. The new policy expands hunting opportunities to more sportsmen. Buy tags at any in-state vendor, by telephone or online at www2.state.id.us/fishgame.

Idaho Fine Arts Center. Registration costs \$7 and starts at 7. Rehearsals continue every Thursday night, 7:30-9:30 p.m., until the performance on Dec. 13-14.

The choreale invites members of the community to join. There are no auditions, but singers do need to be able to match pitch.

Twin Falls Highway District plans seal-coating

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Highway District is seal-coating roads in Twin Falls County this week.

The roads to be seal-coated today are:

- 3900 North from 3600 East to 3800 East.
- 3650 East from 4900 North to 4000 North.
- 4000 North from 3300 East to 3600 East.

The schedule is subject to change. Any questions regarding the seal-coating schedule should be directed to the highway district office at 733-4062.

Have your student loan payments got you down?

The Times-News is preparing an article about how recent college graduates are managing their student loan payments. If you're making student loan payments and would like to share your story, give us a call.

Call Steve Crump at 735-3223,

or write to him at scrump@magicvalley.com.

Man reaches plea agreement in sex charge

BURLEY — A Monday trial for Burley resident Valiente Conde was canceled because he reached a plea agreement with the Cassia County prosecuting attorney.

Conde, 28, has agreed to plead guilty to one count of sexual battery in exchange for Deputy County Prosecuting Attorney Elaine Cannon dropping a charge of sexual battery of a child younger than 16. Cannon has agreed to recommend Conde be sentenced to a determinate period of five years and an indeterminate period of 10 years in prison. But, according to the plea agreement, Cannon will recommend that the District Court judge retain jurisdiction over Conde's case for 180 days.

Conde was accused of having sex with a 16-year-old Burley girl in October 2002. The girl's mother had reported her as a runaway in December 2002. The mother told police her daughter might be with Conde, whom the mother called her daughter's boyfriend.

The girl was found hiding at her grandparents' home in American Falls and was arrested for being a runaway, according to the court affidavit. Police searched the house and found Conde hiding there.

— compiled from staff reports

Hunters face Wednesday deadline for permits

JEROME — Hunters who drew controlled hunt permits must buy their tags by Wednesday.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game adopted a new rule setting a deadline for hunters to buy their tags.

Tags not picked up by

Chorale begins 'Messiah' rehearsals Thursday

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Chorale will begin rehearsals this week for its Christmas concert of Handel's "Messiah."

The first rehearsal is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the choral room of the College of Southern

could be reallocated to other areas.

For Smith, any amount of money and time enforcing drug laws is a good thing.

"The effects of drugs are devastating," he said. "And only a small number of people are able to exercise personal responsibility."

Woodridge remains optimistic about his cause.

"I sincerely believe that in

eight to 10 years the baby boomers will be fully in control of government and at a minimum will end prohibition on marijuana," he said. "Enough voters will come to believe it's a waste of time for our thin blue line to be looking for pot under some kid's front seat."

"This is a good cause, and I'll work on it until it's solved or until I draw my last breath," he said.

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issue, not a criminal problem.

"If I were king for a day, I'd let doctors and nurses handle people who end up with drug abuse problems," he said. "Get law enforcement back to crimes which generate a 911 call. Get the child molesters and the drunk drivers."

Other positive effects would be felt right away, according to Woodridge. If legalized, the

price of drugs would drop precipitously, he argues. With prices slashed, abusers wouldn't have to steal to get money to buy drugs, and a drop in other crimes would occur.

"If legalized, cocaine would drop from \$45 a gram to \$2," he said.

Additionally, according to Woodridge, the \$60 billion a year going to drug law enforcement

A video arraignment facility also would be built, allowing prisoners to face judges for the first time via a television hookup between the jail and the courts in downtown Hailey.

Further briefings are being scheduled by the sheriff for other

agencies that would be involved in using the jail or its communication facilities.

County commissioners have not formally given the go-ahead for the new facility, but told the sheriff to proceed with studies and provide periodic reports.

\$700,000 upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant. Bybee said parts of the sewer system are shut down for repairs and then put back on line. The system bogs down as a result of those shutdowns, and odors occur.

"I'm not surprised that the wastewater treatment plant is smelling bad now," Bybee said.

There is hope in the near future. The upgrade should be completed by October; then the odors should improve, Rothweiler said.

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inmates a night.

In a Monday briefing, Fleming described some of the proposed jail's features, including an especially secure consolidated dispatch system for Blaine County emergency

police, fire and medical services and for weekend programs involving juveniles on probation; training facilities for police and fire personnel; a kitchen; and accommodation for mental and psychological treatment.

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"When there is a power outage, the meter gives a jolt and inflated readings... I went through a lot of data, and everything is still up in the air. I don't want to make an official comment at this time," Richards said.

Richards plans to attend tonight's council meeting.

Bill Anderson, vice president of legal and public affairs with WestPac Energy, said, "We regret very much that the incident occurred.

It was the result of improper procedures by a dry operator and an evaporator operator who has been disciplined. We don't expect it to happen again."

Anderson said plant manager Kris Kostelecky will attend the council meeting to discuss wastewater issues.

Xenia Williams, who lives at 100 W. 100 N., about a half mile north of the wastewater treatment plant, complained to the council on Aug. 5 shortly after the discharge.

SERVICES

Elsie Eldred of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary.

Daryl Mack "Doc" Nelbor of Paul, service at 11 a.m. today at the Paul Stako Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 424 W. Ellis, burial will be at the Paul Cemetery, friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

LaVerne Dorothy Oswald of Boise and formerly of Hagerman, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at St. Catherine's Catholic Church, 445 N. State, Hagerman (Cloverdale Funeral Home, Boise).

Florence F. Fager Chase Jones of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1:30 p.m. today at Twin Falls Cemetery; friends may call until noon today at White Mortuary.

Zoey Marie Erdmann, infant daughter of Brad Erdmann and Nicole Newton Erdmann of Buhl, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at

the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth, Buhl.

Ruth J. Thompson of Filer, service at 2 p.m. today at the Community Bible Church in Filer (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Warren Prescott Skinner of Twin Falls, remembrance of life at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Adam Nelson Long of Ogden, Utah, graveside service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Rupert (Myers Mortuary, Ogden).

Myron Wood Thompson Jr. of Buhl, memorial service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the First Christian Church in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl).

Rachel F. Walkup of Kimberly, service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Twin Falls First Assembly of God Church, 143 N. Locust; a private family burial will precede the service (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

DEATH NOTICES

Elmer Motsinger — Elmer Motsinger, 82, of Twin Falls died Sunday, Aug. 17, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

At his request, private family services will be held at the Twin Falls Cemetery Garden of Twin Falls Columbarium.

Cremation and services are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Cheryl M. Wilson — Buhl — Cheryl M. Wilson, 65, of Buhl died Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A service of remembrance will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, 2003, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.



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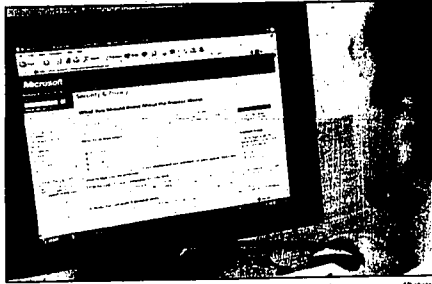
An inviolable force from the Internet grabbed Steve Watts' laptop and wouldn't let go. He tried to download a software file that would help fix the problem, but the Internet worm kept rebooting his computer every two minutes. Watts' computer was disabled for two days while he was on a business trip. If the worm had been more destructive - as experts say it easily might have been - "it could have been devastating to our company and would have taken weeks to recover from," Watts said.

Now his Boise-based business strategy firm, Bold Approach Inc., isn't taking any chances. It is upgrading its hardware and software "firewalls" which are designed to keep intruders out. "We have not invested much in security in the past and this was a good wake-up call for us," Watts said.

If there's a bright side to the "LoveSan" or "Blaster" Internet worm that rampaged through hundreds of thousands of computers last week, it's that the attack might lead companies to look more closely at their security precautions. "I think a lot of executives will say, 'My God, we're in worse shape than we thought we were. We spent all this money on firewalls and still it got inside,'" Russ Cooper, senior researcher at TruSecure Corp. "Unfortunately the state of affairs on the Internet is such that everybody needs to live in total paranoia."

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Microsoft Windows user Sam Salerno downloads a patch from Microsoft's Web site to protect his computer from the Blaster Worm Friday in New York City.

flaw in Microsoft Windows needed to be patched. Still, the worm wreaked havoc at companies and government agencies like the Maryland motor-vehicle department because many had failed to take proper steps to protect themselves.

A downloadable software "patch" that fixed the problem exploited by the worm had been available July 16, and Microsoft delivered it to home computer users who have the "automatic updates" feature enabled in later versions of Windows.

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"Most people won't go to bed without locking their front door. Most people don't leave valuables in their car without locking it," he said. "Security of the computer system is somehow treated different from personal security or business security."

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- Steve Watts, business owner

No sound card? Then you may have a problem

By James Coats
Chicago Tribune

Q: I installed a program from Magic called Audio Cleaning Studio 3.0 with the hope of transferring my LPs to CDs. When I tried to use it, the computer crashed. Technical support at Magic informed me that my computer is running an integrated sound chip, not a sound card, and therefore I cannot use the software.

Q&A: Computer does not have the resources to support their program. They also mentioned that I need to be running DirectX 6.1, but not higher than 6.1.

Any suggestions? Thank you for your time.

-Gerd Ermac

A: As far as I am concerned, the software industry should be forced to plaster the front of every box of external music recording software with red type reading "minimum of 16-bit Sound Blaster-compatible sound card required." You can count yourself among the swelling ranks of people disappointed to learn that one needs a dedicated sound card to digitize signals from the line out of a record player or cassette deck.

Machines with audio handled by the chipset can't handle the dual tasks needed to take input from external devices and digitize and burn it onto CDs.

I don't know why you can't just take that box of Magic back to the Magic Store and get a refund, G.B., so I'll just assume you want another solution for burning music from your collection of LPs onto digital CDs.

Your Active with Windows 98SE barely meets the requirements for a nifty gadget from Creative Labs that plugs into the USB port and performs the audio to digital signal musing that you call to transfer those LPs into CDs. It costs a hefty \$149 and it's called the Sound Blaster Extigy. The included software handles recording and burning. Or you can use the Extigy which is a very sweet product indeed when one has the horsepower required.

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Some companies did react quickly to the warnings, like Barton Malow Co., a large construction and design firm based in Southfield, Mich. Technical staff tested the patch within hours and used a multipurpose software delivery system from Altiris Inc. - which generally charges about \$80 per computer - to quickly push it to almost all the firm's 1,300 computers. The worm hit only a few of Barton Malow's PCs, all at remote sites.

"We're kind of psychotic about taking care of problems like that," said Paul Johnson, Barton Malow's chief network engineer. "We've seen too many of our competitors down for weeks just because of laziness or poor planning."

The city of Seattle's technology department has avoided being hit by previous Internet worms and viruses and tried to be diligent again this time, sending the patch to almost all 10,000 computers in city agencies. But the worm struck before the patching was over, knocking 1,000 computers offline.

In part because public safety systems in Seattle don't use Windows software the attack didn't cause serious problems. Even so, Sylvia Shiroiyama, the city's acting chief technology officer, said she now realizes the city must become quicker at blocking such dangers. "The time frame between vulnerabilities being known and hackers being able to exploit them is shortening, so we also need to be more aggressive in shortening our time frame," she said.

Although Microsoft is ultimately to blame for flaws in its software - which runs more than 90 percent of the world's desktop computers - no software can be perfect. Security experts say other computer operating systems would be just as vulnerable if they were as widely used as Microsoft's.

In fact, said Mikko Hypponen, director of anti-virus research for F-Secure Corp., "Microsoft has really picked up their act since 2000."

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Locals Join Idaho Travel Council

BOISE - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has appointed two people from south-central Idaho to serve on the Idaho Travel Council.

Brent Gillette of Hailey and John Webster of Burley, along with Todd Jenkins of Idaho Falls, joined the eight-member, private-sector advisory board to represent the state's travel industry to the Idaho Department of Commerce.

Another Sun Valley Company executive replaces Sun Valley Company marketing executive Jack Sibbach as the Travel Council representative for central Idaho. Gillette spent 10 years in food service and convention operations for Sun Valley Company before becoming a senior sales executive in 1991.

Webster is the new Travel Council representative for south-central Idaho. He replaces Woody Anderson of Albion. He began his tourism industry career in 1984 with F&C Enterprises of Boise and has more than 10 years of experience as general manager of hotels such as Marriott, Embassy Suites and Hilton.

Trade managers will meet with local companies

BOISE - Managers of the Idaho's international trade offices in Asia and Mexico are in the state this week, meeting with companies interested in exporting their products and services abroad.

Each office manager will meet with food processors, high-tech firms and wood product manufacturers in Fairfield, Twin Falls, Buhl, Weiser, Wilder, Meridian, Boise, Caldwell, Pocatello, Rigby and Idaho Falls.

"Idaho's international offices are the core of our export services," said Stephanie Hunt, administrator of the Idaho International Business Division, in a press release. "These meetings are the first step for companies interested in expanding operations into Asia or Mexico."

The dollar value of Idaho exports to China, Taiwan, Japan and Korea increased 8 percent to \$582 million in 2002, while exports to Mexico dropped 4 percent to \$60 million.

Idaho products shipped to Asia and Mexico include high-tech devices and components, semiconductors, building materials, beef and potatoes.

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Couple donates hangar to airport

By Pat Murphy Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - A Sun Valley couple has offered a gift to Friedman Memorial Airport that probably is the most unusual any Blaine County public body has accepted.

Macaulay Whiting Sr. and his wife, Helen, are donating an airplane-hangar at the Hailey airport to the governing authority.

The estimated 6,400-square-

foot structure once housed the Whittings' three-engine Falcon 50 corporate jet, which their attorney, John Seiler of Ketchum, said was sold after Whiting retired. He was an executive of The Dow Chemical Co. and a member of its board of directors.

He and his wife are now involved in Wood River Valley educational, health and environmental activities.

Seiler originally asked the air-

port board to renegotiate the current lease on airport land on which the hangar is located. The land lease expires in 2012, and Seiler suggested that potential lessees wanted longer terms.

The Whittings built the hangar, but Seiler said he did not know the construction cost.

When it appeared to Seiler that the airport authority could not negotiate a new lease quickly, Seiler then told the board that

the Whittings would be willing to donate the hangar free and clear to the airport.

Seiler confirmed there would be tax advantages to the Whittings.

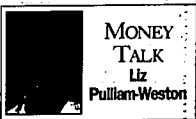
Board Chairwoman Mary Ann Mix, smiling as she nodded the board's willingness to accept the offer, said the Whittings would need to have the hangar assessed.

As owner of the hangar, the airport can lease it to a new tenant.

Person can get varying credit scores

Question: While I was refinancing my mortgage recently, my bank pulled credit scores from three sources. The scores were referred to as Beacon Score, Fair Isaac Model Score and Empirica Score. My Fair Isaac was 775 while my Empirica was 776. However, my Beacon was 608. Fortunately, this did not affect the rate I'm receiving for the refinancing, but I was surprised that there was such a discrepancy between Beacon and the other two. Is that unusual? Do they each have their own formula for determining your score?

Answer: All three credit bureaus use the FICO credit scoring formula created by Fair Isaac Corp. They just call it different things. At Equifax, it's the Beacon. At TransUnion, it's the Empirica. At Experian, it's called the "Experian/Fair Isaac Risk Model."



The scores are based on the information contained in your credit reports at each of the three bureaus. Because the bureaus are private companies that don't typically share data, your reports can be different at all three - sometimes extremely so. Equifax probably has some negative information about you, such as late payments or a collection account, that the other two bureaus don't have.

As you discovered, the effect of negative marks at just one bureau is minimal when getting a mortgage. That's because most home lenders focus on the middle of your three scores and disregard the other two. (If you're applying for a mortgage with another person, such as a spouse, it's usually the lower of the two middle scores that they use to evaluate you.)

Where this negative information can hurt you is when you apply for credit from a lender that checks only one bureau - and it happens to be the bureau that has the bad marks.

Order your Equifax credit report at www.equifax.com and see exactly what the trouble is. If the report contains errors or entries that don't belong to you, ask Equifax to investigate and eliminate them. Once you've done that, check out your other two reports as well, just to make sure everything is accurate. As a general practice, you should pull

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SURVIVAL JOB STRATEGIES

Things to consider when taking a job between 'real' jobs

By Adam Geller Associated Press Writer

SUDBURY, Mass. - Tom Calderini used to supervise three teams of software programmers spread across two states and an office overseas, but that job never tested his "people skills" quite like this.

"Sorry," an apron-clad Calderini says gently, addressing the mother of a girl in purple flip-flops whose head is barely level with his new workstation - the counter at the local Starbucks.

"We're all out of blueberry!" Spoken like a true survivalist in a job market that calls for desperate measures.

Desperate, but increasingly familiar to scores of workers who, unable to find jobs equal to well-paid white-collar positions they lost in layoffs, are grasping at survival jobs offering considerably less.

Since early 2001, the economy has shed about 2.7 million jobs, stranding workers from the stricken information technology and telecommunications sectors and the broad ranks of middle management thinned by corporate cost-cutting.

In the 1990s, those jobs were the prizes of the New Economy, offering substantial paychecks, stock options, and generous benefits, along with the promise of hopping onto something even better.

But that's all a memory, and many displaced white-collar workers driven by frustration and money worries are settling for work as food servers, security guards and retail clerks.

"A lot of people are going into auto sales or working at The Home Depot," said Larry Elle of Success Associates, a Boston-area job consulting agency. "They're kind of grasping at straws."

For some of those survival-job



Andy Massa, a former software executive, is now an employee at the golf shop at Stow Acres Country Club in Stow, Mass., where he sells merchandise, assists in group outings and sells used golf equipment on eBay.

takers, "there's a lot of shame and embarrassment in doing it because it's a feeling of going backward," he said.

The attraction is largely financial - a paycheck to cover bills and, in the best cases, employer-subsidized health insurance. But for some, at least, it's also about the need to do something, anything, to again participate in the working world.

That doesn't mean finding such a job is easy. Calderini, a 41-year-old father of two who used to make about \$80,000 a year, was indignant after being turned down for work at a home improvement store, an upscale grocery store and an outdoor gear shop.

Now he vacillates between praising the Starbucks job - it offers health insurance and a chance to meet people who might

Helpful hints

It's not a situation anyone wants to be in, but unemployed writers forced to look for a survival job can make the best of it by adopting certain strategies. Here are some tips from Sharaz Wells, a job counselor with Bernard Helfand Associates.

- Look for a job that allows you to learn a new skill, particularly something marketable to another employer.
- Shoot for a position that may give you a foot in the door of a company or organization that could offer better opportunities down the line.

Think about jobs that, however different, are in some way related to what you were doing before.

In some circumstances, take any job while you continue to search. Earning a paycheck will bring some relief and make you appear less desperate, and that can improve your chances with other employers.

If you've taken such a position, but it does nothing to enhance your resume, consider leaving it off all together. "Your resume is a brochure. It's not your autobiography," Wells says.

- The Associated Press

be a link to another career - and verify a certain guessiness, not unlike a ballet dancer forced to dance for tips in a stripjoint.

"Some days I say I can't believe I'm doing this, getting up at quar-

ter to five to go sell coffee for not very much money," says Calderini, of Marlboro, Mass., a bedroom community between Boston and Worcester. "But if I

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MONEY

Dow hits highest level in 14 months

NEW YORK (AP) - The Dow Jones industrial climbed to its highest close in 14 months Monday, rising sharply in a quiet session following last week's blackout. Good earnings news from Lowe's and Toys 'R Us helped lift stocks, but there was little other news to influence the market.

"There is some relief," that the outage was short-lived, said Brian Williamson, an equity trader at The Boston Company Asset Management. "We are back in a normal, quiet day."

The upturn followed the lightest session of the year on Friday as the nation coped with the largest power outage in U.S. history,

which left 50 million people without power from the East Coast to Michigan. Many traders stayed home Friday, and many others on Wall Street were already gone on summer vacation.

The Dow closed Monday up 90.76, or 1 percent, 9,412.45, having gained 11.13 on Friday. The last time the Dow stood higher at the end of a session was June 20, 2002, when it was at 9,431.77.

The broader market also finished higher. The Nasdaq composite index rose 37.48, or 2.2 percent, to 1,739.49, after closing out a gain of 1.67 Friday. The Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 9.07, or 0.9 percent, to 999.74, after creeping up 0.6 the previous session.

IBM lays off 500 in Vermont

ESSEX JUNCTION, Vt. (AP) - IBM, the world's largest provider of computer hardware, laid off 500 workers at its Vermont plant Monday and said an additional 3,000 will be required to take a week off without pay next month.

Spokesman Jeffrey Couture said the layoffs would take effect immediately. "Essentially we're doing this because we have not seen a turnaround in our industry," Couture said.

While IBM posted profits for its second quarter, it lost money in its microelectronics business as the industry suffered a downturn. Many of those laid off were in higher-paying positions, the company said. IBM is Vermont's largest employer, with more than 6,000 workers.

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your reports at all three bureaus at least once a year, and again a few months before you apply for any major credit, such as a car loan or mortgage.

I am one of six children. Our father died without a will, leaving us a dilapidated house to sell, splitting the profit. Some of us wanted the house sold "as is." Others wanted to have lots of repairs done first to raise the value of the place. My oldest sibling decided that whoever did not contribute time and money to fix the home would receive a smaller amount than the rest when it is sold. I can't really afford the time or money and I find this unfair. Do I have rights to an equal share even though I cannot contribute? Let me also state that for the last eight years, my

siblings for the most part would not speak to my dad and they didn't give a hoot about him. While he was in the hospital dying, my siblings were ransacking his home. I sat by his bedside and cried.

As condolences on the loss of our father. But it's hard to see how your siblings' solution is unfair, unless they propose to give you less than you would have received had the repairs not been done.

Let's say the home is worth \$60,000 as is. Your share, if the proceeds were split evenly and we don't factor in selling costs, would be \$10,000.

With the investment of a little elbow grease and few thousand dollars, however, the home's fair market value might be boosted to \$90,000. Your siblings who participated in the rehabilitation

tion could fairly give you the \$10,000 you would have gotten anyway and then split the remaining profit among themselves. (This division process could be tricky, however, as they'll have to consider time and money contributed, but that's their problem.)

This really isn't about the money though, is it? It's about who was the most difficult child, who should have been rewarded the most and who behaved abominably as your father lay dying. Those, however, are not issues that can be reasonably addressed through a division of your father's estate, particularly

ly when he didn't care enough about what happened to bother writing a will. You could go to court to try to take over administration of his estate, but you may not succeed and it's doubtful the effort would be worth the financial and emotional cost.

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Survival

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The transformation of the labor market has stunned many job seekers. Many are in the Tulsa, Okla., office of career counseling agency Bernard Haldane Associates, which has seen many of its clients take survival jobs unrelated to previous careers.
'It's extremely difficult for young people who didn't know anything else, who have never known hard times and think survival jobs are just because they're on the planet,' she says.

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But many workers settling for lower-paying jobs have been surprised to find that potential employers, Gold took a job as a clerk in a Kinko's photocopy shop near his home in Naperville, Ill., a Chicago suburb. He left that job for another as an office administrator at a used car dealership, working 20 to 30 hours a week.

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Gold was impressed to hear the man had received 17 patents in networking technology at Lucent Technologies. But the man was focused only on getting out of the meeting by noon so he could grab some sleep before rushing off to his new job as a stocking clerk in a warehouse.

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'It turned me into saying, 'Hey wait a minute, what's going on here?'' Gold recalls.
Such an account would not surprise Gary Covert, who met his job as a software engineer in late 2001. This May, he finally gave in and took work as a security guard, patrolling an office in Cambridge, Mass.

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But something is still not right.
Not long ago, his wife, Kathy, ran into an acquaintance and mentioned that Tom Calderini had taken a job at the local coffee shop.
'I think I know who he is,' the woman responded. 'He looks like the one who doesn't belong here.'

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MORNING BREAK

ACROSS and DOWN crossword puzzle grid with clues for 1-35.

Monday's Puzzle Bohred with a grid and clues for 1-50.

Teens wanting kids should should change gears

DEAR ABBY: I am 14 and ready to have a baby. My boyfriend, "Matt," is 16 and says he is ready, too. You should see how sweet and considerate he is around children.



DEAR ABBY: I am 16 years old and have a 5-month-old daughter. I thought her father and I would be together forever, but I was wrong.

mature than many teenagers my age. I have to be, since I am more than eight months pregnant.

break" from your boyfriend, consult a lawyer regarding child support and custody issues.

DEAR ABBY: Will you please set a disagreement between my daughter and me? When is a child too old to be held?

DEAR A.M.: Babies are a full-time job because they are completely dependent.

My problem is, I can't seem to find a boyfriend who is right for me. Some boys don't mind that I have a baby, but all they want to do is go out with their friends.

Abby, I have prayed about this and believe that Rob and I are meant to be together.

DEAR LOVING GRANDMA: If he shows signs of immaturity in other areas, it could be a problem.

I have long urged women to be financially independent before having children.

DEAR LOVESICK: Of course not. It's understandable. Mothers need nurturing, too.

Do you think we should take a short break from each other? I can't ask my family because they don't like Rob, and Rob's parents don't like me.

DEAR E.W.: Before "taking a

Learning curve gives you a boost at work, Leo

IF AUGUST 19 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you're independent, courageous and strong-minded in the face of obstacles.

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

lately, which has helped you achieve much at work. You should receive news having to do with a work-related promotion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Words spoken unthinkingly and with passion may reflect badly on your career and status.

Hard hats go back to construction of obelisk

History of hard hats: The job foreman at the erection of the Egyptian obelisk in Rome's Circus Maximus made his men wear metal helmets to protect them from falling masonry.



Among university students, business administration majors drink the most liquor and education majors drink the least, studies show.

REVISITED L.M. Boyd

An authority on outdoor flora contends plants tend to do well near busy railroad tracks. It's the good vibes.

Cone? So they inserted \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills in the pages of some volumes at random.

A Montana bachelor says he long has wondered why editors publish pictures of brides. What good does that do? The pictures that editors ought to print, he says, are those of new divorcees and women who've just broken off their engagements.

It was the Pilgrims and nobody else who chose to turn beads into that medium of exchange the Indians called wampum.

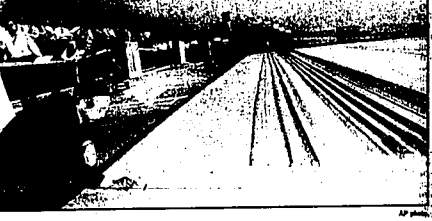
What the student editors of Valdosta State College wanted to do was boost the sales of their annual publication, "The Pine

The law of ancient Rome required ladies of the night to dye their hair yellow.

Chinese woman sets record for domino topple

SINGAPORE (AP) - A 24-year-old woman from China tipped over 303,821 dominoes on Monday, breaking a long-standing record for the world's longest solo domino topple.

Mercury and the moon puts you in a lucky window of opportunity.



South Korean Ambassador to Singapore, Ryu Kwang-sook, pushes the first tile that went off to topple the remaining 303,820 domino tiles Monday.

Beijing-born Ma Lihua broke a 19-year-old record set by Germany's Klaus Friedrich, who set up and toppled 281,581 dominoes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You're not the only one to come up with good ideas how to circumvent obstacles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Friends have news that involves other people's money. Your status is beginning to carry weight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You're seeing relationships through rose-colored glasses.

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LEGALS

NATIONAL FOREST SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST The Diamondfield Jack Saver is located within 1/4 S. 11 N.E. Sec. 30 & 31 T. 14 S. R. 2E, S. 25 & 36, Boise Meridian. The Forest Service will receive public comments in public at Minidoka Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest, Idaho at 11:00 AM local time on 09/11/2003 for an estimated 120 cords of wood...

PUBLIC NOTICE Meroy Housing Idaho is seeking bids and prices for 20 homes to be built in Ft. Liberty, Idaho and Buhl, Idaho as part of its Magic Valley Self Housing Program. Bids are desired for all materials, excavation, plumbing, HVAC, drywall and vinyl siding. Winning bids will be selected on the basis of price, ability to meet project schedules and service to the families in need...

FOUND Dog black, male. On Jerome Golf Course Rd. Well behaved. Call to identify. 208-844-1230.

NOTICE OF HIGHWAY DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING The following budget is proposed for the Hilldale Highway District for the year October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Anticipated Revenue (Budgeted Amount, Actual to 3/31/03, Approved) and Budgeted Expense (Actual to 3/31/03, Approved).

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FOUND Golden Retriever male, 2 yrs old, studying gold collar. 208-324-2726. PUPPED Lads (2) Black, poodles, no collars, in vicinity of 3rd Ave S. Call 736-7232 or 734-9119.

LOST Black Lab male, w/ green collar. South of Filer. 208-420-2641. LOST QD Border Collie male black & white, 1 mile E of Castleford. Small chain around neck. May be heard home toward the South. Please call 208-537-8820.

LOST hearing aid in Twin Falls 8/12/03. REWARD. \$300. 208-420-2681. LOST Jack Russell Terrier neutered, male, white, orange markings. Lost behind Hankins Rd. & Skyline. Has rabies only tag. 733-0810 731-0006.

LOST Lab X black, large, in area of 2nd St. W/ long shaggy hair, is deaf. REWARD. 208-854-7387 or 431-7767. LOST Lab X Reward, black, male, neutered, medium sized, name to the family by the St. Call 208-212-0003.

LOST missing since July 30/03 miniature black Schnauzer, Buhl area. Please call 543-4655 leave message. LOST Shih-Tzu puppy, black, female, 6 months old, black & white, white eyes. REWARD! 208-338-6433/338-8939.

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DAY CARE Has evening openings for child care. Mon-Fri. 11:30-6:00. Work-Fri. 7:30-11:00. Loving mother would like to take care of your children in my home. Filer area. Call 736-4694.

CABINERY Cabinet maker. Ft. exp. in cabinet work. Call 733-8052. CONCRETE Concrete workers needed in Sun Valley area. 208-324-1137 or 578-1782.

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BRIGHT BEGINNINGS Has swing alt openings. ICCP, operated by a certified teacher. Call 324-3142. CHILD CARE 24 hours, weekends adv. Meals & snacks. Start at \$6.75. Call 208-324-6784.

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DRIVERS Earn up to \$30,000, come to work for us. Call 208-324-1105. FARM Ag hopper operator. Swather operator. Pkt picker. Hay conditioner. Full Time. Ag related. Drug Free Workplace. J Custom, LLC. 734-8821.

FARM Warrant exp. farm machinery operator. 208-734-7148. WANTED dependable & exp. truck driver. Local well known company. Exp. benefit package. Call 208-934-4433 ext. 1389. NANNY/WORKER/KEEPER Willing to work day time care for 3 or 4 kids (4-8 hr) on range 5, of Balauro. Good pay. Call 208-788-7530.

FLORISTS Certified florists needed. 300 S. Sterling Service. 603 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. GENERAL Customer Labor / Customer Service / Telephone Sales / Construction / Auto Mechanic / Forklift Operators. Call 736-0043. PERSONNEL PLUS No application fee. Resumes accepted. 111 Filer Ave. 733-7300. 733-7300/428-6728-6040.

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DANCERS Dancers wanted. Call 731-5734. DRIVER PT delivery must be 21 yrs old, good driving record. Call 734-5158 9 am-3 pm.

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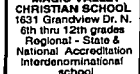
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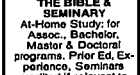
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Monday, Aug. 18, 2003
THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"It's a sign of the times And a year ago I never could have seen it!" - Tony Hatch

The World Junior Teams is scheduled to take place in Paris for the next 10 days. The standard of bridge at these events is often variable but always fun to watch, as so many of the players have not acquired the inhibitions that most of us eventually develop against conceding large penalties.

The event is also a chance to see the stars of tomorrow. For example, on today's deal from the 1999 World Junior Championship match between Denmark and Italy (the eventual tournament winners), in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, a hand was played which is a fascinating example of signaling suit preference in defense.

Strange to say, it was the hand on left which he had to prepare a signal rather than the hand following suit.

The opening lead of the spade queen took the trick and the hearts. Now Kasparov knows as West deliberately set up dummy's spade jack by leading a suit-preference signal. He knew that his partner's delayed support was very likely to be based on precisely a doublington spade. He had to prepare a signal for a double run. Morton Madson as East won his ace before and duly led a diamond (the higher of the minor suits) to the king. The defense still had the diamond queen coming for the setting trick.

Notice that East plays the "natural" bid after winning his ace, declarer gets into a draw trump at once, and the defenders lose their trick.

ANSWER: Lead the spade three, not the eight. Because you have not supported partner's suit, leading the eight would potentially be very confusing to partner - it would look like a doublington bid. If you have bid to show you have not supported partner's suit, you can lead high from a worthless suit, but not here.

South holds:
♠ 7 3
♥ 10 9 7 6
♦ 5
♣ 5

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass Dbl. Pass
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♦ A 7 5
♣ J 4 3

EAST ♠ A 8
♥ K 2
♦ Q 9 6
♣ 10 9 8 2

SOUTH ♠ A 4
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Dealer: North

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“The Hollywood face is OK.”

—Boise native Gary Stevens, the star of “Seabiscuit,” after falling Saturday during the Arlington Million

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
When was the only time a World Series ended with a base runner being thrown out attempting to steal?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

Thompson finishes fourth in series race

Jerome racer Brett Thompson had his best showing of the NASCAR Winston West season Saturday with a fourth-place finish at the NAPA Auto Parts 200 at Stockton (Calif.) Speedway. Burley's Scott Lynch placed ninth in the race, and is in second overall in the Winston West standings, one point behind leader Steve Forenza. Lynch, who won \$2,441, had qualified second.

Thompson pocketed \$2,541, and remained in ninth place in the points. The series comes to Rocky Mountain Raceway in West Valley City, Utah Aug. 30.

Another local driver, Eddy McKean of Jerome, finished a disappointing 22nd at the NASCAR Featherlite Southwest Series United Power/Touchstone Energy 150 Saturday at Colorado National Speedway in Erie, Colo. McKean completed 116 laps before a steering problem ended his night prematurely.

Junior high soccer tryouts are today, Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — Soccer tryouts for seventh- and eighth-grade boys will be held today at 4:30 at O'Leary Junior High School. Girls tryouts will be held on Wednesday at 4:30 at Robert Stuart Junior High School.

For more information, call Mark Goodman at 733-1699.

Brin Boosters meet tonight at VanEps home

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Brin Boosters will meet tonight at 7 p.m. at the home of Diane and J.D. VanEps at 744 Northview Drive. All interested parents and patrons are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please bring a lawn chair.

For more information, call Diane at 734-3433.

Soccer officials gather tonight for rules clinic

TWIN FALLS — A state soccer rules clinic for anyone interested in being soccer officials will be held tonight at 7 in the faculty lounge at Twin Falls High School. For more information, call John Jacobson at 734-3351 or 508-7237 or Dr. Peter Dobie at 733-2111.

Disc golf meeting to be held Thursday at CSI

TWIN FALLS — An organizational meeting for persons interested in seeing a disc golf course built in Twin Falls will be held on Thursday at 6 p.m. in room 278 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

For more information, call the Twin Falls Recreation Department at 736-2255 or CSI Student Services at 732-6228.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

In Game 7 of the 1926 World Series, the St. Louis Cardinals led the New York Yankees, 3-2, with two out in the bottom of the ninth. Babe Ruth on first and Lou Gehrig at the plate. The Series ended when Ruth was thrown out trying to steal second.

U.S. hoops begins long journey to Athens

Open with Brazil Wednesday

By Chris Sheridan
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Day 9 of their shared existence brought a break for the U.S. Olympic team as coach Larry Brown canceled the practice that was supposed to precede their flight to Puerto Rico. The American team checked out of its hotel Monday and headed to the airport for its flight to San Juan, Puerto Rico, where the FIBA-Americas qualifying tournament begins Wednesday.

Three spots are open for the 2004 Athens Games, and the U.S. team is all but a lock to get one of the berths.

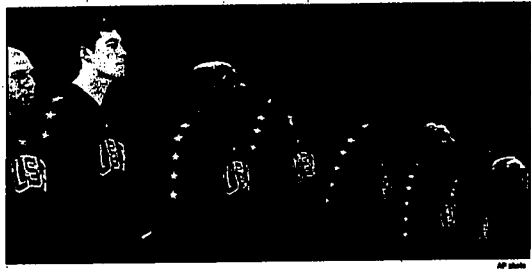
“I’m getting to know what guys

are capable of doing and the positions we have to put them in,” Brown said. “My biggest challenge is distributing the minutes.”

Brown went with a starting five of Tim Duncan, Jermaine O’Neal, Tracy McGrady, Allen Iverson and Jason Kidd in a 101-74 exhibition victory Sunday over Puerto Rico. He then used what amounted to a nine-man rotation with Mike Bibby, Elton Brand, Ray Allen and Vince Carter playing the biggest roles off the bench.

Richard Jefferson and Nick Collison looked shaky at times during the 27-point victory, while Karl Malone was not with the team due to the death of his mother in Arkansas.

“The thing we’re trying to get the guys to understand is that their role on their (NBA) team is different than their role on this team. For us to truly become a team we have to realize that.”



Brown said. “Allen has to take 30 shots for Philadelphia to be successful, Tracy Orlando’s first, second and third option.”

On the American team, however, nobody needs to dominate the ball.

The U.S. squad was at its best against Puerto Rico pushing the

ball upcourt in transition and relying on the passing skills of Kidd, Iverson and Bibby to create good

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No tears for Tiger



Tiger Woods pauses after a missed putt during the first round of the PGA Championship Thursday at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, N.Y.

Woods puts worst major behind him

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press writer

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Tiger Woods was on the practice green about an hour before his final round in the PGA Championship when he looked over at a large clock.

“I’m playing so early, I can get home and watch the finish,” he said.

Majors used to end with Woods at the closing ceremony, not on his caddy.

He usually hoisted a trophy, smiled for the cameras and answered questions about his quest to win more major championships than the record 18 belongs to Jack Nicklaus.

Now he’s finishing early enough to fly home to Florida and camp out in front of the television while someone else comes up with a winning shot that will be talked about for years.

No one could have imagined that Shaun Michael, who was No. 169 in the world ranking and whose best tournaments were the ones Woods didn’t play, would win more majors this year.

Ditto for Ben Curtis.

Not many would have ventured that Woods would be shut out of the Grand Slam for the first time since 1998, or that his drought would reach six majors.

“I just haven’t gotten it done,” Woods said. “That’s part of playing.”

Rough road for Tiger

This was the first time Tiger Woods failed to win a major in a year since 1998, extending his streak to six straight majors without a win.

2002	ROUNDS	TOTAL SCORE	POS	AHEAD/ BEHIND
Masters	70-69-66-71	278	1	+3
U.S. Open	67-68-70-72	277	1	+3
British Open	70-68-81-65	264	T28	-8
PGA Championship	71-69-72-67	278	2	-1
2003				
Masters	76-73-66-75	290	T15	-9
U.S. Open	70-68-75-72	285	T20	-11
British Open	73-72-69-71	285	T4	-2
PGA Championship	74-72-73-73	292	T36	-16

The big picture

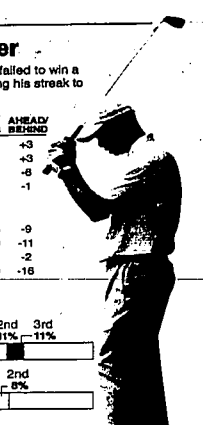
Although Woods (2002) has not fared well in his past six majors, he has won a higher percentage of tournaments played this year.

Events played	Won	2nd	3rd
18	20%	11%	11%
13	31%	0%	0%

SOURCE: Associated Press

It’s still too early to call it a slump. Woods has won four times this year, and Nicklaus went twice as many majors without winning in his prime.

Still, the results alone are difficult to ignore.



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Gritty backup Johnson steps in for Vick, Falcons

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press writer

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Peerless Price signed with the Atlanta Falcons because he wanted to catch passes from Michael Vick. A former college teammate told Price to keep an eye on the other quarterback.

“You know, Mike Vick is great,” Price remembers saying at the time, saying, “But you’ve got a great backup in Doug Johnson.”

Johnson is not the backup any longer. For at least the first four games of the season, he has the unenviable task of replacing the NFL’s most exciting player.

Vick broke his right leg in a pre-season game Saturday night and will need at least six weeks to heal. That knocks him out for the opening month of the regular season — and bumps Johnson to No. 1 on the depth chart.

One of the Falcons’ offense will undergo a major change with Johnson taking snaps instead of Vick. The injured starter was downright revolutionary, a quarterback who was as likely to beat you with his legs as his left arm. The replacement is a typical drop-back passer who relies on timing and reading defenses at the line.

While he had only three starts in three seasons, Johnson gained the confidence of his teammates with a performance last season at Giants Stadium. Filling in for a sprained shoulder, Johnson completed 19 of 25 passes for 257 yards in a 17-10 victory. He passed for one touchdown and ran for another, faking out Jason Sehorn with a Vicklike move.

The Falcons went into the New



Atlanta Falcons quarterback Doug Johnson tosses a pass during a game against the Baltimore Ravens Saturday in Atlanta, Ga.

York game 1-3. The victory, sparked an eight-game unbeaten streak that carried Atlanta to the playoffs.

“That was the biggest game of the season,” safety Keion Carpenter said. “Doug could start for any team in this league. We’re not down at all.”

Pro Bowl linebacker Keith Brooking said Johnson is one of the toughest quarterbacks in the league. While Vick is inclined to take off running when his protec-

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Ute WRs catch on to spread

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah’s receivers are making progress in adapting to coach Urban Meyer’s passing-oriented spread offense, but Meyer is sounding cautious.

“Yes, we’re getting better,” he said. “And no, we are nowhere near where we need to be to have a top 15 program.”

Less than two weeks before their season opener against Utah State, the Utes are still getting familiar with the quick-strike scheme — key to fulfilling Meyer’s hopes for a high-value offense.

But progress is evident. Receivers coach Billy Gonzales said he’s seen night-and-day improvement since spring.

“What we are teaching takes time to learn. They did a great job over the summer and it’s kind of

carrying over,” Gonzales said. Such is life in a spread offense — especially one headlined by a pair of talented running backs. Senior Brandon Warfield and Marty Johnson will likely draw lots of attention from opposing defenses.

Defensive coordinator Kyle Whittingham acknowledges the offense isn’t easy to defend, but like anything else must be done properly.

“It is virtually unstoppable,” he said. “We have a lack of depth, and can ill afford injuries in their receiving corps.”

Through recruiting, Meyer plans to eventually build a pool of 12 scholarship receivers. This season, he figures Utah has only five such players. Likely candidates to see significant action include Savoy, Paris Warren, Travis LeTendre, Ben Moa and Larry Miles.



Big Ten comes down to Buckeyes, Michigan — again

The Associated Press

Ohio State and Michigan can’t wait for the season to start. The longtime rivals are once again the favorites to battle for the Big Ten and should be in the hunt for another national title.

The No. 2 Buckeyes return 18 starters from last year’s championship team, while No. 4 Michigan brings back a three-year starter at quarterback and the conference’s preseason player

of the year on defense. Now if only things were going as well off the field.

Ohio State’s 14-0 season and national title was called into doubt with questions about the academic eligibility of its star, Maurice Clarett, and then an NCAA investigation into his claim that he had thousands of dollars of stereo equipment stolen from a car.

“The Big Ten’s top returning defensive player, Marlin Jackson,

College football

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today faces off-field troubles. The Michigan defensive back pleaded guilty last week to aggravated assault for striking a man in the eye.

Michigan coach Lloyd Carr hasn’t commented on Jackson’s future

with the team. Clarett, the league’s preseason offensive player of the year, is being held out of practice until the issues are resolved.

“I don’t think anything off the field is really going to affect this team,” said Ohio State defensive end Darrius Scott. “Coach (Jim) Tressel has taught us to handle adversity. We can overcome a lot of obstacles. When adversity comes we don’t run away from it — we face it head on.”

Ohio State won’t have to wait

long for those challenges. The Buckeyes, who return every starter on offense, open the season against No. 17 Washington on Aug. 30 and play No. 16 North Carolina State two weeks later in another tough nonconference game. Wisconsin, Penn State and Michigan are also on an unforgiving schedule that will test the reigning national champions.

A year ago, the Buckeyes passed

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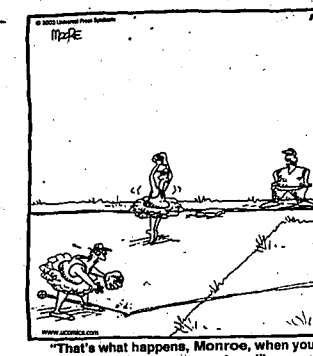
SCORES AND STATS

Massachusetts wins pool; Japan shuts out Canada

BASEBALL

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IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



"That's what happens, Monroe, when you don't stay on your toes!"

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Baseball
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SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — Craig Calce admits he was nervous while batting leadoff for his Saugus, Mass., team.

Colie hit an RBI single in the first and scored the eventual winning run in the fourth in a 4-3 victory over Boynton Beach, Fla., on Monday night to win Pool A at the Little League World Series.

Saugus (3-0) will face either Wilmington, Del., or Richmond, Texas, in Thursday's U.S. semifinal. Boynton Beach (2-1) will play in Wednesday's semifinal against Pool B winner Chandler, Ariz.

Massachusetts and Venezuela advanced to the international semifinals from Pool D. Mexico beat Guam 11-3, and Venezuela defeated Russia 7-1. They'll play Tuesday to determine their semifinal seeding.

In other games, Tallmadge, Ohio, beat Richmond, Wash., 5-4; Netherlands Antilles beat Saudi Arabia 2-0, and Japan beat Canada 7-0.

Cole's single to center scored Joseph Kasabusch and put Saugus up 3-0 in the first, a deficit Boynton Beach couldn't overcome. Tyler Grillo and Darío Pizzano led off the first with singles for Saugus. Grillo scored on a wild pitch, and Pizzano came home on David Perrera's RBI single.

DeVora Travis hit a leadoff homer, his first in three hits, for Boynton Beach in the first, making it 3-1. But Jordan Irene was stranded at third when Brad DeJesus and Richie Neal struck out.

Little League World Series

Boynton Beach pulled within 3-2 in the third when Travis hit a double to left field, then scored on a wild pitch.

Other games

Ohio 5, Washington 4
Matt Keen's three hits and two runs led Tallmadge, Ohio, over Richmond, Wash., in the last Little League World Series game for both teams.

Keen's RBI double gave Tallmadge (1-2) a 3-0 lead in the second. Keen then advanced on a fielder's choice and scored on a passed ball to make it 4-0. Richland (0-3) pulled within 4-3 on Cody Shepherd's three-run homer to center in the fourth.

Jameson Kross doubled in the sixth to score on an unassisted throw trying to put out Eric Yardley at first, making it 5-4. But Richland left two runners stranded when Daniel Jacobs hit to the pitcher for the final out.

Netherlands Antilles 9, Saudi Arabia 2

Kevin Mroesquit hit a three-run homer in the fourth, and Curacao (1-1) never trailed. Both teams are 1-1 with a shot at reaching the international semifinals.

Mexico 11, Guam 3

Alejandro Manjarres struck out 10 batters and hit his second homer of the series for Mexico City (2-0), which remains alive for an international semifinal berth. Guam (0-3) will not advance.

Venezuela 7, Russia 1

Adis Portillo pitched allowed one hit in three relief innings, striking out seven batters for Venezuela.

Japan 7, Canada 0

Hirofumi Yamaki pitched a complete game, striking out eight batters and hitting two solo homers.

YANKEES 11, ROYALS 8

Box score for Yankees vs. Royals

METS & ROCKIES

Box score for Mets vs. Rockies

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PGA TOUR

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RAISERS 4, THIEVES 23

Box score for Raisers vs. Thieves

WILD CARD RACES

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Box score for Devils vs. Huskis

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Jockey Gary Stevens recovers from fall

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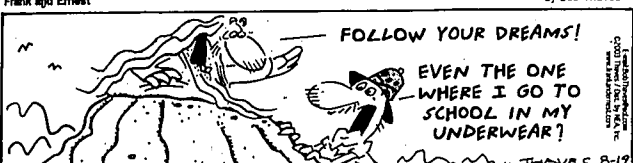
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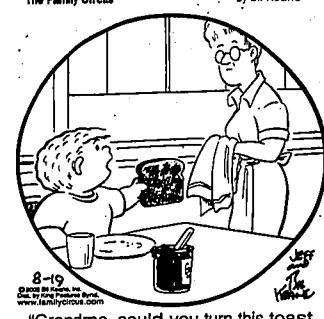


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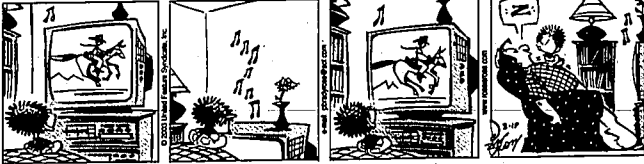


'Why are they called 'waiters', when we're doin' all the waitin'?'

'Grandma, could you turn this toast into regular bread?'

Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Luann

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Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley

