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According to the State Department of Education's rough

Permit rejected - again

Gooding County denies Jerome Cheese request

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

GOODING - County commissioners have once again rejected Jerome Cheese Co.'s plan to send wastewater to Gooding County.

The commission voted unanimously Monday to overturn a wastewater permit granted the company last year by the county Planning and Zoning

Commission.

First, commissioners decided that William and Gloria Archibald were eligible to appeal the cheese company's permit granted by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The zoning board approved the permit in April 2002 after mediation between the county and Jerome Cheese. The Archibalds appealed. Jerome Cheese wants to pipe

wastewater from its cheese and whey processing plant in Jerome seven miles over the county line to a 940-acre farm in Gooding County. Nutrients would be separated from the water and reused as fertilizer on the farm. The water would be recycled as irrigation water.

The county's comprehensive plan "encourages industry to locate in areas zoned for that pur-

pose, Commissioner Carolyn Elzempur said.

"This land is zoned agricultural, not industrial, according to our ordinance," she said.

The industrial waste isn't even Gooding County's, she said.

The Jerome Cheese plant is in Jerome, but the company says most of its milk comes from Gooding County.

Elzempur said she supported overturning the permit out of concern for the health, safety and

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Trees get a trim

Forest Service clears out fire fuel

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

ALBION - Next winter at Pomerelle Mountain Ski Resort, skiers will have a lot more paths through the trees than they have had before - thanks to the U.S. Forest Service.

But it isn't just the owner of Pomerelle who is going to benefit, from the \$133,000 worth of forest cleanup for which the Forest Service has contracted.

Homeowners, ranchers with grazing privileges, recreationists, hunters - anyone who uses the Sawtooth National Forest in Howell Canyon in and near Pomerelle will benefit from the cleaning of the forest floor that is taking place, officials say. The Pomerelle ski area property is owned by the Forest Service. Resort owner Woody Anderson is five years into a 30-year lease.

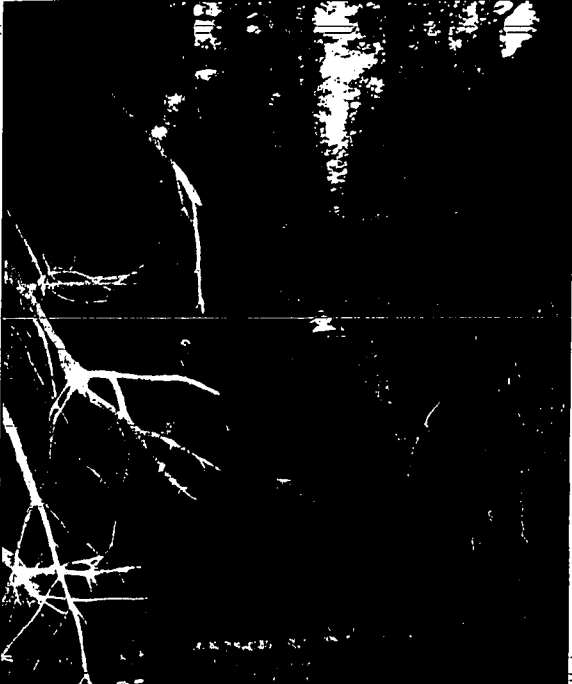
Called a "hazardous fuel reduction project" by foresters, the idea is to reduce large pieces of flammable wood and rotting debris into tiny chips, leaving behind healthy trees and bushes.

"This way, there won't be large pieces left that burn long and hot," District Ranger Scott Nannenga said. "The smaller pieces burn with less intensity."

The Forest Service contracted with an eastern Oregon company that is using a loader with a disc attachment that chews up branches, dead trees and stumps. At the same time the wood is smoothed across the forest floor, ending the stimulating scent of fresh wood chips. It will eventually decompose and enrich the soil.

It is the first project of its kind to be undertaken in the southern end of the Sawtooth National Forest. About 60 percent of the money for it came from National Fire Plan funding. Passed by Congress as a result of the out-of-control 2000 fire season, it is a national, long-term strategy for the restoration of fire-prone ecosystems, forest personnel said.

Foresters chose the area not



In the foreground, U.S. Forest Service firefighter Glenn Lackey studies 'snag' trees soon to be eliminated from about 200 acres at the Pomerelle ski area in Howell Canyon near Albion. The project will reduce the fire fuel load in the area.

Photo by ALE PENCE/The Times-News



Sawtooth National Forest District Ranger Scott Nannenga examines a 'masticating' attachment to a loader that is being used to grind up large debris on the forest floor.

Pomerelle, said Brad Sawyer, district fuels manager. When there hasn't been a fire for that period of time, the likelihood is everything would be leveled because of the large volume of combustible fuel in the forest.

Sawyer explained that cleaning up the ski area also means making adjacent areas safer because there will be less of a chance for fire to spread.

The next area the Forest Service will likely target on the southern range will be Rock Creek Canyon, Nannenga said.

"Rock Creek Canyon sees extremely high use - especially in the summer," Nannenga said.

The criteria the Forest Service uses to pinpoint an area for cleanup include an unnatural level of accumulated dead fuel located in an urban interface area that also has a high recreation value - and - use, Sawyer said.

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Enviro groups target dairy

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

FILER - Two environmental groups are beginning a full-court press against the Desert Rose, Filer dairy.

The Idaho Conservation League has notified Desert Rose owner Hank Haflinger of its intent to file suit within 60 days in federal court, contending the dairy hasn't followed federal law regarding disclosure of ammonia and hydrogen sulfide emissions.

At issue are laws called the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act and also the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act.

"CERCLA and EPCRA protect citizens in communities by requiring that polluters report what they are releasing into the air," said Lauren McLean, who works on dairy issues for the Conservation League.

Ammonia and hydrogen sulfide at the dairy, according data collected by the Conservation League, have "reached" high enough levels set by the Environmental Protection Agency that they needed to be reported to local, state or federal government officials, McLean said. The group contends that Haflinger's dairy has continued to emit more than 100 pounds of the two chemicals per day.

Plaintiffs are informed and believe such violations have occurred on a daily basis over the past five years, at a minimum, and continue to occur," a copy of the notice of intent says.

McLean would not say from what source the organization gathered the data. To date, McLean said, she is not aware of any agency in the state to which polluters would report they had reached dangerous enough levels of ammonia and hydrogen sulfide, nor could she offer information about how other states handle the federal requirement. She also noted that so far Haflinger has not broken any Idaho laws in regard to excessive odors.

Haflinger was traveling when he found out about the pending lawsuit from The Times-News on Monday. He said he had no comment. But Bob Naerobout, director of the Idaho Dairyman's Association, said he was not aware of there were such requirements.

"We understood they were looking to file a lawsuit, but we didn't know who or what," he said Monday. "Right or wrong, Hank has done numerous things to try to correct his odor issue. In this case, nobody, as far as I know, has made him aware that he was in violation. So somebody has dropped the ball. Someone from the regulatory side has not informed the industry."

Just two weeks ago, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne visited Magic Valley to reassure neighbors of large dairies in the valley that progress has been made since he made a promise to Desert Rose neighbors in January 2002 that he "was focused on improving that lot." The governor promised the state would no longer allow "flush" systems on new dairies because they,

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Most T.F. schools will get 'needs improvement' tag

By Robert Meyer
Times-News writer

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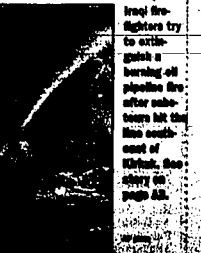
Lawmakers predict Bush will get money

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Both Republicans and Democrats predicted Monday that Congress will approve the \$87 billion President Bush wants for Iraq and Afghanistan, but they said approval won't be as speedy as last spring and lawmakers will demand details.

With relentless American casualties, a paucity of allied support and a realization that the administration underestimated the operation's price tag, lawmakers

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Iraqi firefighters try to extinguish a burning oil pipeline fire after an explosion hit the line southeast of Tikrit, one of the hot spots in Iraq.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Conference will look at health care financing

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will be one of nine Idaho locations participating in a live, satellite-delivered conference called "Financing Health Care in Idaho and America: A Look Forward."

The conference should be of interest to business, health, education and government leaders, organizers say. It will be held from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 23 in the Faulstich Planetarium of the Herrett Center for Arts and Science.

The conference is funded by the Idaho State Planning Grant on the University and coordinated by all major Idaho higher education facilities, chambers of commerce and certain Idaho media. National speakers taking part in the teleconference will include executives and consultants who are considered to be experts in health care.

Admission is free, but pre-registration is required. To register, call the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce at 733-3974 or the Minicassia Chamber of Commerce at 679-4793.

Musical moves from Gooding to O'Leary JHS

TWIN FALLS - Thursday night's premiere of Stephanie Armiger Holman and Caleb Collins' musical "Bartholdi's Lady" has been moved from Gooding's Schillaber Theater to the O'Leary Junior High School auditorium in Twin Falls.

Performances are scheduled Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. at O'Leary.

Next week's scheduled shows, on the 15th, 19th and 20th, have been canceled.

Dr. Press for opening night will be black tie.

Tickets already purchased for the Gooding performance will be exchanged at the door for new tickets.

Tickets, which are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and children and \$7 for veterans, will be available at the door, or by phoning 734-8735.

Minidoka Irrigation board meeting will be today

RUPERT - The regular meeting of the Minidoka Irrigation District begins at 9 a.m. today.

The board meets in the board room at the irrigation district office, 98 W. 50 S. The meeting is open to the public.

Minidoka fair board will meet on Wednesday

RUPERT - The Minidoka County Fair Board meets at 8 p.m. Wednesday in its office in the McGraw Building at the fairgrounds.

People may be listed on the agenda to talk with board members by calling 436-9748. Fair board members are seeking feedback and comments about the recently concluded county fair.

Children's immunizations will be given Wednesday

BURLEY - Free immunization clinics for children are scheduled in Burley and Rupert Wednesday. The clinics are part of the United Way "Days of Caring" campaign.

Immunization clinics run from 3 to 6 p.m. at 1218 Ninth St., Suite 15 in Rupert and at 2311 Park Ave., Suite 4 in Burley.

More information about the clinics is available by calling 436-7185 or 678-6221.

Cassia school board will review enrollment numbers
BURLEY - The Cassia County School Board is to look at enrollment figures at its meeting tonight, which begins at 7 p.m. The meeting is held at the district office, 237 E. 19th St., and is open to the public.

Other items on the agenda include trip requests, discussion about teacher of the year, extension of a bus route, an early graduation request, the agreement with the Box Elder, Utah, School District, and a discussion on professional development and new ideas.

Compiled from staff reports

Father gets temporary custody

Slain Hailey woman's children return to dad in Park City, Utah

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The children of the former executive director of the Hailey Chamber of Commerce are back in Park City, Utah, with their father.

David Turner, father of Natalie Turner, who was shot and killed by Utah law enforcement officers last month - said he and his wife, Shauna, answered their door in Hailey Saturday morning to be served with papers by Blaine County and Hailey law enforcement officers granting their former son-in-law, John Pochynok,

Probing a tragedy

A marriage that began well quickly went sour, ending in a divorce complete with bitter custody battles. In the end, two people were dead. What went wrong?

On Aug. 8, 2003, Natalie Turner of Hailey shot her ex-husband, John Pochynok, twice at his Deer Mountain, Utah, home after a Judge in Utah ruled she must return there or risk losing her two children. The two had been engaged in a bitter custody battle for three years.

Watch The Times-News starting Wednesday for a three-day series by the Ogden (Utah) Standard-Examiner examining the tragedy.

temporary custody of their grand-children, 7-year-old Carter and 4-year-old Clara.

Turner said he was also served with a protective order signed by 4th District Judge Donald J. Eyre in Wasatch County, Utah.

Turner said it was difficult explaining to his grandchildren that they had to go back to their father.

"They were scared, angry and frustrated," Turner said Monday.

A custody hearing will be held Friday. The Turners plan to fight for custody. Before Saturday's events, the Turners had already hired an attorney who specializes in child custody cases and had already filed for temporary guardianship of the children. That hearing is scheduled in October in Ogden, Utah, where the Turners reside.

Pochynok's attorney, Frederick Green, did not return calls from The Times-News Monday. The children were caught in the

middle of a bitter custody battle that exploded Aug. 8, when Natalie Turner shot Pochynok with a .357 handgun at his upscale log-style home in Park City, Utah. He was treated for wounds to his liver and chest and was recently released from the University of Utah Medical Center.

Later that evening, law enforcement officers stopped the car driven by Natalie Turner's fiancé, David Gayler, just outside Park City in Summit County, Pochynok, who was in the back seat, wrestled the gun from Turner and shot her twice, once hitting her neck and another grazing her head. She managed to get the gun back, stepped out of the car and pointed the gun at the officers, who fired, killing her. Gayler, charged with aggravated kidnaping and attempted murder, later hanged himself in the Wasatch County

Jail. Summit County authorities have said they have no plans of filing charges against Pochynok, citing his shot Turner in self-defense.

Just days before the shooting, a judge had ordered Turner to move closer to Pochynok, threatening to put her in jail and give Pochynok custody of the two children.

Since the shootings, the children had been cared for at their Hailey home by the Turners' family. David Turner said the children were just beginning to settle into some kind of routine after having their lives turned upside-down by the death of their mother and her fiancé. Both had been working with a therapist, and Carter, who is autistic, was recently named student of the week at his elementary school. He was to be recognized

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IN-HERRETT THE FUTURE



Dave Phelps, left, and Jon Miller of Interstate Interiors apply a stucco base coat to the outside of the addition to the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho Monday. The \$1.1 million addition will include a new observatory, artifact storage and community meeting center and is expected to be finished next month. The Herrett Center remains open during construction.

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Idaho tribe orders 'slot machines'

The Associated Press

BOISE - State Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, said he's not surprised that a company manufacturing gambling devices for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe called them "slot machines" Monday.

"They've always been slot machines. They're just becoming more sophisticated at prying money out of people's pockets and family budgets," said Noh, who has led the fight against Indian gambling in Idaho.

Acres Gaming, a Las Vegas-based company that manufactures gambling devices, said Monday that the Coeur d'Alene Tribe in northern Idaho has ordered \$3 million worth of "slot machines."

Tribal officials have insisted through protracted legal and political battles that the devices in question are not slot machines because they do not dispense cash and have different internal components than Las Vegas-style slot machines. The tribe's preferred name for the gambling devices is "tribal video gaming machines."

Acres Gaming will phase in installation over the next 18 months in conjunction with the northern Idaho casino's planned expansion.

Then completed, Coeur d'Alene will feature 2,000 slot machines. The first phase is scheduled to begin next February, the company said in a prepared statement.

Koebela said the machines on Please see SLOTS, Page A6

Hospital will offer angioplasty

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - If everything goes as scheduled, local county hospital will be doing basic interventional cardiology procedures such as angioplasty and stents in two weeks.

"It's an exciting time for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center," Dr. Robert Lobb, chairman of the Hospital Board, told his fellow board members at Monday's meeting.

The hospital already does angiograms, a diagnostic procedure that allows cardiologists to get a closer look at a patient's coronary arteries. Lobb said a committee of physicians and administrators chaired by local cardiologist Dr. Jim Emery has been meeting for some time about adding interventional services. He said the interventional cardiac lab will begin slowly by doing basic procedures such as

More heart services

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center plans to begin offering interventional cardiology services the week of Sept. 22. The hospital will offer basic procedures such as angioplasty and stents.

Angioplasty is a therapy used to widen narrowed coronary arteries. A doctor inserts a thin, flexible plastic tube called a guiding catheter into the narrowed part of the artery. Next, a thin wire is threaded across the blockage. Over this wire, a thin, expandable balloon is pushed to the blockage and inflated, compressing the plaque and stretching the artery open.

Coronary stents are being used more and more to prevent narrowing of the coronary arteries. This procedure uses a wire mesh tube - or stent - to pop open an artery that has been closed in an angioplasty. The stent is collapsed to a small diameter and put over a balloon catheter, and it's then moved into the area of the blockage. When the balloon is inflated, the stent expands, locks in place and forms a scaffold which holds the artery open. A stent can be used instead of - or along with - angioplasty.

Source: The American Heart Association

angioplasty and stents in acute cases where patients have had heart attacks. The lab will slowly move on to doing elective procedures, Lobb said.

Also Monday, the board heard a report the hospital's ongoing

quality improvement project from Rhonda Bright, marketing manager at Magic Valley Regional.

Bright said the hospital is asking Please see HEART, Page A6

Sheriff bypasses coroner in shootings

Femling said he moved the bodies from Bellevue to Boise for autopsies

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Although still declining to reveal whom he suspects was involved in the gunshot killings of a prominent Wood River Valley couple a week ago today, Blaine County Sheriff Walt Femling revealed Monday what amounts to his distrust of County Coroner Russ Mikel.

Femling did not allow the coroner to conduct autopsies on the victims.

"Although Mikel arrived at the crime scene with a white hearse some 12 hours after the dawn shootings of Alan and Diane

Johnson in their Bellevue home, Femling said Monday that he, not the coroner, removed the bodies and took them in a sheriff's department vehicle to Boise for autopsies conducted by Boise pathologist Dr. Glen Groben.

The sheriff, who is the lead investigator in the Johnson killings, called Mikel an elected official who owns a mortuary. He also said Mikel declined to attend the post mortem in Boise, citing lack of time.

In recent months, the Blaine County coroner also has been the target of legal action by the Idaho attorney general for not completing death certificates on

time. More than \$10,000 in penalties have been assessed against Mikel, and further court action has been threatened by the attorney general's office. Mikel has defended his actions regarding the death certificates.

In a wide-ranging 45-minute meeting with news reporters in his office Monday, Femling also said:

• The body of Diane Johnson, 52, was found in her bed, while the body of her husband Alan, 46, was found at an undisclosed spot in the bedroom, although Femling said Alan Johnson

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F&G plans to change unclaimed tag process

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Regulations called for unclaimed trophy hunt permits to be sold to the first person in line, but some vendors bought tags first or created scheduling lists.

Hundreds of sportsmen lined up around the state - some in the middle of the night to reach their place at the front of the line - and were hot when they found out.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game plans to rework the program, which was new this year, said Dave Parrish, the department's regional supervisor.

"A lot of vendors put themselves at the top of the list," Parrish said.

There were some trophy hunt tags still available, and many hunters wanted them. For the first time, the department decided to put up for sale controlled hunt tags that went unclaimed after a statewide random drawing.

Unclaimed Fish and Game tags had several thousand tags that went unsold.

By Aug. 20, hunters had to buy their tags or lose them. Most hunters did.

In the week before the deadline, 7,400 tags were claimed at the 12 minute.

There were 1,500 tags left, and they went on sale at 10 a.m. Aug. 30.

They were available at the more than 500 vendors statewide and at Fish and Game offices.

More than 120 people lined up outside the Fish and Game office in Jerome, Parrish said. The department sold just five tags at that site.

It was a common scene around Idaho.

While there were no reports of fights, there were heated discussions, and vendors complained about problems at their businesses, he said.

West Addison Sportmen Supply & Surplus managed to sell seven or eight tags, store owner Clayton Clough said.

"It was a complete disaster," he said.

There were about 70 people in the store waiting to buy tags, he said.

He sold them on a first-come, first-served basis, and store owners and employees didn't buy tags, he said.

"I had people camped out in the parking lot in tents and trailers," he said.

Fish and Game is considering solutions to avoid the problem next year.

Possibilities include over-drawing at the initial tag sale and creating waiting lists for the extra names, Parrish said.

Another option is holding the sale at department offices only.

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SERVICES

Dorothy Darlene Koyle of Rupert, service at 2 p.m. today at Wood River Chapel. Burial, 8:30 a.m. Sept. 6; burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery; friends may call one hour before the service today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Lola Susan Taylor of Basalt, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the First LDS Stake Center in Basalt; family will receive friends from 7:30-9:30 p.m. today at Eckersell Memorial Chapel in Rigby and from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Stake Center in Basalt; burial will be in the Westview Memorial Cemetery in Terreton.

Oleta Nelson of Jerome, service at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel; friends may call from 10:30 a.m. until noon Thursday at the chapel.

Lynn Erik Stenstrom of Fairfield, gathering for family and friends from 2-4 p.m. Thursday at the Cottonwood Golf Course; member of Fairfield (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding).

Alan Johnson and **Diana Johnson** of Bellevue, memorial service at 4 p.m. Thursday at the Wood River High School auditorium (Wood River Chapel, Hailey).

Mary Catherine Griffin of Twin Falls and formerly of the Wood River Valley, graveside celebration of life at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Bellevue Cemetery (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Lenora Rose Reinke, formerly of Gooding, graveside service at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding; memorial service will follow immediately after the graveside service at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Gooding; friends may sign the register book from 1-5 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Glenn E. Blakeslee GOODING - Glenn E. Blakeslee, 79, of Gooding, died Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel, 737 Main St., Gooding.

Alvin W. Jenkins Sr. TWIN FALLS - Alvin W. Jenkins, Sr., 77, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003, at his home. The memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2003, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory.

Wilma Johnson RUPERT - Wilma Johnson, 72, of Rupert, died Friday, Sept. 5, 2003, at St. Luke's in Boise. The service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2003, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert with Pastor David Povey officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call one-hour before the service Wednesday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Beverly Ann Gallatin-Hill TWIN FALLS - Beverly Ann Gallatin-Hill, 66, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. At her request, no services are planned. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Richard Roemer PAUL - Richard Roemer, 80, of Paul, died Sunday, Sept. 7, 2003, at Parke View Care & Rehabilitation in Burley. A celebration-of-life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, 2003, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert. Friends and family may call 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2003, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before Thursday at the church.

Lilly E. Terrazas HAILEY - Lilly E. Terrazas, 76, of Hailey, died Sunday, Sept. 7, 2003, at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center. Arrangements will be announced by Wood River Chapel of Hailey.

Alan Scott Johnson and Diana Marie (Dishman) Johnson BELLEVUE - Alan Scott Johnson, 46, and Diana Marie (Dishman) Johnson, 52, of Bellevue, died Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2003, at their home. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, 2003, in the old Wood River High School auditorium. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Alan and Diana Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund at the First Bank of Idaho Ketchum, Hailey, or Bellevue branches. Arrangements are under the direction of Wood River Chapel of Hailey.

OBITUARIES

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Alvin W. Jenkins Sr. - Twin Falls



Alvin W. Jenkins Sr., 77, son of Idaho pioneers Glen G. and Hattie B. Jenkins, died after a heart attack on Sept. 6, 2003, at his home in Twin Falls, Idaho. Al was born on Dec. 8, 1925, in Twin Falls, Idaho. After graduation from Twin Falls High School, he entered the military service. He served our nation during World War II in the Pacific Theater of Operations as a proud member of the United States Marine Corps. After the war, Al attended and graduated from the General Motors School of Merchandising in Chicago, Ill., and then joined his father and brother in the Chevrolet dealership in Twin Falls. Al married Mildred (Millie) Jenkins Dec. 20, 1951, in Twin Falls. In 1963 after the death of his father, Glen G. Jenkins, Alvin and his brother, Glenn E. Jenkins, owned and operated Jenkins Chevrolet Co. until they sold it to Ace Hansen in 1969. Throughout his life Al actively participated in the community.

ing international friendships during these travels. Al's inherent talent for art and music made great art museums and musical productions of special interest to him. After retirement, they enjoyed being snowbirds and spending winters in their home in Gold Canyon, Ariz. Always foremost in his heart and thoughts were his family and friends. Al is survived by his wife, Millie; his two daughters, Pamela Broome (Richard) of Westfield, Va., and Linda Cooper of Portland, Ore.; and his son, Alvin W. Jenkins Jr. (Lori) of Twin Falls. Al was also devoted to his nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2003, at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls in lieu of flowers. Donations may be made to the MVRMC Foundation Cancer Fund, P.O. Box 2231, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

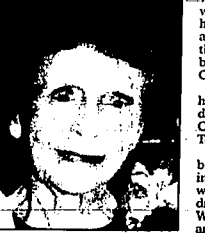
Wilma Lucile Westendorf Johnson - Rupert



Wilma Lucile Westendorf Johnson, age 72, of Rupert, passed away Sept. 5, 2003, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center. Wilma was born June 10, 1931, in Vancouver, Wash., the daughter of the Rev. John C. Westendorf of Lancaster County, Neb., and Hulda Schlichter Westendorf of Lansville, Ind. Wilma moved to Rupert in 1948 when her father accepted the calling as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert. She spent her senior year at Rupert High School in 1949 and attended a year of study at Concordia Teachers College in River Forest, Ill. The following summer she met Verne E. Johnson of Rupert. They married on Sept. 22, 1950, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in a service officiated by Wilma's father. They had three children. They spent the next 50 years farming and working in various occupations in the Mini-Cassia area.

Johnson of Boise, Idaho. Wilma was blessed with seven grandchildren. Survivors include five children, seven grandchildren, three sisters and two beloved pet cats. Her parents and husband preceded her in death, as did an infant son, Verne Eugene Johnson Jr. The service will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2003, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert with Pastor David Povey officiating. Burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 12-1 p.m. Wednesday at the church, 909 Eighth St., Rupert. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the International Myeloma Foundation or United Cerebral Palsy, c/o the Johnson Family, PO Box 44223, Boise, ID 83711.

Opal F. Dunn Brown - Boise



Opal F. Dunn Brown, 98, passed away Sunday, Sept. 7, 2003, in Boise. The service will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at White Mortuary, Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Opal Frances Butler was born Jan. 19, 1905, in Longmont, Colo., the youngest child of Erie and Ada Elizabeth Butler, joining brother Raymond and sister Vern and Ruby. In 1908, the family settled on the Twin Falls Tract after the Twin Falls Land and Water Co. had opened the area to irrigation. The Butlers were some of the first farmers at Rock Creek. Mr. Butler donated the land for the Excelsior School near the Rock Creek settlement, and provided draft horses to pull the wagons for the Twin Falls Fire Department. Opal was a graduate of Twin Falls High School in 1921, and an enthusiastic participant at school reunions through the years. She became Mrs. Al Dunn in 1923, moving to the Dunn family ranch at Three Creeks, Idaho, in Owyhee County, where Mr. Dunn's father, Samuel Crandall Dunn, had established the 712-acre ranch before Idaho achieved statehood. Opal and Al welcomed three children, Jack, Betty and Colleen. The extensive ranch holdings underwent ownership changes.

was a dedicated animal lover, who, even in old age, cared for horses, dogs and cats. She was an active member of Daughters of the American Revolution, and belonged to the First Christian Church. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, sisters; her daughters, Betty Walton and Colleen Lowe; and a grandson, Terry Lowe. She leaves many friends, neighbors and relatives. Survivors include her son, Jack, and his wife, Wanda; Boise, grandchildren Deborah Dunn, Richland, Wash., and Maxine Ryan, Kevin and Penny Dunn and great-grandson, Cameron, Boise; Kathy Walton, Twin Falls, Brian and Karen (Walton) Brose and great-grandchildren, Dusty and Jack Brose, Wahiawa, Hawaii; great-granddaughter Kira Lowe Gomez and great-great-granddaughter, Anthony Gomez - great-grandson. Trevor Lowe, Twin Falls; grandson, Ritchie Lowe, Boise; and great-granddaughter, Stephanie Lowe, Boise; niece, Jane Briggs and Martha Bates, both of Twin Falls, and Maxine Ryan of Seattle; and nephews Buddy Butler of Concord, Calif., and Lynn Dunn of Murray, Utah. Special friends are Juanita Bolinger and Ann Gould of Twin Falls.

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Cassia County increases property taxes, decreases solid waste fee

By Shari Chaney Times-News writer

BURLEY — One goes up; the other goes down.

Cassia County commissioners here met Monday to see much difference in their overall county property tax bills after their Monday action to approve a \$10-per-acre increase in the solid waste fee and a 3 percent property tax increase.

Commissioners also approved a 2 percent pay increase for all county employees and agreed to pay 70 percent of the costs for the sheriff's office investigations division, rather than 50 percent.

Solid waste fee

The permit fee for solid waste is to drop from \$60 a year to \$50 a year.

Cassia County Clerk Larry Mickelsen said if the fee the county pays to the solid waste district each year continues as it has, it would take a long time to substantially lower the balance in the county's solid waste fund.

The county's payment to the solid waste district has decreased each year since 1998. In 1998 the payment was \$561,460, and in 2003 the payment was \$517,846. The balance in the fund has grown steadily since then, also. In 1998, the fund held \$235,954; in 2003, it's \$604,059.

Taxes

Property taxes assessed by the county will increase 3 percent. That is expected to generate an additional \$78,851 in revenue to the county, Mickelsen calculated. He said the 3 percent increase translates to an extra 5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Commissioner Clay Handy proposed, and commissioners approved, including a \$100 increase in foreign taxes. Foreign taxes are money which the county decided not to increase the budget with in previous years; they are allowed to use the money later.

Slots

Provisions are allowed under the provisions of Proposition 1, which was passed in 2002 and legalized the gambling machine already in use on reservations but limited their growth over the next 10 years. It was sponsored by the Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai and Nez Perce tribes and passed 58 percent of the voters.

"I guess they can call them anything they want," Koskela said of "Acres" company statement.

"According to Proposition 1, these machines comply with those requirements."

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Most recently in the Idaho state

Commissioners uphold zoning

By Shari Chaney Times-News writer

BURLEY — Five property splits call for creation of a subdivision, Cassia County commissioners agreed Monday. A letter from a past Cassia County administrator allowing five property splits without creating a subdivision didn't sway commissioners as they heard Fred Preston's appeal of a decision by Cassia County Administrator Kerry McMurray. McMurray said Preston must create a subdivision if he wants to sell the last of several lots he created on property he owns. The county's planning commission agreed with McMurray's decision.

In 1995, previous County Administrator Tim Hurst gave Preston verbal permission to split his property as proposed. In 2001 that permission was made in writing.

Handy voiced concern about fund balances which have dropped at least \$200,000 per year in the last two years. In order to keep fund balances from dropping further, commissioners should approve recouping at least some of the foregone taxes, he said.

Salaries

Cassia County employees might see an increase in their paychecks next fiscal year.

Commissioners approved a 2 percent salary increase, but department heads still have the discretion to allocate that 2 percent as they choose. The jail and sheriff's department allocate raises based on performance, and not every employee is guaranteed a 2 percent increase.

While other systems, such as a flat dollar amount increase for all employees, were discussed, Cassia County Prosecutors Attorney Al Barris encouraged commissioners to keep the old system this year.

Requirements

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ing, after the county went back on its own page, Preston said.

Preston's attorney, Kelly Anthon, said even if Hurst made a mistake in granting Preston permission, Preston relied on that permission and shouldn't have to pay for the county's mistake. Had Preston known the planned splits were not permissible, he might have done something different with the property. McMurray argued permission from a county employee does not override the county's zoning ordinance. Only the planning and zoning board has the right to change the ordinance. The developer has an obligation to know the ordinance, McMurray added.

Commissioners, in a unanimous vote, upheld both McMurray's and the county planning and zoning board's decisions to require Preston to create a subdivision.

and look at what effects would occur if the system changed."

Many county employees won't see raises because the 2 percent pay increase will barely cover the increased insurance costs the county won't pay this year, Mickelsen said. Commissioners agreed. The county pays 15 percent of any increase in insurance premiums.

Law enforcement

Two one-year amendments need to be made to the law enforcement contract between Burley and Cassia County. Commissioners agreed a new contract will likely be negotiated next fiscal year.

The county agreed to pay a 2 percent pay increase for sheriff's department employees. Commissioners also agreed to pay 70 percent of the sheriff's office investigations department in the current fiscal year. The city of Burley and Cassia County are splitting the investigations costs, 50-50.

courts, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb of Burley and Senate President Pro Tem Robert Geddes of Soda Springs joined anti-gambling efforts in asking the Supreme Court to reconsider its decision that it cannot assess the constitutionality of the initiative before a district judge does.

The bill was submitted by the legislative leaders on Aug. 19. Noh said his organization, "Straight Talk: Gambling in Idaho," is waiting for a decision from the Supreme Court to decide its next move.

He said he was not surprised that the committee has received 11 applications from local organizations to improve health care in the community.

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Commission taps Walker as new Minidoka County attorney

By Shelley Rideout Times-News writer

RUPERT — Rupert attorney Jason Walker was chosen the new Minidoka County prosecuting attorney after a short discussion Monday by the county commissioners.

Walker was one of four men who applied for the job, which came open following the resignation of Rick Bollar. Bollar was chosen for a magistrate judge position in Cassia County. He is to be sworn in as judge on Nov. 3. Walker will be sworn in as the prosecuting attorney that same day, during a regular County Commission meeting.

The four candidates — Walker, John Bradley, Alan Goodman and David Pena — each met with the commissioners Monday. Commissioners had said they'd choose a new county prosecuting attorney at their Sept. 22 meeting, but after the final interview Monday, two of the three commissioners they were ready to vote.

Commissioner Dan Stapelman created a scorecard he used to judge the candidates and said Walker earned the highest score on that card — 781 points. That was one point more than Stapelman awarded both Goodman and Bradley, he said.

Commissioner Marvin Bingham said he likewise ranked Walker first, with Goodman a close second and Bradley a close third.

Commission Chairman Dave Teeter said the board had a tough decision to make.

All three commissioners voted in favor of Bingham's motion to

appoint Walker to the post. Walker described himself as a "moderate conservative" when asked about his philosophy of prosecution.

"The law's the law. If you violate it, you need punishment," he said.

However, Walker said he supports programs such as drug court and believes offenders deserve a chance at rehabilitation. With repeat offenders, though, "sometimes leniency isn't appropriate. When you're soft on crime you see repeat offenders."

Most importantly, he said, the decisions about what type of punishment to seek against offenders must be made on a case-by-case basis.

As the county prosecutor, he wants to send a message that criminal activity isn't welcome in Minidoka County. "We need to make sure laws are abided by or punishment administered," he said.

Walker plans no personnel changes in the county attorney's office, although he joked with the commissioners that when the employees found out he'd been appointed, "they might all quit."

"The first step is to maintain the status quo. I have a great deal of respect for Alan Goodman and Nicole Cannon," he said of the two deputy county prosecuting attorneys. And Walker said the current staff in the prosecutor's office "is courteous and professional."

In an interview with The Times-News, Walker said his intention is to run for the prosecuting attorney's job in 2004, when Bollar's term would have expired.

Like the other candidates, Walker spoke highly of Bollar. "Rick has done a tremendous job, and there are big shoes to fill," he said. He credits Bollar and the County Commission for elevating the county prosecutor's job to a highly regarded position.

Walker told commissioners he recognized the importance of the county prosecutor when he worked as a law clerk in 5th District Court. Walker is the attorney for the Minidoka County School District and plans to continue working in that capacity. He will also continue with his private practice, although he'll reduce his caseload as needed.

Walker is a partner in the Rupert law firm of Ling, Robinson and Walker. He's been with that firm since August 1999, after finishing a one-year stint as the law clerk for retired 5th District Judge J. William Hart in Minidoka County. He was a law clerk at a Moscow law firm for a year and a half and a research assistant at another Moscow law firm, while a student at the University of Idaho College of Law. Walker earned his juris doctorate from the University of Idaho in May 1998. He has a bachelor of science degree in athletic training and sports medicine from Brigham Young University, which he received in 1995.

He and his wife, Cynthia, have three sons and two daughters.

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Kids

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"Now he won't get to be there to benefit from that," Turner said.

Turner said Clara had also made progress at her preschool. She recently told her grandmother, who had been accompanying her to school, that she felt ready to go to school by herself, Turner said.

"On Friday, she told Grandma

she was ready to go to school without anyone," he said.

The Turner family had shielded the children from the details of their mother's death. However, Turner said Carter heard on Friday from a classmate that his mother had been shot by police. The Turners asked local police if a woman, not in uniform, could pick up the children to take them to school, as they were worried about how Carter might react to

a "uniformed police officer."

"They were kind enough to get a lady dispatcher to come and pick them up," Turner said.

Turner said a Blaine County dispatcher in civilian clothing picked the children up in her own car and took them to the Blaine County Sheriff's Office, where Pochnyok and his grown daughter, April, from a previous marriage, were waiting to take them back to Utah.

Heart

Bright said the strategies put in place to improve patient care have had a positive effect on staff morale and have gotten the staff focused on improvement.

Other Hospital Board business included:

• New laparoscopy equipment — The board approved a sole source procurement allowing the hospital to buy \$272,000 in laparoscopy equipment from Striker Medical, which Chief of Staff James Retmier said the hospital was dealing with directly. Hospital attorney Ken Taylor said, however, that is the sole source procurement, which allows a public entity to purchase a product without putting it out for bid, because other companies could not offer equipment of the same quality as Striker. Laparoscopy is a common diagnostic procedure in which a physi-

cian uses a laparoscope, sort of a medical telescope connected to a high-intensity light and a high-resolution television camera, to get a closer look at what's going on inside a patient's body. Board member Jerry Beck cast the lone "no" vote, saying he wanted to see if other vendors sold the Striker equipment and might be able to give the hospital a better deal.

• Improving community health — Board member Terry Schultz, chairman of the Community Relations Committee, said the committee has received 11 applications from local organizations to improve health care in the community.

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River High School, was in the home at 3:45 p.m. on the early morning killings and ran screaming onto upscale Glen Aspen Drive after shots were heard by neighbors, the sheriff declined to say what the daughter told investigators or whether she is one of the "people of interest." He said she has not returned to school and is in the care of guardians. Her brother, Matt, is a student at the University of Idaho.

He would not comment on or confirm reports from neighbors that they heard arguing inside the home before gunshots were heard.

Although released by investigators as a crime scene, the Johnson home is not occupied, but being cleaned by a company specializing in crime scenes. The sheriff indicated the bedroom is bloody.

"People of interest" had volunteered to interviews as well as providing DNA samples, which he

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Seminis announces it will become private

FILER - Oxnard, Calif.-based Seminis Inc. - which has a research and customer-service facility between Filer and Twin Falls - announced Monday that its stockholders have approved taking the company private.

Seminis, which trades on the Nasdaq market as SMNS, said stockholders approved its proposed transaction with Fox Paine & Co. LLC, a San Francisco-based private equity firm; Savis, S.A. de C.V., Seminis' majority stockholder and certain related parties. Subject to closing conditions, including obtaining necessary financing, Seminis expects to complete the merger by the end of September.

Following completion of the merger, public holders of about 45.1 million Seminis shares will receive \$3.78 in cash per share. Seminis will be privately held and Seminis shares will no longer be listed on the Nasdaq.

Seminis is a developer, producer and marketer of vegetable and fruit seeds. The company says its products are designed to reduce the need for agricultural chemicals, increase crop yield, reduce spoilage, offer longer shelf life and create better tasting foods and foods with better nutritional content.

Stocks advance on IBM brokerage upgrade

NEW YORK - Wall Street extended its advance into a sixth straight week Monday after a brokerage upgrade of IBM raised investor expectations of a rebounding economy. The Nasdaq composite index reached an 18-month high.

"What's driving things today is you're continuing to see upgrades and better earnings out of technology from companies such as IBM," said Russ Koesterich, U.S. equity strategist at State Street Corp. in Boston.

"You've got a lot of people who missed the early part of the rally back in March and April who are playing catch-up," he added. "That's helped by the fact that we've had unambiguously good economic numbers with the exception of the labor front."

The Nasdaq gained 30.38, or 1.6 percent, to 1,888.62, following a weekly advance of 2.6 percent. It was the highest closing level since March 12, 2002, when the tech-focused index stood at 1,897.12.

The blue chips also finished higher. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 82.95, or 0.9 percent, at 9,586.29. Last week, the blue chips gained 0.9 percent to post their fifth straight winning week despite an 84-point loss Friday on a weak employment report.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Agency considers cleanup of vacant lot

By Virginia S. Huthins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Downtown leaders want an Old Towne eyesore cleaned up and marketed to businesses, Dan Brizee told the city's Urban Renewal Agency. The agency, of which Brizee is a member, owns the vacant lot in question. Associated with the former

Krengel's True Value Hardware in the past, the lot has the remains of a basement, plus stuff underground such as a ramp, stairs and a boiler, said Brizee, who also wears a downtown hat. He and other leaders of downtown's business improvement district would like to see those remains removed and the lot's needs eradicated. The problem?

Urban Renewal uses tax revenue on projects to spur new private investment in the city's urban-renewal area.

Demolishing the remains of concrete steps and walls, removing underground relics, filling in the holes and laying gravel could cost the agency upwards of \$40,000, Brizee said.

Urban Renewal is gathering bids, said Dave McAlindin, executive director. With bids in hand, agency members can decide whether to spend the money.

Urban Renewal has about \$66,000 in its pot that isn't earmarked for promised grants, ongoing projects or debt payments, said Gary Evans, city finance director.

Brizee said downtown business people would like to see a sign erected at a nearby Old Towne intersection advertising the

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Seattle residents fight proposed 'espresso tax'

Measure would collect a dime per cup for preschool programs

The Associated Press

SEATTLE - Some 200 coffee roasters, espresso bar owners and ordinary caffeine lovers turned out to protest a ballot measure to tax espresso drinks to raise money for preschool programs.

"I'm here on behalf of my wholesale customers who cannot afford this unfair tax," said Neal Brown, wholesale director for Zoka Coffee House, a Sunday's protest.

In this city where fancy coffee is a way of life, Initiative 77 is up for a vote Sept. 16.

Supporters say the dime-a-drink tax could raise more than \$6.5 million a year for day care and preschool programs. A City Council staff estimate puts the benefit at \$1.8 million to \$3.5 million annually.

A coalition of business owners, led by Seattle-based Starbucks, is fighting the tax.

"They see the espresso business as some sort of cash cow to be milked for this particular issue," Brown said. "The next thing you know what? They'll be taxing orange juice for another issue."

Calling the protest their version of the Boston Tea Party, demonstrators marched to Green

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Jeff Babcock, a proprietor of Zoka Coffee Roaster and Tea Company and a resident of Seattle, tosses representations of bags of coffee into Seattle's Green Lake to protest the proposed initiative 77 'Latte Tax,' Sunday. More than 200 people marched from Zoka Coffee Roaster and Tea Company to Green Lake to protest the proposed 10-cent tax on espresso drinks, which will be voted on later this month.

Wife looks to the future, wonders about spouse's spending

Question: My husband and I have always kept our finances separate. We had both been out on our own for many years before we met, and it just seemed more comfortable that way. Now I'm having second thoughts.

He's run up some big credit card debts and isn't saving anything for retirement. We agreed to split our expenses, but he's continually running out of cash and asking me for "loans" that

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somehow never get paid back. I suspect he's also failing to pay some of his bills on time, but I've

been afraid to ask. Any time I mention retirement or other goals, like buying a house, he gets mad and says if I'm worried, I can save more of my own money. I'm getting mad thinking about the two of us trying to live off the little I'm able to put away while he blows money on cars, stereos and other toys.

Answer: Here's something to make you madder. Your post-

mark indicates you live in California, which is a community property state. That means the debt your husband is incurring is probably your debt as well, regardless of any "understandings" between the two of you. Some married couples do manage to separate their finances successfully, but most eventually decide to pool their money. It's usually more efficient that way, and it's such eas-

ier to attain your goals when you're both rowing in the same direction. Your spouse must be willing, of course. He'll have to compromise, put some limits on his spending and discuss any large purchases with you before making them. In other words, he'll have to start acting like he's married.

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finances but are having trouble coming up with a plan, you can contact a financial planner for help.

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Espresso

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Lake, where they dumped birch logs into the water... They looked like coffee bags, but were filled with balloons to keep them from sinking so they

could be retrieved after the protest, said Susan Majerus, who helped organize the demonstration... The tax would not affect plain old diner coffee - just any beverage prepared for immediate consumption...

Renewal

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vancant lot's availability and McAlindin's phone number. The lot is next to a former Coca-Cola plant and behind The Salvation Army's thrift store.

Agency members will take up the matter again in October, after asking Wells Fargo about payment options. If Urban Renewal funds incentives for a development that brings in new tax revenue, the project might recoup any lost interest savings, Evans said.

towns most of the south side of Lake, where they dumped birch logs into the water... McAlindin last month declined to elaborate. That's typical, as the agency didn't want news of its interest to raise the property's price.

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Other Urban Renewal business included: Possible projects - Agency members might revise their debt payment plans to free up more money for development projects.

On the other hand, member Dave Woodard said the agency could pay off the \$500,000 debt and simply borrow again if a project comes around.

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EDITORIAL

Schools lawsuit spends final days in Bail's court

Someday in the future, and not a day too soon, the landmark school facilities lawsuit will land in a fair venue: the Idaho Supreme Court.

For now, the taxpayers will have to continue being entertained by 4th District Judge Deborah Bail.

Yer she had no problem usurping that very authority, when she ordered the state to spend \$400,000 for a consulting architect to look into the worst facilities.

Now she wants to help the plaintiff school districts dismantle a construction funding process that is controlled by you - the voters and taxpayers.

Our view: The school facilities lawsuit will only see a rational resolution when it gets to the Idaho Supreme Court.

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

Last week, Bail said the Legislature's constitutional duty to fund school safety, with its property tax-based plan for building and fixing schools. That plan, passed by the Legislature this year, requires all districts to report safety problems. Then, if schools are unable to fix the problems themselves, it empowers local judges to order repairs.

And of trying to convince thousands of voters about the need to fix schools, the districts want to rope a few dozen legislators into appropriating the money for construction.

Buried deep in this crafty spending heist is the idea of ending local control of school funding. No longer would local taxpayers have any real power over their own neighborhood facilities. All authority would transfer to the state. Instead of seeing your tax dollars building schools close to home, you'll see them spread to communities throughout the state.

Responsible taxpayers who have approved construction bonds for their own schools would have to pay for districts that have done nothing. That's not sensible.

Bail said she will rule next month whether the Legislature's newest funding plan is valid. But it's obviously headed toward defeat in Bail's kangaroo court.

Thirteen years is long enough to wait for a decision that will affect all of the state. The sooner it gets out of Bail's hands, the sooner Idahoans will get the closure they deserve.

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LETTER

Plenty of praise to go around for local event

I appreciate the article written about me recently in The Times-News. Although your praise of me was greatly appreciated, I felt that numerous people also deserve credit.

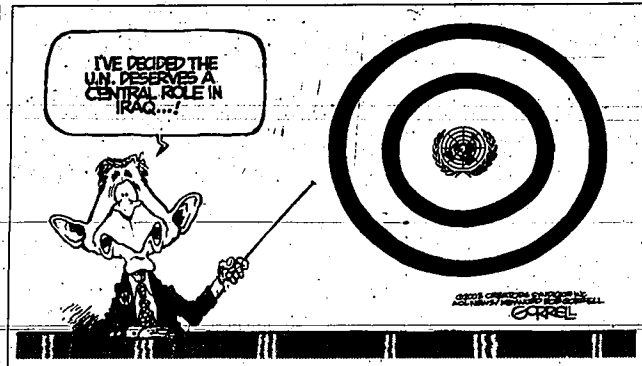
First, I want to thank my staffs at the stores for their help. They manned the phones and helped collect the pledges from service representatives, customers and business owners throughout the years.

Second, I want to thank the crew on the asphalt doing the work needed for our pancake

feed, especially Bill Bower who made our pancake breakfast such a success. He would banter with the crowd and flip pancakes until 11 a.m. in the blazing sun. The Boys and Girls Club members who would clean the tables and pick up the trash were appreciated also.

Finally, all the people who donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley, because without their donations, all our efforts would be for nothing. The customers gave the money needed to continue a great program for the youth of Magic Valley.

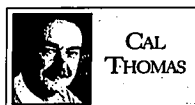
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A pledge for whatever it takes

Hours before President Bush's speech Sunday night, the top U.S. commander in Iraq summed up in a single sentence the importance of creating a free and democratic Iraq. Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez said, "The only way we will fail in this country is if we decide to walk away from Iraq and fight the next battle in the war on terrorism in America."

That stark assessment was echoed by the president in his national address. George Bush demonstrated the kind of resolve that is necessary to prevail in Iraq and against the terrorism that is worldwide when he vowed to do and spend "whatever is necessary" to achieve this vital victory in the war on terror.



CAL THOMAS

enjoy the riches of freedom have a moral obligation, when possible, to share their political and spiritual assets with countries that suffer from the poverty of totalitarianism.

The president is right to ask the United Nations for military, humanitarian and financial assistance, though a resolution he will seek would properly leave the United States in overall control. Even those nations that opposed the war have an obligation; now that Saddam Hussein has been ousted from power, to give the Iraqis a future filled with hope and not fear.

More of these progress reports are needed, and the president should make opportunities to deliver them. Much of the major media have accentuated the negative, ignoring the many positives

that are taking place in Iraq. Administration critics are likely to seize on remarks by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, who recently visited Iraq. Rumsfeld admitted that the United States may have paved the way for recent attacks on American and British soldiers by failing to destroy Saddam Hussein's forces in their northern strongholds. Rumsfeld conceded that in pre-war planning, efforts were made to avoid repeating the humanitarian and environmental disasters that occurred during the 1991 Gulf War. While those disasters did not occur this time, the Pentagon failed to plan for an unbreak of criminality and for internally displaced people, including Saddam's release of 100,000 criminals. Still, not every possibility can be addressed in warfare, and if the environmental and refugee problems had developed in this war, critics would be faulting the administration for its failure to be on top of them.

Terrorists know they cannot win a conventional war against a behemoth power like the United States. But they also know the United States might lose heart and cut and run. It has happened before - in Vietnam and Lebanon and Mogadishu. That is what they are counting on. The president's speech gives them no reason to expect retreat. America's enemies will be watching the polls to see if citizens resolve matches that of the president.

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

LETTERS

Leave your unwanted pets at the proper shelter

To whom it may concern: The next time you feel like taking your pet and dropping him off in the country (specifically claiming your rotweiler up in middle beach a best field), take care. People that live here in the country have our own animals and your pet will more than likely find a home but instead will be shot, poisoned or killed by wild animals.

Please do the responsible thing and take your pet to the animal shelter if you can't take care of it. Animal control does not come to most parts of the country. Lincoln County has no animal shelter. That means that your pet will be shot, poisoned or meet his end at the front of a shotgun when you drop him off on old Highway 23.

LESLIE ASTLE
 Paul

Dead SNRA trees could have been prevented

I recently rode through Idaho's Sawtooth National Recreation Area as a passenger instead of as a driver. I got a real chance to see how the environmentalists are destroying our forests.

I saw thousands of acres of trees that were green a few years ago, destroyed by the bark beetle. If the environmentalists had allowed the Forest Service to spray the best dying trees years ago, these forests would still be green.

Forest fires do damage, but these areas will recover. The areas dying but not dead will meet his end at the front of a shotgun when you drop him off on old Highway 23.

GEORGE E. MILEY
 Salmon

Correction to letter

The letter from Clara Wood on Sunday had a typographical error and a sentence omitted. The sentence that the error should have read: "P.S. In order to change the Constitution, a constitutional Congress is set up, an amendment is agreed on, a set percentage of the states pass the amendment before the Constitution is changed." The omitted sentence is: "Another P.S. God bless President Bush, a strong leader."

The Times-News regrets the error.

Easterners breathe hypocritical gusts of wind power

For decades, Easterners have been lobbying for draconian laws that impose draconian reductions in emissions from electric utilities in the Midwest. Never mind that oil, coal, nuclear, and natural gas are abundant and cheap. Instead of continued reliance on fossil fuels and nuclear power, they call for subsidies and tax breaks for renewable energy sources such as solar and wind.

Never mind that modern emissions-abatement technology makes traditional fuel sources environment-friendly, as shown by ever-declining air pollution levels. And never mind that mining and drilling fuel the economic engine of whole regions of the country.

For a great many East Coasters, costs imposed on the rest of the country are a small price to pay for their own peace of mind.

That is, until liberal environmental activists and renewable energy companies proposed building windmills off the coast of Cape Cod.

Until now, the sight and noise pollution from gigantic solar

JAMES M. TAYLOR

power collectors and towering windmills have been confined to other people's backyards. Outside of the deep South and, in particular, the desert Southwest, solar power collectors serve little purpose.

And up until recently, giant bird-slicing windmills have been largely confined to Midwestern plains and California hillsides.

However, coastal breezes, government subsidies, and mandatory renewable fuels portfolios have resulted in a growing wind farm industry operating off the coast of Texas. Buoyed by the Texas example, liberal environmental activist groups (that is, those who aren't too bothered by the thousands of annual bird deaths resulting from this unique style of avian cuisine) are teaming up with wind turbine manufacturers to push for the same plan off the coast of Cape Cod. After all, Cape Cod is famous for its never-ending coastal breezes.

But now that East Coasters

themselves are being called upon to assume the yoke of unnecessary environmental burdens, they are singing a different tune. Responding to the concerns of wealthy, oceanfront homeowners who worry giant offshore wind turbines will ruin their morning sunsets and turn their Atlantic surf red with bird blood, Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy is pushing for federal legislation to require local resident approval before any new wind farms can be built.

While it is tempting to call Senator Kennedy a hypocrite, perhaps we would do better simply to apply his new perspective to federal legislation regarding all energy and environmental issues.

In keeping with Senator Kennedy's wind power proposal, from now on:

- The federal government will no longer tell farmers and ranchers that the rights of endangered species will take priority over customary uses of their land, unless local residents so approve;
- If the citizens of Alaska and their elected officials believe it is possible to explore for oil while

simultaneously protecting nearby caribou, the federal government will not ban such exploration, unless local residents accede to such a ban;

• Westerners will have the same right to view their national forests and wilderness areas, via roads and the use of off-road vehicles, as East Coasters have to view their national seashores via roads and waterfront, unless Westerners themselves agree to make their national forests off-limits; and

• Anti-industry rules, regulations, and taxes that would ruin the coal and oil industries will not be adopted unless approved by the coal miners, loggers, fishermen, and oil riggers who would bear the brunt of the pain when their companies and industries go out of business.

Thanks for the inspiration, Senator Kennedy.

We look forward to counting your vote.

James M. Taylor is managing editor of the Heartland Institute's Environmental & Climate News. His email address is taylor@heartland.org.

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Authorities decide deliveryman didn't act alone

ERIE, Pa. (AP) — Investigators said Monday that they were confident a pizza deliveryman did not act alone when he robbed a bank and was killed when the police went off moments later. But whether Brian Douglas Wells was a willing participant or

somehow "duped" into participating remained a mystery, FBI agent Bob Rudge said. "We still don't know if it's a murder investigation," Rudge said. The idea that Wells acted alone is now the "least likely scenario and we are to the point where we have discounted that

as a possibility," he said. Wells, 46, was stopped in his car, arrested and handcuffed Aug. 28 following a FNC Bank robbery near Erie, but was killed when the bomb attached to a neck lockered around his neck exploded while he and police waited for a bomb squad.

Singer-songwriter Zevon succumbs to cancer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Singer-songwriter Warren Zevon, who battled death with the same twisted sense of humor found in his songs "Life'll Kill Ya," "Werewolves of London" and "Excitable Boy," has lost his yearlong fight against lung cancer at age 55. Zevon, among the wittiest and most original of a broad circle of performers to emerge from

Los Angeles in the 1970s, died in his sleep Sunday at his home, publicist Carise Yatter said. "I'm just glad it was quick and he didn't have to suffer for much more time," said Zevon's music producer friend Jorge Calderon, who worked with the singer on a recent cover of Bob Dylan's "Knockin' on Heaven's Door." "I'm glad he's at peace."



Warren Zevon

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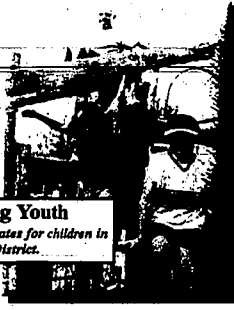
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PICKING PRODUCE



Customers are eagerly buying fresh produce from the vendors at the Buhl Farmers' Market held from 5-7 p.m. each Wednesday in the parking lot of the West End Senior Center at Broadway and Main streets. A large selection of items is available, ranging from barbecue meats to eggplant to doggie treats.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Jacob Reagan Inouye, son of John Winston and Chris Inouye, was born Friday, Aug. 15, 2003.

Preston Keith Parry, son of Heather Ann Parry of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Aug. 17, 2003.

Daylor Jean Adair, daughter of Brandie Virginia Hite of Filer, was born Friday, Aug. 22, 2003.

Mercedee Celeste Robbins, daughter of Lynn K. Watkins of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Aug. 22, 2003.

Ashand Cindy Orozco, daughter of Maria Guadalupe Orozco of Shoshone, was born Monday, Aug. 25, 2003.

Mikayla Dawn Provence, daughter of Taulshia Dawn and Michael Edward Provence of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2003.

Kalden Mark Boyles, son of Kara Dawn Thompson and Paul Michael Boyles of Bliss, was born Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2003.

Makay Miles Capps, son of Janet and Jeffrey Thomas Capps of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2003.

Gunnar Daniel Lafferty, son of Brenda Kaye Fleetwood and

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Melissa Morgan The Times-News R.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to 734-8538. Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call Melissa at 735-3278

Jane Victoria Sulton, daughter of Laura Marie Fall and Christopher Hammlton Sulton of Buhl, was born Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2003.

Alexander Anthony Blas, son of Veronica Li Sberd of Burley, was born Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2003.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Madysen Paige Anderson, daughter of Dan and Sherri Anderson of Wendell, was born Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2003.

Morgan Elaine Landers, daughter of Scott and Christine Landers of Jerome, was born Friday, Aug. 22, 2003.

Riley Lon Goeckner, son of Berny and Leesa Goeckner of Jerome, was born Sunday, Aug. 24, 2003.

Angie Fabian Gutierrez Ross, son of Jose and Martha Gutierrez of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2003.

Heiner Esteban Mendez, son of Martin and Eleazar Mendez of Jerome, was born Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003.

Poster Reese Owen, son of Elliot and Christy Owen of Rupert, was born Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2003.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Bastian receives Eagle Scout award

Kyle Eric Bastian, son of Eric and Julie Bastian of Twin Falls, received his Eagle Scout award in a court of honor June 11 at the LDS Church West Stake Center outdoor pavilion.

For his Eagle Scout project, he manufactured and installed metal posts and signs for the Eagle Scout Interpretive Trail at Diamond Field Jacks in the South Hills.

Bastian will be a sophomore at Twin Falls High School and enjoys all sports.

Boise State University selects ambassadors

The Boise State University campus Student Ambassadors are a group of students on the frontline in representing the president's office, the Alumni Association, Enrollment Services, the BSU Foundation, University Relations and student body of Boise State University.

Ambassadors are involved in all aspects of the university: volunteering to lead campus tours, student recruitment, homecoming events, career fairs, the annual Gene Harris Jazz Festival, numerous Pavilion events and countless

other alumni and donor activities. This year's students have been selected to serve as Boise State Ambassadors for the 2003-04 academic year.

They include: Kathy McMill, Twin Falls; Alma Navarro, Burley; and Carly Schneider, Kimberly.

Blick attends HOBY Leadership Seminar

Larissa Blick of Castleford recently attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar as the Castleford High School delegate. In 1958, O'Brian formed the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation (HOBY). The program brings together high school sophomores with demonstrated leadership abilities together with lead-

ers in business, education, government and the professions.

Blick, the daughter of Scott and Letha Blick, is a junior at Castleford High this fall. As an honor student with a 4.0 grade point average, she's

the treasurer for the National Honor Society. She also is co-activities director and STAR events coordinator for the Family, Community and Career Leaders of America and secretary of the FFA. She has been an active member of the school Civic Club, Envirothon Team, Scholastic



Larissa Blick

Team and softball, served as a captain of the soccer, basketball and volleyball teams. She is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students and active in her church youth group.

Granddaughter of Twin Falls resident graduates

Meredith Jensen, granddaughter of Mac Jensen of Twin Falls, graduated in June from the Yale Law School and will work next year as a law clerk for a U.S. District judge in the Eastern District of New York in New York City. Jensen previously attended Harvard University and graduated magna cum laude in 2000.

Mac Jensen is the former owner of Save-On Drugs at Filer Avenue and Fillmore Street in Twin Falls.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge announces winners

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge announced its weekly winners:

Aug. 28: first, Riley Burton and Bobette Plankey; and tied for second, Betty Grant and Ruth Rahe with Gladys Harrauff and Kay Higer.

Aug. 30: first, Ruby Grimes and Sam Smutny; second, Beverly Burns and Bobette Plankey; third, Riley Burton and Evelyn Meyer; and fourth, Howard and Mary Tucker.

Sept. 2: first, Betty Grant and Sam Smutny; second, Dottie Miller and Mary Lee Pfeiffer; third, Bonnie Aspiarte and Mary Ann Siegel; and fourth, Beverly Reed and Veeta Roberts.

Sept. 3 for month/length: first, Marilyn Botkin and Linda Fir; second, Ruby Grimes and Doris Watts; and third, Lonnie Burns and Gladys Harrauff. East/west: first, Riley Burton and Bobette Plankey; second, Joy Astorquia

and Jessie Lingnaw; and third, Joe Blackford and Sam Smutny.

The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and at 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Refreshments are served.

For a partner, call 324-2000.

Group offers free special education workshops

HAILEY - Free special education workshops on "Individual Education Plans" will be present-

ed from 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the St. Luke's Center for Community Health in Hailey; and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 27 in Twin Falls at the KMYT community room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

The workshop is sponsored by Idaho Parents Unlimited Inc. and will cover writing plans for programs and services for children who have differing abilities.

Pre-registration is recommended. To register for the workshop and for more information, call Kathy Williams, Region V Parent Education coordinator, at 737-3309 or Idaho Parents Unlimited

at 1-800-242-4785.

Buhl Arts Council presents labyrinth film and walk

BUHL - The Buhl Arts Council will present a labyrinth film and walk from 1-4 p.m. Sunday at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth in Buhl.

At 1 p.m. a video featuring labyrinth builder Robert Ferre entitled, "Screaming Pencils" will be shown. It will be followed by a labyrinth walk until 4 p.m.

Walking a labyrinth can be a simple tool used for balance and

inner peace, council representatives. Unlike a maze, labyrinth has a single path that leads to a central goal.

The labyrinth at the center is a 26-foot in diameter, Santa Rosa design, painted with a peevine winding pattern. There also is a 36-foot Charres, patterned after the one built in the floor of the Notre Dame Cathedral in Charres France in 1204, which is available to borrow. Outdoors is a permanent outdoor butterfly garden labyrinth across the alley from the center. The event is for all ages and free.

For more information on the events, call 543-2888, fax 543-8182 or check out the council Web site at www.buhlartsCouncil.org.

Snake River Bros will meet at Malad State Park

TWIN FALLS - The Snake River Bros September meeting will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Malad State Park just off Interstate 84 near Bliss.

Participants will leave at 12:30 p.m. from the Shuffie Inn in Twin Falls.

Pet of the Week

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Sugar may play havoc with personality

DEAR ABBY: I was in shock when I read the letter from Dr. Barrett, the president-elect of the American Diabetes Association. He was commenting on a letter from "Wanda" a "Life" in Virginia, who said her husband's diabetes had led to irrational, irresponsible and even violent behavior. Writing to "set the record straight," Dr. Barrett denied that diabetes could be the cause. In no way was the record set straight by his letter. The American Diabetes Association notes irritability and



a disservice to those who need immediate attention. Dr. Barrett made it harder for us all who deal with this disease and its challenges - and there are many. —BARBARA L. GIFFEN, VERMONT CHAPTER SUGARBUGS

DEAR BARBARA: I have a stack of testimonials 2 inches thick from people like yourself, also "in the trenches," vouching that blood sugar levels can and do affect a person's personality.

It might be time to purchase a padlock, Aries

IF SEPTEMBER 9 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you're a natural leader and fighter with a universal outlook. You're considerate of others and could be an inventor. You have some big ideas, and you're looking for new directions, possibly having to do with publishing. This year, see you making long and short trips. There should be upcoming love and expansion this year, and, if single, possibly marriage.

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Taskmaster Saturn on the high of this year's chart brings limitations and also rewards. Working hard and aiming high during the next two years, you will be assured of success. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Making good on promises made to others is important to you. Sooner or later, you'll have to clear the air, and everyone will be relieved. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A

change of circumstances is at hand. Some individuals don't have your best interests at heart. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): As you're faced with additional burdens and responsibilities, Saturn may be forcing you to relinquish some cherished ideas and habits. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The attitude of some of your fellows is disappointing. An emotional issue should be buried by tonight. PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): With the moon entering your sign this morning, caution is needed, especially having to do with head or teeth. Signing a contract later today is advantageous. Go for a dental checkup.

Monday's Puzzle Solved
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Florida probably came up last

Of all these United States, Florida was probably the last to emerge from the ocean, geologists say. Word is all warm-blooded animals descend from a common ancestor. True, Edward Jenner developed the smallpox vaccine. But rural folk understood the principle much earlier. A former milkmaid, in fact, told Jenner she couldn't get smallpox because she'd had cowpox. That showed him the way to go.



REVISITED L.M. Boyd

All commercial dinner table turkeys now are created with artificial insemination. It's a matter of historical record that Old West cowboys were particularly fond of silk bandannas. Cool in summer, warm in winter. Q. Why do the human hair wig makers refuse to buy American hair? A. Too much probable damage from dyes, sprays, pollutants and driers. Q. Can glass panes be made invisible? A. They can. What you see when

you look at a clear glass pane is light reflected off the surface. It can be coated with a gelatin film that also reflects light so as to cancel out the glass surface reflections. A computer run on files of prison inmates turns up this curiosity: the higher the adult-prisoner's level of the male hormone testosterone, the earlier the age of that inmate's first arrest. Writes a client: "People who don't relate well to other people are the ones with high blood pressure. I'm sure of it. No, I have no documented data. But as a lifelong nurse, I've taken countless blood pressure readings. The loners run high."

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COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

Mice skitter off in new directions

By Clayton Harrison
The Dallas Morning News

The mouse has become mighty. Once a commonplace little gray nub, essential for computing but utterly interchangeable, the mouse has taken new forms. Mouse makers figure that if computer users must have the device on their desktops, they might as well use it for more than moving cursors around. So manufacturers are adding new functions to mice—some improving on the original model and some combining features from other peripherals.

That means shopping for a mouse isn't the simple exercise it used to be. Sure, a plain gray mouse, with its perfect gray trackball, is a cheap, easy purchase. But it's worth looking around to see if something else would make your life easier.

First, if you haven't made the switch to an optical mouse, you're missing out. The mouse uses a light-emitting diode to bounce light off nearly any surface, then reads the light to determine where to position the cursor.

This eliminates the need for a trackball, which has a nasty habit of collecting dirt and sending it into the mouse's innards, forcing you to clean it. Oh, and you can get rid of the mouse pad, too.

Several brand-name manufacturers make optical mice, often



These new models of wireless computer mice unveiled by Microsoft Corp. on Sept. 3 feature both horizontal and vertical scrolling with a single wheel.

standard with new computers. Optical mice run about \$25.

Wireless mice, from a variety of makers and sold for \$40 to \$60, are useful if you want to get rid of cords at your desk or if you like to lean back and surf the Web by sliding a mouse on a book in your lap. Microsoft recently introduced a new line of wireless mice that feature both horizontal and vertical scrolling with a single wheel.

But what about making your mouse do something new?

Follows Inc.'s optical Secure Touch mouse, \$75, has a fingerprint reader embedded in its middle, enabling you to log into your computer and to Web sites and e-mail programs by scanning your finger.

If you have a digital camera or MP3 player that uses Sony's Memory Stick for storage, check out Sony Electronics Inc.'s \$90 Mouse and Memory Stick Reader/Writer.

A smaller company, KidzMouse

What to look for

Here's a quick guide of what to look for in a mouse:

Optical: Old-fashioned trackball mice are cheap, but the low maintenance of optical is worth the extra 20 bucks or so.

Wireless: Manufacturers advertise wireless mice as the next big thing, but they're still relatively expensive.

Look and feel: Many mice now come with scroll wheels to move through windows without having to drag a scroll bar up and down. Some mice have other buttons to switch between applications at scroll left to right.

These can be lifesavers: but they're expensive, and you may find that you don't use every bell and whistle.

— Dallas Morning News research

Music industry files lawsuits against alleged song swappers

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The music industry's largest trade group filed 251 copyright lawsuits across the country Monday against Internet users who trade songs online, an aggressive campaign to discourage piracy through fears of expensive civil penalties or settlements.

The Recording Industry Association of America warned it ultimately may file thousands of cases. Its first round was aimed at what it described as "major offenders" illegally distributing on average more than 1,000 copyrighted music files each.

"Nobody likes playing the

heavy," said RIAA President Cary Sherman, who compared illegal music downloads to shoplifting. "There comes a time when you have to stand up and take appropriate action."

An estimated 60 million Americans participate in file-sharing networks, using software that makes it simple for computer users to locate and retrieve for free, virtually any song by any artist within moments. Internet users broadly acknowledge music-trading is illegal, but the practice has flourished in recent years since copyright statutes are among the most popularly flouted laws online.

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Yahoo is said to be talking with software developers

Knight Ridder News Service

Yahoo is reported to be in acquisition talks with a number of software developers. According to the Blog Herald (<http://blogherald.com/>), an online news source, Yahoo is looking to add a blogging service to its stable

of sites, similar to those already offered by Lycos and America Online. Yahoo Korea Corp. last week launched a homegrown free service (<http://kr.blog.yahoo.com/>) for online diary and journal publishing.

"Blogging is not popular yet (in South Korea) although we think it

will get popular like other community services," said a spokesman.

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Coffey Paul Asinger on Phil Mickelson's recent unsuccessful attempt to pitch for the Toledo Mud Hens

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Oklahoma's football team set a Division I record by winning 47 games in a row from 1953-57. Which school beat them to end the streak?

ANSWER below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school volleyball: Valley/Grace at Aberdeen, 4 p.m.; Wood River at Jerome, 4 p.m.; Richfield/Raft River at Sheehone, 5 p.m.; Twin Falls at Jerome, 6 p.m.; Burley/Mountain Home at Minico, 6 p.m.; T.E. Christian at Bliss, 6 p.m.; Magic Valley Christian at Hagerman, 6 p.m.; Camas County at Ketchum, 6 p.m.; Lighthouse Christian at Murrah, 6 p.m.; Castleford at Wendell, 6 p.m.; Gooding at Jerome, 6 p.m.; Declo at Kimberly, 5:15 p.m.; Dietrich JV at ISDB, 6 p.m.; Pier/American Falls at Buhl, 4 p.m. High school boys soccer: Tiler at Buhl, 5 p.m.; Declo at Wendell, 5:30 p.m. High school girls soccer: Declo at Wendell, 7:15 p.m.

IN BRIEF

- Idaho State drops to No. 16 in poll: NEW YORK - Saturday's 62-0 loss at Boise State dropped the Idaho State Bengals to No. 16 in the NCAA Division I-AA football poll, it was announced Monday. ISU (1-1) was ranked No. 10 last week. Montana's home loss to Division II North Dakota State dropped the Griz from No. 3 to No. 12. Montana State's home win over Gardner Webb raised the Bobcats to No. 13 from No. 16. Western Illinois is now ranked No. 1 after McNeese State lost to Kansas State 55-14. Georgia Southern remained at No. 2 while McNeese dropped to No. 3.

Deadline to register is today for Lulloff tourney

TWIN FALLS - The deadline to register for the 37th Annual Bruce Lulloff Memorial Golf Tournament is today. Call 423-4311 to register. The event will be held Friday with a 5:30 p.m. tee time at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. There will be four-member teams. There will be a straight scramble format with a shotgun start. Fees run at \$35 per person for greens fees, a cart and the barbecue dinner, or \$10 if you just want dinner. Prizes will be awarded for first through third places in closest-to-the-pin and longest drive competitions.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

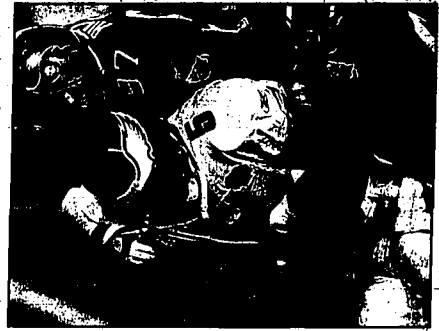
Notre Dame beat Oklahoma, 7-

Buccaneers ground Eagles

PHILADELPHIA - At the Vet on the Line, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers still own Philadelphia. The Super Bowl champions began defense of their title Monday night with, what else, a suffocating defense. They also got some sharp passing from Brad Johnson and two spectacular touchdown catches by Joe Jurevicius in a 17-0 victory over the Eagles that sent a message to the rest of the NFL: We're at home anywhere. Less than eight months after they marched into Philadelphia and throttled the Eagles for the

NFC championship in the final game at Veterans Stadium, the Bucs moved their act across the street to Lincoln Financial Field. Led by defensive linemen Simcon Rice, Warren Sapp and Greg Spire, the Bucs were as impressive as the \$520 million stadium that made its regular-season debut. Never allowing Donovan McNabb and the Eagles any breathing room, the Bucs showed the kind of balance that made them champions for the first time. They shut down the running lanes and befuddled McNabb, who finished 19-for-36 for 148 yards. Philadelphia gained 245 yards overall, much of it in garbage time. It was the second straight regular-season shutout for Tampa Bay, which ended the 2002 season with

a 15-0 win at Chicago. Sapp even got into the act on offense, making a 14-yard fourth-quarter reception on which he faked out two Eagles to get to the Philadelphia 11-yard line. After his first career catch, Sapp made an exaggerated first-down signal, the final insult to the quiet fans who expected so much more from their team. Jurevicius finished that drive with a brilliant 7-yard TD catch for his second score of the night. Jurevicius tipped a high pass into the air at the 2, slipped around a defender and made a lunging reception in the end zone for a 17-0 lead. Johnson was 13-of-14 in the second half for 119 yards and two TDs. He hit Jurevicius on a 13-yard score to cap a 12-play, 80-yard drive in the third period.



Tampa Bay defenders sack Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb during the second quarter Monday in Philadelphia.

Tigers tame Twin Falls

JEROME - It no longer can be considered a fluke Jerome beating Twin Falls in a boys high school soccer match. Happened for the second time in two years Monday, and first this season, a 3-2 result that was that close. Though Twin Falls coach Trent Felton rested several of his starters throughout periods of the non-conference game, the meeting still was important for Jerome coach Jose Morales. "Even if it wasn't a conference game, we have to take every game serious because that's the only way we're going to get better," Morales said. The game pitted the quick-footed counterattack of Jerome with forwards Chris Edwards and Antonio Lopez and center Taito Terasawa to the bigger, more physical and ball control style of the Bruins. Both teams admitted to using the game as a way to iron out any kinks as both prepare for league games Wednesday. But Tigers forward Lopez wasn't taking the game lightly, scoring his second goal - the eventual game-winner - on a running, rolling kick off his left foot from 12 yards out for a 3-0 lead just 7 minutes into the second half. As big as that goal was, it was Lopez's first score at the end of the first half that took the wind out of the Bruins. At the 40-minute mark, Lopez fought through a block on the Bruins' end of the field to chase after the bounding ball as it escaped Twin Falls goalkeeper Carl Orr about 20 yards out from the net. Lopez caught the ball on a hop past Orr, then put enough foot on it for it to find the left lower corner of the net before being colored and dragged down by a Bruin defender. That made it 2-0 and was doubly deflating coming just minutes after Twin Falls had a penalty kick punched away by Jerome keeper Jose Castillo. Castillo turned away one another penalty kick in the 33rd minute when Castillo was called for the penalty by turning his shoulder into a Bruin attacker to guard the ball. He redeemed himself on the stop, pouncing on a slow-roller by Jack Mikesell. The Bruins finally broke through on their third penalty kick of the day. This one via a pow-



After racing past Twin Falls defender Brian Walsh, right, Jerome forward Antonio Lopez, 9, has his shot blocked by goalkeeper Carl Orr during the opening minute of play in the Tigers' 3-2 win over the Bruins Monday in Jerome.

erful shot from senior Chad Haszler. The Bruins added their final goal on a left-footed rocket by Mikesell in the 79th minute. Jerome controlled from the outset, earning the first of its 11 corner kicks in the game's first minute. Twin Falls actually out-shot the Tigers 13-12, many of those coming on header attempts

on their 15 corner kicks. Felton is stressing defense to the Bruins (0-1-1) pick up as they face Region III rival Pontotello Wednesday. Already, the Bruins have given up seven goals in two games, Monday's loss and a 4-4 tie with Wood River. "They took advantage of everything we gave them," he said. "It's defense on the whole field, not

just the four backs, but the entire 10 on the field. Our attack is fine when we're playing with confidence. "Where our attack is not working is because we lack confidence, but we lack confidence because our defense is so poor." The Tigers improved to 3-0 and, will host Great Basin Conference rival Burley Wednesday at 4:30.

NASCAR fails to yellow flag road rage

Stock car racing is an adrenaline and testosterone world, fumes and fury at murderous speeds for hours. It's bumping and brawling, clashes and crashes, and fans love it for that. Therein lies the quandary for NASCAR - To crank up the roars without letting things get too crazy. It's too crazy when Ricky Rudd sends Kevin Harvick's car slamming into the wall at Richmond, Va., and Harvick's crew stomps on Rudd's car like it's a doggone runaway," as Rudd described the bizarre scene Saturday night.

STEVE WILSTEIN Associated Press

It's too crazy when Jimmy Spencer punches out Kurt Busch after a race, as he did a few weeks ago. It's too crazy when drivers of all stripes, in cars and trucks, are playing dangerous games night after night, not quite cheating but not quite racing clean. A driver is going to get killed one day, on or off the track, if the latest epidemic-of-road-rage doesn't stop. Fans don't want to see wings cruising the speedways, but the sport doesn't need drivers attacking each other with their cars or their fists. "This bump-and-run thing is out of control," Darrell Waltrip says. "NASCAR's got to start taking action against the people that are doing the bumping, not the people who are getting bumped. "It's always happened, but it's become an epidemic. It just gets worse and worse, and it finds its way into every series. Every race at Richmond - truck, Busch and Cup - was decided by somebody bumping somebody out of the way. It's bad sportsmanship. The poor guy leading the race is a sitting duck." Waltrip got into plenty of scrapes in his time but he says what's going on now is "unacceptable." NASCAR couldn't agree more. Yet quiet, it was to cock Harvick and five members of his Richard Childress Racing No. 29 team with penalties Monday. NASCAR did nothing to punish Rudd. Please see PAGE 85.

Byrd is not your typical champ

Chris Byrd is the IBF heavy-weight champion. He holds a real belt. It used to belong to Lennox Lewis and Byrd had to beat Evander Holyfield to get it. Byrd also has an Olympic silver medal, a 35-2 record and two of the fastest hands in boxing, but he's spent the last nine months trying to lure everybody - anybody - into the ring. "In the test in the heavyweight division of the year-old southpaw said, "Nobody wants to take the test. Nobody wants to study for something so hard." The knock on Byrd is his style, which is so herky jerky that some



Chris Byrd celebrates his heavyweight title win with Don King in this file photo. "In this era of craziness, if I were an ex-criminal or if I beat my wife, I'd be really easy to promote," he said. Byrd is fighting No. 2 IBEF contender Feres Oquendo on Sept. 20. Please see CHAMP, Page B5

Strike boils over into football season

BENTON, Ill. - John Osborne threw his football pads down with a disgusted shout, a few yards from where his teachers and football coach walked a picket line in front of the high school. The strike that postponed the first day of school since Aug. 20 has also forced his team to cancel its first three games. The 17-year-old senior said he'd rather quit than watch a potential championship season slip away. Minutes later, Osborne's father

roared up in his pickup truck. "You people are selfish, you don't know what you're doing to these kids," Mike Osborne yelled at the teachers, who winced and moved away. Benton, a town of about 7,000, was built on coal mining and has known its share of strikes, most marked by strong labor solidarity. But this strike is different. The economy is tough right now and some say teachers already make good money. And stopping the Rangers from play-

Please see STRIKE, Page B5

Chicago White Sox regain lead

Strike

CHICAGO (AP) — Jose Valentin and Miguel Olivo had two RBIs each in a five-run first inning Monday night as Barry Larkin and the Chicago White Sox beat the Minnesota Twins 5-2 in the opener of a key four-game series.

Chicago took a one-game lead in the AL Central. The team also plays three games next week at the Metrodome.

Colon (13-12) allowed 10 hits and made a sparkling play, snaring Denry Hocking's line drive up the middle with runners at second and third and no outs in the seventh.

The White Sox, responding to a loud crowd of 32,807, on a half-price ticket night, got all five of their first-inning runs with two outs against Kyle Lohse (12-11).

Yankees 9, Blue Jays 3
NEW YORK — Hideki Matsui drove in three runs, and New York's hitters made plenty of noise on a quiet afternoon in the Bronx.

Only 8,848 showed up at Yankee Stadium to watch the makeup of a July 22 rainout.

Mike Mussina (16-7) was given a three-run lead in the first and went seven innings for his 19th career victory.

Orioles 13, Red Sox 10
BALTIMORE — Deivi Cruz drove in four runs and Jerry Hairston scored the tiebreaking run in the eighth.

The Orioles trailed 8-5 before scoring four runs in the seventh and four more in the eighth. Boston made four errors.

Boston fell 3.5 games behind the New York Yankees in the AL East and had their wild-card lead over idle Seattle shaved to one game.

Hairston led off the eighth with an infield hit off Byung-Hyun Kim (7-5) and advanced when Doug Mirabelli hit Matt Matos with a throw after Matos bunted.

Hairston advanced to third on the play, then beat the throw home on a grounder to second by Tony Batista.

**National League
Astros 8, Brewers 4**
MILWAUKEE — Roy Oswalt returned from the disabled list and Jeff Bagwell and Lance Berkman each had three RBIs as the Houston Astros beat the Milwaukee Brewers.

Boston's fourth win in five games put the Astros in a first-place tie with the idle Chicago



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ing in a year—when they might have a shot at the state high school football playoffs is too much for some people.

"Sports is a big thing to me," said Mike Osborne, 37. "That's really all my sons go for. And they got to let him play."

The team's third game, slated for Sept. 12 against Packerpoint, was officially forfeited because the team didn't get to practice by the end of the day Sept. 5, required by Illinois High School Association rules. A Sept. 19 game against Harrisburg is next to go, if the strike isn't settled in time for the team to get in the required number of practices before playing.

The players believe giving up their first three games makes it next to impossible to qualify for the playoffs this year. Many are considering quitting.

"What's the point, if we don't make it to the playoffs?" said Robby Hagerman, 17, a co-captain. "It's what we've been working (for) since seventh grade."

Sports are a big part of life here, where residents post wooden football jerseys, painted with players' names, on streetlights during the playoffs. During Homecoming, maroon stars with players' names on them cover the street in front of the school.

Many of the boys have been practicing together since seventh grade, training during the off-season by running Old Coal Hill in their knit caps and cleats before

the snow melts. Residents approach players at their after-school jobs, asking them about their chances in the coming season.

"Playing football in this town makes you a god," said John Oberon.

When coach Jeff Roper called the team to a local park one afternoon last month to tell them that he was striking and that they would not be practicing until the strike was over, they were hurt but respected his decision, Hagerman said.

"We still had a week and a half until our first game," Hagerman said. "We thought we had time" to recover the season and still make the playoffs.

But unlike the last time Benton teachers walked out, in 1993, this impasse has lasted more than one day.

For days, the players have stood vigil in their maroon jerseys across from the school, hoping to pressure both sides to resume negotiations over salary and benefits. Roper, the coach, declined to be interviewed by The Associated Press.

News that teacher salaries average \$56,000 hasn't won the teachers many fans, said Bob Hagerman, Robby Hagerman's father.

And although Bob Hagerman agrees with Salmo that it's the instruction students need, mostly he's tears in his eyes when he thinks of his son missing his senior football year.

Champ

Continued from B4
at the Mohegan Sun Casino in Uncasville, Conn.

Quendo, another nice guy, has won a 30-1 record and more speed and agility than name recognition.

"We need to clean up boxing's image," said the 30-year-old Quendo of Puerto Rico. "We have an opportunity to show the boxing world there are some classier fighters out there. We're the new generation."

Boxing's heavyweight division doesn't put a premium on quick bouts. Ten-to-12 slugfests draw big crowds, and pre-fight antics make headlines.

"I don't fit at all," Byrd said in Las Vegas, where he trains. "You see me at any fight, I've got my wife with me. That's my best friend."

Byrd and Quendo see a void atop the heavyweight division, where Lennox Lewis, Holyfield and Mike Tyson have dominated the headlines for so long.

Lewis is on the sidelines, pondering retirement. He surrendered the IBF belt rather than

face Byrd, who then perplexed an aging Holyfield to seize the vacant title.

Byrd, mired in legal and financial problems.

Byrd is in a perfect position to take advantage. His bout is being carried by HBO, immediately after the replay of the Sept. 13 fight between Oscar De La Hoya and Shane Mosley.

Byrd hopes people tuning into that bout will stick around for a different kind of heavyweight boxing.

"For those who understand the sport, who like to interpret a fight plan strategy, this is going to be an interesting fight," said Kevin Barry, who trained David Tua at his win over Quendo and his loss to Byrd. "But we're talking about your average Joe Blow who sits on a bar stool with a can of beer."

Byrd has been installed as the favorite by Las Vegas oddsmakers, and he said he's hoping a dominating win will get him the recognition he seeks.

Whether it will give him a big money fight remains to be seen.

Rage

Continued from B4.
Harvick was fined \$35,000 and placed on probation until Dec. 31. His crew chief, Todd Berrier, was fined \$10,000.

Crew members Mike Scarcia and Gene Pasquare were suspended from NASCAR competition for a week, placed on probation until Dec. 31 and fined — \$5,000 for Berrier, \$2,500 for Pasquare. Two other crew members, Kirk Alquist and Ken Barber were placed on probation and fined \$2,500 each.

The actions "detrimental to stock car racing" included Harvick hitting Ruddy's car on pit road, his crew damaging the car, a couple of guys throwing things at Ruddy, and the whole lot of them using "improper language."

Childrens apologized for the melee but didn't back down from supporting Harvick.

"While I understand the emotions of our pit crew, the action they took was uncalled for," Childrens said. "I want to say, however, that I understand and support Kevin Harvick's feelings for wanting to have a few words with Ricky Rudd after the race."

Calling Ruddy's nudge a "cheap shot," Harvick swore after the race that "he's going to get one back. I promise you that."

Rudd took a verbal shot at Harvick's "yap-yap mouth," but insisted the bump was an accident — a claim Waltrip doesn't buy.

"These are the world's greatest drivers. You don't accidentally run into somebody," Waltrip says. "Your foot doesn't slip off the brake. Your foot doesn't accidentally hit the gas pedal."

They have got to start taking action against the people that

cause the wrecks." Improper language is the least of stock car racing's problems. Harvick and his crew were fined all those penalties and more, but in slapping only them, NASCAR missed a chance to tone down the heat all around and let drivers know that bumping cars into walls won't be lightly tolerated.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Ferrero, Roddick, Federer move past Agassi... Ferrero ended the Open at No. 3 and becomes the second Spanish man at No. 1; Carlos Moya held the spot for three weeks in 1999...

McCaw leaves UMass to become Baylor AD... WACO, Texas - Jan McCaw was hired Monday as athletic director at Baylor...

Justin Henin-Hardenne is second in the WTA Tour rankings for the first time after winning the U.S. Open...

Open semifinalists Lindsay Davenport and Jennifer Capriati are fourth and fifth... Davenport and Capriati are fourth and fifth.

Doug Gilmour retires after 20 NHL seasons... TORONTO - Doug Gilmour retired Monday after an NHL career in which he played 20 seasons and won a Stanley Cup with the Calgary Flames in 1989.

Super Bowl halftime will feature Lingerie Bowl... LOS ANGELES - Call him LT, as in Lingerie Tackle of the Hall of Fame linebacker for the New York Giants...

Kurt Warner released from hospital, returns home... ST. LOUIS - Rams quarterback Kurt Warner was released from the hospital and returned to St. Louis Monday...

Defending USGA Senior Am champion ousted... BRISTOL, Va. - Medalist Bob Kulp and defending champion Greg Reynolds were eliminated Monday in the opening round of the USGA Senior Amateur.

Idaho player listed in critical condition... SEATTLE - Idaho football player Keith Greer, who has been hospitalized since he broke his right leg during a game last week...

Manuslager charge dropped against priest... PITTSBURGH - A priest was cleared Monday of an involuntary manslaughter charge in the death of a drunken Pitt football player who fell through a church ceiling...

Wood River cruises past Wendell

WENDELL - Wood River kept the pressure on Wendell all game long, pulling away to a 5-0 halftime lead en route to a 9-0 win Monday night...

Girls soccer Pocatello 6, Minico 0... RUPERT - Pocatello cruised to a 6-0 win over Minico Monday night in Rupert.

Volleyball Camas County def. Twin Falls Christian 25-15, 25-15, 25-23... FAIRFIELD - Camas County picked up its first win of the season with a 25-15, 25-15, 25-23 victory over visiting Twin Falls Christian Academy Monday night.

Local sports points and 16 assists for the Musersh while Grayse Backstrom had four kills...

Hansen def. Magic Valley Christian 25-17, 25-17, 25-15... HANSEN - Hansen defeated Magic Valley Christian 25-17, 25-17, 25-15 Monday night behind Bonnie Freestone's nine kills.

Ritha Stanger added 10 points while Crystal Kenney had 10 assists... Ritha Stanger added 10 points while Crystal Kenney had 10 assists. Kayla Bates made five big digs. Hansen (2-1, 1-0) hosts Lightning Christian on Thursday.

Valley def. Oakley 25-14, 26-28, 25-12, 27-29, 15-13... HAZELTON - Valley squeaked by Oakley 25-14, 26-28, 25-12, 27-29, 15-13 in a five-game thriller Monday night in nonconference girls volleyball play.

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

Table with columns for team names and scores. Includes sections for 'TODAY'S BASEBALL' and 'NORTH'.

WHAT'S ON TV

Table listing TV programs and times. Includes 'Boxing' and 'Baseball' sections.

Boxing

Table listing boxing events and fighters. Includes 'Lusby Night at the Fights' and 'Boxing'.

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Table listing baseball games and scores. Includes 'Baseball' and 'Baseball'.

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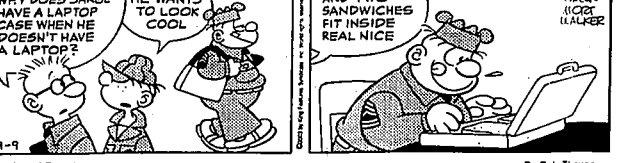
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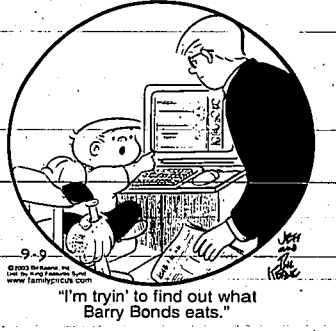
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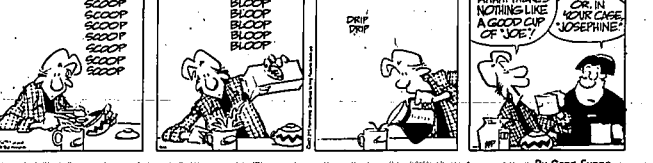
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Vehicle Description: White, 1990 Mazda 4

VEHICLE #3
Registered Owner and/or Lien Holder: Robert Rudolph, 793 Washington Street South, Twin Falls, Idaho
Vehicle Description: Light Blue 1988 Chev 4 dr

VEHICLE #4
Registered Owner and/or Lien Holder: Gene or Mary Wealey, 5401 N. Taylor, Twin Falls, Idaho
Vehicle Description: Light Blue 1987 Mazda 6

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