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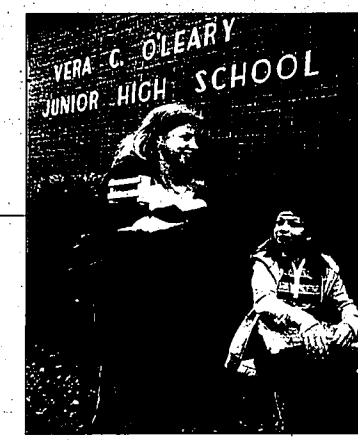
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Above: O'Leary Junior High School students Danielle Bates, left, her sister Becca Bates, Geniale Jimenez and her sister Mystique Jimenez share a laugh Monday morning before the beginning of the first day of school. Top, seventh-grader Damien Rya tries to unlock his locker shortly after the bell rang for the start the day's first class.

First-day jitters

Schools get back in session across Magic Valley

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Kelly Manzanaras had practiced her locker combination, but Monday morning was time to use it for real.

"It's in my back pocket, but I'm trying to remember," said Manzanaras, a 13-year-old student attending her first day at O'Leary Junior High School. She had had trouble sleeping the night before because she was so excited.

While eating the school's new universal free breakfast — cereal, milk, pears and graham crackers — Manzanaras thought she lost her school identification card, but it was under her tray.

After breakfast she wended her way through the swarms of seventh graders in the hallway, searching for her locker.

She wasn't sure if she liked the big school.

Finding the locker was a relief, but Manzanaras needed a little help to open the blue and white faced Master combination lock.

Then she came choosing the right supplies — pens and a notebook — and she was off to language arts class.

Mission accomplished.

Manzanaras wasn't the only one with first day jitters Monday as 12 Magic Valley school districts started classes.

Even O'Leary's ninth-graders had some anxiety.

"It's a little nerve wracking," said Enrique Lopez, "I don't know if I'll have any classes with my friends."

Waiting outside in approx-

When do other schools start?

- Cassia County, Wednesday
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mately 50-degree temperatures before the school opened.

Tanna Coates, a ninth-grader, said she felt, "Excited, I guess, and cold."

Coates said she had a little trouble shopping for school with the new dress code, but her mother, Tonna Coates, liked it.

"It's for the better," the girls' mother said.

"The parents are liking it a lot."

Teachers were also feeling first-day enthusiasm.

Nanette DeBoard, who teaches seventh-grade language arts, said she enjoys getting new students.

"For me, it's like being new also," said DeBoard, who's taught at the school for seven years.

Principal Bill Brulotte said the school's preliminary enrollment is 118 students, up from 85 last year.

He said the new seventh-grade orientation helped the first day go more smoothly than in the past.

"We're off to a great year," Brulotte said.

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Taking sides on tobacco

Idahoans examine no-smoke legislation

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Some soldiers in veterans' homes are so injured or so ill that about the only dose of happiness they have is cigarettes, says retired Marine and Korean War veteran Ed Pace of Sublett.

But the Idaho Clean Indoor Air Act has reduced their modicum of contentment by forcing them to give up smoking indoors.

"I'm sure nobody gave that any thought when they put this legislation together and here's a former smoker who said he gave up his four-pack-a-day habit many years ago."

"You gotta remember all we had in those days were cigarettes. They were issued by the military. They pushed them on us," he said. "I just want my comrades in these homes to have a break."

Pace and about 40 other Magic Valley residents showed up Monday at the American Inn in Twin Falls to comment at a public hearing sponsored by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. Twin Falls is the last location in the state where the department took public comments on a new state law that bans smoking in Idaho restaurants and several other public buildings.

Many who attended were teens who spoke out in favor of the law. The law makes sense for the restaurants and bars in the minority in Idaho, teen Jessica Hartley said.

Josh Barron, who works for South-Central District Health, said the restaurants and bars he's polled that allowed smoking have seen business pick up between 20 percent and 30 percent since the ban.

But other people called the law unfair. Bowling alleys were excluded from the legislation and bars that serve food weren't.

Bar owner and nonsmoker Darlene Powell said, "If they are going to put restrictions on us, it should be all across the board."

Twin Falls businessman Larry Roper, who operates local smoke theaters, said he banned smoking in his establishments in 1995 because smoke had been damaging his equipment.

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Bush criticizes ad; Dems say 'too little, too late'

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Monday criticized a commercial that accused John Kerry of inflating his own Vietnam War record, more than a week after the ad stopped running, and said broadcast attacks by outside groups have no place in the race for the White House.

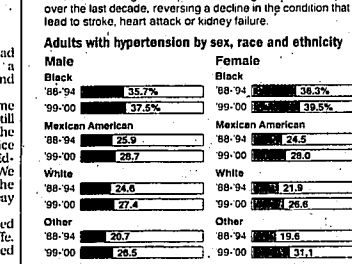
"I think they're bad for the system," added Bush, who had ignored calls to condemn the ad while it was on the air.

Democrats criticized the president's remarks at the same time they worked to limit the political damage from the ad which they denounce as a smear sanctioned by Bush and his high command.

"The moment of truth came and went, and the president still couldn't bring himself to do the right thing," Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards said in a statement. "We need a president with the strength and integrity to say when something is wrong."

"Too little, too late," added party chairman Terry McAuliffe. Campaign surrogates worked

High blood pressure surges



Study: 1 in 3 adults has high blood pressure

The Associated Press

DALLAS — As Americans get older and fatter, the number of adults with high blood pressure has climbed to almost one in three over the past decade, putting more people at risk of a stroke, heart attack or kidney failure, government researchers said Monday.

A little more than a decade ago, the number was closer to one in four. And two decades ago, it was falling. But then came the obesity

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Inside shrine, fighters vow to continue battle

By Hannah Allam Knight Ridder News Service

NAJAF Iraq — The pigeons in the Imam Ali shrine on Monday were flying out of the vast courtyard into a sky filled with the smell of blood and the echoes of urban warfare.

The shrine's other residents — about 500 exhausted supporters of rebel cleric Muqtada al-Sadr — slept in patches of shade as the U.S.-led forces crushed their comrades in intense street battles just outside the compound. Sniper bullets danced about the ankles of the rebels who ran across the street and through the shrine's ornate doors.

This was day 19 of the standoff for the Shiite Muslim holy city of Najaf. No one inside the sanctuary was talking about a peaceful outcome.

"If we hand over the keys to the shrine, will that end the occupation of Iraq?" asked Sheikh Ahmad Sheibani, a top al-Sadr aide in the shrine. "If the Iraqi forces come in, we'll fight. We'll all fight."

The countdown is on for those who remain in the shrine. It's been days since U.S.-backed interim Iraqi government gave al-Sadr "hours" to vacate the shrine before an elite unit of Iraqi national guardsmen threatened to reclaim the heart of Najaf.

The negotiations did nothing. Al-Sadr hasn't appeared publicly in a week. Meanwhile, the U.S. military perimeter around the compound shrank and the bombs moved closer.

At nightfall on Monday, U.S. attacks increased. The unmistakable buzz of an AC-130 gunship could be heard. Nine or 10 times by midnight, aircraft could be heard circling overhead, followed by a whistling sound and the explosion of a bomb or strapnap flew into the shrine's courtyard.

Mahdi Army members kept their spirits up with chants of "we're with you, Muqtada. We'll die for you, Muqtada." They staged a spontaneous rally at midnight, marching through the courtyard.

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NATION/WORLD

U.S. forces increase pressure

Militants claim holy shrine was damaged in fight

NAMAI, Iraq (AP) — U.S. infantrymen engaged in fierce battles with clerics in Muqtada al-Sadr's militiamen Monday and U.S. tanks moved closer to the revered Imam Ali Shrine as the American military stepped up pressure on the insurgents to leave the holy site and end their uprising.

Late Monday, U.S. warplanes bombed the area of the Old City, and fires lit up the night sky, an independent source said. Ahmed al-Shaybani, an aide to al-Sadr, said Shabran, an aide to the attack hit the shrine's golden dome, one of its minarets and the surrounding outer wall.

The U.S. military denied damaging the shrine and said an air crew saw militants in the compound fire a rocket that clipped one of the walls and exploded 10 yards outside.

"We are not doing anything that could have caused damage to the shrine," Marine Capt. Carrie Batson said. "There was no independent confirmation of damage to the shrine, but violence earlier Monday ripped a chunk out of the outer wall of the compound. Explosions throughout



U.S. Army soldiers aim through the window of an abandoned hotel in Najaf, Iraq, on Monday. Sporadic, but heavy fighting continued overnight and into the day Monday.

the day shook the Old City, which is a mix of streets and narrow, maze-like alleys at the heart of much of the fighting.

With the U.S. advance Monday, fewer al-Sadr militiamen were in the streets and some were seen leaving Najaf. Militant medical officials said at least two insurgents were killed and four wounded.

Al-Hakim Hospital said two civilians were killed and two others injured, but more casualties were reported in the Old City and could not be reached by emergency workers, said hospital employee Hussein Hadi.

neighbors and other Islamic countries for international intervention to end the fighting in Najaf.

In Baghdad's heavily Shiite Sadr City neighborhood, which has been wracked by violence since the Najaf uprising began, an explosion killed four people and injured nine, said Dr. Qasim Saddam, director of Sadr Hospital. The cause of the blast was unclear, and the U.S. military said it was unaware of the incident.

U.S. warplanes reportedly struck the volatile city of Fallujah early Tuesday. Witnesses said it was unclear what the target was, but they reported flames and smoke in southern neighborhoods.

The U.S. military, which routinely bombs what it describes as insurgent strongholds in the city 40 miles west of Baghdad, had no immediate comment on the Najaf fighting, which began Aug. 5, has killed at least 40 Iraqi policemen, eight U.S. soldiers and dozens of civilian bystanders. The U.S. military says it has killed hundreds of al-Sadr fighters, though the militia says its casualties have been far lower.

The crisis has posed a severe challenge to the interim government of Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, who has tried to take a hard line toward insurgents causing unrest in many cities.

U.S. vigilantes' trial resumes

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The defense for three American vigilantes accused of torturing a dozen Afghan prisoners showed a court Monday video footage of Afghanistan's former education minister congratulating the group for arresting alleged terrorists.

In the footage, former minister Yunus Qanooni is seen meeting with Jonathan Idema, leader of the freelance counterterrorism group, and promising help.

"Any cooperation, we are ready. We have a small security group," Qanooni says in broken English on the tape.

The footage of Qanooni, an influential figure in the Northern Alliance that helped the United States end the hardline Taliban regime in late 2001, appeared to support Idema's claim that his group was working with the approval of Afghan leaders.

Idema, Brent Bennett and Edward Garaballo face up to 20 years in jail if convicted on charges of kidnapping and torture.

Idema has denied the allegations, and accused the FBI of orchestrating his arrest to cover up its own failings in hunting terrorists. Four Afghans are also on trial for allegedly acting as accessories.

Idema also says he was working with the Pentagon when he was arrested July 5. In an interview from custody on Saturday, he maintained that he had been hot on the trail of al-Qaida leaders Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri at the time of his arrest.

The American military insists the men were operating outside the law and without its knowledge. Still, it has admitted receiving a prisoner from Idema who was subsequently released.

NATO peacekeepers also say they were duped into helping the men on three raids in the capital. On two of the raids, traces of explosives were found.

Freed U.S. journalist hopes to stay in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. journalist Micah Gareen, freed after nine days of being held by kidnappers, said he hoped to stay in Iraq to continue working on a documentary project about the looting of archaeological sites.

"This experience hasn't made me want to leave at all," Gareen said in an interview with Associated Press Television News in the southern city of Nasiriyah late Sunday, hours after he was freed.

The 36-year-old New Yorker was kidnapped Aug. 13 in Nasiriyah along with his Iraqi translator, Amir Doushi. The two were released Sunday after representatives of rebel Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr intervened.

Gareen, apparently in good health, spoke as he sat drinking soda on a couch next to Sheikh Aws al-Khafaji, an al-Sadr aide in Nasiriyah.

Al-Sadr's militiamen have been battling U.S. troops in the holy city of Najaf since Aug. 5, and intervention to free an American hostage may have been an attempt to fend off U.S. attempts to paint al-Sadr's movement as a band of criminals. The firebrand cleric is fiercely opposed to a U.S. presence in Iraq. He has condemned past kidnappings of foreigners as un-Islamic and



Micah Gareen hopes to finish a documentary.

his aides have intervened previously to win the release of a few other hostages, including a British journalist.

Al-Khafaji told The Associated Press on Monday that his office got involved only after Gareen's sister, Eva Gareen, appeared on Arab satellite channels asking it to help.

"We got her message through satellite channels," he said. "When he (al-Sadr) was asked to intervene we did."

However, Eva Gareen's message on the al-Jazeera television station was a direct appeal to the kidnappers to release her brother, not to al-Sadr to mediate the crisis. And al-Khafaji told AP on Thursday afternoon — hours before Eva Gareen's message was broadcast — late that night — that his office had been trying for nearly a week to win the journalist's freedom.

Army reservist says he will plead guilty to abuse

HAGERSTOWN, Md. (AP) — The highest-ranking Army reservist charged with abusing Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib prison said Monday he will plead guilty to some offenses because "what I did was a violation of law."

Staff Sgt. Ivan L. "Chip" Frederick II, of the Maryland-based 372nd Military Police Company, said in a written statement e-mailed to The Associated Press by his attorney: "I have accepted responsibility for my actions at Abu Ghraib prison. I will be pleading guilty to certain charges because I have concluded that what I did was a violation of law."

The three-paragraph statement did not specify the charges to which Frederick will plead guilty and it wasn't clear whether he would still contest any of the allegations. He is charged with mistreating detainees, conspiracy to mistreat detainees, dereliction of duty and wrongfully committing an indecent act.

Frederick, 37, of Buckingham, Va., has a pretrial hearing scheduled for 1 today in Mannheim, Germany.

His civilian attorney, Gary Myers, did not immediately respond to e-mailed questions about Frederick's case. Telephone calls to Myers' hotel room in Mannheim went unanswered.

Frederick, a Virginia state prison guard in civilian life, is among seven members of the Cresaptown, Md.-based 372nd charged in the scandal, which involves physical abuse and sexual humiliation of prisoners. He would be the second of the seven to admit wrongdoing. Spc. Jeremy C. Sivits of Hyndman, Pa., pleaded guilty to three abuse charges in May and was sentenced to a year in prison.

Frederick, who worked as a prison guard in Virginia, was the senior enlisted soldier at the Abu Ghraib prison between October and December, when the mistreatment allegedly occurred.

He was among the first to be publicly identified by CBS' "60 Minutes II" when it broke the story April 28. Frederick is accused of having helped force a prisoner to stand on a box with wires placed on his hands, a scene displayed in one of the photos from the prison.

Advertisement for GEM EQUIPMENT, INC. featuring a large image of a four-wheeled utility vehicle. Text includes: 'SIX MONTHS WORTH OF WORK FOR FREE.', 'NO INTEREST, NO PAYMENTS FOR 6 MONTHS!', and contact information for Twin Falls, Idaho.

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COMMUNITY

Community Editor: Pat Marcantonio - 735-3288

Volunteers get help on helping others

By Jami Whited
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Whether it's rides to medical appointments, painting, yard work, house-keeping, laundry or just visiting, Nora Wells and the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of the Magic Valley help the area's chronically ill, disabled and elderly wherever they can.

Now they're asking for Idaho's help. In May, representatives from about 300 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Faith-in-Action programs in the United States met at the foundation's 20th anniversary to discuss how they can help volunteers do their best event better.

The conference was held in Washington, D.C. and provided workshops to assist leaders with

To volunteer or for more information, call Nora Wells at 733-6333.

running successful programs. Wells, executive director of the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, was one of three representatives from Idaho who attended. According to Wells, the most helpful workshop was a seminar called "Be a Good Leader," which detailed specific things to look for in a leader, a leader's attitude and the difference between being a dictator and being a leader.

"That's a very valuable thing," Wells said. The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, a Faith in Action program, is a community funded, nonprofit organization that provides volunteer assistance.

Its goals are to help those in their own homes as long as possible, such as giving respite to caregivers and helping with household chores. Since the Magic Valley group began seven years ago, more than 100 volunteers have helped about 650 people, with about half volunteering on a steady active basis.

"Volunteers are needed to help with any sort of independent living skills these people aren't able to achieve on their own," Wells explained. At the conference, she said that one of her main goals was to meet with Idaho's senators and congressmen to help them understand the Faith in Action programs' place in communities. Wells has asked them to help with board development

by suggesting members of the community who would be strong leaders for the organization.

Currently, Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers needs a notable public person in its finance committee that will portray the group as a good, worthwhile organization to help raise funds. "We need good people in the community to stand behind it," Wells said. "That's when it gains momentum." They also need support from the state by considering Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers when submitting grants and funding requests, by including the organization in discussions on volunteering and community and state strengths, and by promoting the volunteer group by linking it to the state's Web site. Wells later followed up with



Tom Mahan of Jerome, Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers/Faith in Action board president, left, with Nora Wells, executive director, and Idaho Rep. Mike Simpson at the Twin Falls Service Providers meeting in August 2003.

Photo courtesy of Nora Wells

the congressional offices and U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, Idaho, spoke at the organization's annual volunteer dinner.

"The congressional representatives were very welcoming

and eager to learn about what we do in the community on many different levels. The face-to-face interaction was invaluable. The best way to be involved is to have face-to-face interaction," Wells said.

OREGON TRAIL HONORS

Oregon Trail Elementary School in Twin Falls announced 50 in a Minute Ribbon winners for the second semester in the fourth grade. They are, from left first row: Justin Allgood, Nicholas Bartlik, Gabby Lara, Ana Orr, Angelica Price, Dakota Grata and Darien Pierson; second row: Kimberley Crowley, Jackie Osuna, Tanner Barnhill, Tyson Ruffing, Andrea Hidalgo and Spencer Keller; third row: Tawny Hymas, Jose Cuevas, Globana Moreno and Katie Strom. Not pictured is Ryan Bailey.



Photos courtesy of Oregon Trail Elementary

Oregon Trail Elementary Medal winner for the second semester in the fourth grade is Jessica Martinez.



Oregon Trail Elementary 50 in a Minute Medal winners for the fourth grade are, from left, first row: Ana Orr, McKenzie Dranek, McKenzie Martinez and Erik Harris; second row: Chance Hayes, Garrett Basham, Sara Nutsch and Braydon Urrutia; third row: Kendra Durham, Taylor Gumb and Arturo Tello. Not pictured is Bianca Rodriguez.

STORK REPORT

Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

Isabel Joleen Clark, daughter of Layne Lorraine Bohman of Buhl, was born Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004. Korl Shae-Lynn Nelson, daughter of Christie Lorea Walls of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004. Hillary Gil, daughter of Gabriela Rangel of Hatley, was born Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004. Jose Gerardo Verdizzo, son of Maria Guadalupe and Rodolfo Verdizzo of Buhl, was born Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004. Starr Destiny Rackham, daughter of Jennifer Rene and Brandon Michael Rackham of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004. Priscilla Villasebor, daughter of Agustina Rogelio Villasebor of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Aug. 14, 2004. Mem'ree Ekko Vasquez, daughter of Rebecca Ann and Erich Simon Vasquez of Sheehone, was born Monday, Aug. 16, 2004. Allisa Leanne Gaspar, daughter of Amanda Dawn and Vicente Gaspar-Covarrubias of Gooding, was born Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004. Jordan Nicole Packard, daughter of Cindy and James

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

Aug. 2, 2004. Jorja Willene Banks, daughter of Calvin and Alisa Banks of Jerome, was born Friday, Aug. 6, 2004. Melodi Kay Dwyer, daughter of Vincent and Kimberlee Dwyer of Jerome, was born Friday, Aug. 6, 2004. Zachary Allen Thompson, son of Roger Thompson and Alexis Nelligs of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004. Samuel Joseph Allen Perez, son of Joe Perez and Pamela Rider of Gooding, was born Friday, Aug. 13, 2004. Francisco Javier Jimenez Trujillo, son of Francisco Trujillo and Joanna Jimenez of Wendell, was born Friday, Aug. 13, 2004. Jeffrey James Raney, son of Al and Elsie Raney II of Jerome, was born Saturday, Aug. 14, 2004. Tanner Michael Burgess, son of Sean and Kara Burgess of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Aug. 15, 2004. Hunter Ryan Gause, son of Jeremy and Christian Gause of Jerome, was born Monday, Aug. 16, 2004. Andrew John Quintana, son of John and Misti Quintana of Buhl, was born Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004.

Packard of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004. Ryan Leanne Jackson, son of Erin and Clinton Jackson of Castleford, was born Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004. Justin Dale Kunkel, son of Crystal Michelle and Dale DeForest Kunkel of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Hunter David Tappan, son of Dave and Sholely Tappan of Jerome, was born Monday,

CLUB DONATION



Janet Shark, a Buhl-area resident, won half of a pig that was raffled by the Loyal Order of the Moose Buhl 305 for a fund-raiser that generated \$675 for the Boys & Girls Club of Magic Valley in Buhl. At a recent meeting, the check was presented to Don Hall, center, executive director of the Boys & Girls Club; with Buhl Moose administrator, Cres De Alba, right, and Shark, left. Lee Pepper donated the pig.

Photo courtesy of Moore Buhl 305

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Twin Falls student makes dean's list

Jordan R. Rayborn of Twin Falls was named to the dean's list for spring 2004 at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash. The dean's list requires a grade point average of at least 3.5.

T.F. resident receives master's from university

Brad Brendal of Twin Falls has received a Master of Educa-

tion from Pacific University on May 15 in Forest Grove, Ore.

Former Buhl resident graduates from ISU

Erin Tvedy Burbank graduated May 15 from Idaho State University in Pocatello with a Bachelor of Science degree in radiographic science and is registered as a radiographic technologist. She will continue her education in radiation therapy through Weber State

University in Ogden, Utah, and the Mountain States Tumor Institute in Boise this fall.

She is employed at St. Luke's Family Health in Boise. Burbank is the daughter of Tom and Robin Tvedy of Buhl. She is a 1999 graduate of Buhl High School.

Her husband, Nate, a Kimberly High School and ISU graduate, is a financial representative for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network in Boise. He is the son of Randy and Kris Burbank of Twin Falls.

CSI schedules history class on Saturdays

TWIN FALLS - A three-credit U.S. history class will be taught on Saturdays at the College of Southern Idaho for the first time in many years, according to CSI History Department Chair Jim Gentry. The class, (HIST 111-004), will be taught from 9-11:50 a.m. starting Aug. 28 in the Aspen Building, room 181, on the campus, 315 Falls Ave. E. For more information, call a CSI adviser in the Matrix in the Taylor Administration Building at 733-9554, Gentry at 732-6864 or e-mail to jgentry@csi.edu.

CSI offers gold mining class, field trip

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer "Placer Mining for Gold" from 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 31 and Sept. 2 in the Shields Building, room 202 on the campus, 315 Falls Ave. E. Students will take a field trip to a gold location between 10

a.m. and 4 p.m. on Sept. 4. The cost is \$40. Topics will include the nature of gold and other placer minerals; researching and locating deposits; the history of placer mining and the gold producing areas in the state; and more. For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

Fairfield sends off wagon train this weekend

FAIRFIELD - Jim Super Outfitters of Bellevue will start its annual six-day wagon train ride over Wells Summit, in time to join the Ketchum Wagon Days Parade on Labor Day weekend. Wagons and participants will gather Friday at Fairfield City Park. From 6-9 p.m., there will be a community send-off with barbecue and Dutch oven cooking in the park. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under age 10 or \$20 for a family-of-five. Local entertainment, including the Buck Brothers and a raffle will be held. Participants

should bring lawn chairs or blankets, but no dogs.

A community breakfast will be held from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the new senior center with the wagon train departing at 9:30 a.m. traveling to Soldier Road. The grand opening of the Senior Citizens Community Center will be held from 1-4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call Canine Chamber of Commerce President Norma Ellison at 764-9259 or Janet Croner, treasurer, at 764-2671.

Annual bike show starts up Friday night

TWIN FALLS - Harley-Davidson Motorcycles is hosting its annual bike show from 7-9 p.m. Friday in the Wood's Bar & Grill parking lot, 213 Fifth Ave. S. There is a \$10 registration fee. Applications are available at Snake Harley-Davidson, 2404 Addison Ave. E. All proceeds benefit the Snake Harley-Davidson Association of Idaho. The event

is for all ages. Live entertainment and food will be provided. Awards will be presented to best stock, hottest custom, cleanest of vintage and best of show. For more information, call Harley-Davidson at 1-888-788-9809.

Japanese American Citizens League meets

TWIN FALLS - The Sawtooth Chapter - Japanese American Citizens League will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Johnny Carino's restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard North. Sandy Bestedler, just back from attending the national League convention in Hawaii, will report on new national officers, issues and oratorical contest winners. Upcoming events, such as a noon presentation by historian/novelist, Ruthanne Lum McCunn, Sept. 14 at the Herrett Center will be discussed. The event will be open to the public. The League is an Asian Amer-

ican civil rights organization, fighting intolerance and discrimination by developing cultural awareness and pride in one's heritage. organizers say. For more information, call Bestedler at 324-9125, Kelly Ogawa at 735-0936, or Maya Lemmon at 735-0936.

Buhl District conducts development screenings

BUHL - The Buhl School District is conducting its annual free early development screenings for 3- and 4-year-old children from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday in the preschool room, at Poppewell Elementary School, 200 N. Sixth. The purpose is to find children who are delayed in one or more of the following skill areas: Social: the ability to imitate, imagine and play with peers. Fine motor: Using small muscles, using a crayon or pencil. Gross motor: Running, jumping and skipping. Cognitive thinking: Problem solving, counting and recogniz-

ing colors. Adaptive or daily living: Dressing and personal hygiene. Language: Expressing and understanding language. The district offers preschool early intervention classes for those who need it. Parents of preschoolers are urged to take this opportunity to have their child screened. To schedule appointments, call Michele Wright at 543-8225.

Wendell hosts community picnic

WENDELL - Wendell is hosting its first community appreciation picnic at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Wendell City Park. Chicken, corn on the cob, potatoes and hamburger watermelon will be served. The public should bring potluck salads and desserts to this free event. Live entertainment, featuring Johnny U. will be provided in the band shell. Donations will be accepted with proceeds going to the Christmas Lights Fund.

EDITORIAL

Catch the learning bug in a new school year

Put away the swimsuits, the fishing poles and the Popsicles. The season has arrived for backpacks, textbooks and a hearty burrito from the school cafeteria. School's back in session this week around the Magic Valley, and now's a perfect time to remind students, parents and teachers of all the bright factors coming into a new academic year.

ly and mentally, your school years have to offer. A word to teachers: The first official year of the Idaho Standards Achievement Test shows Idaho students have a stable grasp on high-stakes testing. A large chunk of credit goes to teachers who are using the ISAT format to boost learning. But, as teachers know, more success is possible.

Teachers' positive impact on students can never be overstated. As you hone your teaching skill and love for the subject, it will rub off on the kids in your class. To the parents at home: Don't think for a minute that the accountability movement doesn't involve you. Public school provides each student a foundation for college, employment, and social responsibility. If your student doesn't fulfill his chance in the classroom, you'll pay for his failure in the long run.

The home should be the front line of the schooling experience. Make sure that learning is a focus for your student, with appropriate time for reading, homework, meals and adequate sleep. And now that many districts are placing emphasis on dress codes, why not make it work to your advantage? If it helps kids learn a little more about modesty and self-respect, it's worth emphasizing at home.

Our public school system faces constant challenges and difficulty, but it provides a wealth of knowledge and learning that shapes kids into world leaders. Something that important should be good enough for everyone to be a part of.

Our view: Everyone involved with public education has plenty to gain in a new school year.
What do you think?
We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Past wars consume '04 campaign

Even with the inevitable simplifications, distortions and reciprocal charges of flip-flopping, there was something about last week's dust-up between President Bush and John Kerry over the president's plan to bring home as many as 100,000 American troops now stationed abroad.

RONALD BROWNSTEIN

The argument was about the future. It's an axiom in the political circles that campaigns are always about the future. But this year's presidential election is in danger of being hijacked by the past.

Each side has contributed to this backward-looking environment. Kerry has developed an extensive and detailed agenda on everything from homeland security to health care. But the Democrats at their national convention last month, focused much more on his service in Vietnam 35 years ago than his plans for the next four.

Bush's campaign has been even heavier into retrospective. On the campaign trail, the president has devoted almost all of his time to denouncing his decisions in the past four years and attacking Kerry's voting record in the Senate. His television ads have struck the same notes. Until recently, the missing piece has been almost any hint of what Bush might do if re-elected.

This shift into reverse has now been accelerated by the group of anti-Kerry Vietnam War veterans called "Swift Boat Veterans for Truth." Amplified by talk radio and heavy coverage on cable television, their television ad accusing Kerry of misrepresenting his service in Vietnam is consuming the campaign. Suddenly, on the evening news, debates about the Mekong Delta are elbowing aside reports about Najaf as you close your eyes, you might wonder if you're listening to Walter Cronkite instead of Dan Rafter.

Investigative reports in several major newspapers over just one week have opened gaping holes in the credibility of the



first Swift Boat ad. Reporters showed that several of the veterans now criticizing Kerry's wartime record in the ads had earlier praised his performance in interviews and formal evaluations.

The group suffered the most serious damage on its most serious charges. The group has challenged Kerry's account of the firefight in which he won a Silver Star, but on Saturday another swift boat commander on the scene, William Hood, now a Chicago Tribune editor, confirmed the key elements of Kerry's version.

Likewise, Navy records offer no support for the group's allegation that Kerry won his Bronze Star by falsely claiming to have faced enemy fire when he rescued Special Forces Lt. Jim Rassmann during an engagement in the Bay Lip River in March 1969. Rassmann has always said he was under fire when he rescued Special Forces Lt. Jim Rassmann during an engagement in the Bay Lip River in March 1969. Rassmann has always said he was under fire when he rescued Special Forces Lt. Jim Rassmann during an engagement in the Bay Lip River in March 1969.

The group is on more factually defensible ground in its second, which focuses on testimony Kerry delivered to

the Senate in 1971 after he returned from Vietnam. In his testimony, Kerry repeated allegations from antiwar veterans that they had committed atrocities in Vietnam — charges that many veterans, then and now, fall squarely on them all. Compared to the flimsy accusations about Kerry's service under fire, this is a much more legitimate political dispute.

Yet by examining this argument from more than three decades ago, the Swift Boat veterans are virtually compelling Democrats to amplify their attacks on Bush's choices during the same period. The more the right accuses Kerry of serving dishonorably, the more the left will stamp Bush as dishonorable for avoiding combat service altogether.

The past few months have demonstrated that these are volatile materials for either side to handle. At their convention, Democrats allowed speakers such as former President Clinton and former Georgia Sen. Max Cleland, a disabled Vietnam veteran, to jab at Bush's National Guard record.

Democrats can't like the result now that the Swift Boat veterans have so aggressively escalated the combat over the Vietnam era. But if the Swift Boat veterans' offensive inspires a full-scale Democratic

counterattack on Bush's record in the National Guard, and his decision not to enlist for Vietnam, the president's campaign probably won't be very happy either.

Obviously, politicians should have to account for their choices in life, and even more so, their records in office; presidential elections involving an incumbent always turn heavily on the public's evaluation of his record. But campaigns must also make room for the question that most directly affects the voters' lives: what the candidates hope to achieve over the next four years.

The coming week offers an excellent opportunity to reset the campaign from these misty arguments about the distant past. On Thursday, the Census Bureau is scheduled to release its annual reports on the median family income, the poverty level, and the number of Americans without health insurance.

If the two sides and the media can tear away from a war that ended almost 30 years ago, maybe the contenders could explain how they will help hard-working families fighting to stay above water today.

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Grinning W. and the frat boy vote

I am looking at a photo of the George W. Bush that you've probably never seen before. It's a sports-action close-up of him at Yale, over a caption written prophetically by a fellow undergraduate more than 30 years ago:

"George Bush delivers illegal, but gratifying right hook to opposing ball carrier."
Never mind that this is a rugby game, alien to most Americans, and that the caption writer's assessment wasn't political. I think it explains one reason why Bush hasn't slid in the polls since John Kerry reported for duty: He owes more than a little something to the "bad boy" vote that no pollster captures as well as this photo and caption do.

What I have in mind here isn't the bad guy in a detective story or the stand-up guy in "The Sopranos," or even some rock-band poster. He may actually be a good guy most of the time, like millions of this country's mischievous frat boys who are getting away with things but who aren't that bad as long as they don't get into anything too far over their heads.

As president of his chapter of the Kappa fraternity, Bush once sounded a classic bad-boy note when he said he didn't learn a damned thing at Yale. "The reason was that he didn't try," Jacob Weisberg reported this

spring in Yale Alumni Magazine. One year, the star of the football team spotted him in the back row during (course-) shopping period. "Hey, George Bush is in this class!" Calvin Hill '69, shouted to his teammates. "This is the one for us!"

I was in that room that day, Bush gave them a grinning thumbs-up and, I have to admit, everyone laughed. He had a certain charm about getting away with things, like DKE's custom of "branding" new members on the butt, a less-than-noble tradition he managed to protect when it came under fire.

Being that kind of bad boy may be OK if you're cutting a history class or sinning behind your hand as some radical grad student leading your discussion section — but not when you're staging a commander in chief's light-deck landing or a Thanksgiving Day pop-up in Baghdad.
Bad boys don't get that far very often, of course, and Bush would tell you that he's changed a lot since college. But I don't think the difference matters much to the bad boys he's been invited, including some classmates I know who are raising money for him, not to mention the up-and-comers I

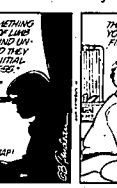
Bad boys don't get that far very often, of course, and Bush would tell you that he's changed a lot since college. But I don't think the difference matters much to the bad boys he's left behind, including some classmates I know who are raising money for him, not to mention the up-and-comers I taught at Yale last year.

taught at Yale last year. Whether they cheered Bush's flight-deck landing or are reliving the joys of innumerate rugby, they think he has shown them how to mess up yet still swagger off the field with an impish grin.
I am not being partisan here. This really is an political, "guy" thing, like the thunderous welcome Bill Clinton got from a huge crowd of college boys, with their baseball caps on backward, at the University of Illinois' Urbana-Champaign campus on Jan. 28, 1998, only days after rumors of his Monica Lewinsky affair surfaced. Just the day before, 120 million Americans had been riveted, watching him pull off a triumphal, almost defiant, State of the Union address.

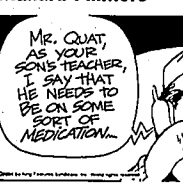
"Yeah, Bi-i-i-ill!" the college boys roared lustily, and not because Al Gore had just warmed them up with laws of Clinton's tuition loans. Hope scholarships and his plans to add slots for more AmeriCorps volunteers. Bad Boy Bill entered the hall to a booming rendition of the rock band Kansas' "Carry On My Wayward Son." He was greeted like a rock star, with no boos or catcalls.
Whoever wrote that caption sure, George's rugby photo would understand what he shouldn't understand is how anyone could act as if Iraq were just rugby or a dalliance. A history lesson ignored might be more like it.

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Mallard Fillmore



By Garry Trudeau



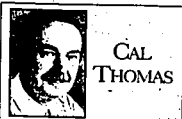
By Bruce Tinsley



OPINION

Film follows Kerry's trail of words

The Republican National Committee has released a "documentary" to counter Michael Moore's film "Fahrenheit 9/11." The film (available for viewing at www.rnc.org) chronicles John Kerry's statements about Iraq and proves to all but the most partisan that this is a man who is a political opportunist and a vacillator who cannot be trusted with the power of the presidency.



CAL THOMAS

Opening with Kerry's pledge at the Democratic National Convention last month to "never mislead us into war," the film shows how Kerry consistently favored using force to oust Saddam Hussein until it proved politically advantageous for him to reverse course.

Kerry, who serves on the Senate Intelligence Committee and had access to pre-war Iraq intelligence (when he brothered to show up for meetings), said on "Face the Nation" on Sept. 23, 2001, "It is something that we know — for instance, Saddam Hussein has used weapons of mass destruction against his own people, and there is some evidence of their efforts to try to secure these kinds of weapons and even test them."

On Dec. 11, 2001, Kerry said on Fox's "The O'Reilly Factor," "I think we need to put pressure on (Saddam Hussein) no

matter what the evidence is about September 11 ... Only July 23, 2002, Kerry spoke to the moderate Democratic Leadership Council and said, "I agree completely with (the Bush) administration's goal of a regime change in Iraq. Saddam Hussein is a renegade and outlaw who turned his back on tough conditions of surrender put in place by the United Nations in 1991."

In an op-ed in the Sept. 6, 2002, New York Times, Kerry wrote: "If Saddam Hussein is unwilling to bend to the international community's already existing order, then he will have invited enforcement, even if that enforcement is mostly at the hands of the United States, a right we retain even if the Security Council fails to act." How can Kerry now say that the Bush administration did not exhaust diplomatic efforts and went into Iraq without international approval and sufficient (in his mind) international cooperation?

During a May 3, 2003, debate among Democratic presidential candidates, Kerry said President Bush made "the right decision to disarm Saddam Hussein, and when the president made the decision, I supported him, and I support the fact that we did disarm him." What's changed? Only Kerry.

Kerry has repeatedly said that as president he would involve U.S. allies in postwar Iraq, but he has given no proof that those allies, specifically France and Germany, would change their current uncooperative positions. He wants us to believe that "regime change" in the United States would prompt France and Germany to send troops to Iraq. No French or German official has made such a promise, and several have been quoted in the media as saying they won't send troops no matter who wins the election.

In a November 12, 1997, appearance on CNN's "Crossfire," Kerry criticized two U.S. allies for failing to oppose Saddam's failure to comply with the agreement that ended the Persian Gulf war: "...where's the backbone of Russia, where's the backbone of France, where are they in expressing their condemnation of such clearly illegal activity." What makes Kerry think such "allies" will now rush to our aid with him

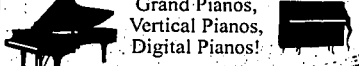
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Inmate refutes treatment by officials

I don't appreciate being labeled a convict. I am simply a victim of Idaho's rape law and the injustice system. Lt. Hughes of the Twin Falls County Jail made a bold lie to the public on Aug. 8 when he stated that I was not denied my thyroid medication.

From Feb. 3 to April 9, I was refused my medication by the medical staff at the jail. During this time period, I insisted on several different occasions to the jail nurse that I needed my medication, that it's critical to my health. Each time, I was

told that the county did not want to pay for it, that my blood levels were normal. However, I knew my thyroid was not fine because my health began to rapidly deteriorate.

I retained more than 25 pounds of fluid in a week. My legs and feet were so swollen that it was painful just walking. My kidneys were failing, and I lost all control of my bladder.

The "2-year-old temper tantrum" resulted from the scared feeling that I was dying and the jail officials not caring. I want Lt. Hughes to know that I have documents proving that he removed me from inmate worker, not for health

reasons, but because of the "outside disturbances," meaning my concerned family. If it wasn't for them pushing to get my medication, I most likely wouldn't be alive to write this letter.

If Lt. Hughes didn't care about the letters to the editor, why is he taking time to respond with fabrications? Surely, he has much better things to do, like locking up real predators and rapists.

What made me so different from July 21, when I was 17, to July 22, when I was 18? Should I have abandoned my girlfriend of three years since I was now the magic age of 18

and she was still 17? Does a boy automatically turn into a manipulating predator, rapist and sex offender at just 18? The prosecutors must think so.

How many know that there isn't a statutory rape law in Idaho? Young boys, including 17-year-olds, don't realize that consensual sex with a 17-year-old will label them a felony rapist and send them to sex-offender treatment that will cost thousands. Laws are made to protect people and our society. This law is being abused. It's not being used for the right purposes. I don't deserve this!

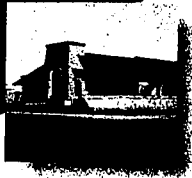
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Study says people don't eat enough fruits, veggies

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Despite years of public service campaigns — and lectures from Mom — Americans still aren't eating even close to enough fruits and vegetables, according to a recent study.

What's more, most people don't know how much produce they are supposed to eat.

More than 85 percent of consumers are not eating the

federally recommended minimum of five servings of produce a day, according to an AC Nielsen poll of 2,472 people.

And nearly 60 percent think eating one to four servings is enough for a healthy diet; 20 percent said one or two servings is enough.

The government recommends two to four servings of fruit and three to five servings of vegeta-

bles daily. Serving examples include three-fourths of a cup of juice, a medium apple or a half-cup of chopped vegetables.

The government is updating those guidelines and is expected to raise the recommended servings of produce early next year.

The poll, conducted on behalf of the Produce for Better Health Foundation, a nonprofit

nutrition education group, found that nearly half of those questioned eat just one or two servings of produce a day.

Just 12 percent said they eat the suggested five or more servings.

Dr. George Blackburn, associate director of Harvard Medical School's nutrition division, said Americans' lack of nutrition knowledge is an urgent crisis

that contributes to disease and skyrocketing rates of obesity.

He also said he was surprised that even 12 percent eat the recommended servings.

"People overreport, even though it's a pathetic number. We would be ecstatic if they (ate) what they say they did," he said. "It's amazing how many people go day in and day out with zero."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Shoe saleswoman faces theft charge

TWIN FALLS — Prosecutors have filed charges against a Murkum woman in connection with the giveaway of shoes and other merchandise from a store where she was employed. Sarah M. Rice, 18, made an initial appearance in 5th District Magistrate Court Monday on one count of grand theft by unauthorized control, a felony.

The charges stem from the discovery of approximately \$1,800 worth of merchandise missing from the Foot Locker store in the Magic Valley Mall, according to an affidavit written by Michael Steen, an officer with the Twin Falls Police Department.

The shortage was discovered after an audit of the store's books.

Rice admitted to giving away about 20 pairs of shoes and other items, valued at \$1,868, the affidavit says. Officials are looking into whether other employees were involved in unauthorized handouts.

Rice's preliminary hearing was set for Sept. 3.

Herrett Center hosts solar viewings

TWIN FALLS — Free, weekly solar viewings will continue at the Herrett Center's Centennial Observatory through Sept. 1, at which time they will be discontinued until next summer. The viewings are held on weather permitting, from 1 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday.

The solar viewings are one of several ways the public can enjoy the new 24-inch research telescope, which was installed last spring at the Herrett Center.

The observatory will continue to have free star parties and astronomy talk sessions throughout the year.

The start of the school year will mean that the facility will be busy handling many student groups from around the region, said Chris Anderson, observatory manager.

For more information, call 732-6666 or visit the Herrett Center's Web site at www.vsl.edu/herrett.

Chip-sealing project continues

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Highway District is working on a chip-sealing project for the next week.

Bea Work Ahead Construction Co. is conducting traffic control. Street clean-up sweeping will continue through Aug. 30.

Today's schedule:

• 3200 East from 3600 North to 3700 North.

• 3600 North from 3200 East to 3300 East.

• 3400 East from 3400 North to 3700 North.

• 3500 North from 3250 East to 3300 East.

Deadline set for district candidacy

BURLEY — Soil and water conservation districts will be having elections for supervisor positions on Nov. 2. Those interested in running for district board positions must file notification of candidacy no later than 5 p.m. Sept. 1, according to a press release issued Monday.

Supervisors up for re-election this year for the Burley County Soil and Water Conservation District are Jim McCam, Carma Ball and Rodney Stewart. The East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District's supervisors up for re-election are Tony Wheeler and Gwen Montgomery. West Cassia's supervisors up for re-election are Nate Robinson, Jack Peterson and Drew Stecker.

Candidacy declarations are available at the district offices at either 1361 E. 16th St. in Burley or at 98 S. 200 W. in Rupert. A district supervisor may be interviewed within the district to be served.

For more information about the duties of a district supervisor, call the Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation office at 435 E. Ext. 3, or the Burley NRCS field office at 678-1225, Ext. 3.

— compiled from staff reports

Judge rules for counties in dispute

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Amalgamated Sugar Co. has lost the second round in a 2002 property tax dispute with Twin Falls, Canyon and Minidoka counties.

Third District Judge Renee Hoff recently reversed an Idaho Board of Tax Appeals decision, agreeing with the counties' revised assessments on the value of the three Amalgamated factory properties.

The counties had originally estimated the three properties to be worth \$167 million. Twin Falls County Assessor Gerry Bowden had estimated the property in Twin Falls County

NewsTracker

- **Last we knew:** Twin Falls, Minidoka and Canyon counties appealed an Idaho Board of Tax Appeals decision on the value of Amalgamated Sugar Co. properties in the three counties. Minidoka County had to drop out of the lawsuit because it didn't meet some time deadlines.
- **The latest:** A 3rd District Court judge reversed the board's decision, agreeing with a revised assessment valuing the properties at \$122.7 million. The board had estimated the properties to be worth \$53.9 million.
- **What's next:** Amalgamated Sugar Co. has appealed the District Court decision to the Idaho Supreme Court.

alone to be worth \$34.5 million, which translated into \$440,583 in property taxes to be distributed among the various taxing districts which include the

county, cities, the College of Southern Idaho, school districts, highway districts and fire districts.

Amalgamated appealed to the Idaho Board of Tax Appeals, which sided with Amalgamated, estimating the company's total property value in the three counties to be \$53.9 million.

Twin Falls County joined Canyon and Minidoka counties to appeal the board's decision to 3rd District Court in Canyon County. Minidoka County had to drop out of the lawsuit because it didn't meet time deadlines, Bowden said.

During the proceedings, a second assessment was done on the three properties which brought their value down to \$121 million, lower than the counties' previous assessment, but still much higher than the Amalgamated and Board of Tax

Appeals assessments. The valuation we had was more in line with what it should be," Bowden said.

Bowden said he was pleased with the district judge's decision. "I think it was correct," Bowden said. "There was a lot of information, and the judge took a long time to evaluate it."

Amalgamated recently appealed the District Court decision to the Idaho Supreme Court.

Amalgamated Controller Wayne Neesley said a District Court decision could be bad news for business in Idaho.

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Residents enjoy new history book

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For bringing people together, Twin Falls' newest history book is unusually powerful.

"Gifts of Heritage," first released at a book-signing party Monday afternoon, is filled with short stories by or about folks whose families have deep roots in Twin Falls.

That's a highly marketable product.

The Twin Falls Centennial Commission sold more than 200 copies in the first hour and a half of availability, with many buyers snatching half a dozen copies or more and lining up for signatures from the book's co-editors, Donna Scott and ZoAnn Shaub.

Some said their multiple copies were for out-of-state children.

A Twin Falls manufacturing plant bought 25 copies for its employees.

Many buyers lingered, stacks of books in their laps. They paged through the lengthy index, looking for entries about their own families.

Shyness prevailed for a few minutes in the growing crowd before a brave soul broke the ice.

Linda Morris — who wrote several of the stories in "Gifts of Heritage" and bought 11 copies Monday for relatives who are mentioned in the book — was on a mission to gather a full set of signatures from the book's authors and interviewees.

Morris exchanged signatures with Hazel Aslett, and others followed suit.

The book-signing crowd quickly developed its own protocol: Are you in the book? Here, will you sign my copies? I'm on page so-and-so.

It's just good to meet the authors because council members said they needed the advice of City Attorney Fritz Wenderlich before proceeding.

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But on Monday, Councilman Chris Talkington questioned the authority of a city governing board to actually change Williamson's request.

"We've always been told you



ZoAnn Shaub, foreground-right, and Donna Scott, co-editors of the book 'Gifts of Heritage,' sign a copy for Clara Funke and her husband David on Monday at the Magic Valley Arts Council office in Twin Falls. The book is a collection of 83 stories from local authors on the history of Twin Falls.

with admiration. Alumni of tiny, extinct schools compared memories. People struck up I-knew-your-mother-for-years conversations, and they named off

residents for 61 years, said she recognized plenty of names and places in the new book's pages.

Shirley Lewis, a Twin Falls

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Sides reach agreement on Salmon River flows

The Associated Press

BOISE — An agreement was reached Monday on water right allocations for the main Salmon River and five of Idaho's other wild rivers.

Both government and environmental leaders said the deal preserves private rights, permits some future growth and still protects critical natural resources.

"Anytime you sit down and negotiate something, you're not going to arrive at a perfect settlement, but by and large I think we accomplished significant protections for Idaho's rivers," Idaho Rivers United Director Bill Sedley said.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said the deal, the result of two years of talks, keeps the courts from setting stream flows on key Idaho rivers while "accommodating the future economic needs of the region."

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Subdivision gets second hearing

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A decision on a controversial subdivision proposed for the west side of town is on the way.

Monday the City Council decided to schedule a second hearing on Rock Creek Trail Estates because council members said they needed the advice of City Attorney Fritz Wenderlich before proceeding.

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The roads on that side of town are too narrow for construction vehicles plus the traffic that will come from the densely populated subdivision, neighbor Mark Koffer said.

Councilwoman Elaine Steeple said she wasn't ready to approve the new plan, even if Williamson was seeking compromise. She

can only act on a published request because that is what the public is coming to comment on," Talkington said. "As I understand it, there are limits on your authority. You can only say yes or no."

Those who showed up to comment on the proposal on Monday weren't positive about the plan, even though Williamson had altered the plan somewhat to pacify them.

The new plan, even though it puts bigger lots next to the neighbors' very large lots, is not much of an improvement since most of the lots are still 6,000 square feet, neighbor Dennis Crawford said.

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said he might sell it to someone else and then the neighbors

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Poachers leave two elk in drainage near Oakley

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

OAKLEY — Two mature bull elk shot out of season and left to rot were discovered in the Goose Creek drainage south of Oakley about two miles north of the Utah border, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game reported Monday.

The department is seeking information about the poaching and estimates that the illegal taking occurred in mid-to-late July. Rewards are being offered for information that leads to cracking the case.

"We're hoping that somebody can give us some information that can jump-start our investigation," said Gary Hompland, a regional conservation officer with the Fish and Game office in Jerome.

Poaching occurs throughout the region, particularly as fall hunting season approaches, Hompland said.

But elk poaching has been a chronic problem in the Goose

Report poaching

Anyone with information about the poaching of two bull elk shot out of season in the Goose Creek drainage can contact the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in Jerome at 324-4359, or the Citizens Against Poaching hotline at 1-800-532-5999. Callers use the Citizens

Against Poaching hotline will remain anonymous, and cash rewards are available if the information is sufficient for a citation or a warrant to be issued. A conviction is not necessary.

An additional reward, a \$500 gift certificate, was donated to CAP from the Twin Falls Sportsman's Warehouse.

Creek drainage, he said. If convicted, a poacher faces criminal penalties from \$300 to \$1,000 and up to six months in jail for each elk illegally taken. The crime also carries city

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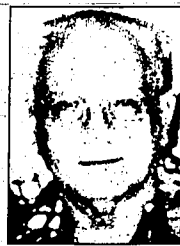
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Clark C. Beaudett - Twin Falls

Clark C. Beaudett, 82, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2004, at Bridgeview Estates. He was born July 11, 1922, in Detroit, Mich., to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Beaudett. In later years he lived in California, Alaska and Montana before moving to Idaho. He was an accomplished brick layer. Clark loved to dance and have a good time. He is survived by his loving companion, Bessie Parrott of Twin Falls; two daughters, Cec Thompson of Montana, Hickory Palmer of Alaska and Sandy

(George) McMichael of Alaska; one son, Clark "Clipper" Beaudett of Washington; also numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, three sisters and one brother. He was preceded in death by his parents, two wives and one brother. A funeral will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," with the Rev. Dale Metzger officiating. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary. Interment will follow in Flyer Cemetery.



William (Bill) Eugene Mitchell - Rupert

William (Bill) Eugene Mitchell, 66, of Rupert, died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, at his home. Bill was born in California, June 17, 1938, to Edna Schmitt-Russell and James Mitchell. When he was small, he moved to Paul, Idaho, with his family. Bill joined the navy when he was 17-years-old and served seven years. He really enjoyed this time and could sure tell some wild stories. In 1963, he married Dallas Diane Dockstader. There were no children born to Bill and Dallas, but she brought three children to the marriage. Jolene, Wesley and Roxanne. He loved these children and considered them his own. He also helped raise Dallas's niece, Trina Marie. Bill was an avid fisherman and hunter. He loved the outdoors and worked his whole life in construction and in farming. Even after being diagnosed with chronic lung disease, he still sought the outdoors. In



the last few years, he raised calves and often traveled with his friends, Joe and Lela Vallejo. Dallas and Bill divorced in 1990, but were never far from each other. The bond between them lasted until the end. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. He was preceded in death by his father, James Mitchell; stepmother, Dorothy Mitchell; and stepfather, George Russell. Bill is survived by his moth-

er, Edna Russell; sister, Carol (Dallas) Golf; his ex-wife, Dallas Mitchell; three stepchildren, Jolene Dockstader, Wesley (Becky) Dockstader and Roxanne (Don) Gunner; niece, Trina Marie Morgan; and six step grandchildren. Many nieces and nephews who loved him, too, also survive him. As per Bill's request, no services are planned. Cremation was under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Her hands were also never idle as she crocheted up to the last days of her life. Molly was never idle, she cooked and baked, many afigans and fancy work. She was a member of the Hazelton LDS 2nd Ward. Molly was never idle, she cooked and baked, many afigans and fancy work.

Martha (Molly) Elizabeth Steinmetz - Twin Falls

Martha (Molly) Elizabeth Steinmetz, 94, of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away August 21st at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center of a short illness. She went to her Heavenly Father peacefully. Molly was born Oct. 29, 1909, in West Weber, Idaho, to James A. Stanger and Luella E. Cottle. She moved to Hansen, Idaho, as a very young girl and attended Bickel Country School. As a young girl she helped her father clear sagebrush at the family farm in Hansen and was a hard worker. Molly married Harold E. Shobe and that union brought a daughter, Jennie (John) Horlie, and a son, John (Dorothy) Shobe. Harold died Oct. 28, 1928. Molly lived with her parents

for 10 years and did odd jobs to support her small family. She married Henry Steinmetz July 4, 1937. This union brought four sons, Henry Jr. (Bobbie), Jay (Ruben (Elaine), George Albert (Kathy) and Orah Neil. She farmed in Hazelton, Idaho, with Henry until his passing on March 7, 1984. In 1987 Molly moved to Arizona with her daughter, Molly enjoyed her life on the farm and was a hard worker. She enjoyed her work with the 4-H Clubs, Boy Scouts and the Grange. She was a member of the Hazelton LDS 2nd Ward. Molly was never idle, she cooked and baked, many afigans and fancy work.

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Leonard Francis (Papa) King - Burley

Leonard Francis (Papa) King, an 81-year-old Burley resident, died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2004, at the Park View Care & Rehabilitation Center in Burley. He was born Feb. 1, 1923, in Burley, the son of Francis and Jennie Elizabeth King. On July 19, 1942, Leonard married Ernestine E. Faure of Burley, at the First Christian Church. This last July 2004 they celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. When either of them were asked, both would say "It seemed like only yesterday," that they started their lives together. The shrouded after World War II began, Leonard enlisted in the U.S. Army Second Corps of the 235th Engineering Combat Battalion. He received special training in the demolition field. Occasionally he would share stories about how the bridges and projects his corp would build to get supplies into the troops would be destroyed as fast as they could build them. During his three and a half years in the Army, his tour lead him to North Africa, Italy and France, where he received many decorations and medals. After returning home he started L.E. King Contractor as a general contractor and built some of the largest and most beautiful homes in the surrounding area. In 1989, he retired and invested his time in his grandchildren, gardening and spending time



with his wife. Leonard was dedicated member of the Burley Elks Lodge for over 40 years. He was elected Elk of the year in the local chapter and also served as Elk of the year for the State of Idaho. He was an active and dedicated sponsor of both the men's and women's bowling league, MA & PA League. Leonard also played an important role in the City Council, where he was elected and retained his position for 16 years, 10 of which he served as the president of the council. Survivors include his wife, Ernestine E. "Tiny" King of Burley; a son, Lanny L. King of Idaho Falls; a daughter, LaJean (Louis S.) Spevak of Burley; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren; a grand-daughter, Stephanie Spevak and her two children, Sonnet

S. Spevak and Tyler L. Spevak all of Meridian; a grandson, Christopher L. (Robin Mitchell) Spevak and their daughter, Courtney Spevak all of Nampa; a grandson, Curtis S. (Zadell Yagla) Spevak and their daughter, Aubrey B. Spevak all of Kuna; a sister, Beatrice (Andy) Stathos of Brentwood, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, at the Burley First Christian Church, 1401 Oakley Ave., with Pastor Herb C. Whitaker officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley, with military rites by the local veterans. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Thursday at the church.

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SERVICES

Don Hlgbee of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Paul Ebenezer Congregational Church; friends may call one hour before the service at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Barbara Buckley Belliston of Burley - funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Burley Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2050 Normal Ave.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at

Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Tom Hazzard of Boise, funeral at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Southminster Presbyterian Church, 6500 Overland Road, Boise (Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, Boise).

Douglas D. Kramer of Boise; memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Alden-Wag-

goner Funeral Chapel in Boise.

Austin Wendell Nebeker of Kimberly, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center; friends may call from 9:45-10:45 a.m. today at the church (White Mortuary).

Marlin "Sam" Vaughn Block of Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. today at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1301 N. Davis, Jerome (Hove-Hobertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

DEATH - NOTICES

Alice Thompson GOODING - Alice Thompson, 58, of Gooding, Idaho, died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, in Phoenix, Ariz. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Services will conclude at the chapel. Cremation arrangements took place in Arizona. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Betty M. Daarud MURTAUGH - Betty M. Daarud, 74, of Murtaugh, Idaho, died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at her home. Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Lester Tracy RUPERT - Lester Tracy, 92, of the Burley/Rupert area, died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at Park View Care Center. Arrangements will be made by the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

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Recreation district returns to try again

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

HURLEY — Voters who supported the creation of the Oregon Trails Recreation District five years ago may soon get what they asked for.

"We want to do it right this time," Gem Committee member Dennis Dexter told Cassia County commissioners Monday. "Not that it wasn't done right before but last time they hurried through the process."

This haste meant that a good deal of time, effort and expense was wasted. The original district, passed by voters in 1999, included portions that overlapped the Oakley Recreation District and drew a lawsuit against the county by Kent Searle and others who would have been taxed by both districts.

The lawsuit succeeded and the district was invalidated by 5th District Judge Monte Carlson in June 1999.

The new proposal limits the district to 11 election precincts that would benefit most from its creation, Dexter said. The precincts include all seven Burley precincts, the northern half of Springdale, Surratt's Ferry and Unity.

A greenbelt extending from the Burley-Heyburn bridge to Kuna Park is one potential benefit of creating the district, Dexter said, though some have resisted the idea.

"Some opponents say that the greenbelt will be nothing more than a running track for the more affluent," Dexter said.

But Commissioner Clay Handy disagreed.

"I'd like to see (the district) pass and the money to go to the greenbelt," Handy said. "We only have so much of that river left so we have a window of opportunity here."

Another potential benefit of the district could be the construction of a community center with a gymnasium, swimming pool and other features to provide a place for youth to engage in healthy pursuits, Dexter said.

"Our future is our youth," Dexter said. "They're always looking for a way out of the Burley area and it would be nice to provide something here to keep them around."

Commissioner Paul Christensen suggested that as family farms become corporate farms, there are more youth with more time for recreation, making a case for creation of the district.

"Not everyone is ready to support the district, though, including Searle, who attended Monday's meeting."

"In theory, I have a real problem taxing people for recreation," Searle said.

Under the proposal, each household and business within the 11 precincts would be assessed \$3 per year to fund the district regardless of the property value.

"It's a choice between property tax and a household fee there's no comparison," Searle said, "you're getting a little more fair."

Much of Searle's concern is over access to the district's facilities by those who pay for them. He offered the example to someone who owns a business in Burley and pays for the district, but must pay higher fees for use because their home is outside the district.

"If I'm paying that tax I ought to be able to use that facility," Searle said, pointing to the Burley Public Library, Burley Municipal Golf Course and the Burley swimming pool, as examples of "taxation without representation" in certain cases.

Searle also questioned whether there is a limit on how much the \$3 annual rate could be raised, but County Administrator Kerry McMurray said any increase would have to go before voters again.

Another concern is that the district is formed prior to its rules and regulations being set, but Dexter said that there has to be a district with a board of directors in order to set the regulations.

"I think there's going to be some concern because there always is when an interest group wants money," Dexter said. "But if you look to the future the district will benefit more and more people in time."

Dexter said the committee needs to gather signatures from 20 percent, or 1,078, of the 5,390 registered voters within the precincts included in the proposed district in order to get the issue on the Feb. 1, 2005 ballot.

He said there is enough time to add additional precincts to join the district prior to the election,

but if any wished to join once the district is established that would prompt a new election.

Petitions are expected to be circulated beginning in the late fall and Dexter said he assumes public meetings will be scheduled to present details of the proposed district, gather public input and answer questions.

NewsTracker

- **Last we knew:** Voters approved an estimate of the Oregon Trails Recreation District with 59 percent voting in favor in May 1999, but the district was invalidated by 5th District Judge Monte Carlson because portions overlapped the existing Oakley Recreation District.
- **The latest:** Members of Burley's Gem Community Council have revised plans for the district as part of securing Gem Community status in time for next year's centennial celebrations.
- **What's next:** Supporters said they hope to gather enough signatures to put the district before voters on the Feb. 1, 2005 ballot.

Traffic signal project under way in Rupert

The Times-News

RUPERT — A project to improve safety for vehicles and pedestrians at the F Street and Oneida Street (Idaho 25) intersection in Rupert began on Monday, the Idaho Transportation Department announced.

Traffic will be reduced to one lane during daylight hours. Motorists will encounter traffic restrictions while crews install new video detection traffic signals and crosswalks.

Wheeler Electric is doing the \$308,000 project, which is scheduled for completion in late September.

Traffic signals equipped with video will minimize traffic flow by sensing the presence of cross traffic before changing. The new traffic signal will improve safety at the busy intersection and the addition of crosswalks will provide safer crossing for pedestrians.

Hanford celebrates the removal of liquid waste

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — Workers at the Hanford nuclear reservation on Monday celebrated the completion of a project to remove millions of gallons of liquid radioactive waste from old, leak-prone tanks.

State and federal officials called the achievement a major milestone in the decades-long cleanup of the contaminated site.

For 40 years, the Hanford reservation made plutonium for the nation's nuclear weapons arsenal. Today, work there centers on a \$50 billion to \$60 billion cleanup, to be finished by 2035.

Much of the cleanup involves retrieving and treating 53 million gallons of highly radioactive waste from World War II and Cold War-era plutonium production. The liquid sludge and saltcake sit in 177 aging underground tanks.

Most critical was the liquid waste in 149 tanks that had a single-wall construction, making them more susceptible to leaks as they aged. The single-shell tanks, built between the 1940s through the '60s, were designed to last about 20 years.

An estimated 67 of the tanks leaked radioactive brew into the soil, contaminating the aquifer and threatening the Columbia River less than 10 miles away.

Five years ago, the state complained about the slow pace of the tank cleanup. The state and the federal Energy Department then agreed to a court-enforced timetable for removing the tanks and more than 3 million gallons of liquid waste was pumped out of the tanks and transferred to newer, safer double-walled tanks.

The deadline for transferring the waste was Sept. 30, 2004. "We knew they were literally a threat to the Columbia River, which I consider the lifeblood of the Pacific Northwest," state Attorney General Christine Gregoire said at a ceremony Monday. "I can't imagine five years ago thinking we would be here today, but we are."

Liquid waste remains in just two of the single-wall tanks that were considered less critical, said Mike Wilson, manager of the nuclear waste program for the state Department of Ecology. Plans call for both liquid and solid waste in those tanks to be removed simultaneously.

Workers have removed 90 percent of the waste from S112, one of the tanks. Work on another tank, S117, could begin in the next month.

"Five years ago, we were frightened by the threat posed by these wastes as they sat in these leaking, deteriorating tanks," Wilson told the hundreds of workers gathered for the ceremony. "Thanks to you, we've eliminated the immediate risk."

Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Wash., said the project was a testament to the accelerated cleanup plan pushed by the Bush administration, which estimates speeding the cleanup will save billions of dollars.

The focus now shifts to removing the solid waste from the tanks. The Energy Department is required to leave all the wastes removed from the single-shell tanks by 2018.

Energy Department officials have said they are committed to removing 99 percent of the nuclear waste from the tanks.

Hope dims as rain plagues search for lost Scout

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Search and rescue professionals will likely continue their search through the week for a 12-year-old Boy Scout missing in the Uinta Mountains since Friday night, but the chances of finding him alive are slim, officials said Monday.

Garrett Barsley of Elk Ridge was last seen about 8 a.m. Friday, when his father sent him hiking to camp up the Boy Scout's shoes and pants wet while lake fishing, said Summit County Sheriff's Capt. Joe Offret.

The campsite was about a quarter mile from the lake on a well-established path that connected with a road another quarter-mile away, Offret said.

Since then, the weather in the area has been bleak. Gray rain, about 53 miles east of Salt Lake City, has been cold and wet, with freezing overnight temperatures, intermittent hail, and daytime temperatures hovering in the 30s.

A steady rain mixed with snow fell Monday, prompting officials to limit the search to professionals only out of concern for the safety of untrained

volunteers, Offret said.

More than 200 volunteers and search and rescue team members searched into the night Sunday for Garrett, who was wearing sweat pants, a T-shirt and a black hooded sweat shirt and tennis shoes. He had no provisions or backpack, said Summit County Sheriff Dave Edmunds.

"The possibility the boy has died of hypothermia is very real," Offret said.

"At this point in the search, a lot of people are saying, is this a search or is it a recovery?" Offret said.

"Our search and rescue will not give up. They are probably committed at least through the week," he said.

The boy's father, Kevin Barsley, took part in the search, joined Sunday by members of the family's Mormon church congregation, which sponsors the Scout troop. The boy's mother, who had been on a cruise with her parents, arrived Sunday.

By Monday, searchers had covered about 36 square miles on foot, on horseback and from

the air. The terrain is steep and windsy, and at altitudes between 9,000 and 10,000 feet, the cloud cover has been low for days, Offret said.

No longer assuming Garrett can hear people calling, searchers are checking under logs and rocks.

"One of the difficulties is there is kind of a natural tendency for people if they're lost to find some kind of shelter. If they explore, it is virtually impossible to find them," Offret said.

Officials noted similarities between this search and the one that began nearly a year ago for a 12-year-old, Carlos Wodrich, 5th of Panacea, Fla., and her daughter, Kimberly Beverly, 39, of Tucker, Ga., in the same general area.

A forest ranger who saw the women near the trailhead on Sept. 8 told them they needed heavier clothing in case the weather turned. The women didn't heed the warning. Rain fell that afternoon, and temperatures dropped below freezing that night. By the following night, several inches of snow covered the ground.

They were reported missing after they failed to make their Sept. 13 flight back home.

In June, searchers in Summit County discovered bone fragments that were later identified as the women's near a crude shelter made of trees and rocks.

Offret believes the women died from hypothermia, possibly by the first night but definitely by the second. He said they probably made a wrong turn in the unfamiliar, rugged terrain.

An adult with the Scout troop, who would not give his name, said 18 Scouts and six or seven adults had camped near Cuberank Lake on Thursday and had planned to leave Saturday.

This is the second time in a month a Boy Scout has become lost in the Uintas.

A 13-year-old West Valley City boy got separated from his troop during a backpacking trip in late July and spent two days hiking alone before rescuers found him.

That scout was equipped with a map, compass and camping gear.

Workers at HMO strike over their own health benefits

SEATTLE (AP) — About 1,700 nurses and other health care workers formed picket lines Monday to start a five-day strike against Group Health Cooperative, one of the nation's largest HMOs — over the cuts of their own health benefits.

Nurses, medical assistants, therapists and others represented by Service Employees International Union Local 1199

began striking at 18 clinics in western Washington, said union spokesman Carter Wright.

Negotiations between the sides ended last week. But the walkout began, Group Health transferred an undisclosed number of maternity patients, rescheduled outpatient surgery and postponed back-to-school physical exams. Nonstriking employees and outside replacement workers filled in for the union members.

The walkout is scheduled to end at midnight Friday.

Group Health, a nonprofit health maintenance organization begun in 1947, says it needs its employees to pay more for health benefits to save money and prevent the HMO from

passing on costs to members in the form of higher premiums.

Union workers now get benefits with no premiums or deductibles.

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"We're disappointed," Neely said. "Obviously, it's not good news for the taxpayers in Idaho because it sends an anti-business message when businesses see their taxes doubling and tripling in a year."

He said the three counties' property assessments jumped

from \$55 million in 2001 to \$167 million in 2002.

Amalgamated has decided to bypass the Board of Tax Appeals and go directly to District Court on the three counties' 2003 and 2004 estimates of the value of the company's properties, which are about the same as the counties' 2002 valuations.

The Snake River was not included in the court case, but these rivers are tributary to the Snake.

Attorney General Lawrence Wasden said that had the case proceeded to trial, a judicial determination could have affected thousands of water right holders upstream from the federal and scenic portions of the Salmon and Clearwater rivers.

Sedivy maintained that river protection is as strong as it is in the settlement because environmental and conservation interests stood their ground against federal officials, who they claimed negotiated away significant in-stream protection for Colorado's Gunnison River last year.

But Rachael Osborn, a law attorney whose mother-in-law was one of the original plaintiffs

in the case to assure minimum river flows, remained skeptical about the extent of protection secured for the main Salmon because it dealt primarily future diversions.

"It's better than Gunnison," she said. "This is not the worst that has been done, but it's not the best either."

Sedivy said the deal "is the best you could get" and conceded that conservationists must continue to monitor state water management on the main Salmon to assure sufficient flows for endangered fish and recreationists.

The agreement:

- Protects the water rights of all holders as of Sept. 1, 2003.
- Prohibits new major dam and impoundment projects.
- Bans out-of-basin

water transfers.

- Keeps high spring runoff flows in the rivers for their ecological value.
- Limits future diversions from the main Salmon to be no more than 10 percent of water per second, depending on the flow at the gauge west of North Fork.

The flow on Monday was 1,060 cfs, well below the average of around 1,500 cfs and reflecting the affect of the drought. A single cfs provides enough water in an hour to supply a town of 300 for one day.

It allows some reasonable growth, but that growth is capped to ensure that these rivers, particularly the Salmon, never dry up," said Bill Eddie, the attorney for Advocates for the West.

Hearing

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could be stuck with the small lots everywhere, despite Williamson's promises.

Gary Slette, Williamson's attorney, said Idaho Code specifies that developers can make agreements with the city to ensure lot sizes remain the ones upon which the City Council specifically voted.

Nevertheless, council members said they need to give it another hearing so they can find out if such an agreement can be drawn up and so they can discuss zoning request they are to vote.

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Pratt has conducted several investigations into oak poaching on the Utah side of the border. "We've received information but nothing to be able to put a conviction together with," he said.

The population originates in Nevada, said Sgt. John Pratt with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources' enforcement branch in Ogden. Bull elk

Poach

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penalties ranging from \$750 to \$5,000 for poaching.

The elk in the area are transients that travel between Idaho, Utah and Nevada, said Randy Smith, regional wildlife manager for Fish and Game in Jerome.

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Now for sale

"Gifts of Heritage" is available at Clio Office Supply, Sny-Mor Drug Store, the Herrett Center for Arts and Science, the Buzz Langston Visitor Center, the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce office and the Twin Falls Centennial Commission office.

The new book sells for \$14.95. The Twin Falls Centennial Commission, which funded the book's production, will use the proceeds to support its various projects, such as events, historical displays, trail blazing and creation of a canyon-rim plaza.

Times-News Centennial Editor Virginia S. Hutchins can be reached at 735-3242 or virginia@magicvalley.com.

Deal

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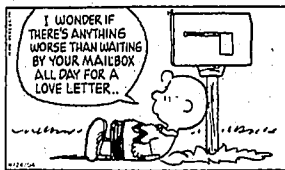
The 66-page settlement is part of the sweeping Snake River Basin Adjudication, which is costing more than 150,000 water rights nearly half of Idaho. Monday's announcement was in response to a state Supreme Court decision four years ago that validated the federal government's claim to maintain in-stream protection of the six rivers federally protected as wild and scenic. That decision, however, left it to the lower court to determine the quantity of the flow.

The action on the main Salmon, the deal covers the Middle Fork of the Salmon, Clearwater, Selway, Lochsa and Rapid rivers and streams and lakes within the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area.

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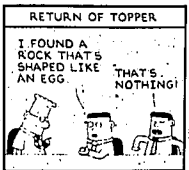
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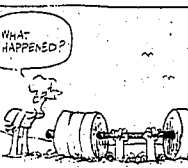
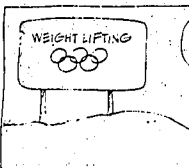
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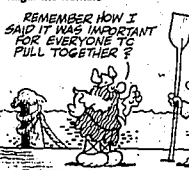
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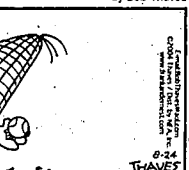
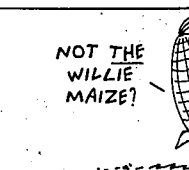
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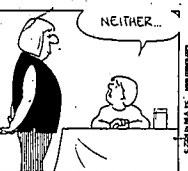
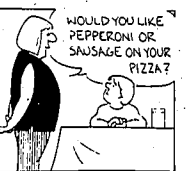
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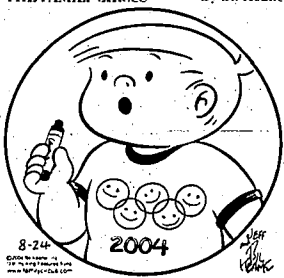
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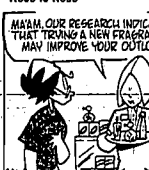
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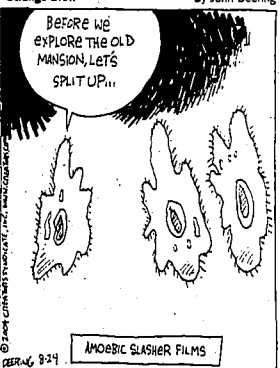
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MINIDOKA COUNTY COURTS

Officials determine rags helped cause sewage leak

The Times-News

RUPEERT — Recent activity in Magistrate Court in Minidoka County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals:

Nicole C. Valdez, 21; failure to carry driver's license on person, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Sammy Pete Valdez, Jr., 22; failure to carry driver's license on person, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Aaron Hatch, 29; check fraud/insufficient funds, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Kristal Hatch, 24; check fraud/insufficient funds, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Jaime R. Sanchez, 24; one count failure to purchase valid driver's license, dismissed; one count contempt of court, dismissed; one count failure to purchase valid driver's license, pleaded not guilty, dismissed; contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Wally Kay Schultz, 43; one count driving without privileges, dismissed; one count possession of controlled substance, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Ballar.

Misdemeanor sentences:

Jorge Gil, 19; one count failure to purchase valid driver's license, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, one count failure to provide proof of insurance, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Rogelio Tellez Gutierrez, 26; driving without privileges, pleaded to failure to purchase valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Ballar.

Chance Daniel Harris, 18; one count obstructing a police officer, dismissed; one count petty theft, pleaded guilty, \$36.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, ten days in jail, nine days suspended, one day credited time; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Ballar.

Terry Lee Hatch, 49; indecent exposure to disturbing the peace, pleaded not guilty, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation.

Idaho NASA coalition nabs high marks

MOSCOW (AP) — The education coalition which represents Idaho's connection to NASA has received the highest marks possible in its 15-year performance evaluation. The NASA Idaho Space Grant Consortium is most visible for its student competitions such as the Mars Rover Challenge, Exploring Mars Art Contest and Idaho Balloon RISE.

Magistrate Judge Rick L. Ballar. Antonia Lopez, 41; one count failure to purchase valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Ballar.

Sergio L. Lopez, 25; one count failure to carry driver's license on person, dismissed; one count aggravated assault, dismissed; one count unlawful entry, pleaded guilty, \$36.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 24 months probation, 180 days in jail (suspended); two counts battery, pleaded guilty, \$86.50 fine, \$9 court costs, 180 days in jail, 150 days suspended, 30 days credited time; one count dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Ballar.

Jafoel-Torres Munoz, 21; failure to purchase valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Felony dismissals

Rosa Maria Franco, 21; burglary dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Ballar.

Felony sentences

Victor Jess Abernathy, 38; delivery of controlled substance, pleaded guilty, five years probation, 60 days in jail, two years determinate time, eight years indeterminate time, penitentiary time suspended; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Robert Gayle Anderson, 37; grand theft, pleaded guilty, \$500 fine, \$63.50 court costs, three years probation, 20 days in jail, one year six months determinate time, three years six months indeterminate time, penitentiary time suspended; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Jose Luis Dominguez, 22; delivery of controlled substance, pleaded guilty, \$500 fine, \$63.50 court costs, two years determinate time, eight years indeterminate time, 146 days credited, retained jurisdiction; penitentiary time suspended; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Daniel Brian Edwards, 26; theft by receiving/possessing stolen property, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$338.50 court costs, \$63.50 restitution, seven years probation, two year determinate time, eight years indeterminate time, two days credited time, two days credited time, one count suspended; delivery of controlled substance, pleaded guilty, five years probation, 180 days in jail, 163 days suspended, 17 days credited time; one count failure to provide proof of insurance, \$75 fine, \$32.50 court costs; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Ernest Flores Ramos, 45; one count possession of forged check, amended to petty theft, pleaded guilty, \$86.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, \$649 restitution, 21 months probation, 180 days in jail, 143 days suspended, 37 days credited time; five counts possession of forged check, all five counts dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Ballar.

Carlos Rangel Leon, Unknown; one count domestic battery, deferred prosecution; one count resisting or obstructing police officers, deferred prosecution; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Ballar.

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Owen Richard Jones, 23; one count fee or attempt to elude police officers, pleaded guilty, \$500 fine, \$88.50 court costs, \$100 restitution, determinate time: three years, indeterminate time: two years, credited time, retained jurisdiction, penitentiary suspended; one count theft by receiving/possessing stolen property, pleaded guilty, \$100 restitution, determinate time: three years, indeterminate time: two years, 14 days credited time, retained jurisdiction, penitentiary suspended; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Bobby R. McGuire, 25; one count grand theft amended to petty theft, pleaded guilty, \$50 court costs, 24 months probation, 180 days in jail, 163 days suspended, 17 days credited time; one count failure to provide proof of insurance, \$75 fine, \$32.50 court costs; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

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COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A big wad of cloth rags and a faulty alarm system are both responsible for the accidental dumping of 130,000 gallons of raw sewage into the Spokane River over the weekend.

The spill happened late Friday night and early Saturday morning, wastewater superintendent Sid Fredrickson said.

While it's common to find clusters of rags, mop heads or other products blocking the pipes, it is rare that the systems alarms would fail at the same time. "Sometimes we think there are gnomes making these rags and stuff stuff, Fredrickson said.

Two alarms should have sounded during the night, but neither did.

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Squids turn on the speed

If you're going to a race between an octopus and a squid, bet on the squid. Octopuses may be smooth sailing along on their tentacles like an eight-legged Fred Astaire, but they're no match for squids, which can jet-propel itself by shooting water. Some can move at 35 mph and leap up out of the water.

This day in history: On Aug. 25, 1973, doctors first successfully used computer-assisted tomography, now common to many by its acronym, the CAT scan.

Those long, sideways-pointing tail spikes located at the end of the Stegosaurus tail are now called thagomizers. The name was adopted by paleontologists from a Far Side cartoon by Gary Larson in which a caveman lecturer explains that they were "named for the late Thag Simms."

The French army had the first air force. In 1793, the government used a battalion of balloons for surveillance against the peasant rebels during the French Revolution.

Most who see "The Sound of Music" assume that "Edelweiss" is an authentic Austrian folk song, which annoys the Austrians to no end. It was the composition that American songwriters Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein wrote together before Hammerstein's death.

Count a number per second for 12 hours a day and you could count to a million in just 23 days. However, if you wanted to count to a billion, it would take more than 63 years. A trillion? 63,376 years.

If you soak a wishbone in a jar of vinegar for a week, it won't break — just bend like rubber.

The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco has attracted an average of 22 suicide jumpers a year since it opened in 1937.

Saffron is the most expensive spice, often worth more than its weight in gold. The reason is that it's the stamen of a crocus, and 150,000 of them to be plucked by hand in order to make one kilogram.

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COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

Protecting yourself online

Microsoft's offers free security upgrade for Windows XP

By Mike Langberg
Knight Ridder News Service

You own a nice house in a dangerous neighborhood, but you're on a tight budget and can't afford an elaborate burglar alarm system. So you give up trying to protect yourself and leave the front door unlocked?

Of course not. And that's why you should install Microsoft's new Service Pack 2 for Windows XP.

To stick with the urban metaphor, the Internet community has changed dramatically in the past year or two. The misbehavior before was in the category of joyriding teenagers, mostly creating inconvenience rather than disaster. Now the joyriders have been shoved aside by hardened career criminals pursuing armed robbery and extortion.

Service Pack 2 is a major security upgrade for shielding yourself from these thugs. It's free and easy to install. While it's not perfect and it's not a universal solution, it's better than anything Microsoft has offered before.

Home computer users who haven't already taken adequate security precautions — you know who you are and you've got lots of company — will especially benefit from SP2.

A brief history: Microsoft launched Windows XP. Its most recent computer operating system software, in October 2001, XP isn't perfect, but it's better than preceding versions of Windows and has helped confine rival operating systems such as Linux and Apple Computer's Macintosh to less than 10 percent of the market.

Service Pack 1, a collection of bug fixes and minor new features, arrived in September 2002. SP2 was officially completed Aug. 6, although it may not be available to most Windows users for several more weeks. For more details than you would ever want to know, Mi-

crosoft has a general security site (www.microsoft.com/protect) and a site devoted to SP2 (www.microsoft.com/windows/sp2).

Windows XP previously took a hodgepodge and inconsistent approach to security. SP2 plugs numerous holes and makes security somewhat more comprehensible to nonexperts. The key features are:

- Windows Security Center. There's a new icon in the system tray, the area on the right side of the taskbar, showing a red shield. Click the shield and you get the Windows Security Center, where you can control SP2's best-of-both-worlds, set a schedule for receiving automatic updates from Microsoft and keep an eye on your anti-virus software.

- Windows Firewall. As the name implies, a firewall blocks intruders from roaming around your system, or surreptitiously planting software to send out your personal data. The previous version of Windows XP was hard to find, hard to use and not very effective. The new Windows Firewall is turned on by default, unlike its predecessor, and does an adequate job of not outstanding.

- Pop-Up Blocker and Add-On Manager for Internet Explorer. Microsoft's Web browser is a major target for cybercrooks, who use all kinds of tricks to insert malicious software, also known as malware. With SP2, Internet Explorer gains a Pop-Up Blocker to stop those annoying ads that litter your screen. Malicious pop-ups also can deceive users into infecting their computers, so banning them is a double blessing. The Add-On Manager cuts off the most common methods for sneaking in malware, making sure nothing happens without your explicit consent.

There's more under the hood of SP2, including changes that make it harder to spread malware

through e-mail attachments, and prevent malware that gets inside your computer from running rampant.

Even if you're one of those highly organized people who already has a firewall and pop-up blocker, you still need SP2 for these other less-visible improvements. You can disable the SP2 firewall and ad blocker if you prefer the ones you already have.

There are three ways to get SP2. You can download the software, about 80 to 100 megabytes, from the Web site mentioned above. It becomes available later this month. You can order SP2 on a CD for free; Microsoft won't even charge for shipping and handling. Orders will be accepted starting in late August for delivery in late September or early October.

But the easiest way to get SP2 is through Automatic Updates. The Windows XP feature that delivers bug fixes and other minor upgrades in the background whenever your computer is connected to the Internet. If you haven't already turned on Automatic Updates, do it now. I've put step-by-step instructions at the end of this column.

SP2 will arrive through Automatic Updates in a few weeks. If you go online infrequently through a slow dial-up connection, you might not see SP2 for a month or two.

When you get a pop-up notification telling you SP2 has arrived, set aside some time.

You should first make a backup copy of your personal files, just to be safe. Then you should make sure important software, such as your anti-virus program, is current. Also check the Web site of your computer's manufacturer for updates.

I installed SP2 last week on two desktop computers, using a CD sent to me by Microsoft. For each machine, the process took about half an hour and wasn't

How to receive update alerts:

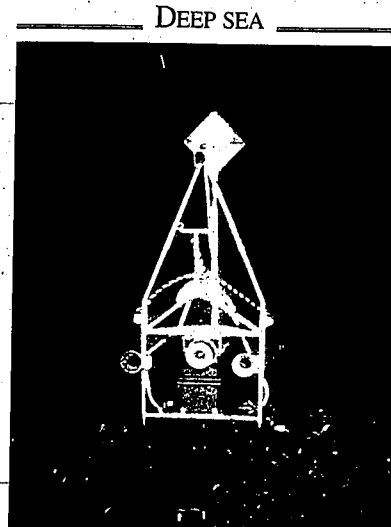
Microsoft's new Service Pack 2 is a significant and worthwhile upgrade for computers running Windows XP. The easiest way to get SP2 is by turning on the "Automatic Updates" feature. If you haven't done so already, Automatic Updates will initially fetch the files for SP2 whenever your computer is online, and alert you once the full package has arrived. Details are on Microsoft's Web site at www.microsoft.com/protect.

Here's how to turn on Automatic Updates:

1. From the Start menu, click on Control Panel. Click on the Performance and Maintenance icon and then the System icon. (Some users may see the System icon immediately, without having to select Performance and Maintenance.)
2. On the System panel, click the Automatic Updates tab.
3. Check the box for "Keep my computer up to date." Then choose one of three settings: fully automated installation of updates, downloads where you are notified before installation, or notification before downloads start.
4. Click "OK" to close the System panel. Close the Control Panel. You're done!

difficult — I just followed the on-screen instructions and clicked a few buttons.

It's also important to know that SP2 is a floor, not a ceiling, when it comes to computer security. You still need to separately buy, install and update anti-virus software. You'll also be safer with a stronger firewall than what's provided with SP2, either by purchasing a piece of firewall software or installing a home router that acts as a hardware firewall.



Eye-in-the-Sea, a new camera system, sits on the ocean bottom in an undated photo. The camera, part of advanced technology that allows researchers a new and better look at strange and elusive creatures in the deepest reaches of the Gulf of Mexico, is left for 24 hours at a time to photograph creatures under low levels of infrared light invisible to the animals.

Vulnerable computers can be hacked in less than 30 minutes

Here's a disturbing finding: All it takes is 20 minutes of surfing the Internet before the average PC lacking the latest Microsoft Windows patches gets probed by so-called malware — software with malicious intent, such as the capturing of personal data.

This comes from the SANS Institute (<http://www.sans.org/>), a security training and certification outfit that is hosting a free Webcast on securing instant messaging for business on Thursday.

The key driver is what else but an increase in donations to the campaigns, added PO. However, online ads are a drop in the bucket compared with television campaigns, which are likely to top \$1.5 billion in spending for the year.

— compiled from wire reports

Political spending grows fast online

Investors may be Googled out by now, but there are plenty of other Internet goings-on.

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Computers in brief

New wireless broadband preview of things to come

By Mike Langberg
Knight Ridder News Service

No one needs to explain why people flock to mobile phones. It's obviously a huge benefit to carry a phone that can make and receive calls anywhere.

Wireless high-speed Internet access, I believe, will ultimately fall into the same category. Who wouldn't want a computer with a broadband connection, thus the tether of a network cable or the need to stay within the limited radius of a WiFi hot spot?

The dream of wireless broadband became a reality in the San Francisco Bay Area on July 20, when AT&T Wireless launched a service with the clunky name 3G UMTS (www.attwireless.com/umts).

As with all new wireless services, 3G UMTS is expensive and has a limited coverage area. But it's an tantalizing preview of some amazing changes just around the corner.

Here's where we are today: Mobile phones are great at voice calls, providing a range and a tower within range and the system isn't overloaded. But mobile phones don't work well as modems, with Internet connection speeds that at best match wired dial-up lines.

3G UMTS zooms ahead with an official data speed of 220 to 320 kilobits per second (Kbps), about five to seven times faster than wired dial-up, which has a top speed of about 50 Kbps.

Product review

UMTS, accessed with a modem on a card that slides into the side of Windows notebook computer. The card costs \$149 with a two-year contract.

The no-fee monthly rate confines the market for 3G UMTS to business, although heavy users will find the price a bargain compared to the steep by-the-kilobit rates wireless carriers charge for much slower service.

I tested UMTS in a half-dozen locations around Silicon Valley, using my Compaq Presario 2500 laptop, and the results were impressive. I got good signal strength in most locations, and running several speed-test utilities produced consistent results in the 200 to 300 Kbps range. In locations with weaker signal strength, I still got about 100 Kbps — at least double the best result from previous wireless data networks.

In plain English, this means 3G UMTS delivers almost as good an experience as a home office broadband network for common tasks such as fetching e-mail and browsing Web pages.

The upload speed for 3G UMTS — the speed at which data moves from your computer to the Internet, is only 64 Kbps. But users typically request far more data than they send, so the limited upload speed is only a problem if you want to transmit large files.

3G UMTS also is available on two phones sold by AT&T Wire-

less, the Motorola A845 and the Nokia 6651, both selling for \$299 with a one-year contract.

The service is only 24 months, on the theory that customers won't pull down nearly as much data when confined to a mobile phone's tiny screen.

The two phones can also be connected to a computer to function as wireless modems. But customers then pay high per-kilobit rates that could easily end up costing more than the unlimited \$79.99 plan.

(One more reason to be cautious: AT&T Wireless has agreed to be acquired by Cingular Wireless. Both companies have poor reputations for customer service, and the merger — likely to happen later this year — could result in months of confusion.)

Despite all these concerns, I'm impressed with 3G UMTS and what it represents. The way we use the Internet could change dramatically when we all have anywhere, anytime access on computers and handheld devices. You might not need an Apple iPod to carry tunes, for ex-

ample, if you can get music on demand to your phone or personal digital assistant — a type of service now in development.

Monthly rates will, of course, come down over time, and gaps in coverage will be filled.

Cingular is pursuing its own version of UMTS, which will be merged with AT&T's network. Verizon Wireless and Sprint PCS are backing a rival technology called EV-DO that's even faster, at 300 to 500 Kbps. Nextel is testing a system in Raleigh-Durham, N.C., called FLASH-OFDM that runs at a remarkable 4.5 megabits per second, almost 10 times faster than UMTS and about equal to home cable modems.

Future upgrades to UMTS and EV-DO also could greatly boost data speed.

By the end of next year, most populated areas of the United States should be covered by two or more of these networks. I'm looking forward to living in a world where I can always get messages, news and entertainment on the go.

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A look at the area high school soccer teams.

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Section C

MORNING LINE

SPORTS QUOTE

I've never seen a crowd actually call for a judges' meeting and get one.

John Roethlisberger, a three-time member of the American Olympic team, after the gymnastics crowd intimidated the judges Monday

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Puerto Rico was the first team to defeat the U.S. in Olympic basketball since the USA began using NBA players in 1992. Name the first team to lose to that original "Dream Team."

ANSWER below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School volleyball
Wendell/Twin Falls/Hagerman at Jerome Lamboree; 6 p.m.
Glenns Ferry at New Plymouth Lamboree.

IN BRIEF

Hailey's McDonald moves to fourth

ATHENS, Greece — Debbie McDonald of Hailey moved into contention for an individual dressage medal with an energetic, fault-free round on Brentina that scored 74.80 percent. She moved to fourth overall, with a two-day average of 74.067 percent at the Summer Olympics.

Cincinnati cuts former-ISU player

CINCINNATI — Former Idaho State punter Eddie Johnson led a list of five cuts by the Cincinnati Bengals Monday morning. Johnson, a second-year player picked up on waivers from Minnesota just before training camp, struggled against the Patriots Saturday night with a 35.7-yard average and a 34 net on three punts.

Ericson wins Canyon Springs club title

TWIN FALLS — Michael Ericson carded a two-day total of 137 strokes to win the men's club title at Canyon Springs Golf Course Sunday. Roger Harjts took second with a score of 141.

- Leaders follow:
Men
Championship Age
Gross - 1. Michael Ericson 137, 2. Roger Harjts 141, 3. Gordon Daley 141, 4. Jay Thompson 150, 5. Todd Jones 135, 6. Jim Thompson 140
...
Ladies
Championship Age
Gross - 1. Chris Bowring 122, 2. Britany Whittaker 176, 3. ...

TRIVIA ANSWER: Angola, which the U.S. routed Monday in its final preliminary-round game. The U.S. won, 116-48, in its '92 Olympic debut.

'THEY HELPED ME THROUGH THIS'



United States coach Mike Candra is lifted up by his team Monday after they beat Australia in softball's gold medal game at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens.

U.S. softball team gives grieving coach golden bit of solace

By Mike Wise
The Washington Post
ATHENS — The last out was made, and Lisa Fernandez thrust her glove high into the hot, acrid sky. Her teammates tumbled over her in the middle of the diamond, collapsing in a jubilant heap while trying to dance a pyramid to their dominance.

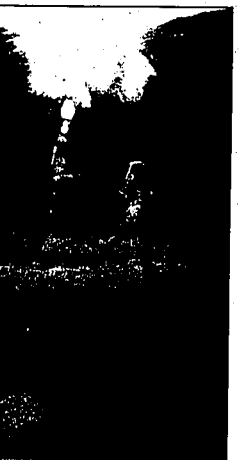
cried with him. First, came Leah Arnico, then Fernandez. One by one, they embraced the sometimes-gruff, mustachioed man and told him they loved him, and that his wife, Sue, was there with them.

piece of solace he could have to get him through this time." Long after a partisan crowd of 5,000 were done cheering and chanting, Fernandez was still crying, next to her coach on a podium in a makeshift tent behind the stadium.

formance to serve as a balm for their heavy-hearted coach, whose wife died suddenly of a brain aneurysm on July 18 at the age of 49.

Gooding boys look to repeat as champs

Jerome should be strong in 4A ranks



Twin Falls sophomore Britany Ward runs through the strong afternoon sunlight and harsh wind on her way to a sixth-place showing at the SA Region III Four-Five-Six Cross Country Meet at Canyon Springs Golf Course last October.

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — The Gooding boys reload with five returning varsity runners from last year's state 3A championship team while the Jerome boys and girls cross country teams look to be the class of the Great Basin Conference.

Class 5A
The future of the Twin Falls Bruins girls team weighs on the shoulders of senior Aspen Cloniz and junior Brittany Ward, both state qualifiers. They'll be complemented by some newcomers: junior Tristan Woodhouse, sophomores Kami Barker and Arna Bajraktarevic and freshmen Natasha Bortz, Brittany Postuma, and Emily Strom.

Class 4A
With the addition of Wood River and Please see GOODING, Page C4



USA's Rulon Gardner waves as a fellow athlete snaps his photo as the U.S. contingent enter the Olympic Stadium during the opening ceremony in Athens, Aug. 13.

Much has changed for Rulon

ATHENS, Greece — Back in Sydney, hardly anyone outside the isolated world of amateur wrestling knew him. He was just another athlete in a largely ignored sport.

It was the same way back home before he left. One night, he's throwing out the first pitch at a Colorado Rockies game, then he turns up on "The Tonight Show" to announce his new marriage. He works at the Kimberly wrestling camp each summer.

70-year-old man prepares for record swim across English Channel

WILTON, Conn. — George Brunstad is ready to take on the English Channel even though he doesn't consider himself the most talented swimmer.

Since England's Matthew Webb became the first to successfully swim the Channel in 1875, there have been between 700 and 900 successful swimmers, according to Web sites devoted to the effort.

ning a marathon. It is the ultimate test of strength, mental tenacity and sheer willpower. It's 21 miles through frigid water, jellyfish and tides — a rugged swim even for the most elite athletes.



George Brunstad, 69, of Ridgefield, Conn., who has been swimming for thirty years, is shown in this Dec. 19, 2003, file photo, in Ridgefield, Conn. Brunstad, who turns 70 on Aug. 25, will attempt to swim the English Channel, and set a record for being the oldest swimmer to do it.

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SPORTS

U.S. women win hard-fought match

HERAKLIO, Greece — Her heroes gave her a gift four years ago, and Heather O'Reilly repaid them handsomely Monday night at Pankritio stadium on the island of Crete.

O'Reilly, who started following the U.S. women's soccer team as a teenager in East Brunswick, N.J., ran on a perfectly centered pass from forward Mia Hamm about six yards in front of the goal, and she slammed the game-winner into the left side of the net in the ninth minute of overtime, giving her team a 2-1 victory over Germany in the Olympic semifinals.

"The goal gave her heroes a chance to win a final gold medal and bolster their already impressive legacy before retiring. It's a great feeling," O'Reilly said. "I'll never forget this night."

As a promising 14-year-old, O'Reilly watched the women's team in the 1999 World Cup opener at Giants Stadium, and she realized she could become a professional soccer player, just like charter members Mia Hamm, Kristine Lilly, Joy Fawcett, Julie Fouady and Lynn Chastain. Since then, O'Reilly accelerated up the youth ranks, and she earned the distinction as the only



Germany's forward Isabel Bachor, center, goes for the ball against USA's Christie Rampono, right, and Joy Fawcett before scoring against the USA in the women's semifinal soccer match at the Pankritio stadium during the 2004 Olympic Games in Heraklion on the Greek island of Crete on Monday.

teen-ager — at age 19 — to make this star-laden Olympic team.

After she entered the game in the 75th minute, O'Reilly provided the spark-head coach

April Heinrichs expected, using her speed to keep the pressure on the Germans. But in the second minute of injury time, the 92nd minute, moments before referee Krystyna Szkolnik blew

the final whistle, German forward Isabel Bachor carried the ball on the left side and cut hard toward the middle, causing U.S. defender Christie Rampono to fall.

U.S. men's basketball cruises against Angola

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The United States routed over-matched Angola in its final game of the preliminary round. Tim Duncan finished with a team-high 15 points in limited minutes, and the Americans dominated with a 52-17 edge in rebounding as NBA commissioner David Stern watched from a seat 10 rows behind the American bench.

The Americans had to wait until Greece defeated Puerto Rico in Monday's final game to learn their next opponent, the unbeaten Spanish (5-0). The other quarterfinal matchups will be Greece-Australia, Spain vs. the Netherlands, and China-Lithuania.

Track and Field

ATHENS, Greece — The United States swept the medals in the men's 400 meters with Jeremy Wariner of Grand Prairie, Texas, leading the way in 44.00 seconds. Otis Harris of Columbia, S.C., was second in 44.16 while Derrick Brown, of Raleigh, N.C., took the bronze in 44.42.

Hungary's Robert Fazekas won the 100-meter dash with an Olympic-record toss of 232 feet, 8 inches (70.93 meters), beating the past two gold medalists, Lithuania's Virgilijus Alekna, the defending champion, settled for the silver after never improving on his opening toss of 229.3 (69.89). Hungary also won the bronze: Zoltan Kovacs won 219-11 (67.04).

Fazekas broke the Olympic discus mark of 227-8 (69.40), set by Germany's Lars Riedel in winning the gold at Atlanta in 1996. Riedel, the silver medalist in 2006, did not make the final group Monday.

Françoise Mbango Etone of Cameroon won the gold with a triple jump of 50 feet, 2.5 inches (15.30 meters). Chrysopigi Pevetzi of Greece won the silver medal. Tatyana Lebedeva of Russia got the bronze.

Kelly Holmes of Britain won the gold medal in the 800-meter dash with a time of 1:56.38. Hana Benhassou of Morocco won the silver in 1:56.43, while Jolanda Ceplak of Slovenia took the bronze with the identical time, 0.08 seconds ahead of Maria Mutola of Mozambique in fourth.

Meseret Defar of Ethiopia won gold in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 14 minutes, 45.65 seconds. Isabella Ochiichi of Kenya won the silver in 14:48.19 seconds. Tirunesh Dibaba of Ethiopia took the bronze.

After the first day in the decathlon, Dmitry Karpov of Kazakhstan leads with 4,689 points, while Roman Sebtle of the Czech Republic is second with 4,594. Bryan Clay of Azusa, Calif., is third, followed by Britain's Dean Macey and Tom Daley of Knoxville, Tenn., the reigning world champion.

Cycling

ATHENS, Greece — Three quick races, about 40 seconds of hard pedaling time, and it was all over for U.S. track cyclist Janie Rodhe, who was eliminated from the opening rounds of the sprint competition.

She finished second in the consolation race, placing her 10th in a 12-woman field.

Diving

ATHENS, Greece — Alexander Despatie led the Olympic 3-meter springboard preliminaries, keeping the powerful Chinese out of their customary top spot. Despatie, the first American to win a medal on the 10-meter platform last year, was first with 517.59 points.

Peng Bo of China was second with 495.45. Russia's Alexander Dobroskok was third with 489.75. Japan's Ken Terachi was fourth with 456.15.

Sailing

ATHENS, Greece — American sailors Jolyn Lovell and Charlie Ogletree held onto their lead in the Toronto catamaran class and Paul Cayard jumped up three spots in the Star class on another bizarre afternoon on the Saronic Gulf.

Men's Water Polo

Serbia-Montenegro 9, United States 5. The United States won its first Olympic water polo match in a rematch of the Sydney 2000 final.

Aleksander Sapic scored

Medal count

184 medal events • Aug. 23

COUNTRY	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
United States	23	26	17	66
China	23	15	20	58
Russia	16	16	19	51
Australia	13	9	13	35
Japan	15	8	9	32
Germany	8	10	11	29
France	9	7	25	41
Britain	7	8	7	22
Italy	8	6	7	21
South Korea	6	10	5	21
Netherlands	3	6	17	26
Romania	8	4	16	28
Ukraine	8	2	15	25
Belarus	2	3	6	11
Hungary	4	2	10	16
Spain	1	6	10	17
Greece	5	2	9	16
Bulgaria	2	1	5	8
Cuba	1	1	6	8
Poland	2	2	7	11
Denmark	1	0	5	6
Czech Rep.	0	3	6	9
Slovakia	2	2	1	5
Canada	1	3	1	5
Austria	0	4	1	5
Sweden	3	0	1	4
Turkey	3	0	1	4
Ethiopia	2	1	1	4
Thailand	2	0	2	4
Indonesia	1	1	2	4
South Africa	1	1	2	4
North Korea	0	3	1	4
Croatia	0	2	2	4
Slovenia	0	1	3	4
Georgia	2	1	0	3
Chile	2	0	1	3
Zimbabwe	1	1	1	3
Belgium	1	0	2	3
Brazil	1	0	2	3
New Zealand	2	0	0	2
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Portugal	0	2	0	2
Estonia	0	1	1	2
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Argentina	0	2	0	2
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Trin. and Tobago	0	1	0	1
Venezuela	0	1	0	1

Chargers agree to contract terms with rookie QB

CARSON, Calif. — Rookie quarterback Phillip Rivers ended his lengthy holdout, agreeing to terms on a six-year contract with the San Diego Chargers on Monday night.

The contract will pay Rivers \$40.5 million, including a \$14.25 million signing bonus. He can earn \$10 million more in incentives.

Chargers general manager A.J. Smith said Rivers was driving to the team's training camp in San Diego and was expected to sign the contract late Monday or early Tuesday.

Rivers, taken by the New York Giants with the No. 4 pick in this year's draft, was acquired by Chargers in the deal that sent quarterback Eli Manning to New York. Manning was selected by San Diego with the No. 1 overall pick.

Rivers missed four weeks of training camp and two preseason games.

The 6-5, 215-pound Rivers is unlikely to get the starting job immediately. In his absence, three-year veteran Drew Brees has performed well and will likely lead

the team at the start of the season.

Chiefs offense smokes Rams

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The NFL's highest-scoring offense is clicking. Pressure is sure to increase on Kansas City's woeful defense to get its act together, too.

Trent Green hit 10 of 12 passes, and Priest Holmes averaged 5.2 yards on six carries Monday night as the first-team offense scored on two of its three possessions in a 24-7 exhibition victory over St. Louis.

The offensive starters, who led the NFL in scoring each of the past two years, also scored on two of their three possessions against the New York Giants last week in their pre-season opener.

"I thought offensively we played very well," said Green, who was 10-for-12 for 94 yards, and was good to see a good mix of run with the pass.

Adding to a bad night for the Rams (0-2) was starting corner-



back Travis Fisher's broken arm. Fisher, who died for the team last year with four interceptions, was injured in the first half. He also tied for the NFL lead with 205 yards in interception returns in 2003.

Holmes had 31 yards on six carries and scored on a 2-yard run for a 7-0 lead in the first quarter.

Each team's defensive reserves dominated their offensive counterparts in a sloppy played second half.

Seahawks lose Brown to broken left leg

CHENEY, Wash. — The Seattle Seahawks lost three-time Pro Bowl linebacker Chad Brown on Monday when he broke his left leg during practice. And Baltimore lost center Mike Flynn, who started all but one game since becoming a starter in 2000.

Coach Mike Holmgren said

Brown will undergo surgery as soon as possible and is expected to miss at least four regular-season games. He was hurt getting his feet tangled with tight end Ifo Fomunivbe during a practice drill.

Flynn broke his right collarbone early in the Ravens' practice session. He was part of the unit that helped Jamal Lewis run for 2,065 yards last season, second highest total in NFL history.

Eagles sign Dorsey Levens

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia signed 34-year-old Dorsey Levens to help fill the spot vacated at running back when Correll Buckhalter was lost for the season with a knee injury Friday against the Baltimore Ravens. Levens played for "the team" for two years ago and was with the New York Giants last year.

Levens was signed by the Eagles the first time after Buckhalter was hurt and ran for 475 yards and a 5.5 yard-per-carry average.

Swim

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For the duration of the swim, Brunstad will wear only a swimsuit, a cap, goggles and earplugs to help that she's expected to take about 15 hours.

In an effort to ward off hypothermia, he will grease his limbs with a combination of olive and petroleum jelly, though the jelly substance is inadequate defense.

Brunstad hopes to make his swim in the next week, but the difficult current may force him to delay his attempt until next month.

A quarter-century ago, Brunstad began talking about a Channel swim. But his wife, Judy Brunstad, always hoped he wasn't serious. But when the

idea of swimming for more than personal satisfaction came up, she changed her mind.

"Doing it to support someone else, that made a lot of sense to me," Judy Brunstad said. "And that was the difference."

"The swim will raise money to build an orphanage, medical center and schools for children in the Haitian city of Hinche. The Brunstads established a nonprofit organization, Center of Hope. So far, about \$11,000 in donations from family, friends, and strangers has been raised in support of the project."

Brunstad has prepared by slowly building up to lengthy distances in the pool at the local YMCA, where he also gives swim lessons.

Attention

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bled as a jail and torture room for athletes who ran afraid of Odaí.

Last year the IOC suspended the Iraqi committee after the U.S.-led invasion. Odaí was killed with his younger brother Qusai two months later in a shootout with American troops, but wasn't until February that the IOC offered reinstatement — giving the Iraqis a scant six months to assemble their athletes for Athens.

They managed. Airlifted out of Baghdad by the Royal Aus-

tralian Air Force, they marched in the opening ceremony. And then, incredibly, the longest soccer team marched into the medal round, where they dumped Australia 1-0 in the quarterfinals.

Now they play live on MSNBC at noon MDT with a chance to vie for the gold and a win guaranteeing them nothing less than a remarkable silver.

There's even a little extra motivation: a gold medal would net each player a \$25,000 bonus from Iraqi Olympic officials.

Rulon

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Now, more than 1,400 days later, Gardner is about to find out if he can do it one more time. Again, a silver of time can expand his fame, fortune and reputation or conversely define him as somebody who benefited from being the right person in the right place at just the right time.

Gardner says he will leave his shoes on the wrestling mat following his last match in Athens, symbolizing a wrestler's retirement. Whether he leaves with a medal might be determined by how well he has handled fame he now has, and the expectations that go with it.

Gardner is pushing the limits of a wrestler's shelf life; at age 33, he's a year older than Karelin was when Gardner beat him in wrestling's upset of the century. He's also lost a middle toe to frostbite and, earlier this year, badly dislocated a wrist during a pickup basketball game and survived a head-on accident on his motorcycle.

He's also gone through a divorce and absorbed criticism from some folks back in Alton that he's become too comfortable with his mini-celebrity lifestyle.

But when he returns to the Olympic wrestling mat Tuesday, he'll be just another Greco-Roman wrestler chasing the sport's most cherished prize. Then, just as in Sydney, nothing

will matter except who is the best wrestler at that very moment.

Gardner thinks he is ready. He is wrestling much better than he had in finishing 10th in last year's world championships; he recently won his first international title since the 2001 worlds, in a pre-Olympic tournament in Warsaw. He also had to beat former world champion Dmytri Byers in the U.S. trials just to get to Athens.

"I think it (winning in Athens) would be the ultimate for a wrestler," Gardner said. "You are at a place where wrestling's been for 2,000 years."

Just as in Sydney, his chief opposition is expected to be a Russian — Khasan Baroev, who beat Gardner en route to winning last year's world championship. Other threats are 2003 bronze medalist Georgi Tsursunov of Kazakhstan, four-time world silver medalist Mihaly Beal-Bardos and Cuban Mijail Lopez, who owns multiple victories over Gardner in Pan-American competition.

Gardner got a favorable draw Monday: he is the favorite in a four-man pool that includes Mindaugas Mizgaitis, Lithuania; Sergei Morozko, Bulgaria; and Marek Mikulski, Poland. And Karelin is nowhere in sight.

"I'm not disappointed he's not here," Gardner said. "I have one goal ahead of me, and that's to win a gold medal."

Softball

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Sue's funeral and comforting their coach. Mike lost his wife and the mother of his two children, the woman who took care of his life so he could put all his focus into claiming six national titles at the University of Arizona. Fernandez and her teammates lost their surrogate mom, who made sure every player was smiled at as they passed her on the team bus.

"I've been through tragedies," Candrea said, adding that he and Sue had lost a two-week-old baby early in their marriage of almost 16 years. "But nothing compares to losing your spouse. It still hurts."

Candrea was unsure whether he would want to return to the game in the three weeks after Sue's death he decided to come back. The game and the woman he coached became his sanctuary. In turn, they felt if their grieving coach could muster enough courage to show up, so could they. Soon, the intense man they remembered returned.

Sue, Candrea said, helped him keep the game in context. He recalled the time Arizona finished second at the College World Series and he was beyond crestfallen.

Finally, his wife chided him: "I

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BASEBALL

WHAT'S ON T.V.

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Boating, quarterfinals (tape), CNBC, 3 p.m.
Track & field, gold medal finals; women's 100m hurdles, women's 400m, men's 1500m, women's pole vault, decathlon gold medal final; diving; men's springboard gold medal final; beach volleyball, women's gold medal final; gymnastics, champions gala; super heavyweight Greco-Roman wrestling (tape), NBC, 6 p.m.
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Wrestling, Greco-Roman semifinals; baseball, Bronze Medal game (live); canoeing semifinals (tape), MSNBC, midnight.

Boxing

Tuesday Night at the Fights, ESPN2, 8 p.m.

Olympics

Equestrian, team jumping gold medal final (first round), (tape) USA, 5 a.m.
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Conejo Valley wins with defense, pitching at LLWS

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP)—After putting on a hitting display in their Little League World Series opener, Conejo Valley Little League of Orem, Utah, showed it can win with defense and pitching, too. Sean McIntyre struck out eight, then drove in the game-winning run as California (2-0) routed Davenport (twice) Northwest 16-0, in five innings, in pool

play Monday. The loss eliminated Iowa (0-3) from the playoffs with no consideration. In other games Monday, Guadalupe, Mexico beat Saipan 6-3; Carraigo beat Saudi Arabia 1-2; Morganston, N.C., beat Lincoln, R.I., 5-4; and

Kanhsung, Taiwan beat Ottawa 7-2. McIntyre walked two of the first three batters he faced, but then snuffed out ball runners by striking out the last two batters in the top of the first. After that, only two more Iowa runners reached base, and Jacob Gibson got Iowa's only hit, a line drive to left field in the fourth.

The game-winning single was McIntyre's second RBI of the game. "Sean threw a magnificent game out there," Glimmer said. "He did a tremendous job and I was just really happy to see him get that game-winning hit, too." Iowa manager Thomas E. Kenyon Jr. refused to come to the postgame news conference.

Gooding

Continued from C1. Minolta, coaches say it is tough to predict the pre-season favorites in the Great Basin Conference. But on paper, the Jerome boys and girls look strong with six returning state qualifiers back for another fall. Tigers boys coach Ken Nordquist is excited with a turnout of 25 boys. All six state finishers are back led by the Tolman brothers, senior Ted and junior Terry. The Jerome girls have six returning state qualifiers led by three-year state returner and senior Ann Bartoloneux. New coach Elmer Musgrave said the team has worked hard over the summer. Johnson leads a Bobcats squad that returns all six varsity runners. She competed in road races this summer. She took fifth in the state as a sophomore last fall and won the 4A 3,200-meter run this past spring.

The boys team will have senior leadership from Devon Gibby while freshman Tim Johnson bolsters the ranks. The Mineta Sports return state qualifiers sophomore Robbie Newman and junior Lindsay Sanderland. Both teams have several runners moving up from the junior varsity ranks. The Wood River boys and girls will look to improve on last year's district runner-up finish behind Gooding. Three Wolverine boys are expected to return after failing to qualify for state. They are juniors Joseph Zamana and Cooper Lee and sophomore Taylor Sundahl, who finished one place out last fall. Sophomore Tess Dahlgren missed out on qualifying for state by only one second as a freshman. She joins junior Courtney Perry and sophomore Chelsea Vanderpool as state hopefuls.

Class 3A
 The Gooding Seniors boys

return five from last year's boys state championship team. Coach Kent Seifert tabs senior Kurtis Nelson and junior Tyler Pickens as possible top five finishers in state at the 2004-2005 state meet. The girls team returns everyone back from last year's Saxton Central Idaho Conference championship team. Seifert hopes to duplicate that success with this year's squad. Sophomore Shane Hayes will lead the Kimberly Bulldogs boys team after a busy summer of competition. Coach David Emerson calls juniors Bryce Richman and Tyler Bates the team's workhorses. Seniors Emily Fowers and Whitney Egbert make up the girls team. Fowers is back at full strength after being unable to compete last fall due to illness. She qualified for state her freshman and sophomore years. No state qualifiers return for the Bull boys while April Jaynes

and Jeni VanItoezer make it to state last fall for the Lady Indians. The Declo Hornets return a pair of state qualifiers in senior Andrew Fletcher and junior and junior Iddi Goedhart on the girls. **Class 2A-1A** The Valley Vikings girls are the defending district champions. Coach Don Weight feels he has a talented, top-notch team and a couple of incoming freshmen, Jessica McEwen and Lisa Romer, who will only add depth to an already strong team. On the boys team, hard-working senior face Johnson is back. Cross country is in its first year at Bliss. The Community School, Hansen, Oakley and Shoshone are scheduled to field fall or partial teams this fall. RJ Hartman, Rachee Pearson and Andrew Rouse could lead Hansen this fall.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Wal-Mart lowers sales forecast

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's biggest retailer, lowered its sales forecast for August, citing Hurricane Charley's swipe across Florida and slower than expected back-to-school sales.

Wal-Mart — whose Magic Valley stores are in Burley and Jerome — had previously expected same-store sales to grow between 2 percent and 4 percent during the month.

It advised Monday that the sales will range from flat to up 2 percent.

Wal-Mart closed about 75 stores after Hurricane Charley cut a path from near Fort Myers, Fla., to Daytona Beach on Aug. 13.

Florida stores had brisk business in the run-up before the storm, but the company estimated that 200 outlets were affected by the storm, which had winds in excess of 100 mph.

Wal-Mart also said that its back-to-school sales were not hitting company targets.

Sales were strongest in uniforms, athletic shoes and new fall fashions. Sales were strongest in the Midwest and South.

Among its U.S. stores, Wal-Mart said it was faring best this month in consumable products including food, household paper products and pet supplies.

Other factors cited in its reduced sales forecast for August were Labor Day being later in September this year and a reduced amount of clearance merchandise on hand.

Last year August sales benefited from the summertime release of federal child care tax credit checks.

FedEx raises outlook for quarter, full year

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — FedEx Corp. raised its earnings outlook Monday, citing more business for its international, ground-delivery-and-less-than-truckload services.

The package delivery company said it expects per share earnings of \$1 to \$1.10 for the quarter ending Aug. 31, compared with previous estimates of 90 cents to \$1, and \$4.40 to \$4.60 for the year, compared with previous estimates of \$4.20 to \$4.40.

Analysis surveyed by Thomson First Call had been forecasting quarterly earnings of 95 cents per share and annual profits of \$4.47.

"Customers are increasingly looking to FedEx to manage a broader range of their transportation and supply chain needs," said chief financial officer Alan B. Graf Jr. "We have strong momentum in our businesses and believe the economy continues on a sustainable expansion path."

The company acknowledged that prolonged high fuel costs could affect the worldwide economy, but it expects to continue to see strong demand.

As a result, FedEx will increase capital investments in its international express, ground and freight networks to between \$2 billion and \$2.1 billion in the year ending in May 2005. The company will release its first-quarter earnings report Sept. 22.

Experts predict higher online sales

U.S. online retail sales are projected to more than double over the next six years and account for 12 percent of total retail sales in 2010, up from about 7 percent this year, according to a new report from Forrester Research.

By targeting Weblogs, chat rooms and message boards, merchants will fuel sales growth by running ads while consumers are discussing a specific product or content related to a product, the researchers said.

Forrester indicated that tools, hardware and garden supplies will be among the fastest-growing online sales categories.

Also expected to gain are online florists as consumers cut back on telephone orders.

— compiled from wire reports

Unions protest new overtime rules

WASHINGTON — Several hundred union members marched outside the Labor Department to protest new overtime pay regulations taking effect Monday, with two senators pledging to roll them back when Congress returns from recess.

Protesters, many wearing union T-shirts, carried signs such as "President Bush: Hands off my overtime pay," and chanted, "Come on all you bil-

lionaires; give us wages that are fair."

"The fight is not over yet," said Republican Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, an opponent of the changes who is facing a tough re-election bid in November.

Employers have sought the changes for decades, complaining rules were ambiguous and out of date, and questioning why highly paid professionals should get overtime pay.

Retailers, restaurants, insur-

ance companies and others were getting hit with multimillion-dollar lawsuits by workers claiming they were cheated out of overtime pay.

The Labor Department says the new rules provide clarity.

"Under the new rules, workers will know their overtime rights, employers will know their responsibilities and the department can more vigorously enforce these protections," Labor Department Elaine Chao said in a statement.

Labor unions say the new rules are intended to reduce employers' costs by cutting the number of workers who are eligible for overtime pay.

"The middle class is getting a gut punch on overtime," said Democratic Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa, who has fought unsuccessfully to block the rules.

About 11.6 million workers receive overtime pay for working more than 40 hours a week, the Labor Department has said. In all, about 115 million workers are covered by the

overtime rules in the 1938 Fair Labor Standards Act.

Estimates of how many workers will lose their overtime eligibility vary from 107,000 to 6 million.

Calculations of workers who could become newly eligible range from very few to 1.3 million.

Changes are aimed at white-collar workers, and the Labor Dept. says that manual laborers and other blue-collar workers won't be affected.

MINT CONDITION



Employee Bob Friday looks at a glass of mint oil floating on top of water at a mint farm in Nampa on Friday. Idaho is the third-largest mint-producing state behind Washington and Oregon. In 2002, Idaho grew nearly 14,000 acres of mint, which produced 1.3 million pounds of oil.

Idaho farmers see a breath of fresh air

NAMPA — Some people find farm odors offensive, but this one smells like a breath of fresh air.

Every August and September, the delicate scent of mint wafts along Canyon Country backroads as small distilleries process the harvested plants into oil.

Once distilled, the peppermint or spearmint oil is shipped across the world before use in chewing gum, toothpaste, candy, mouthwash and

other products.

One pound of mint oil will produce 1,000 tubes of toothpaste, 12,500 sticks of gum or 50,000 mint candies.

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Mint oil processing requires a number of stages.

After cutting, the plants are allowed to sit in the field to dry; then they are chopped and hauled to a distillery.

Once there, the crop is boiled so the mint oil is separated from the plants in the steam. The vapor flows with the steam through a large pipe into stainless steel tanks, where the oil is separated from the cooling water.

The process takes about two hours and produces fumes strong enough to make eyes water.

Sitting north of Nampa, farmer Steve Woodard's distillery gets lots of curious stares from motorists.

"Sometimes people stop and

ask what were doing and what that odor is," Woodard said, "especially if they're other farmers."

Woodard said the market for mint oil has been good the past several years, in large part because of increasing exports. Better hygiene around the world has boosted demand.

"As other countries become more wealthy they're more likely to brush their teeth or want to have fresh breath," he said. "It's just another one of the small, niche crops that grow well here in the valley."

Merchants want more from center

Sacajawea Center fails to boost some firms' profits.

SALMON — The new \$12 million Sacajawea Center has not lived up to economic expectations, Salmon merchants say.

The center was dedicated a year ago to the Salmon-born woman who helped guide the historic Lewis and Clark expedition. Since then, the 71-acre, city-owned center has attracted an estimated 12,000 to 14,000 visitors.

But while city officials point to increases in motel and gasoline receipts as evidence the center is boosting the local economy, some business owners say there is a disconnect between the facility and Salmon's downtown.

"I'm seeing no impact from Sacajawea Center at all," said Bonnie Hastings, owner of the Dress for Less clothing store. "This is, without a doubt, the worst summer I've had since I opened for business in 1999."

City officials acknowledge that the center has not been the

economic engine that merchants hoped it would be, but they argue that some of the onus is on retailers themselves.

"We can help promote them — and we do — but some of the responsibility falls on them to take advantage of what we have out there," said Gary Van Huffel, community development director and former head of the Sacajawea Center.

Downtown businesses have been hard hit by the economy recently.

A grocery store and a drugstore have shut down in recent months, and a clothing, sports and gift store is getting ready to close.

"No one is arguing that the center should not have been built. But for some reason, visitors

who travel great distances to participate in the facility's programs — from an interpretative trail to lessons in primitive basketry — aren't finding their way downtown.

Shannon Weaver, owner of Ponderosa Gallery and a member of the chamber of commerce, said the failure of those merchants to draw those tourists underscores the need for more collaboration.

"We have got to be a more creative downtown to get them to come here," said Weaver, who also leases the gift shop at the center.

"I go to meeting after meeting and find people working on the same projects. We need more organization and follow-through to get those great ideas accomplished."

Workshop teaches lean manufacturing tools

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Idaho food processors can learn how to eliminate waste in manufacturing when the University of Idaho and Tech Help Idaho offer their expanded course on "Lean Manufacturing for Food Processors" to the public Aug. 31 in Twin Falls.

The one-day workshop is a follow-up to "Principles of Lean Manufacturing," which organizers say has helped the Idaho food industry reduce operating costs and increase profitability since 2000.

The expanded course includes classroom training and hands-on food production simulations aimed at helping participants cut waste and trim inventory and lead times.

Jeff Kronenberg, U of I Extension food processing specialist and workshop co-instructor, said the course is targeted at participants who want to "make pretty big changes and improve their economics quickly."

"Profitability is a huge issue right now," he said in a statement.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

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Kronenberg said lean manufacturing isn't just a tool of the Idaho food industry, "it's the core of the Idaho food industry," he said.

"They will present principles and tools that are applicable for use in the food industry and will lead the class in a cookie-manufacturing simulation exercise."

The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Red

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MONEY

Wal-Mart sales slump pushes stocks lower

NEW YORK (AP) — A disappointing sales forecast from Wal-Mart Stores Inc. sent stocks mostly lower Monday as investors worried that oil prices, which stabilized after last week's highs, would curb consumer spending and hurt earnings. Tech stocks eked out minimal gains.

I think they'll continue to fall," October contracts for a barrel of light crude stood at \$40.05, down 67 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange. With oil topping \$49 per barrel last week, the downturn could encourage risk-tolerant investors to bet on the market recovery. Very light volume meant most investors were sitting out Wall Street's traditional summer doldrums.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 37.03, or 0.4 percent, to 10,073.05. Broader stock indicators were narrowly mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 2.67, or 0.2 percent, to 1,495.69, and the tech-focused Nasdaq composite index was up 0.68, or 0.03 percent, to 1,838.70.

Wal-Mart lowered its August sales forecasts, citing lower sales in the U.S. and its business in Florida from Hurricane Charley. Sales at stores open at least a year — a standard for assessing a retailer's strength — are now expected to range from 1 to 2 percent higher. Wal-Mart fell 85 cents to \$53.80.

Operators extend their hours to ease port jams

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Cargo operators at the nation's largest port complex will be extended to nights and weekends in an effort to reduce traffic jams and air pollution, terminal operators said Monday.

Long Beach developed the plan to pre-empt state lawmakers from forcing potentially costly changes at the ports. The decision to open cargo facilities during off-peak hours beginning in November should reduce the number of trucks on freeways during rush hour.



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Surcharge for universal service sees an increase

BOISE (AP) — State regulators on Monday granted a slight increase in the surcharge that telephone companies use to provide service in isolated rural areas.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission Monday order increases the amount telephone customers pay from 8 cents per residential line per month to 10 cents and from 10 cents per business line to 15 cents.

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AT&T has announced that it will offer Internet calls... The latest move in Ma Bell's massive effort to market a high-tech answer to the old-fashioned telephone will debut this fall at Best Buy.

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MONEY

THIS IS THE PLACE

Restaurant rises where it all began

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The cafe birthplace of Kentucky Fried Chicken has risen from the rubble on State Street in Salt Lake City and is re-opening as a shrine to the two men and countless fowl who created one of the world's most famous fast-food chains.

"It's our very largest restaurant we have ever built — about twice the size of our other stores," KFC spokesman Bruce Garner said. "It's our new image on the outside with the original Harman cafe sign. Inside, it's a walk-through museum with each area telling the story of Kentucky Fried Chicken."

The company last April razed the original Harman's Kentucky Fried Chicken, where in 1952 Col. Harland Sanders made the business deal with Pete Harman that launched the famous fast food.

Sanders, visiting Utah from Louisville, Ky., had a fried chicken recipe — "11 herbs and spices," to be exact — that he believed was irresistibly "finger lickin' good."

And Harman had a hamburger joint called the Do Drop Inn (believe it or not), and a willingness to take a chance on a 65-year-old, down-on-his-luck businessman with a white goatee.

Some say that on Aug. 4, 1952, the best food ever served in a bucket was born.

By the way, that first chicken dinner cost \$3.50 and included 14 pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes, rolls and gravy. The same meal would cost about \$25 now.

Within a decade, Sanders joined Mao and Che Guevara as one of the world's most familiar faces and Utah's fried chicken became a fast-food phenomenon with 12,000 restaurants in 48 countries.

Unfortunately, Sanders and Harman decided "Utah Fried Chicken" just didn't have the right ring.



The grand re-opening of the world's first Kentucky Fried Chicken located in Salt Lake City, takes place this earlier this month. The original was demolished in April.



Pete Harman, co-founder of KFC, examines the statue of himself and Colonel Harland Sanders at the grand re-opening of the world's first KFC.

Harman, now 85, obviously made the right choice. He's living in Los Altos, Calif., with 400 franchises scattered through Utah, Colorado, California and Washington.

Sanders died in 1980 at 90. That he was cremated and buried in a red-and-white

bucket is a myth. "The cafe-cum-museum will contain memorabilia from the days of the Do Drop Inn and will serve as a shrine to Pete Harman, Garner said. "We are real proud of it. We hope folks come down and take a look."

Web sites can help sift through reward cards

By Betty Lin-Fisher Knight Riddor News Service

If you're the type of consumer who pays off your credit-card bill each month, are you also earning a perk from that credit card?

You should be. Some experts estimate that more than 700 credit cards offer perks — such as cash back, free gas or saving on a new car. Many do so without charging an annual fee.

Other cards reward your loyalty to an airline, a retailer or even a hotel chain. Never perk cards even deposit rebate rewards into college savings plans. It's mind-boggling to wade through all the cards and their perks, but a number of Web sites can help. I didn't find one that claimed to have every card, but with new offers popping up every day that's probably an impossible feat.

Some helpful sites I found were www.bankrate.com and www.creditratings.com.

Bankrate.com's site will give you a list of about 80 reward or cash-back cards to the bank. Existing banks' sites are rare, if you want to see all the terms and conditions. Bankrate.com lists most of the important terms and conditions in a convenient section, and a toll-free number is provided.

Creditratings.com has some advertising, but the sponsored cards are clearly marked. Beyond that, the site has more than 11,000 staff-written credit-card reviews, which are very helpful in pointing out the pros and cons of a card. The site also has more than 10,000 consumer reviews of cards, which is also a nice feature because it's helpful to know what others like or dislike about a card.

Navigating the site takes a bit of time to get used to. To go directly to a search function, which will allow you to enter the type of card you're seeking (i.e., rebate, no-annual-fee) and whether you are willing to accept any type of annual fee, go to www.creditratings.com/reviews.html.

Here are a few other sites, but I didn't find them as thorough. Some are clearly sites that list only advertisers, but they could be helpful in gathering more information about a specific card.

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Curis Arnold, founder of www.creditratings.com, said he advises consumers who don't know what type of rewards card to get to try a cash-back card first "just because of the flexibility of cash."

If you're a frequent traveler or you frequent a certain retail merchant, then it might make sense for you to get a card that gives you a rebate for merchandise, he said.

"But if you're just doing everyday spending in a variety of

places and you're looking for a rebate that's flexible, then for most consumers, the cash-back cards make the most sense," he said.

However, cash-back reward cards offer the lowest percentage, rebate on your purchases. That's because of the liquidity of cold, hard cash, said Greg McBride, senior financial analyst with Bankrate.com.

"The consumer can take the cash and spend it anywhere. With a plane ticket, you can only use them on a plane, and they may have blackout dates, or they may have sold out of the freebie seats. There are strings attached," he said.

Plus, it's to the advantage of the company to get you to spend your rebate in its stores or on its products or services — it's giving the perk in hopes that you'll spend more than your rebate.

Companies are not necessarily giving away the perks because issuing credit cards is tremendously profitable, but they're giving consumers back a bit of that profit margin, said McBride.

However, reward cards are not for everyone. Because they offer perks, they typically have a higher annual percentage rate (APR) than other cards.

"Don't be deceived by the reward if you're carrying a balance. The rate you're paying more than offsets the reward," said McBride.

Similarly, credit-card experts don't think you should pay an annual fee. After all, you want to get rewards without paying an annual fee for it — especially when so many cards are available without annual fees.

Annual fees are part of the reason that airline reward cards may not be the best choice for some consumers. The average airline reward card charges a fee of \$50; I saw some that have a fee of \$85. On top of that, you typically have to earn 25,000 points (1 point is typically \$1 spent) before you can earn your first free flight. If you don't travel a lot to rack up miles and are relying on your credit-card spending to earn the free ticket, you'll have to spend \$25,000 to do so. Then add on the annual fee.

"If it takes you five years to get 25,000 points, that's five years of paying an annual fee. That free airline ticket just cost you 250 bucks," said McBride. (Travel rewards typically expire after a year or two.)

McBride said credit cards that offer frequent-flyer miles can also lead an otherwise savvy consumer to make bad decisions.

"It's easier to push you into spending more than you otherwise would. You start purchasing those miles instead of evaluating what those things would cost," he said.

Arnold said airline rewards also may not work for people who don't travel a lot or who can't redeem their travel rewards quickly, because such rewards typically expire after a year or two.

Corporate governance experts score Google poorly

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Google Inc.'s initial public offering may have captured investors' fancy, but a leading proxy voting advisory service says its corporate governance leaves a lot to be desired.

Institutional Shareholder Services, which advises big investors on governance issues and proxy votes, gives the online search firm a minuscule 0.2 percent score on its widely followed corporate governance quotient, meaning it ranks in the bottom 1 percent of all Standard &

Poor's 500 companies. Among other software and services companies, its score is 8.8 percent, meaning 91 percent of the firms in its industry have higher scores.

"You ask me, I'd say those numbers sound pretty damn awful," ISS corporate governance expert Patrick McGurn said in a recorded message to clients, calling the firm's governance structure "substandard."

Google spokesman David Krane said Monday the company would have no comment. Among its concerns, ISS faults

Google for its widely criticized dual classes of stock, which give the founders, employees and directors voting control over the company.

"Rank-and-file shareholders have no meaningful avenue for recourse — other than selling their low-vote shares, of course — if the company loses its way," McGurn said.

Because of its voting concentration, Google could opt out of some provisions of the Nasdaq stock market's listing requirements, including the rule that most directors be independent.

In Securities and Exchange Commission filings, Google says its charter precludes opting out without a two-thirds vote of shareholders, but McGurn said insiders could muster that easily.

As is ISS said less than two-thirds of directors are "independent outsiders" by its definition, which says essentially that directors can have no connection to the company other than their board seats.

Google's nine-person board has three company employees, including company founders.

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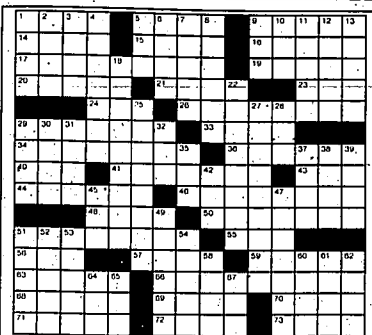
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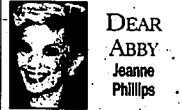
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Man who kissed and told can undo damage

DEAR ABBY: "Lindsay" and I are co-workers. We have known each other nearly 10 years. We slept together on a recent business trip and I agreed to keep it between us. I didn't keep my promise and it got back to Lindsay.



DEAR ABBY: Yes, you should grant her this favor. There's an old saying: A gentleman doesn't kiss and tell. Considering the damage you have done to your friend's reputation by crowing, a little white lie is not too much to ask.

She is terribly hurt, and sadly, I can't undo the wrong I've done. As a result, I have lost a friend and will always regret what I did.

Lindsay told me she had denied that anything happened between us, the person who approached her. She asked me to do the same and say that it was all a joke that I had made up the story about our being together. I know I betrayed her trust

DEAR MR. BIG: Your wife to attend with me? Is your former wife out of line in threatening to ruin the wedding by not showing up?

— FATHER OF THE BRIDE IN ARIZONA

DEAR FATHER: If your former wife was the reason for your divorce, then your current wife's feelings are understandable. However, since your daughter has stated that she would like your new wife to attend, it is appropriate that she be there.

One way you could solve this problem would be for you and your former wife to be seated as far apart as possible on this special day. I hope she will consider this compromise.

DEAR ABBY: My oldest daughter is being married. Her mother is my ex-wife. My daughter wants me and my new wife to attend the wedding. Her mother says she will not attend if my wife is there. I should point out that my wife and I will be helping out financially. Her mother will be helping out only minimally.

— MR. BIG MOUTH IN BROOKLYN

It is appropriate for my new

Several seductive glances come Capricorn's way

IF AUGUST 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, you may be the wild child resistant to control by others, or immersed in exotic relationships with capricious partners. Either way, exciting things are happening, and you may not wish to get off this merry-go-round of fun. By the end of the line, however, you will be ready to settle down to a less hectic pace. Others are drawn to your independent spirit now, but true romance is more likely to blossom next spring.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Your energy knows no bounds, and you have limitless imagination. Adapt to new situations or people in the workplace if needed. A vacation with a partner could seem magical.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Like the bull that symbolizes your sign, you may be pawing at the ground to show off your prowess

by the wayside.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Those closest to your heart seem more ardent. Romantic interludes are a possibility. If you are at a loss for energy, look to your companions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Partners could be extremely passionate and loving. Put your best foot forward in public now, while recognition can be won.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It is a good time to reach agreements in business or in love, especially if you want to join with others in a powerful united front. You are a magnet who can attract money and mesmerize others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Relax and take advantage of passionate stars now before action in the outer world requires your attention. Count on inspiration and an easy path where joint funds are concerned.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There could be more than one seductive glance sent your way, so take the hint and follow Cupid's arrows. Make—beneficial—moves with your wallet, and watch your cash grow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Relationships could reach new heights of understanding this week. People who inadvertently hold you back may disappear to be replaced by true friends. Put your whole heart into being true.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Warmth between you and a partner can be useful, not only for joint harmony but also to complete tasks and come up with creative ideas.

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Lucky at love, lucky at money—you have a flair for making your needs known.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Important innovations in the world around you will affect home life or career. Money matters flow with ease, and you could see the value of investments soar.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will be perfectly attuned to the world at large. Whether this will be beneficial depends upon your ability to recognize patterns in your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Expect important changes in your life. Relationships may shift for the better, and those who are not acting in your best interest may fall

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600 Real Estate Rentals

700 Agriculture

800 Merchandise

900 Recreation

1000 Transportation

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Monday - Friday

8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

BID ANNOUNCEMENT

The Twin Falls School District is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of two 1999 Chevrolet Corsica 4 door sedans (VIN Numbers 1G1LDSMOT72-81528 and 1G1LDSM-6TY257708). The purchase price for these vehicles is set at \$300.00, or best responsible bid. Each vehicle must be bid separately. Please direct all inquiries and sealed bids to:

The S. Miller Director of Operations
Twin Falls School District #41
201 Main Ave. West
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301

Bids will be accepted through the close of business on Friday, September 3rd, 2004. Bids will be opened and the highest bidder determined at 9:00 am on Tuesday, September 7th, 2004.

The Board of Trustees for School District No. 41 reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive all formalities.

Theresa Floemer
Clerk of the Board

PUBLISH: August 17 and August 24, 2004

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

CASE NO. CV04-04-08
AMENDED NOTICE OF LIEN SALE
CAMEO MOBILE BATTERY, LLC, dba Plaintiff,

V. JIMMIE & JACKIE HORTON; et al. THE ESTATE OF O. C. MACK MCNEAL, and

any/lores, devisees, and/or persons claiming any right, title and interest in the real and personal property of the decedent.

In accordance with Idaho Code Section 45-805, you are hereby notified that the manufactured home located at 281 Flor Avenue W., #11, Twin Falls, Idaho, VIN No. 80X8701425 020566, Title No. F010087, 1978 TRLR, HB, TRV will be sold to satisfy the possessory lien resulting from storage of the home, unless it is claimed prior to sale. The total amount of possessory lien to date total Two Thousand Sixty and NO/100 DOLLARS, (\$2,060.00). Said sale will be held on Friday, August 27, 2004, at 10:00 am. The possessory lienholder is C. M. Mack McNeal, Estate, located at 281 Caswell Ave. West, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

More information can be obtained by contacting David E. Wisbey, Attorney at Law, 208-338-8855.

DATED this 18th day of August, 2004.

/s/ David E. Wisbey
Attorney for Cameo Mobile Battery

PUBLISH: August 17 and August 24, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE

Action claimed and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are

part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As a self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right access public records and public meetings.

IMPORTANT

Please address all legal advertising to:

LEGAL ADVERTISING
The Times-News
PO Box 848
Twin Falls, ID 83302-0848

Deadline for legal ads: 3 days prior to publication, noon on Wednesday for Sunday, noon on Thursday for Monday, noon on Friday for Tuesday and Wednesday, noon on Monday for Thursday and noon on Tuesday for Friday and Saturday. Holiday deadline may vary. If you have any questions call Ruby, legal clerk, at 735-3324.

FOUND Ferret, darker colored, 2 tattoos in right ear, approx. 3-5 years old, 734-2693.

FOUND In Crestview Drive area. Kitten, male, black, approximately 6 weeks old. Call 208-735-1088.

FOUND Kitten, cute calico with purple collar and ball. Little Big Ranches, 324-7713. \$200.00. Call 208-677-0725.

FOUND poodle, white male Near Declo. No collar. Call to identify 208-454-2967.

FOUND Very small gold ring, unique marking, call to identify. Found at Delores Lake. Call 735-8471.

LOST 6 row potato vine roller. Powder river cattle leading chug. Located at Luggmiller's inc. and Joe Joslin. Call 208-731-5081.

LOST Airedale, 2yr. male, neutered. Lost in Lincoln county area. Collar with no legs. Call 208-544-2924.

LOST Cal, black & white, long hair, at 1819 Hansen Ave., Burley, Lost 8/15. Reward: 808-8745-7.

LOST cat, cream colored male with "S" tattooed in left ear. Very friendly, lost by fairgrounds in Filer. Call 208-328-6313.

LOST Heeler/cross young black female. Strayed Sat eve from 281 Flor Avenue West, white on toes and tail, 38 lbs., 13 months. Answers to Toby. Call 208-735-2389.

LOST Powerball driver golf club, blue head cover. Lost on Pole-line or Washington. Reward: 733-8017.

LOST Yellow Lab cross, 1 yr. m. a. m. v. b. wearing blue collar, lost approx. 2 weeks. Call 208-2587-A.

LOST She got out of the house! Adult, completely black female cat. August 13th off Carriere Lane. Call 208-731-3081.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
206-733-8300 & 731-5667

BIRTHDAY PHOTOS

Have you forgotten to pickup your birthday photos? We have some photos we are sure you would want. These can be picked up at The Times-News Classified Dept.

MONTANA BTEAKHOUSE

Open 7 days a week at 7 am
+ Breakfast + Lunch
+ Dinner
1828 Canyon
Great Dr.
Twin Falls 9734-7478

Place your ad Online... Now you can Log on to www.magicvalley.com

and place your classified line ad Click on the Classified section.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Twin Falls Rural Fire Protection District will hold the annual Budget-hearing for 2005 on Tuesday, August 24, at 10:00 A.M. at Fire Station #1, 345 Second Ave. E.

Twin Falls Rural Fire Protection District Budgeted Operating Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Dated 08/17/04

2004-2005 Commissioner Approved	258,228.00
Contract Services	12,000.00
Contract Services Commissioners	6,000.00
Contract Services E911/Sircom	8,000.00
Contract Services Bookkeeper	100.00
Postage	500.00
Office Supplies	1,500.00
Travel and Meetings	500.00
Advertising	6,000.00
Liability Insurance	1,500.00
Legal Fees	2,500.00
Accounting Fees	1,500.00
Bank Charges	1,500.00
Electric Costs	1,500.00
Telephone & Communications	90,000.00
Special Equipment Purchase	500.00
Membership Dues	125,000.00
Vehicle Purchase	2,500.00
Misc. Vehicle Repairs-Accident	2,500.00
Misc. Expenses-Appraisal	100,000.00
Building Fund	100,000.00
Equipment Fund	100,000.00
Equipment Payment	713,428.00
TOTAL	

Twin Falls Rural Fire Protection District Budgeted Operating Revenue For Fiscal Year 2003 - 2004 Dated 08/17/04

2004-2005 Commissioner Proposed	558,139.00
Real Property Taxes-Current	558,139.00
Occupancy Value	
Subtotal	558,139.00

PUBLISH: August 19, 22 and 24, 2004

106 **LEGAL**

All advertising is subject to the standards of the newspaper. The Times-News reserves the right to edit, abbreviate, decline or properly classify any ad. Receipt of copy via e-mail, etc. does not constitute final acceptance by this newspaper. The advertiser, not the newspaper, causes a full, responsible, responsibility for the truthful content of their advertiser message.

107 **LEGAL**

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CENTER FREE. RESULTS Always Confidential.

Abbreviations can lead to confusion. Make sure readers will understand your ad completely. Spell it out. Classified, 733-0931

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A Times-News Classified Ad Will Fill Every Need

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109 (PRO) LESSON

BANKRUPTCY Competitive rates on Chapter 7 bankruptcies. Jeff Splet at 208-734-8253.

BANKRUPTCY Inexpensive, Williams Law, 735-0929

BANKRUPTCY Affordable payment plan. Academic, financial and criminal matters. Brad Rice at 208-734-3367.

BANKRUPTCY Guaranteed lowest price + living fees.

Call 1-866-698-2399. Dust abatement and water hauling. Call 208-420-7420.

STEEL FABRICATION

Steel and equipment repair. Call 208-731-8772.

110 HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES

CAREGIVERS Available for long or short term care. Call 208-675-0130.

113 CHILD CARE SERVICES

My Little Daycare has opening in Jerome. ICOP accepted, state licensed, meal service. 324-2429.

CHILDREN'S DAYCARE

For 3 kids in our home, hours vary. Must have references, own vehicle, 24 hr/ICOP. Multi child center. 735-2422.

IN HOME DAY CARE

Provide your home care with opening. Call Terrie 208-731-9569.

PARENTS

Give your child a fun learning experience at Pre-School while you are at work!

Bo-Peep Daycare and Pre-School

Call 208-733-5097.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Friday, the 22nd day of October, 2004, at the hour of 12:30 p.m., of said day (recognized local time), in the lobby of First American Title Insurance Company...

SEE ATTACHED "A"

The following property located in Twin Falls County, Idaho:

Parcel 12 of Lots 7 and 8 of YEATMAN ADDITION, Twin Falls, Idaho, in the NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 10, Township 10 South, Range 17 East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-mentioned real property...

PUBLISH: August 17, 24, 31 and September 7, 2004

BARTENDER

Needed part time, Buhl 543-4400 W. message.

CARPENTER

Home repair for 1-2 weeks, \$20 per hour. Send resume to: Box 208-734-8253.

CONSTRUCTION

Experienced mason wanted immediately. Preferably has own tools. Call 208-735-8331.

CONSTRUCTION

Frame and Wood Rivets needed for laborer. Call Paul 208-934-8916 or 539-0145.

CONSTRUCTION

Work on concrete heavy equipment operator & heavy laborer. Call 208-731-2102.

COUNSELOR

Full-time adolescent counselor, state certified. Call 208-735-8331.

COLLECTOR

Expanding collection staff, prior experience a plus. Call 208-735-8331.

AGRICULTURE

Pen Choquer/Cowboy 208-645-2221. Agri-Cattle Feeding Company.

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CONSTRUCTION

Interested parties should fill out a contractor information form at 124 Blue Lakes St., Twin Falls, ID.

CONSTRUCTION

Harvest truck driver. 3 or 4 trucks preferred. 539-5434.

CONSTRUCTION

Full-time brick mason. Must have masonry experience. Call 208-735-8331.

LABORERS

Needed for masonry delivery driver. Call 208-735-8331.

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Local P&D, CDL Class A, full time. Call 208-735-8331.

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Drivers needed. Come work where you are a name not a number. Running 7 western states.

DRIVERS

2 year exp. preferred. Clean driving record. Small company, home based work. \$2 per mile after 6 months.

DRIVERS

OTR drivers. Class A CDL. Wages DOE. Plus bonus. Call 208-324-9081.

DRIVERS

Immediate openings. Local work. Transporting hay, straw, and other farm commodities. Double endorsements preferred. Call 324-3004.

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EDUCATION

South Central Head Start invites application for a Family Educator. \$10,955-\$12,100 DOE and benefits. Call 324-3400.

FARM

Large row crop farm. S. of Burley seeking full-time motivated person to operate, maintain, repair and maintain. Call 208-670-1520.

FARM

Nonprofit Corporation is seeking an experienced farm manager to oversee operation of potato, grain and hay crops. Call 208-670-1520.

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Must be proficient and experienced in farm operation including the purchasing and planning process. Call 208-670-1520.

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EMPLOYMENT

RECEPTIONIST
PT, 12.5 pm M-F. Must be able to occasionally work from 8 to 5 pm. Entry level position. Friendly and P.C. experience required. Must be dependable and have good phone skills. Duties include light clerical work and running multi-line phone system. Applicants subject to pre-employment substance abuse test. Apply in person at Gem State Paper & Supply, 1801 Highland Ave E, T-F, M-F, 8-5.

RETAIL
Dependable and self-motivated part-time help (20-30 hrs/week) wanted at Sawtooth Truck & Food. Equipment knowledge, retail sales experience, and familiarity with QuickBooks helpful. Must be able to lift at least 50 lbs. Pay depending on experience. Please fax or mail cover letter, and resume to Sawtooth Truck & Food 710 N. Main St. Bellevue, ID 83313 Fax 208-578-9229 Questions 208-788-8225

RETAIL
Graveyard Cashier 3-4 nights/week. Apply immediately. Apply in person Tractor, Chas. North of Hansen bridge

SALES
Car Wash needs a motivated sales person. Entry level. Apply in person. TDK Auto Service 2374 Addison Ave. E. (Next to Kmart) Twin Falls ID. 83301

SALES ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVE
Position Open Ag Weekly Farm Times Has an immediate opening for an Advertising account sales representative. The ideal candidate will have sales experience and an agricultural background. Candidates with college degrees in business, agribusiness or advertising will be preferred. If you would like to work for the intermountain West's largest agricultural newspaper, send your resume to: Ag Weekly Attn: Janet Coffin PO Box 548 Twin Falls, ID. 83303-0548 janet.coffin@lee.net

WELDERS
Experience Welder & fabricator. Full-time position no certification necessary but competence req. Practical welding test will be given. Kodak Northwest 438-8248

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE
Don't pay to find work before you get the job. For free information about avoiding employment service scams, write to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C., 20580, or call the National Fraud Information Center, 1-800-876-7060.

DRIVERS
Exp. truck drivers S. Burley Area. Call Brandon 312-3853.

MESSAGE
Federal employment information is free. Remember, no one can promise you a federal job. For free information about federal jobs, call Career Action Connection, 478-757-3000.

NEWSPAPER
Earn extra \$\$ in your spare time. If you are a highly motivated self-starter looking to earn some extra money in your spare time, then this could be a great opportunity.

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CURRENT MOTOR ROUTES AVAILABLE
BELLEVUE/HAYLEY KETCHUM Both Carrier & Substitutes needed

If you live in these areas and would like to be a carrier. Please contact Kathy, District Mgr. 735-3348

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ROUTES AVAILABLE
The Times-News is currently looking for Independent Route Carriers

HAYLEY
Motor Route 602 Motor Route 501

BELLEVUE
Motor Route 600

GLENN FERRY
Motor Route 507

JEROME
Motor Route 613

SHOSHONE
Route 413 200-500 S. Apple 200-500 W. B. St.

Route 416
200-700 W. 7th St. 100-500 N. Apple

If you live in these areas and are interested in being a newspaper carrier... Please contact Kathy, District Mgr. 735-3348

Routes Available Burley Area

Route 482 Burton to Park W 16th to W 20th

Route 405 Overland to Almo E 16th to E 10th

Route 407 Overland to Almo E 19th to E 27th

Routes Available Rupert Area

Route 419 K St-F St. Route 420 F St-S St. Route 421 K St-F St. Route 422 S. A. St. - E 8th St. Route 426 K St. - 11 St. E. Minico Jr. High - 12th.

If you live in any of these areas and are interested in delivering The Times-News please stop by our Burley office for an application. 230 E. Main

Routes Available

Route 813 100-300 Washington Street North 100-200 Addison Avenue West

Route 816 100-500 6th Ave. N. 100-500 7th Ave. N.

Route 817 100-100 9th Ave. N. 100-200 Fillmore St.

Route 859 200-400 Martin Street 100-600 Heyburn Avenue West

Route 865 100-200 Carney St. 300-400 Casa Grande

Route 872 900-1000 Blake St. N. 100-500 Robins Ave.

Route 878 400-600 Falls Ave. W. 400-900 Rosewood Drive

Route 882 1000-1300 Blake Street North

Route 883 400-700 Rideway Dr. 1000-1200 Wendall St.

Route 874 500-900 Falls Ave. W. 700-900 Wendall

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE
Big profits usually mean big risks. Before you do business with a company check it out with the Better Business Bureau. For free information about avoiding investment scams, write to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C., 20580, or call the National Fraud Information Center, 1-800-876-7060.

301 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
\$3,000 - \$4,000 per week income potential. No Selling Training provided. 1-800-750-0138.

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CERAMIC DEPOT
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Expand your business, start your own income.
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RECEIVING payments on real estate sold? We pay more for all types of loans, from Perfect to defaulted. Call (800)901-8391 or visit www.webuyloans.com

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EDUCATION

Classifieds
It pays to read the fine print.

Call Twin Falls 733-0331 or Burley 677-4042

401 SCHOOLS INSTRUCTIONS

Zion Lutheran Early Education and Day Care 2410 MILLER AVE. Burley, ID 83318

Now accepting applications for Preschool and 1st grade. Call now to register 877-273 or 878-7334

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

(Christian quality in the country) 3 year old pre-school. 4 year Pre-K. Kindergarten through 8th. Call 326-5198.

LIBERTY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
821 E. Ave. H Jerome, ID 208-324-1100

Now accepting enrollment for 1st-10th school year K-12

Bible based, Christ Centered Curriculum

Academic Excellence Character - Development Member of the ICSI Association of Christian Schools International 208-324-1100.

Registration for all grades: Pre-6th grade at Immanuel Lutheran School is now open. Open house Aug. 19, 2 pm-7 pm. We are state accredited with certified teacher. Enroll now at the Best School in the Area. 733-7820.

Sewing Lessons for kids
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"Different strokes for different folks."

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Omar Sharif is associated with the swashbuckling coup. But as he demonstrates in his latest book, "Omar Sharif Talks Bridge," there is a role for the humble safety play too.

In a pairs game, declaring four spades on a diamond lead, you would doubtless try your luck with a finesse. At teams, Omar took a different approach. He called for dummy's diamond six, and East did well when he won the trick with the diamond 4. East switched to a heart and Omar won with the ace. When he played the ace and king of trumps, West showed out, but declarer simply crossed to the diamond ace and took the marked finesse in trumps, proceeding to draw East's last trump with his queen.

The point of the deal is to consider how the play would have gone if it had been West who had turned up with four trumps to the jack and South had therefore needed to dispose of his high trumps. Declarer could still have finessed the diamond queen at this point, in an attempt to obtain his heart discard.

At the other table of the match, the contract and opening lead were the same. Declarer tried his luck with the diamond queen at trick one. Omar's teammate as East won with the king and returned a diamond, driving out the last entry to dummy. That left South unable to cope with the 4-1 trump break; down one.

North 08-24-4: N 6 5 2, S 6 4, W J 6 4, E A Q 6. East: A J 9 7 3, K 9 5, K 10 5 2, Q 3. South: A K Q 10 8, A 10, 9 4, A K 6 4. West: 4 hearts, 4 clubs, 5 diamonds, 6 spades.

Vulnerable: Neither Dealer: South The bidding: South West North East 1 Pass 1 NT Pass 2 Pass 3 All pass.

Opening lead: Diamond three

BID WITH THE ACES North 08-24-4: A K Q 10 8, A 10, 9 4, A K 6 4. South holds: 4 hearts, 4 clubs, 5 diamonds, 6 spades.

ANSWER: Rebid three no-trump and do not emphasize your black suits again, despite all your beautiful high cards there. You have already shown a 5-4 pattern and a game-forcing hand. When partner suggests diamonds (probably without a fit for you), you should be happy to let him play three no-trump.

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