

GOOD MORNING

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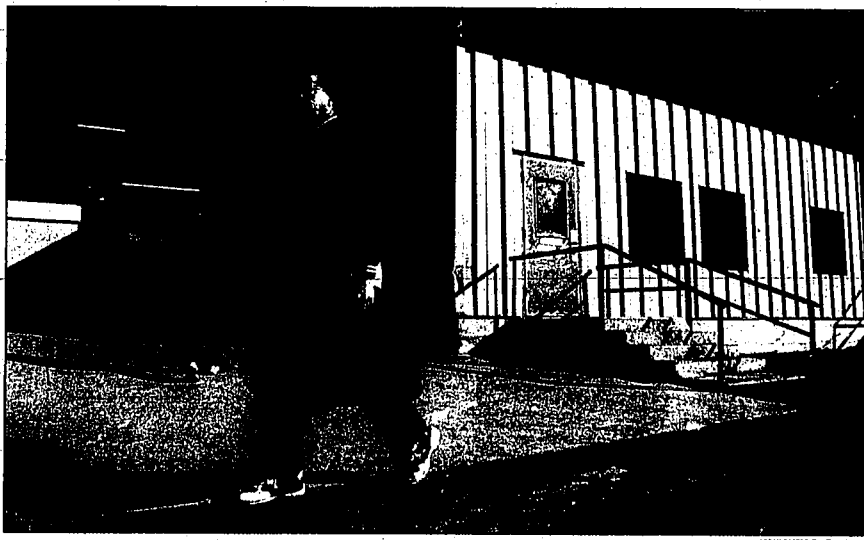
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Need vs. expense



With limited space at Jerome Middle School, eighth-grade math teacher Bob Hopper's classroom is next door inside a storage area at Century Elementary School.

School bond issue runs up against high tax rate

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

JEROME — For Paul and Xenia Williams, it's all about the money.

For the Williamses and other residents in the Jerome School District, a \$10.9 million bond issue comes down to the simple question: How much more property tax is a person willing to pay?

And school district officials are facing a serious obstacle come the March 2 bond issue election: one of the highest property tax rates in the state.

"I'm not going to vote for it," said Paul Williams, a critic of the bond issue. "Our taxes are high enough. What do these people think we're made of, money?"

The Williamses paid \$1,495.22 in property taxes in 1999 on their Jerome home, which has a taxable value of \$70,000. Here's where the money went:

- County taxes: \$275.74
- City taxes: \$548.12
- The school district: \$391.92
- The College of Southern Idaho: \$86
- County recreation: \$32.60

These taxes, among others, add up to a complex and big bill. In Jerome County's urban areas, property owners such as the Williamses pay \$22.08 per \$1,000 of taxable value. Only property owners in Bannock and Power counties pay more.

Many factors contribute to Jerome's high property tax rates, County Assessor Greg Heinrich said.

The county's tax base, or the value of the county's land and its businesses, is low.

The county has many needs, including funding for its recreation and school districts. The county has 19 taxing districts. Jerome County is one of only three Idaho counties (the others are Twin Falls and Kootenai) whose residents pay property taxes to support a community col-

lege.

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Property tax rates

Here's a look at the 1999 average property tax rates in Magic Valley counties, per \$1,000 of taxable value:

| County | Average urban | Average rural | Overall state average |
|------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Blaine | \$8.89 | \$5.49 | \$6.42 |
| Camas | \$16.12 | \$9.69 | \$10.64 |
| Cassia | \$15.64 | \$11.74 | \$12.76 |
| Elmore | \$19.90 | \$11.68 | \$15.15 |
| Gooding | \$18.06 | \$11.73 | \$13.16 |
| Jerome | \$22.08 | \$14.25 | \$16.28 |
| Lincoln | \$21.96 | \$13.04 | \$14.67 |
| Minidoka | \$15.48 | \$11.19 | \$12.52 |
| Twin Falls | \$18.85 | \$12.70 | \$16.10 |
| State | \$16.96 | \$11.96 | \$14.67 |

(Source: State Tax Commission)

Officials expect lower tax rates, even if bond issue passes

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

JEROME — Residents could see a decline in their property tax bills, even if they pass a \$10.9 million bond issue on March 2, Jerome School District officials say.

The levy for the school district could drop, because a supplemental levy is expiring this year.

Local property owners would see an even lower levy rate if the bond issue does not pass.

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Republican candidates blitz Michigan

McCain challenges Bush's 'reformer' claim

The Washington Post

LIVONIA, Mich. — Scrambling to refocus his presidential campaign after a major setback in South Carolina, John McCain sharply challenged George W. Bush's credentials as a political reformer, telling an enthusiastic audience here Sunday. "If he's a reformer, I'm an astronaut," McCain's attack on Bush's record on state spending and campaign finance reform underscored his determination to recapture the reform mantle that helped win the New Hampshire primary but which the Texas governor took away in the hard-fought South Carolina race.

With important primaries

Arizona is still a race — A3

Tuesday in Michigan and Arizona, McCain continued to appeal for support among independents and Democrats Sunday. But after losing Republicans in South Carolina by nearly 40 percentage points, he also sought to rebuild support within his party.

"I am a proud conservative Republican with a 17-year voting record," McCain said on NBC's "Meet The Press." "In fact, far more conservative in many respects than Governor Bush."

McCain faces hurdles as he attempts to put his candidacy back on track after an unexpected



Sen. John McCain speaks during a rally Sunday in Grand Rapids, Mich.

ly big loss Saturday. Having vowed not to run negative or response ads, the Arizona senator

must find an effective way to fight back against Bush without Please see PRIMARIES, Page A2

Sun activity boils to a stormy peak

Los Angeles Times

The sun may seem a placid presence — purveyor of glowing sunsets and gentle rays. But next weekend local star will enter the peak of its mysterious 11-year cycle, a period of furious activity and violent space storms.

The solar maximum, as it is called, is an interval of months marked by wrenching solar activity that hurls billion-ton blasts of X-rays and radioactive particles toward Earth. Such blasts can disable satellites, knock out navigational systems and darken entire cities by frying electrical grids.

As if on schedule, a space storm was expected to hit Earth overnight Sunday — the effect of two solar flares that erupted from the sun Thursday. A storm in 1989 knocked out power in Quebec for more than nine hours and sent garage doors in San Francisco flapping open and closed. A storm in 1859 lighted skies over Cuba with colorful displays of northern lights and quieted the communications technology of the day: the telegraph.

—The current maximum is hitting an Earth that is increasingly vulnerable, one whose inhabitants are more reliant on space satellites, interconnected power grids and sky pagers. Five years ago, there were 250 satellites in orbit. Today, there are an estimated 800.

"Technology is getting so advanced, so pervasive and so sensitive, that the small perturbations space storms cause are becoming dangerous," said George Siscoe, a Boston University astronomer.

Solar effects on earth

- The following can all be affected by space storms:
- ☐ **Humans:** There is little evidence that solar storms affect people on the ground or on airplanes, but they could dangerously irradiate astronauts in space.
 - ☐ **Communications:** Ions emitted by the sun can disrupt or reflect radio frequencies, distorting signals.
 - ☐ **Navigation systems:** Signals used by airplanes and ships can be disrupted. With warning, navigators can switch to backup signals.
 - ☐ **Satellites:** Heating of the upper atmosphere during storms can slow

satellites and change their orbits. Ions can damage a satellite's microelectronics.

- ☐ **Power plants:** Solar storms can send magnetic currents to the Earth; these can disable transformers and cause sudden blackouts.
- ☐ **Climate:** Sunspot activity appears to be linked to long-scale climate cycles, like those that influenced the ice ages. Whether sunspots affect day-to-day weather remains a topic of debate.
- ☐ **Wildlife:** Solar activity may affect animals, such as pigeons and whales, that navigate using the Earth's magnetic field.

'Shock therapy'

Reapportionment puts legislature's focus on rural Idaho

The Associated Press

BOISE — The Idaho Legislature, long dominated by rural interests representing the state's historic sources of wealth, is preparing to undergo what a Farm Bureau spokesman called "shock therapy for the political process."

Legislative districts will be redrawn starting next year based on April's 2000 census. A decade of rapid growth and even more rapid urbanization since 1990 will be reflected, with more power and influence shifting to the Treasure Valley and Panhandle population centers at the expense of rural eastern and southern Idaho.

Along with term limits, which will have a more dramatic impact on lightly populated areas than on larger cities, changes at the Statehouse wrought by reapportionment figure to leave rural and conservative communities struggling to be heard over the urban din of high-tech and service-industry interests.

So what are rural residents and businesses, and the legislators who represent them, to do in preparation for this cold new world?

"It's the worst of times in agriculture, mining and timber, and I don't expect that to change in any great degree. It's a long, slow, unfortunate decline," Senate Democratic Floor Leader Clint Stennett of Ketchum said. "Any protection that rural Idaho is able to gain for itself in order to insure its economic viability is probably a good thing."

Time and again this session, lawmakers have framed debates in terms of the impact on rural Idaho.

In some cases, like a proposal to change how a share of sales tax revenue is distributed to local governments, the connection is obvious. But in others, such as a move to force cable companies' high-speed lines open to competing Internet-service providers, invoking the potential impact on rural Idaho might seem a stretch but may actually be indicative of legislators' nagging concerns.

With just two sessions left before the reapportioned election, time is running out and insulating constituencies against the coming sea change is becoming an urgent need.

Dan Goicoechea, information director for the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, said groups like his have had it pretty easy. Little convincing on issues is necessary when many of the lawmakers involved are farmers and ranchers themselves.

"The learning curve has already been conquered because the legislators came from where we are. Now there's going to have to be the education of people who come from urban areas," he said. "Urbanites don't understand because there's no reason for them to have understood. It's our job to explain those things."



THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 34 Low: 18
Cloudy with a good chance of light snow or rain. Clouds decrease tonight.

Treasure Valley

High: 53 Low: 33
Cloudy with a good chance of rain. Clouds decrease tonight.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 42 Low: 21
Rain likely, with snow above 6000 feet. Cloudy with chance of snow tonight.

Eastern Idaho

High: 45 Low: 27
Cloudy with a chance of rain. Snow possible tonight. Mostly cloudy tomorrow.

Northern Idaho

High: 41 Low: 31
Cloudy with a chance of light rain or snow. Same tonight and tomorrow.

Northern Utah

High: 48 Low: 32
Cloudy and breezy with a good chance of rain. Rain or snow likely tonight and tomorrow.

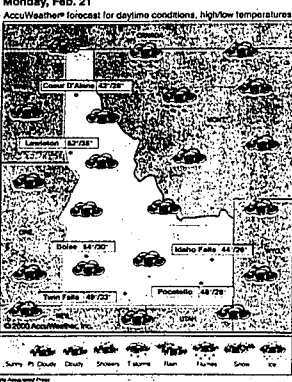
Northern Nevada

High: 47 Low: 32
Cloudy and breezy with a good chance of rain. Rain or snow likely tonight and tomorrow.

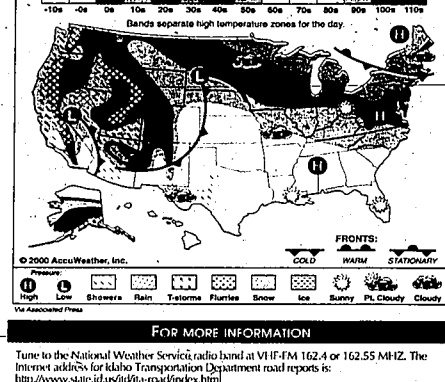
MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

| Today | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| High: 49 Low: 33 Cloudy and breezy. Good chance of rain. | High: 45 Low: 32 Partly cloudy. | High: 47 Low: 35 Rain likely. | High: 43 Low: 32 Cloudy with chance of rain or snow. | High: 40 Low: 28 Cloudy with chance of rain or snow. |

Idaho weather



National weather



YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

| Twin Falls | Precipitation |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Yesterday 45 28 | Yesterday in Twin Falls .00 |
| Last year 37 21 | Month to date: n/a |
| Normal 44 24 | Normal mo. to date: .66 |
| | Water year to date: 2.33 |
| | Normal year to date: 4.80 |

Idaho Highs/Lows

| City | Max | Min | Pcp | Idaho: High | Low |
|---------------|-----|-----|-------|---------------------|-------------|
| Boise | 52 | 29 | ..... | degrees | Burley, 52 |
| Burley | 52 | 29 | ..... | degrees | Stanley, 52 |
| Coeur d'Alene | 36 | 24 | ..... | Nation: High: 84 | at |
| Grangeville | m | m | ..... | Opa Locka, Fla.: 84 | |
| Idaho Falls | m | m | ..... | -17 | at West |
| Lewiston | m | m | ..... | Yellowstone, Mont. | |
| Malad | m | m | ..... |  |  |
| Malla | m | m | ..... |  |  |
| McCall | 31 | 1 | ..... |  |  |
| Pocatello | 44 | 21 | ..... |  |  |
| Salmon | 30 | 9 | ..... |  |  |
| Stanley | 26 | -8 | ..... |  |  |
| Sun Valley | m | m | ..... |  |  |

The Nation

| City | Max | Min | Pcp |
|----------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Albuquerque | 62 | 36 | ..... |
| Anchorage | 50 | 33 | ..... |
| Arlington | 57 | 29 | ..... |
| Boston | 34 | 29 | ..... |
| Chicago | 47 | 25 | ..... |
| Dallas | 66 | 19 | ..... |
| Denver | 60 | 39 | ..... |
| Des Moines | 60 | 36 | ..... |
| Detroit | 33 | 28 | ..... |
| Honolulu | 80 | 66 | ..... |
| Houston | 68 | 42 | ..... |
| Indianapolis | 43 | 31 | ..... |
| Kansas City | 56 | 26 | ..... |
| Las Vegas | 57 | 30 | ..... |
| Los Angeles | 62 | 60 | ..... |
| Memphis | 63 | 39 | ..... |
| Miami Beach | 82 | 65 | ..... |
| Milwaukee | 35 | 23 | ..... |
| Minneapolis | 60 | 37 | ..... |
| New Orleans | 64 | 43 | ..... |
| New York | 39 | 31 | ..... |
| Phoenix | 63 | 33 | ..... |
| Philadelphia | 47 | 16 | ..... |
| Portland, Me. | 36 | 24 | ..... |
| Portland, Ore. | 50 | 35 | ..... |
| Raleigh | 51 | 31 | ..... |
| St. Louis | 51 | 29 | ..... |
| Salt Lake City | 55 | 26 | ..... |
| Seattle | 58 | 43 | ..... |
| Spokane | 49 | 25 | ..... |
| Washington | 49 | 55 | ..... |
| Yuma | 74 | 55 | ..... |

UV INDEX

Call the following number for road conditions in Idaho: 1-888-IDA-ROAD (1-888-432-7623).

ROAD INFORMATION

Some moderate snows were found east and southeast Lake Ontario. Other snow showers fell over Michigan. High pressure moving towards the lower Ohio Valley started to cut away at clouds.

ACROSS THE NATION

Nation: Some snow fell in the Northeast on Sunday, while mostly fair conditions dominated the Southeast. Rain fell over much of the West.

Scattered showers also fell north across Oregon and northern Nevada.

Temperatures across the Lower 48 ranged from a low of minus 17 in West Yellowstone, Mont., to an early-afternoon high of 81 at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. With the wind chill, it felt like minus 30 in Jackson, Wyo.

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 6:18 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:25 a.m.
Lunar phase: Last quarter, Feb. 26; new, March 6; first quarter, March 13; full, March 19.

Primaries

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breaking that pledge — and put enough strength behind the message to make sure the voters hear quickly.

His angry concession speech Saturday night threatened to open a bitter rift with members of his own party, many of whom regarded his comments as intemperate and a mistake. Even some aides fear the speech, in which McCain suggested a fight and won by employing a "negative message of fear" in South Carolina, was too strong.

McCain partially backed away from those remarks on Sunday, but charged "it's obvious that negative ads were the entire campaign in South Carolina." He also restated his belief that Bush "twists the truth like a president Clinton," the message of a negative ad that both McCain and Bush advisers believe hurt McCain with voters.

McCain vowed to stay in the race until the big round of primaries March 7, even if he loses Tuesday's critical primary in Michigan, where the most recent public poll shows the race a toss-up. McCain said he expects to win Arizona, but Bush's campaign has put money and muscle into the campaign there hoping a strong enough showing will tarnish the senator in his home state.

Bush won South Carolina by 53 percent to 42 percent, with Alan Keyes grabbing the other 5 percent, after a turnout that roughly doubled the level of participation four years ago.

McCain's advisers had

assumed a large turnout would guarantee victory there, given the senator's strong support from independents and Democrats in the open primary. But Bush carried the day with an unprecedented surge of Republican votes.

"It was a huge turnout and it benefited me because people were excited about my candidacy," Bush told CBS's "Face The Nation."

On the campaign trail Sunday, Bush focused as much of his fire at Vice President Al Gore as at McCain, an apparent shift in strategy after the daily pounding of McCain in South Carolina.

With exit polls showing that more South Carolinians saw Bush as the reform candidate, McCain was particularly harsh Sunday in condemning Bush's record on campaign finance reform, long the signature issue of McCain's candidacy. "Campaign finance reform is the heart of any reform," he told a crowd of 600 people there who waved flags and cheered him wildly. "In five years as governor of the state of Texas, Governor Bush never made a proposal in a state where unlimited contributions are the order of the day."

"We're going to play fair and we're going to stay positive," said Dan Schnur, McCain's communications director. "But the lesson we learned from South Carolina is that if George Bush tells people he's a reformer and no one else tells them otherwise, they're going to believe him."

McCain also took aim at Bush's

credentials as a fiscal conservative, claiming state spending in Texas has increased 35 percent under Bush, which he said, out-paced spending increases under Clinton. The Bush campaign said that, after adjusting for inflation and population growth, Bush has slowed the rate of spending in Texas.

McCain advisers said McCain's plan to pour a substantial part of the future surpluses into Social Security and debt reduction would appeal to economic conservatives, who they said will play a larger role in upcoming GOP primaries than they did in South Carolina. "We got off message in South Carolina," Schnur said.

McCain was relaxed Sunday, traveling with conservative Gary Bauer and Sen. Fred D. Thompson, R-Tenn., telling jokes with fitness, even adding some new ones to his repertoire, and regaining some of the fire he has shown on the stump.

"We took a punch yesterday, but we got up off the floor. I've gotten up off the floor. I've taken a few punches, I've crashed a few airplanes, I spent a couple of years in a hotel where there was no mint on the pillow," he said, referring to his 5 1/2 year as a prisoner of war.

He added, "We won round one (New Hampshire). Governor Bush won round two (South Carolina). Now we are in round three and it's going to be here in the state of Michigan."

McCain declared that his goal is to transform the GOP. "We are in this fight for the heart and soul of the Republican Party in America," he said. "Our party has lost its way. We've got to have a party of reform... Not a party of exclusion, not a party of the special interests, not a party of these pork-barrelers in Washington, D.C. We've lost our way since Ronald Reagan was elected in 1980."

Bush exuded confidence and said he would try to unite his party and remain an optimistic campaigner.

Taxes

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paying for now.

Currently, the levy rate is \$6.13 per \$1,000 of taxable property.

If the bond issue passes, the rate would drop to \$5.23. That rate would start in December and would last until June 2001, Gibson said.

After June 2001, Gibson said officials anticipate even lower levy rates.

"We anticipate the levy rate to actually start to lower based on the fact that we are seeing growth in the area," Gibson said. "When those things happen, it caused our levy rates to be lower. If the property value of the county grows then the levy rate would be going lower."

But property owners could see an even lower levy rate if the bond issue fails.

If the bond issue does not pass and the supplemental levy is paid off, the district's levy rate would probably drop to \$4.15.

But that's if nothing else occurs, Gibson said.

"We're estimating that without anything happening," Gibson said. "But the problem isn't just going to go away. I'm sure we'll

be looking at some interim solution. We could get money and put in additional classrooms or rent out portables."

If Jerome does not grow, then the property tax rate could go up. But some Jerome County residents said people are better off without the bond issue.

"It's not going to cost less," Jerome resident Paul Williams said. "How could adding another \$10.9 million to what we already owe cost less?"

Officials contend that something needs to be done about the county's school situation, regardless of cost.

The bond issue involves no additions or refurbishing of existing buildings, unlike the supplemental levy which kicked in this year. That levy paid for eight new classroom additions at the high school.

The bond issue focuses solely on building a new middle school facility. The school district bought a 23-acre site for \$142,000 for the middle school. That property is next to the high school in Jerome.

If the middle school is built, it would be for grades seven through nine. Ninth-grade students

would be moved from the high school into the middle school. That would help overcrowding problems at the high school, Superintendent Jim Cobble said.

But if the school isn't built, ninth-graders will continue to attend the high school, he said.

And officials are concerned that increased enrollment in the future will only crowd already existing facilities, making a new middle school even more necessary.

Ten-year enrollment statistics from the Idaho Department of Education show the district experienced steady enrollment growth between 1990 and 1996, when it rose by 17 percent from 2,697 students to 3,161 students. Since then, enrollment has dropped by 4 percent, to 3,042 in 1999.

But officials, including Cobble, said student numbers are easing back upward and the district sees indications that growth will continue.

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Jerome

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lego.

The Williamses say they have had enough tax and don't want any more.

They said the current bond issue proposal, a drop in price from past proposals of \$13.9 million and \$12.6 million, would still add to an already heavily taxed county.

And enough voters have seen it the same way to strike down four previous bond issues.

What's going to take to pass the bond issue, which officials have said is necessary to reduce overcrowding in Jerome's schools and enhance the community tax base?

"I don't have an answer to that," said Jim Cobble, the

Jerome School District's superintendent. "It's really a complex issue on why or why not it might pass. I have the high property tax rate as an issue. But the only issue I have is that there is a need."

Cobble said the current high school and middle school facilities are too small for the current student enrollment.

In all, 950 students attend Jerome High School, a school originally built for 600 students.

But that's an exaggeration, Paul Williams said.

"We don't need another middle school," he said, adding that officials can make do with what they have already.

But school district officials said they are optimistic.

If a bond issue passes on March 2, a new middle school could be up and going by the fall of 2002, school district officials said.

"If it fails, it will be back to the drawing board for district officials, who said they would try to find a workable compromise with residents to get a new middle school built."

"If it did not pass it would be a continuation of trying to analyze components that might pass," Cobble said. "For my personal statement, I would quote Winston Churchill who said, 'Never give up.'"

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Washington's teeth go on display

The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — They are known as America's most famous feline teeth.

Yet contrary to a popular myth that has survived more than 200 years, George Washington's dentures were never made of wood.

They were, however, constructed of almost everything else.

Cattle teeth, lead, gold, elephant ivory and hippopotamus bone were all used at some point to create dentures to relieve the Revolutionary War general's life-long mouthful of agony.

The "oral" history of the nation's first president — whose Feb. 22 birthday has evolved into the Presidents Day holiday — is on display at the Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry at the University of Maryland's Dental School in Baltimore.

A room on the second floor of the dentistry museum is dedicated to Washington's bouts with several sets of dentures and the letters he sent seeking help from his favorite dentist.

Museum operators use Washington's set of wood to warn schoolchildren to take care of their teeth.

NATION

Cops use raid to find dorm fire witnesses

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Frustrated by an investigation grown cold, authorities used a raid on underage drinking at a popular bar to round up potential witnesses to a deadly dorm fire at Seton Hall University, The Star-Ledger of Newark reported Sunday.

Nearly a dozen of the students arrested during the raid at the New Hall Tavern just before 1:30 a.m. Friday were given subpoenas to testify Tuesday before a grand jury looking into the fire, the newspaper said. Investigators had expected the group to be at the bar.

The Jan. 19 blaze killed three freshmen and injured 62 people. Law enforcement sources, whom the newspaper did not identify, said their investigation has been hampered because some students have been withholding information.

According to the newspaper, investigators believe the fire was deliberately set and they are focusing on three freshmen. All three were in the bar early Friday, and at least one was given a subpoena, the paper said.

"I'm not going to confirm or deny anything regarding grand jury subpoenas," Charlotte Smith, executive assistant prosecutor for Essex County, said Sunday. She refused to discuss or make any comment on the fire investigation.

The three freshmen have been interviewed once but have since retained lawyers and have refused to give investigators further interviews, the paper said.

Grand jury witnesses must answer questions without their lawyers present, although they can decline to make statements incriminating themselves.

Officers charged 37 people in the tavern with underage drinking. The bar's owner, John Holland, 56, of Cedar Grove, was charged with serving minors, was sequestered and held on an unregistered handgun and other offenses.



Performers from the Broadway musical 'Cats' appear in this undated handout photograph. 'Cats,' the longest-running show in Broadway history, is set to close in June after a record-breaking 7,397 performances.

Record-setting 'Cats' put to sleep

NEW YORK (AP) — The cast and fans of "Cats" on Sunday coped with the news that the longest-running show in Broadway history will be closing, sharing tears, hugs and even a few smiles.

"When I first heard the news, I was devastated," said Hector

Montalvo, a Manhattan computer software salesman who said he has seen the show 670 times. As he stood in line for another performance Sunday, tears streamed down his face.

"This is such a sad thing, but I guess all good things must come to an end," he said.

The musical, which has a score by Andrew Lloyd Webber, will bring down the curtain June 25, nearly two decades after it opened at Broadway's Winter Garden Theater. There will have been a record-breaking 7,397 performances.

Medicare cuts hurt W.V.'s elderly and disabled

ST. ALBANS, W.Va. (AP) — Fifty-eight weeks buried inside the Balanced Budget act kept 83-year-old Anna Thomas from receiving a series of stroke-preventing blood tests: For 18 months, she went without the tests, which cost about \$80 each.

She suffered a stroke in late December. On New Year's Day, she died.

Her family blames her death on legislation that cut an estimated \$205 billion from Medicare, the federal program for the elderly and disabled. The cuts deemed Thomas and 5,400 other state residents ineligible for home health care.

administrator at Roane General Hospital.

In the 2.5 years since the Medicare cuts were enacted, West Virginia's health care industry has taken a nose-dive.

Twenty home health agencies have closed, Man Appalachian Regional Hospital is on the brink of closing and a chain of nursing homes has filed for bankruptcy. Hospitals have also closed rural clinics and skilled nursing facilities, reduced services, eliminated patient beds and cut staff — just to break even.

"All the easy cost shifts and management tricks you can make — they're all gone," said Robert Hammer, chief executive of Davis Memorial Hospital in Elkins.

"We're to the point now where we don't have anywhere left to cut. So the next thing is, we start cutting services."

Wesley Virginia Hospital Association estimates the state's 69 hospitals will lose \$525 million over five years. The West Virginia Council of Home Health Care Agencies says the state's remaining 71 home health companies are each losing about \$180,000 a year. The state's 85 county health departments have already lost \$4.9 million.

Beyond the closings, losses and layoffs are the faces of West Virginia's elderly. Health care professionals say many patients are discharged from hospitals too early, then end up in the emergency room because they can't get the home health services they need to recover.

In Thomas' case, these 58 words cut off her home treatment:

"Venipuncture (drawing of blood for the purpose of obtaining a blood sample) will be excluded from the eligibility criteria for intermittent skilled nursing ser-

VICES, under the home health benefit. If venipuncture for the purpose of obtaining a blood sample is the only skilled service that is needed by the beneficiary, that individual will not qualify for home health."

No, no nurse visited Thomas at home to monitor the medicine she was taking to ward off another stroke. Even with her daughter tending to her, paralysis made trips to a hospital or clinic for the frequent tests an unrealistic option.

"Why did they have to do it to the senior citizens, who can't fight for themselves?" daughter Ann Blevins asked in November, when her mother was still alive.

"They didn't even consider what it would do to the older people," she said. "It was wrong to a lot of people, and it was wrong to my mother. It was wrong."

Many others affected by the cuts face long drives on narrow mountain roads to receive basic medical service that local clinics once offered.

"We're starting to see re-admissions of these patients increase," Hammer said. "They are getting into health trouble because they don't have the services they need and that is a trend statewide and nationwide."

State lawmakers say they don't have the money to do anything

Aging spacecraft faces dangerous encounter

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Galileo will make its closest flyby of Jupiter's volcanic moon Io this week as controllers race to put it through ever riskier maneuvers before the aging spacecraft conks out.

Mission managers acknowledge the risks but say they want to make the most of what will likely be the spacecraft's final months, Galileo, circling the solar system's largest planet for more than four years, long ago exceeded expectations.

"We've done the job," said Jim Erickson, Galileo's project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "Now we're getting to see how much more we can milk it."

On Tuesday, the 2.5-ton orbiter will fly within 124 miles of Io in a maneuver that will bombard the probe with immense radiation. Previous orbits near the fiery moon crippled Galileo's computer, though engineers managed to restart it each time.

Galileo is tentatively scheduled to zoom by the moon Ganymede in May and December.

Discussions are under way about future plans, including a possible suicide plunge into Jupiter's atmosphere.

NASA expects the \$1.4-billion probe to last forever. It has been on an extended mission since completing its primary goals in 1997. Fuel for maneuvering is running low, navigation equipment is failing, and Galileo has encountered twice as much radiation as it was designed to withstand.

Engineers say the risks of extreme maneuvers are balanced by the potential science returns.

"The possibility that there is going to be a failure is always there," Erickson said. "We're way past warranty and we're incrementally pushing our luck, but that's a good thing to do."

In October, Galileo flew within 380 miles of Io, revealing what may be the most volcanically active body in the solar system. The spacecraft found more than 100 volcanoes, some of which spewed 2,700-degree lava and vented gases miles into space.

A month later, Galileo flew within 186 miles of the surface. Its camera captured lava spurting more than a mile high. Engineers were kept busy as the spacecraft's computer shut down hours before closest approach.

"With each flyby we get new and different observations," said Torrence Johnson, Galileo's project scientist. "This time, we expect to be able to observe the effects of some eruptions we saw in the October and November flybys."

Spying volcanoes is just one of Galileo's achievements. In January, during a flyby of the moon Europa, the spacecraft made what may be its most remarkable finding: Magnetic field disturbances that strongly suggest a saltwater ocean exists beneath the icy crust.

It is the evidence yet that an ocean similar to that of Earth exists elsewhere in the solar system — and that raises the possibility of life.

Astronauts squeeze in one last day of Earth mapping

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour's astronauts squeezed in one last day of Earth mapping on Sunday, giving scientists more radar data than they had expected a week ago.

By the time the astronauts pull in their 197-foot radar mast Monday morning, they will have surveyed three-quarters of the world's terrain.

That equates to 43.5 million square miles mapped at least twice. Double imaging is needed to create ultraprecise 3-D maps of

the planet's peaks and valleys, as far north as Alaska and as far south as the tip of South America.

NASA and its partner, the National Imagery and Mapping Agency, expect the maps to be the most complete and accurate maps ever produced.

The Defense Department will use the maps to improve its aim of missiles and its deployment of troops. Most everyone else will have to settle for less precise data because of national security issues.

Mayor's son made threats to 'shoot up' high school, police say

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — The mayor's 21-year-old son was taken into custody after threatening to shoot up the local high school during an argument with a bus driver, police said.

No charges were filed against Dan Andrews Weekley, the son of Mayor Jimmy Weekley. He eventually was released and driven home by police after the incident Thursday night.

Bus driver Robert Roberts told

authorities that Weekley, a community college student, had boarded the bus and refused to pay the full fare.

An argument ensued, and Weekley allegedly said: "You are messing with a student, the future of our country. That's OK. I will shoot up the high school."

"It was a dumb thing for him to have done," his father said. "He made a smart-aleck remark. It was just an argument with a bus driver."

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Iranian reformers gain political ground

Reformists target hard-line monopoly

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A former intelligence minister whose agents were accused of killing political enemies was among leading hard-liners going down to defeat Sunday as it became increasingly clear that Iranians want a reform-minded parliament.

If the returns from Friday's election continue to favor the reformists, as is likely, it will be the first time the parliament is free of hard-line domination since the 1979 Islamic revolution brought the clergy to power. Results had been announced Sunday for 190 of the 290 seats in the Majlis, or parliament. Winners are listed only by name, not affiliation, but a background check of the candidates by The Associated Press showed the winners included 137 reformists — or 72 percent.

Conservatives had taken 44 seats, or 23 percent, and independents had nine seats, or 5 percent. The Interior Ministry, in charge of the elections, will announce the final results when they become known later this week.

Meanwhile, four provincial cities were reported calm after election-related violence Saturday that left eight dead, Kayhan newspaper reported.

The paper said three teen-agers were killed and 10 injured when police fired into a crowd that was trying to get into the governor's office in the town of Dash-e-Azadegan. The young men were angry that their candidate did not win, the paper said. It did not give the candidate's affiliation.

Five people were reportedly killed in the town of Shush in clashes with police. They were protesting the re-election of a candidate they accused of vote-buying, the paper said.



Abdollah Nouri, home on leave from prison

Two jailed reformers go home on leave

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Two popular reformists jailed by hard-liners for religious dissent have been allowed to go home on leave, a relative and a newspaper said Sunday. Abdollah Nouri, a former interior minister, arrived home Sunday from the Evin prison in northern Tehran, his relative said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The other reformist, Mohsen Kadivar, was freed Saturday on leave, the pro-reform Hammihan newspaper said Sunday. It said he was freed under a law that allows a one-week leave after every three-

month period of imprisonment. Nouri, whose leave lasts until Wednesday, seemed relaxed and in good spirits at his home in northern Tehran. It was not clear why his leave was only four days. He was surrounded by family, friends, and local journalists. The head of Iranian President Mohammad Khatami's office, Mohammad Abtahi, was the only official present.

Nouri said he was being well-treated in prison and had "settled" nicely. "It's not that bad," he said.

Conservatives bring about own defeat

By Vijay Joshi
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's hard-line ruling clergy wanted only to spice up the 1997 presidential race when they approved the moderate candidacy of a relatively unknown mullah named Mohammad Khatami.

Instead, Khatami's surprising landslide victory set in motion a reform-juggernaut that, according to weekend results, was sweeping hard-liners out of Parliament, dealing another blow to their shrinking influence.

Reform candidates — who have promised to create a civil society with individual and political freedoms — are riding on Khatami's success, popularity and vision.

Khatami's election has been sanctified by the reformist movement. As a candidate, Khatami became a magnet for closet liberals and provided hope to the youth and women groaning under the rigid rules enforced in the name of Islam.

ly, was a cleric who understood their frustrations and promised something different. He won 20 million of the 29 million votes cast. Khatami, a soft-spoken scholar, does not advocate doing away with the Islamic system that came with the 1979 revolution, but his moderate interpretation of the religion has been widely accepted by Iranians, most of them devout Muslims.

More importantly, Khatami gave Iranians the confidence to criticize the clergy, which saw itself as the interpreter of God's word and beyond reproach.

Until Khatami's election, presidential races in Iran were stage-managed. The Council of Guardians, a hard-line clique, would nominate the clerical contestants, usually one heavyweight and other unknowns. People had little confidence in the elections and turnout was low.

The 1997 race changed all that. Though an outsider, Khatami, a former culture minister, was not totally unknown. After Khatami's victory, The hard-liners fought back. Using the judiciary under their control, they

shut down reformist newspapers. In response, the pro-Khatami Culture Ministry gave licenses to others. The president's allies were jailed by the judiciary; the reformist interior minister was impeached by the outgoing hard-line dominated Parliament; intellectuals and students' groups were attacked by hard-line vigilantes.

But every hard-line blow only made the reformists more popular. Khatami became a superhero. Khatami's main advantage is that he is not an outsider trying to vanquish the system but an insider trying to change it.

As it became clear that people are bent on change, the hard-liners have also started backing down. The conservative Council of Guardians, which screened all candidates for the parliamentary elections, allowed hundreds of reformers to run. In previous elections, it had rejected liberal candidates on spurious grounds.

The council, which also vets legislation, is unlikely to block the new Parliament for fear of angering the people, said Mohammadreza Zohdi, editor of the independent Arya newspaper.



Serbs throw rocks against U.S. troops leaving the northern part of Kosovo's Mitrovica, in Kosovo Sunday. U.S. and German troops had to leave the northern sector of the town when they faced tension by Serbs while conducting a house-to-house search for weapons.

NATO troops conduct weapons search in Kosovo

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia (AP) — About 2,500 NATO-led soldiers fanned out across this ethnically divided Kosovo town early Sunday, conducting a massive operation of house-to-house searches for weapons, a NATO spokesman said, after weeks of violent clashes here.

Troops from 12 countries, including the United States, France, Germany and Canada, set out shortly after dawn to conduct a major sweep in selected areas of both the Serb and ethnic Albanian-controlled sides of town. Lt. Cmdr. Philip Anido, a NATO spokesman said, they were assisted by scores of U.N. police.

The soldiers in Sunday's operation were going from "house to house and building to building," searching areas where peacekeepers suspect there might be weapons and criminal activity



2,500 NATO-led soldiers conduct house searches for weapons.

linked to the violence of the past several weeks, Anido said. He said earlier that anyone found with weapons or "suspected of spreading hatred and violence" would be arrested. The search was expected to last for several days, Anido said.

This break nonstop movie-watching record

BANGKOK, Thailand — Sixty-four weary Thais broke a world record Sunday for nonstop movie watching.

Starting on Friday, 468 people began the film marathon, but only 15 remained by the end of the 51-hour ordeal. They easily surpassed the previous record of 37 hours and 25 minutes.

Staff at the Entertainment Global Village cinema in Bangkok uncorked the champagne before 4 a.m. Sunday, as contestants kept their eyes glued to "As Good As It Gets," starring Jack Nicholson, their 19th movie. Contestants were allowed to take only five-minute rests after every movie and another 15 minutes at the end of three movies for meals.

Italy closes main routes to blow up WWII bomb

ROME — Italy shut down a central stretch of its major north-south rail and road routes and evacuated hundreds of people Sunday to blow up a newly uncovered American-made bomb dropped in World War II.

The rusted bomb contained about 550 pounds of TNT, authorities said. Explosives experts deemed it too fragile to dig out or disarm. Instead, they excavated a crater and used plastic explosives to destroy the bomb from afar.

The explosives team may have more work ahead of it — officials said Sunday they had found another unexploded World War II bomb in the same area, this one at the foot of a railway bridge. Authorities did not immediately announce their plans for that bomb.

Terror investigation suspect goes free in Mauritania

NOUAKHOTT, Mauritania — Three weeks after his arrest, a Mauritanian suspected of plotting bomb attacks against the United States has been released. Mohamedou Ould Slahi was

World in brief

released by Mauritanian authorities "for lack of proof" on Saturday and returned to his home in Nouakchott, the capital of this West African nation, the man's brother, Hamoud Ould Slahi, said Sunday.

Sources: Former Mexican governor talking surrender
MEXICO CITY — After nearly a year on the run, a former Mexican governor facing drug trafficking charges has apparently grown weary, offering hints that he might surrender.

Mario Villanueva said in an interview by the magazine Milenio that he would consider turning himself in if there was agreement not to bring charges against his family and to return some \$5 million and other property seized from him. He denied drug trafficking.

And three sources with direct knowledge of the investigation, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that interview has led to contacts between Villanueva and prominent political figures, though details remained unclear.

Royal employee loses job for talk of poisoning queen

LONDON — A porter in the royal kitchen has been fired after allegedly telling colleagues that she could easily poison Queen Elizabeth II. Buckingham Palace said Sunday.

Monica Traub, 46, who allegedly made her comments at the queen's home at Sandringham in eastern England, said she was shocked to hear of her dismissal. Traub added that she remembered "having a conversation with a cook about how easy it would be to interfere with food for the royal table. (But) I can't believe I have been sacked for that."

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America's national parks cannot be child-proofed

From The Salt Lake Tribune

There is a legitimate case for extra steps aimed at safety in America's national parks, but if negligence lawsuits keep being filed against the National Park Service when visitors are hurt or killed, the parks will be but a side trip on the way to the real destination: a trial lawyer's office.

Utah's national parks are seeing more lawsuits. In

March 1997, Tyler Egertz, 12, was killed when he slipped in one of the Emerald Pools in Zion National Park and was swept over a 100-foot precipice. His park service for \$3.5 million in damages in a case that may go to trial this summer.

In 1993, two adult Boy Scout leaders died during a hike in Zion's Kolob Canyon. Kinfolk filed a lawsuit, which also named a local water district as a defendant. It was settled out of court for the worthy sum of \$2.25 million.

In 1998, a tourist at Capitol Reef National Park fell off a ladder while picking fruit and broke a leg. This, too, has resulted in a lawsuit. Though no dollar amount is specified, money naturally is being sought. This case is yet to go to trial.

The money for all these suits, of course, comes from taxpayers. Their taxes support the park service, pay its employees and now are expected to

pay lawyers and their clients, too.

Sometimes, like the Emerald Pools, appear benign, although danger lurks. That's probably what happened to Tyler Egertz. The pool, with a small streamlet running through it, looked as safe and inviting as a backyard wading pool. Perhaps warning signs and fences - since installed at the Emerald Pools - are appropriate here, although no number of signs or fences can substitute for prudent adult supervision in the case of children or reckless adults who choose not to heed warnings.

The National Park Service has a duty to take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of visitors to its sites. However, it would be remiss in its custodial - its chief - duty if it were obliged to bowdlerize the land, its features, and sites under its sway.

If it is forced to do with the parks what manufacturers have to do with their products to keep trial lawyers at bay, there will be little need to preserve the sites since they will be but feeble versions of what they were when added to the park system.

There is a limit to making the natural world safe for children or the most dull-witted adults, if the aim is to keep it natural. Death, and even injury, are part of life. No number of whining babysitters, avaricious attorneys or nanny-state political leaders can change this.

There is a limit to making the natural world safe for children or the most dull-witted adults.



What Jefferson wrote will outlast what he did

CECIL JOHNSON

Some words speak louder than action. Take, for example, these enduring words that have echoed down through the generations of this republic: "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness ..."

Nothing that Thomas Jefferson did or neglected to do in his private life or public service added to or detracted from the potency of those profound and poignant syllables. It doesn't matter, for example, that Jefferson took unto himself a mistress of mixed white and black extraction and fathered children by her, as depicted by the TV miniseries that ran on one of the major networks this week. The words endure.

It does not matter if there was a mutual sharing of affection between Jefferson and Sally Hemings, or if the relationship was only a case of a slave woman submitting to the desires of her owner. The words of the Declaration of Independence endure and set forth the bedrock ideal of American civilization. Even though a slave owner who consorted with one of his female chattel wrote them, their power was irresistible. They projected the abiding principle that led ultimately to the abolition of slavery and of codified racial segregation in this country.

Because some people discern hypocrisy in Jefferson's having owned slaves and having slept with at least one of them, they have suggested that the Sage of Monticello really didn't intend those words to mean what they say. But the fact is that Jefferson included much stronger language condemning slavery in

the original draft of the Declaration. Those condemnations were removed from the final draft at the insistence of Southern slave masters and Northern maritime profiteers. And Jefferson still did not make the language neutral enough for them. Many of that ilk realized that the Declaration was a strong indictment of slavery and lambasted against it for years.

On several other occasions, Jefferson used his pen and the authority of his office to strike out against slavery. For example, in 1794 he proposed an ordinance that would have prohibited slavery in all the new territories between the Appalachian Mountains and the Mississippi River after 1800. That Northwest Ordinance failed by one vote in Congress.

In reaction to that defeat, Jefferson wrote: "The voice of a single individual ... would have prevented this abominable crime from spreading itself over the new country. Thus we see the fate of millions unborn hanging on the tongue of one man, and Heaven was silent in that awful moment."

Enduring words! One of his first acts in the Virginia Legislature was to try to push through legislation to overturn a law prohibiting inheritors of slaves from freeing them. In his will, he did arrange for freedom for many of his slaves. But he was too deeply in debt to free them all. Jefferson did make some observations in his "Notes on Virginia" concerning the mental and physical characteristics of blacks that from today's perspective might be assessed as bigoted.

He suggested that blacks were deficient in depth of reasoning, while saying

that "in memory they are equal to whites" and that "in music they are more generally gifted." Nevertheless, he conceded that his assessments were based only upon that limited information on the subject available at that time and upon daily observations.

"The opinion that they are inferior in the faculties of reason and imagination must be hazarded with great diffidence," he wrote.

There are two schools of thought on Jefferson's 38-year relationship with Sally Hemings. One holds that she was simply exploited as a sex object, as was the case with most slave owners and their black concubines. The other school holds that there was mutual affection and respect in the relationship.

The TV miniseries, a fitting Black History Month offering, makes the latter assumption, which makes for a better story. And it's a credible theory because Hemings is said to have been a dead ringer for Jefferson's deceased wife, Martha.

The resemblance was natural because Sally Hemings was Martha Skelton Jefferson's half sister, both having shared the same father. And Sally's mother was half-white. That made Sally a quadroon, or what African-Americans used to refer to as "light, bright and dandied near white."

The miniseries is well-done. It brooks favored comparison to "Roots." It projects the hideous reality of slavery palely and treats America's third president and the author of the Declaration of Independence as a man of wisdom and dignity with warts. But whatever the impression of Jefferson the viewers are left with, his words endure.

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LETTERS

Public TV is in jeopardy

To the 300,000 Idaho viewers who enjoy the wonderful concept, public affairs programming, Outdoor Idaho, The Antique Road Show and many other fine historical and cultural programs on Idaho Public Television:

Idaho Public Television is in jeopardy. IPTV has requested \$4.7 million for digital upgrades required for it to continue broadcasting. Gov. Kempthorne has recommended \$2.1 million. It is essential that this investment be made to continue some of the best programming available on television.

It's hardly possible to find a program on commercial television in the evening that doesn't feature someone being beaten up or shot. Given the level of immoral garbage and violence on these other programs, how can our good legislators, who are supposed to represent all of Idaho, still be hung up on a documentary, "It's Elementary," whose message was of teaching tolerance, not endorsing a lifestyle. If they didn't want to watch it, perhaps they should have used their "off" button as I do on much of commercial television.

In a state as large as Idaho, one that is served by three different television centers, Boise, Spokane and Salt Lake City, Idaho Public Television is the only statewide communications organization that connects us all together.

In this funding argument, there has been little mention of the many thousands of dollars donated by patrons, businesses and corporations who really appreciate the programming, educational and otherwise, made possible by public television.

It is urgent that the patrons of public television contact their legislators, particularly members of the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee, to express their deep concern. It is necessary that Idaho join the age of digital technology

with the rest of the world by the year 2003.

TERESA BERGIN
Bellevue

BASE jumping can be safe

Before city and county officials act on last week's editorial advising the posting of bonds for BASE jumpers from our bridges, I wanted to share my opinion as a volunteer search and rescue pilot.

BASE-jumping, when done with certified parachutes and training should be no more dangerous than rock climbing or rappelling. BASE jumpers have been using the Perrine Bridge for many years, jumping almost every weekend when weather permits. Unfortunately, we have had one back injury from the Perrine. As the media has reported, the fatality on the Hansen bridge was likely due to very poor judgment. Over the years, few dollars have been spent on BASE jumpers' incidents. Most search and rescue dollars are spent on missing persons including hunters, snowmobilers, hikers, etc. Search and rescue funds come primarily from donations through volunteer organizations associated with our valley's sheriff's departments. Aerial searches are funded by the U.S. Air Force through its auxiliary Civil Air Patrol.

A few years ago, I flew a search for a missing snowmobiler whom dedicated volunteers had spent all night looking for. In gratitude for our find, this sportsman dedicated himself to raising several thousand dollars for Twin Falls Search and Rescue through the annual New Year's Day Freeze on Skis at Shoshone Falls, which donates 50 percent of the funds to search and rescue. While I don't speak for other search and rescue volunteers, I would hope that the overwhelming majority agrees with me - don't force BASE jumpers to bond!

GARY L. THIBETEN
Twin Falls

Where do feds get their numbers?

I received my Social Security check in January, and it contained a 2 percent raise to cover "increased cost of living." How did Washington get this figure? It doesn't reflect my increased living costs. They skyrocketed last year.

Gas went up 40 percent. Cigarettes are up by 60 percent. Home mortgages are up by 30 percent or more. Oil prices more than doubled to more than \$30 per barrel. Bacon and eggs in any decent restaurant cost more than \$5, and donuts are \$5 a dozen. Pd like to know who's kidding whom?

The government says we have record low inflation. Get real! Back in the '70s, oil prices doubled and we had double-digit inflation. Now, oil prices more than

doubled in a year and we have record low inflation!

Is some government flimflam guy jugging figures so they don't have to give people a fair raise? I'm afraid the old saying, "Figures don't lie but liars figure," holds true in this case.

RICHARD R. JENSEN
Hagerman

Many kids work for Gold Medal

I am very disappointed in your lead story concerning the Congressional Awards students.

Not one word was mentioned about the students who are working for their Gold Medal. Not only have they usually completed the Bronze and Silver levels but the amount of dedication and work

done in the Silver level doubles again for those wishing to achieve the Gold Medal.

We do have several students in our area working toward the Gold Medal. Good luck to those students and to Mr. Dobbs at O'Leary Junior High, their adviser.

ELUISE MILLER
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By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

LETTERS

Don't punish the children

On March 2, the citizens of Jerome School District will once again be asked to pass a bond. As several letter writers have pointed out, this is not the first time the district has asked for a bond. However, after narrowly missing on several other bond issues, a citizen's committee has created a new proposal. This new proposal is not only the least expensive of the lot (\$10.9 million) but also places the new middle school on property immediately north of the high school, allowing for the most cost-effective use of building space, faculty resources and athletic facilities. Finally, rather than trying to address a variety of needs throughout the district, this proposal focuses on a single critical need: a new middle school.

This proposal doesn't address all of the needs in the district or all of the concerns expressed by voters. Recent letter writers have pointed to issues ranging from how taxes are used to build public schools, to the use of Lottery funds for education, to the perceived number of students the dairy industry brings into the community. While the writers may believe that each of these is a relevant concern, the fact is that each, legitimate or otherwise, misses the point. The simple fact is that for the last five years, just more than one-third of the voters have told the students of Jerome that they are little more than political pawns. The students have been told, at the ballot box, that their need for a quality education in a quality environment is secondary to voters' attempts to send someone a message about the system.

Regardless of how one feels about the system (tax structure, the use of state funds to support public education or the fair treatment of taxpayers in the community) stop and consider what a "no" vote accomplishes. It does not punish the district administration, the citizen's committee that put the bond issue together or the teachers, and it does not change the system. A "no" vote punishes the students for a system that the students have no control over.

Please join us in voting "yes" on March 2, and let's begin improving Jerome's schools and stop punishing Jerome's children.

CHRIS BRAGG
Jerome

with the rule. However, we were not allowed to give comment to the specific issues. I would rather vote for Bill Chisholm than those two men. At least we know who and what Bill represents. Please help elect honest legislators who are interested in sustainable agriculture.

DAVE ROPER
Chairman, Environmental Committee
Idaho Pork Producers
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Let's stand up, be counted
The Idaho Department of Fish

and Game, its hands appear to be tied. Our Idaho governor seems to be the person who could take the Fish and Game out of the bind it's in by simply moving .04 percent of the Idaho \$53 million surplus to Fish and Game for the necessary funding to maintain its current programs and to implement new and better programs for the betterment of Idaho's most important resource, wildlife.

I would like to know why the people of Idaho are asked to once again dig into our pockets for more increases in hunting licenses

and tags. There are so many reasons for the governor to get off his back side and finally do what's best for the people of Idaho. As of this letter, our leaders have not yet decided what to do with the tobacco money. OK, here's your sign! Stop dunning the people! Give it to an Idaho department that could truly use the help. The good that some of that money could do for the Idaho wildlife would outweigh the interest earned while in some savings account by 200 percent! Come on, people of Idaho; stand up and be counted. I say we are the people. They are for the


people. So, Governor, are you for us or against us? Are you going to help us, or are you going to use

us? Do the right thing!
DON JESSER
Twin Falls

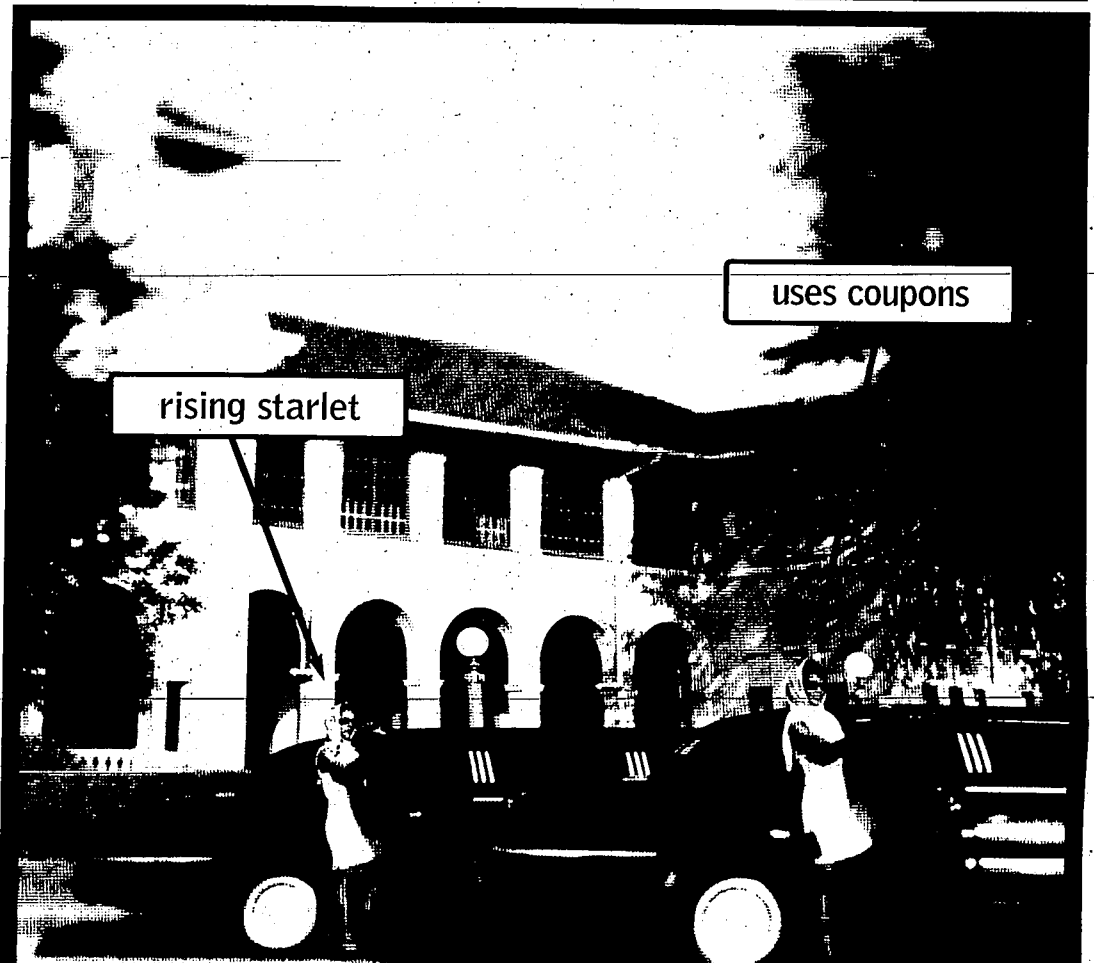
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We need honest legislators

A warning to all of agriculture. Please be aware of wolves in sheep's clothing. Senators and representatives that you have elected to represent Idaho and agriculture, our No. 1 industry, have sold us down the river, and faking the dams is probably next. The new pork and poultry rule is just a foot in the door. Legislators have succumbed to environmental activists. Next will be other animal species like beef and dairy and then crop farmers with new total maximum daily loads regulations already shaping up. This will mean more on farm regulation and cost to farmers as to when, how and how much fertilizer they can apply to their land.

In February 1999, I contacted the Division of Environmental Quality and Department of Agriculture for information on existing laws regulating confined animal feeding operations. This is what they sent me:

1. Environmental Protection and Health Act, Idaho Code 39-118.
2. Idaho Water Quality Standards Requirements, Section 350 and Section 800.
3. Idaho Code 39-3601, Sections 52, 53, 54.
4. The Groundwater Quality Protection Act, Idaho Code 39-127.
5. The Groundwater Quality Rule, Section 301 and Section 400.
6. The Groundwater Quality Plan.
7. Memorandums of Understanding.
8. The Federal Clean Water Act.
9. Solid Waste Management Rules 16-01.6.
10. Idaho Solid Waste Facilities Act.
11. The Agriculture Water Quality

Just prior to the ag committee vote, Rep. Doug Jones said, "If we don't pass these rules, Idaho will not be regulated." The rule gives cost breaks to large hog farms of 5 cents per head, and the committee voted unanimously, supported by large CAFOs and penalized small ones. Sen. Noh tried unsuccessfully to do this same damage to animal agriculture last year. I guess it proves what 23 years can do for your own interests as a senator. We wanted regulation and only had three significant problems

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ACLU pushes schools to ban certain books

NAMPA (AP) - The American Civil Liberties Union is weighing in on the removal of Christopher books from Nampa and Caldwell middle school libraries.

ACLU Executive Director Jack Van Valkenburgh said he does not have an opinion about the books, but he is concerned about what he perceives as the absence of a policy governing how they are removed.

School administrators say they already have working policies in place.

Eight Fike titles that are part of the Accelerated Reader program were permanently pulled from the shelves of the West Middle School library last week after a parent complained about their content. Others are under review by Principal Jeff Read and his staff.

At Caldwell's Syringa Middle School and South Middle School in Nampa, Fike books have been temporarily removed while staff members consider whether they are appropriate for middle school readers.

"(When) a parent or teacher complains about a library book, there ought to be a policy in place," Van Valkenburgh said.

"It threatens all expression when material is pulled from the shelves in a kind of haphazard way. ... Without guidelines, there is a serious threat to the principles of free speech and learning."

"The policy works as it is now, so we don't see a need for a change," Nampa Director of Educational Services Kathleen Hanson said, adding that she will look at the policy drafted by the American Library Association that Van Valkenburgh said he will forward to the principals of the three schools this week.

Meteorologists say number of twisters is rare

POCATELLO (AP) - Meteorologists are calling five tornadoes that touched down in southeast Idaho on Valentine's Day a rare occurrence for a state that averages only three twisters a year, usually during the summer.

After conducting damage surveys and plotting damage paths that run from just north of Pocatello to Idaho Falls, the National Weather Service has determined five tornadoes touched down the evening of Feb. 14. A fast-moving cold front sweeping eastward produced the line of thunderstorms, which spawned the twisters.

Three of the tornadoes saw wind speeds around 100 miles per hour and were ranked F1 on the Fujita scale. Two were the lowest ranking, E0, with wind speeds under 72 mph.

"It is unusual to have a cluster like that in one day," said meteorologist Thomas Andretta with the National Weather Service in Pocatello. "They're more common in the summer months."

The twister tore off parts of roofs, flipped animal trailers and snapped trees and power poles. Some schools were closed because of minor damage. No fatalities or serious injuries were reported, but trailer homes were blown off their foundations and power was out in parts of Blackfoot and Idaho Falls for two days or more, according to the Bingham County Sheriff's Office.

Twenty-seveadmit to meth conspiracy

BOISE (AP) - Twenty-seven people charged in a Nampa-based methamphetamine ring have pleaded guilty to involvement in the conspiracy.

One defendant remains in custody while another still is a fugitive.

Alicia Jimenez, Elizabeth Jimenez and Maximino Hernandez of Nampa and Florentino Chavez of North Hollywood, Calif. pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Boise last week.

Defendant Anna Maria Penazon is in custody but not yet scheduled for trial. Meanwhile, defendant Gloria Luna remains a fugitive.

Twenty-three other suspects already have pleaded guilty.

The defendants were variously charged with conspiracy to sell methamphetamine and other drugs, money laundering and drug possession. The conspiracy charge carries a prison sentence of 10 years to life and a fine of up to \$4 million.

Crapo's Twin Peaks wolf-removal request falls on deaf ears

SALMON (AP) - Fish and Wildlife officials say they have no plans to remove the Twin Peaks pack near Clayton, despite Sen. Mike Crapo's request to do so.

Crapo last week sent a letter to Fish and Wildlife Director Jamie Rappaport Clark asking the agency to trap, remove and relocate the remaining members of the pack. He said doing so would relieve unfair pressure on rancher Curt Hurless and "defuse what is rapidly becoming an explosive



Mike Crapo from the Twin Peaks pack five

situation in that area."

Hurless has slept nights in his pickup truck parked among his cattle since the wolves recently returned to his land.

Authorities had shot a wolf

days earlier. They have killed four of the animals in the last few weeks in hopes of scaring others off Hurless' land.

A Wildlife Services report says tracks showed the wolves were harassing a cow and calf some time before dawn last Sunday, but then left the area. Authorities have employed a device that emits the sounds of people partying, machine gun fire, clattering bowling pins and a helicopter in an effort to frighten the wolves away.

The device may have scared the wolves last week, but Hurless said he believes he was the one who frightened them when he drove out into the field. He has since been sleeping in his truck, hoping to catch a wolf attacking his cattle.

"I'm not going to rely on that frightening device to save my calves," Hurless said.

Hurless has asked officials for a permit allowing him to shoot wolves when they come onto his

property. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has stepped in, asking director Clark to issue the same kind of permits to county officials so they can manage problem wolves. Congressional delegates are crafting a similar request.

Rules governing wolf reintroduction state the predators can only be shot if they are attacking livestock.

Meanwhile, Fish and Wildlife officials say they have no plans to remove the Twin Peaks pack.



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AROUND THE VALLEY

Many public buildings closed for holiday

TWIN FALLS - A day set aside to honor past presidents may mean a postponing of some errands.

Here's a run-down of a few places that will be closed and open today:

- City Hall will be closed.
- County offices will be closed.
- State offices will be closed.
- The Social Security Office will be closed.
- The Twin Falls Public Library will be closed.
- Most banks will be closed.
- The Twin Falls School District office and schools will be closed.
- The College of Southern Idaho will be closed.
- The Magic Valley Mall will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Filer looking for logo ideas to capture town's spirit

FILER - The city of Filer is in the process of designing a new logo and is inviting residents to enter a design contest.

Filer has been known as home of the Twin Falls County Fair and Rodeo for nearly 60 years.

"That aspect won't change," said Mayor Russell Sheridan Jr. "It's a big part of our identity as a community. Sheridan said the city would like the winning logo to "somehow incorporate the notoriety of the fair."

The contest is open to all Filer citizens, including Filer students. Entry forms will be available at City Hall beginning on Tuesday. The contest deadline is April 15.

The winner will receive \$100 and have the opportunity to ride on the city's float in the Filer Fun Days Parade on June 24.

Jerome City Council slates two special meetings

JEROME - The City Council will discuss infrastructure issues with the Twin Falls city manager and economic developer at noon Tuesday in council chambers.

The council will meet with the Jerome Recreation District Board at noon Thursday to discuss swimming pool issues. That meeting will also be held in council chambers.

Those needing special accommodations to attend either of the meetings may call City Administrator Jon Cecil at 324-8169.

Hagerman School Board to discuss construction

HAGERMAN - The School Board will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in room 14 at Hagerman Elementary School.

The agenda includes discussions about new facilities and scholarships.

The meeting is open to the public.

Blaine commissioners gather for meeting today

HAILEY - Blaine County commissioners will meet at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday at the courthouse.

The agenda includes discussions about the budget and a mentoring program for youth.

The meeting is open to the public.

Become an Idaho master gardener through training

TWIN FALLS - The University of Idaho will offer master gardener classes in Twin Falls, Rupert, Gooding, and Arco beginning later this month. Classes will meet twice a week through mid-April.

Extension educators and local experts will train gardeners of all skill levels, including beginners, in horticulture skills and practices.

Subjects to be discussed include basic botany, soils, irrigation, plant diseases, insect problems, weeds, home orchards, lawns and vegetable gardening. After training, master gardeners return volunteer hours back to the community through a variety of activities available through the local extension office.

Classes will meet from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Twin Falls and from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Rupert. Pooling classes are scheduled from 8 to 4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Days and times of the Arco classes are yet to be determined. Class fees vary depending on location and college credit from the University of Idaho is available. Some of the classes qualify for pesticide-certification credits.

Compiled from staff reports

Mounting a search for the answers

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

WENDELL - The large, dark house stands out among its more modest neighbors.

A driveway basketball hoop looms over a well-kept lawn, and an archway of antlers leads to the back of the house where a 15-foot camper trailer, a few personal all-terrain vehicles and a classic car are parked.

It's the Wendell home of Marcia Hartwig, a 52-year-old, charged with robbing four banks across Idaho in the past year.

Hartwig remains at the home while awaiting a March 14 trial on four federal bank robbery

Many wonder about the reasons behind bank robbery case

charges. A total of \$30,517.50 was taken in the four robberies in Gooding, Mountain Home, Pocatello and Idaho Falls.

Many in the community wondered why Hartwig, who had a clean record and a nice home, would be charged with robbing banks.

Neighbors were surprised about the charges because they seemed out of Hartwig's character, and the family seemed to be well off.

"They've always had nice things," neighbor Mike DeWitt said. "It's a weird deal. I can't believe it."

Gooding County tax records show the Hartwigs were up to date on their payments, and the only civil suit filed against them was for an unpaid hospital bill of \$120. The suit was later dismissed.

"It was a shock, a big shock," neighbor Frank Lara said. "You wouldn't think that someone as nice as her would do something like that."

Deputy U.S. Attorney Jack Haycock said he couldn't comment on possible motives for the crimes.

Hartwig's court-appointed lawyer, Scott Hansen of

Blackfoot, said he's evaluating the case before he decides how to proceed.

"The only question is whether or not to get a plea bargain or go to trial," Hansen said.

The four banks were robbed between May 6 and Dec. 22. Each time the robber walked in and handed the teller a threatening note demanding cash. The note in the Gooding robbery said explosives were set outside the bank.

Hartwig was arrested following the last robbery in Idaho Falls. Idaho State Police tracked Hartwig's vehicle down using the

license plate number that a bank employee wrote down.

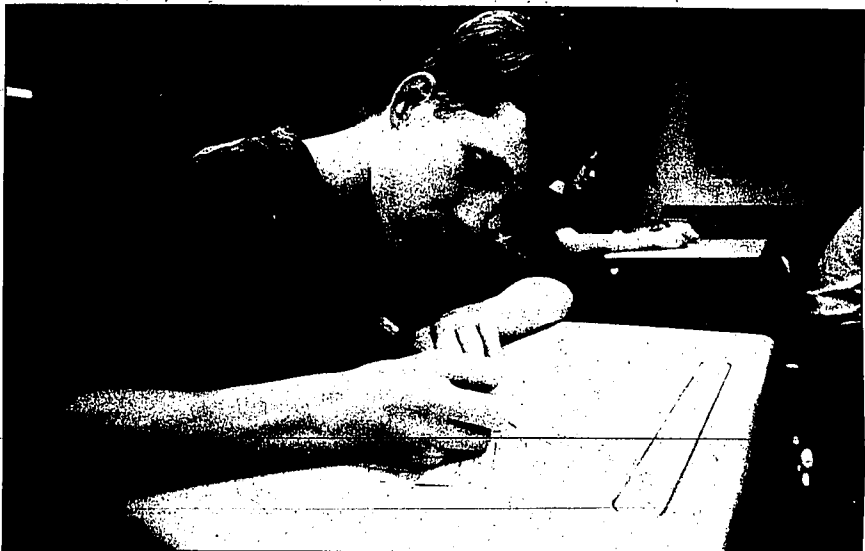
A federal grand jury indicted Hartwig two weeks later, and U.S. District Judge Lynn Whitcomb allowed Hartwig to remain free before trial.

Wendell Police Chief Dave Fisher said he's known Hartwig since he moved to the city about 10 years ago, and she never had trouble with the law.

"I didn't understand it," he said. "I can't think why she would ever do something like that."

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REGISTRATION TIME



Nick Mindock, an eighth-grader at Robert Stuart Junior High School, fills out a voter registration card during a history class taught by Steve Davis. Teachers say a presidential election year makes it easier to teach students about the democratic process.

Learning how the system works

Political course helps students learn to become responsible voters

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Teaching students about politics and the democratic process can be difficult for teachers at times, but the upcoming presidential election makes their jobs a little easier.

"It's so there in the news and in their face," Bulh High School government teacher Joni Peterson said. "It's easier to teach on presidential election years because it's there."

Although methodology varies, many teachers use the fact that a new president will soon be elected to teach students the reality of the electoral process.

Robert Stuart Junior High School history teacher Steve Davis introduces his eighth-grade students to the process one step at a time. He uses the first 10 minutes of class as a "warm-up" to show students how easy it is to do things like register to vote or read up on political candidates. His students then follow the different candidates and talk about the current election.

The class prepares young people to cast their own votes someday, eighth-grade student Ben Downard said.

"Some people are prepared, but some of them don't look into the candidates," Downard said. "They don't know what they will do for the country."

Students in Davis' class look at the candidates and think about who they would vote for if they could vote. It makes the process seem real to them.

"Now, I don't have a say," eighth-grade student Heather Callen said. "When I'm 28, it's kind of like the world is resting in our hands."

In general, students are getting the message that it is important to vote.

"I think they appreciate their right to vote," Davis said. "I try to make it easy for them. I think they're surprised about how easy it is to vote."

For teachers like Peterson, it is their last chance to teach their students about the electoral process and how important it is to vote.

Her students follow the newspaper and try to decide which candidate most closely

addresses their needs, she said.

"In the press and media it's a hot issue," Peterson said. "They're exposed more to the national level than the local level."

Students also hold mock elections and campaign for support from their classmates.

"They learn a lot because they have to align themselves with candidates and agree with platforms," Peterson said. "They get really passionate about some issues. It's a lot of hands-on."

Some of Peterson's students are of voting age so Peterson stresses the need to register and vote.

"When they get here some have been exposed to it," she said. "But, it's not real until they become part of it. I think it's really important (to teach). If they don't get it at home they don't become part of the process. This is the last chance to make it real for them."

Times-News correspondent Rachel Denny can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3780.

Tech class lets students get a jump on job market

By Grady Peters
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Students are getting a head start on the job market by taking classes leading to professional computer certification at Magic Valley high schools.

There are several ways students can increase their skills and receive certification, said Tom Rosen, a technology teacher at Jerome High School.

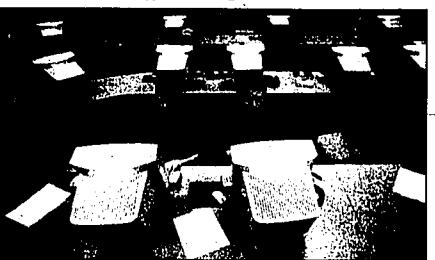
Students can enroll in computer classes at their schools or they can purchase books and study on their own. Adult students can take classes at the College of Southern Idaho.

Magic Valley high schools offer a variety of programs. Jerome High School offers classes

leading to certification in A+ and Microsoft. Twin Falls High School student Tamer Golcukcu and Jerome High School student Josh Marks recently earned the first of six areas of Microsoft certification and on Feb. 21, 15 more students will head to Boise to begin the Microsoft certification process, Rosen said.

Kimberly High School offers classes leading to certification by A+, Novell, Microsoft and Cisco. At Hagerman High School, students are working toward certification by A+ and Cisco and some students are designing dynamic web pages. Wood River High School students are training for Novell and A+ certification.

Students may attend a program at another school if they Please see TECH, Page B3



Craig Morgan and Dusty Hutchison are taking classes leading to professional computer certification at Jerome High School.

On the mend

Burley boy works to regain strength

By Ruth Stroeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Homework seldom elicits much enthusiasm. But for one 10-year-old boy who has just been paralyzed, it does.

While Edgar Simental has been at the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise, he's been carrying on with his schoolwork. That's according to Darrell Hatfield, Edgar's principal at White Pine Elementary School in Burley, who visited Edgar Feb. 11.

Hatfield said Edgar was certainly in better condition and spirits than he had expected, noting that Edgar had been using his hands when he saw him.

"Based on what I had heard, I was just thrilled to see the progress he was making," Hatfield said.

Edgar was paralyzed after a Jan. 3 car accident that took the life of his father, Eucario Simental. His family was returning home after spending the Christmas holidays with family in Mexico.

Edgar's father was killed and Edgar was taken to a hospital in El Paso, Texas, where he awaited surgery on his back. His mother, Lorena, and his sisters Melissa, 6, and Cindy, 8, escaped with minor injuries.

He's been in Boise for a week-and-a-half, having relocated from the El Paso hospital. Although hospital officials could not comment on Edgar's condition, Marketing Director Chris Kulchak said patients who are admitted to the rehabilitation hospital are in stable condition.

Hatfield said Edgar's been given his homework to continue while rehabilitating and the Cassia County School District has contracted a tutor with the school district in Boise.

David Neil, Edgar's social worker in Boise, said Edgar is enthusiastic about his physical rehabilitation and occupational therapy and is making gains every day. Edgar is to be discharged home to be released March 2, Neil said.

Hatfield said Edgar was incredibly excited about receiving Valentine's Day cards and a banner from his fellow students at White Pine. He was also upbeat, alert and anxious to take up a 10-year-old's activity level again.

"He said, 'I'd sure like to get out of this bed,'" Hatfield said.

Neil said Edgar is being taken care of in all ways - by his mother at his side in Boise, and by friends and family members back home. They set up a trust fund with First Security Bank to help pay the expenses of getting the Simental family back home from Texas, and for medical bills the Simentals can't pay because they lack insurance. That's not to mention the cookie baking and piggy bank dipping that students and staff have orchestrated to raise funds as well.

It's help that has not gone unnoticed at the Idaho Rehabilitation Center. Edgar's mother said she's very appreciative of all the support she's received, Neil said.



Edgar Simental

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Plan spells out INEEL's strategy

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory has announced its science and technology strategic plan for the next four years.

The INEEL Fiscal Year 2000-2004 Institutional Plan is part of the lab's planning process that begins every February. This plan marks new contractor Bechtel BWXT Idaho's first opportunity to establish a unique signature for the INEEL.

The federal government has participated in the process and endorsed the general direction

defined in the INEEL Institutional Plan, said Linda Trocki, INEEL executive vice president.

The plan identifies areas where the INEEL must focus its activities during the next few years.

- Key themes include:
- Completing the INEEL's environmental cleanup mission in a safe, timely and environmentally responsible manner;
 - Integrating the laboratory's research and development activities to assist operations;
 - Strengthening the site's sci-

ence and technology capabilities. The plan also focuses on surface science, long-term environmental stewardship and subsurface road mapping.

Major energy initiatives include planning the work on the next generation reactor, non-proliferation fuel cycle and clean, non-nuclear fuel initiatives.

The Fiscal Year 2001-2005 INEEL Institutional Plan will take a broader view of the INEEL, emphasizing critical outcomes, operations and the integration of research and development with operations.

Bighorn sheep tag goes for \$46,000

BOISE (AP) - The Department of Fish and Game's bighorn auction permit exceeded last year's selling price by \$9,500 at the recent Foundation for North American Wild Sheep convention.

Jerry Tyrell, president of the foundation's Washington State chapter, bought the permit for the coming fall sheep hunt. He paid \$46,000. Last year's tag went for \$36,500.

Idaho gives one bighorn sheep permit to the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep each year for its auction. The state awards another permit through a lottery operated by the Idaho chapter of the foundation.

The auction has brought in more than \$500,000 for Idaho's bighorn programs since its inception in 1988. Proceeds are placed into an interest-bearing account dedicated to bighorn sheep

restoration and management.

The 1999 tag revenue will go toward the Hells Canyon Initiative that includes transplanting bighorn sheep from Alberta and British Columbia and research on the species' diseases.

Bighorn sheep virtually disappeared from southern Idaho by the turn of the century due to early market and unregulated hunting.

CSI THIS WEEK

Today
CSI offices are closed for Presidents Day.

Tuesday
Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition board meeting, 7 to 9 a.m., Taylor 276.
New York Life Successful Estate and Retirement Planning seminars, 2 and 7 p.m., Taylor 276.

GLAB (gays, lesbians and bisexuals), 4 p.m., Taylor 258.
Helping Hands, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Taylor 277.

"Reptile Review - Mingle in the Jungle," 6 p.m., Herrett Center.
"Search for Life in the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"A Geologist's Collection," gems and minerals display, Herrett Center, Brownning/Keever Gallery (Tuesdays-Saturdays through May).

"Habitat" works by CSI Art Department faculty, Herrett Center, Jean B. King Art Gallery (Tuesdays-Saturdays through March 16).

Wednesday
Latinos Unidos Club meeting, noon to 1 p.m., Shields 105.

CSI Outdoor Program pre-trip meeting for winter camping trip, 6 p.m., Outdoor Program office, Taylor Building.

Advanced Quickbooks Pro 99 class, 6 to 9 p.m., Evergreen C93 Community Education Homebuyer Education, 6 to 9 p.m., Shields 118.

CSI Department of Theater presents "The Grapes of Wrath," 8 p.m., Fine Arts Theater 119. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

Light House Christian Fellowship, 7 to 10 p.m., Fine Arts auditorium.

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Thursday
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance for low income and elderly taxpayers, 2 to 6 p.m., Evergreen C93 (through April 13).

Baptist Campus Ministries Bible study and meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor cafeteria.

Magic Valley Community Concert Association presents "Festival of Four," 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts auditorium.

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SERVICES

Sally Ann DeVaney of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at Twin Falls Cemetery (White Mortuary).

Anita Marie Jinks of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Valentine "Val" Solosaball of Rupert, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary.

Rupert Chapel.
Allan Charles Hansen of Wendell, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the United.

Methodist Church in Wendell; viewing will be held from 10 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the church (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

DEATH NOTICES

James Elton Coakley
James Elton Coakley, 67, of Twin Falls died Friday.

February 18, 2000 at his home. Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER of Rogerson
Admitted: Mark Craig of Twin Falls; Jessie Nauman of Twin Falls
Discharged: Dianne Clark of Twin Falls; Cameron Muff of Twin Falls

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

JEROME



Nolana Hazel Thorpe
Nolana Hazel Thorpe, 90, of Filer, formerly of Jerome, went home to be with her Heavenly Father and her loving husband on Feb. 18. She was born in Laurel, Montana on January 19, 1910 to Henry S. Nutt and Jennie Nolana Nutt.

Nolana was raised and educated in Billings, Montana where she met and married James H. Thorpe, on January 22, 1928. They were married on a Sunday in the Nazarene Church after Sunday morning service. She moved to Jerome with her husband in 1972 when he retired. Nolana was a charter member of the Nazarene Church. She played the organ for the Nazarene Church in Billings and also for the Wesleyan Methodist Church. She was a Sunday School Superintendent for the Trinity Nazarene Church. She loved to crochet, can from the garden, sew clothes for her grandchildren, and bake cookies.

She is survived by her daughter Venita Louise Martin of Jerome, a son Bert James Thorpe (Dorothy) of Coopersport, PA; Three grandchildren Lynette Martin and Nolana J. (Mike) Hodnett of Jerome, Colleen L. (James) Beimer of Sumner, WA; One sister Lillian Mae (Paul) Harris of Nampa, ID; and five great-grandchildren, Beth and Daniel Beimer of Sumner, WA.

TJ, Jason and Ariel Hodnett

TJ, Jason and Ariel Hodnett of Jerome; and one great-grandson Michael Beimer of Sumner, WA.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband James, two sisters Helen and Edith, brother Eloy and both her parents.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 23, 2000 at 2:00 p.m., in the Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 South Lincoln, Jerome, where friends and family may call beginning at 1:00 p.m., with the Rev. Paul Harris officiating. Interment to follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

KIMBERLY



Clarence Ruben 'Tat' Heath

Clarence Ruben "Tat" Heath, 85, of Kimberly, passed away Saturday, February 19, 2000 in Twin Falls. He was born January 30, 1915 in Kimberly, the son of Charles Merlin and Eunice Edward Heath. He grew up in Kimberly attending schools there.

On August 9, 1934 he married Ireda Staley in Twin Falls; their marriage was later Solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple on September 26, 1934. They celebrated their 65th anniversary August 9, 1999. Clarence was an active member of the LDS Church where he served in a number of positions,

Superintendent of the Sunday School, Dance Director of the Mutual, and he loved to call square dances, and he was a member of the High Priest Quorum at the time of his death. Clarence farmed and milked cows until his retirement.

Clarence and Ireda were then called to serve for 1 year in the Iowa Des Moines Mission, then served for 7 years in the Boise Temple. He is survived by his wife Ireda of Kimberly; 7 children, Laura (Bill) Reeves of Kimberly, Elaine (Robert) Cunningham of Glens Ferry, Eddie (Lynda) Heath of Amboy, Washington, Jerry (Carol) Heath of Kimberly, Patty Jean (Mike) Pope of Vancouver, Washington, Bert (Julie) Heath of Shoshone and Dennis (Karla) Heath of Cambridge, Idaho; 25 grandchildren and spouses and 47 great-grandchildren and spouses.

Clarence was preceded in death by his parents, 3 brothers, his twin sister and 3 other sisters, 3 grandsons and 1 great-granddaughter. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 23, 2000 at the Kimberly LDS State Center, 3850 North 350 East, Kimberly, with Bishop Kelly Luff conducting. Friends may call at White Mortuary, Twin Falls from 4:00-8:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 22, with family greeting friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and from 12:45-1:45 p.m. at the church, the day of the service. The family suggest memorials be given to a charity of the donors choice.

God said that he was getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around him and whispered, "Come with Me". With tearful eyes we watched him suffer, and saw him fade away. Although we loved him dearly, We could not make him stay. A golden heart stopped beating. A determined spirit was at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us. He only takes the best... We will miss you Daddy.

ON THE AGENDA

Today
Bliss School Board, 7:30 p.m., school library.
Hansen School Board, 7 p.m., school district's office.

Tuesday
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse.
Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Camas County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.
Gooding County Memorial Hospital Board, 7:30 a.m., conference room.
Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office.
Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Hailey Town Center.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Jerome School Board, 7 p.m.,

high school telecommunications room.
Ketchum City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall.
Kimberly School Board, 7 p.m., high school library.
Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 8:30 a.m., council chambers, City Hall.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Wednesday
Cassia Regional Medical Center Board, 5 p.m., board room.
Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Hayburn City Council, 7 p.m.,

Thursday
Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Friday
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

Workers tested for nerve agent exposure

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Two employees at the chemical weapons incinerator received medical attention after a deadly nerve agent was detected in the room they were working in.

The nerve agent, however, was not found in blood tests taken from the workers immediately after the leak was discovered, said Deseret Chemical Depot spokesman Jon Pettebone.

The workers were repairing a conveyor belt which carries metal out of a decontamination furnace at the Tooele Chemical Demilitarization Facility when an alarm went off, alerting to the presence of sarin, said Pettebone.

Sarin is a nerve agent also

known as GB that kills by constricting the lungs and halting breathing.

"They were exposed, but they weren't affected," Pettebone said of the Sunday morning incident. "There was agent in the room."

Although the two showed no symptoms of exposure, they were immediately seen by a doctor at the on-site medical clinic and blood samples were taken, Pettebone said.

The furnace destroys traces of the nerve agent from metal, such as large containers, Pettebone said. It had been turned off and allowed to cool before the workers entered the area.

There was no detection of

nerve agent before the workers entered, Pettebone said. It was only once the workers were in the room that the alarm went off.

"They had their masks with them, but they did not have their masks on. Alarm went off and that's when they got off quickly," he said.

Pettebone said the nerve agent vapors were confined to the area and posed no danger to the surrounding communities or environment.

The Tooele incinerator, about 50 miles west of Salt Lake City, has been operating since 1996. It was built to destroy nerve and blistering agents stockpiled at the Army's Desert Chemical Depot since World War II.

Ricks college leads internet ticketing pack

REXBURG (AP) - Ricks College is one of the first schools to offer online ticket purchasing.

Using a computer and credit card number, students, faculty members and community patrons can now purchase tickets over the Internet.

"I'm not aware of any other college that offers online. I think we're one of the first," said Jim Terry, Ricks College ticket-office manager.

Ricks went online Feb. 14 to provide better service to community members, who buy about one-third of all tickets to events at the junior college.

The school sells tickets to over 150 events each school year, including art shows, recitals, plays, operas and dance competitions in addition to sporting events.

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Pullman firefighter Rich Wesson extinguishes remaining hot spots on the roof of the Sigma Nu fraternity house at Washington State University in Pullman, Wash., Saturday.

A practical joke that could have killed?

Police, WSU officials investigate suspected hazing during fire

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — A weekend fire that heavily damaged a Washington State University fraternity house has uncovered a practice that police said Sunday may not be uncommon on WSU's Greek Row: binding a student's wrists and ankles and leaving him helpless.

In the case of the WSU sophomore found by firefighters Saturday — bound with duct tape inside a barricaded guest room as fire burned in another wing of the Sigma Nu house — the consequences could have been disastrous.

As a practical joke, it "could have gone horribly bad," university spokeswoman Sue Hinz said.

"It's very fortunate firefighters got to him. There was smoke that area and people can die from smoke inhalation," said city police and fire spokesman Glenn Johnson.

"It's an unfortunate happening," said Ben Schuetz, a junior who lives in the Delta Tau Delta fraternity next door.

Still, Schuetz told The Spokesman-Review newspaper in Spokane: "I know I've done it a couple times just for the fun of it, tied someone up and left him there."

WSU administrators and city police were investigating whether the incident was a prank or a case of hazing.

The university also was looking into ways to improve fire safety in Greek housing. Sigma Nu has no sprinkler system; city fire codes did not require sprinklers in the 1930s, when the main house was built, or in the late 1960s, when the wing that caught fire was constructed.

"It's upperclassmen dealing with an upperclassman," he told The Times. "At this stage, we can say it was basically kind of a prank, things that happen at a fraternity house."

"It's certainly not anything we condone, but it's not part of some deal where we duct-tape guys up, start a fire and see if they can get out," Crook said.

"It's a typical kind of thing they do to each other," Al Jamison, assistant vice provost for student affairs, told The Spokesman-Review. "This may be a prank, but it was sure a dangerous prank," Jamison added.

The fraternity's three-story house sustained smoke and water damage. There were no serious injuries, though one resident was treated for smoke inhalation.

Fire officials say the blaze was ignited by a candle left burning on the window sill in a resident's room.

The fraternity will receive two citations carrying fines of up to \$500 apiece for fire code violations, Drogoo said.

Residents had been sleeping in two windowless rooms that had only single doors as escape routes, he said.

Twenty students were evacuated. Most of the 35 to 40 other residents had gone home for the three-day Presidents' Day weekend and many had not returned Sunday.

The house was declared uninhabitable by the city building inspector, and fraternity members got university and community help finding temporary housing Sunday. Most were being put up in vacant campus housing, Hinz said.

Repairs to the main structure may eventually make it habitable, but the wing where the fire started likely will have to be demolished, Johnson said.

Searchers locate avalanche victim

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The body of a snowmobiler killed in a Saturday afternoon avalanche has been found in the St. Charles Main Canyon area of Bear Lake County, Idaho.

Douglas "Cory" Weston, 25, was found at 10:15 a.m. Sunday in 6 feet of snow. The St. Charles, Idaho, man had been snowmobiling with a friend when the avalanche occurred at about 2:15 p.m. Saturday, said Bear Lake County Chief Deputy Gregg Athy.

About 50 people, including members of the Bear Lake County Search and Rescue and private citizens, searched Sunday for Weston. It is not known if the snowmobilers set off the avalanche, which was up to 30 feet deep in areas, Athy said. The other snowmobiler was not hurt and helped lead rescuers to the avalanche.

Athy said the area of the state — just past the northern Utah border — is now ripe with avalanche danger.

"The helicopter pilots that flew in there yesterday said there were slides everywhere," Athy said.

Athy said little can be done to keep snowmobilers out of the popular area when avalanche danger is high. In fact, he said, searchers used dogs and snow probes to find Weston's body, large groups of snowmobilers toured the area, he said.

"I don't know how you're going to bend the semi-truck. He prohibited them from going up in there," Athy said.

Weston had often snowmobiled in the area, he said.

Five drivers escape injury in pile-up

MYRTLE (AP) — The driver of a semi-truck pulling a trailer was charged with failing to maintain his lane of travel following a five-vehicle accident on U.S. Highway 12.

No injuries were reported. Police say Michael Peterson, 59, of Bremerton, Wash., was negotiating a curve Friday night when the second trailer of his semi went left into the eastbound lane.

Douglas Williams, 40, of Lewiston was pulling a trailer loaded with snowmobiles when the semi's trailer collided with his. Police said Williams' trailer disengaged from his truck.

Theron Glover, 40, of Snohomish, Wash., was following behind the semi-truck. He tried to apply his brakes, but was unable to stop and came to rest on top of the snowmobile trailer.

Two other drivers were hit by debris from the accident.

Fish and game commission votes in some rules changes

BOISE (AP) — The state's Fish and Game Commission has voted unanimously to change some fishing rules in the Panhandle and Upper Snake regions.

The affected waters include Lake Pend Oreille and the Clark Fork River in the Panhandle and Henrys Fork of the Snake River in the Upper Snake Region.

The Fish and Game Department wants to reduce the large rainbow trout population in Lake Pend Oreille because those fish prey on kokanee. Harvest of kokanee was closed in the Clark Fork River and Lake Pend Oreille to protect the landlocked salmon. Anglers must now release kokanee immediately into the water, unharmed.

Biologists fear the kokanee population will collapse because of the impacts of lost spawning areas and predation by other fish. The limit on trout — including brown, cutthroat, rainbow, and trout hybrids — is six, and the limit on lake trout has been removed in the lake and the river.

Trout season will remain open all year. Fish and Game officials say the daily bag may not include more than two cutthroat, and bull trout must be released immediately, unharmed.

On the Henrys Fork, Fish and Game commissioners' rules changes to correct inaccurate information printed in the rules brochure. From the mouth to the Del Rio Bridge, the limit on trout will be six and the season open all year. From the Del Rio Bridge upstream to the Vernon (Ritz) Bridge, the limit will be two, none under 16 inches, and the season will be open all year.

Other changes are available through the Department of Fish and Game.

Voter-backed changes thin Spokane city staff

SPOKANE (AP) — Will the last employee leaving City Hall please turn off the lights?

Ten city department heads have departed since November, when voters approved a switch to a strong-mayor governance structure and election of city council members by district instead of at-large balloting.

Voters also elected new council members Steve Eugster and Steve Coriker, both of whom have promised to shake things up.

The exodus of senior staff may not be over, leaving few experienced hands around to guide the state's second-largest city.

"How much of that memory and experience and wisdom can we afford to lose?" asked City Councilwoman Phyllis Holmes. "In my mind it's a very serious situation."

The departures of the 10 department heads add up to a loss of 186 years of experience. The pending changover next January to a strong-mayor structure will give the elected mayor the power to hire and fire the heads of departments.

Traditionally, those officials have answered to an appointed city manager.

Not many employees — particularly those near retirement — relish reapplying for their jobs. Dozens at various levels of government have taken advantage of a severance package program created by the City Council last year.

Wastewater manager Gale Orlich, a 23-year city employee, said he's leaving to take advantage of the severance and to protect his health insurance. He also cites the governmental changes.

"I think with the new style of government, there's going to be a learning curve and growing pains," he said.

Among those leaving are department heads who were closely tied to complicated and politically sensitive projects, such as expansion of the city's sewer system and a new comprehensive land-use plan.

Top city official to leave is acting city manager Peter Fortin, who was fired by the City Council Feb. 7.

Council members voted 4-3 to name Henry Miggins to the post. Miggins, whose last job was animal control director of Multnomah County, Ore., will serve in his new post until the job is phased out next year.

Large-scale firings of rank-and-file city workers are not expected, but many are anxious.

"There's certainly a fear factor running through the employees," said Mike Stone, the special operations manager for the Parks Department. "When you see the council and some of the discussion and struggles, that kind of sends a less than positive message. People are very negatively affected."

Many employees are checking their standings under the city's pension plan, said Dan Daniels, acting head of the Retirement Department.

"The employees are asking for a lot of estimates because they don't know if they are going to have a job or not," said Daniels. "We're doing at least 30 or 40 a week."

Not everyone at City Hall views the changes as dire. Because many of the department heads who left were close to retirement age, they were going to leave anyway, new Councilman Eugster said.

The vacancies also create space for talented people to move up, he said.

Mayor John Talbott, who plans to run this fall for the soon-to-be strengthened mayoral post, said city residents shouldn't see any immediate impacts from the loss of several department heads.

"The city is running," he said. "We will continue to provide the services."

Association of America showed there are currently 346,000 information technology positions open in the United States that can't be filled due to a shortage of skilled technology workers, Rosen said. He said that number is expected to increase to 1.3 million jobs by 2006.

Times-News correspondent Grady Peters can be reached in Jerome at 644-1412.

Biologist tracks some big cats in Grand Canyon Park area

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, Ariz. (AP) — The parking lots here often teem with cars and restaurants overflow with people, but this national park can also be a very wild place.

Just ask biologist Elaine Leslie. She has been monitoring and tracking mountain lions in Grand Canyon National Park since 1994, using small grants and spare time to map their range.

"We know they're here," Leslie said. "What we want to do is see where they're going."

The entire national park includes habitat suitable for the large cats, she said. Leslie has found them on all four rims and inside the canyon itself.

What she doesn't know yet is how frequently they enter developed areas. Leslie hopes in the coming months to study the animals' comings and goings to determine where they are going and whether the warning signs posted by the park are aggressive enough.

Leslie wants to outfit a few of the roaming predators with satellite collars. That would allow researchers to see real-time signals marking the mountain lions' locations.

Eventually, she'd also like to set up a display in the visitors center allowing visitors to see the lions as they move through the park.

Tracking mountain lions can be difficult because some male lions use 100-square miles as their home range. Because their range is so large, researchers know the

big cats move in and out of the national park.

Mountain lions can be found throughout most of Arizona. Game and Fish Department officials estimate that 2,500 to 3,000 of the cats live in the state's hills. Exact numbers are hard to come by.

"They're a secretive animal. They don't occur in high density, so you can't just go out there and find them," said John Phelps, a predator biologist for Game and Fish.

Still, state officials believe Arizona's mountain lion population is probably larger now than it has been in recent decades. Phelps said people have become more tolerant of them, and most development has occurred in the valleys rather than the mountains that inhabit them.

Phelps said he isn't aware of any deaths directly related to lion attacks in recent years, though there have been a number of close calls.

Leslie said that occasionally, she or other park officials will find mountain lion kills in developed areas. Dead deer and antelope have even been found on the South Rim trail, which circles the edge of the canyon and is a popular lookout for visitors.

Young males are the most likely to show up in developed areas because they are striking out on their own, trying to establish a home range, she said.

"Wouldn't you go eat where it's easier?" she said. "They're very opportunistic feeders."

Tech

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own school doesn't offer the program, Rosen said.

"We're required to reserve 30 percent of our seats for out-of-district students," he said.

High school students interested in classes leading to their certification should contact their school counselors about programs that are available. Adults who are interested in classes leading to

certification should speak with a counselor at CSI, Rosen said.

People can also opt for what Rosen calls "boot camps" offered by Microsoft Certified Systems Engineers. He said such programs can be expensive, but they're worth the money because they make workers more marketable. Brent Edwards, general manager of Lightstep Internet Solutions in Twin Falls, said computer training is helping employ-

ers find qualified workers.

"It is great to have employable people like that available," Edwards said.

Information system certification is not only good for students, but for anyone at a career crossroads, because certification helps "prepare you for a better job," Rosen said.

And there are plenty of jobs out there. A recent study by the Information Technology

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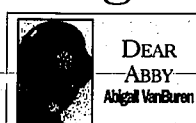
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Talk with daughter eases mom's mind

DEAR ABBY: Will you please reprint this letter? My wife and I have saved it for many years. It helps some young ladies, we will be happy.

—ROBERT KLIPPEL, SAN FRANCISCO



DEAR ABBY
Abby Cadabby

DEAR ROBERT: The letter you sent appeared in my column on Dec. 11, 1991, and I'm pleased to run it again.

DEAR ABBY: I wrote you in June about my 13-year-old daughter. (I told you she was getting dangerously close to the boyfriend she had been seeing morning, noon and night.)

I took your advice and spoke to her about sex. I purchased at the local drugstore several forms of birth control (condoms, contraceptive sponge and vaginal suppositories). I also bought something called a "teen pack." It contained several trial-size items introducing young females to such things as tampons, minipads, maxi-pads, shaving lotion and razors for shaving legs. When I got home I invited my daughter to join me at the kitchen table. My husband was working late that night, so it was a perfect opportunity for girl talk.

I lined up the contraceptive devices on the table. I gave her the teen pack, telling her that all the items in that package were things that we had previously discussed. Then I pointed to the other items that we needed to talk about.

I carefully explained to her that now she had become a young woman having a monthly period, she could become pregnant if she had sex. I then told her that I was in no way condoning sex in someone as young as she, but that I wanted her to be informed. I then took each product and explained how it was used, and showed her the directions and how to check the expiration date on the product. After that, I opened each package and let her touch the device, examine it and ask questions.

I made sure that she was aware that even if she was on the birth control pill, it would not

prevent sexually transmitted diseases such as AIDS. I told her that safe sex was condoms could not guarantee the prevention of pregnancy and disease, and the only way to ensure not getting pregnant or contracting a sexually transmitted disease was not to have sex.

I then took the remaining products and placed them in a box in her bathroom closet. I told her I would not check the box, but if she ever felt a need to experiment, they would be there. I stressed that she could always come to me before making any decisions that would change her life forever.

I made some important points to her that truly hit home. I pointed out that she was too young to obtain a driver's license, too young to drink, too young to get a job, and too young to be responsible for the life of another human being. I reminded her that if she were to have a child, her education and social life would cease until such time that she could afford a baby sitter.

Abby, I realize this letter is long, but I wanted you to know how I dealt with this issue. After our talk, my daughter has been a different person!

I trust my daughter, and your advice was a big help in dealing with a very difficult situation. I realize that I have a long way to go in completing the journey through her teen years, but I believe that we, as a family, will survive.

—NORTH DAKOTA MOM

DEAR MOM: Thank you for writing. Every daughter should have a mother like you!

Looks nice, but could use a touch of Tutankhamen

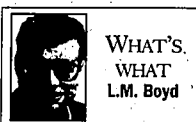
Q. Did you say church weddings are illegal in France?
A. Illegal. No. Just not legal. Such marriages must be preceded by civil ceremonies. In the town hall, usually.

European painters for three centuries much preferred to use a brown pigment called "mummy" — made of yes indeed from a plentiful supply of ground Egyptian mummies.

You can't sink a Venetian gondola.
Do you pronounce a plural with a hiss or a buzz? Both. Take "lips" — that's a hiss. Take "bugs" — that's a buzz. Immigrants fret about it.

Q. I know a female face when I see one, but how do I know?
A. Typically, the female face has proportionately larger eyes than the male, more arch in the brows, a narrower nose and jaw, and fuller lips. Otherwise, there's not all that much to go on, except "no whiskers."

When war ends, violence at home rises. Always. Scholars confirm it.
In baseball, you'll probably win your wager, if you bet the losing team will score fewer runs in the whole game than the winning team will score in one inning. That's said to be a given among professional gamblers.



WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

"Ukraine" means "frontier." List Baptist as the religious denomination there that's growing fastest.
Q. Was Sir Isaac Newton a golfer?
A. Hardly likely. He was the fellow who said an object in motion tends to remain in motion along a straight line, etc. In the vernacular of the British, you bathe a wound, but you bath a baby.

A century ago, historians note, more people owned their own homes in Philadelphia than in any other city in the world. German Proverb No. 52B: "He who likes cherries soon learns to climb."
Not only does the sea otter sleep while afloat, but if possible, it covers up with a blanket. Of seaweed. To slow its drift.

Takes a newborn chameleon — it starts out white — a couple of weeks to change colors to match backgrounds.

Capricorn gets frisky, but Pisces might burn out

IF FEBRUARY 21 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are a special person, unique and original, and you possess a marvelous sense of humor. You are versatile; you explore and discover. You are very aware of physical appearance, must remember resolutions concerning exercise, diet, nutrition. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play major roles in your life. During May you'll be in charge of gathering that includes people of opposite political views.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You get "it" more than you are befriended by Virgo you thought did not care. Define terms, outline boundaries, see people as they are, and avoid self-deception.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Suddenly you become popular with the opposite sex. Many, the most aggressive, listen as you give your views on international affairs. Libra plays role.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): New love is on the way. You have been asking, "How long?" The time is practically here: Be ready with more constructive attitude. Leo in picture.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Get together with family members; make financial plans. Focus on property, security, insurance. Marital status will figure prominently. Capricorn involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Diversify, emphasize versatility, humor. Arrange social outing for one who is politically aware. You will be on cutting edge of society.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your kind of day. Solve riddles — mathematical, political. People want to know where you stand — keep them guessing. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio play top roles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be ready for change, variety, flirtation that becomes more serious than originally anticipated. Have

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fun without going too far. Enough is enough.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Attention revolves around flowers, music, romance, sale or purchase of property. You'll hear these words: "You are my very own passion flower." Libra involved.

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Smoking war: Always room for more lawyers

Just when you think the War on Smoking cannot possibly get any more entertaining, up pops a new batch of lawyers to save the day.

Before I tell you about the latest legal wrinkle, let's review the key points in the War on Smoking so far.

POINT ONE: Cigarettes are evil, because smokers smoke them and consequently become sick or dead.

POINT TWO: The tobacco companies are evil, because they make and sell cigarettes.

POINT THREE: Therefore, in 1998 there was a big settlement under which the tobacco companies, by way of punishment for making and selling cigarettes, agreed to pay more than \$200 billion to 46 states and numerous concerned lawyers.

POINT FOUR: The tobacco companies are paying for this settlement by making and selling cigarettes as fast as humanly possible.

POINT FIVE: At the time of the settlement, the states loudly declared that they would use the money for programs to eliminate smoking, which is evil.

POINT SIX: Perhaps you believe that the states are actually using the money for this purpose.

POINT SEVEN: You moron. **POINT EIGHT:** In fact, so far the states are spending more than 90 percent of the tobacco-settlement money on programs unrelated to smoking, such as building highways.

POINT NINE: This is good, because we need quality highways to handle the sharp increase in the number of Mercedes automobiles purchased by lawyers enriched by the tobacco settlement.

The War on Smoking currently is a program under which states build highways using money obtained through the sale of cigarettes. Is everybody clear on that?

Good! Now let's move on to the entertaining new wrinkle. It seems that a new batch of lawyers, who were not involved in the original tobacco litigation, are now considering the 1998 settlement, and they have come to the conclusion that it has a very serious legal flaw, namely: They are not getting any of the money.

In hah! That was just a joke, and I will instruct the jury to disregard it. The new lawyers are in fact unhappy because they believe the tobacco settlement unfairly leaves THE TOBACCO COMPANIES in exchange for cigarettes. **2. THE TOBACCO COMPANIES** would then give the money to THE STATES (and their lawyers).

3. THE STATES would then give the money to SMOKERS (and their lawyers).

4. THE SMOKERS would then presumably give the money to THE TOBACCO COMPANIES in exchange for cigarettes.

Perhaps you're thinking: Isn't this inefficient? Why not eliminate the middle steps and simply require tobacco companies to give cigarettes to smokers for free?

The trouble with that idea is that it would defeat the two main purposes of the War on Smoking, which are (1) to provide the states with money, and (2) to provide lawyers with, well, money.

So we should not be cynical of the way our political and legal leaders are waging the War on Smoking. They have proved, once again that this great nation, with its "can-do" attitude, can take any problem, no matter how sad and hopeless it seems, and figure out a way to turn it into increased Mercedes sales. Although I do not mean to cynically suggest that the only beneficiaries of the War on Smoking are the luxury car dealerships, Le jets are also selling well.

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Physical therapist, Sydney Praeger, works with Ashley Wells, a member of the Sun Valley Cross Country Ski Team, at the Sun Valley Spine Institute in Ketchum.

Please be kind to your spine

Wood River Valley orthopedic surgeons teach folks how to keep healthy lower backs

By Karen Bossick Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Fran Henriksen went back to school last month. But not the kind of school you might think.

It was Back-School. For those who want to work through the aches and pains that normally accompany back pain. And for those who want to avoid the discomfort that so many Americans succumb to at some point during their lives.

"My mother was immobile the last three years due to back and hip problems and it scared me," said the Bellevue woman. "I wish I'd attended a class like this before I had my injury. I would have known the things I should have been doing my whole life so I might have prevented some of my problems."

Back School is the No. 1 prescription for back trouble by orthopedic surgeons Drs. David Hanscom and Eric Widell Jr., of Sun Valley Spine Institute. It's offered once a month at the institute, which is located at 180 W. First St., Ketchum. The next class will be held at 5 p.m. March 1. Cost is \$25.

The two doctors, who recently opened a second clinic in Gooding, would rather send people to the one-night class than to the operating table. The majority

The slowdown on lower back pain

Why is low back pain common?

The problem: Low back pain is one of the most frequent problems treated by orthopedic surgeons. Four out of five adults will experience significant low back pain sometime during their life. After the common cold, problems caused by the lower back are the most frequent cause of lost work days in adults under the age of 45.

The lower of lumbar spine is a complex structure that connects your upper body (including your chest and arms) to your lower body (including your pelvis and legs). This important part of your spine provides you with both mobility and strength. The mobility allows movements such as turning, twisting or bending; and the strength allows you to stand, walk and lift. Proper functioning of your lower back is needed for almost all activities of daily living. Pain in the lower back can restrict your activity and reduce your work

of folks with back problems don't need surgery; they just need the proper kind of rehabilitation, Widell said.

Up to 40 percent of back surgeries do not need to be done, Hanscom agreed.

"That's a claim that should make Idahoans sit up straight and take

notice. After all, the Boise area boasts a back surgery rate several times the national average.

I spend three-quarters of my time talking people out of having surgery," Hanscom said. "The spinal fusion, for instance, only works half the time. In my opinion, the right kind of rehabilitation generally works better than a fusion."

Widell and Hanscom aren't just idealists. They've both been through back surgeries themselves. Based on their own experience, they would rather push conservative care than surgical-oriented treatment.

The natural effects of normal aging of the body, in general, and low back, in particular, are osteoporosis, decreased amount of bone, decrease in strength and elasticity of muscles and decrease in elasticity and strength of ligaments.

Prevention: The normal effects of aging that result in decreased bone mass and decreased strength and elasticity of muscles and ligaments, can't be avoided. However, the effects can be slowed by exercising regularly to keep the muscles that support your back strong and flexible; using the correct lifting and moving techniques; get help if an object is too heavy or an awkward size; maintaining your proper body weight; being overweight puts a strain on your back muscles; avoid smoking; and maintaining a proper posture when standing and sitting, and don't slouch.

Source: American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons

Most people incur back problems between the ages of 30 and 50 when the spine begins to degenerate because of pounding, twisting and bending associated with everyday living. In some cases, it may be due to genetic predisposition to disc degeneration, as well.

The key to dealing with back problems, the doctors say, is education, behavior modification and strengthening.

Back School, for instance, teaches people about the spine and gives suggestions for guarding against back injuries.

Those who have suffered back injuries can learn behavior modification techniques with a physical therapist to minimize trauma. How to get in and out of bed, for instance, how to dress and undress, and how to do common household chores, such as washing dishes and putting pots and pans away.

You can also prevent back injuries by strengthening. Up to 30 percent of the spinal support comes from the abdominal oblique muscles so you should do sideways sit-ups.

Stretching is not that helpful, Widell said. In fact, you may irritate your back further with stretching. But studies show that aerobic exercise decreases back pain.

—Compiled from wire reports

Check out latest patterns | Don't delay; lose weight now

In pattern news: San Francisco sewing expert Sara Betzina has added four designs to her line for Vogue Patterns. The sewing instructions for these patterns were written by Betzina and the sizing reflects her updated, more realistic set of measurements, called Today's Fit. For example, waistslines are larger, shoulders are smaller and sleeves are wider.

The raglan sleeve top, part of a two-piece dress in No. 7136, has seams that allow you to fit a narrow front chest and full back seam, as well as sloping or square shoulders. The skirt features ruching at the bottom center back seam, to match the ruching detail on the sleeve of the top.

The new coat, No. 7143, can be made long or hip-length, lined, unlined or reversible. Betzina adds, "The collar, free-floating back yoke and pocket flaps provide great spaces for machine embroidery or other embellishment."

Her jacket, No. 7183, is designed without facings. It's meant for melton, double-sided fleece or the boiled wool that is so popular now, so the edges should be finished with binding. Vertical seaming makes bust and shoulder alterations easier. The princess-seamed pants, No. 7179, have a comfortable contour waist and ankle vents, a nice nifty for stretch-woven fabric.

More new patterns: Royal Oak, Mich., designer Christine Jonson has added two



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new patterns to her private line, now selling well all over the country. One is an A-line dress, No. 930, a loose-fitting sleeveless silhouette. Make it in a stretchy knit, perfect for travel, in a solid color or with a slimming diagonal slash of another color at the waist.

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If the reading on the bathroom scale has been creeping upward a little during these cold, winter months, shed those extra pounds now.

Recent research suggests that the average weight gain is just under a pound during the peak holiday season from Thanksgiving to New Year's. But you have to pay close attention to even a small increase in weight. If that weight gain is not reversed by February or March, it lays the foundation for more excess pounds, Jack A. Yanovski, head of the unit on growth and obesity at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, reported in November at the North American Association for the Study of Obesity (NAASO).

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Sick of the pigs next door

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Health notes

minor respiratory problems, says a study from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Not a water sport for kids

Sorry, kids, but you're too young for personal watercraft. "No one younger than 16 years should operate PWC," said an American Academy of Pediatrics statement in the Journal Pediatrics. Industry groups and the Coast Guard agree: "There are states where 900 pounds of personal watercraft that's capable of doing better than 60 miles an hour can be operated by a 12-year-old," said the chief of the Coast Guard's Office of Boating Safety.

Wake-up call for the brain

If you're seriously sleep-deprived, your brain can work harder and turn to a normally inactive region for a little bit of help. Reporting in the journal Nature, University of California at San Diego researchers say they were surprised to find that when students took a word memory test after 35 hours without sleep, the inactive region of the brain sprang to life and helped out. And another section of the brain worked harder than usual to compensate for the sleep loss.

—Compiled from wire reports

Back

Continued from C1

In fact, the fitter you are the less likely you are to suffer from back trouble. And that goes for eating right and refraining from smoking, too. One of the clinic's patients ditched coffee, along with his three daily Big Gulp and chocolate bars and lost 100 pounds. The back pain that had bothered him for two years at the same time.

There is no virtue in prolonged bed rest. Although taking to bed for a day or two probably won't hurt, more than two days of bed rest is counterproductive, Widell said. If you do hurt your back, knock off activities that will be stressful on the back and apply ice. Switch to heat when there's no worry about swelling. And take an anti-inflammatory, such as Ibuprofen, Advil, Motrin or aspirin.

Light massage can increase the blood supply, but no amount of deep tissue work will rid you of an acute injury, said Sydney Praeger, a physical therapist who teaches at the Back School. Acupuncture works for about half of people with back pain, but it doesn't work for everyone. Similarly electrical stimulation magnets may help some people but not others.

New mattresses aren't necessarily the answer regardless of what the ads would lead you to believe. Putting a piece of plywood between mattress and bedspring will give new life to your bed without a bill of several hundred dollars.

Back braces are like a Band-Aid on a cut. Although they won't strengthen abdominal muscles, as recent newspaper stories have led people to believe, they won't heal a problem, either. Their primary benefit is to remind you to move properly so you don't injure your back.

Move properly, for instance, by holding heavy weights against

your body when lifting or carrying them. Move your feet, rather than pivoting and twisting your back. Use long-handled tools for gardening so you're not bent over for hours at a time. Shovel snow with short periods of time and rest often. And don't go for the biggest shovel on the market. Use a small shovel so you're not lifting much weight at a time.

In general, the back can heal itself pretty well, much as a muscle sprain. It's often something we do that keeps the pain going, Widell said. "If you've treated back ache for years with no relief, try some-

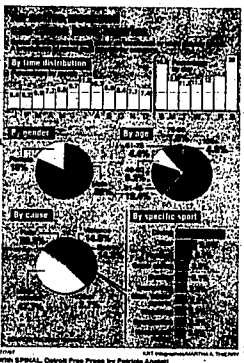
thing different," Hanscom said. "The key is consistency and moderation."

Usually people with back pain have neither because they want to be over the back pain so bad. So they cry something extreme. You have to learn to move properly and do it again and again. You can't brush your teeth once and say you did such a good job you don't need to do tomorrow.

Just knowing the anatomical names associated with the spine will help Hanscom better communicate with her doctor, she says. "It's interesting, too, to learn

that the back does heal very well and that surgery should be a last resort," she said, as she closed the book on Back School. "The kinds of things they're teaching at Back School should be taught in the regular schools so kids learn at an early age how to move and how to recognize and prevent problems before they happen."

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CAUSES:

The most common cause of DUB is a hormonal imbalance. This is often caused by stress, weight loss or gain, medications, illness, excessive exercise, or even some benign tumors. Other causes are infections, thyroid disorders, uterine tumors, cancer, or even pregnancy. Regardless of the cause, DUB is a source of worry and often-times can be very disruptive in a woman's life, affecting career, schooling, social life, sex life, and home life.

DIAGNOSIS:

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WHO IS AT RISK FOR GALLSTONES?

- Women who are over 40 million people in the U.S. will learn they have gallstones. Those who are most likely to develop gallstones are:
 - Women between 20 and 50 years of age.
 - Men and women over age 60.
 - Pregnant women or women who have used birth control or estrogen replacement therapy.
 - Native Americans. They have the highest prevalence of gallstones in the U.S. A majority of Native American men have gallstones by age 40.
 - Mexican-American men and women of all ages.
 - Men and women who are overweight.
 - People who go on crash diets or who lose a lot of weight quickly.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?
Most people with gallstones do not have symptoms. They have what are called silent stones. Studies show that most people with silent stones remain symptom free for years and require no treatment. Silent stones usually are detected during a routine medical check-up or examination for another illness.

IN SUMMARY
Gallstones are a common disorder and often cause no symptoms. They can, however, cause severe pain and serious problems, which, when discovered, require a well-developed plan of action. The goal should be to avoid emergency complications and surgery. Depending on the patient's condition, treatment may involve either dissolving the stones, laparoscopic surgery, lithotripsy, or merely waiting by consulting with the physician, the right treatment choice can be made.

Cholesterol gallstones develop when bile contains too much cholesterol and not enough bile salts. Besides a high concentration of cholesterol, two other factors seem to be important in causing gallstones. The first is how often and how well the gallbladder contracts; incomplete and infrequent emptying of the gallbladder may cause the bile to become over-concentrated and contribute to gallstone formation. The second factor is the presence of proteins in the liver and bile that either promote or inhibit cholesterol crystallization into gallstones.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 09, 2000 7:00 P.M. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission upon said requests: A CONDITIONAL USE LAND DIVISION BY GARY BLICK on property consisting of one hundred sixty (60) acres located in Section 13(0) North 10 South, Range 16 East B.M., also known as being located one mile north of the Buhl Community and addressed 4251 North 1800 East, Buhl, Idaho in the Buhl Impact Area. The intended use is to divide off one to two and one-half acres and an existing farm and outbuildings to sell for profit. A CONDITIONAL USE by Twin Falls Highway District on property consisting of eighty (80) acres located in Section 24 Township 12 South, Range 15 East B.M. Also known as being located one-half north of Hollister and four west and addressed 2000 East 2520 North, Hollister, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to extract gravel. A CONDITIONAL USE by Stacy Hines on property consisting of three (3) acres located in Section 11, Township 10 South, Range 16 East B.M. Also known as being located in Lot 8 of the Early Crossing Commercial Development Park and addressed 2536 East 3900 North, Flie, Idaho. In the Commercial Zone. The intended use is to erect a 10x10 electronic sign. AN EXPANSION TO AN EXISTING LIVESTOCK CONFINEMENT by John and Aggie Schluder (Schluder Dairy) on property consisting of one hundred sixty (60) acres located in Section 21, Township 10 South, Range 14 East B.M. Also known as being located 4 miles south of Wasco Corner and 2.25 west of the road on the north side of the road and addressed 1164 East 3700 North, Buhl, Idaho, in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to expand an existing dairy, to construct a new milking facility to milk 1,500 cows and have 400 dry cows. Also expansion would include four (4) more corrals and two (2) more lagoons. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission at the hour of 7:00 p.m. on February 21, 2000 at the Office Building Meeting Room, 248 3rd Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho upon said requests. A complete description of each request is on file with the Office of the Zoning Administrator and available upon request. Any and all persons who register their comments, protests, or agreements on the subject being considered. Comments should be made to the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 248 3rd Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, (208) 734-9490, in writing prior to the Public Hearing. Dated this 16th day of February 2000. Robert L. Finley, Chairman Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission ATTEST: Robert S. Fort, Clerk PUBLISH: Monday, February 21, 2000

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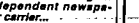
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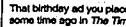
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SPORTSQUOTE

“It’s a dream come true. What more could we ask for?”

—Jeremy Giambi, on being traded from the Kansas City Royals to the Oakland Athletics, the team on which his brother Jason plays

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Boys' basketball
Region III Tournament, at Pocatello
Twin Falls at Pocatello, 7 p.m.
SJC Tournament, at the College of Southern Idaho
Wood River vs. Kimberly, 6:00 p.m.
Filer vs. Wendell, 7:30 p.m.
A-3 District Tournament, at Declo
Glenns Ferry at Declo, 7 p.m.
Northside Conference Tournament, at Shoshone
Richfield vs. Camas County, 7 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Boys' basketball touneys start tonight

Four classes of boys' basketball resume district and conference tournament play tonight beginning with the Twin Falls Bruins traveling to face defending Class A-1 champion Pocatello in a loser-out affair at 7 p.m. The Bruins have fallen three times to the Indians this season, but can end Pocatello's year with an upset.

A-2 action, the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium is the site for tonight's Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournament where Wood River takes on Kimberly in a loser-out contest at 6 p.m. The Mustangs must defeat the Tigers twice for the championship, but are still guaranteed the No. 2 Northside seed heading into next weekend's A-4 district tournament.

Declo hosts Glenns Ferry in an A-3 District IV Tournament matchup at 7 p.m. with the victor traveling to face once-beaten Valley on Tuesday.

And in the A-4 Northside Conference Tournament at Shoshone's new gymnasium, top-ranked Richfield faces upstart Camas County at 7 p.m.

Filer holds baseball tryouts on Friday

FILER — The Filer High School baseball program will conduct open tryouts on Friday at 4 p.m. at the Wildcats baseball diamond.

Any home-schoolers or players enrolled in private schools who are interested in baseball are encouraged to attend.

Area spring rules clinics planned at TFHS today

BURLEY — The state IHSA rules clinics for all area track programs and interested high school baseball and softball umpires will be held today at Twin Falls High School.

The softball clinic will begin at 6 p.m. and the baseball clinic will start at 7 p.m. Interested umpires should contact district commissioner Craig Adams at 676-0606 during the day, or 678-7144 in the evening, for more information.

All area schools should have representative at the track clinic, which will take place in the high school facility lounge at 7 p.m. For details, call 733-8823.

Dale-tona: Jarrett wins third Daytona 500

The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Call him the Dominator of Daytona.

Defending Winston Cup champ Dale Jarrett won his third Daytona 500 in eight years, passing surprise contender Johnny Benson for the lead four laps from the end.

Jarrett cruised to the victory Sunday, driving the last two of 200 laps at the Daytona International Speedway under caution after Jimmy Spencer crashed on lap 198.

Jarrett, who won just about everything there was to win in the last week at the track, was the favorite and had the pole.



But his red, white and blue No. 88 Ford was damaged in practice Saturday and his crew had to work overnight on repairs.

It couldn't have worked out any better for Jarrett in NASCAR's biggest race.

"I would never have dreamed when I came into this sport that I could win this race three times," he said on Victory Lane, where he was greeted by a burst of confetti and hugs from his crew.

Jarrett, who now has 23 career victories, dominated early in a race that lacked any

drama until the last 50 laps. He ended up leading for 89 laps, by far the most.

He appeared to have everything in hand even as he trailed Mark Martin midway through the race. Just about everyone expected Jarrett to make his move any time he wanted.

He still trailed Martin when debris on the 2.5-mile oval brought out the third of six yellow flags and all the leaders pitted on lap 157.

Benson, driving a Pontiac, was one of five drivers who chose to change one tire while everyone else changed four. That put Benson, the 1996 rookie of the year who has yet to win a Winston Cup race, out

front-and-left Jarrett fifth. With almost everyone among the estimated 190,000 fans watching in amazement, Benson's unheralded Pontiac was able to stay out front as a pack of powerful Fords remained in his wake.

After former Daytona winner Derrrike Cope hit the wall on lap 169, bringing out the fourth caution, Jarrett began to assert himself.

He was sixth on the restart on lap 176, but quickly moved up to fourth on lap 177. He followed Martin to third on lap 180 and took advantage on lap 187 when Martin's Ford slipped up the banked track in turn

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CSI men, women take opposite directions

By Kevin Hall Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — What has happened to the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team?

While the men took their fifth straight win Saturday night in an 82-68 victory at North Idaho College, improving to 11-5 in the Scenic West Athletic Conference, 22-5 overall, and taking over third place in the SWAC, the CSI women dropped their third consecutive start and sixth of their last eight.

The defeat sends CSI two games below .500 on the year, and on the verge of missing next month's Region 18 Tournament.

Quite the turnaround for the defending Region 18 champions who were ranked twelfth to begin the season.

And it doesn't get any easier for head coach Joel Bate and assistant coach Shelly Wright when the Golden Eagles prepare for this weekend's conference-ending games against Utah Valley State College and Salt Lake Community College.

Somewhere, somehow, they've got to find a way to get this team back on the same page — in a hurry.

For a team that averages 72 points a game, scoring has suddenly disappeared in a flurry of missed shots, fouls and turnovers.

After suffering its worst loss of the season Thursday in a 63 whipping at Ricks College, the Golden Eagles scored only 16 points and shot a woeful 11 percent (2-for-17) in the second half in Saturday's 58-45 defeat at NIC.

The defense hasn't fared much better.

In the Ricks contest, CSI hit only 27 percent on 18 of 67 attempts while giving up 56 percent on 25 of 43 shots to the Lady Vikings, many of which were easy lay-ups scored on missed assignments and a slow rotating defense. The Golden Eagles were also outbounded by a physically intimidating Ricks squad, 66-36.

Against North Idaho, after taking a quick 14-4 lead, CSI committed 31 turnovers the rest of the way, many the result of traveling whistles. For some reason, the women's team has been unable to put together consistent, solid 40-minute performances. They came close with back-to-back wins Feb. 3 and 11 at Treasure Valley Community College and at home against CNCC, but have since gone winless.

Fortunately, they have one more week and are at home to try and work out the bugs.

For men's head coach Derek Zeck, the week provides an opportunity to pay back some losses suffered at the conference level.

A place to call their own

Hagerman completes home field

By Kellee Gaston Times-News writer

Hagerman High School football coach Jason Warr and his players have been without a home field for two years, half his four-year tenure with the Pirates.

The "no one beats us in our house" speech has been hard to sell.

"Not having a home field definitely didn't help," Warr says. "Going to Wendell for home games wasn't what it should have been."

Despite a down year last fall, the Hagerman Pirate football team have been Class A-4 state contenders for three of the past five years, posting solid numbers for a town of only 850 people and few high school students.

The old high school, built in the early 1900s, was replaced with a new facility, including a new gym and locker rooms.

Warr and the players are excited about the new building, but had to sacrifice their football field and strength of the Magic Valley Conference during construction.

"We had great football teams two years ago," Warr says. "The hometown crowds were huge. We had great hometown support, and we want that back again when the field is done."

The new field is where the old football field was, behind the main building, running parallel to U.S. Highway 30 or State Street, in Hagerman. Once the grass has set in and lights, bleachers and a scoreboard have been installed, Warr and the Pirates can start over on a new surface, leaving behind memories of practices in the city park and long Friday night bus rides to nearby towns for home games.

"We felt kind of like we were on our own," the coach says. "We kind of lost the returned enthusiasm you get from a



Kellee Gaston/The Times-News

Above, Hagerman High School varsity football coach Jason Warr stands on the Pirates' newly seeded football field, slated to be ready for practice in May. The team traveled to Wendell and Gooding the past two years for home games while the new high school and gymnasium were under construction.

Below, the new gymnasium at Hagerman High School features a suspended wood floor, new lights, new sound system and soundproof walls.

hometown crowd the past two years."

A native of Hagerman, Warr played football for the school during the 1989 state championship season. After attending Ricks College and Idaho State University, he returned to coach a Pirates football team "now eager to build new traditions on a new battleground. Warr also teaches U.S. history, government and weightlifting at the high school."

"These kids work their butts off," Warr says of his players.

For now, Warr anticipates a solid core of returning players, including 17 seniors, and a team that has come together through two years of adversity.

"The players train in the weight room in the old Hagerman gym that reflects the workmanlike approach indicative of small town high school football. But the new building has bred enthusiasm in the students, and the athletic programs."

"The new facilities at Hagerman High also include a new gymnasium with a suspended wood floor, a new lighting

system in the students, and the athletic programs."

"There's been a huge turnaround in students' attitudes since the building opened."

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system in the students, and the athletic programs."

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No. 15 Owls declaw No. 1 Cincinnati

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Temple beat No. 1 Cincinnati in all the unconventional ways Sunday, stopping the nation's longest winning streak and confounding Bearcats coach Bob Huggins.

"We did everything you're not supposed to be able to do against Temple," Huggins said after the No. 15 Owls beat Cincinnati 77-69. "But they made the shots."

Huggins looked at the statistics in amazement. Cincinnati had 24 points in the paint to 12 for Temple; the Bearcats had twice as many points off turnovers and second-chance points.

But Temple also did something nobody had done against Cincinnati in 63 games: The Owls shot 52 percent from the field. Nobody had shot 50 percent against Cincinnati since Alabama-Birmingham did it March 7, 1998.

"They beat us a lot of big shots that broke our hearts," said freshman DerMarr Johnson, who led Cincinnati with 16 points.

With Mark Karcher scoring 22 of 31 points in the second half, Temple made the most of it usually gritty defense and rallied after Cincinnati took a seven-

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point lead, its biggest of the game.

"Coach told me to slow down and take what they gave me," Karcher said.

"He has a tendency to come off screens and just shoot it. But today, he was a little more patient," said Temple coach John Chaney.

"He can hit that mid-range jumper. We had to do that to keep it out of the middle and away from the big guy."

The "big guy" — Kenyon Martin had 13 points and 10 rebounds for Cincinnati (24-2). Pete Micekall had 14 and Kenny Satterfield 10.

Quincy Wadley added 16 points for Temple (20-4), and Lynn Greer had 15, all in the first half.

Cincinnati had won 16 in a row — tops in Division I — and its home winning streak was at 42 before Temple took command. The Owls have won 11 in a row, the most since the 1993-94 season.

"They're good," Huggins said. "They beat us today. But if we play them again, I don't know if they beat us again."

Triplett earns first PGA tour win

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Kirk Triplett thrust his fist toward the gray skies for a celebration long overdue.

After 11 years and 266 starts on the PGA Tour, he finally came away a winner Sunday in the Nissan Open.

On a wet and gloomy Riviera Country Club, Triplett built a three-stroke lead on the back nine and then battled his nerves and a few errant shots to close with a 4-under 67 and a one-stroke victory over hard-charging Jesper Parnevik.

Parnevik made it as difficult as possible for Triplett by ramming in a 25-foot birdie putt on the final hole, forcing Triplett to complete a testy par save with a 4-foot putt.

"An incredible feeling," he said. "This has been a long time coming."

Triplett finished at 12-under 272 and earned \$558,000 — more than he earned in all but two of his previous nine seasons on tour.

Parnevik, who won the Bob Hope Classic four weeks ago, birdied two of the last three holes for a 68 that left him in alone in second. Robin Freeman, who provided the stiffest challenge to

Golf

Triplett until a three-putt bogey on the 17th, was another stroke back after a 68.

A week after the end of The Streak, Tiger Woods failed to record a top-10 finish in a stroke-play tournament for the first time since he tied for 18th in the MCI Classic on April 18, a stretch of 13 PGA Tour events.

Woods got within two shots of the lead at one point early in the round, but closed with a 1-over 72 and finished in a tie for 19th. It was only his fifth time in his last 36 rounds on the PGA Tour that he failed to break par, dating to the British Open at Carnoustie.

"It's just a bad round," Woods said. "I didn't really have it going this entire week. If I would have putted a little better, I would have been right there. But you can't have everything."

Triplett wasn't asking for anything, just a victory to show for 11 years of grinding on tour.

With a civil engineering degree from Nevada, he traveled and the world trying to prove to himself he could compete with the best

three years in Australia, Asia and Canada before finally getting his tour card in 1989.

Winning did not come easily to the 39-year-old Triplett.

With a two-stroke lead going to the 18, he hit his drive into the left rough on the famed 451-yard closing hole and had to lay up some 40 yards short. Parnevik applied even more heat by lacing his approach into 25 feet below the hole.

Arms crossed, a look of grave concern under his bucket hat, Triplett answered the challenge with a lofted chip that settled 4 feet behind the hole, which seemed even farther away when Parnevik made his birdie putt.

The victory comes one week too late for Triplett, who was No. 66 in the world ranking and just missed getting in the Match Play Championship, that starts Wednesday at La Costa.

Webb wins Aussie Open with course record 64

MELBOURNE, Australia — Karrie Webb shot a course-record 5-under-par 64 Sunday to win the

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Marbury returns to icy reception in Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — And you thought Minnesota was cold before?

Fans were merciless Sunday when Stephen Marbury returned to Target Center for the first time since he forced the Timberwolves to trade him to New Jersey, in part to escape Minnesota's winters.

NBA — Marbury gave the packed house plenty to boo about, scoring 39 points in leading New Jersey past his former team 91-89.

Marbury missed a 3 from the top of the circle with 8.9 seconds left, and the ball hit the shot clock, giving Minnesota possession. But Kevin Garnett missed an off-balance runner, Malik Sealy missed the tip and nobody was able to foul rebounder Kerry Kittles before time expired. Garnett scored 27 points, but missed 24 of 33 shots.

Trail Blazers 108, Kings 103, OT

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Rasheed Wallace had a key basket near the end of regulation and scored seven of his 24 points in overtime as Portland beat Sacramento for its eighth straight victory.

Scottie Pippen added 21 points, Steve Smith had 15 and Ronzi Wells 12 for the Trail Blazers, who improved their league-best road record to 22-8. Arvydas Sabonis had 11 points and 14 rebounds.

Heat 85, Hornets 80

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Tim Hardaway and Jamal Mashburn led a 3-point barrage to help



Portland's Steve Smith squeezes between Sacramento defenders Predrag Stojakovic, left, and Vlade Divac in the first quarter of Sunday's game in Sacramento, Calif.

Miami end its three-game slide on the road.

The Heat, who had lost six of

seven away from Miami, were 12-16 from beyond the arc, including a 6-for-8 performance

by Hardaway and a 3-of-4 showing by Mashburn.

Mavericks 100, Raptors 96

TORONTO — Cedric Ceballos and Michael Finley each scored 23 points as Dallas beat Toronto.

Eric Strickland added 18 points for Dallas, which won its fourth game in a row. Vince Carter led Toronto with 24 points, and Antonio Davis had 20 points and eight rebounds.

Lakers 87, 76ers 84

PHILADELPHIA — Kobe Bryant held Allen Iverson scoreless in the second half and scored his team's final six points to lead Los Angeles to its seventh straight win.

Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal each blocked shots by Iverson in the final 3.3 seconds, contributing to his 0-11 second half. Bryant finished with 18 points, seven assists and five blocks, while O'Neal nearly had the second triple-double of his career with 22 points, 16 rebounds and nine assists.

Spurs 113, Rockets 111, OT

HOUSTON — Tim Duncan scored 17 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter and overtime to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 113-111 victory over the Houston Rockets on Sunday night.

Duncan, who had just eight points and seven rebounds through three quarters, found an 11-2 run in the fourth for the Spurs.

Duncan scored 13 and had four rebounds in the fourth, and added four points and a key steal in overtime to lead the Spurs to their eighth straight victory against the Rockets.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Irabu goes to hospital for tests on elbow

JUPITER, Fla. — Hideki Irabu may have elbow chips in his right elbow and could need arthroscopic surgery.

Irabu, traded from the New York Yankees to Montreal during the offseason, had an MRI Saturday. The Expos said Sunday the test indicated the possibility of a bone chip or chips, but none could actually be seen.

Beattie, Irabu, interpreter Go Ikeda and an Expos trainer were to travel to Fort St. Lucie later Sunday afternoon to consult with Dr. Paul Jacobs, the orthopedic specialist for the Milwaukee Brewers for 25 years before entering private practice. Jacobs is the father-in-law of Expos executive vice president David Sampson.

"Dr. Jacobs has seen the MRI and doesn't seem to think there's a problem," Beattie said.

Jamison to have surgery on left knee

OAKLAND, Calif. — Golden State Warriors forward Antawn Jamison will undergo arthroscopic surgery on his left knee Tuesday in Los Angeles, the team said Sunday.

The surgery, to be performed by Dr. Steve Lombardo and Dr. Warren Struwick, will determine the extent of the injury, currently listed as a strained left knee.

Jamison, who leads the Warriors in scoring (19.6) and is second in rebounding (8.3), has missed the past three games and the All-Star festivities as a result of the injury.

Red Sox ace misses first workout

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Pedro Martinez missed the Red Sox first spring training workout for the second straight year. And, for the second year, Boston manager Tim Lincecum shrugged it off.

"It's not a big deal," Williams said Sunday.

So while 24 pitchers, including Pedro's brother, Ramon, hustled on a hot day fielding grounders and covering first base during a two-hour practice, baseball's best pitcher was in his native Dominican Republic.

Pacers coach Bird keeps Celtics option open

BOSTON — Larry Bird, one of the greatest Boston Celtics players, might be interested in owning the team.

Asked if he'd ever buy the Celtics, Bird said he thinks he could make it happen. "I could get people together to buy the team in a day," Bird said. "I could get it done tomorrow. Let's get the ball rolling."

Celtics owner Paul Gaston has said publicly that the team is not for sale.

Bird, whose three-year coaching commitment with the Indiana Pacers ends this season, has been offered an executive position in the Pacers' front office. But Bird said the move wasn't right for him. He plans to return to his home in Florida after this season.

College PR pioneer Manasseh dies at 79

BATON ROUGE, La. — Paul Manasseh, a pioneer in the field of college sports public relations and longtime sports information director at LSU, died Sunday.

He had been hospitalized in declining health since Jan. 14, when the car he was driving went out of control and crashed into a tree.

Manasseh spent more than 40 years in professional and college athletics, including 12 as the SID at LSU and four as the first public relations director of the Denver Broncos.

Manasseh was a pioneer in sports media relations, making LSU one of the first to use highlight films to publicize its sports teams. Manasseh was recognized nationally for his work and in 1978 was voted into the College Sports Information Directors of America Hall of Fame.

Steckel takes over as Bucs offensive coordinator

TAMPA, Fla. — Former Minnesota Vikings coach Les Steckel, an assistant with the Tennessee franchise the last five seasons, was the surprise choice Sunday night as the new offensive coordinator of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Indianapolis quarterbacks coach Bruce Arians, who has played a major role in the development of Peyton Manning, was believed to be the frontrunner to succeed Mike Shula, who was fired after the Bucs failed to score a touchdown in an 11-6 loss to the St. Louis in the NFC championship game.

The 53-year-old assistant was the Oilers' offensive coordinator the past three seasons and helped Tennessee reach the Super Bowl with an offensive style much like the run-oriented Bucs used under Shula.

Oregon women outlast UW, 70-69

SEATTLE — Angelina Wolvert's short banker with 11.3 seconds remaining capped a 9-0 Oregon scoring run in the final three minutes, lifting the Oregon Ducks to a 70-69 victory over Washington in Pac-10 action Sunday afternoon.

Oregon's defense did not allow the Huskies to get off a good shot during their final possession. Julia Gray heaved a desperation 35-footer that missed badly as time expired.

Shea wins gold in women's grandfathers

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. — Jim Shea did it the hard way. He won gold Sunday in men's skeleton at the Winter Goodwill Games — without a sponsor.

But when your grandfather is the oldest living American gold medalist from the 1932 Lake Placid Winter Olympics and the whole nation is rooting for you, Shea had what money couldn't buy and easily beat his grandnephew, Chris Soule.

"The support really made a difference for me," said Shea, whose 89-year-old grandfather, Jack, won two speedskating golds nearly seven decades ago and was there at snowy Mount Van Hoevenberg to soak in the moment. "It feels real good, but it's bittersweet. We still don't have a sponsor."

Compiled from wire reports

Jayhawks hold off resurgent Oklahoma

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — No. 24 Kansas forced Eduardo Najera into his worst game of the season and beat No. 20 Oklahoma 53-50 Sunday despite scoring only one point in the final 4:19.

Drew Gooden's jumper put the Jayhawks (19-7, 8-4 Big 12) on top 52-48, and 40 seconds later Nolan Johnson's short jumper made it 52-50.

Najera, the Big 12's No. 2 scorer, had only eight points and was 3-for-12 from the field, his lowest output of the season. When Jeff Boschee missed two free throws with 29 seconds to go, Oklahoma got the rebound and started down court. But Najera lost the ball out of bounds and Hinrich went to the line a few seconds later.

In the final seconds, Oklahoma's Kelly Newton missed two 3-pointers as Kansas avoided what would have been its first two-game home losing streak in 12 years.

Women's games

No. 2 Tennessee 84, No. 9 LSU 48

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Semeka Randall scored 16 points and Kara Lawson added 15 as No. 2 Tennessee routed No. 9 LSU 80-48 Sunday.

The Lady Vols (23-3, 11-1 Southeastern Conference), who also got 14 points from Tamika Catchings, took control with a 15-5 run to open the second half. LSU (20-5, 5-3) got 14 points from April Brown and 10 from Marie Ferdinand.

No. 3 Georgia 72, Arkansas 69

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Twins Coco and Kelly Miller combined for 41 points for Georgia (26-2, 11-1). Coco Miller scored 23 points and her sister added 17.

Arkansas (14-11, 4-8) got 20

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points from Wendt Willis. Five players fouled out, with Georgia losing Coco Miller, Angie Ball and Nolan.

No. 4 Louisiana Tech 82, Arkansas St. 69

JONESBORO, Ark. — Betty Lennox scored 26 points on 11-for-23 shooting.

Catrina Frierson scored 12 points for the Lady Techsters (22-2, 12-0 Sun Belt Conference), who led by just one point midway through the second half. Cheryl Reed had 10 rebounds and Lennox nine.

Julie Hagood scored 20 points for the Lady Indians (14-9, 5-7).

No. 6 Penn St. 66, Northwestern 34

EVANSTON, Ill. — Andrea Garner had 15 points and 11 rebounds, and Maren Walseith added 11 points for the Nittany Lions (22-3, 13-3).

Tami Sears led the Wildcats (6-19, 3-12) with 16 points.

No. 21 Virginia 60, No. 7 No. Carolina St. 51

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Virginia (21-6, 12-2 ACC) has won all four of its games against Top 10 teams. The Cavaliers' 13th straight home victory also gave them a 1.5-game lead over the Wolfpack and No. 14 Duke in the conference.

North Carolina State (20-6, 11-4) fell to 3-2 since Feb. 3, when a rebound at 7:08, and made it 5-3 with 6:41 left, bursting up the slot and beating goalie Ken Wregget.

Tony Amonte, Eric Daze, Josef Marha and Michael Nyland were scored for Chicago. Steve Yzerman, Vyacheslav Kozlov, Brendan Shanahan and Martin Lapointe scored for Detroit.

No. 11 UC Santa Barbara 92, Long Beach St. 61

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Freshman Jess Hansen scored season-high 19 points as UC Santa Barbara routed Long Beach State, extending the Gauchos' winning streak to 19 games.

Hansen scored 14 points in the first half as the Gauchos (23-3, 11-0 Big West) used a 24-4 run to take a 40-16 lead. Erin Buescher added 17 points and 13 rebounds for Santa Barbara.

Rhonda Smith led the 49ers (14-9, 8-3) with 18 points.

No. 13 Auburn 67, Mississippi 63

AUBURN, Ala. — Shana Askew and Tasha Hamilton each scored 16 points.

Conswell Sparrow had 13 points and LeCoe Willingham added 10 for the Tigers (20-5, 8-4 Southeastern Conference). Chandra Dorsey led the scoring for Mississippi (11-14, 0-12 SEC) with 19 points each.

No. 16 Old Dominion 74, East Carolina 58

NORFOLK, Va. — Sharon Francis scored 17 points Old Dominion coach Wendy Larry got her 300th win.

The Monarchs (8-5, 13-0) led by just 52-47 with 8:55 remaining, but went on a 16-2 run behind six points each from Francis and Natalie Diaz.

East Carolina (12-12, 7-6) kept it close early, but the Monarchs pulled away in the second half on 57 percent shooting, making 16 of 28 shots.

No. 19 Boston College 66, Pittsburgh 52

PITTSBURGH — Cal Bouchard scored 20 points and Jamie Cormoyer added 15.

The Eagles (21-6, 10-3 Big East) led at 28-26 at halftime and

widened the gap to 45-34 with 12:07 left in the second half.

Monique Toney led Pittsburgh (14-10, 5-8 Big East) with 11 points.

No. 22 Mississippi St. 66, Florida 57

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Senior Nitra Perry scored 19 points and Jennifer Fambrough added 16 for the Bulldogs (19-12, 6-6 O-12 Sun Belt Conference), who led 25-21 at halftime.

Tiffany Travis led Florida (15-10, 5-7) with 18 points and eight rebounds.

No. 23 Marquette 82, St. Louis 70

MILWAUKEE — Abbie Willenborg and Lisa Oldenburg combined for 43 points and 26 rebounds as No. 23 Marquette wrapped up Conference USA's overall championship.

The Golden Eagles (22-4, 14-1 C-USA) won their eighth straight game but didn't have an easy time subduing St. Louis and hot shooter Mandy Lueking, who scored 11 of her 25 points in the first five minutes against the Billikens (11-14, 4-10).

No. 25 George Washington 70, Xavier 68

WASHINGTON — Kristeena Alexander scored 14 of her 16 points in the second half as George Washington took sole possession of first place in the Atlantic 10 Conference West Division.

GW (21-4, 12-2) leads Xavier (21-4, 12-3) by a half-game in the West, where the top two teams earn byes in the first round of the Atlantic 10 tournament March 3-6 in Philadelphia.

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the third period as Chicago beat Detroit.

Zhamnov, who also had an assist, gave Chicago a 4-3 lead off a rebound at 7:08, and made it 5-3 with 6:41 left, bursting up the slot and beating goalie Ken Wregget.

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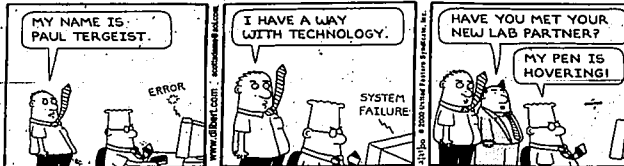
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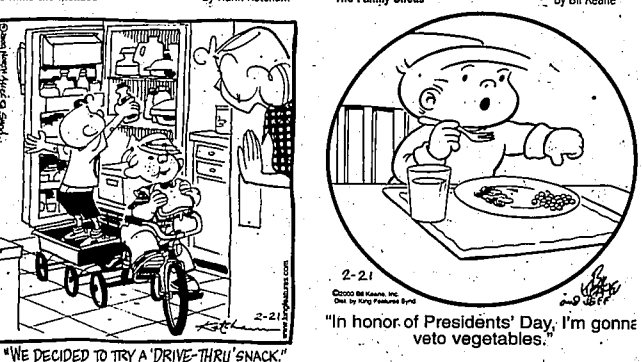


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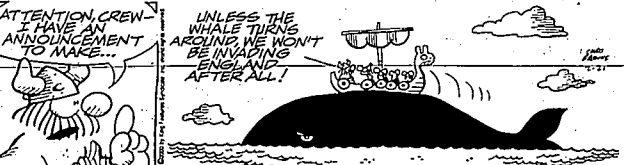
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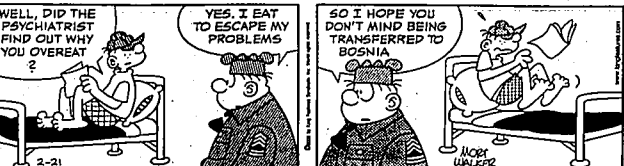
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