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TF prosecutor faces challenger

By Brian Haynes Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebbs walked into his position more than two years ago because no one else wanted the job. Holding on to his post this year won't be so easy.

Former Bannock County deputy prosecutor Mark Murphy has his sights set on challenging Loebbs for the county's highest legal position. The two will face off in the May 23 Republican primary.

Murphy, who moved to Twin Falls in August, spent nearly nine years prosecuting cases in

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Prosecutor candidates

Grant Loebbs, 38

Education: 1991, George Washington University National Law Center, law degree. 1983, Idaho State University, bachelor's degree in political science with philosophy minor.



Professional: 1978, Pocatello High School. Twin Falls County prosecutor, July 1997 to present. Deputy prosecutor, October 1993 to July 1997. Law firms in Washington, D.C., and California, fall 1987 to fall 1993, including private practice. Special assistant to assistant secretary of defense, January 1988 to February 1989.

Mark Murphy, 37

Education: 1990, Craighton University Law School, law degree. 1987, Idaho State University, bachelor's degree in political science. 1980, Pocatello High School.



Professional: Law clerk for District Judge Lynn Winnill, 1991. Bannock County deputy prosecutor, March 1991 to August 1999.

Prelude to Super Tuesday

Washington state primary comes next

Knight Ridder News Service

SEATTLE - When Washington voters hit the polls Tuesday, their choices will count technically for so little, yet symbolically for so much.

So little because Republicans are choosing only one-third of the state's modest-sized delegation to the GOP national convention, while Democrats' votes won't count at all toward delegate selection. Their primary is merely a popularity poll, a beauty contest.

And yet so much, because the nation will focus on the election results from this booming Pacific Coast state with its fiercely independent political tradition one week before California, New York and ten other states hold contests that probably will determine both parties' presidential nominees.

Virginia and North Dakota also have primaries on Tuesday, but Washington state is most important because Republican rivals George W. Bush, the Texas governor, and John McCain, the U.S. senator from Arizona, are both going all-out to win here.

"It's probably at least as bad as the Electoral College if you ask anybody to understand how this primary works," said Don McCrone, a University of Washington political scientist. "But in the end, what matters is one candidate will be able to leave the state the evening of the election saying, 'The people of Washington have endorsed my candidacy.'"

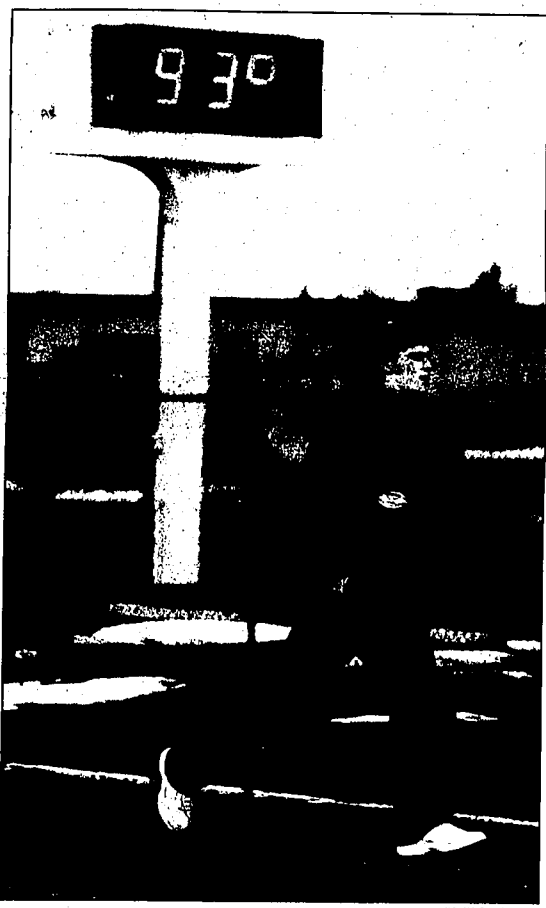
Voters here do not register by party. They generally identify themselves in equal numbers as Republicans, Democrats and independents.

Darla Wendell, 58, an accountant

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With snow still on the ground, Matt Kopydlowski trots past a message board boasting July-like temperatures. Kopydlowski, a Kimberly High School basketball player, was on his way to catch the bus to Saturday's playoff game in Declo when he passed the malfunctioning sign.

RUSHING TO SUMMER



ANDY ANDER/2/The Times-News

BUDGET BATTLES

Tax-cutting frenzy returns state to era of budget scrimping

By Bob Fick The Associated Press

BOISE - Two months ago, key legislative budget writers feared a mad scramble to spend the largest cash surplus in nearly a decade. Today they are engaged in another exercise in nickel-and-dime budget scrimping at a time when the state is flush.

The policy impact raises some serious questions. But the immediate potential political ramifications have some veteran lawmakers worried.

The frenzy in the House to dramatically cut taxes in this election-year session has left the budget committee little choice but to return to the tactics of cash-short years that produced inadequate financial commitments to many critical programs.

Instead of tapping the estimated \$65 million surplus to address some of the pent-up demand in areas like education, scholarships, health, state building maintenance and parks, the Joint

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Moving pack may not solve all problems

By M.S. Nokkentved Times-News writer

CLAYTON - There is little federal officials can do.

After a wolf killed a calf, and after several other incidents of harassment of livestock by wolves on Curt Hurlless' Clayton ranch, federal officials shot four wolves. Since then an alarm system triggered by the wolves' radio collars seems to be discouraging the wolves from bothering his livestock.

Under federal rules, agents can't do anything further, said Roy Heberger, who oversees the wolf recovery program in Idaho for the Fish and Wildlife Service. U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and other members of Idaho's congressional delegation have asked the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to relocate the pack that has been giving Hurlless fits.

But federal control efforts have been successful so far, and unless wolves attack or kill more livestock, federal officials can't do anything more, Heberger said.

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90-year-old walks across country

Grandma pushes issue of campaign finance reform

The Associated Press

Nothing seems to slow the 90-year-old grandmother who has trekked 3,100 miles through 12 states in the name of campaign finance reform - not arthritis, blistering desert heat or a foot of snow in Maryland.

More than a year after Doris Haddock set out for Washington from the West Coast to draw attention to her cause, the finish line is near. She was resting Sunday near Bethesda, Md., and planned to complete her walk - with an entourage of supporters - Tuesday from Arlington National Cemetery to the Capitol. Her message to politicians: The

high cost of campaigns is giving wealthy special interests the only voice in Washington and it's shutting out the people. She wants soft money contributions outlawed and politicians who won't move toward campaign finance reform rejected at the polls.

"Sometimes I think it was a fool's errand, but I think there are more people in this country who know what campaign finance reform means since I started," said Haddock, who goes by "Granny D" on her Web site, www.grannyd.com, which has been chronicling the adventure. "I think I'm stronger than when I started. Certainly my emphysema is better," she said.

She got the idea from the Tuesday Morning Academy, a group of 19 women in Dublin that meets weekly to discuss world affairs. While members of her own family expressed reserva-

tions, club members supported her cause, and some walked part of the distance at her side, she said. Along the way, she caught the attention of local and national media, as well as presidential candidates Bill Bradley and John McCain.

"McCain said to me, 'Look at the press. This is the first press I've had of this magnitude for a very, very long time,'" Haddock said. She had planned to arrive in Washington on her 90th birthday Jan. 24, but the media crush, special appearances and a few set backs changed her timetable.

Haddock was forced off the road early in her journey and had to be hospitalized for four days after she became dehydrated in California's Mojave Desert. "A lot of people around me thought it was time I went home," she said.



Doris Haddock of Dublin, N.H., known as 'Granny D,' gives Ken Hechler, West Virginia's secretary of state, a high-five after finishing their walking for the day in Potomac, Md., Friday.

THE REGION

Camas Prairie High: 36 Low: 24 Mostly cloudy with a chance of morning snow showers.

Treasure Valley High: 50 Low: 41 Mostly cloudy with patchy morning fog.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley High: 38 Low: 23 Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow showers.

Eastern Idaho High: 37 Low: 28 Cloudy with a chance of rain or snow showers.

Northern Idaho High: 46 Low: 32 Partly cloudy with patchy morning fog.

Northern Utah High: 46 Low: 32 Rain or snow likely, tapering off toward afternoon.

Northern Nevada High: 46 Low: 33 Partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday High/Low forecasts and weather icons for each day.

Idaho weather Monday, Feb. 28. AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures.

National weather The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, Feb. 28. Includes a map of the United States.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Table with columns: Twin Falls, Precipitation, Yesterday, Last year, Normal. Values for precipitation and temperature.

Idaho Highs/Lows

Table listing cities in Idaho with their high and low temperatures for yesterday.

The Nation

Table listing major cities across the United States with their high, low, and precipitation for yesterday.

UV INDEX and ROAD INFORMATION. UV Index: 2 (minimal). Road info: Call the following number for road conditions in Idaho.

SKYWATCH. Sunset today 6:26 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:15 a.m.

ACROSS THE NATION

Nations: A band of showers rolled through the Eastern states on Sunday, producing thunderstorms in the Southeast and rain and snow showers scattered over the West.

Bush picks up delegates in states

The delegates were chosen Saturday at caucuses in Guam, American Samoa and the Virgin Islands, each of which had four delegates at stake.

Prosecutor

Continued from A1. Pocatello. For the last six months he has done civil work and criminal defense.

Budget

Continued from A1. Finance Appropriations Committee has begun paring down the already modest \$1.8 billion general tax budget.

Pack

Continued from A1. And moving the wolf pack is not likely to bring long-term relief. Though Hurlless is unhappy that the wolves are still in the area.

Notes

Continued from A1. tant from suburban Bellevue, is one of them. "I like McCain now, but that's kind of a change for me after listening to him.

2000 ELECTION Warming up for Super Tuesday. DELEGATES AT STAKE. Map of the United States showing delegates at stake.

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Ex-mobster has run-in with law, again

'Sammy the Bull' couldn't resist crime's lure, authorities say

PHOENIX (AP) — Former mob hitman Salvatore "Sammy the Bull" Gravano seemed to have it made.



Salvatore Gravano

He escaped the Mafia and any serious prison time for the 13 murders he admitted to by testifying against New York crime boss John Gotti. Sporting a new name and a new face, he then started a new life in sunny suburban Arizona.



Karen Gravano

But authorities say he couldn't resist the lure of fast cash — an Achilles' heel that again put him in the sights of law enforcement.

Gravano was arrested Thursday and ordered held on \$5 million bail for his alleged role in an ecstasy-peddling ring that



A customer approaches 'Uncle Sam's Italian Ristorante' to find the business, owned by former Mafia hitman Salvatore 'Sammy the Bull' Gravano's wife, Debra, closed temporarily.

authorities said involved his wife, his son, his daughter and his son-in-law.

Gravano wasn't the first ex-mobster to find day-to-day life a drag after the exhilaration of what mafiosi call "The Life" — the high-rolling, hard-living world of mob action.

Henry "Wiseguy" Hill, after relocating to Redmond, Wash. (pop. 35,800), put it this way: "I get to live the rest of my life like a schmuck."

That was not Gravano's style, authorities said.

Instead, they say Gravano helped turn a local ecstasy ring into the state's biggest supplier of the designer stimulant — reaping profits in the neighborhood of \$500,000 a week.

"People are wondering how (Gravano) could do this," said Special Agent Jim Molesa, a spokesman for the Drug Enforcement Administration in Phoenix. "Look at this tremendous profit it was reaping. How could he not do it? He already has a propensity for crime." Authorities say the ring started

as a small-scale operation run by 23-year-old Michael Papa, who also was charged Thursday. Once Gravano put his weight behind it, sales boomed to as much as 30,000 pills a week — at \$20 to \$30 each — making the ring responsible for the lion's share of ecstasy sales in Arizona, Molesa said.

Gravano did not, however, start as the center of the alleged drug operation.

Only in the last nine months was the former underboss in the Gambino crime family brought in by his son, who had been friends with Papa, Molesa said.

Most of the people arrested had no idea they were dealing with the Gravanoes, authorities said. Only Papa, his 44-year-old mother, Maryann, and friend 20-year-old Jovan Isailovic knew they were involved with Sammy the Bull, Molesa said.

A woman who answered the phone at the Pappas' home Friday said she had no comment and hung up.

Isailovic's sister, Jovanka Isailovic, said her brother was friends with Papa and Gravano's 24-year-old son, Gerard, but they were not dealing ecstasy. She said in recent months, strangers had been approaching her brother asking if he had ecstasy and that he thought it was odd.

Jovanka Isailovic said she met Sammy the Bull and the younger Gravano and that both were pleasant men.

Farrakhan seeks closer ties with orthodox Muslims

CHICAGO (AP) — Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan on Sunday reaffirmed his pledge to reconcile his breakaway movement with orthodox U.S. Muslims, a move aimed at healing one of America's most contentious religious rivalries.

Farrakhan used the occasion of the Nation's most important annual gathering, Saviours' Day, to embrace W. Deen Mohammed, the leader of the orthodox Muslim American Society and the son of the late Elijah Muhammad.

"He and I will be together," Farrakhan said of Mohammed. "Not for evil but for love — not for hatred, but for good."

Before Sunday's rally, W. Deen Mohammed had made clear what orthodox Muslims nationwide expected: a different Farrakhan. And Farrakhan spoke directly to the expectation.

"Has Farrakhan abandoned us? Has Farrakhan abandoned?" Farrakhan asked the audience of more than 20,000. "Yeah, I have. Everybody should be changing ... but I haven't abandoned you."

The speech was regarded as



W. Deen Mohammed, left, stands with Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan at the annual Saviour's Day gathering Sunday in Chicago.

one that could make or break Farrakhan's fledgling vow to reconcile with other orthodox Muslims.

Farrakhan had joined with Mohammed, at traditional prayers on Friday — the 25th anniversary of the death of Elijah, whose legacy Farrakhan and Mohammed had struggled over.

Washington formalizes home office safety policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Labor Department has issued a promised policy statement that says it will not hold companies responsible for the safety of telecommuting employees' home offices.

"Family-friendly, flexible and fair work arrangements, including telecommuting, can benefit individual employees and their families, employers, and society as a whole," said the written directive, sent to regional offices Friday by the department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

The directive says the government:

- Will not inspect employees' home offices, expect employers to inspect them or hold companies liable for the offices' safety conditions.

• May pass complaints received from workers about home office safety on to employers but will do no follow-up.

Under the new rules, companies can be held responsible for safety problems with at-home jobs other than office work. That could include things such as manufacturing piecework involving materials, equipment or work processes which the employer provides or requires to be used in an employee's home.

However, even those risky at-home work sites will be inspected only if the government receives complaints.

In January, amid criticism from corporate America and Capitol Hill, the Labor Department withdrew an advisory letter telling a Texas credit services firm it was legally responsible for the safety of its sales executives whether they worked at home or in the office.

Youth incarcerations on the rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of criminals under 18 serving time in adult prisons more than doubled between 1985 and 1997 as states prosecuted steadily more young people as adults.

By 1997, 7,400 youths 17 or younger were committed to adult prisons on conviction in either juvenile or adult courts. That's more than twice the 3,400 young people sent to the nation's state prisons in 1985, a new Justice Department report shows.

Seven in 10 young offenders who received adult punishment in 1997, the latest year state prison records were available, were convicted for violent offenses. Of that total, 37 percent were jailed for robbery, 13 percent for murder, and 13 percent for aggravated assault, according to the report released Sunday.

Researchers say the young inmates by no means are overrunning the prisons' adult population of 2 million, and just 5 percent of all young offenders punished in this country serve sentences in adult facilities. But data suggest that today's violent young offenders are more likely to do prison time than in years past.

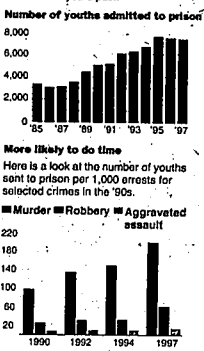
That's partly because of an increasing number of state laws that take away their legal status as minors and make them more accountable, researchers say. The crackdown, fueled in part by high-profile school violence, has placed children as young as 11 on trial in criminal courts.

"Many states have increased the number of provisions that allow juveniles to be handled in the adult system," said report author Kevin J. Strom, a researcher with the department's Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Based on state prison records reported annually to the Justice Department, the report notes that while 37 states and the District of Columbia consider people 18 adults for criminal purposes, most also allow "certain categories of offenders under 18 to be incarcerated

Young prisoners

In the U.S., the number of offenders under the age of 18 has more than doubled since 1985. Young offenders still represent a small portion of the overall inmate population, but data suggest that today's young violent offenders are more likely to do prison time than in years past.



Note: Numbers are based on a special analysis of prison records that states report to the Justice Department. The 1997 data is the latest available. Source: U.S. Justice Department AP

Curfews help deter youth crime, cities say

WASHINGTON (AP) — A rising number of American cities are imposing curfews to deter youth violence, crime and gang activity, according to a report that says 110 cities have established them in the past five years.

The report, released by the National League of Cities, said that compares with 122 curfews set up across the nation during a 15-year period between 1980-1995. Nighttime youth curfews were reported by a total of 337 of some 490 cities the league surveyed; 68 had daytime curfews, the report said. Officials in another 35 cities said they're considering implementing a curfew.

Bob Knight, president of the league and mayor of Wichita, Kan., said curfews "continue to be a growing trend in the United States as city officials look for answers to ensure the safety of youth in their communities."

Officials in nearly three of four cities surveyed by the league said they believe a curfew can help curb gang activity, but it does little to influence the behavior of hardcore gang members. The most positive effects were found in reducing assaults, burglaries and graffiti.

The league said that in most U.S. cities, children under 18 are expected to be off the streets by 11 p.m. during the week and by midnight on weekends.

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Shaky Amtrak goes for broke

Rail company hopes expanded service will aid bottom line

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amtrak, hoping to spur a rail renaissance that will solidify its shaky future, this week unveiled a plan to add two new passenger routes and expand into package delivery and maintain unprofitable routes.

Two years in the making, the blueprint would expand or improve service in 21 states, add 11 route segments and increase train frequency on three routes. It also would boost by 10 percent the number of station-to-station lines and bring trains to the neighborhoods of a million potential new passengers.

"This is an effort to define, for the first time in our history, a national system that is underpinned by solid economic prospects," Amtrak President George Warrington said.

The railway expects that the changes, when fully implemented, will generate \$229 million in new annual revenue and cause a net gain of \$65 million in 2003. The timing is crucial for Amtrak. Under a reform act passed in 1997, Amtrak has until the end of fiscal year 2002 to wean itself from federal operating subsidies or face possible liquidation.

Amtrak currently operates a

More Amtrak changes

WASHINGTON — Other planned changes to Amtrak's long-distance service are:

- A New York-Washington-Vicksburg, Miss.-Shreveport-Dallas train, created by splitting the current New York-to-New Orleans Crescent at Meridian, Miss.
- Two new New York-to-Chicago trains, one via Pittsburgh, the other via a new route through Niagara Falls and Detroit across Canada. This leaves four New York-to-Chicago trains on three routes.
- Extend one New York-to-Florida train to Boston via Springfield, Mass.
- Add an overnight train from Chicago to Des Moines via Savannah, Ill., andavenport, Iowa.
- Extend or add routes from Chicago to Janesville, Wis., and Fond du Lac, Wis., and reroute Chicago-Toronto trains to go via a more populated route through Des Moines, Mich.
- Run Chicago-Dallas-Los Angeles trains daily instead of four times a week.

— The Washington Post

and Iowa City, Iowa; Rockford, Ill.; Vicksburg, Miss.; Monroe and Shreveport, La.; Lake Geneva and Janesville, Wis.; and destinations on the Atlantic Coast of Florida including Daytona Beach, Cape Canaveral and Fort Pierce.

Also, people as far north as Boston will be able to board a train and travel to Florida without having to travel in New York. Gamblers will find more trains to take them to Shreveport's casinos. Riders can board in Michigan, sleep as their train dashes through Canada and wake up in upstate New York, on the way to New York City.

There are losers as well. By taking a northern route through more heavily populated cities in Texas, the Sunset Limited train will no longer stop in Del Rio, Alpine and Sanderson.

Similarly, the International will stop in Ann Arbor and Dearborn, Mich., but no longer pass through five other Michigan cities — East Lansing, Huron, Flint, Lapeer and Port Huron.

Amtrak officials are to officially unveil a report on its plan for growth on Tuesday, although some parts of the report have been disclosed in recent days.

Warrington said the plan reflects a hard lesson Amtrak learned in the mid-1990s: Cuts in service bring numerous complaints and fewer financial savings than expected.



Iraq's oil minister Amir Mohammed Rasheed, left, talks with Turkish Minister of State Edip Saffer Gaydali, center, in Baghdad Sunday.

Iraq urges oil nations not to heed U.S. pleas for more

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The United States has no right to pressure oil-producing nations to raise output in order to bring down the price of crude on global markets, Iraq's oil minister said Sunday.

"We consider this unwarranted and unjustified, and it is an overreaction by the American administration," Oil Minister Amer Mohammed Rasheed said in response to a U.S. bid to persuade Gulf oil producers to loosen reins on output.

Rasheed urged his partners in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries not to yield to American pressure.

U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson ended a tour Saturday of leading Gulf oil pro-

ducers, including oil giant Saudi Arabia, in a bid to persuade them to support a production increase to force down oil prices that have been surging near \$30 a barrel — and that have American consumers complaining about high costs of heating oil and gasoline.

Richardson said on Saturday he had obtained an encouraging response from Saudi Arabia, the world's largest exporter, to his plea to pump more oil, but left the region with no firm commitments.

OPEC oil ministers are scheduled to meet March 27 in Vienna to decide whether the time has come to open the tap at least slightly on their self-imposed cuts.

U.S. Pacific commander visits Beijing

BEIJING (AP) — The commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific will discuss the sensitive Taiwan issue and work on repairing ties with the Chinese military during a visit to China began Sunday.

Adm. Dennis Blair's five-day visit comes amid rising tensions over Taiwan following Beijing's threat to use force against the island if it continues to put off negotiations about reunification.

China issued the threat in a government policy paper on Feb. 21 and created a stir in Taiwan, which has resisted communist rule since the two sides split amid civil war 51 years ago.

Blair's trip, which includes three days of meetings with Chinese officials, also is part of efforts to restore military ties that China severed in May, after U.S. warplanes hit the Chinese Embassy in Yugoslavia during the war over Kosovo.

Lt. Gen. Xiong Guangkai, a deputy chief of the general staff of the People's Liberation Army, will be among the Chinese officials that Blair will meet in Beijing on Monday and Tuesday. He then travels south to meet Wednesday with Chinese military officials in the central city of Nanjing and visit a military facility.

A spokesman for Blair, Navy Capt. T. McCreary of the Pacific Command, said Taiwan would come up during the visit, but that it was only one issue of several to be discussed.

"The ability to engage China's military and to have an opportunity to interact with them is important on several fronts," McCreary said.

He said the visit was scheduled several weeks ago, before Beijing's latest threat to use force against Taiwan.

The threat put pressure on the three leading candidates in Taiwan's presidential election, scheduled for March 18. None of the three support unification of Beijing's terms.

Albright might seek Czech presidency

WASHINGTON (AP) — Madeleine Albright, America's Czech-born secretary of state, returns next week to her hometown, where there is talk she might seek the presidency of the East European nation after her tour in Washington ends.

Some Czechs are speaking of her as a possible successor to President Vaclav Havel, who must retire in 2002. Havel, a playwright-turned-politician helped lead the "Velvet Revolution" that in 1989 persuaded communists to resign.

He has openly discussed the possibility of Albright succeeding him.

Michael Zantovsky, former Czech ambassador to Washington, said Sunday in Prague that he met last week with Havel and discussed, among other things, the possibility that Albright might



Madeleine Albright

run to succeed Havel.

"I never made it a secret that I think that Madeleine Albright could, one day in the future, play a big role in Czech politics," Zantovsky said.

He stressed that the idea is not new and that it would not dominate Albright's agenda in the Czech Republic next week.

In Prague, Havel's chief policy adviser, Pavel Fischer, told Time magazine: "It is not impossible that they will talk about this."

The secretary of state has not publicly discussed her future plans. In its new issue, Time quoted unidentified sources as saying

she "has begun to consider the possibility of running."

Albright's spokesman, James P. Rubin, would not discuss the matter Sunday. "The secretary is completely happy serving the United States," he said.

Albright's March 5-8 visit coincides with the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of national hero Tomas Masaryk, who served as the first president of the Czechoslovak Republic after the collapse of Austria-Hungary in 1918.

Albright's visit will have some trappings of a political barnstorming tour. She will receive a gold medal from Masaryk University in Brno and will go to Masaryk's birthplace at Hodonin. She will lay a wreath at his tomb in Lany, west of Prague, and go to the capital to unveil a Masaryk statue.

Pentagon recalls defective gas-warfare suits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon has alerted U.S. facilities around the world that hundreds of thousands of protective suits meant to shield GIs from gas and germ attacks have holes and other critical defects, according to military officials and documents.

The Pentagon learned about the flaws five years ago but did not consider the problems crucial and needed the gear for U.S. peacekeeping troops in Bosnia, criminal investigators say. Not until late last year did a second study on the same suits judge identical flaws grave enough to warrant a global warning, the investigators said in an interview.

On Feb. 9, the Pentagon cautioned commanders not to use any of the 78,000 suits except in training. The suits, not all of which are defective, cost the government almost \$49 million.

The defects included "cuts, holes, embedded foreign matter and stitching irregularities," the Pentagon inspector general said in a report being released this week. The defects potentially could kill people wearing the trousers and jackets in a "chemical-biological contaminated environment," the report said.

A bankrupt New York City-based company, which the

inspector general identified as Istratex, produced the charcoal-lined camouflage suits under two contracts dating from 1989. Soldiers wear the suits over their regular camouflage gear where chemical or biological weapons might be used. It was unclear whether any of the suits were worn by troops in the 1990-91 Desert Shield-Desert Storm operation, when Iraqi chemical attack was considered likely.

Last September, Istratex's president and production manager pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in New York to one count of making false statements.

Other officials were charged with obstruction of justice and making false certificate or writing. They had been charged with conspiracy to defraud the government, major fraud and false claims.

Pentagon criminal investigators said they pointed out to the Defense Logistics Agency, which manages inventories, problems with some of the "battle-dress overgarments" in 1995.

In 1996, the agency's testers, at the investigators' request, studied 500 of the suits and found defects in 174, officials said.

The Defense Logistics Agency identified the problems as major but not "safety-of-life critical defects," said Mitchell Schlitt, the case agent for the inspector general's Defense Criminal Investigative Service in New York.

Three years later, last September, the criminal investigators asked for new tests, this time by Army designers of the suit, Schlitt said. Examining the same suits, the new team found the defects were in fact critical.

Tijuana chief dies in shooting

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — Assaults shot and killed Tijuana's police chief Sunday, pumping more than 100 shots into his car as he drove along a busy highway.

Alfredo de la Torre, in charge of the police force in this violent border town since 1998, was pronounced dead at the scene, said Enrique Tellechea, a spokesman for the Baja California state attorney general's office in Tijuana.

Dozens of investigators combed the city and interviewed witnesses, but no one had been arrested. "He was well-known and well-liked. We didn't know he was having any problems with anyone," Tellechea said.

Tijuana Mayor Francisco Vega de la Madrid issued a statement expressing his indignation and urging investigators to get to the

bottom of the case. He also appointed an interim chief, Tijuana police Commander Carlos Besneyrigoyen.

Torre was attacked as he drove home from Mass, unaccompanied by his bodyguards, on a three-lane highway that runs along the northern edge of Tijuana, Tellechea said.



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AROUND THE VALLEY

Four-vehicle crash seriously injures one

TWIN FALLS - Four vehicles were damaged and one person was seriously hurt Sunday afternoon when a teen-age driver failed to yield to oncoming traffic on U.S. Highway 93 north of the Perrine Bridge, according to law enforcement officials.

The 15-year-old driver attempted to cross the highway in his Dodge Ram from the Devil's Cornal area onto Golf Course Rd. He was struck by a Ford pickup and a Toyota Camry, both heading south on the highway. The Camry demolished a stop sign and then struck a GMC Jimmy waiting to merge onto the highway from Golf Course Rd, said Idaho State Police officer Salema Mink.

Ten people were involved in the accident. All escaped with minor injuries except the driver of the Ford, who was seriously injured, Mink said. He was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to be treated.

The passengers in the Toyota and GMC were wearing their seat belts, but the Dodge passengers were not, Mink said.

Employee drug screening at CSI isn't decided, yet

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho's board is set to consider a number of revisions to campus policies today, but an employee drug screening policy won't be up for board action.

The proposed drug screening policy continues to undergo changes, but the college is not moving toward pre-employment or random drug screening, said CSI President Jerry Meyerhoefer, who favors a policy that would call for testing only if a problem arises.

The possibility of random testing or pre-employment screening had been raised at the November board meeting.

Today the board will consider revisions to other campus policies that cover everything from hiring practices to student alcohol restrictions at off-campus school-related functions and college-sponsored trips.

The board will meet at 5:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Taylor Building in room 258.

Idaho Public TV shows volcano program

TWIN FALLS - A 30-minute statewide call-in show for students about the mysteries beneath the Earth's crust and volcanoes will air today.

Idaho Public Television says the program is geared toward students. "Dialogue For Kids" will air at 2 p.m. on the public television station.

Volcanologists Marsha Godchaux and Bill Bonnichsen will join host Marcia Franklin to talk about their work and take questions from students.

Viewers can call toll free with questions at 1-800-973-9800.

Gooding County officials set meeting for today

GOODING - County commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. today at the courthouse.

Today's agenda includes discussions on disaster services and a solid waste district.

The meeting is open to the public.

Hailey City Council will discuss airport issues

HAILEY - The City Council will meet at 6 tonight at the Hailey Town Center.

Council members are scheduled to discuss airport issues and may adopt a water master plan.

The meeting is open to the public.

Gooding School Board slates special meeting

GOODING - The School Board will hold an emergency meeting tonight to discuss student-related concerns.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at the district office.

Compiled from staff reports

Animal detectives

Going up?



Animal tracking instructor Cathy Baer describes a snowshoe hare's tracks etched in the snow near Ketchum. Baer and Ann Christensen offer tracking workshops through the Environmental Resource Center.

Ketchum naturalists read critters' tracks

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

PRAIRIE CREEK - Ann Christensen's eyes dart across the snow like a rabbit zigzagging to evade its prey.

In seconds she hones in on her target - a set of animal tracks etched into the snow. Her imaginary radar fades into the background to be replaced by an invisible magnifying glass as Christensen, the "animal detective," begins puzzling over the tracks before her.

"True animal trackers say you don't know for sure unless you see the animal making the tracks. But we sure can make an educated guess," she told a dozen would-be animal trackers

Learn to track

Ann Christensen and Cathy Baer will lead another tracking workshop March 9. The workshops run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., leaving from the Environmental Resource Center at 411 East Sixth Street in Ketchum. For more information, call 726-4933 or check out the center's website at erc@micron.net.

following in her own snowshoe tracks.

Christensen and Cathy Baer, both Ketchum naturalists, were off on another of the monthly tracking workshops that they hold for the Environmental Resource Center in Ketchum. This time, the trek took the

Naturalist Cathy Baer recommends these books if you wish to learn more about tracking:

- "Mammal Tracking in North America," by James Halpern
- "Field Guide to Animal Tracks," by Claus J. Murie
- "Scats and Tracks of the Rocky Mountains," by James Halpern

group along Prairie Creek within spitting distance of the Boulder Mountains north of Ketchum.

"This particular story in the snow was written by a snowshoe hare, the primary prey for the lynx. It's an animal well adapted to overgrown travel because of fat pads on its feet

that offer flotation.

"We know it was hopping because you have all four feet together - the big feet in front, the smaller front feet slightly offset behind," Christensen explained. "This animal was booking. There's a good yard and a half between tracks. Either that, or he was huge."

She pauses, asking the humans around her to trade their human perspective for an animal instinct.

"Do you see a pattern in his travel? Yes, he's traveling from one clump of trees to another. He likes the safety and food he finds in trees."

Bunnies often feed on pine
Please see TRACKS, Page A7

Want to comment?

Written comment on the Jackson Bridge will be accepted until March 8 by the Mindoka and the Burley highway districts.

bridge; or rehabilitating the bridge, which would then last for 10 years.

The replacement option was favored because it would be best for the community, said Mary Donald, a Jackson area resident.

Residents travel over the bridge a lot to go to the Acequia school and to attend the Mormon church, Donald said. Several area residents also work at a new potato plant in Acequia, she said.

"When winter is real bad the only way in and out is over the Jackson Bridge," she said.

When the area's north and south roads drift in, residents would not be able to make it to



A pickup passes over the Jackson Bridge. The bridge must be replaced within five to 10 years. There have been public hearings, but there is still time to get written comment to the Burley and Mindoka highway districts.

another bridge, located three miles farther down the Snake River, Donald said.

Jackson residents would welcome the new bridge, but maybe not with quite the festivity that greeted the first bridge, completed in June 1916.

According to an early newspaper in the county, the Rupert Pioneer, Jackson area residents

had wanted a bridge for a long time. A bond issue election was held to build the bridge.

When the bridge was completed, a celebration drew an estimated 1,000 people, who came out to see a marching band, attend a barbecue, take part in a program, ball game and races, and attend a dance at the Acequia

Please see BRIDGE, Page A7

Public input sought on replacing M-C bridge

By Loraine Cavener
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The one-lane Jackson Bridge has problems: rotting timbers, cracked concrete wing walls and a bowed metal brace.

So the Burley and Mindoka Highway districts are seeking community input about the bridge near Rupert, near 500 East and 200 North.

Two public hearings have been held about the bridge, which must be repaired or replaced within five to 10 years.

Among the three options presented at the hearings, people voiced nearly unanimous support for applying for federal funding and using matching local funding to replace the bridge. A new bridge would have a design life of 50 years.

Officials have considered two other options: taking no action, and eventually closing the

Area fans celebrate The Standards' win

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The starburst fell over the Magic Valley Mall Saturday night as 1,000 fans gathered to hear The Standards sing and watch them win "Destination Stardom" \$25,000 grand prize.

The Standards, Jordan, The Standards, Jordan, Morgan, Nicholas, Nathan and Quinn Williams, sang six songs to an ecstatic audience during the party that lasted until at least 9:30.

"There was a ton of screaming. It was wild. The audience was electric," Greg English of FAX 55 TV said of the celebration.

After watching themselves win on the three big-screen televisions set up in the mall, the singers drew the names of four lucky fans.

Three girls and a boy will dine
Please see STANDARDS, Page A7

TF City Council to consider new smoking ordinance tonight

By Jay Howser
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls resident, a non-smoker for almost a decade, would like to see the city of Twin Falls stamp out public smoking.

The last straw, Deanna Steel said in a letter to the City Council, was picking up her son at a meeting, and seeing "every-one puffing on a cigarette, including my minor son who was offered the cigarette by an

adult." Incensed, Steel decided to propose a city ordinance prohibiting the use of tobacco products at any public meetings, restaurants or public gatherings and within 30 feet of the public doors of business establishments. The City Council plans to consider the proposal at its meeting today at 5 p.m. at the council chambers.

Steel said she has long held that the use of tobacco products should be banned in public places.

"It's disgusting to walk into a restaurant and have to walk through the smoking section to get to the non-smoking section," she said. "It seems like smokers have more rights than non-smokers."

Steel said that since she has quit smoking, her body has become quite sensitive to cigarette smoke, and it upsets her that smokers don't bear in mind that their habit can bother others.

"They don't take into consideration other people's feelings about it or their health," she said.

"If you're going to smoke, at least give me the filter. I don't want to smell it."

Steel urges people in the community to attend the City Council meeting and support the ordinance.

The City Council's agenda also includes the following considerations:
• Waiving the entrance fees at Shoshone Falls/Dierkes Lake for the Idaho State Bowhunters on April 15 and 16, when the group plans a shoot to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of

Idaho.
• The final plats of the Incom Industrial Park Subdivision No. 1 and the Frontier Commercial Subdivision.

• A request to modify the requirement for "garages" to "garages or carports" in the land lease portion of the Birch Creek Development project.

• Payment bids for the airport improvement project.

• An ordinance prohibiting nepotism on city advisory boards and commissions.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Overseas scandal widens for firm building incinerator at INEEL

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The company building a nuclear waste incinerator at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory is mired in a widening international scandal for falsifying records on nuclear fuel shipments.

British Nuclear Fuels Ltd. acknowledged last week that workers at its Sellafield site in England falsified records on a shipment of nuclear fuel to a German reactor in 1996.

That follows disclosures last year that workers faked data on batches of fuel headed to Japan. That country, which had been British Nuclear Fuel's biggest customer for the mixed plutonium-uranium oxide fuel, has banned utilities from accepting any more fuel shipments from the company.

"It does lead to troubling questions, which we readily admit," said British Nuclear Fuel's spokesman David Campbell in

Washington, D.C. "We've been able to determine that our system worked ... and all the fuel was used."

The company also was hit with two stinging reports last week, following inspections at Sellafield by the arm of the British government that regulates nuclear worker safety.

The British Nuclear Installations Inspectorate found a poor safety culture in many areas of the site, in which workers were reluctant to question decisions and some incidents that could have jeopardized worker safety were not reported.

In some cases, managers condoned unsafe plants, operate while multiple alarms were showing, the report said.

It also said that managers were overloaded with cost-cutting and downsizing activities that took time away from making sure plants were operating properly.

Opponents of a proposed nuclear waste incinerator and treatment plant in Idaho, which would be built by British Nuclear Fuel's American subsidiary, say the company's track record in England shows it cannot be trusted.

The company was awarded a \$1.2 billion contract to build a treatment plant, which would include a nuclear waste incinerator, at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory in 1997.

The Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project still needs two permits, which would regulate air emissions and handling of hazardous wastes, before construction can begin.

The plant would repack and burn plutonium-contaminated waste currently stored in Idaho so it can be shipped to a permanent dump in New Mexico. It would operate for at least 13 and perhaps 30 years.

Public library policies divide Nampa City Council

NAMPA (AP) — City Council members remain divided on the issue of withholding book-acquisition funds until the city library makes policy changes.

The \$50,000 question split the council 2-2 last Tuesday, and Mayor Maxine Horn cast the deciding vote against releasing the funds in response to the library's decision to install Internet filters on its computers.

Last August the council voted 3-1 to withhold the money until

the library installed such filters.

Council members Lynda Clark and Stephen Kren voted to release the funds, but Tom Dale and Martin Thorne rejected that idea.

The opponents, joined by Horn, said the library board should include a specific definition of acceptable material in its Internet policy and require adults to ask a librarian before the filters could be lifted.

Because Internet filters seize on

key words and have the potential to screen out legitimate sites, the library's proposal would allow adults to lift the filter themselves by entering a code.

In an interview last week, Horn said she voted against reinstating the money because the plan does not adequately protect children from unfiltered Web sites and she wants to come up with a policy that does not create factions.

SERVICES

Wilburn "Bill" C. Roberts of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Emerson 1st Ward LDS Chapel, 127 S. 950 W. in Paul; friends may visit with the family one hour before the funeral at the church (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

James F. Smith of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; no visitation will be held (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Iris L. Erb of Buhl, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the First Christian Church in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Robert L. (Bert) Betty of Pocatello, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Chubbuck United Methodist Church; service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Friends may call from 1-7 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Donald Clare Wavra of Buhl, service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Church of the Nazarene in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Sally Jo Jones of Edmonds,

Wash., service at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Beck's Funeral Home, 405 Fifth Ave. S. in Edmonds; visitation will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Gertrude Rodgers Lobrot of Twin Falls, service at noon Wednesday at McDougall Funeral Home, 4330 S. Redwood

Road in Salt Lake City, Utah, where friends may call from 11 to 11:45 a.m. Wednesday (local arrangements by White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

John Leland Howe of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. March 19 at the Grace Baptist Church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

DEATH NOTICES

Mildred Eslinger
TWIN FALLS — Mildred Eslinger, 82, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, February 27, 2000, at SunBridge Care Center in Twin Falls. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Margaret A. Hale
BURLEY — Margaret A. Hale, a 77-year-old Burley resident, died Sunday, February 27, 2000, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Veda Rose Gier
TWIN FALLS — Veda Rose Gier, 57, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, February 27, 2000, at her home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Wilda Haggardt
TWIN FALLS — Wilda Haggardt, 80, of Twin Falls passed away at her residence in Twin Falls of an extended illness. Services are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

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1926 in Powhatan, Kansas, the son of Don and Claire Mae Rosentain Bunn. Bill moved with his family to Wendell in 1937, where he attended high school. He was a veteran of World War II.

In 1951, Bill joined the Gooding County Sheriff's Department. He remained in law enforcement for 36 years and served as Gooding chief of police for 10 of those years. During that time, Bill created the Junior Deputy Sheriff's organization for boys and acted as civil defense director for Gooding County. He also helped organize the Western States Crime Conference in 1952.

Bill married Mary Wilson Goolsby on February 4, 1970 in Reno, Nevada.

One of his favored passions was coaching Little League baseball, which he did for 20 years. Bill also loved gardening and growing roses, as well as collecting antiques and glassware.

Bill is survived by his wife of 30 years, Mary Bunn of Bliss; his mother Claire Mae Minton of Wendell; three sons, Bill (Melinda)

Bunn of Jerome, Steve (Julie) Goolsby of Bliss, and Jim (Diana) Goolsby of Hagerman; two daughters, Nancy (Don) Harris of Jerome and Lee Ann (Dan) Mason of Wendell; five brothers, Dale (Phyllis) Bunn of Wendell, John Merrill of Los Angeles, California, Ed Minton and Dale Minton, both of Gooding and Glenn Minton of Oregon; two sisters, Ruth (William) Lackey and Nila McAfee, both of Wendell; a sister-in-law, Rosita Merritt; 17 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Don Bunn, and a brother, Jim Merritt.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2000, at the Hagerman Christian Center, with Reverend Jim Davis officiating.

Burial will be in the Hagerman Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made in Bill's name to Hospice Vision's in Twin Falls.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

The Times-News
Today
CSI Booster Club luncheon, noon to 1 p.m., Taylor cafeteria.
Arts on Four presents "Common Ground," world champion Irish dancers, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts auditorium.

Tuesday
Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition board meeting, 7 to 9 a.m., Taylor 276.
GLAB (gays, lesbians and bisexuals), 4 p.m., Taylor 258.
Helping Hands seminar, 1 to 4 p.m., Taylor 276.
"Reptile Review - Mingle in the Jungle," 6 p.m., Herrett Center.
Idaho Small Business Development Center Supervision I workshop, 6 to 9 p.m., Taylor 276.
"Search for Life in the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"A Geologist's Collection," gems and minerals display, Herrett Center, Browning/Keveren Gallery (Tuesdays-Saturdays through May).
"Half Time," works by CSI Art

Department faculty, Herrett Center, Jean B. King Art Gallery (Tuesdays-Saturdays through March 16).
CSI Foundation donor wall reception, 7 to 9 p.m., Evergreen atrium.

Wednesday
Region 18 basketball championships, Snow College, Ephraim, Utah.
Latinos Unidos Club meeting, noon to 1 p.m., Shields 105.

Thursday
Region 18 basketball championships, Snow College, Ephraim, Utah.
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance for low income and elderly taxpayers, 2 to 6 p.m., Evergreen C99 (through April 13).
Baptist Campus Ministries Bible study and meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor cafeteria.

Friday
Region 18 basketball championships, Snow College, Ephraim, Utah.
Northwest Nazarene University graduate counseling class, 5 to 9 p.m., Shields 101.

"Search for Life in the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Nazarene University graduate counseling class, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shields 101.
Snake River water quality seminar, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Evergreen A05.
Northwest Nazarene University graduate counseling class, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shields 101.
"Rusty Rocket's Last Blast," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"More Than Meets the Eye," 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"Search for Life in the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Magic Valley Symphony concert, 8 p.m., Fine Arts auditorium. Admission is a requested \$3 donation.

Sunday
CSI Outdoor Program open padding for watercraft, 6 to 9 p.m., YFCA. Fee is \$4.50. Must have taken padding course.
Magic Valley Bible Church, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shields 117 and 118.

ON THE AGENDA

The Times-News
Today
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse.
Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
College of Southern Idaho Board of Trustees, 5:30 p.m., board room, Taylor Administration Building.
Elmore County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Gooding County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.
Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., city council chambers.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., courthouse.
Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall.
Lincoln County commissioners,

10 a.m., courthouse.
Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Tuesday
Burley Public Library Board of Trustees, 5:30 p.m., library conference room.
Minidoka County Democratic Party, 8 p.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Wednesday
Minidoka County Fair Board, 8 p.m., board office, fairgrounds.
Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Wood River Medical Center

Board, 5:30 p.m., medical center in Sun Valley.

Thursday
Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Fairfield City Council, 7:30 p.m., fire house.
Murtaugh Planning and Zoning Commission, 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.

Man faces deadline for unauthorized river work

CALDWELL (AP) — Don Hulme has until Tuesday to remove gravel dirt material from the center of the Boise River channel the Idaho Department of Water Resources says he performed unauthorized work on.

Hulme must also restore the section of river area to its natural condition.

The department has given him until the end of the year to remove the broken concrete from the river, install bank bars to control water flow and revegetate all disturbed areas of the stream bank.

State stream channel managers on Feb. 15 issued a notice of violation to Hulme for unauthorized work along more than a quarter mile of the Boise River channel near Caldwell.

The Water Resources Department is charging Hulme with \$5,400 in civic penalties. Officials also are stipulating that Hulme complete extensive restoration work along a 1,463-foot-long section of the Boise River.

Stream channel inspectors determined that Hulme is responsible for broken concrete being dumped into the river along with gravel and other filler to construct a levee along the riverbank.

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'The Whole Nine Yards' defends top spot

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The hit man comedy "The Whole Nine Yards" held the top box office spot for a second weekend with \$9.6 million in ticket sales, according to industry estimates Sunday.

Nickelodeon's teen comedy "Snow Day" also held strong at No. 2 with \$8.5 million in its

third weekend.

The only new movie to debut in the top five was "Reindeer Games," a casino-heist caper starring Ben Affleck, Gary Sinise and Charlize Theron and directed by John Frankenheimer. It overcame generally poor reviews to open in third place with \$8 million.

Top ten movies

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

1. "The Whole Nine Yards," \$9.6 million.
2. "Snow Day," \$8.5 million.
3. "Reindeer Games," \$8 million.
4. "Hanging Up," \$7.5 million.
5. "Pitch Black," \$7.1 million.
6. "The Tigger Movie," \$6.3 million.
7. "Wonder Boys," \$5.9 million.
8. "Screen 3," \$5 million.
9. "American Beauty," \$4.7 million.
10. "The Cider House Rules," \$4.1 million.

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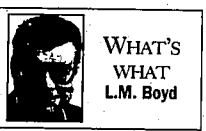
In William Shakespeare's time, "rombo" was a girl who played around in a most promiscuous manner.

Big men have had to fight one of the most tenacious prejudices in sports - the false notion that their size made them slow and clumsy. It has been a tough trial for them historically. In football, baseball, basketball, and certainly track.

Not everybody realizes there are almost a million sheep in Iceland.

To ignite, a fire needs three things: fuel, oxygen and heat. Fire folk look for the heat source. Indoors - Match. Stove. Electrical short. Outdoors - Lightning. Campfire coals. Auto exhaust. Arson investigations call for precise routines in precise order.

Get it right, says a history major: "If a Napoleon ate his first



WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd

tomato in 1850, as you said, it had to be Napoleon III. The more famous Napoleon Bonaparte died in 1821."

Q. What's a limivorous animal?
A. One that eats dirt. For the food in it. Such as an earthworm.

If the body clock of a drinker operates in a typical manner, said soul can get drunker at midnight than in the morning on the same amount of alcohol.

A giraffe doesn't have any upper front teeth, either.

Q. Is it true a Steinway piano has 40,000 parts?
A. If you include the screws, it's said.

A tornado touches down somewhere in the United States on at least half the days of a typical year.

Today's your birthday? You like independence

IF FEBRUARY 28 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are independent, creative, daring, controversial, sexy. Leo, Aquarius persons play major roles in your life, could have those letters, initials in names - A, S, J. Current cycle relates to travel, variety of sensations and experiences, also marriage. March could be one of your most productive, romantic months of this year. April no slouch, either.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Before the Moon takes over from the Sun, major concern will be on legal agreements, partnership, marriage. Important domestic adjustment due.

TAUROS (April 20-May 20): Define terms, don't let others dictate boundaries. You are rough, tough, sentimental. Member of opposite sex seeks to take advantage. Pisces represented.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Hold tight to principles, focus on education, promotion, ability to handle big money. People will be surprised, because you maintain steady pace.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Finish what you start, look beyond the immediate. Predict your own future and make it come true. You are bruised by breakup, but new love is on the way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You've waited for this day. New love, adventure, romance, initiative. Make fresh start, display courage of convictions. You exude sex appeal, don't break too many hearts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Marital status questioned, medi-

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Sydney Omarr

itation required, decision imminent concerning direction, motivation. Property value could be up for grabs. Cancer native involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your sense of humor and music figure prominently. Keep resolutions concerning exercise, diet, nutrition. Relative offers unsolicited advice. Hold temper.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Someone attempts to do something negative - you are wise to it. Fight back, refuse to sit on bench. Get off and enter the game of your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep plans flexible without scattering forces. You will be susceptible to flattery from the opposite sex. Show appreciation without being obsequious.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Attention revolves around marriage, change of residence, decision regarding major investment. Don't be cajoled into making snap decision.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): What you thought was impossible is now ready for you. Applies to careers, material relationship. Pisces who held back information comes clean.

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OTHER VIEWS

Al Gore will squeeze China to win votes from Big Labor

From the Chicago Tribune

A vice president is supposed to be as loyal to the president as a puppy is to his master. It's not an ennobling role, but it's part of the job. And for seven years Al Gore handled that part of the job quite well.

Gore rarely if ever crossed President Clinton on politics or policy, even in the president's most embarrassing personal moments. But now Gore is running for president. He's stepping out on his own, making very clear where he disagrees with Clinton.

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CIO, Gore reportedly told labor leaders that if the trade deal doesn't pass this year and he is elected president, he will demand that the deal include tougher labor and environmental restrictions sought by American unions.

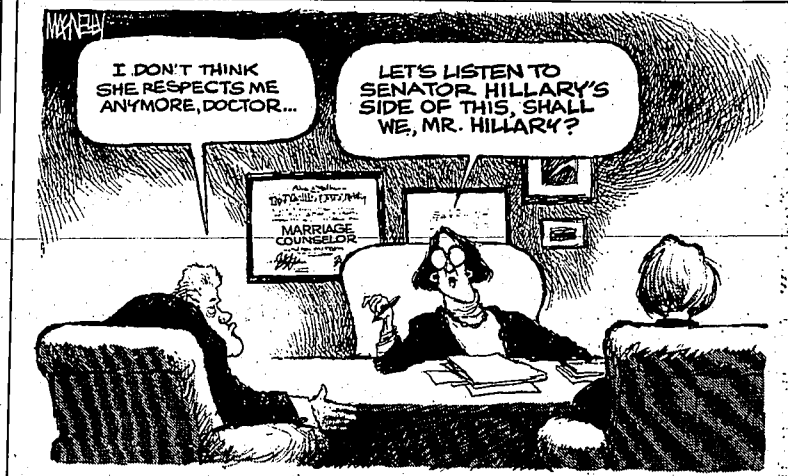
Later, Gore backtracked after taking some heat. He reaffirmed his support for the pact. It doesn't matter. The damage is done.

Labor, of course, doesn't really want a "better" trade agreement with China. It wants to return to the United States to the short-sighted and defeatist policies of trade protectionism.

A vote for free trade is often a tough one for many Democrats, given the inordinate influence of organized labor in Democratic politics. A vote for free trade would mean the party's presumptive presidential nominee is undermining the deal it's something few Democrats will be willing to risk.

That's the message labor wants to send Democrats, and Gore has happily obliged. Gore owes a great deal to the AFL-CIO, which last October gave the vice president an unusually early endorsement to help him fend off Bill Bradley.

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Some facts about Jerome school finances

Based on recent letters to the editor, there may exist some confusion about how schools may fund facilities. Calling upon my background as Jerome School District's financial manager for the past 10 years, I submit the options that Jerome's Facility Advisory Committee and board of trustees were presented when they adopted the current plan for Thursday's bond levy election. Idaho school districts are allowed to levy for their operation each year a specific rate set against the local market value of businesses and residences located in their district. That three-tenths levy resulted in about \$1.6 million this year for Jerome's school operations. The district may also levy, with some limitations, an amount to provide liability insurance which amounted to about \$36,000 this year. The district may impose an additional levy which is restricted by Idaho Code to a certain percentage of property value if the district has grown over previous years. Any other levies must be approved by a majority of the voters. All other funds for Jerome are mostly provided by the State Foundation Support Program, which is determined by the state Legislature.

READER COMMENT
Michael O. Gibson

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These two actions then allowed us to proceed with purchasing the land for the new middle school. The current levy and Lottery funds are not sufficient to build additional classrooms and continue our efforts to maintain our existing buildings.

What we find ourselves left with is the ability to issue General Obligation Bonds up to 20 years. Because a new facility is projected to have a useful life of 50 years, a bond of 20 years seems to be a feasible way of financing a significant cost such as the construction of the middle school. By extending the repayment period, we can lessen the effects of the project each year by lowering our payments and, therefore, the levy we assess against our district's patrons. School districts may levy up to 5 percent of their total market value if 65-75 percent of the voters approve. The most recent financial reports indicate that Jerome could levy, with voter approval, approximately \$26 million. We must subtract from that the \$3 million bond for Horizon Elementary School's construction, which leaves us with bonding capacity of about \$23 million. Given existing laws and rules, the board of trustees concluded there is a need for a new middle school and the only way it can be financed is through the issuance of bonds. The result is the election which will be held on Thursday.

Because the financing of public institutions is such a complex process, I welcome anyone to stop by or give me a call to discuss how Jerome's school finances are handled. As a public institution, the board of trustees receives input from many sources and then must allocate the limited resources we have. Your input helps with that determination. I am sure the board joins me in asking you to help us to find solutions to provide the best education possible for the children of Jerome.

Michael O. Gibson is the business manager for Jerome School District No. 261.

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LETTERS

Respect authority
The Times-News did it again! First they tell us to disregard the law and ignore the Sawtooth National Forest user fee program and not buy a pass (editorial, June 7, 1998) now the Feb. 15 editorial is advocating harassment of Forest Service employees in northern Nevada. Let me get this straight - The Times-News is soliciting that if we don't agree with government direction, it's OK to abuse and degrade the messenger; namely in this case, the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest employees, their spouses and children, who, by the way, have little or no control over regional or national policy. Good grief, this is no different than "flipping off" a cop or refusing service to his family because we don't like a particular speed sign.
Come on! Society has enough problems trying to persuade our children to respect authority and each other without the local newspaper encouraging the contrary. I know I don't want my kids reading a newspaper that promotes such nonsense.
JOHN LLOYD
Twin Falls

imagine what at a \$53 million school would look like or imagine my kids going to such a school. He described it as "awesome" and like a "small community college." I had to laugh because the Kimberly School District has just barely passed a new \$4 million (bare bones) high school.
I may be comparing oranges to apples when comparing Kimberly to Riverton, Utah, but they are both fruit and kids are just kids whether they live in Utah or Idaho. Both are dependent on the voters of their communities to support them. It doesn't matter if it's \$53 million or \$1 million. When the schools need money to build new schools or to improve the old ones, it's our duty as members of the community to support them regardless of our personal financial situation.
I don't know of anyone who likes to pay taxes or wants them to increase. Most bond issues passed in the Magic Valley would amount to a \$35- to \$100-a-year increase in property taxes or less. Every time my family goes out to eat, to the movies, to the grocery store, skiing, general shopping, etc., we spend that much. Every time I visit these places, I see people spending the same amounts of money I do. These people all have different financial situations. Some are young struggling families, middle-aged or middle-class families, or older people on fixed incomes. It doesn't really matter, it's not about money! It's about sacrifice and priority of that money!
Support our youth, support our future!
I do!
SUSAN HALL
Kimberly

Put the money to good use
The Jerome School District is asking its voters to pass a \$10.9 million bond on Thursday to replace a supplemental \$1.2 million existing levy and pay for a new middle school.
Every time I read an article about the school districts in the Magic Valley and the fight they have to face to get them passed, I feel very sad. Sad that the people of the Magic Valley place such little value on the children of this valley and their future. The simple fact is that in order to support our youth, we have to stretch our pocketbook.
My brother teaches high school and coaches basketball in Utah. This last August, he moved into a brand new \$53 million high school. When he gave me that figure, it caught my breath. I couldn't even

Whatever it is, we're sorry
An open letter to the mayor of Jerome and the Jerome County commissioners:
What are we, the taxpayers of Jerome, doing wrong, and what can we do to correct the excess taxation that we are enduring?
PERSIS WESTON
Jerome

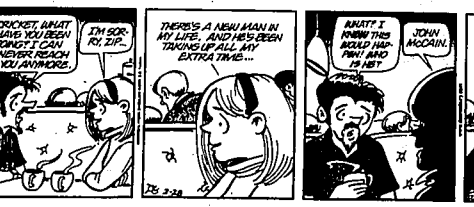
Reading between the lines
Done revising Clinton's State of the Union Address, I can comment on his assertions:
"We must reduce the marriage penalty tax." Still punish marriage but reduce it by a few pennies to make Clinton seem caring.
"We've enjoyed the longest period of economic growth in our entire history." It began in the '80s (thanks, Ron) and continues despite - not due to - Clinton.
"We have the smallest federal workforce in 40 years." Sure, by gutting the military.
"We need to reward schools for results - it's time to support what works and stop supporting what doesn't." Something conservatives have demanded - and liberals have scoffed at - for decades.
"We know children learn better in smaller classes and with more teachers." Since 1960, class sizes have fallen from

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The end is near!
The deadline for letters about the Jerome school bond issue is 5 p.m. today. As a matter of policy, The Times-News does not publish election-related letters on election day. Today's deadline is necessary for us to verify and publish letters about the Jerome school bond before the election is held on Thursday.
30 to 20 and per-student spending (inflation adjusted) tripled, yet performance still deteriorated. Blame experimental government education programs.
"Women still earn 75 cents for every dollar men earn." Federal law dictates equal pay. True numbers approach 99 percent when women who interrupt careers to give birth and raise children or work part time to stay home with children are figured in. Of course, true numbers tend to ruin agendas.
"We've all seen what happens when guns fall into the wrong hands." Tragedy

occurs, but requiring lawful citizens to license and register guns won't stop criminals; it only allows government the knowledge of every firearm in private hands.
"... divisions sometimes cause hatreds... we must draw the line..." by passing hate-crime laws." Crimes of greed bring local justice but similar "hate-crimes" demand federal justice and harsher penalties, with politically pressured bureaucrats deciding who's worthy of more protection. The federal government has become the greatest divider of all.
"We will reverse the course of climate change and save the planet." Can we say "God complex"?
To the delight of those who revere government power and intrusion, Bill Clinton's kept his promise of ending "big government," replacing it with a gargantuan, all-encompassing government.
WILLIAM LOCKER
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By Garry Trudeau

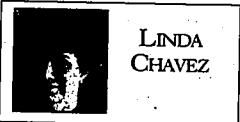


Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



The '60s got a bad rap: Social rot really set in during the '70s



LINDA CHAVEZ

Got there." The English press is having a field day with the suit. "You don't have to be a rocket scientist to become a millionaire—you just have to be American," said the Guardian newspaper. "Millionaire," you might remember, is an English show; it's been a big hit over there for nearly two years. Executives at ABC-TV bought rights to the show and copied it, gimmick for gimmick, right down to the "What is your final answer?" refrain repeated again and again by the show's host. The only real change was the dumbering down of the questions. It's hard to argue with success. While the show was knocked out of the top spot in the ratings last week by ER, a perennial

until he divorced his wife. Sen. Prescott Bush of Connecticut, a fellow Republican and father of the future president George Bush, is reported to have thundered at the news. "Have we come to the point in our life as a nation where the governor of a great state—one who perhaps aspires to the nomination for president of the United States—can desert a good wife, mother of his grown children, divorce her, then persuade a young mother of four youngsters to abandon her husband and their four children and marry the governor?" A decade later, divorce had become ubiquitous, evoking more applause than opprobrium. As Ann Landers opined in one of her columns in the '70s: "It is clear that all-too-many married couples live together while having emotionally divorced each other long ago. These are cowards." California was the first state—indeed the first jurisdiction in the

Western world—to enact no-fault divorce laws in 1969. Within 15 years, every state had some form of no-fault divorce. But the legal change would not have been possible if it had not been preceded by a sea-change in social attitudes. Frum credits several factors in the '60s and '70s that led to these changes, a rebellion against duty to family and nation, a breakdown in trust in government, the changing status of women and the attempt to feminize men, the abandonment of reason in favor of emotion, and the obsession with rights, among others. But his is no simple-minded nostalgia for the simpler, nobler 1950s, which so often mars critiques of this type. "The middle decades of the 20th century were an entirely anomalous period in American history," he says, and one most people would not hope to recreate. As he points out, who would want to live in a country where the

top federal income tax rate was 90 percent, where a trucker needed permission from a federal agency to ship a crate of lettuce, across country, where it was a serious crime for a citizen to own a gold coin, or where the attorney general could tap the phone of almost anyone without a warrant—all of which was true in the '50s? Still, Frum does not chafe up the changes wrought in the '70s as the mere inevitability of progress. "While it may be true that grand historic forces beyond any man or woman's control made the 1970s possible," he says, "what made the 1970s happen was individual choice." Frum does a great job of chronicling the bad choices of an entire generation. Perhaps the better we understand those choices, the likelier we are not to repeat them.

Linda Chavez is a columnist with Creators Syndicate.

Couch potatoes strike it rich with dumbered-down game shows

I got a lot of flak a few weeks ago when I suggested that the supposedly popular television quiz show, "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" is basically Trivial Pursuit for dummies. Lovers of the show—and there are tens of millions of them (not all, thank God, who know how to lick a stamp)—were insulted. Who was I, they asked, to question their intelligence? Admittedly, working for a newspaper may not be the highest platform from which to look down on others' intellectuality and envy, but I now have somebody on my side: ER. The English insurance syndicate that funds the big payoffs on "Millionaire" is suing its American producers for making the show too dumb. In a suit filed in London's High Court, the syndicate claims that it faces "unacceptable" losses because the producers have made it too

easy to win. The English press is having a field day with the suit. "You don't have to be a rocket scientist to become a millionaire—you just have to be American," said the Guardian newspaper. "Millionaire," you might remember, is an English show; it's been a big hit over there for nearly two years. Executives at ABC-TV bought rights to the show and copied it, gimmick for gimmick, right down to the "What is your final answer?" refrain repeated again and again by the show's host. The only real change was the dumbering down of the questions. It's hard to argue with success. While the show was knocked out of the top spot in the ratings last week by ER, a perennial

ratings winner, "Millionaire" (which takes a few minutes a week) took the next three slots and has been a ratings powerhouse since its debut last summer. As a result, ABC has shot up from a weak third among television networks to the undisputed No. 1 spot and its advertising rates have risen accordingly. It's also hard to argue with the British insurers. Here, according to T.R. Reid, the London correspondent of the Washington Post, are a couple of the questions Brits are expected to answer for a million pounds: "What is the title of the third part of T.S. Eliot's 'The Waste Land?'" "What is the SI unit of magnetic flux density?" No one has ever won the million-pound prize on the British show. (The answers, in case you're interested, are: "The Fire Sermon" and "Tesla.")

By contrast, the first million-dollar winner here, John Carpenter, simply had to know (or guess) that Richard Nixon was the U.S. president who appeared on "Edy and Martin's Laugh-In" in the late '60s. Which goes to my real complaint against the show. It is not so much that it is dumb (not ALL of the questions are simple-minded), but that it is tailored to people who do little but watch television. I suppose there's nothing wrong with a television show trying to appeal to people who watch a lot of television, but its great success is depressing for those of us who love our country. And the worst is yet to come. On Tuesday, Fox broadcasting aired a "special" edition of "Who Wants To Marry a Multimillionaire." On it, selected women auditioned themselves—in the manner of a Miss America contestant—to an unseen rich guy who was unknown to them. At

the end of the process, the millionaire appears and proposes to the lady of his choice. And then they get married! The show, which was promoted only modestly, started off with a modest audience, but by the end of its 23 million people were watching. During the final half hour, more than a third of all women under 35 who were watching television were watching the show. We are becoming a nation of boobies, the laughing stock of the civilized world. Our popular culture is taking over the world, yes, but in the manner that toxic waste takes over a mountain stream. I'm rooting for the British insurers to win their suit and be taken off the hook. With all the money "Millionaire" is making, it should be able to afford its own payouts.

Don Kaul is a columnist for Tribune Media Services.

Gate fee is a great deal

Due to some negative and controversial comments about the proposed gate admission to the Twin Falls County fair, I did a little investigating of my own to get "the rest of the story." I was extremely pleased to find that my extra \$2 at the gate buys me five general admission tickets to any concert, rodeo, demo derby or any other arena event. I applaud this "deal of the decade," since there has not been a general price increase in nearly 10 years. With an entrance to last year's included free parking, a lot which virtually eliminated Filer's illegal parking and congestion problems, I can only wonder what is next!

I can surmise that these two brilliant moves could reduce manpower needs, shorten lines and help families get into the biggest and best buy for the dollar anywhere in southern Idaho. I hold John Piz and his staff with the highest regard for the vast improvements they have brought to the fairgrounds while operating totally in the black for the last three to four years without any financial assistance from the county. Now the 60- to 70-year-old buildings and wiring will get the required safety upgrades they need and again without asking the county for assistance. SHADOW (DAVID) SEMAN Jerome

Kudos for Jan Banner

I am a former Burley High School Stepperette. The article in your paper a few weeks ago threw a lot of blame at a person who does not deserve it. Jan Banner is one of the most wonderful people I have ever met. Last year, our drill team was about to fall apart. Our principal was ready to write the Stepperettes off. Then Jan Banner came into the picture. She came to us with no doubts

and did everything she could for us. She gave us the opportunity to go to competition and paid for it out of her own pocket. The summer went very well for the girls. We had six dances prepared for the football season. That was one more dance than we had the entire year last year. Things were going great. The year began and the girls worked very hard. Then things went downhill. I do not know what happened. We got to the point where we had no money to enter any of the events. I talked to her for two hours one night and all she did was cry because of how hurt she was.

Once again, our drill team found itself at the same point we were the year before. Our principal was ready to write us off again. Mr. Bailey had someone in mind to take us over. That person was Vicki Haycock. She took over in December. She is a great drill team adviser. In January, about five girls decided to quit the Stepperettes. All of us had our own reasons. After that Mr. Bailey gave Vicki the choice of disbanding the organization or keeping it. Vicki decided to disband the group. This decision made a lot of people angry. The remaining members of the group had meetings with themselves and the parents. Finally, Vicki decided to take the organization back. I am glad that the Stepperettes was not disbanded.

I also want to thank Jan Banner for everything she did for us. She is a true angel, and I am

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thankful that I know her. VICKY FAYE HILL Burley

Get moving on recovery

With the salmon and steelhead hearings in progress, it's time to get moving on the salmon recovery program. I'm in a quandary as to the apparent stance my congressional and legislative delegations take on the salmon and steelhead recovery issue. I find no other solution except dam removal. Dam removal is the most viable option. The Idaho State Legislature and the U.S. Congress are going to delay and debate this issue to death. We are facing the loss of control of our irrigation water and fishery. How can we find fault in any of the following issues?

- 1. \$150 million plus additional to the economy of the region.
- 2. The savings of \$75 million plus on the Idaho hatchery programs.
- 3. The security of not losing the irrigation water for river flow management.
- 4. The savings for the taxpayers of billions of dollars for Native American reparations.
- 5. No significant loss of hydroelectric power capacity.

We have got to get going on recovery before we lose our precious heritage of these wonderful fish and risk our control of the Snake River for Idaho citizens. The recovery hearings are in progress. I encourage your readers to write, phone or e-mail their representatives at the state and federal level to do something soon and support dam removal. JAMES LUNTE Buhl

More taxes? No thanks!

This time instead of trying for sympathy, the Jerome School District is allowing bribery. Voters will be given a movie ticket for voting. I have always

believed that voting is a privilege with no strings attached. Is this the type of leadership we have in our school district? It is sad to think that they have to stoop so low to do an incentive to get people to vote.

There are eight classrooms at the high school that are not finished, nor is the bond paid for this project. Now we are being hit with a \$14 million request.

Superintendent Cobble says there is a need for it. Yes, Cobble, there is more than one way out, and this has been discussed before on other bond issues. In case you haven't been keeping up with the news, there is a court issue pending on making the state of Idaho partially responsible for the building and repair of Idaho's schools. This goes before a judge on March 7. Why build a new school when enrollment is decreasing, and the outcome of this issue needs to be reviewed?

There is no responsibility being shown as far as maintenance on the existing school buildings or the playgrounds. The maintenance supervisor is obviously not doing his job. If the job was being done, there would be grass where there is now none and the playgrounds wouldn't have weeds and litter lying all around.

Cobble, this is your problem since you are allowing his neglect. I would like to see Cobble and the maintenance supervisor removed. With Jerome being one of the highest taxed counties in the state, and the economy being what it is, why burden the taxpayers with even higher taxes? ELMER F. DALLMAN Jerome

New school idea

Just a thought to the Jerome School Board: What would happen if you took the Washington School and made it into a two-class (eighth- and ninth-grade) school? You've got 16 classrooms that could be updated with fresh paint, new carpet and a good cleaning inside and out. Then you rip up the weed-infested playground and plant grass and trees, put in a winding walkway and supply

tables and benches. If you need extra fire doors, put them in. Perhaps if for under \$1 million, you could come up with a school that Jerome would be proud of. This would take care of the overcrowding in the middle school and the high school. Plus, you would not have the eighth-graders harassing the younger students in the middle school, and the ninth-graders being harassed by the older students in the high school.

Just a few questions for the Jerome School Board: If the current school bond does pass, I understand that you will sell the Washington School for \$350,000. Why was this not subtracted from the bond total? Also, I understand that the property on North Lincoln will be sold; what are you going to do with this money? I think that the taxpayers of Jerome should know. JOHN R. WESTON Jerome

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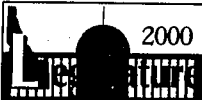
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Democrats try to clear the air between environmentalists, lunch buckets

BOISE (AP) — Looking for unity to revitalize their party, Idaho Democrats on Saturday tried to clear the air between their pro-environment green faction and the traditional lunch-bucket labor bloc.

"I think we got a lot of things aired out," Party Chairman Brit Groom said after a day of meetings and receptions that culminated with the annual Jefferson Jackson Day Dinner in Garden City.



Others saw less clear results, but none was willing to undermine the effort within a party that has been pinned to the brink of third-party status that is being compounded by financial woes.

Fraying the party's fabric in recent weeks has been the Clinton administration's roadless policy that threatens the already unstable resource sector of Idaho's economy and the relatively high-paying jobs it provides.

Aggravating it was the decision to have Clinton administration Domestic Policy Council Director Bruce Reed, the son of former state Sen. Mary Lou Reed of Coeur

d'Alene, as keynote speaker for the dinner that honored his parents for their contributions to the party.

Organized labor had planned a minor protest of the roadless plan and what it sees as anti-labor policies enacted in Idaho and nationally during the past decade.

They backed away after some tempers within the party flared a week ago, and Bruce Reed paid a visit to the Boise Labor Temple

earlier in the day to meet with some leaders.

"There was some miscommunication," Groom conceded. "But there's a silver lining. It's not always bad to stir things up, to get things out in the open."

More than 700 attended the dinner that saw leaders of the Gore and Bradley campaigns make another pitch for their candidates just 10 days before Idaho's Super Tuesday caucus to select 15 nominating dele-

gates to the national convention.

"Workers are here in the hundreds tonight," former state AFL-CIO President James Kerns told the crowd as he recognized the Reeds and their commitment to the same goals as organized labor — schools instead of jails, books instead of arsonists, justice instead of revenge.

"It's what labor really thinks and what labor thinks of you," he told them.

Mike Moyle: Crusader for the Republican Holy Grail

BOISE (AP) — At the center of the Legislature's crusade for the Republican Holy Grail of tax cuts is a trim, balding 35-year-old farmer who has been pushing things to stop what he considers the state's fiscal madness.

Rep. Mike Moyle, a husband and father of three from Star, is a freshman lawmaker going toe to toe with House leaders and senators who want to squelch rampaging Statehouse enthusiasm for the campaign he started. So far, they haven't had much luck.

"I didn't mean to get leadership in the position they're in, and I had no intention of being the limelight of this deal," Moyle said. "All I wanted was a tax cut."

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb has been struggling recently to contend with a majority in his 58-member GOP caucus now supporting a more than \$50 million tax cut plan being championed by Moyle, Revenue and Taxation Chairman Dolores Crow of Nampa and Appropriations Chairman Robert Geddes of Preston.

Last week an extended midday meeting behind closed doors ended with a show of solidarity behind the proposal, which includes \$44.5 million in one-time income tax credits and — of more significance — a permanent reduction in income tax rates, starting in 2001, back to 1987 levels.

That was the first year the Legislature raised those rates and made permanent what was supposed to have been a temporary sales tax increase to 5 percent, all in an attempt to cope with the state's lingering financial woes from near-depression conditions earlier in the '80s.

Among the speaker's arguments against so slender a tax-cut package is the one Crow's committee plans to consider this week was the personal and political pain of that experience 13 years ago, and the fear that lawmakers might have to do it again if the rest of Idaho's economy follows agriculture in going south.

"There are some of us here that have been here when we've had to vote for tax increases. And there's a lot of us here that haven't," Newcomb told the Idaho Press Club last week.

Moyle sees the issue differently. "Everybody talks about when times are bad we'll have to raise taxes. But if we don't cut taxes when times are good we're never going to cut them," he said.

For Moyle and more of his fellow representatives than anyone could imagine, before the session started, a state cash surplus of \$65 million does not mean an opportunity to fully fund education requests, catch up on long-neglected building maintenance needs or even meet Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's request to boost the state's rainy day fund up to its \$90 million cap.

It means the state simply has too much money, which inevitably will be used as a bud-

getary floor from which future spending will grow.

He understands arguments to the contrary but believes it incumbent on Republicans to support a guiding principle of the party. "Our platform talks about it. We all run around spouting off when we're running for election, and then when we get a chance to do it, in the past, we haven't done it," he said.

The man who grows mint and raises mink in Ada County became a focal point of the tax-cutting debate early in the session when he approached Geddes, retiring co-chairman of the budget-setting Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee; about his wish to avoid spending or banking the growing state surplus.

Geddes gave him a tax-cut target and Moyle drafted some legislation with Crow aimed at creating coalitions of support from various segments of the House. They passed it around, and before long there were 33 cosponsors enmeshed in the bill now giving leadership fits.

Moyle is not quite dismissive of their concerns, but he certainly gives more credence to Reagan-esque supply-side arguments involving economic multipliers and unabashed trust in the market — for better or worse.

"I farm for a living, and this year a seed company that went broke is going to leave me hanging for thousands of dollars. I'm going to get hurt this year. I'm not going to make any money," he said. "I can't change the markets. If my costs go up, I can't pass them on. I'm stuck to the market."

"Government's the same way. It should be stuck to the market. If they've got the extra money, that's all right, but if they don't then you do what you've got to do, and what they've done in the past. You don't raise the bases; you make the hard decisions. You make the cuts."

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Let the games begin...

Business ought to be brisk this week at Ephraim, Utah eateries. The Satisfied Ewe and Fat Jack's Pizza.

Home of Snow College, the quiet town of 5,000 (when school's in session), will be overrun this week by 16 teams vying for two tickets to the junior college men's and women's versions of March Madness - the NJCAA National Tournaments - in Kansas.

The Badgers host this year's Region 18 Tournament, the postseason playoffs for the Scenic West Athletic Conference. It should be a stern test of logistics for the school and the outlying community as they host a tournament.

The lone hotel in Ephraim had to be hopping for joy upon hearing the news, it's been booked for weeks. And while every other available room, turkey shelter and RV park along the former Mormon Trail - U.S. Highway 89 - are reserved for the teams and their hordes of fans that will descend upon Sanger County this week, I only hope the restaurants have enough chicken fried steak and pepperoni to feed the masses.

Both of Snow's teams take national C rankings along with top seeds into the tourney, which opens Wednesday for the women, Thursday for the men.

The College of Southern Idaho, however, plans to crash the party, beginning with the women's team. Scratching and clawing their way into the tournament with a tremendous 15-point lashing Friday night of third-seed Utah Valley State College, the No. 8 Golden Eagles open with the tournament hosts at 8 p.m.

The 13th-ranked Badgers come into Wednesday's matchup riding a nine-game losing streak, only their third SWAC defeat of the season. CSI posted on the first one Dec. 10, 74-71.

Although Southern Idaho also lost its season finale Saturday night in a dreadful 62-53 setback to No. 7 seeded Salt Lake Community College, CSI shooting guard Sara Cellan exuded confidence in Wednesday's showdown.

"They're No. 13?" she said. "Well, we're going to beat No. 13."

The Southern Idaho men are easily the hottest team in the league. Peaking at the perfect time with a seven-game winning streak, the Golden Eagles finished points of brilliance in wins over UVSC and SLCC this past weekend. Though the official bracket isn't released until today, CSI (13-5, 1A) will open with UVSC (9-9, 1B) Thursday in the two teams' rubber match.

It should be a dandy.

Parting shots
Sunday night's sophomore send-off at the stadium left a remainder of how quickly the season zooms along.

I know the CSI faithful join me in wishing the best to departing Golden Eagles: Matt Brown, Kenny Brunner, Sara Cellan, Lauren Dickman, Trisha Gardiner, Mike Hood, Michelle Lucas, Matt Siebrandt, Larz Stewart, Kip Wegner, Joanne Whitaker and Ryan Williams.

Congratulations also need to go out to men's head coach Derek Zeck and his sharp team of assistants: John Smith, Brian Hancock and recruiting czar Jay Cyrank. The 29-year-old Zeck delivered a regular season conference championship in his first campaign. But don't expect him, or the staff, to be completely satisfied until they're hearing that Region 18 trophy Saturday night ... Kudos to the CSI women's team for getting it out and making the tournament.

And what a way to close out the Super 6 Shootout season as the 13-year-old Graham Stanley buried the half-court shot for \$888. Stanley is the son of CSI public address announcer Graydon Stanley, who said the money would probably be donated to the school.

Someone finally beat Tiger

Darren Clarke wins \$1M in Match Play

The Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif. - Darren Clarke beat Tiger Woods at his favorite game Sunday in the Match Play Championship. And he didn't need any tips from Woods' coach.

As the sun rose over La Costa Resort about an hour before the 36-hole final, Clarke lit the first of many cigars, glanced at the other end of the practice range and found Butch Harmon quietly observing the No. 1 player in the world.

"Hey Burchy," Clarke playfully called out to the swing coach of both finalists. "I don't need you. I'm hitting it perfect."

Woods found that out the hard way.

Before Woods could even dream about a sweep of the World Golf Championships, Clarke buried him with a barrage of birdies in the afternoon round for a 4 and 3 victory and a \$1 million payoff, nearly four times greater than he had ever won in a single tournament.

This was about much more than money, though.

"Any time you win a tournament it's fantastic," Clarke said. "But to play against Tiger, the No. 1 player in the world, and to come out on top - it's a great feeling."

It capped an incredible weekend for the 31-year-old from Northern Ireland, who took down in succession Ryder Cup star Hal Sutton, second-ranked David Duval and then the biggest gun of them all with near flawless play.

Clarke made 12 birdies to just one bogey over 33 holes, hit all but one fairway and didn't miss a green over his final 17 holes. The



Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke holds the Walter Hagen Trophy for his first-place finish in the Anderson Consulting Match Play Championship Sunday in Carlsbad, Calif. Clarke defeated Tiger Woods in the final 4 and 3 to collect the \$1 million first prize.

only time he trailed in the match was on the third hole of the morning, and he got that right back with a birdie on the next hole.

"Darren just flat outplayed me," Woods said after perhaps his worst loss ever in match play, dropping his professional record to 12-4. "Darren has played like this all week. All you have to do is look at the stats to see how beautifully he's played."

He never trailed since the fourth hole in the morning, then birdied four out of five holes on the front nine in afternoon to go 4-up with 10 holes to play, a deficit not even Woods was able to overcome.

"He was fantastic today," Harmon said. "He looked Tiger right in the eye and said, 'I'm going to kick your butt.' And he kicked it."

Clarke became the first international player to win a WGC event and kept Woods, who earned \$500,000, from adding the Walter Hagen Cup to his other two WGC titles won at Firestone and Valderrama.

And it also thrust Clarke, who won for the sixth time worldwide, into the spotlight as another European star with a bright future.

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Vandals race past Cal Poly

The Times-News

MOSCOW - It's true when they say all conference games are important, but when your team is on the bubble each one looms larger and larger, which made Idaho's 84-76 win Sunday afternoon over California State Polytechnic University truly a feel-good event.

With all three Vandal seniors reaching double figures and junior Kanell Dickens coming through with a double-double, Idaho improved to 6-8 in the Big West Conference, 12-14 overall. Cal Poly dropped to 4-10, 9-17.

Idaho stayed tied for third in the Eastern Division with Boise State with the win. It lacked a few road trips to Utah State and Nevada to finish the season.

"All conference games are important," said Dickens, who finished with 15 points and 10 rebounds. "Coming off a loss in Boise (last Thursday), the game was maybe magnified in terms of it being imperative to win."

As a team, Idaho shot 52.6 percent from the field, forced 17 turnovers and outscored the Mustangs 30-26.

Individually, Devon Ford had 19 points, Gordon Scott had 18 - including four more three-pointers to add to his single-season best record, and Clifford Gray had 15.

While the game brought about an important victory in an entertaining fashion, it lacked a few key factors in the mind of coach David Farrar. Tops among them might be defense after the Vandals let a 17-point lead dwindle to six in the final minute of play.

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In-Vince-ible: Carter scores record 51

The Associated Press

TORONTO - Given a stage to showcase his sky-walking talent, Vince Carter delivered his best performance yet.

Carter scored 51 points - the most in his career - in leading the Raptors to a 103-102 win over the Phoenix Suns on Sunday.

Last week, NBC changed its schedule, adding the Raptors game so it could show one of the league's most luminous players for the first time in the regular season. Carter's between-the-legs jam won the slam-dunk contest at the All-Star game two weeks ago, and helped land him a spot on a recent cover of Sports Illustrated.

"The young legend grows," Raptors coach Butch Carter said. "No one's more surprised today than me."

Carter made 17-of-32 shots for the first time in the regular season. He hit four 3-pointers, grabbed nine rebounds, had three steals and also provided

the crowd with a number of high-flying moves.

"It feels good to get 51, but it hasn't sunk in yet," said Carter.

Spring training: Sammy Sosa shows up; Pedro Martinez pitches

The Associated Press

Sammy Sosa has all smiles when he showed up at spring training Sunday, and Pedro Martinez was all business as he pitched batting practice for the first time.

Sosa pronounced himself healthy after a bout with the flu, offered assurances he's "still hungry" after two straight years of 60-plus homers and said he's ready to steal more bases if that's what new manager Don Baylor wants.

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Cubs' spring training complex in Mesa, Ariz., checking in more than a week later than most of the regulars.

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In batting practice against regular pitchers Matt Karchner and Rodney Myers, Sosa faced 20 pitches. He hit just one ball fair and broke three bats, one of which he took to the fence and

handed to 3-year-old Lucas Miller as cameras clicked.

Labonte holds off Earnhardt

The Associated Press

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. - Bobby Labonte built a big enough lead to hold off charging Dale Earnhardt on Sunday as General Motors turned the tables on Ford in the Dura-Lube/Kmart 400.

Labonte hung with the leaders throughout the 393-lap race at North Carolina Speedway and finally began to show the power in his Joe Gibbs Racing Pontiac when he took the lead on lap 242.

Pontiac's and Chevrolet's swept the top four positions just a week after the top Ford Tauruses caused an uproar about a supposed aerodynamic advantage by taking the first five spots in the season-opening Daytona 500.

As dull as the race was in Daytona, Sunday's show was exciting throughout, with 22 lead changes among 10 drivers and plenty of position changes all the way to the back of the pack.

With the final 195 laps on the 1.017-mile oval run without a caution flag, Labonte's No. 18 Grand Prix took control. He came out of the final round of pit stops by the leaders ahead just ahead of Earnhardt's Chevrolet and steadily pulled away.

By lap 364, Labonte's lead was more than six seconds. At that point, crowd favorite Earnhardt began to close in, chopping tenths of a second off on every lap.

It appeared for a while he would catch the leader, but Labonte was able to weave his way through heavy traffic, keeping Earnhardt's black No. 3 at bay.

The two leaders broke free of traffic four laps from the end, but it was too late. Earnhardt came across the finish line 1.068-seconds - about 10 car-lengths - behind Labonte.

"He was coming on pretty strong at the end, but we had built enough cushion that we were able to hold him off," Labonte said. "I wouldn't have wanted that race to be much longer."

Earnhardt, who finished in the top five at Rockingham for the first time since he won this event in 1996, said the race came down to tire wear on the worn and abrasive asphalt track.

"A lot of other guys were taking off and burning up their tires early. I sort of saved my tires early in the runs," said the seven-time Winston Cup champion.



Chicago Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa goes airborne on a sliding drill during spring training in Mesa, Ariz., Sunday.

SPORTS

Carter wins Tucson Open for first PGA title

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - For 13 years, Jim Carter knew the sting of disappointment trying to make his mark on golf's top...

When he wept after the Tucson Open, this time he shed tears of joy and relief. "I dream about winning all the time," the 1983 NCAA champion said Sunday after he surged from behind with a 6-under-par 66 that answered his dreams.

His breakthrough event came in Carter's 292nd tour event as he beat third-round leader Tom Scherzer, Chris DiMarco and Jean Van de Velde by two strokes. His best finish until this event was four third times - in 1989, 1995, 1996 and 1998 - and he hadn't had a top 10 finish since last June.

The field was diluted by the absence of the top stars who played in the Match Play Championship, but Carter didn't back in. His 19-under 269 matched David Duval's winning score of two years ago - the best in four years since the tournament's move to a two-course format and settled on Tucson National.

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Tiger tamer

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How much: Clarke won \$1 million, while Woods pocketed \$500,000. How long: The final was scheduled for 36 holes, but went only 33, with Clarke closing Woods out on the 15th hole of the second 18 for the win.

Match

Continued from B1 future. While Colin Montgomerie has won seven straight money titles in Europe, he hasn't won on American soil against the best fields in golf.

Duval waited one round too many to play solid golf, having missed out on his anticipated showdown with Woods by losing to Clarke in the semifinals. In the consolation match, he birdied six of his last seven holes for a 5 and 4 victory over Davis Love III.

Duval won \$400,000, while Love earned \$300,000.

Where's the wind? It's not at America's Cup

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) - What if they threw an America's Cup and the wind died? With the exception of the tens of thousands of people who continue to party along the waterfront and on luxury yachts, sailing's biggest extravaganza is losing steam.

The racing schedule, dictated by TV ratings holders, has been locked in place for more than two years. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent by organizers, the racing teams and sponsors. Fans have flown in from Italy.

And then the wind doesn't blow with enough gusto to push the 75-foot sailboats around the course on the fluky, flaky

Race 4 had to be abandoned Sunday, and the forecast for Tuesday doesn't look good. "Welcome to Auckland," said Harold Bennett, the race committee chairman.

As an event director Tony Thomas said, "This isn't a staged event that starts at 2 and ends at 6." Because of a high pressure system that's parked itself over Auckland, this may be the America's Cup that never ends.

"The centers are close to us we have breeze to the north and the south, and not much here," said Bob Rice, the New Englander who works as chief meteorologist for Team New Zealand.

Even without the high pressure, the wind in Auckland is an interesting phenomenon. In what's called the "Battle of the Breezes," the southerlies coming off the Tasman Sea and the northeasterlies off the Pacific try to dominate each other over the Hauraki Gulf.

If they cancel each other out, they also kill the racing. "It's entirely logical," Rice said Monday. "The idea of some sort of evil spirit living over the Hauraki Gulf ... it's just weather doing weather things. Wind can have all this water and land rain and so forth, you have things like this going on. It's perfectly natural."

"It's like if you put Los Angeles 10 miles over from New York. Both of them have their own regime."

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Wandals

Continued from B1 play. "It was a fortunate win," Farrar said. "We needed the win to stay healthy in the Big West.

The Vandals jumped ahead early and led by 10 or 12 points throughout the first half, which ended with a 43-33 U of I lead. They forged ahead further with a

blend of tenacious defense, strong interior play, and sharp perimeter shooting.

But the Vandals chipped away and with 4:35 remaining had trimmed Idaho's lead to seven, 70-63. That was enough to snip the Vandals, at least briefly, out of the funk before they again built double-digit leads.

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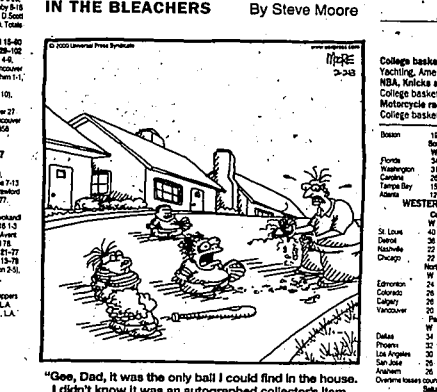


Illustration of a man in a suit holding a golf club, with a speech bubble saying 'Go, Dad, it was the only ball I could find in the house. I didn't know it was an autographed collector's item. Is Babe Ruth someone you know?'

Who else? Four players were left in the field of 64; but only Woods and...

Clarke was dueling for the championship. David Duval beat Davis Love III, 4 and 2, in the consolation match. Next year, the Match Play Championship, held at La Costa Resort and Spa its first two years, will be played next year at the Metropolitan Golf Club in Melbourne, Australia.

Match

Continued from B1 future. While Colin Montgomerie has won seven straight money titles in Europe, he hasn't won on American soil against the best fields in golf.

Wandals

Continued from B1 play. "It was a fortunate win," Farrar said. "We needed the win to stay healthy in the Big West.

The Vandals jumped ahead early and led by 10 or 12 points throughout the first half, which ended with a 43-33 U of I lead. They forged ahead further with a

Know the score?

Read The Times-News sports page to see how your favorite team is doing.

ON THE AIR TELEVISION

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Appliances win every battle

Recently The Washington Post printed an article explaining how the appliance manufacturers plan to drive consumers insane.

Of course they don't SAY they want to drive us insane. What they SAY they want to do is have us live in homes where "all appliances are on the Internet, sharing information" and appliances will be "smarter than most of their owners." For example, the article states, you would have a home where the dishwasher "can be turned on from the office" and the refrigerator "knows when it's out of milk" and the bathroom scale "transmits your weight to the gym."

HUMOR
Dave Barry

I frankly wonder whether the appliance manufacturers, with all due respect, have been smoking crack. I mean, did they ever stop to ask themselves WHY a consumer, after loading a dishwasher, would go to the office to start it? Would there be some kind of career benefit?

YOUR BOSS: What are you doing?

YOU: (tapping computer keyboard) I'm starting my dishwasher!

YOUR BOSS: That's the kind of productivity we need around here!

YOU: Now I'm flushing the upstairs toilet!

Listen, appliance manufacturers: We don't NEED a dishwasher that we can communicate with from afar. If you want to improve your dishwashers, give us one that senses when people leave dirty dishes on the kitchen counter, and shouts at them: "PUT THOSE DISHES IN THE DISHWASHER RIGHT NOW OR I'LL LEAK ALL OVER YOUR SHOES!"

Likewise, we don't need a refrigerator that knows when it's out of milk. We already have a foolproof system for determining if we're out of milk. We ask our wife what we could use as a refrigerator that refuses to let us open its door when it senses that we are about to consume our fourth Jell-O Pudding Snack.

As for a scale that transmits our weight to the gym: Are they NUTS? We don't want our weight transmitted to our own EYE-BALLS! What if the gym decided to transmit our weight to all these other appliances on the Internet? What if, God forbid, our refrigerator found out what our weight was? We'd never get the door open again.

Appliance manufacturers want to give us even MORE features. Do you know what this means? It means that some night you'll open the door of your smart refrigerator, looking for a beer, and you'll hear a pleasant, cheerful voice—recorded by the same woman who informs you that Your Call Is Important when you call a business.

What if she does not wish to speak with you personally—telling you, "Your celery is limp." You will not know how your refrigerator knows this, and, what is worse, you will not know who else your refrigerator is telling about you. Both! And if you want to try to make the refrigerator STOP, you'll have to decipher the Owner's Manual instructions written by and for nuclear physicists ("To disable the Produce Crispness Monitoring feature, enter the Command Mode, then select the Edit function, then select Change Vegetable Defaults, then assume that Train A leaves Chicago traveling westbound at 47 miles per hour, while Train B...").

Is this the kind of future you want, consumers? Do you want appliances that are smarter than you? Of course not. Your appliances should be DUMBER than you, just like your furniture, your pets and your representatives in Congress. So I am urging you to let the appliance industry know, by phone, letter, fax and email, that when it comes to "smart" appliances, you vote NO. You need to act quickly. Because while you're reading this, your microwave oven is voting YES.

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Dentistry for procrastinators



LOAN CASTOR/The Times-News

Dr. Tim Thompson and dental assistant Lynn Summerlin perform dental work on a Twin Falls resident. Dentists say neglect is the source of much dental disease.

Dodging dentist can have painful consequences

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Joel Newton deals with procrastinators. "Neglect is the source of a lot of dental disease," said Newton, a Twin Falls periodontist — a dentist who specializes in treating gum diseases. "Sometimes it's a case of clearing up infection, but sometimes teeth can't be saved by the time I see them."

Even as dentistry zeroes in on eliminating cavities in kids, getting many Americans into a dentist's chair is like pulling teeth. Thirty-one to 57 percent of adults don't visit a dentist once a year, according to the Washington Post, and one-third of senior citizens who still have their natural teeth suffer from untreated dental caries in their crowns or roots.

"For some people, I'm sure it's fear based upon an experience they had when they were kids," said Vince Williams, a Twin Falls oral surgeon. "But in most cases, it's really not that bad anymore."

The American Academy of Periodontology says the most dedicated dentophobes tend to be folks in their 40s and 50s; they're more likely to be men than women. Cost keeps some senior citizens out of the dentist's office, but both the AAP and the American Dental Association say

By the numbers ...

- 47** Percentage of men who are fearful about visiting a periodontist.
- 11** Percentage of women who are fearful about visiting a periodontist.
- 56** Percentage of patients in their 40s and 50s fearful about visiting a periodontist.
- 4** Percentage of patients over 60 fearful about visiting a periodontist.
- 42** Percentage of dental patients fearful of treatment because of a bad experience more than 10 years ago.
- 7** Percentage of dental patients fearful of treatment because of a bad experience within the past 10 years.

—Source:
American Academy of
Periodontology

oral health in general is improving among folks over 60.

"It's not usual anymore for people in their 80s and 90s to still have their teeth," said Tim Thompson, a Twin Falls dentist.

So what can you expect if you slide into a dentist's chair nowadays after a long absence?

"Tooth extraction is becoming more of an exception nowadays," Thompson said. "A dentist doesn't like to lose a tooth any more than a doctor likes to lose a patient."

And the state of the art of dentistry has improved since you sat in the orthodontist's chair as a 12-year-old, wincing as your molars were wrenched together.

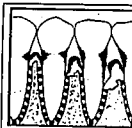
Dentistry isn't painless, but it's less painful than it once was," Thompson said. "And we work on helping people ease their anxiety."

Dental instruments have improved, too. Used to be that round tray of picks and probes attached to the dentist's chair looked like tools that Laurence Olivier used on Dustin Hoffman in the movie "Marathon Man."

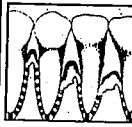
Now drills are quieter and more efficient, and the science of pain management has improved.

"I think a lot of people are surprised that it doesn't hurt (more)," said William Morton, another Twin Falls dentist.

But if you're an adult long



Periodontitis
Unremoved, plaque hardens into calculus (tartar). As plaque and calculus continue to build up, the gums begin to recede (pull away) from the tooth, and pockets form between the tooth and gums.



Advanced periodontitis
The gums recede farther, destroying more bone and the periodontal ligament. Tooth — even healthy tooth — may become loose and need to be extracted.

absent from the dentist's office don't let pain be what drives you back. "By the time your tooth starts aching, it's often too late," Newton said.

Dentists often try to save teeth by using

two words that send chills down procrastinators' spines:

Root canal.

If think in most cases, it's not as bad as people think," Thompson said.

A root canal is a procedure designed to rescue teeth that are rotten to the core.

Once the pulp — the soft interior of the tooth that contains nerves, blood vessels and connective tissue — gets diseased through a crack in the enamel or a deep cavity, your tooth is in big trouble. Bacteria move in, causing an infection; left without treatment, pus builds up in the root tip and the jawbone, form-

ing a nasty pocket called an abscess. That abscess can cause damage to the bone around your tooth.

Two generations ago, such a diseased tooth lasted about as long as it took your dentist to reach for his pliers. Nowadays, a root canal can save it.

According to the ADA, first the dentist drills through the crown into the tooth's pulp, then removes that diseased tissue. The tooth's root canal is cleaned and shaped into a form that can be filled. Then drugs are flushed into the empty tooth, and you usually get a temporary filling while pharmacology does its work.

On a later visit, the temporary filling is removed, the inside of the tooth is cleaned, and you get a permanent filling topped by a gold or porcelain crown.

Cost: several hundred dollars. Runaway gum disease will take a much bigger bite.

"If the tooth is surrounded by infection and it's loose, it's pretty hard to save," Newton said.

Your bone and gum tissue should fit around your teeth like a turtle neck around your neck. When you have periodontal disease, this supporting tissue is destroyed, forming pockets around your teeth.

Over time, these pockets

Please see DENTIST, Page B6.

Follow threads to free stuff on Web

Whether you're an avid Internet user or just learning to find your way on the Web, free stuff is a big draw. It's helpful to have a guide that lets you know what's available.

A previous column mentioned "Free Stuff for Quilters on the Internet" (C&T Publishing, \$16.95) by Judy Heim and Gloria Hansen. Now there's an updated second edition with new information on quilt patterns, galleries, guilds, shops and techniques.

Guides geared to other special interest groups are also now available. All are \$16.95.

"Free Stuff for Crafty Kids on the Internet" gives Web sites for such kid-friendly projects as origami, scrapbooks, holiday crafts, rubber stamping, cartooning and more.

"Free Stuff for Stitchers on the Internet" covers cross-stitch, embroidery, knitting, crochet,



SEWING
Barbara Gash

spinning, weaving, rug-making, beading, lace-making, tatting, doll-making and stenciling.

"Free Stuff for Sewing Fanatics on the Internet" tells you sites for tailoring, fitting, serging, fabric embellishment, home decorating, heirloom and general sewing, and machines on the market.

The purpose of these books is to direct you to sources to explore on your own. They are user-friendly and liberally illustrated with images of the Web pages. Because the authors have sifted through sites to select those they deem most

valuable, you save a great deal of surfing time.

The "Free Stuff" books are generously sprinkled with icons and tips. An example: "When you see this icon," they say, "read carefully. Benefit from our hard-earned wisdom!"

In getting started, they talk about Internet services, browsers and how to go about getting into a Web site. You'll also learn how to print pages or save them to a computer disk, capture images, download software and share information with others.

These little books are very user-friendly and efficient. They are in stores now, or order from C&T, 800-284-1114 anytime.

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Viagra and surgery don't mix, group says

They tell you not to eat before surgery. Now, the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists is warning men not to take Viagra for 24 hours before an operation. Viagra, which uses nitric oxide to open blood vessels and relax muscles, can cause a patient's blood pressure to become dangerously low when combined with the effects of anesthesia and other drugs used during surgery, the nurses' group warns.

See better, learn better

Traditional screenings may fail to catch some learning-related vision problems that can impair a child's ability to do schoolwork, according to the National PTA. Problems in areas such as binoc-

Health notes

ularity (the ability of the eyes to work together), accommodation (focusing power) and visual-perceptual motor functions (hand-eye coordination and the ability to mentally retain images) are often correctable. For more information on learning-related vision problems or a list of behavioral optometrists in your area, contact Parents Active for Vision Education by writing to PAVE National Headquarters, 4135 54th Pl., San Diego, Calif. 92105-2303; calling 1-800-728-3988; sending e-mail to vision@pave-eye.com; or visiting the Web site www.pave-eye.com/visn.

Compiled from wire reports

What to do when the flu bug bites

The Washington Post

You're lying in bed - or wishing you were - feeling like the devil. Your nose is running like a faucet. You're as achy as a geriatric go-go dancer. Your stomach is turning up, down and all around.

That about sum it up? Well, lie back, adjust the cool cloth on your forehead and read on. You went to the experts for tips to help you battle the bug and put together a primer to help you understand why you're feeling so lousy, which remedies - prescribed, over-the-counter or homemade - may help you feel better, and how you can leave off the viral villain if you haven't already been bitten.

What is the flu? According to the Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy, a medical book for practitioners, influenza - also called gripe, grip and, of course, flu - is a "specific acute viral respiratory disease characterized by fever, runny nose, cough, headache, malaise and inflamed respiratory mucous membranes" occurring as an "epidemic in the winter" that may result in "prostration, hemorrhagic bronchitis, pneumonia and sometimes death." Gastrointestinal tract symptoms such as vomiting and diarrhea are also common.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, which monitors flu outbreaks, this year's flu is spreading faster than normal, moving from the West Coast to the East and South in less than a month. While it seems as if everybody is sick now, CDC officials say they have no evidence that this year's bug is claiming more victims than its ancestors.

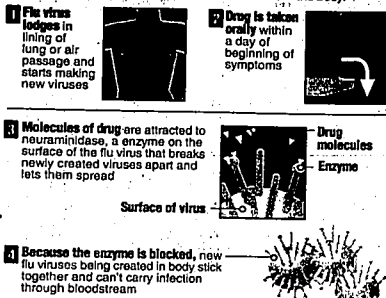
The single best defense against catching the flu is a flu shot. Not only do only children and senior citizens benefit from the vaccination, but even those with compromised immune systems are protected, doctors say. And while some people who get the shot may come down with the flu as a result, that number is relatively few.

"Anyone can benefit from the flu shot," said pediatric surgeon Marty Eichelberger, director of the National Safe Campaign. "Something like the flu goes through the entire population," and the vaccine can prevent it from spreading.

Are there different kinds of influenza can manifest itself in a variety of illnesses, Eichelberger said. If it attacks

How new drug fights flu virus

A new study found that the drug oseltamivir shortens a flu infection and makes its symptoms milder. Here's what it does in the body:



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the lungs, inflammation occurs, producing excess mucus and coughing. If it attacks the sinuses, it can lead to sinus or ear infections. If it hits the gastrointestinal tract, it may become "stomach flu" with diarrhea and vomiting.

How long after you are exposed to the flu will you get sick?

Symptoms will show within one to four days, with most people getting sick after two days, said Carolyn Bridges, an internist and medical epidemiologist with the CDC influenza division.

How long are you contagious? A popular misconception is that you're no longer contagious after symptoms occur, health workers said. Typically, you're infectious a day before symptoms occur and up to five days after.

You risk infecting others as long as you're coughing little droplets of virus out of your lungs and into the air, blowing your nose and touching things others might come into contact with.

Children may continue to

spread the flu for as long as 10 days because their immune systems need much longer to kick the virus, Bridges said.

How can one head off the flu? Four antiviral medications are on the market - two that have been available for several years

and two new ones, Bridges said. All are dispensed by prescription and must be used within the first two days to work, she said, "but they all have various side effects, so people should discuss those with their doctors before taking the medications."

How can one hasten recovery? Doctors recommend rest and liquids. Resting helps the body recover from the wear and tear the virus causes. Resting at home also keeps you from spreading your little flu germs around your classroom or office. Liquids replenish lost body fluids and minerals.

Using Lysol and other virus- and bacteria-inhibiting substances, or washing surfaces with a 10 percent bleach solution, can be helpful in curbing the virus' spread, health officials say.

Be courteous enough to wash your hands after coughing or sneezing into them, or blowing your nose. Teach your children to wash their hands at school before eating and to keep their hands out of their mouths. Keep sick children home from school.

Doctors say schools should enforce sick-child policies and require parents to keep children home until they've been symptom-free for at least 24 hours.

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

- **Breast Cancer Support Group * SPECIAL NOTICE!** The meeting scheduled for Monday, February 28, 7 p.m., in the Cancer Center Reception Area has been changed. Instead, the meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 7 p.m., in the Obenchain Building (264 Main Avenue South, Twin Falls). The Breast Cancer, Prostate Cancer and General Cancer Support Groups will join with the Tobacco Coalition for a "Town Meeting." Speaker for the evening will be David McClusky, M.D. (Please park and enter through the back of the building.) For more information call Char Basila at 737-2800 or Jody Tremblay at 733-3700.
- **Childbirth Refresher Course * Tuesday, February 29, 7 - 10 p.m., Education Center.** Pre-registration required. Call 737-2900.
- **Co-Dependency Group * Wednesday, March 1, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Canyon View West Group Room.** Fee: \$10. For more information call 734-6760.
- **MVRMC Foundation Annual Banquet * Thursday, March 2, 6:30 p.m., Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs Hotel.** To RSVP call the Foundation Office at 737-2481.
- **Big Kids Klub * Saturday, March 4, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Education Center.** Designed to help prepare brothers and sisters for the new baby. To register call 737-2900.
- **Cesarean Childbirth Class * Tuesday, March 7, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center.** Pre-registration is not required.

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— Steve Kaatz

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DEAR PAULA: I've often heard you warn about expensive sunscreens being problematic because it could mean it would encourage the user to misuse the product and not apply it liberally. Is this really as big a deal as you make it sound? I love my \$35 for 1 ounce sunscreen I've been using, and I'm fairly certain I'm not using enough of it or it would have been gone weeks ago. Should I really be worried?
—FRANCINE, CHICAGO



COSMETICS Q&A
Paula Begoun

plately agree with. The AAD states "dermatologists understand that sunscreen application is usually less than that used under the watchful eye of researchers.

In a study published in the *Archives of Dermatology*, researchers determined that the

public underapplies sunscreen. Since sunscreen users are only applying 50 percent of the recommended amount, they are only receiving 50 percent of the SPF. To achieve appropriate sun protection, approximately one ounce of sunscreen is recommended."

The AAD has reason to be so concerned. Their press release continues "While many people may know that skin cancer can kill them, few individuals realize how disfiguring it can be. More than 900,000 Americans will be diagnosed with non-melanoma skin cancer this year. While non-melanoma skin can-

cers have a better than 95 percent cure rate, many of these individuals may lose a nose, an eye, or an ear if this invasive skin cancer is not detected and treated early."

I think you have reason to be worried about not using enough sunscreen to get the kind of protection your skin really needs.

Paula Begoun is the author of *Don't Buy Into the Cosmetics Con: Consumer Without Me (First Edition)* (Beginning Press, \$19.95). Write to her at 13975 Gateway Drive, Suite 160, Seattle, Wash. 98168 or check out her Web site: www.cosmeticstips.com

DEAR FRANCINE: The American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) is the one with this concern that I com-

Gum disease and diabetes

There are a few diseases as insidious as diabetes — it can rob your eyesight, damage your heart, take away your limbs, or make you lose your teeth through gum disease.

The key to preventing that, according to the American Academy of Periodontology, is not only seeing your dentist — but controlling your diabetes.

Poorly controlled diabetes respond differently to bacterial plaque of the gum line than well-controlled diabetics and non-diabetics, according to the AAP. They also have more harmful proteins in their gum tissue, causing destructive inflammation. In turn, beneficial proteins are reduced, interfering with the healing response to infection.

"Diabetic patients should certainly be aware of their blood sugar levels, but it's also important they have their serum triglycerides and chole-

sterol levels checked by their physician on a regular basis," said Christopher Cutler, a periodontist and APA specialist in gum disease and diabetes. "Reducing cholesterol and serum triglyceride levels, preferably through diet and exercise, may be the most important changes that diabetics can make to improve their quality of life, as well as their oral health."

Cutler says recent research also has found that having periodontal disease makes diabetes more difficult to control. "We have a classic vicious cycle going on," he said.

A free brochure titled *Diabetes and Gum Disease* is available by calling 1-800-FLOSS-EM or using the AAP's online request form at <http://www.pao.org>

Source: American Academy of Periodontology

Dentist

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become deeper, providing a larger space for bacteria to thrive. As these microbes develop around teeth, they can accumulate and get under the gum tissue. These deep pockets collect even more bacteria, resulting in further bone and tissue loss.

Lose too much bone, and you'll lose the tooth.

According to the AAP, periodontists sometimes do a process called regeneration, using membranes, bone grafts or tissue-stimulating proteins that encourage the body's natural ability to regenerate bone.

These procedures start in the high three-figure range — and can run into much more money.

"It sounds like a broken record, but the fact is that prevention is a lot cheaper in the long run," Thompson said. "That includes brushing twice a day, flossing every day — and two visits a year to the dentist. "Your teeth were meant to last a lifetime," Williams said. "But it takes some effort."

to reattach. To replace lost bone, periodontists sometimes do a process called regeneration, using membranes, bone grafts or tissue-stimulating proteins that encourage the body's natural ability to regenerate bone.

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Flexible sigmoidoscopy is usually performed on an outpatient basis. It performed while the patient is lying on his/her left side. A sheet is placed over the lower body. A finger or digital exam of the anus and rectum is performed. Then the endoscope is gently inserted into the rectum. Air is inflated into the bowel to expand it and allow for careful examination. The patient usually experiences slight discomfort similar to strong flatulence. The endoscope is then advanced under direct vision and moved around the various bends in the lower bowel.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Breast cancer support group reschedules meeting

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Breast Cancer Support Group meeting, originally scheduled for today, has been changed.

The breast cancer, prostate cancer and general cancer support groups will join with the Tobacco Coalition for a town meeting at 7 p.m. March 15 in the Obenchain Building, 264 Main Ave. S. Speaker will be Dr. David McCluskey.

For more information, call Char Busila at 737-2800 or Jody Tremblay at 733-3700.

TWIN FALLS - Standard First Aid (adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid) six and one-half hour course will be offered at 6 p.m. Saturday at Tuesday at the American Red Cross.

Pre-registration and pre-payment is required for all classes. For more information, call 733-6464 or 1-888-367-6321 or visit the Red Cross office at 718 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS - A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesday in the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Pre-registration is required, call 737-2900.

TWIN FALLS - Co-Dependency Group will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Canyon View West Group Room.

Fee is \$10. For more information, call 734-6760.

JEROME - Childbirth and early parenting classes will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning this Wednesday through March 29, in the Education Center at St. Benedicts Family Medical Center.

The second class in the series will qualify as a refresher course for mothers who previously have taken the classes. No fee for patients delivering at St. Benedicts. To register, call the medical center at 324-4301.

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Regional Medical Center Foundation annual banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Cayanaugh's Canyon Springs Hotel.

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TWIN FALLS - The Big Kids Klub will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Education Center at MVRMC.

The program is designed to help siblings prepare for the new baby. To register, call 737-2900.

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TWIN FALLS - Cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. March 7 in the Education Center at MVRMC.

Pre-registration is not required.

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Lifetime will offer a pediatric and adult CPR course, including a first-aid portion on bleeding and shock, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 11 at the YMCA.

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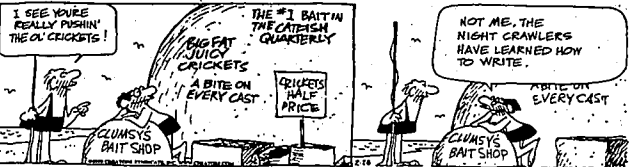
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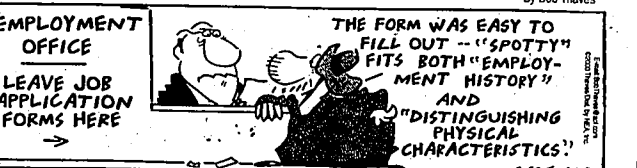
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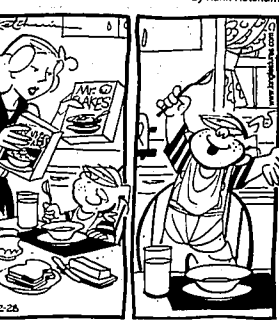
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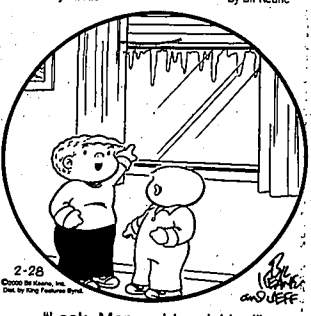
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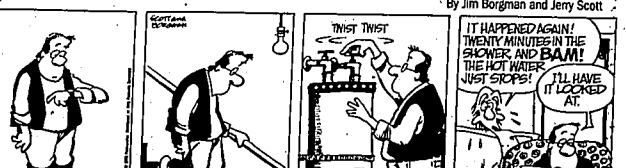
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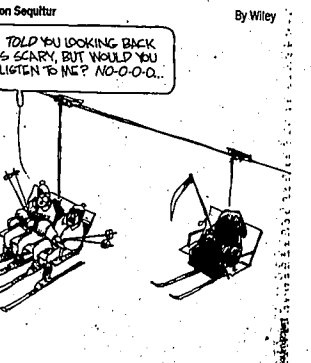
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With money in your pocket, you can lose any hand and you can win any hand. - Yiddish proverb

Today's South was humming a victory tune in anticipation of scoring a 700-point rubber. Suddenly, he hit a sour note, and his game went into it. It was the bad diamond break, or was it South's poor planning that aborted the line?

Dummy covered West's spade jack; when East did likewise with his king, South ducked. When East returned the deuce, South took his ace because he knew that spades were either 4-4 or that West had all the remaining spades. Conventional, East's return of the deuce is either the original fourth-best or his last card in the suit. In any event, South wasn't really concerned about spades; he was already pocketing the rubber points, winning five diamonds, three clubs and a spade.

Carlessly, South led the low diamond to dummy's king and another back to his ace. Unfortunately, East's discard awakened South to reality. He could no longer bring in the diamond winners, and it was two down instead of a 700-point rubber.

How does South manage the 4-1 diamond break? Instead of leading his low diamond to dummy's king, he should cash his ace and lead the 10. Now when West discards, it doesn't hurt. South has a marked finesse against West's diamond jack and has his nine winners.

ANSWER: Club jack. Since there is little to gain by leading the suit bid by West, the lead from the sequence is the more attractive choice.

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NORTH: ♠ Q 7 5, ♥ K J 15, ♦ K 9 7 5, ♣ 9 6 5. WEST: ♠ J 10 4, ♥ 9 7 3, ♦ 8 2, ♣ 8 7 2. EAST: ♠ K 8 5 2, ♥ A K 10 2, ♦ 3, ♣ J 10 4 3. SOUTH: ♠ A 8 3, ♥ 8 6 4 3, ♦ A 10 4, ♣ A K Q.

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: South The bidding: 1NT West 1NT East 3NT All pass Opening lead: Spade jack LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ A K 8 3, ♥ 8 6, ♦ 9 7 3, ♣ J 10 2. East: ♠ A 8 3, ♥ 8 6, ♦ 9 7 3, ♣ J 10 2. South West North Pass Pass Pass Pass

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