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Non-partisan or not?

Idaho Supreme Court candidates court like-minded support



By Michael Journe Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS— Idaho code requires state Supreme Court elections to be non-partisan. And while each candidate in this year's election is nominally sticking to that rule, the partisanship of Supreme Court Justice Cathy Silak and her challenger, District Judge Dan Eismann is hard to miss.

The company candidates keep don't keep, perhaps says just as much about their liberal or conservative leanings as having an R or D next to their names on the ballot.

On Monday, Silak declined an invitation to speak to the Twin Falls County Republican Women's forum saying she didn't want her appearance to be construed as making her partisan.



Judge Dan Eismann

"Because this candidate forum is sponsored by a political party organization, my participation might lead Idaho voters to believe that party identification is relevant to the election of judges, or that I am less than consistent in my approach," Silak said in a letter to the forum's organizers explaining her absence.



Justice Cathy Silak

Her opponent, however, did speak to the group. Eismann hasn't been shy about showing up and speaking at Republican functions around the state, making several appearances at the GOP's Lincoln Day fundraisers and other functions. He's made appearances at at least three Republican meetings in the Magic Valley.

While Silak's campaign insists it's remaining non-partisan, Eismann and his Republican backers point to Silak's Democratic backing. The honorary chairpersons of her campaign committee are former Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus — who appointed her to her Supreme Court post in 1993 — and Bethine Church, widow of the late Frank Church, Idaho's long-time Democratic U.S. Senator.

Also, though she is stunning all events with any political affiliation.

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U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, pledges allegiance to the flag at the beginning of a Twin Falls County Republican Women's candidate forum Monday.

Simpson: Elian belongs with dad

But Idaho lawmaker questions method of removing boy from Miami house

By Michael Journe Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS— Assigning federal agents to kick in doors and rush through the house with assault rifles may have been overkill, but returning Elian Gonzalez to his father was the right thing to do, U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson said Monday.

Although it puts him at odds with many in congressional leadership, Simpson said he agrees with Attorney General Janet Reno's assessment that the boy belongs with his father — despite the propaganda coup the 6-year-old's possible return to Cuba would give Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

Simpson criticized Saturday's Justice Department raid on the

6-year-old boy's relatives' home in south Florida. But Simpson said his position is more representative of his belief in family values and parental rights rather than international relations.

"It was terrible the way they did it, but I'm one who believes Elian should be with his father," Simpson told The Times-News' editorial board Monday.

If Elian's father Juan Miguel Gonzalez, who has been in the United States for several days lobbying the Justice Department for his son's return, was abusive or if any other circumstances called his suitability as a parent into question, Simpson said his position might be different.

"Once the father got here, he was the legal guardian," Simpson said.

Supporters of giving Elian political asylum in the United States say the boy's Miami relatives can offer him a better lifestyle than he can have in Cuba with his father. But Simpson said it's unacceptable to take a child away from his or her rightful parents for such a reason.

"What's to stop you from taking the next step?" said Simpson, who said children in impoverished areas around the world could be taken away from their parents.

Simpson's stance puts him at odds not only with Idaho's congressional delegation. Sen. Larry Craig and Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage want Elian to remain in the United States, while Sen. Mike Crapo would

like a U.S. family court to decide the boy's status, Simpson said.

Simpson said turning Elian over to his father could ultimately help U.S. and post-Castro Cuba relations by opening up more dialogue between the two countries now.

"I think you can influence these countries more if you're engaged with them," Simpson said.

Simpson spoke on a number of other issues Monday:

• The best way to resolve China's assertion that Taiwan is a renegade province, and Taiwan's steadfast refusal to surrender its sovereignty to China, is to try to steer China away from its totalitarian nature.

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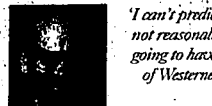
Senator: Clinton's lands policies could foster Sagebrush Rebellion

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Sen. Larry Craig says Bill Clinton and Al Gore's environmental policies are part of a calculated attempt to drive a wedge between the rural and urban West and could spark another Sagebrush Rebellion.

"For those in Washington D.C. who live by the latest opinion polls, it might seem smart to drive a wedge between the Old West and the New West," the Idaho Republican said.

"I believe there is a calculated effort in Washington: Let's set the cities against the towns in the



West. Let's drive a wedge right through the heart of the other party's strongest region," he said in a recent speech.

Craig, chairman of a Senate panel overseeing the Forest Service, said the agency's ulti-

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911 phone center ponders fee for cellular phone calls

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

JEROME — Charging Magic Valley cellular phone users a monthly fee for enhanced 911 service would likely benefit the emergency service, representatives from the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center said.

But it won't be easy to figure out how much of a fee to charge.

A cell phone fee could be another revenue source for SIRCOMM, the troubled 911 dispatch center that has served Jerome, Twin Falls, Gooding and Lincoln counties since 1996. SIRCOMM officials say the agency doesn't have enough money to pay for any

What's next?

Representatives of the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center will meet with other 911 system representatives Thursday in Boise, to discuss pursuing a monthly cellular phone user fee.

major system upgrades that might be needed in the future, perhaps in five to 10 years.

Since February 1991, SIRCOMM has collected \$1 a month for every telephone line in its four-county service area. That fee generates

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Zoo gunfire gravely injures one

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A feud between youths at the National Zoo ended in a hail of gunfire Monday evening, leaving one boy brain dead and wounding five other children — two serious — at one of the capital's most popular tourist spots, police officials said.

according to authorities and witnesses.

The victims ranged in age from 11 to 16 and were attending a century-old post-Easter gathering at the zoo celebrating African-American families.

A high-ranking police official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a boy, either 11 or 12 years old, was shot in the head and declared brain dead at a hospital. The boy was being kept alive by machines to allow his family to donate his organs, the official said.



Amy Beckwith of Montgomery County, Md., comforts her child after the shooting Monday at Washington's National Zoo.

THE REGION

Carnas Prairie
 High: 56 Low: 28
 Mostly cloudy today and tonight, breezy. Partly cloudy Wednesday, high 59.

Treasure Valley
 High: 68 Low: 42
 Partly cloudy today and tonight with light winds. Same Wednesday, high 69.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley
 High: 62 Low: 35
 Mostly cloudy today and tonight, breezy. Partly cloudy Wednesday, high 64.

Eastern Idaho
 High: 65 Low: 39
 Mostly cloudy today and tonight, breezy. Partly cloudy Wednesday, high 66.

Northern Idaho
 High: 52 Low: 36
 Mostly cloudy today and tonight, breezy. Partly cloudy Wednesday, high 66.

Northern Utah
 High: 71 Low: 47
 Partly cloudy today and tonight and warmer. Mostly sunny Wednesday, high 74.

Northern Nevada
 High: 64 Low: 45
 Partly cloudy today and tonight with light winds. Same Wednesday, high 70.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High: 63 Low: 46 Partly cloudy, light winds, some tonight.	High: 66 Low: 48 Mostly sunny today.	High: 70s Low: 40s Partly cloudy and warmer.	High: 60s Low: 40s Cooler with chance of rain.	High: 60s Low: 40s Partly cloudy and warmer.

Idaho weather
 Tuesday, April 25
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 The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, April 25, 2000

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 54-32	Yesterday in Twin Falls
Last year 71-38	Month to date: 7.76
Normal 67-36	Normal mo. to date: 7.73
	Water year to date: 4.60
	Normal year to date: 6.89

Idaho

Max	Min	High/Low
Boise	57-33	degrees xx-Low xx
Burley	56-38	degrees at xx
Coeur d'Alene	54-36	Nations: High, 100 at
Grangeville	m	McAllen, Texas, Low,
Hagerman	m	16 at Redmond, Dre.
Idaho Falls	59-35	
LeVelle	58-38	
Owyo	57-35	
Malad	46	
Oella	40	
McCall	46	
Pocatello	58	
Salmon	55	
Stanley	43	
Sun Valley	m	

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	78	49	0.0
Anchorage	49	31	0.0
Boston	52	42	0.0
Chicago	64	40	0.10
Denver	78	37	0.0
Des Moines	68	37	0.0
Honolulu	83	73	0.0
Indianapolis	64	41	0.0
Kansas City	63	51	0.0
Las Vegas	73	66	0.0
Los Angeles	76	53	0.0
Memphis	60	59	0.0
Miami Beach	70	41	0.0
Minneapolis	54	41	0.0
New Orleans	70	41	0.0
New York	67	46	0.0
Oakland	64	45	0.0
Omaha	68	52	0.0
Phoenix	92	64	0.0
Pittsburgh	68	41	0.0
Portland, Me.	58	33	0.0
Reno	70	35	0.0
St. Louis	63	51	0.0
San Diego	70	41	0.0
San Francisco	65	48	0.0
Seattle	55	35	0.0
Spokane	51	31	0.0
Washington	68	46	0.0
Yuma	96	67	0.0

Canadian Cities

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Calgary	53	33	0.0
Edmonton	46	39	0.0
Toronto	63	43	0.0
Vancouver	53	31	0.0

Simpson

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"I think you're going to have much more influence on China if you rock them rather than throw rocks at them," Simpson said.

Simpson said the United States has a responsibility to ensure Taiwan's security through weapons sales to Taipei, but stopped short of endorsing stationing U.S. troops on the island to stop an invasion from the mainland.

"Despite a \$17 billion boost in defense spending next year, the U.S. military's increased number of deployments during the Clinton administration coupled with shrinking Pentagon budgets has hurt combat readiness and efficiency.

Reforming the military will be the Simpson's highest priority in

coming years, he said.

He said the real weakness is the military pay scale.

With 13,000 military families using food stamps, poor recruiting results and poor retention of junior officers, Simpson said the military must improve salaries so it can compete with the private sector.

"Any discussion of expanding Craters of the Moon National Monument, or creating any other monuments around the country, should include public input.

Congress should also have a check against any executive monument declarations, he said. To that end, Simpson has introduced a bill to require congressional approval of any monument declarations within two years. A monument can now declare a present on federal land under the 1906 Antiquities Act.

Court

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tion this year, Silak did attend Lincoln Day ceremonies during her 1994 campaign for the court. Silak said that during her 1994 appearances she was simply a guest, was not introduced to the gatherings nor did she speak.

Eismann, on the other hand, has drawn criticism for his appearances at Lincoln Day events around the state this year. He was the focus of a complaint filed by Boise attorney and unsuccessful gubernatorial candidate Robert Huntley - himself a former Supreme Court justice - for his participation in a Republican fund-raiser in Idaho Falls earlier this year.

Eismann has also enjoyed wide GOP support in large part because of an October Supreme Court ruling, authored by Silak, upholding federal reserved water rights within the state of Idaho, Republican U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, the Idaho delegation's senior member, all but endorsed Eismann at Twin Falls' Lincoln

Day dinner in March.

"In this campaign I have not attended any partisan activities much less speak at any of them," Silak said. She said that though Andrus and Church are prominent Democratic figures associated with her campaign, her campaign committee also includes a number of Republicans and non-affiliated members.

Eismann made no apologies for the conservative nature of most of his backing. He said it's impossible for the judicial candidates not to have some opinion, and that it is natural for one party or another to be drawn to a candidate with similar leanings.

As long as a party does not officially endorse a candidate, or a candidate does not openly declare an affiliation with the party, there is really not breach of the non-partisan rule, he said.

But how does the non-partisan nature of Supreme Court elections really mean?

In his 1998 campaign, Justice Wayne Kilgall, a former GOP state attorney general and state senator, openly declared his status as a Republican and liberal his not-so-openly Democratic bias while opponent Mike Wetherell.

A big question is who will pay for technological upgrade, because a user fee won't necessarily cover it.

SIRCOMM would have to add a system that would require 911 dispatchers information on the cellular phone - including the cellular phone's number, the phone's owner and location of the caller. Dispatchers get this information automatically when a call comes in on a conventional phone; when a cell phone call comes in, dispatchers have to get the information from the caller.

Cell phone system hardware and software would carry one-time costs of at least \$50,000, Rodeman said.

That upgrade of SIRCOMM computer-aided dispatch servers would be nearly impossible for the cash-strapped center, Rodeman said.

"It would be like \$50,000," he said. "We would have to work out some sort of monetary program with a fee schedule."

Mike Gallagher - vice president of state government relations for Verizon Wireless, formerly AirTouch - said he and other cellular carriers have been working with the state for two years to set up some kind of user fee contract.

"It would be useful to know how much does it cost on the public safety side and how much would it cost on the carrier side?" Gallagher said.

Gallagher said Verizon has always supported the negotiations, and will continue to do so.

Other states, such as Oregon and Washington, are already charging cellular users fees.

"We're hoping to have some thing implemented in the next 12 months," Rodeman said.

New treatments for heartburn

Millions of Americans suffer chronic heartburn caused by acid reflux, where a faulty valve lets stomach acid back up into the esophagus. The FDA has approved two competing non-drug treatments illustrated below.

In both treatments, a small tube called an endoscope is passed through the mouth and placed at the valve between the stomach and esophagus.

Stretta system
 The tube contains electrodes that use radiofrequency energy to burn spots on the muscle of the valve valve, thus tightening it.

Endoscopic suturing system
 A miniature sewing machine is on the end of the tube, allowing doctors to place tiny stitches along the valve's edge that are gathered to tighten it.

Sources: Curran Medical Inc.; C.R. Bard Inc. Emily Holm/AAFP

Craig

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eral government in the West.

Craig, a staunch conservative who typically scores a zero with the League of Conservation Voters, launched the new attack on Clinton and Gore in a speech Friday to a crowd of about 200 at the University of Idaho as about a dozen protesters waved signs and hung a dummy bearing Craig's picture like a marionette from a section of the union building. It carried the sign, "Larry Craig - timber puppet."

"The local communities of interest really feel frightened and cut out," Craig said later in an interview.

"There's a fear out there - it's a fear - that this is the first straw that locks the communities away from their public lands," he said.

"I can't predict what will happen but if there is not reasonable resolution to it, I think we are going to have a very angry, frightened crowd of Westerners in these rural communities," he said.

Phones

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\$52,000 per month, about 39 percent of SIRCOMM's \$1.6 million budget. And the fee collection has grown, because of an increased number of phone lines installed for fax and Internet use.

For now, no fee is charged to cell phone users. But the Federal Communications Commission, which regulates the operations of cell phone companies around the United States, has said state and local governments can work with carriers in establishing a monthly user fee.

That would include a contract between 911 systems and cellular carriers, outlining monthly rates for cell phone users and how to pay for technological costs associated with an enhanced 911 cellular phone system.

It's not mandatory for states to draft legislation for 911 systems and cellular carriers to follow, but the FCC still advises it.

"Without legislation it will be difficult to come up with an option," SIRCOMM director Jeff Rodeman said.

Cellular phone user fee legislation has failed at the Legislature before. Most recently, a bill was killed during the 1999 session. Similar bills failed during previous sessions.

Rodeman said he and other Idaho 911 system representatives will meet Thursday in figure out how to charge cell phone fees.

More than 30 percent of all 911 calls to SIRCOMM are from cellular phone users and how to pay for technological costs associated with an enhanced 911 cellular phone system are in use for the four counties.

FDA OKs heartburn help

WASHINGTON (AP) - Aline Humphrey was losing a 10-year battle with worsening heartburn. Medications didn't help, and she had resorted to eating only easy-to-digest baby food.

Then doctors snaked a tiny tube down her throat to fix the faulty valve causing the problem. The California nurse celebrated several months later with an eight-course French meal and a bottle of Dom Perignon - no more antacids, no more heartburn.

Now other sufferers can try it, too: The Food and Drug Administration has approved the first non-drug treatments for acid reflux - two different medical devices that send a tube down the throat to fix the actual cause of chronic heartburn instead of just suppressing painful stomach acid as medications do.

The hourlong, outpatient procedures could significantly change the way heartburn is treated.

One device is like a tiny sewing machine that puts stitches in the faulty valve causing heartburn, creating little pleated gathers to strengthen it. The other device zaps the esophagus with radio-frequency energy, beams of heat. Some 14 million Americans suffer chronic heartburn, called "gastroesophageal reflux disease," or GERD. A valve where the esophagus meets the stomach, called the lower esophageal sphincter, relaxes at the wrong times, allowing acidic stomach contents to back up into the delicate esophagus.

CORRECTION

Diana Jones helped organize a fund-raiser for the Magic Valley Chapter of the Wishing Star Foundation. A story in The Times-News Monday contained incorrect information about her role with the organization.

The Times-News regrets the error.

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NATION

Republicans, Clinton spar over handling of the Gonzalez case



Elian Gonzalez hugs his father Juan Miguel at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland Sunday.

Photos trigger skepticism by some conspiracy theorists

WASHINGTON (AP) — For conspiracy theorists, the evidence is in the haircut, or maybe in a missing tooth.

Since federal agents seized 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez from the home of his Miami relatives early Saturday to be with his father, some critics insist the boy couldn't be as happy as he appears in photos released by his father's attorney. They see surefire signs of government manipulation.

The controversy developed when attorneys for Juan Miguel Gonzalez offered pictures of his smiling family Saturday, only hours after government officials brought the young Cuban eastward to Andrews Air Force Base in suburban Maryland.

On Sunday, the lawyers made available new pictures again indicating that Elian and his father were enjoying life together.

They showed Elian arm in arm with his father, having a lunch of black beans and rice, playing soccer, sitting in his father's lap and with his father, stepmother and half brother on a bench.

The photos were taken at Andrews on Sunday, said attorney Greg Craig, who hand-carried the undeveloped roll of film to The Associated Press bureau

in Washington.

Fred Sweets, assistant bureau chief for photos, said the film was developed in the AP's photo lab. "These are from a disposable camera. I examined the negatives. They are authentic," Sweets said.

Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., said he saw signs that the government was "brainwashing" the child. "I saw a little Band-Aid (in the Maryland pictures)," Diaz-Balart said Saturday evening on CNN's "Evans, Novak, Hunt and Shields." "I think the drugging has already begun."

Responding to the allegation, Justice Department spokeswoman Carol Fiorman said Monday that the 6-year-old boy "wasn't drugged," calling any such suggestion "preposterous."

A Craig associate delivered the first pictures of Elian with his family on Saturday after having them developed at a drug store. Sweets said he examined the negatives of those photos believed they were authentic.

Critics have closely scrutinized the Saturday photos, including one taken by Gonzalez of his two sons, comparing them with one of Elian captured during the raid just hours earlier by a free-lance photographer for the AP.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration tangled with congressional Republicans on Monday over the seizure of Elian Gonzalez as each party accused the other of playing politics. The House announced an investigation into Saturday's pre-dawn raid.

"None of this had to happen," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart asserted, suggesting the "intransigent position" of the 6-year-old's Miami relatives forced the government's armed seizure. Lockhart accused Republicans of "wild statements," singling out House Majority Whip Tom DeLay for criticism.

But leading Republicans pursued a verbal indictment of both President Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno for the raid that resulted in the boy's reunion with his Cuban father.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., who presided over 1998 impeachment hearings against President Clinton — announced his panel's staff would begin "a preliminary inquiry" into the antics used to seize the boy.

"The inquiry will focus on whether the use of such force was necessary or appropriate under all of the circumstances," Hyde said in a statement, adding that he hoped the inquiry could be bipartisan.

Hyde said he was undertaking the effort at the request of House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., who said he was "appalled" by the seizure of the boy.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., meanwhile, planned to meet with Reno and other top Justice Department officials in the Capitol today to discuss Saturday's raid.

Lott planned to invite a hand-picked bipartisan group of about a dozen colleagues to the meeting, but their names had not been decided as of mid-afternoon Monday, said Lott spokesman John Czwartacki.

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NATION

Judge: Waco evidence shows no muzzle flashes

WACO, Texas - A preliminary review of infrared videotapes made during the final hours of the Branch Davidian siege found no firearm muzzle flashes from either federal agents or sect members, a judge said at pretrial hearing Monday.

U.S. District Judge Walter Smith described the court experts' findings for attorneys for the plaintiffs and the government at the beginning of a pre-trial hearing to determine whether key evidence gathered after the fiery raid was mishandled.

Davidian leader David Koresh and some 80 followers died during the April 19, 1993, fire that occurred several hours into an FBI tear-gassing operation intended to end the sect's 51-day standoff.

The government contends their deaths, whether from fire or gunshot wounds, came by their own hands.

The plaintiffs argue in their wrongful death lawsuit that government gunfire cut off the Davidians' only avenue of escape from the fire.

Nation in brief.

would shoot for another attempt today. But the weather was expected to worsen, and NASA said it would decide before refueling the shuttle whether to wait until Wednesday.

NASA has only five minutes each afternoon to launch Atlantis, fresh from a major overhaul. The launch window is shorter than usual in order for the shuttle to use the least amount of fuel to reach the space station.

Atlantis is loaded with more than 1 ton of supplies and replacement parts for the space station, which has been orbiting virtually empty for the past 1.5 years.

The most important items are four new batteries. Since astronauts last visited the space station last spring, two of the six

electricity-producing batteries have failed and another two are showing signs of deterioration.

Future of former Louisiana governor rests with jury

BATON ROUGE, La. - After hearing hours of instructions, jurors in former Gov. Edwin Edwards' racketeering trial were handed the task Monday of

deciding the fate of the former four-term governor.

Edwards and his six co-defendants are accused of trying to rig riverboat casino licenses and extort money from people who wanted the licenses.

It took a little more than three hours, not counting two breaks, for U.S. District Judge Frank Polozola to read the 96 pages of instructions to the jury. Jurors

and most of the defendants followed along as he read. Some jurors took notes and underlined phrases on their copies.

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Probe finds little to back allegations of IRS abuse

WASHINGTON - Congressional investigators were unable to substantiate the allegations of IRS misconduct and abuse of taxpayers that helped spur reforms at the agency, according to a report made public Monday.

The findings by the congressional General Accounting Office are the latest in a string of investigations that failed to find the widespread evidence of problems in Internal Revenue Service criminal investigations and enforcement as alleged in highly publicized Senate Finance Committee hearings two years ago.

"Generally, we found no corroborating evidence that the criminal investigations described at the hearing were retaliatory against the specific taxpayers," the GAO report said. "We could not independently substantiate that IRS employees had vendettas against these taxpayers."

The GAO report also said it "did not find any evidence" to support claims made by IRS employees at the Senate hearings that their superiors ordered assessments against large taxpayers to be "zeroed out" in order to gain personal awards, improve their own statistics or pursue careers outside the agency.

The GAO report was completed last May but was kept under wraps because it contained confidential taxpayer information protected by law. A version with some names and other data blacked out was released by the IRS under the Freedom of Information Act to Tax Notes, a journal that closely follows tax news for professionals. A version was also released to The Associated Press.

Winds force launch delay; NASA may try again today

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BIZFACTS



Leaders: Old Towne needs firmer plans

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Too much flexibility, ironically, is limiting options for redevelopment of Twin Falls' Old Towne and downtown core, consultant Tom Hudson told the city's Urban Renewal Agency Monday.

Businesses considering a downtown or Old Towne location want to know how the

spaces around them might take shape. So, Hudson told agency members, articulate for those would-be developers a specific plan for specific properties in the area - and stand by the plan so that private investment is defensible in the real business world.

To make believers out of potential developers, the agency needs a practical document as well as something visionary, he said.

Hudson, of Moscow-based Tom Hudson Co., is half of the duo who in the early 1990s drafted a much-cited strategic plan for the city to revitalize the districts.

He's back in town this week because the City Council approved spending \$3,600 for Hudson to help the Historic Downtown Business Improvement district pick its new executive director and help the downtown BID board and the Old Towne business improvement district board merge.

Monday afternoon, he also met with agency members, who said they're reluctant to tie up more Old Towne land without a better idea of their overall goal for the redeveloping warehouse district.

"Every meeting we change our minds," Urban Renewal member C. Alan Horner said.

At every Urban Renewal meeting, members hear about a new entity that wants

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Burley business will sponsor ag tour

BURLEY - A Burley business will be a sponsor when Soil Basics of Visalia, Calif., hosts an educational tour in northern California for Chilean agricultural organizations.

The May 8-12 tour, titled "Technology 2000 - Advanced Practices in Viticulture" is a forum for the two cultures to exchange ideas and practices in grape growing, Soil Basics said Monday. Technology 2000 has attracted about 20 Chilean representatives and also will be attended by nearby Soil Basics' customers.

"Having the opportunity to share information across continents is very exciting," Soil Basics Sales Manager Clay Sarnar said.

The event is sponsored by four agricultural organizations: a Chilean government agency dedicated to the education of Chilean agriculture community members; Cosmoel, a manufacturer of specialty ag chemicals with headquarters in Monterey, Mexico; a distributor of ag products in Chile; and Redox Chemicals Inc. of Burley, the inventor and owner of technology used in the manufacture of the OXYCOM family of "systemic acquired resistance-eliciting" products.

Soil Basics said it is a distributor of Redox technology sold under the OXYCOM brand name, as well as other technologically advanced products designed to improve plant health and reduce the cost of doing business for ranchers, farmers and growers.

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D & D Used Cars changes date for open house

BURLEY - D & D Used Cars, a new business at 1626 Overland Ave., has changed the date for its open house.

At the open house from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 6 - the newly set date - the public is invited to stop by and register for door prizes including a \$500 gift certificate toward the purchase of any vehicle on the lot, and lube certificates donated by nearby D & H Repair.

Owners Dave and Janice Gibson specialize in economically priced vehicles. They can be reached at 678-2117.

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TECH STOCK JITTERS



Traders in the NASDAQ pit at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange signal their trades near the close of trading Monday. The Nasdaq fell sharply Monday after reports that the Justice Department was leaning toward asking a federal judge to break up Microsoft Corp.

Government mulls Microsoft breakup

The Associated Press

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WASHINGTON - Microsoft Corp. on Monday denounced as "extreme and radical" a reported government proposal to break up the software giant. Its stock price fell both on recent earnings reports and uncertainty about the company's future.

Attorneys for the Justice Department and the 13 states that successfully sued Microsoft for antitrust violations are considering ways to break up the company as a way to stop its anti-competitive practices, a source close to the talks said Monday. However, any kind of divestiture is part of a "full array of options" being discussed, the source said.

Another person familiar with the talks said the plaintiffs are also considering temporary sanctions that could be imposed against Microsoft while the case makes its way to the appeals court.

The government has until Friday to submit its proposed remedies to U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, who ruled April 3 that Microsoft illegally used its dominance in the operating systems market to hurt competition. The ruling came after a 78-day trial that began in October 1998.

"There is nothing in the trial record or in this case that would

justify such an extreme and radical remedy," Microsoft spokesman Jim Cullinan said Monday. "This would be bad for Microsoft, consumers and the entire industry."

The company will have until May 10 to respond to the government's proposal, but it may ask for an extension depending on the remedies requested.

"If the government goes beyond the scope of this trial with the issues they raise in their filing, we're going to need an appropriate amount of time to respond," Cullinan said.

The Wall Street Journal, USA Today and The Washington Post reported Monday that the government favored a breakup of the company, although details varied regarding how parts of the corporation would be spun off.

One reported option would be to split Microsoft into two or three companies selling separate

products, such as the Windows operating system and Internet content. Another would be for Microsoft to divest its popular Office software.

None of the plans would require Microsoft to separate its Web browser from Windows. The company's bundling of the two products was a key issue in the government's lawsuit against Microsoft, Cullinan noted as he contended that divesting Windows or Office from the entire company would not be justified.

If the Justice Department calls for breaking up Microsoft, it would be the agency's first such action since the 1974 antitrust suit against AT&T Corp. that led to the breakup of the telephone giant.

Microsoft has already made clear that it will appeal the ruling against it. The case is considered likely to be end up before the Supreme Court.

Critics tear into U.S. West decision

The Associated Press

DENVER - Colorado regulators are defending themselves against critics who say other states have winning concessions from U.S. West and Qwest in exchange for approval of their planned \$45 billion merger.

Critics say a deal reached last week with Minnesota will benefit consumers there by requiring the two Denver-based companies to invest \$170 million in service improvements.

Other states in U.S. West's 14-state service territory - which includes Magic Valley - have also imposed conditions on the merger, while Colorado's approval, which came in January, was unconditional.

"Certainly, states like Minnesota have gotten a lot out of the merger, and basically Colorado has taken a pass," said Chuck Malick, legislative director for the Colorado Public Interest Group, a consumer advocate.

The Colorado Public Utilities Commission counters that it has been winning such concessions from U.S. West Communications for years.

"We, too, have made sure that ratepayers in Colorado are covered," said Colorado Public Utilities Commission spokeswoman Barbara Fernandez.

The Colorado commission says it has considered the phone company's service problems in separate cases, or dockets, while Minnesota and other states addressed the problems as part of their approval of the merger.

"We essentially have commitments from U.S. West, although they're not in the merger docket. We've been able to get concessions in other dockets," Fernandez said.

For example, the PUC cited a 1998 settlement requiring U.S. West to tap its own profits to reduce phone rates and cover operating costs that would have required rate increases.

It said that agreement amounted to an \$84 million annual benefit to customers, and that the same settlement included a provision requiring U.S. West to meet certain service standards or return \$15 million a year.

Minnesota's U.S. West-Qwest

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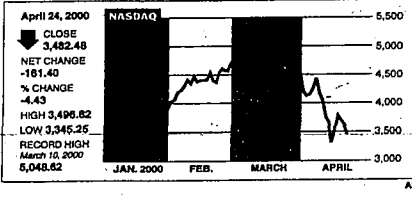
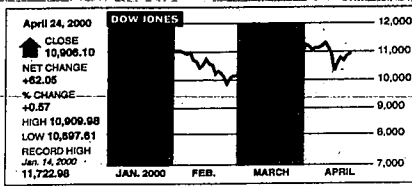
Microsoft drags Nasdaq down Will stock averages reassert themselves?

NEW YORK (AP) - The Nasdaq composite index fell sharply Monday as investors feared a possible pickup of Microsoft and a slowdown in personal computer sales that could chill the entire technology sector.

The Nasdaq dropped 160.40 to close at 3,452.48, its lowest close since the devastating selloff on April 14 that left the index at 3,321.49. During the session, the index fell as much as 298 points before regaining ground in the final hour of trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 62.05 to 10,906.10. The Dow recovered from a 146-point plunge in the opening minutes of trading, then swung between positive and negative territory for much of the session as slumping technology issues and buoyant financial stocks fueled the leadership.

Other stock indicators were mostly lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 4.63 to 1,429.91. Microsoft, down 12.16 to 66 5/8, was the biggest decliner in all three indexes.



By John Cuniff The Associated Press

NEW YORK - What's wrong with a \$1,000 investment that grows to nearly \$300,000 in five years?

Nothing, you might say - but think again and you might discover one of the big differences between the old stock market and the new. It isn't just money, it's time too.

You could make real money in the old stock market, but you had to wait a bit, like decades instead of months.

Had you invested that \$1,000 in the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index, were such a vehicle available at the beginning of 1949, you would have had \$289,000 at the end of 1999.

Modern-day investors, especially those seeking 2,000 percent profits in one year, and perhaps getting it (and more) as did those who invested in Qualcomm in 1999, are an anxious bunch

unsatisfied with waiting.

It is this nervous anticipation that provided much of the energy behind the so-called momentum stocks, those fast-growing issues that grew faster still simply because they were growing so fast.

Those who adhered to this theory could never truly justify it as entirely rational. It could not be supported by logic or numbers. And not having a history, it could offer no empirical support.

It mattered not, as many institutional portfolio managers were forced to concede. It didn't matter if you were a disbeliever. If the stocks were rising, you jumped aboard for the free ride, and when investors viewed their portfolio gains they were duly impressed.

The focus on the fastest moving stocks, the concentration of buyers in relatively few companies, made their stocks grow faster still - that is, until they became detailed in recent weeks.

The question now is how in the world will the market adjust to more normal times, were they to return? Of course, to prolonged stock market declines, such as those that would be serious disruptions of personal and corporate dreams, plans, commitments, lifestyles.

Normal, as measured over the past six decades, has been an annual gain of around 11 percent, give or take a point for the particular measurement. At that rate, it takes between six and seven years for money to double.

It's been a while since such modest expectations were common. Gerald Ferritt of the Mutual Fund Letter calculated that from 1995 through 1999, stocks returned an average of 28.6 percent.

That's an annual rate, of course, and how extraordinarily high it really falls to convey the true impact. Compounded over five years, that 28.6 percent annual gain amounts to a total of more than 250 percent.

Leaders

Continued from A5 a piece of Old Towne, he said. The agency tends to grab whatever presents itself.

But developers need to see the agency be consistent about who their new neighbors will be, Homer said. He wants a marketing document outlining specific plans for each agency-owned property in the area.

Unless they can see it and touch it, a lot of people won't do anything about it," Homer said.

The task was too big for Monday's meeting, but others agreed it's a necessary one.

The agency needs a tangible development guide so it's not "a flag in the wind" when a possibility arises

es for a piece of Old Towne property, member Lee Wagner said.

On a related note, agency member Tom Ashenbrenner - who runs a downtown hardware store - said an absolute priority for downtown is filling available spaces with businesses that fit the area well.

If downtown leaders simply wait for property owners to find tenants themselves, downtown will end up with judo businesses, thrift stores and the like, not with the quality retail draws it needs, Ashenbrenner said.

Instead of an zoning that limits themselves, he said, the best defense is an offense. That is, public-sector help for property owners trying to fill downtown buildings.

As a businessman, Ashenbrenner is taking action himself. He and another party have an option on the now-vacant Roper's clothing store - just steps away from Ashenbrenner's hardware store - and are making a list of good potential occupants, he said.

"We need something to sell with," he said, suggesting downtown leaders need features-and-benefits analysis on available properties.

Also Monday, Hudson promoted the idea of mixing high-density housing with other uses on the southwest side of Twin Falls off original townsite, especially in underused spaces on the south end of Main Avenue.

The benefits? Neighborhood nodes, he said, would provide open space; build potential for event space; reduce traffic congestion; provide a "captured customer base" for downtown businesses; and help control "sprawl" - costly residential development on the edge of the community, subsidized by taxpayers in the center of the city.

All over the nation, Hudson said, more people of all ages are looking for homes where they don't have to mow the lawn or get into the car to fetch milk.

More housing in downtown and Old Towne also could work well with "a significant office employer" that might arrive soon, Hudson said. A major office is a

great idea for the area, he said, as long as it includes easy access to parking, includes open space on site and nearby - so that employees feel good sticking around at lunchtime and after work to spend money at nearby shops and restaurants - and encourages crossers by designing an intersection to communicate clearly to drivers that the pedestrian is boss.

And, he urged, let a large office create a block of blank wall, a huge turnoff to pedestrians.

The city's economic development leaders don't talk publicly about any developments that aren't done deals.

But Urban Renewal is aggressively assembling parcels of section of Old Towne between Second Street South and Third Street South. And the city's economic development director, Dave McAlindin, said Monday that an agency or some development company might buy more parcels to the north of one's agency already owns as those parcels become available.

The agency is now assembling land to enable private development, should it come along, he said.

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A child back in the nest raises financial challenge

Saint Paul Pioneer Press

parents might be able to reduce taxes by filing as a head of household.

Question: I'm struggling with the financial impact of our adult child who has decided to return to the nest. How do I handle this difficult situation?

Answer: Whatever the circumstances, a returning adult child may be a challenge for parents. You may want to focus on other goals and priorities.

Here are some guidelines to help minimize the financial impact and manage the potential emotional conflicts.

Don't derail your own financial plans. If you stop saving for your own retirement or give up planned vacations, it will only cause resentment and/or greater financial burdens later.

Set financial ground rules. Returning children should understand exactly what you expect from them financially. How much should they put toward groceries, utilities, perhaps even rent? You may want to establish a limit if they are long they can remain at home.

Make sure your child has adequate health insurance. If they are not covered at work, consider a short-term medical policy until regular coverage can be secured. You might be able to add them to your own policy, though that could be expensive. The child should pay some of the additional expense if possible.

Explore discounts for automobile coverage and weigh the advantages and disadvantages of continuing coverage. Also review your disability and life insurance and decide on reasonable circumstances based on new dependency circumstances.

Review your taxes. You may be able to claim the child as a dependent if they make less than \$2,500 for the year and you provide over half of their support. If they are under the age of 24 and a full-time student, you can claim them regardless of their income. Single

Teach them money skills. One reason adult children end up back home is that they don't manage their money well. This may be the case even for young adults who land good-paying jobs but spend excessively or rack up credit card debt. Focus on management of debts. Perhaps the best financial help you can give them is to show them how to earn, spend, manage and invest money wisely.

— Terry W. Nelson, CFP, HomeTown Financial Planning, Roseville

Q: Now that I'm retiring, in what order should I take withdrawals from my nest egg?

A: Taxes can eat up a much bigger chunk of your retirement withdrawal spending than you expect you draw from first.

Depending on your age and circumstances, you may decide to start withdrawing first from taxable investments. This allows the money in your IRA's and qualified plans to continue to grow tax-deferred.

Stock investments with unrealized long-term capital gains have a maximum 20 percent federal tax rate versus up to 39.6 percent on all funds taken from tax-deferred investments.

How much you spend in relation to the amounts you have saved for retirement will significantly impact your withdrawal strategies.

With a stable pension and modest retirement expenses, you may be better off holding on to those taxable investments for a while.

Generally, you need a reserve of five or more years worth of retirement income from short- to intermediate-term bonds and/or cash equivalents to avoid selling stocks in a down market.

— David P. Dresbach, CFP, Dresbach & Associates, Inc., St. Paul

Critics

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merger settlement culled for \$170 million in service improvements, bill credits of \$15 million to \$50 million a year for poor service, tripling of customer refunds for failure to reach certain speed requirements and expansion of high-speed Internet access into several non-metropolitan communities.

It's puzzling to us why the PUC has not asked for more," said Malick. "This is a time when the public, through the PUC, is going along with a merger that the public should be getting some things out of."

Some consumer advocates say the PUC has handled the merger well.

"When the Colorado commission approved the merger and declined to take up quality of service complaints, they said

they would handle service issues in other cases, and I take them at their word," said Ron Binz, a former head of the state's Office of Consumer Counselor.

"In fact, that's probably the best way to regulate," Binz said. "I still care a lot about what customers pay. But we've got to realize we're in an environment in which the courts could compel us to replace regulation to produce benefits for customers."

The merger between U S West and Qwest Communications International has received all required clearances from federal agencies, pending approval of long-distance divestiture, and awaits clearance from regulators in Arizona, Minnesota, Montana, Washington, Wyoming and Utah.

Colorado and Iowa have approved the merger, which is expected to close by midyear.

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Platinum	600.00	595.00	598.00	-3.00
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U.S. Euro	0.6000	0.5995	0.6000	+0.0005
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EDITORIAL

Focus on valley's strengths when courting new industry

Sometimes a stranger is the best person to point out the obvious, as the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce learned last week. Much of what consultant J. Vann Cunningham said was, well, obvious.

Cunningham, of Atlanta's Lockwood Greene Consulting firm, says the Magic Valley has definite strengths for attracting and retaining business and industry. The valley has a two-year college, a revolutionary new vocation program in local high schools, and a strong presence as a regional hub for retail business, professional services and health care.

economic development, but it ain't gonna happen here. The Magic Valley simply doesn't have what it takes to draw that kind of industry.

On the surface, Cunningham's assessments sound like bad news. They're not. They are simply a reiteration of reality.

Landing a big high-tech employer is widely considered the Holy Grail of economic development, but it ain't gonna happen here. The Magic Valley simply doesn't have what it takes to draw that kind of industry.

For those who care to dig, Cunningham's remarks are rich soil for economic-business leaders who tend their garden carefully. The valley does have diversity in its economic base, with strong players in agriculture, food processing and light manufacturing. It also would be a good location for some mid-sized "back office" operations, such as call centers, insurance billing or financial management.

Playing to those strengths, rather than trying to develop entirely new industries, is where the future lies. If a chip manufacturer does set up shop here, the chips are likely to come in three varieties: regular, barbecue and low-fat.

The challenge, says Lee Wagner, chairman of the chamber's economic development drive, is to separate reasonable goals from wishful thinking. Cunningham is doing just that. He's now hunting for industries that fit what the Magic Valley has to offer. He's vowed to tell national business scouts what the Magic Valley has to offer. He'll also supply local business leaders with the names of firms that meet local recruiting goals.

That's the right road for economic development, because it follows a well-established trail rather than striking out in unrealistic directions.

No one who's lived here long would dispute any of that.

Nor could anyone reasonably disagree with Cunningham's assessment of the valley's shortcomings: no four-year college to support a high-tech industry, no international airport, and only one major market (Salt Lake City) within 400 miles.

Cunningham's observations won't surprise anyone. But that doesn't mean the chamber isn't getting its money's worth. The brutal candor of an impartial stranger can be far more valuable than the comforting flattery of friends.

The obvious conclusion from Cunningham's findings is that local business leaders should play to their strengths when seeking to diversify the valley's economy. That means not wasting time - and squandering resources - trying to woo hot, high-tech companies.

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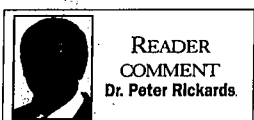


Stop gambling with Idaho's water

It's amazing how politicians can make a very simple issue seem very complicated when they are trying to avoid the bad news. So the lead story on April 14 concerning the "alarming rate" of rising nitrates in Gooding County seemed more complicated than necessary. That is thanks to Gov. Kempthorne's shiny new and expensive Department of Environmental Quality. Department head Steven Allred presented the new regulations and a study that he says could not conclude the source of the complicated problem. Rest assured, however, that he reported, "It doesn't mean development has to stop."

I love my meat and milk, but this is the problem with worshipping sacred cows. The "bigger and bigger" business approach refuses to see there is a limit to how much manure can be spread on our soil before we saturate our water supply with nitrate toxicity.

It is not as if the DEQ does not know this already. Look at what Gov. Kempthorne allows Allred to admit, in the report: (1) "Southern Gooding County's dairy herds produced more nitrates than the area's farmlands need." (2) "If the trend continues, the regulatory limits will be hit in 10 years." (3) "The



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nitrates now showing up in the springs may be the result of activities of decades ago."

Well, if this "alarming rate" may be from "decades ago," then this recent hyper-expansion may not even be calculated in the DEQ's "10 year guess" at how long before we can't drink our water! So why give a thumbs up to yet more growth until we figure out how big a mess we are already in?

We do have a wonderful state university system, full of agriculture, soil and water scientists. You could ask Dirk for a flexible moratorium while we have our best scientists give us the full picture, limits and all.

We don't have to accept DEQ double talk while they give expensive, green-light permits to full speed, blind growth. These new regulations hurt the middle

and small family ranches the most.

But Kempthorne has refused to look at the details. The answer is not in setting scientific limits, according to his administration. As reported by Allred, with a straight face, "the key to resolving the groundwater contamination problem is to 'get people to understand what it is they're doing, the cultural practices that are causing the contamination.'" Well, isn't that special? This is the kind of clear guidance the counties can expect from the DEQ's "special task force."

Everybody feel good? After spending taxes to elevate DEQ to a separate department, that's all we got for our money. Bill Chisholm has spoken more clearly and truthfully for years, for Bill Allred should give his big salary to Bill and resign.

DEQ is also permitting a new 54-acre plutonium particle dump over our water. DEQ is letting Envirosafe bury nuclear waste without a license. That nuclear waste is banned in 48 other states.

For a so-called "conservative," Dirk sure likes to gamble with our water.

Dr. Peter Rickards is a long-time environmental activist from Twin Falls.

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LETTERS

Look before you bash

I am a student at Magic Valley High School. I am replying to a letter in a recent edition of The Times-News that offended me. I am not in this school because I am a problem student. I am also not in this school because I cannot conform to the rules of a regular high school. I am in Magic Valley High School because I moved here near the end of the school year and the block system at Magic Valley High School was the only way for me to get any credits.

Yes, it is true that we study one subject for three weeks; one subject for 5 1/2 hours a day is equal to one semester, but this school is more than classes. This is a school that cares about the students. I have seen students come into this school with no hope, yet they have turned their lives around and graduated with honors. I have also seen and heard their struggles with their schoolwork, but when they have school success for the first time, their eyes light up and glow.

Some students have trouble learning, and that is not their fault. They just need a little more one-on-one with the teacher. In a normal high school, teachers do not have the time to help the student because they have so many to teach. The students at Magic Valley High School are fortunate to have the opportunity to have the teachers teach us when we need help. The teachers who teach in our school are caring people, and they love to teach the students here because most students here love to learn.

Before anyone talks badly about the school that I love, they should come see

how it functions first. They should meet the dedicated teachers and the students who come here willingly to learn. They should visit our classrooms and see how we operate. Maybe you should know the full story before you cast an uneducated judgment.

STEPHANIE GRAVES
Twin Falls

Thanks for helping the homeless

With all the negative letters that are printed here, it's time for a positive one! People of the Magic Valley, you are a caring group of concerned citizens, as evidenced by your heartfelt support of the Valley House Homeless Shelter. Your generosity and willingness to help raise the funds needed to keep the shelter going is awesome. The annual benefit dinner raised more than \$25,000 toward operating expenses; many contribute monthly with much-needed donations and household items; your designated United Way monies are a continuing validation of your loving hearts. All operating funds come from community support. Valley House could not exist without your support. We are also fortunate to have our manager, Roger Wyatt; he does an excellent job of assessing needs and budgeting your donations.

Everyone, please know that your support has helped a homeless person (or family) toward the goal of becoming a productive member of our Magic Valley community again. May God bless your generosity!

SUSAN REITMAY
Twin Falls

The annual deadline for filing income tax returns came and went with surprisingly little fanfare. Last one to be tempted to think that the quiet surrounding Tax Day was mostly due to the good economic times, a more convincing explanation might lie in the widespread ignorance that the largest levy that three-quarters of American families now pay is not the income tax, but the regressive payroll tax.

If Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore genuinely want to lower taxes for the majority of working Americans, they must reckon with this reality: Both candidates are missing a major opportunity to demonstrate their awareness that, in the new economy, the great winners are the wealthy and highly paid knowledge workers who have significant assets in the financial markets, and not those whose main source of income is wages. If any group needs tax relief in the new economy, surely it is workers with no capital assets, many of whom don't earn enough to pay income taxes and thus would not benefit from current tax proposals.

One would never know it from the economic rhetoric of either candidate, but the federal income tax burden for most Americans has shrunk to its lowest level in four decades. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the middle fifth of American families - with an average income of \$33,100 - saw their federal income tax burden decline from 9.3 percent in 1981 to 5.4 percent in 1999. Similar decreases occurred for almost all other income groups.

By contrast, the payroll tax - listed on

TED HALSTEAD

many paychecks as "FICA" (for Federal Insurance Contributions Act) and intended to fund Social Security and Medicare, has increased from a rate of 3 percent in 1960 to 7.65 percent today. Employers pay an additional 7.65 percent for salaried workers, but most economists agree that the full 15.3 percent burden ultimately falls on workers through reduced wages. Self-employed workers and independent contractors, who make up an ever-growing proportion of the work force, pay the entire 15.3 percent themselves.

It would be difficult to imagine a more regressive tax. Unlike the income tax, which applies to all forms of income, exempts low-income workers and has no upper limit, the payroll tax is based on a flat rate, applies only to wage income, kicks in from the first dollar earned and exempts wages above \$72,600.

The cumulative effect of these features allows the wealthy to pay a dramatically lower effective rate than the majority of working Americans. Consider an average worker who makes \$35,000 a year, a highly paid executive who makes \$500,000 a year and a trust funder or investor who lives entirely off capital gains. Under the twisted logic of payroll tax, the ordinary worker (and his employer) pay the full rate of 15.3 percent, while the high-powered executive pays an effective rate of 4.7 percent, and the trust funder nothing.

In this a sensible way to fund a national retirement system?

Conventional wisdom holds that the payroll tax cannot be trusted because it

funds Social Security, the supposed third rail of American politics. But this conventional wisdom rests on a myth that individuals receive from Social Security what they originally paid in via their payroll taxes. The reality is that Social Security operates as a pay-as-you-go system, in which today's workers fund today's retirees. Accordingly, there is no reason new revenue sources could not replace payroll taxes and be earmarked just as firmly for Social Security.

The most effective way to provide payroll tax relief to those left behind in the new economy would be to exempt a certain amount of wages - say the first \$10,000 earned - from payroll taxes. Those who already support large-scale tax cuts presumably believe we could cut payroll taxes by an equal amount and use federal surpluses to ensure the future of Social Security. But the more fiscally prudent course would be to replace the lost payroll taxes with new sources of revenue, and apply these new revenues directly to the Social Security trust fund.

A key lesson of American presidential campaigns is that the big new ideas usually come from the underdogs, not from the front-runners. While Bush and Gore remained silent on the growing burden of the payroll tax, Gary Bauer, John McCallin and Bill Bradley did not. Throughout their campaigns, each called for payroll tax relief of some sort. If three such diverse political figures dared to raise this heretofore untouchable issue, then maybe it's time has finally come.

Ted Halstead is president and CEO of the New America Foundation, a public policy institute based in Washington. He wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

LETTERS

Witnesses only saw end

After reading letters about these skateboarders from parents and friends, I now understand why they willfully and defiantly disobey the law. Everyone is always making excuses for them and covering up for them.

Yes, the person in authority has the right to enforce the regulations in which they are in charge. Those rules and regulations do not end just because some kids need a convenient place to skate. They have no right jeopardizing the safety of others just to have fun. It certainly doesn't give them the right to hit an authority figure in the head with a skateboard and use abusive and vulgar language toward him, calling him every vulgar name possible. The witnesses only saw the end of the whole ordeal. They never witnessed the assault on Mr. Turley by Mr. Hoy. They didn't hear the belligerent comments and tone Mr. Turley put up with before Mr. Hoy started running. There were no marks on Mr. Hoy the next day at school. Mr. Turley had a swollen black eye, a lump on his forehead and a swollen nose.

The very first 911 call from a witness says, "the kid is on top of Gene and hitting him."

Bottom line Mr. Hoy and his cohorts were breaking the law, causing a high probability of an accident for themselves and others by skateboarding and jumping their skateboards into the traffic lane. They had no regard for anyone's safety. When someone came up to them that wouldn't back off, they became defiant, belligerent and abusive. They need to know everyone, even them, has to abide by the laws of society no matter if it's murder or skateboarding in the wrong place. If these young men are 3.0 grade-point average at the Magic Valley High School, I'm assuming they can read and certainly know better and should have made better choices.

BOBBY J. BUTLER
Twin Falls

somewhat offensive as a student of Magic Valley High School. In Magic Valley High School, we are students who want to learn. As I recall my first day of school here, our wonderful principal, Mr. Jones, said, "Magic Valley School is a special one. Special in the way that we did not force you to come to school here; you chose to come to school, and that shows a real wanting to be educated."

Many times in the community today, we are looked at as problem students. There are a variety of reasons that a student may be attending our school. It is not fair to judge us by the things that have happened in the past, nor is it fair to judge us all by what a few people feel was a wrongdoing by a couple of students. Before we are judged, people should take the opportunity to really get to know us. There are 47 graduating seniors this year, which comes to a total of more than half of our entire student body.

It was written that we are "students that cannot or will not conform to the rules of a regular high school." Does that mean that we do not have regular rules here? We do. We are expected to comply with these rules, and if we do not, there are consequences to adhere to.

With this letter, I would also like to recognize the staff for the wonderful job they do here to give us the best environment that I can see in the area. We know our teachers care. It shows in the extra time and care that they put into showing us how to reach our potential. The teachers here do not only help us but teach us how to help ourselves as well. In Magic Valley High School, there is always a friend to lean on. Our teachers show us that every day with the smiles on their faces. In conclusion, I would like to congratulate my fellow graduating seniors. We have worked hard to get where we are now, and I know we will all continue to work toward our goals because Magic Valley High School gave us all that opportunity.

JUANITA D. HATCHER
Twin Falls

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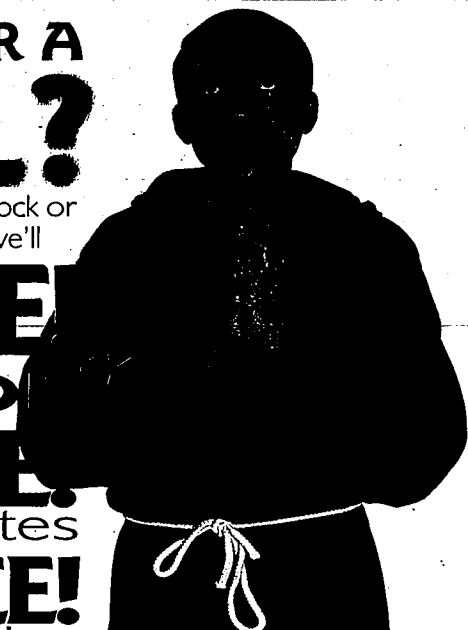
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Gooding County passes moratorium

GOODING - County officials Monday imposed a 120-day moratorium on new dairy operations. County officials are working with state officials to establish a site advisory team that would cooperate with the county on evaluating permit applications for new livestock operations.

The county and the state would sign a memorandum of understanding for a team similar to one signed by Twin Falls County in March. Until that is in place, the county decided to set a moratorium. Commissioner Tom Faulkner said.

"We had no pending application, so we figured it was a good time," Faulkner said. He had not heard any response from the dairy industry.

Consultant will talk about traffic flow

HAILEY - A nationally known traffic engineer will discuss ways to improve traffic flow and other issues concerning Highway 75 at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the old Blaine County Courthouse in Hailey.

Walter Kullath, senior traffic engineer from Orlando, Fla., is also scheduled to meet with the Ketchum City Council, members of the Idaho Transportation Department, members of the Citizen Transportation Coalition and others during his visit to the Wood River Valley.

Spots are open for wagon trail ride set for August

KETCHUM - It may be the year 2000, but that won't stop Super Outfitter Adventures of Sun Valley from hitching up the wagons for a six-day wagon train ride through the Smoky Mountains.

The 2000 Annual Independent Wagon Train will run from Aug. 26 through Sept. 3. Prospective cowboys and cowgirls can join it for one day, a couple days or for the entire 70-mile journey.

The ride will depart from a spot near Fairfields, trail through Worsick Hot Springs, climb up Carrie Creek to an old mining area, climb over 8,900-foot Dollarhide Summit, and follow the Warm Springs drainage to Sun Valley, arriving in time for Wagon Days, Sun Valley's annual Labor Day celebration featuring the largest non-motorized parade in the northwest.

Participants will be able to ride horses, hike and fish along the way. For more information, call 788-7731 or visit the website www.sunvalleyoutfitter.com.

Women's mammograms are available today

HAGERMAN - The Snake River Health and Wellness Center in Hagerman will host the St. Luke's Mobile Mammography Unit from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.

Screening appointments should be made through Jami Stroud, a family nurse practitioner, at 837-6351. Individual screenings last about 20 minutes, and the number of appointments is limited.

The exam and mammogram costs \$75. Between 50 and 64 who are insured and do not insure will be covered by the procedure. The exam and mammogram might qualify for a free mammogram through the Women's Health Check program. Clinic staff will be available to screen for program eligibility, and interested parties can call Charlotte Merritt at 734-5900, ext. 238 for more information.

Buhl plans to get tough on illegal parking

BUHL - With a stronger parking law on the books, Buhl police officers will start ticketing parking violators later this week. Under the old law, officers could only give warnings to parking violators, but under the new law, officer can issue tickets with fines of \$25, \$10 and \$4, depending on the violation, a news release said.

People can pay their parking fines at City Hall within 72 hours of the ticket. Failing to pay the fine within that time frame results in a warrant for the violator. The warrant appears in Magistrate Court in Twin Falls County.

Enviros question DOE's motives

Some raise doubts about search for incinerator alternative

By N.S. Nokinovitch Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - While the Energy Department retreated somewhat from recent remarks about plans for a controversial waste incinerator, environmentalists say the comments suggest federal officials might not be taking alternatives seriously.

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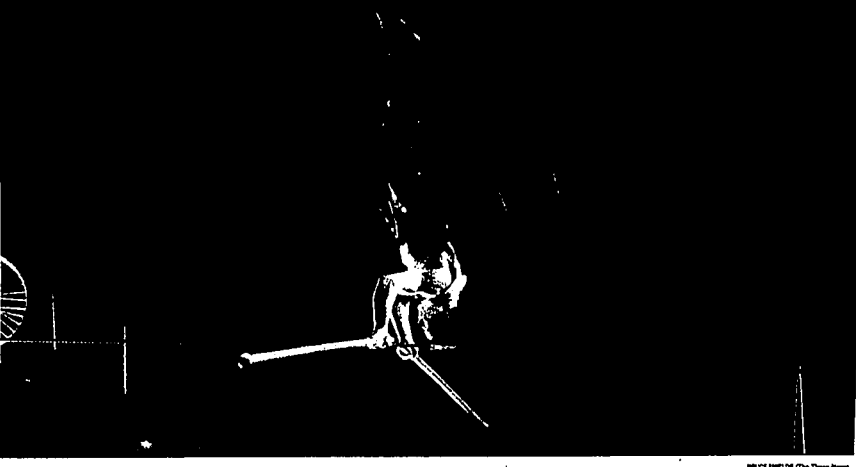
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CROWD THRILLER



One of the Garcia brothers performs a head stand on the high wire during a performance of the El Korah Shrine Circus at the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center Monday. The circus will continue today with shows at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Hospital growth won't require zoning change

By Jay Howser Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The preliminary plans for increasing the height of the county hospital would not require a zoning change like a canyon rim hotel project did, but they would have to be approved by the City Council, a city official said Monday.

Planning and Zoning Director Lamar Orton said zoning code limits buildings in Twin Falls to a maximum height of 35 feet. If the proposed structure is at least 200 feet away from the Snake River Canyon Rim - as Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is - the City Council has the power to approve plans for taller structures and no amendment to the code is required.

This is not a new territory for Magic Valley Regional officials, and Director of Facilities

Marc Harrison said the hospital is well acquainted with the ordinances. Barker said buildings with the hospital's fire-rating and occupancy classification have an unlimited area and height according to building code. Magic Valley Regional is a Type I fire-rated construction, more fire-resistant than probably any other type of construction, she said. The exterior walls will resist flame for up to four hours and the entire building is built of non-combustible material like concrete and steel, not wood.

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Council approves art project

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - City Park and the intersection of Main Avenue and Shoshone Street will soon be the sites of city art projects.

In a 6 to 1 vote, the City Council Monday approved the Magic Valley Arts Council's request to designate the southwest corner of the Main and Shoshone intersection - in front of the Wells Fargo Bank and the south end of the Twin Falls City Park for the Millennium Public Art Project.

The two sites join together as two distinct parts of downtown intersection city life.

The Magic Valley Arts Council will have a ground-breaking ceremony at the Twin Falls City Park at noon May 1. Officials will unveil the design of a proposed Millennium Public Art Project for the city.

The city council will be sculpting the two projects, asked residents where they thought the center of Twin Falls was.

Most responses included City Park and the downtown intersection, Schaff said.

The Main and Shoshone project would include a large basalt rock with historical inscriptions and a life-size bronze casting of a horse harness.

The City Park project would include four or five large boulders with water dripping from their tops and engraved with historical text. The project would also include a life-size bronze plow.

But the arts council still has to raise the estimated \$35,000 to pay for the two projects, including Clausen's \$38,400 salary.

Magic Valley Arts Council Executive Director Donna Yule said she did not want to release detailed drawings of the project until a formal ground-breaking ceremony May 1 at City Park.

Some council members raised their concerns about the project site. City Councilwoman Glenda Tensing said the council's dissenting vote, said she was concerned that the Main and Shoshone project would inhibit a possible roundabout at the intersection.

A roundabout moves traffic through an intersection around a central circle. City Engineer Gary Young said if the art project could not be moved into the center of the roundabout, then it would inhibit a roundabout at the intersection.

Schaff said she thought the project could be moved. But neither arts council nor city staff could say for sure whether the project could be moved.

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Motorcycle crash claims the life of Burley man

By Ruth Streever Times-News writer

BURLEY - An 18-year-old Burley man was killed over the weekend while riding an off-road motorcycle with a friend.

Randon R. Worthington died at the scene before emergency personnel could arrive. No drugs or alcohol were involved in the accident, according to a Cassia County accident report.

Worthington and a friend - Adam Ward, 18, of Burley - had been riding their off-road motorcycles around 3 p.m. Saturday on

a dirt road just 36 feet south of the Idaho-Utah border, near 150 E. 3750 S.

The two had been doing wheelies, according to a statement made by Ward. Worthington was performing a wheelie, traveling between 45 and 50 mph, when he looked back at his friend. When Worthington looked forward again, he was going off the left side of the road, the statement said.

Worthington tried to correct his position, but couldn't, the statement said. He went off the road and 98 feet down an embankment.

Worthington rolled several times before being thrown from the motorcycle, the report said. Worthington was found face down, about 17 feet from where the motorcycle came to a stop.

Worthington was still alive but unconscious when Ward reached him, the statement said. Ward turned Worthington on his side and covered him with his sweat-shirt and a long-sleeve T-shirt before going for help.

Ward rode about 1 1/2 miles for help. When he and another man returned, Worthington was still unconscious and breathing irregularly, the accident report said.

The man, Rockland K. Judd, 36, of Burley, went to a location where his cellular phone would operate and called 911, according to a statement made by Judd.

Cassia County sheriff's deputies and the Oakley Quick Response Unit were dispatched at 3:19 p.m., and arrived within several minutes of each other around 4 p.m., the accident report said.

When they arrived, emergency officials could not find a pulse on Worthington, the report said. He was taken by ambulance to Rasmussen's Funeral Home in Burley.

Cassia County joins opposition to federal policies

By Ruth Streever Times-News writer

BURLEY - Cassia County has joined Owyhee County and several other rural Oregon and Nevada counties in urging Congress to stop sweeping federal public lands policy changes during the last several months of the Clinton administration.

"Alliance members agree that widespread cooperation of Western counties is essential to curb the erosion of local tax bases, which is resulting from actions of land management agencies," according to an April 10 letter from Owyhee County commissioners to Cassia County Commissioner Dennis Crane will represent Cassia County at a May 5

meeting in McDermitt, Nev., aiming to halt what critics have called an attack on the natural resource activities Western counties rely on.

No specific decisions have directly impacted Cassia County, Crane said. In Owyhee County, officials were angered when the Bureau of Land Management recently reduced grazing on a federal grazing allotment that was leased to three ranchers, and denied plans for a motorcycle race on public land.

The BLM said the grazing allotments were reduced over water quality issues and the results of an environmental study. The motorcycle permit had been denied because of violations a particular motorcycle group had committed; other races were not denied.

The alliance has urged congression delegations from the three states to schedule a field hearing to "investigate federal agency actions which constitute abuse of authority and deliberate refusal to follow states enacted by Congress," according to a March 27 letter to U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage, R-Idaho.

Federal regulatory policies such as establishing public monuments, closing down local rights-of-way, limiting or eliminating multiple-use designations, and overlaying regions with multiple listings of endangered species takes away local control of land management, some critics say.

One issue of debate is interpretation of the 1906 Antiquities Act, which gives the presi-

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0921, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadlines are 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

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Robinson will be conducted at 10 a.m., Thursday, April 27, 2000, at White Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Clarence Knudson officiating. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2000, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

HEYBURN

Betty Ann Baker, 59-year-old Heyburn, died Saturday, April 22, 2000, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert. Betty was born August 9, 1940, in Jersey, Idaho, to Milton and Nanie Caroline Ingram Miller. She married William H. Baker on February 22, 1963, in Elko, Nevada, and he preceded her in death. She is survived by four children, Rosanna Obregon, Roxanne Shope, and Kristina Dawn Baker, all in Rupert, and Billy Ray Baker of Heyburn; one brother, Kenneth Miller of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Irene Ches of Jerome, Idaho. She is also survived by five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; one brother, and one sister. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2000, at the Heyburn LDS Ward, with Bishop Wayne Bell of Paul, Idaho, officiating. Burial will follow at 2:30 p.m. in the Jerome Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Betty Ann Baker

Bessie Buhl, 95, of Buhl, Idaho, passed away Saturday, April 22, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho. She was born in 1905 in Kingston, Arkansas, the daughter of Eugene and Josephine Stamps. She married Oscar S. Stout on December 24, 1924. Her family wishes to express their love by sharing this excerpt: "Heaven sent me a special gift, A treasure like no other; I had the best Of God's wondrous works called Mother." Burial services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 25, 2000, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. Burial will follow at West End Cemetery.

Bessie Buhl

Dean Sheckler, 89, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, April 22, 2000, at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital. He was born November 23, 1910, in Nebraska City, Nebraska, to Charles and Bessie Sheckler, the youngest of six children. His father passed away when Dean was seven years old. He grew up and attended schools in Nebraska City, and left school to help out at home. He later moved to Chicago; and for about 10 years he worked for the World's Fair, and then for a meat-packing plant. About 1940, he moved to Omaha, Nebraska, where he met Beverly Vernon. They were married on October 14, 1944, in Omaha. Dean worked for Agrow Seed Company, and transferred to the Twin Falls in 1950. Dean retired from Agrow in 1975, and then worked part-time for Ferryville Drug for 10 years. He is a member of First Christian Church in Twin Falls, where he served as deacon, elder, Sunday School teacher and choir member. He is survived by his wife, Beverly Sheckler of Twin Falls; two daughters, Carol Lynn Doramus of Cape Coral, Florida, and Kathy Lynn McCaskey of Twin Falls; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers and sisters, and one grandchild. The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2000, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in

TWIN FALLS

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Twin Falls, with the Rev. Dave A. Dullinger officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary in Twin Falls. The family suggest that memorial contributions be given to the First Christian Church Memorial Fund, 2000 North 2nd Street, Twin Falls. A memorial chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1142.

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Clara Nolle Kendall Dickerson Clara Nolle Kendall Dickerson went to be with her Lord on Saturday, April 22, 2000, at the Twin Falls Care Center. She was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, on February 1, 1909, to John and Ida McHaffie Moore. She was born June 21, 1911, in Sugar City, Idaho, and attended Twin Falls Business College in 1927, then working as a legal secretary. Nolle married Jerry Thomas Dickerson on June 29, 1934, in Twin Falls. They had one daughter, Sherry Joyce. In 1965, Nolle took a retirement contract at the Twin Falls Business College, and then worked as a secretary for T.M. Robertson. Nolle is survived by her step-daughter, Pearl Wilson, and step-son Thomas Dickerson, both of Ogden, Utah; 13 step-grandchildren; her brother Jerry (Doris) Moore of Kimberly, and their four children and their families. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, daughter and one step-son. Graveside service will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2000, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, with Pastor Ted Britain of the First Assembly of God Church in Twin Falls officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to the Women's Ministry at the First Assembly of God Church in Twin Falls. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Benito 'Beni' Isidro Gonzales It was the beginning of another beautiful day when our father, Benito (Beni) Isidro Gonzales, passed from the loving arms of his family and into the loving arms of God. On Good Friday, April 21, 2000, his spirit was set free. Beni was filled with colorful tales of his childhood in Capulin, Colorado, where he was born on January 19, 1928, the son of Benito and Adela Vigil Gonzales. He enlisted in the Navy during World War II, and served on the USS Massachusetts, earning an honorable discharge. Beni was proud of his military service, and was a member of many veterans organizations. A lifetime resident of the Mini-Cassia area, he was well-known and respected throughout the community. He worked for the Idaho Dept. of Construction Company until his passing. Beni is survived by wife of 30 years, Dorothy Gonzales of Decoto, Idaho; daughters, Kuala Dome of Rupert, Idaho, and Karlynn (Lano) Newort of Heyburn, Idaho; one son, Benito Kris Gonzales of Portland, Ore.; grandsons, Daniel Martinez of Burley, Idaho, and Jerime Hanson and Edward Nunez, both of Idaho Falls, Idaho; granddaughters, Masina Gonzales of Rupert, Idaho, Shakelena Newort of Heyburn, Idaho, and Ailana Davila of Idaho Falls, Idaho; and great-grandchildren, Taya Rose Gonzales and Sterling Hanson. And though not a son by birth, but a son nonetheless, Royce Wayne Bell of Paul, Idaho; brothers, Jo Gonzales of Amite, La.; Tony Gonzales of Las Cruces, N.M.; and Ben Gonzales of Ticklaw, La.; sisters, Nella Kellor of Las Cruces, N.M., and Barbara Benson of Salem, Ore. Beni was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Eddie; sister, Cleo; daughter, Melanie; and a grand-daughter, Melinda Rosa. A loving and compassionate father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend, he will be greatly missed. We thank you God for giving us one glorious moment in the morning of this wonderful man's eternal day. The celebration of Beni's life will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, April 28, 2000, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, with Pastor Jerry Schneider of the First Assembly of God Church officiating. A viewing will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, 2000, at the Hansen Mortuary. Beni was buried in Colorado at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

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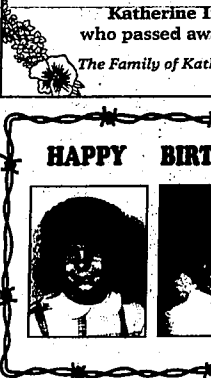
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Admits Judy Sperry and baby Boy, Mario Rivera, Sr. and Cowen Russell, all of Rupert; and Skylarraye Anderson of Burley. Dismissed Maria Olga Vega, April Wende and Marie Olga Faith, all of Rupert.

Sympathy Flowers Beautiful memories.

W We wish to thank our friends and family for all the cards and contributions to Alzheimer's in honor of our sister, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, great-great grandmother Katherine Irene Simpson who passed away April 25, 1998. The Family of Katherine Irene Simpson

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Developer makes bid on Exit 208

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT - A developer told Minidoka County commissioners Monday he is willing to give the county the appraised value for Exit 208 property along Interstate 84.

Commissioner John Rensberg asked Tom Williams what his top offer would be and asked him for a conceptual design. Williams said he could have the design to them at the next commissioners' meeting in two weeks and would probably offer close to the \$150,000 appraised value on the acres.

But Williams has some environmental concerns about the property and wanted to know what concessions commissioners would make regarding possible contamination problems from semi trucks, which had been parked on the property for years.

The state used the property to prepare asphalt for road building a number of years ago.

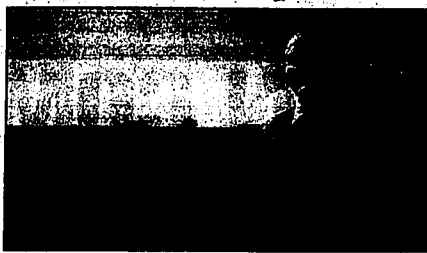
Williams said he had worked to clean up environmental problems and had noticed a number of discolorations on the property, apparently from oil spills.

Commissioners plan to advise any potential buyer of possible problems. County Prosecutor Rick Bolzar said.

Groundwater contamination problems tend to resolve themselves because of a shallow aquifer far above the aquifer, Bolzar said. Contamination percolates out before reaching groundwater.

The area should be off-limits to semi trucks to prevent any major spills, Williams said. Commissioners agreed and said something would be done to close the area to truck parking.

Williams is hoping commissioners can make a decision quickly about a sale, because he wants to develop the property soon.



LORRAINE CAVENER/PHOTO

Developer Tom Williams hopes to purchase property at Exit 208 to build the Gold Mine Resort. Williams spoke with Minidoka County commissioners about the property Monday. Commissioners plan to close the area to truck parking because of environmental concerns about the property.

"I make a lot of decisions on the farm and I make them quick," Commission Chairman Larry Harper said. "But when I'm sitting here I represent the county."

Commissioners said they are still waiting for a recommendation from the Exit 208 Advisory Committee about the property. Committee members have said they hope to market the property nationwide.

Williams advised commissioners to avoid spending money on marketing by selling him the property. The sale has to go through a formal bid process, commissioners said.

"Why bring somebody in from some other place in the world who doesn't care about us here?" Williams said.

He said his planned Gold Mine Resort would employ 40 people and draw tourists looking for his-

toric attractions. "Where else can you go to see a sunfright and a hanging?" Williams said.

Williams said the non-alcoholic, no-smoking resort would feature can-can dancers and other employees in 1800s period costumes, and would cause no environmental harm. A barbecue-style restaurant is part of Williams' plan, along with cabins and camping spots.

The only restriction on the property would be to prohibit the sale of fuel, commissioners said. But commissioners want a chance to define what they want on the property.

"To avoid the bid process, I would like the property to be a gateway to the area and give people a reason to stop," Rensberg said.

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SERVICES

Diane Nielson Jones, of Post Falls, and formerly of Wendell, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Wendell Methodist Church.

Martha Grow VanEpps of Hagerman, celebration of life service at 10 a.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home at 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Family and friends are invited to a luncheon after services at the United Methodist Church in Hagerman.

Rick "Stash" Pettit of Jackson, Nev., celebration of life service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Theodor "Ted" Miller of Jerome, service at 2 p.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel and Crematory in Jerome).

Hazel L. Suddarth Loucks of Gooding, private family service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Private family visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

David W. Brit of Twin Falls, service at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Wildwood Chapel in Bestland Memorial Park in Dallas, Texas (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Shelby Ray Howard of Boise, service at 2 p.m. today at the LDS Chapel at 2650 S. Five Mile Road in Boise. Friends may call from 1-2 p.m. today at the chapel (Reyley Funeral Chapel in Boise).

Billie Jean Rasmussen of Shoshone, service at 2 p.m. today at the LDS Church in Shoshone. Family and friends may call from 9-10:45 p.m. today at the church (Demaray's Shoshone Chapel).

Gary M. Rodabaugh of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today in the LDS First and Second Ward building at 530 Villa in Heyburn.

John A. Telford of Twin Falls,

friends and relatives are invited to an open house from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the Weston Plaza at 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Brandon R. Worthington of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Burley LDS Stake Center at 2050 Normal Ave. in Burley. Friends may call from 9-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley).

DEATH NOTICES

Rosanna McBeango
BUHL - Rosanna McBeango, 74, of Buhl, died Monday, April 24, 2000, at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Ora Anderson
BURLEY - Ora Anderson, 87, of Burley, died Monday, April 24, 2000, in Pocatello. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 27, 2000, at the Burley Second, Fourth and Tenth Ward LDS Chapel, with Bishop Timothy Harris officiating. Interment will follow at the Marion Cemetery in Oakley. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home at 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from noon to 4:45 p.m. Thursday at the church. A complete obituary will appear in the Wednesday, April 26, 2000, edition of The Times-News.

Ethel Pearl Frantz
TWIN FALLS - Ethel Pearl Frantz, 91, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, April 23, 2000, at Woodstone Retirement Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Willie L. 'Bill' Garrison
TUCSON, Ariz. - Willie L. "Bill" Garrison, 95, of Tucson, Ariz., died Friday, April 21, 2000, in Tucson. Graveside services are at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 27, 2000, at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding, with the Rev. Mark Cox officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Betty Baker
HEYBURN - Betty Baker, 59, of Heyburn, died Saturday, April 22, 2000, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert. Services are pending under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

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The government agreed to delay the incinerator to avoid a legal challenge that would delay the entire treatment plant, which must be completed and running by the end of March 2003 under an agreement between Idaho and the federal government.

INEEL managers said delaying the incinerator was the most prudent move.

"The ink is hardly dry on the lawsuit settlement and the 'blue-ribbon' panel has not even been assembled. But (INEEL officials) are saying that the panel's results will not be considered and the incinerator will go ahead," said David Kipping of Halley, president of the Snake River Alliance.

The waste may not need treatment - in an incinerator or otherwise. Officials at the site where the waste is slated for disposal - the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in

Carlsbad, N.M. - say treatment of PCBs might not be necessary if federal environmental officials issue a special disposal permit.

Officials at WIPP have sought such a permit from the Environmental Protection Agency, WIPP spokesman Donovan Mager said Monday. He was not certain of the status of the request.

The amount of waste in question, however, is a small part of the waste that would be treated at the INEEL in preparation for disposal.

PCBs are found in only about 1,560 cubic meters of waste - enough to cover a little more than an acre about one foot deep. That's less than 2.5 percent of the waste slated for treatment, said the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research, a national nuclear watchdog group, in its comments on state and federal permits for the proposed

treatment plant.

The proposal for the treatment plant had been to incinerate about 20 to 25 percent of the waste.

The institute comments also said the EPA recognizes several alternative treatments for PCB wastes.

Not all of the PCB waste contains enough plutonium to meet regulatory limits. In other words, it could be treated at a facility other than the INEEL and disposed of in a chemical and low-level radioactive waste dump either at INEEL or elsewhere. Or the waste could be repackaged and simply stored until other treatment and disposal options are identified, the institute said in its comments.

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Agency proposes plant protection

BOISE (AP) - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Monday proposed declaring still-to-be-identified areas of Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Washington critical habitat for a rare member of the carnation family called Spalding's catchfly.

The recommendation reopens to public comment the preservation of the herb that was proposed last December for protection under the Endangered Species Act after a year of evaluation.

Protection for the plant has been urged by the Biodiversity Legal Foundation in Boulder, Colo., the Montana and Washington native plant societies and plant ecologist Peter Lesica

of Missoula, Mont. Written comments on the latest proposal will be accepted until June 23.

Spalding's catchfly, or *Silene spaldingii*, is a perennial herb with small, greenish-white flowers and foliage covered with sticky hairs. It is native to the Palouse prairie of Idaho, eastern Washington, western Montana and northeastern Oregon as well as adjacent areas of British Columbia, Canada.

The plant already is listed as endangered by the state of Oregon and under the state of Washington's Natural Heritage Program. It also is considered a sensitive species by the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of

Land Management.

Most remaining populations are extremely small and isolated, often bordering farm fields or rangeland, the Fish and Wildlife Service said. It thrived in native western grassland prairies, but conversion of prairie into farmland, livestock grazing and trampling, fire suppression and the effects of herbicides have taken their toll.

The plant is now found in only 52 locations, containing a total of about 16,500 plants. A little more than half of the known populations are on private land, and much of that property is slated for development, including areas near Redbird Ridge in Idaho and Wallows Lake in Oregon.

Otter leads candidates in spending

BOISE, (AP) - Fourth-term Lt. Gov. Butch Otter maintained his financial dominance through the winter in the Republican 1st District congressional primary to succeed retiring GOP Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage and had the cash advantage going into the final seven weeks of the eight-way race.

But despite a disastrous campaign place standing in candidate resources, challenger Dennis Mansfield benefited from an independent television advertising blitz implying that he was the choice Chenoweth-Hage.

Campaign finance disclosure

reports on file with the Federal Election Commission on Monday showed Otter raising another \$82,000 in January, February and March, pushing his total contributions to more than \$240,000. His donor list reads like a directory of business leaders and includes maximum \$1,000 contributions from his former in-laws, billionaire J.R. Simplot and wife Esther, and Frank Bennett of Bennett Lumber, who was a staunch supporter of Chenoweth-Hage.

The front-runner ratcheted up spending this winter as well, dumping over \$146,000 into the race, a quarter

of it for direct mail appeals and a substantial amount in travel up and down western and northern Idaho.

He opened April with \$36,000 in the bank and his only bid \$7,000 that he lent the campaign to get it going last year.

Mansfield raised nearly \$41,000 during the first quarter, pushing his total contributions to more than \$114,000. He spent another \$41,500 last, primarily on basic campaign operations, and began April with \$12,500 in cash. His contributors included Richard DeVos, cofounder and president of direct-marketer Amway Corp.

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gent authority to designate a national monument by executive order, without congressional approval. The alliance says the administration is applying the act with "unauthorized interpretation and application," according

to the letter to the county.

Other counties participating in the alliance include Nevada's Elko and Humboldt counties; Oregon's Malheur, Harney, Lake and Grant counties; and the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe. At least one northern

California county has shown an interest in joining.

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Interior chief eyes pair of new monuments

WASHINGTON (AP) - Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt indicated Monday he is on the verge of recommending that President Clinton declare new national monuments in Colorado and Oregon.

A swath of canyons dotted with American Indian ruins in southwestern Colorado and ecologically diverse Soda Mountain near the Oregon-California line are "ripe for consideration" to become the fifth and sixth monuments created by Clinton this year, Babbitt said.

Clinton has created two new monuments each in California and Arizona this year, prohibiting mining and logging in sequoia groves, the Grand Canyon watershed, an arid Arizona mountain valley and hundreds of small islands in the Pacific.

Idaho rancher might accept wolf payments

CLAYTON (AP) - Curt Hames initially refused the Defenders of Wildlife's offer of compensation for his stock killed by wolves because the conservation organization had fought for 20 years to reintroduce the predators.

But now the Clayton rancher says if the group still wants to pay him the \$4,500 it offered for the five calves killed last winter, he will use the cash to buy radio collars to monitor the pack.

"I woke up one morning and realized there must be a way to interact with these people," Hames said after returning from the North American Interagency Wolf Conference in Montana. "After being at the wolf meeting for a day I've learned there aren't any gun crazies here and now they know I'm not a redneck crazy."

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Down the aisle Market tours show how to shop healthier

By Gina Mulder
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - Ever look closely at the label on your favorite frozen pizza, can of spaghetti or box of cereal? Inside are calories and carbohydrates, fat and fiber, along with vitamins and minerals and some ingredients you can't even pronounce.

For those watching their weight or laden with a medical condition, trying to stay on a restrictive diet can be tough enough without having to learn how to decipher the labels plastered on the side of tonight's dinner entree.

But fear not. Sue Ormond, a registered dietitian with Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding, knows the secrets to cracking the nutrition codes. Ormond travels the Magic Valley helping clients establish a well-balanced diet that's tasty and improves their quality of life.

Recently, Ormond scheduled supermarket tours in Gooding, Shoshone and Wendell where she hoped to guide participants down the aisles of a better understanding to healthier eating. The tours were in conjunction with National Nutrition Month.

"The purpose of this program was not just to teach people how to read the labels but to understand what they were looking at," Ormond says. "I was trying to give them the tools they needed to

Interested in a tour?

Sue Ormond at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital at 934-4433 and schedule a supermarket tour.

find what's on those labels that could improve their health status, even if they have a chronic illness."

For example, Ormond says people who are diabetic should look for portion sizes and carbohydrates and not just sugar content. Those with heart disease need to be aware of how much salt and fat they ingesting.

Ormond also stresses comparison shopping. Sometimes canned or boxed prepared foods may save you time in front of the stove, but could leave your wallet a bit empty.

"I was hoping to plant the seeds so the next time they hit the grocery store, they will make wise food choices," Ormond adds.

That was exactly the type of information Ephra Hussey and Evelyn Goodman, both of Gooding, were hoping to receive.

Hussey and Goodman attended Ormond's Wendell presentation armed with questions specific to their needs - how to keep meals low in cholesterol and the all important fiber issue.

"When you get older you become more concerned about what to eat. As



Dietitian Sue Ormond, right, explains to Ephra Hussey, left, and Evelyn Goodman how to be good nutritional shoppers. The supermarket tours were sponsored by Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

you get older your body changes and you sometimes you just can't eat the way you used to," Goodman says. "Plus, now you have to worry about your spouse. It's just

good to have all the information you can."

And that's Ormond's basic recipe for a healthier life - the right measurement of

information mixed with a pinch of common sense.

"Let's face it, if you don't eat right, you won't feel right," Ormond says.



Rocio Cheney teaches the children's literacy class of the English as a second language program at Gooding Middle School. A new part of the ESL program focuses on involving the whole family.

Longtime coach steps down from duties

By Correen Hart
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - After coaching Minico High School cheerleaders for seven years and the drill team for six years, Sandra Miller is hitting the bench.

"I find that as my children get older, I need more time for their activities," Miller says. "This (coaching) has been such a wonderful experience, but it takes a great deal of after-school time and I feel ready for a change."

Miller, who teaches English and Spanish, is a 1983 graduate of Minico High School. She got her education degree in 1987 from Idaho State University and went to work in August of that year at Minico High School. She obtained a master's degree in curriculum and instruction in 1992 and last year, earned her second master's degree as an education specialist.

Recently, she has stepped into the office of Minico's vice principal, Laurie Copmann, who had a baby and does not plan to return until next fall.

She has found the coaching experience to be fun and rewarding.

"My husband, Jay Miller, has been so supportive through all this," Miller says. "Without him I could never have managed it. He's been just great."

Her drill team students will miss her. But she has prepared them for the change.

Last hurrah



Sandra Miller, Minico High School's drill team coach, chats with members Ariel Walker and Erin Warren, who have served two years on the team. Miller has announced she will give up drill team coaching at the end of the school year in order to devote more time to her children's activities.

Drill team performance

Minico High School's drill team will give its spring show at 7 p.m. today in the main gym. The theme is "Thank Heaven For Little Girls." Tickets are \$2 and may be purchased at the door.

"I want her to be the adviser next year," says Erin Warren, a junior. "Of course, a new adviser will bring new ideas. But we've done really great this year. And I've learned that teamwork is important. If one person isn't there, the whole team suffers."

Under Miller's leadership, the 24-member drill team has won awards of many kinds and invitations to perform in other states. They were at Disneyland this year and have taken first in competi-

tions three years in a row. The team also was the only drill team invited to the Boise River Fest this year. They were also invited to the Macy's parade, but couldn't manage that much time and money.

"The local merchants and the Booster Club have been supportive and generous of the drill team, Miller says.

"I've learned how to manage my time better since I've been in drill," says Ariel Walker, a senior. "With school work and everything, it seems to be true that the busier you are, the better you do. And it's been great to have the standards to live up to."

"And then, there's the joy of having two mothers," Walker says of Miller. "And the joy of 24 daughters," Miller adds.

Families learn English together

By Ana Maman
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - Parents and their children are learning a new language together.

They are enrolled in the English-Second Language Program sponsored by the College of Southern Idaho under way at Gooding Middle School.

English as a second language or ESL programs have been offered at Gooding Middle School for three years.

This year is different, however, with children included and the emphasis on helping families team up to learn to read and write English.

Recently, Gooding High School Honor Society students volunteered time assisting with the ESL program. Several students spend two hours Tuesday and Thursday evenings helping younger students with reading and homework.

"It has been rewarding and a great deal of fun working with the kids," says Suzanne Bingham, a volunteer and Gooding High School senior.

For more information

Call Valorie Ash at the Gooding Middle School at 934-3443.

There are four different groups of participants. Beginning ESL is administered by Jane Epps, Intermediate is taught by Vaunda Barrus, the children's literacy class is directed by Rocio Cheney and the preschoolers are assisted by Sheri Vieck. John Zimmerman teaches computer literacy, a recent addition to the family of ESL programs.

"Having these many different areas make it possible for everyone in a family to get involved and learn together," Barrus says.

The class runs in eight-week blocks, one in the fall and one in the spring. The next block will begin this September at the Gooding Middle School. The English-Second Language program is open to anyone who needs assistance with English as a second language.

Twin Falls Legion Auxiliary names Girl's State delegates

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls American Legion Auxiliary Post 7 has selected junior girls from Twin Falls High School to attend Girl's State, June 11-17 at Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa.

Delegates include Valerie Ash, daughter of John and Susan Ash. She is a member of the Twin Falls High School newspaper, French Honor Society, Key Club and Youth Table Force and is a hospital volunteer.

Ash is on the high school tennis team and also enjoys volleyball and basketball. The Rotary Club is her contributing sponsor.

Jacqueline Baxter, daughter of K. Ellen Baxter, is a junior board member of JUMP CO, secretary of the Declaration Club, active member of Job's Daughters and a junior counselor for the Boy's and Girl's Club. She also enjoys theater and debate. Baxter is in the Thespians Society, Key Club and Debate Club and received a National Forensic League Special Distinction. Her contributing sponsor is the Soroptimists.

Amanda Cutler, daughter of Mark and

Shawna Cutler, is the junior class secretary or the Twin Falls High School, has been a member of JUMP CO and involved in basketball, volleyball, track, softball and several charity events. Her contributing sponsor is the Kiwanis Club.

Eileen Feusahrens, daughter of Bill and Phyllis Feusahrens, is a member of 4-H, holding many offices. She has also been involved in the Magic Valley Music Festival, church youth group and on its administrative board. At Twin Falls High School, she is involved in Key Club, French Club, cross-country, Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce Student Leadership program and attended the Whiteoberger Writing Project in Boise. She also received the Bronze Congressional Award in 1988. Her contributing sponsor is the Republican Central Committee.

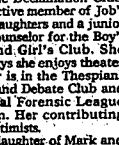
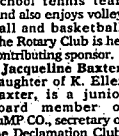
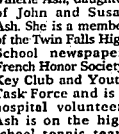
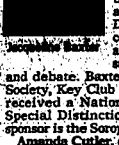
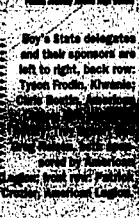
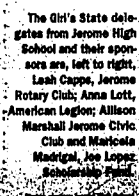
Erica Lively, daughter of Art and

Connie Lively, is a member of the Magic Valley Chamber of Commerce Student Leadership program. She was a junior varsity cheerleader and has been involved in ballet, jazz, lyrical dancing, in her church's bible study program and church sponsored mission trips. Her contributing sponsor is the 20th Century Club.

Danielle Mingo, daughter of Art and Carla Mingo, is honored queen of Job's Daughters Bethel 56. She is an active member of Business Professionals of America and Key Club. Mingo teaches dance classes, has been in a Distantones play and active in her church. Her contributing sponsor is the American Auxiliary Post 7.

Molly Smith, daughter of Adin and Cindy Smith, is a member of the Bruin News, Literary Magazine, jazz band, symphony band, Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce Student Leadership program, Key Club, SWAT, Job's Daughters, 4H and her church youth group. Her contributing sponsor is the Atrusa

STATE DELEGATES



TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

Students raise over \$24,000 from math

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - Watching Buhl High School Coach Gary Krumm kiss a squealing pig was one of the "rewards" Poppewell Elementary School received during the annual Math-A-Thon assembly.

The students gathered recently to also accept their medals, plaques and cash for the annual event, which raised \$24,040. Krumm had given the students a pep talk at the kickoff rally, saying he would kiss a pig if the school did not set a new record for the event.

The students earned \$24,040 from family and friend pledges for a 100-problem math test in February. The figure was not a record but was one of the highest and Parent-Teacher Network members, who sponsor the event, said the funds will be used to supplement the classrooms with latest printers, laminators and a message board.

The results are: Patrick Osterkamp was the champion of upper grade with a return of \$435, earning him \$100 cash award. Lower wing honors went to Kendall Hamilton with a \$320 total and a return of \$425.

Other cash winners: Mollie Bourner a \$75 winner with \$310; Courtney Asavado earned \$50 for a return of \$255 and Preston Burdige earned \$25 for his pledges of \$300 for the lower wing students.

Other upper wing cash winners were Nicholas Baughman, a \$75 winner for a return of \$423; Stephen Parrott received \$50 for his pledges of \$351 and Patrick Posters earned \$25 for a return of \$255. Students who brought in pledges of \$200 or more were: Justin Thomas, Corbin Thompson, Alexis Verdusco, Nedya Kryshnal, Jacob Jucker, Tahlisa Cova, Brittany VanCasteren, Bobby Tanner, Francisco Jimenez, Connor Jones, Margot Low, Andy Pierce, Caleb Taylor, Jessica VanCasteren, Bobby Garza, Kimberly Jucker, Alex Palmer, Alyssa Solozaga, Anthony Alford, Carla Cova, Brittany Griffith, Austin Stromberg, Rena Davidson, Allen Compton, Kiera Houston, Christina Lewis, Tiffany Wuensch, Amber Combe, Justin Jucker, Zacarias Peterson, Andy Luker, Dylan Jackson, Darryl Nipper, Justin Lewis, Brandon Hartley, Dean Quigley, Stephanie Romans, Sebastian Garza, Megan Heringer, Brendan VanCasteren, Brandon Hartley, Oren Carlson, Michael Bolley, Inessa Kryshnal and Zeb Peterson.

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Buhl High School Coach Gary Krumm reads to kiss a pig held by the school mascot after student met goals in the Poppewell Elementary School Math-A-Thon.

Silver medal honorees for \$50 ranged pledges are Chantelle Baum, Brandon Moore, Rachel Eggen, Ted Ray, Justin Hudson, Tyler Leonard, Austin Hutton, Brimley Harvey, Brody McClain, Toby Wallis, Scott Harris, Shaya Lemmons, Daniel Beld, Brooke Hoover, J.D. Hoover, Andre Howard, Jakob Howman, Ashley Abo-Elrati, Kenadie Pack, Braden Benulis, Kevin Costa, Kylie Harvey, Emily Flew, Channing Rayson, Andrew Wilson, Kyle William, Jacob Fryer, Cody Koehn, Isaac McCreery, Kalia Ring, Chelsea Alvey, Jason Smith, Joey Taylor, Ashley Guerra, Kayla Van Luper, London Equilar, Jake Barschi, Dakota Bolley, Chase Klusaker, Jim Griffith, Samantha Orr, Cade Perron, George Thornborrow, Derek Leavitt, Gage Hansen, Jai Cova, Haley Jaynes, Rachel Tedlock, Derek Asler and Aaron Hall.

Bringing in \$25 total pledged and receiving the bronze medal are Gregg Hamilton, Willy Thomas, Corbin Thompson, Alexis Verdusco, Nedya Kryshnal, Jacob Jucker, Tahlisa Cova, Brittany VanCasteren, Bobby Tanner, Francisco Jimenez, Connor Jones, Margot Low, Andy Pierce, Caleb Taylor, Jessica VanCasteren, Bobby Garza, Kimberly Jucker, Alex Palmer, Alyssa Solozaga, Anthony Alford, Carla Cova, Brittany Griffith, Austin Stromberg, Rena Davidson, Allen Compton, Kiera Houston, Christina Lewis, Tiffany Wuensch, Amber Combe, Justin Jucker, Zacarias Peterson, Andy Luker, Dylan Jackson, Darryl Nipper, Justin Lewis, Brandon Hartley, Dean Quigley, Stephanie Romans, Sebastian Garza, Megan Heringer, Brendan VanCasteren, Brandon Hartley, Oren Carlson, Michael Bolley, Inessa Kryshnal and Zeb Peterson.

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Silver medal winners are Ashley Hahn, Kurran Kelly, Autumn Yurube, Klanna Hall, Aaron Higgins, Erika Hoover, Robert Leavitt, John Leavell, Kyrsha Tyner, Tucker Eggen, Tory Owen, Mitch Cooper, Chris Cooper, Carly Hampton, Anna Medina, Abby Castillo, Sammy Porter, Cori Pinn, Zach Highberger, Leeanne Bett, Angeline Morales, Tucker McCreery, Jeff Alford, Britany Jaynes, Kikid Johnston, Brook Leavitt, Brock O'Donnell, Gage Owen, Stephanie Allen, Ashley Hancock, Jackie Moreno, Drew Garbado, Hugo Jimenez, Karlek Kelly, Mada Leavell, Lacey McGuire, Susie Villaro, Amber Allen, April Jaynes, Mercedes Pack, Nathan Fryer, Kierly Hancock, Austin Laing and Casey Rogers.

Earning a bronze medal with \$25 in pledges were Shala Fields, Misty Henson, Annis Perez, Ashley Smith, Alex Wagner, Trista Whitte, Guadalupe Cuevas, Lisa Hernandez, K.C. Hulse, Tamara Jacobson, Larissa King, Candice Marquez, Sara Mason, Justin Neumeier, Adam Olson, Trent Pond, Ashley Burns, Britany Jaynes, Kyrsha Tyner, Sarah Allen, Cheryl Geiger, Wade Knight, Miranda McFarland, Nicole Frey, Shawn Nutting, Amber Scovel, Justin VanCasteren, Jami Alford, Tiffany Bailey, Jesse Carpenter, Sierra Novak, Ashley Studer, Michael Tomkins, Jonathan Lopez, Kevin Vandekilde, Joe Zuan, Lillian Villaro, Adrea Jurec, Anil Kimball, Shane Moon, J.P. Pierce, Cade Baugh, Kayla Buss, Terry Combe, Sarah Neumeier, C.J. Olson, Allen Peckham, Jessica Uchey, Alex Bothof, Alejandro Cuevas, Cheyenne Garza, Jessica Gourley, Christina Harp, Kaiti Hulse, Gabe Jacobson, Chris Pond, Sarah Ponce, Bazon Haumont, Stacey Hernandez, A.J. McFarland, Michael Silva, Amy Alford, Amanda Anderson, Tara Bailey, Amanda Higgins, Italia Jimenez, Pat Jones, Elicen Pierce and Nathan Romans.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Tuesday: Cook's choice.
Wednesday: Birthday lunch, ham and raisins, yams, rolls, mixed veggies, Jell-O with fruit, cake.
Thursday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, mixed veggies, carrot salad, fruit, dessert.
Friday: Ground beef stroganoff, spinach, corn salad, biscuits, pie.
Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday
Blood pressure check, 10 a.m. to noon.
Wednesday
Quitting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Elder card club.
Birthday meal.
Thursday
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Friday
Blood pressure check 10 a.m. to noon.
Monday
Quitting, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
Tuesday: Salisbury steak party.
Thursday: Birthday meal, oven fried chicken.
Friday: Baked meat loaf.
West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl.
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.
Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12 years-old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride.
Tuesday: Finger steaks, potato salad, carrots, muffins, cake.
Wednesday: Mexican lunch.
Thursday: Meat loaf, potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, waldorf salad, bread, strawberries with cream; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.
Friday: Hamburger casserole; sliced tomato, Jell-O, veggies, fruit.
Monday: Hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, tossed salad, fruit; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.
Activities
Thrift shop open every day. Quitting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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Exercises, 7 to 8 a.m.

Quitting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bingo, 11 a.m. Spin the wheel for prizes.
Wednesday
Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.
Thursday
Exercises 7-8 a.m.
Quitting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bingo 1-3 p.m.
Evening meal 5:30 p.m.
Cards at 6:30 p.m.
Friday
Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.
Sunday
All-you-can-eat buffet, turkey, at 1 p.m.
Monday
Exercises from 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.
Evening meal at 5:30 p.m.
Cards at 6:30 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly
Wednesday: Beef biscuit roll, buttered broccoli, cottage cheese, muffin, peach cobbler, coffee and milk.
Friday: Potato bar, coffee and milk.
Monday: Ham turkey on a bun, creamed peas, tossed salad with celery and green peppers, Jell-O with mandarin oranges, orange juice, coffee and milk.
Activities
Wednesday
Blood pressure check.
Thursday
Crafts at 1 p.m.
Friday
Bingo at 11:55 a.m.

Twin Falls registers kindergartners

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls School District will hold kindergarten pre-registration next month.

Children must be 5-years-old on or before Sept. 1, 2000 to be eligible for kindergarten this fall. Parents must bring a certified copy of the child's birth certificate, Social Security number and current immunization records. All students are required to show proof of Hepatitis 5 immunization, organizers say.
Registration will be at:
Bickel Elementary, 607 Second Ave. E., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 1-5 with an open house from 8:30-4:30 p.m. May 4.
Harrison Elementary, 600

Want more information?

Falls School District at 733-8900.

Harrison St., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 1-5, with an open house from 8:30-4:30 p.m. May 2.
Lincoln Elementary, 238 Seventh St. N., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 1-5 with an open house from 8:30-4:30 p.m. May 4.
Morningside Elementary, 701 Morningside Drive, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 1-5, with an open house from 8:30-4:30 p.m. May 4.
Oregon Trail Elementary, 660 Park Ave., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 1-5, with an open house

from 8:30-4:30 p.m. May 4.
Perrine Elementary, 352 Caswell Ave. W., from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 1-5, with extended hours from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 3. An open house will be from 8-4 p.m. May 3.
Sawtooth Elementary, 271 Stadium Blvd., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 1-5, with an open house from 9:30-10 a.m. May 9.

Parents and students are encouraged to attend the open houses. Kindergarten teachers and building staff will be available to answer questions and parents and children can tour the school, meet teachers and become familiar with the school setting.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Filer, Hollister schools hold kindergarten registration

FILER - Filer and Hollister Elementary Schools will hold kindergarten pre-registration for the 2000-2001 school year from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

Parents are asked to bring the child's proof of immunizations, including Hepatitis B, a legal and certified copy of the child's Social Security card. Children must be 5-years-old by Sept. 1, 2000 to be eligible to attend kindergarten this fall.

For more information, call Lori Barnhart, Filer School secretary, at 326-4369 or Dorothy Boss, Hollister secretary, at 655-4213.

Buhl Methodist Church schedules Spring Bazaar

BUHL - The Buhl United Methodist Church will hold its annual Spring Bazaar at 8 a.m. Saturday at 308 Maple St.

The event includes a flea market at the Wesley House next to the church and the bazaar in the lower level of the church. Locally crafted items include stuffed animals, dolls and tote paintings. Navajo jewelry from Nevada will be on display also.

Baked goods including breads, candy, jams, cakes, pies and cookies will be for sale and refreshments will be served all day. A spaghetti dinner is set for 5 p.m. and a donation of \$5 per person is suggested.

For more information, call the church at 543-5498.

Twin Falls Lions Club hosts pancake feed

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Lions Club will host a pancake feed from 7-11 a.m. Saturday at the Jade Restaurant at 1719 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. The cost is \$2.50 per person. A rummage sale will also be held in the back parking lot during the breakfast. The public is invited.

Twin Falls Centennial Committee meets

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Centennial Committee will have a meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the offices of the Chamber of Commerce Board

Room at 858 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.
For more information, call the Twin Falls Chamber at 733-3974.

Twin Falls High School ESL hosts International Potluck

TWIN FALLS - English as a second language teachers at Twin Falls High School invite the public to an international potluck at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

The potluck celebrates a day of multi-cultural celebration. Students of the differing cultures will share their heritage throughout the day through costumes, music and other trademarks.

The potluck will be held in the high school teachers' lounge.

Participants are encouraged to bring a dish representing their heritage.

Buhl United Methodist Church raffles quilt

BUHL - The Buhl United Methodist Church will raffle a

hand-pieced and hand-quilted double wedding ring quilt during a spaghetti dinner Saturday at its location at 908 Maple St. in Buhl.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Ticket-holders do not need to be present to win.

Tickets are available from members of the quilters of the Buhl Church and will be on sale at the annual Spring Bazaar from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.
For more information or to buy raffle tickets, call Penny Hodges at 543-6117 or the Buhl United Methodist Church at 543-5498.

Buhl High School Class of 1955 seeks classmate

BUHL - Buhl High School Class of 1955 is seeking a classmate for their 45th reunion planned later this year.

Organizers are seeking information on Arlen Comfort. To alert reunion organizers, call Virginia Wilson at 543-6672 or e-mail wilson@mlcron.net.

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Armed assailants take tourists captive from Malaysia resort

SEMPORNA, Malaysia — Search and rescue teams scoured southeast Asian seas Monday after masked assailants carrying automatic rifles and a rocket launcher stormed one of the world's top diving resorts and sped off with 20 hostages.

An American couple escaped, refusing to swim out to the kidnappers' boats and then hiding overnight in nearby bushes.

Defense Minister Najib Tun Razak said that a search team had determined where the hostages — half of whom were foreign tourists — were being held, following their abduction the previous evening

on the lush Sipadan Island in eastern Malaysia.

Since 1969, Malaysia and Indonesia have both claimed sovereignty over Sipadan and Ligitan, another Celebes Sea island.

But there were no indications that the hostage-takers were involved in the territorial dispute.

Germans detain neo-Nazi in attack on synagogue

ERFURT, Germany — Police have detained a teen-ager with ties to the extreme right as a suspect in an attempted arson attack

on a synagogue in eastern Germany, authorities said Monday.

The 18-year-old was on probation after convictions for displaying neo-Nazi symbols and bodily assault, Thuringia state Interior Minister Christian Koeckert said. He was carrying a membership card from the extreme-right National Democratic Party of Germany, but under initial questioning denied involvement in the attack, Koeckert said.

A Molotov cocktail filled with diesel fuel was thrown at the small synagogue Thursday night just after Passover celebrations,

but it failed to ignite after the wick fell out. The building was undamaged.

Playboy apologizes for article advocating violence

BUCHARÉST, Romania — Playboy magazine has repudiated the chief editor of its Romanian edition for publishing an article that advocates violence against women.

The article, entitled "How to Beat Your Wife Without Leaving Traces," described a step-by-step procedure for abuse, and implied that good beatings could lead to

great sex. "This article flies in the face of Playboy's 46-year history of strongly opposing any visual or editorial depiction of violence toward women. We do not condone it and will not tolerate it," said a statement faxed Friday to the Bucharest office of The Associated Press by Christie Heffner, Playboy Enterprises Chairman and CEO.

Playboy magazine launched its Romanian edition in October, featuring local celebrities on the cover and promising a magazine geared to successful men in their 30s.

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COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

Apple announces stock split

Computer maker posts big earnings

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — After selling over 1 million sleek, powerful computers in the last quarter, Apple Computer Corp. appears to be performing at the top of its game. But with the stock split at 118, is it worth putting a well-shined Apple into a portfolio?

The company has been on a tear since Chief Executive Officer Steve Jobs took over. After the company introduced the bondi-blue iMac computer in 1998, Apple began to see its unit shipment and revenue numbers rise. Apple's share price has risen in tandem, going from the low 20s to over 100. Now that Apple has declared a 2-for-1 stock split, the new share price might look more appealing to value-conscious buyers. But to determine whether or not Apple is really a value, consider first whether the winning formula behind its past success is sustainable.

Look at the 2 parts of Apple's success. First, when the company reached the perfect balance of building up expectations and delivering on those expectations.

Apple CEO Steve Jobs Listed in top 10 CEOs by Worth Magazine

Apple has the perfect venue for managing such expectations in the semi-annual US Macworld Expo.

The routine for media covering Apple prior to a Macworld Expo goes something like this: Rumors leak from Apple's normally tight ranks as to what Jobs will unveil at a Macworld; Apple declines to comment on rumors; Jobs unveils new products or services which are partially congruent to the preceding rumors; and Jobs surprises the crowd with an unexpected announcement. The way Apple manages its public relations has ensured that the company receives favorable press in volume—a brilliant tactic.

Second, the company has unleashed some pretty good products. Starting with its bondi-blue iMac, Jobs' focus on products' external aesthetics and Apple engineers' focus on developing a strong operating system has played well for Apple. The company has also led an Internet strategy and streaming media into its machines to give them that much more relevance.

Is it reasonable to assume that Apple will keep hitting the mark? The balance sheet certainly looks good. Including a 40-cent non-recurring gain, Apple earned \$1.28 a share in the most-recent quarter ended Apr. 1, which compared to 84 cents a share in the year-ago quarter. Revenue for the quarter was \$1.94 billion, up 27% from the year-ago quarter, and gross margins were 28.2%, up from 26.3% in the year-ago period. Apple said international sales accounted for 51% of the quarter's revenues. Sales of 1,043,000 units drove year-over-year unit growth of 26%. The company also finished the quarter with \$3.6 billion in cash on hand.

What about the unannounced products the company has in the pipeline? First, well-established rumors have it that Apple will unveil a handheld PC line. At recent Macworlds, Jobs has made veiled references to Apple engineers working closely with teams from handheld-maker Palm Inc. If such a rumor turns out to be true, Apple has partnered

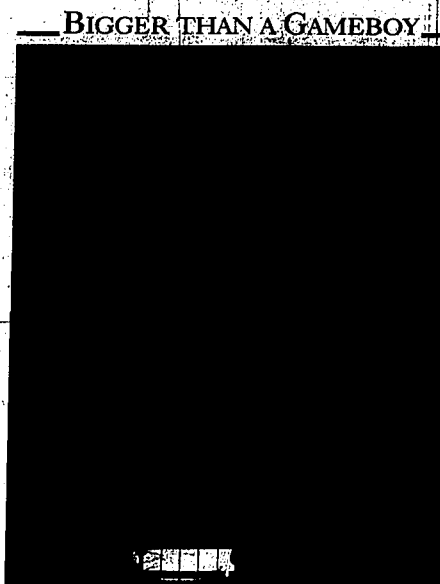
with a company whose handheld computers dominate the US and worldwide handheld market. Such a partnership could pave the way for Apple to get a piece of that market and all the recurring revenues that go along with it.

Second, Apple has the client version of its new operating system, OS X, coming out at the beginning of summer with factory-installed versions coming out later this year. Demonstrations at the January Macworld show Jobs' penchant for product elegance along with new features to make the operating system more robust—investors can expect Apple to see revenues generated from the sale of the operating system by itself and then increased system sales when it is factory installed later in the year.

Third, as Apple signs up new customers to its preferred Internet service provider, it will see a growing recurring revenue stream—a condition of its Earthlink partnership.

Remember that all of these new revenue-generating announcements come on top of the normal product improvements Apple will weave into its existing product lines—each of which generate sales.

Even though Apple has executed well over the past 2 years and has given faithful investors many happy returns, there is a good argument that investors who get in now can see the same.



Students at Brown University in Providence, R.I., await their turn at their latest creation — a 10-story Tetris game — on the side of the school's sciences library. The students use a computer keyboard to move blocks of light from one story to the next. The game uses 10,000 Christmas lights and 3,000 feet of cable.

Software sends users back in time

Knight Ridder News Service

QUESTION: My friend just bought a Gateway computer. It came with a feature called GoBack, which allows users to restore their computer to what it was like at a previous date. If they have a computer failure, they can go back to a time when the computer was working correctly. Is it any good? Now that when you select the best time, it resets your computer to the configuration it was in at that time.

I believe it is a software feature. I have looked at it, but have not come across anything that seems to do what GoBack does. Do you know if there is software on the market that does this? What are its limitations?

— Vincent B. Antonio, Huntsville, Ala.
ANSWER: My next comprehensive review of a Gateway PC will include at least a few lines of the real deal for this system. GoBack feature you can buy from the distinguished software house of Adaptec (www.gateway.com).

You wrote an excellent description of what the software does, Mr. D. I would add that in addition to restoring hard drives and such, GoBack lets you recover individual data files that might get deleted.

The biggest limitation is that in order to accomplish its backups, the software continually saves compressed versions of your hard drive's contents, so the bigger the hard drive you have the better.

The only caveat I can think of is that Microsoft's upgrade to Windows 98, Windows ME (Millennium Edition), set to ship this summer, will include this same type of feature as part of the operating system. So buying GoBack now for its \$70 suggested retail price might not be the best deal if you plan to shell out \$90 or so for Windows ME later this year.

Q: How about some help with Windows 98? When I used to use the Explorer feature, if I highlighted a graphic such as a .jpg or .bmp I could see thumbnail preview images on the left side of the screen. I had to reinstall Win98, and I no longer see the preview with the .jpg. Any suggestions?

One other question: After the install, when I hit Shift and then Programs, a list of the programs and files are now listed in the order I added them, not in alphabetical order, which I like.

Computer Q&A

Q: Can I put them in alphabetical order somehow?

— Loren Doppelt, Palatine, Ill.
A: Second question first. When Microsoft product managers visited me the other day to show off the newly released Windows 2000 software and the Windows ME operating system to be released this summer, they boasted that the new OS will return to the automatic alphabetization that had been part of Windows 95. Meanwhile, you will find that Windows 98 lets you drag and drop the Start menu icons to arrange them any way you like.

On the first question, to get Windows 98 to display thumbnails of each picture as you highlight it you need to click on the My Computer icon, then pick View and click the radio box for Web style and then be sure to click the Apply button at the bottom of the command box.

Q: I am an old-time reader of your column, and now that retirement is approaching I need some advice about what kind of computer I should buy to let me transfer all my old 78, 45 and 33 r.p.m. records and cassette tapes onto CDs.

My intention to buy a top-of-the-line computer now, expending \$2,500 for an 800 or 900 mhz machine with 128 megabytes of memory, 40 gigabyte hard drive, 3000 Voodoo video card and a good sound card, etc., or buy a modest 450 or 500 mhz computer now and wait for something better that may come later.

— Walter Mosca@hotmail.com
A: I'll bet you'd just love that elegant \$2,500 machine you described, Mr. W., but, fact is, that 450 mhz clunker at the other end of your decision tree will handle all the sound recording needs you describe with the

simple addition of a CD-RW drive so that you can transfer the music files you will be making, from those records, cassettes and CDs on your hard drive.

With a recorder up and running, all you need is software like the \$30 MusicMatch 5.0 (www.musicmatch.com), which allows you to connect your turntable or cassette player to the line-in socket on the PC sound card and will convert each tune you play into its own MP3 file for storage on a rewritable CD.

Q: I recently installed the QuickTime Player as I was surfing the Net in order to view a movie offered at a site that used this program. When I discovered that it would display .jpg photos, I decided to specify this program as a default association for opening .jpgs (rather than using my browser).

I then discovered that I lost my ability to view thumbnails of the .jpg photos when searching my hard drive or files through My Computer. How can I get this back?

— Bruce Pollock, West Warwick, R.I.

A: Your quandary is just another wrinkle on the one covered by Loren D. from Palatine, Mr. P., but the fix is a tad more complex. To restore that highly useful thumbnail photo preview feature you need to restore Microsoft Internet Explorer as your default viewer for .jpg files.

This is a bit more complicated than just typing in a solitary command because you need to restore some settings. Click on the desktop My Computer icon and then choose View then Folder Options and then File Types, where you should scroll down to JPEG and click the icon marked Edit. You will find a box for "Application used ..." and need use the Browse button to move to the "C:\Program Files\Internet Explorer\explore.exe." Once that is in the window, you need to add the tag "nohome" at the end, with the quote marks just as written.

Finally, you need to find the box marked DDE Message and type in "file: %1", with the quote marks and commas exactly as written.

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Track meet will honor late Glanders

On the schedule, it looks like any other meet. A six-day, late April, see-how-much-work-we-are-to-do-in-the-next-three-and-a-half-weeks meet.

But this one will be special. Not just because performances continue to improve as the season winds down.

Not just because the weather forecast calls for a sunny, 70-degree day.

And not just because this event features a number of defending state champions.

Wednesday's track and field meet at Bruin Stadium will be staged in honor of the late Al Glanders, a staple of not just Magic Valley athletics, but state.

Mr. Glanders passed away a brain tumor. His fight was brief, but he fought with dignity, his friends and family say.

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"Al was a well-liked man," said his brother Brad Breland. "I don't think he had an enemy in the world."

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He loved the sport. He loved the competition. But most of all, Snow said, "He loved the kids."

This was evident to yours truly, even though my association with him was brief.

As I and the half-dozen other finish line workers decide who will ring the bell to signal the final lap of the distance races at Bruin Stadium, we do it with a certain reverence for someone with whom we shared a special kinship.

Mr. Glanders is missed, no doubt. And the track meet that bears his name is sure to persevere.

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ON THE RUN Vin Cappiello

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And the answer is ...

Wilma Knudsen is the answer to last week's trivia question, and former College of Southern Idaho coach Gary Sievers, now coaching at Wake Forest University, was the first of many to correctly answer the question.

"This week's question: Who were the Twin Falls Bruins who finished one-two in the 800-meter run to preserve the team title in 1993 state meet?"

Vin Cappiello, a full-time teacher and former track coach, is a three-time sportswriter for The Times-News. He can be reached at 733-0931 or 733-1214.

Kid who stole Chamberlain's ball will finally sell

The Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — In 1962, 14-year-old Kerry Ryman sneaked onto the floor just after Wilt Chamberlain's 100-point game with one thing on his mind: "How can I get that ball?"

Amid all the excitement, gaining possession wasn't hard for the lanky teen-ager. He easily weaved between the players and fans, stole the ball and made a fast break, outrunning a security guard.

Thirty-eight years later, Ryman is putting the basketball up for auction.

"It has been a burden in some ways," Ryman, now 52, said from his home in Annyville, near Mahanoy, one of the furthest from the game, people call wanting pictures and interviews. "I'm tired of it. I want to get it off my chest."

On Thursday, bidding on the ball will start at \$25,000 at Leland's auction house in New York.

Chamberlain, the mighty 7-foot-1 center who died in October at 63, scored 100 points playing for the NBA's Philadelphia Warriors in a game against the New York Knicks. No one has ever come close to breaking the record.

Owning the ball has brought Ryman loads of criticism over the years.

"It's a tragedy that it has been hidden away all these years," said Chuck Forester of Forester Sports Collectibles in Los Angeles. "It's one of the few artifacts in sports history. You've got the Babe's bat, Mark McGwire's 70th home run ball and then I would say you've got Wilt's ball."

"It's a record that will never be broken. It also was a forerunner of a new style of basketball that was going to become the rule, not the exception."

Collectors and fans are irritated that Wilt's ball was never lent to a museum to be displayed for Chamberlain fans. They say the ball should have been put on a podium, encased in glass, under soft white lights.

Instead, it has been in a plastic bag in the corner of a closet. Ryman and his friends even played basketball with it for several years.

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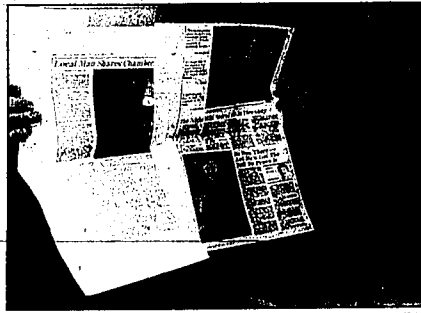
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Kerry Ryman shows a newspaper with stories on him when he was a 14-year-old in 1962 and grabbed a ball away from Wilt Chamberlain after Chamberlain scored 100 points against the New York Knicks. Ryman, now 52, is finally selling the ball.

Jazz defense stymies SuperSonics

Take 2-0 lead in series

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Twenty-three points were more than enough this time for Karl Malone and the Utah Jazz.

Malone had fewer than half the 50 points he scored in Game 1, but the Jazz didn't need nearly that many Tuesday night in a 101-87 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics. Utah took a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five series.

Game 3 is Saturday at Seattle, which trailed by 17 at halftime Tuesday and 27 at the end of three periods. Only 12 teams have rallied to win a series after trailing 2-0, and none since the Houston Rockets in 1995.

John Stockton had 21 points and 11 assists for the Jazz, who shot 56 percent and rested their starters in the fourth quarter. Bryn Russell added 19 points and substitute Howard Easley had 15, including four 3-pointers.

Malone became the fourth player in NBA history with 4,000 points in the playoffs, joining Michael Jordan (5,987 points), Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (5,762) and Jerry West (4,457). He passed the 4,000-point mark on a layup with 4:32 left in the third period on an assist from — who else? — Stockton.

Malone finished the game with 4,004 playoff points.

Gary Payton had 20 points for the Sonics, but also had seven turnovers and just one assist. Rashard Lewis added 19 for Seattle, which never led.

Ahead 57-40 at halftime, the Jazz opened the second half with four straight baskets — two by Malone — to build their margin to 25 points. A no-look backward layup by Jeff Hornacek made it 73-47 with 6:35 left in the third period.

The Jazz led 86-59 entering the fourth quarter, and scored seven straight points, including a long 3-pointer by Easley in the 24-second clock expired, to take a 93-59 lead.

The Jazz went 6-for-11 on 3-pointers in the first half, with Russell, Stockton and Easley hitting two each, and Utah took a 17-point half-time lead. The Sonics were just 2-of-6 on 3-pointers in the half.



Charlotte ties up Philadelphia

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Back in the playoffs after a five-year absence, Derrick Coleman scored eight of his 29 points in overtime, leading the Charlotte Hornets to a 108-98 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers to tie their playoff series Monday night.

Coleman and the Hornets now go to Philadelphia — where Coleman spent almost three years before signing with Charlotte — for Game 3 on Friday night.

Allen Iverson, who scored a career playoff high 40 points in Game 1, tied his career playoff low with 13 points. It was the first time in Iverson's 10 playoff games he failed to lead the 76ers in scoring.

Charlotte went back to the basics in overtime, using its huge front line of Coleman, Anthony Mason and Elden Campbell to dominate the 76ers. The Hornets hit their first six shots and eight of nine in the extra period.

Mason opened the OT with a bruising layup that gave the Hornets a 93-91 lead. Coleman then took over, scoring six straight points on a layup and two 15-foot jumpers for a 99-95 lead with 2:47 to play.



Seattle SuperSonics guard Shammond Williams takes a shot above Utah Jazz guard John Stockton in the first quarter Monday in Salt Lake City.

'Small-market' Reds are big-time disappointment so far

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Junior isn't hitting, the pitching staff isn't getting anyone out and the medical report isn't very encouraging.

The Cincinnati Reds seem to have lost their way in the most competitive market in baseball.

After three weeks, the consensus pick to win the NL Central is trying to pick itself off the ground. The Reds had a day off Monday after one of their worst series in a 8-game span.

The Reds got pummeled 3-7 in three losses to the Los Angeles Dodgers this past weekend, the most runs they've given up in a series since 1969. They never looked like they had any hope to realize you can't take it for granted, manager Jack McKeon said. "You've got to work hard to do it again."

The Reds won 96 games last season and appeared in good position for another run at the pennant. They sent the roster



essentially intact and added Ken Griffey Jr. So far, no such luck.

The Reds' record is no worse off — at 8-10, they're actually a game ahead of last April. But a lot of the things that worked in their favor last season are now working against them.

"A defense that was one of the NL's best is ranked near the bottom, committing an error in 15 of its 19 games."

"A lineup that avoided disabling injuries last year has sent two starters to the DL already, first baseman Sean Casey and shortstop Barry Larkin."

"The bullpen that was the heart of the team has been scrambled, and the pitching staff overall is a mess. The Reds have one of the three worst earned run averages in the league and have given up the most walks and wild pitches."

"We're just playing like a bad team right

now," third baseman Aaron Boone said. "On this homestand, our four losses were about as bad as they can be and our two wins were about as good as they can be. We know what we're capable of doing and we've got to hurry up and start playing like it."

The Reds' offense seemed to be coming together when Casey returned from a broken thumb last Wednesday and the Reds won two straight. But Larkin tore up a finger on his glove hand while diving for a ball Friday night and had surgery, leaving him out for up to a month.

"He's one of the reasons I came here," Griffey said. "It's tough."

Griffey pulled back muscles in the same inning Larkin got hurt and went 2-for-11 last weekend. His teammates aren't doing much better. Casey has looked rusty while hitting .222 and Dante Bichette is 2-for-21 with runners in scoring position.

Something's missing.

"Sometimes I think everybody's sitting back and waiting for Junior, and that's not going to happen," McKeon said. "He's just pressure on him to carry the load."

The pitching staff has been a huge let-down. The major leagues' top bullpen in '99 has an ERA of 5.87, while the starters' ERA is 6.04.

No. 1 starter Pete Harnisch, the Reds' top winner the last two seasons, has a 9.64 ERA and a stiff forearm. The best statistics in the rotation belong to Rob Bell, a rookie called up from Double-A.

Asked if he could use another pitcher, McKeon said, "Well, I was saying that last year. We won 96 games and we still could have used another pitcher."

Nobody's ready for a promotion from Triple-A and general manager Jim Bowden has been frustrated in his attempts to trade for another starter. It's entirely up to this staff for the foreseeable future.

SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Kimberly's Harshman signs with W. Montana

KIMBERLY - Brianna Harshman, a senior at Kimberly High School, will sign a letter of intent to play volleyball for Western Montana College next year.

The 5-foot Harshman received post-season honors for her role as a middle blocker and hitter for the Bulldogs and participated in a number of all-star events.

Harshman also is in the midst of attempting to qualify for the USA Junior Nationals basketball team. She impressed scouts at a recent event in Utah and has qualified for the national camp, which will be in July in Madison, Wis.

Sports items among those at auction

TWIN FALLS - Besides two rare pages from the 1613 printing of the King James Bible, sports memorabilia will be among the items to be auctioned Thursday to raise money to send 40 local teen-agers on an inner-city mission.

The auction, sponsored by the Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene, also features a baseball autographed by both Hank Aaron and Willie Mays, a basketball autographed by Scottie Pippen, an Emmitt Smith signed jersey and other items autographed by such stars as Dan Marino and Cal Ripken Jr.

Dinner and the silent auction begin at 6 p.m. with the live auction at 7 p.m. For further information call Pastor Andrew Zirschky at 733-6610.

Swim team sign-ups in Rupert

RUPERT - Sign-ups for the 2000 Rupert Swim Team are being accepted at the Rupert Parks and Recreation Department. Boys and girls ages 4-18 are eligible. The program costs \$37, with \$12 going to the city and \$25 going to the swim team. For more information, call 434-2400.

Buhl American Legion holds golf scramble

BUHL - The third annual Buhl American Legion 5-Person Golf Scramble will take place Sunday at Clear Lake Country Club.

Participants need to register at the country club pro shop or by calling Vince Hamilton at 543-6201 or Lee Cline at 543-8332. Corporate sponsored team costs can enter for \$225. Other teams will pay \$30 per person or \$150 as a team. Entry costs include green fees, tee prizes and lunch following 18 holes.

Kiwanis/Hershey Track Meet in Rupert

RUPERT - Boys and girls ages 9-14 can register now for the Kiwanis/Hershey Track Meet to be held Saturday, May 13 at Minico High School, beginning at 10 a.m. Registration is free. Practice clinics, conducted by former Minico standout Tony Bailey and current Minico track coach Steve Haugeberg, will be April 29 and May 6 from 10 a.m. - noon at Minico High School. For more information, call 434-2400.

Icebreaker tennis tourney set for May 19-21

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Tennis Association will hold its next tournament, the annual Icebreaker, May 19-21 in Twin Falls. To become a member of the TFTA (membership is \$15 per family, \$10 for singles) visit the association's website at www.twinfalls-tena.com, or call CJ at 734-2795.

Sneakers release 2000 competition schedule

BOISE - The Idaho Sneakers will play seven home dates this season inside the Bank of America Center.

As part of the World Tennis League, Idaho opens play July 10 against Sacramento and concludes July 30 hosting Kansas City. Other home dates include: July 14 (Schenectady County), July 15 (Springfield), July 17 (St. Louis), July 21 (Sacramento) and July 29 (Delaware).

TF Junior Club hosts annual Fun Run/Walk

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Junior Club is sponsoring the annual Stumble Rock Fun Run and Walk on Saturday at 10 a.m.

The distance is 10 kilometers or 2.5 miles at Rock Creek Park in Twin Falls. Entry fee is \$16 for pre-registration and \$20 at the starting line starting at 8:30 a.m. Awards will be presented to the top three overall finishers and the top three finishers in each age group.

Proceeds this year will benefit Hospice Visions, a local non-profit agency serving the terminally ill and their families. The Junior Club is a service organization dedicated to sponsoring projects aimed at improving the social, economic, cultural and civic conditions of the Twin Falls community.

For more information, contact Lesa at 733-6915.

Marlins players, coaches join work stoppage

MIAMI - Four Florida Marlins players, including starting third baseman Mike Lowell, plan to miss Tuesday night's game against San Francisco to honor a call by Cuban-Americans for a work stoppage over the Elian Gonzalez case.

Lowell, whose parents are Cuban exiles, will miss the home game along with pitcher Alex Fernandez, Vladimir Hernandez and Michael Taylor, who's on the disabled list.

Third base coach Fredi Gonzalez, infield coach Tony Taylor and bullpen Luis Perez also plan to be absent, as does Cuban-American Hall of Famer Tony Perez, an assistant to general manager Dave Dombrowski.

Wilkins resigns as Atlanta coach

ATLANTA - Discouraged by the worst season of his 27-year career, Lenny Wilkins, 62, walked away willingly from the Atlanta Hawks Monday.

Wilkins resigned after the Hawks struggled to a 29-54 record, their worst since moving to Atlanta in 1968 and ending a streak of seven straight playoff appearances.

Wilkins had two years and \$10.4 million left on a lucrative contract extension signed in 1997. The team said it would honor the contract until Wilkins finds a new job.

"The Hawks were very good to me," he said. "It's just time to move on."

Before coming to Atlanta, Wilkins had stints in Cleveland, Seattle and Portland. His career record is 1,179-981 and he won his lone NBA championship with the Sonics in 1979.

Wal-Mart heir to buy teams and arena

DENVER - The Colorado Avalanche, the Denver Nuggets and their arena will be sold to a Wal-Mart heir who owns part of the St. Louis Rams for \$450 million, outbidding a group led by former Broncos great John Elway.

The agreement Monday to sell to Stan Kroenke ends a year of indecision for the two teams during which two offers fell through, three lawsuits were filed and a chief executive officer resigned under pressure.

Kroenke, who prides himself on being named after St. Louis Cardinals great Stan Musial, owns 40 percent of the Rams. He made clear he would not be an absentee owner.

The agreement must be approved by the NFL, the NBA, Liberty Media Group and the city of Denver. But neither Kroenke nor Liberty Media anticipates problems. The sale was scheduled to close June 30.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

New York wins eighth straight, shuts out L.A.

NEW YORK (AP) - Matt Franco snapped a scoreless lead with an RBI infield single in the bottom of the ninth inning Monday, lifting the streaking New York Mets to their eighth straight victory, 1-0 over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

It is the longest winning streak for the Mets since they took nine in a row in May 1998. New York has won 10 of 11 overall.

Robin Ventura led off the ninth with a double off Terry Adams (1-1) and was lifted for pinch-runner Melvin Mora. Jon Nunez walked and Jay Payton grounded to shortstop Keyen Elmer, who flipped to third.

But Adrian Beltre's foot was off the bag when he caught Elster's soft, behind toss, and he tried to tag Mora, who was called safe by third-base umpire Gerry Davis. Dodgers manager Davey Johnson immediately argued the call and was ejected by Davis.

After a forceout at the plate, Franco, who entered in a seventh-inning double switch, hit a bouncer off Adams' glove that deflected behind the mound. Nunez scored without a play.

Armando Benitez (1-1) pitched a scoreless ninth for the victory.

Marlins 3, Phillies 1

MIAMI - Preston Wilson hit a two-run homer in the first inning and Alex Fernandez made it stand up, pitching the Florida Marlins past the Philadelphia Phillies.

The Marlins have won seven of nine. The Phillies, who won the series opener before dropping the last three, wrapped up a 1-6 road trip.

Fernandez (3-2) gave up seven hits in 7 2/3 innings, his longest outing of the season. He struck out three and walked two.

Antonio Alfonseca pitched the ninth and earned his eighth save in nine chances.

Mark Kotsay led off the Marlins first with a single while Wilson hit an opposite-field homer to right against Randy Wolf (1-2).

American League

White Sox 8, Orioles 2

CHICAGO - Cal Eldred pitched a two-hitter, retiring 26 of the final 27 batters, as the surprising Chicago White Sox kept rolling Monday night, beating the Baltimore Orioles for their sixth straight victory.

Rookie Josh Paul hit his first

Major League Baseball

major league homer, a three-run shot in the second against Mike Mussina (0-2), who failed for the fifth straight start to get his first victory.

Eldred (1-0), plagued by arm problems for several years and acquired in an off-season trade, got his first victory since last Sept. 1 when he beat the Dodgers while with Milwaukee.

His overpowering, 11-strikeout performance Monday night came in his first complete game since May 1997 when he defeated the White Sox

while with the Braves. Eldred (1-0), who won only two games last season, walked leadoff hitter Brady Anderson and then gave up an RBI double to Delino DeShields before retiring 14 straight.

Rangers 5, Red Sox 4

ARLINGTON, Texas - Rafael Palmeiro homered twice and Luis Alcega hit a two-run tiebreaking single as the Texas Rangers beat the Red Sox in Boston's first game in five days.

Palmeiro hit a two-run shot in the third inning and added a solo blast in the seventh for the 23rd two-homer game of his career. Palmeiro's 369 homers tie him with Ralph Kiner for 47th on the career list, two behind Gil Hodges.

Kenny Rogers (2-3) was the winner and John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his second save in four opportunities. Reliever Tim Wakefield (1-1) took the loss.

Twins 7, Yankees 3

NEW YORK - Eric Milton and four relievers allowed five hits and the Minnesota Twins defeated the New York Yankees for their sixth victory in the last seven games.

Jacque Jones, who lost a fly ball in the sun setting up a two-run Yankees game-tying rally in the sixth, opened the seventh with a double off Roger Clemens (1-2) and scored the go-ahead run when Matt LeCroy doubled down the left-field line. LeCroy moved to third on an infield out and scored on Todd Walker's sacrifice fly.

Milton (2-0) struck out seven and walked two before turning the game over to Minnesota's bullpen in the seventh.

Maple Leafs eliminate Senators, head to Round 2

KANATA, Ontario (AP) - Steve Thomas started a four-goal spree in the second period, lifting the Toronto Maple Leafs into the second round of the NHL playoffs Monday night with a 4-2 victory over the Ottawa Senators.

Toronto won the best-of-seven series 4-2 and will open the Eastern Conference semifinals Thursday night at home against the New Jersey Devils.

Thomas, Mats Sundin, Sergei Berezin and Wendel Clark scored as the Leafs erased a 2-0 Ottawa lead built on goals by Joe Juneau and Igor Kravchuk.

The Senators outshot Toronto 38-24, but their failure to hold the lead resulted in an opening round elimination for the second straight year and third time in four seasons.

The team that held the shots advantage lost all six games of the series.

"We played real gritty," Toronto goalie Curtis Joseph said. "We played tough along the boards."

A capacity crowd of 18,500 watched in dismay as the Senators became the first team to lose at home in the series.

"I think the last game was key for us," Joseph said. "Getting up 3-2 in dramatic fashion (with a come-from-behind, overtime victory), I think that spilled over into tonight's game."

Ottawa got the early lead on a rush when Shawn Edwards' shot was kicked out to the high slot, where Juneau swept the puck inside the near post. 3:45 into the game.

After failing to score during an abbreviated two-man advantage, Ottawa went ahead 2-0 when Kravchuk's point shot through traffic beat Joseph 3:59 into the

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second period.

But just 12 seconds later, Ottawa defenseman Sami Salo passed the puck right into Thomas' stick in the slot, and he unleashed a quick shot for his sixth goal of the series.

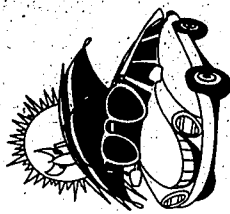
"We never quit in here," Joseph said. "We played hard and we knew we could come back."

A Thomas pass then went off Kravchuk's skate onto the stick of Sundin, breaking in on the left side. Sundin scored into an open side of the net to tie it at 2-1.

Berezin was allowed to sneak in front of goalie Tom Barrasso and whack a shot in to put Toronto ahead 3-2 at 10:40.

A Cory Cross pass went off a series of sticks and skates to Clark, who was parked alone at the side of the Ottawa net. He easily swept the puck in with 1:13 left in the period.

Ottawa's top line of Radek, Bock, Marian Hossa and Magnus Aronsson did not score in the series, the first between Canadian teams since Vancouver beat Calgary and Toronto en route to the 1994 Stanley Cup final.



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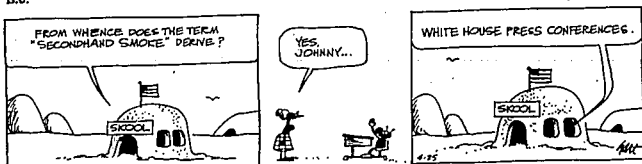
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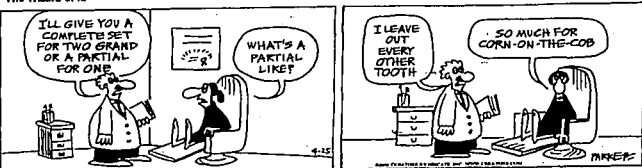
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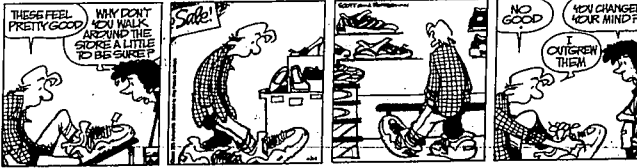
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