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Panel mulls tax cut plans

Budget writers await specifics

By Michael Journee
Times-News writer

BOISE - Local House tax committee members think progress was made Monday on the tax cut debate, but they're not really sure.

Six weeks into the 2001 session, House Revenue and Taxation Committee members did what many say should have been done weeks ago: They sat down and hashed out their ideas on a



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number of tax cut proposals before them. Responding to critics who said the debate on the bill had been too authoritarian, chairman Rep. Delores Crow, R-Nampa, let committee members informally vote on the provisions. But it's unclear whether the discussion brought the committee any closer to rolling out a tax cut. Budget writers and legislative leadership are anxious for an

idea of how much money they will have to spend after a tax cut. The unexpected debate is starting to frustrate its participants, and those waiting for its results: It also has some lawmakers thinking about last year's late-session wrangling over the same issue, which left few satisfied with the results.

"I don't know how I could be more fair," Crow told the committee in frustration. "We could be here until you know what freezes over. It's getting pretty frosty in here as it is."

One local member of the 19-member committee said the debate turns on a few items some members insist should be included in any tax cut package.

"Everybody's got their own pet projects," said Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls. "Mine is income tax."

Smith is fending off attempts to scale back the income tax break he wants to give individuals and corporations, dropping the rate by one half a percentage point. He has already agreed to a drop in the rate of three-tenths of a percentage point, but the full half percent would be instituted for 2003 payments.

Toss in aid for the struggling agriculture, timber and mining industries, increasing the grocery

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Idaho Power pitches buy-back

By Michael Journee
Times-News writer

BOISE - With a thin snowpack and higher energy prices looming, Idaho Power Co. representatives are "feeling our lawmakers about a proposal that could help their summer energy operation."

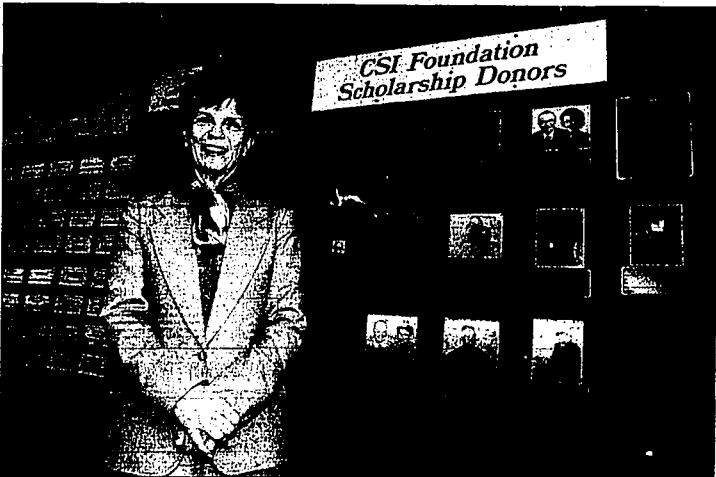
By paying certain farmers not to irrigate crops this spring and summer, the company hopes to free up more water for power generation and cut the amount of electricity farmers use pumping water for their crops. In essence, the company wants to buy back power from irrigators to meet the demand from other customers on its system.

"The cost of this program will be substantially less than if we bought power on the open market," Maggie Briz of Idaho Power told the Senate Resources and Environment Committee Monday.

The committee heard a brief presentation on the proposal

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LEAVING A MARK



Joan Edwards stands in front of the College of Southern Idaho Scholarship Donors board in the Evergreen Building on the CSI campus.

Edwards, who retires in April, says the scholarships the Foundation has created for students are what makes her the most proud.

LOGAN CASTOR/The Times-News

New adventure beckons CSI Foundation founder

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The woman who pioneered the local organization responsible for awarding more than \$800,000 in college scholarships to more than 700 students this year will leave Twin Falls for what she calls a new adventure.

It will be tough for Joan Edwards, executive director of the College of Southern Idaho Foundation and vice president of planning and development, to leave CSI after 27 years. But she says she wants to get used to being away from her CSI family while she still has something to

Farewell Twin Falls

Melvin and Joan Edwards will host a Farewell Twin Falls party on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Turf Club.

Keep herself busy.

Edwards, 57 - whose husband, longtime Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards, retired late last year - has postponed her own retirement to take a similar college job in Fresno, Calif. She will help develop the State Center Community College District Foundation as executive director.

The foundation serves several schools, the largest being Fresno City College with an enrollment of 22,000 students.

Edwards, who attended CSI as a student when it first opened, started work at CSI as a basic academic skills teacher. Once she earned her doctorate in community college education administration, she said she wanted to do something that would have a dramatic effect on the college. She saw a need to expand local education opportunities, and she saw the opportunity in a community loyal to CSI.

"She was the genesis of the foundation," CSI President Jerry Meyerthofer said.

The foundation has had a tremendous effect on the college in the form of student scholarships, money for campus facility and equipment needs, and incentive grants for faculty members, he said.

The foundation's assets have grown from \$200,000 in its inaugural year in 1983 to more than \$20 million.

To date, the foundation has awarded 4,850 scholarships totaling \$3.9 million.

The testimonials of students able to attend school because of foundation scholarships have been some of Edwards' most

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Court deals blow to Napster

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - A federal appeals court signaled the end of Napster's free Internet song-swapping service Monday, saying the music industry will almost surely win its bellwether lawsuit against

the digital entertainment pioneer. Under the ruling from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court

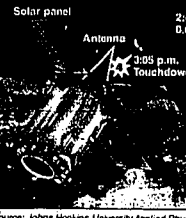
of Appeals, the company must somehow stop the millions of people who use it as a clearinghouse to swap copyrighted music without charge and without restriction. The court sent the case back to a trial judge, asking her to rewrite an injunction so it allows Napster to survive if it is able to patrol its network for copyright infringement - something its own lawyers have said is virtually impossible. "This decision pretty much writes Napster's epitaph," said Chuck Cooper, a lawyer for the recording industry.

Asteroid landing

The NEAR Shoemaker, launched Feb. 17, 1996, has orbited the asteroid Eros for a year, transmitting 160,000 images to Earth. On Monday, the craft successfully landed on the surface and continued transmitting signals to Earth.

The touchdown

Braking maneuvers were used to slow the craft from about 20 miles per hour to ideal landing speed, which is 3 to 5 miles per hour. To continue sending signals, the craft had to land with its power panels facing the sun and its antenna pointed at Earth.



Source: Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory

10:31 a.m.

Craft descends from 15.5-mile orbit

2:16 p.m.

3 miles above asteroid

2:31 p.m.

1.3 miles

2:47 p.m.

0.6 miles

3:05 p.m.

Touchdown



The NEAR spacecraft took this picture of Eros as it approached Tuesday.

Space probe survives landing on asteroid

Knight Ridder News Service

LAUREL, Md. - With a thud that no one could hear and perhaps a huge bounce, a nearly out-of-gas NASA space probe slowly crashed into an asteroid Monday afternoon - and lived to tell about it.

The \$117 million spacecraft, called NEAR-Shoemaker, was designed to circle the 21-mile long, shoe-shaped space rock

Interested?

To view NEAR Shoemaker photos of 433 Eros, go to <http://near.jhuapl.edu>

named 433 Eros and photograph it, but not to land on it. The feat, accomplished by scientists at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory here at the end of

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

IDAHO

Idaho Extremes Yesterday:
High 48°
Low 11°
Normal high 47°
Normal low 14°
Stanley

Two Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday
Temperature
High/Low 33°/25°
Normal high/low 41°/23°
High/Low last year 43°/23°
Record high 58° in 1991
Record low 1° in 1982

Precipitation
24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: trace
Normal month to date 0.39"
Year to date 0.02"
Normal year to date 1.48"

Humidity Yesterday at noon: 96%
Barometric Pressure Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 29.92 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls
Grass: Absent Weeds: Absent
Trees: Absent Mold: Absent

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shows today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

All maps, forecasts and data provided by AccuWeather, Inc. #2001

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly to mostly sunny.	Mainly clear and cold.	Sunny to partly cloudy.	Turning mostly cloudy; snow possible.	Some snow is still possible; breezy.	Clouds, some sun; snow shower.
▲ 37°	▼ 12°	▲ 39° ▼ 20°	▲ 35° ▼ 20°	▲ 33° ▼ 18°	▲ 37° ▼ 16°

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Calgary	11° L 20° W	11° L 20° W	Edmonton	17° L 26° W	16° L 25° W
Calgary	27° L 31° W	27° L 31° W	Edmonton	17° L 26° W	16° L 25° W
Edmonton	17° L 26° W	16° L 25° W	Edmonton	17° L 26° W	16° L 25° W
Edmonton	17° L 26° W	16° L 25° W	Edmonton	17° L 26° W	16° L 25° W
Edmonton	17° L 26° W	16° L 25° W	Edmonton	17° L 26° W	16° L 25° W

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Boise	40° L 48° W	37° L 24° W	McCall	28° L 16° W	38° L 26° W
Bonners Ferry	32° L 23° W	38° L 28° W	McCall	28° L 16° W	38° L 26° W
Burley	37° L 16° W	38° L 24° W	McCall	28° L 16° W	38° L 26° W
Coeur d'Alene	30° L 20° W	32° L 24° W	McCall	28° L 16° W	38° L 26° W
Elko	37° L 11° W	35° L 18° W	McCall	28° L 16° W	38° L 26° W
Eggnog, OR	48° L 28° W	48° L 34° W	McCall	28° L 16° W	38° L 26° W
Hagerman	36° L 15° W	36° L 23° W	McCall	28° L 16° W	38° L 26° W
Idaho Falls	28° L 6° W	29° L 13° W	McCall	28° L 16° W	38° L 26° W
Kalispell, MT	30° L 16° W	35° L 24° W	McCall	28° L 16° W	38° L 26° W
Lewiston	42° L 26° W	44° L 28° W	McCall	28° L 16° W	38° L 26° W
Malia	8° L 0° W	8° L 13° W	McCall	28° L 16° W	38° L 26° W
Malia	8° L 0° W	8° L 13° W	McCall	28° L 16° W	38° L 26° W

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: There will be clouds early today, but that will give way to afternoon sunshine. It will be a cold one tonight under mainly clear skies.

Boise: Turning out mostly sunny and nice today. It will be a cold night tonight with clear skies for the most part. Tomorrow, sunshine will mix with high clouds.

Northern Nevada: Morning clouds and flurries will be followed by a return of sunshine. Turning out mainly clear tonight with cold temperatures. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

Northern Utah: Mostly cloudy today with occasional flurries. A storm passing to the south may cause a steady snowfall tonight into tomorrow; otherwise, still cloudy.

Northern Idaho: Partly to mostly sunny and nice today. Skies will stay mainly clear tonight, allowing temperatures to drop to a cold level. Sunshine tomorrow will mix with high clouds.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 88° in Fort Myers, FL Low 24° in Berlin, NH

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 7:28 a.m.
Sunset tonight: 6:07 p.m.
Moonrise today: none
Moonset tonight: 10:56 a.m.

Last New Full
Feb 14 Feb 23 Mar 2 Mar 9

UV INDEX TODAY

0-1: Minimal; 2-3: Low; 4-6: Moderate; 7-9: High; 10+: Very High. Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

Randy Hansen AUTO PLEX
Poleline At Blue Lakes North

NATIONAL CITIES

Shows non-noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are high for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	52° L 48° W	73° L 57° W	Memphis	60° L 58° W	70° L 58° W
Atlanta	52° L 48° W	73° L 57° W	Memphis	60° L 58° W	70° L 58° W
Atlanta	52° L 48° W	73° L 57° W	Memphis	60° L 58° W	70° L 58° W
Atlanta	52° L 48° W	73° L 57° W	Memphis	60° L 58° W	70° L 58° W
Atlanta	52° L 48° W	73° L 57° W	Memphis	60° L 58° W	70° L 58° W

Edwards

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meaningful career experiences.
"It makes you understand why you get out of bed in the morning," she said.
At least \$64,000 in foundation mini-grants have been awarded to faculty members for training opportunities or program equipment needs since 1996. Larger foundation giving projects have

He arrived in Twin Falls in 1931 with just a few cents in his pocket, but left the foundation a \$2 million gift - one of its largest.
Edwards leaves in April. Between now and then CSI will look for a replacement for the \$82,000-a-year position.
"She is going to be sorely missed," said Jeff Harris, president of the foundation's volunteer board.

Asteroid

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NEAR-Shoemaker's mission, made it the first human-made piece of gear to touch down on an asteroid.
The idea of the controlled crash-landing was to get truly close-up photos of 433 Eros and learn how to land on tiny space objects. NASA has no plans to land on a small space object, but its instruments will be aboard a European consortium's craft that's due to land on a comet by the end of the decade.
The photos Monday showed, at first look, little more than corroding boulders and "ghost rings" formed by the dust-filled rims of old craters.
Going into the 3:02 p.m. landing, engineers didn't know if the ship would crash-land or float gently down to the surface. They estimated that NEAR-Shoemaker had only a 1 percent chance of surviving the landing intact enough to continue sending signals. But it did.
"It's still transmitting from the surface," mission director Bill Farquhar announced with a giant grin once the probe touched down. "It exceeded all of our expectations."
"I don't think many of us thought it would really survive and come back with a signal," said Carolyn Shoemaker, a renowned Arizona planetary scientist and widow of astronomer Gene Shoemaker, for whom the probe was named. (NEAR stands for Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous.)
Engineers produced the soft landing by a series of four reverse engine firings that acted like pumping on brakes. That allowed the probe to slow from 20 mph to 3 or 4 mph as it closed on Eros, named after the God of love by the German and French astronomers who first spotted it in 1898. The landing, greater than some lunar landings, was "pretty soft," Farquhar said proudly.
"The fact that it got a 'signal' after landing) was the topping on the cake," NASA Administrator Dan Goldin told reporters. "The science that we got was breathtaking."
"The last picture that we got was spectacular," Goldin said. "Wonderful. Bold. Courage. Brilliance. Those are the words that come to mind."
Officials were still trying to determine whether the probe bounced or whether the initial signal that showed a bounce was an error. If it did bounce, it was helped by the fact that because Eros is so small it has about 0.001 of Earth's gravity. Its pull is so weak, an expert here explained, that if a person dropped a coin from 3-foot up, it would take 15 seconds to hit the ground.
Once it touched the surface, NEAR-Shoemaker stopped transmitting for a period that would have allowed for a bounce of 230 to 320 feet, more or less straight up.
The probe continues to send a signal, but not one strong enough to transmit pictures.
A preprogrammed plan calls for firing the probe's rocket engines late Wednesday. If it is positioned right, it could take off again.
NEAR-Shoemaker was launched from Cape Canaveral in 1996 and has traveled 2.3 billion miles thus far.

Tax

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tax credit, and a rebate of 10.6 percent of taxes paid by individuals in 2000, and you have a regular logjam.
But Smith and Rep. Celia Casto, R-Buhl, say things starting to loosen up.
They say an omnibus bill including at least the most popular proposals on the table could come out of the committee today.
"The rest of the bills may have to come out on their own," Smith said.
Could's "pet project" is specific breaks for natural resource industries and agriculture.
"No doubt, I have a special

interest here," Gould said to the committee.
"But if we don't help them out, they will go down."
The committee agreed, at least in concept, to make a larger share of the proposed reductions in individual and corporate income tax rates effective immediately; to double the grocery tax credit for all but the elderly, who instead would get a 50 percent increase; apply a child-care credit to stay-at-home and working parents; and add at least agriculture to those industries fully exempt from capital gains taxes.
There also was agreement to leave in place the concept of a one-time income tax rebate for individuals. But members were unwilling to commit to the full \$91 million plan proposed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, while their own tax-cut agenda remains unfilled.
Including that rebate, Kempthorne's initial proposal was for less than \$140 million in one-time and permanent tax relief. Preliminary estimates of the outline discussed Monday totaled almost \$216 million in the coming year and another \$37 million on top of that a year later.
And unshackled from what had been Crow's determination to

CORRECTIONS

TWIN FALLS - The Times-News incorrectly reported information about a spy ring's spore cores by the Pets Humane Society and area veterinarians.
The Humane Society will offer coupons for \$15 off the cost of spay or neuter. Coupons are in a limited supply. Call 736-2299 for more information.
TWIN FALLS - The Times-News used the incorrect photo of a story about Cecille Griffin, who was honored as the Assby Builder of the Month. See the correct photo on page C2.
The Times-News regrets the errors.

Power

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Friday as well; hearings will continue today.
In the bargain, leaving some fields fallow could help boost painfully poor commodity prices.
Farmers who buy power from Idaho Power and who could feasibly commit to reducing their power consumption by 100,000 kilowatt hours - or the equivalent of running a 60 horsepower water pump for 2,000 hours - are

Idaho Power sources

In a typical year Idaho Power Co. gets electricity from three sources.

- 49 percent from hydroelectric plants.
- 33 percent from coal-burning plants in Wyoming, Nevada and Oregon.
- 18 percent from the open market.

Source: Idaho Power Co.

LOTTERY UPDATE

Saturday, February 10, numbers
POWERBALL
16 38 41 46 47
POWERBALL NUMBER 25

Saturday, February 10, numbers
WILD CARD
7 10 17 22 28
WILD CARD Queen of Clubs

Saturday, February 10, numbers
Roll-down
17 23 24 32 49

Monday, February 12, numbers
PICK 3
7 2 3

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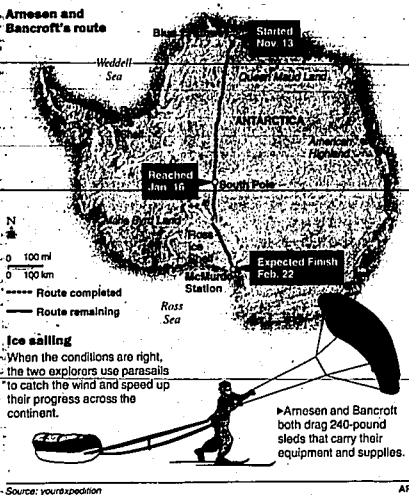
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If you have never played Wild Card 2, now is the time! Wednesday's Wild Card 2 Jackpot is \$490,000! Drawings are on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Traveling a frostbitten land

Liv Arnesen, a 47-year-old Norwegian, and Ann Bancroft, a 45-year-old American, reached Ross Ice Shelf Sunday, as they attempt to be the first women to traverse Antarctica unaided on skis. The 2,400-mile journey is scheduled to end Feb. 22 at McMurdo Station.

Arnesen and Bancroft's route



Ice sailing

When the conditions are right, the two explorers use parasails to catch the wind and speed up their progress across the continent.

Arnesen and Bancroft both drag 240-pound sleds that carry their equipment and supplies.

Source: yourxpedition AP

Ashcroft ponders Rich probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John Ashcroft suggested on Monday that he was open to working with Congress in its investigation of the circumstances behind former President Clinton's pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich.

Ashcroft declined to say point blank whether he would support granting limited immunity to permit Rich's former wife, Denise Rich, to testify to House and Senate investigative panels.

"I think it's very important for us to take those kinds of requests very seriously," Ashcroft told reporters at the Justice Department.

Ashcroft spoke at his first formal meeting with the news media since being sworn in earlier this month after a stormy Senate confirmation.

He told reporters he wants "to continue to be accessible to you." Ashcroft announced he was forming special task forces within the Justice Department to study and make recommendations on enforcement of gun laws and on combating drug abuse, particularly among teen-agers.

But it was the controversy over Clinton's last-minute pardon of Rich that dominated the initial questioning.

He refused to comment when asked whether he would name a special counsel to investigate Clinton's pardons and other last-minute actions, including taking tens of thousands of dollars worth of items with him upon leaving the White House.

When asked whether he would favor granting some form of immunity to Denise Rich, Ashcroft said he would consider such a move.

Astronauts hang shutter on Destiny

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Two spacewalking astronauts hung a window shutter on the sparkling new Destiny science laboratory Monday, providing an unparalleled view of Earth from the international space station.

As soon as Thomas Jones and Robert Curbeam Jr. placed the aluminum shutter on Destiny's 20-inch porthole and hooked up a gear box, the space station's residents cranked open the shutter from inside and gazed out the window for the first time.

"It worked!" Curbeam called out.

The shutter is needed to protect the window against damage from micrometeorites and had been covered with insulating material before the shutter installation.

As the spacewalkers toiled outside Destiny, work was going on inside to get it up and running. Space station Alpha's commander, Bill Shepherd, and his two Russian crewmates confirmed that all the exterior connections were good.

Following the spacewalk, ground controllers planned to send commands to Destiny's computers to activate four gyroscopes

that were sent to the space station last fall. The motion-control gyroscopes eventually will be used to orient the entire complex, saving a great deal of fuel, and will enable NASA to take over command of the station from the Russians.

Back at Cape Canaveral, meanwhile, space shuttle Discovery was hauled through fog to its launch pad in preparation for a March 8 liftoff. Discovery is the ride home for Shepherd and the two cosmonauts, who have been living aboard Alpha since the beginning of November.

Poll: Schools concern most Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans place education as a top priority for President Bush, well ahead of a federal income tax cut, a new poll shows.

Half of the people surveyed in the CNN-USA Today-Gallup Poll said improving education should be a top priority for the Bush administration, and just under three in 10 said reducing income taxes should be the highest goal. Almost four in 10 said the main

focus should be on keeping America prosperous, balancing the budget, providing military security and dealing with energy problems.

The Bush administration has been moving ahead aggressively on both education improvements and tax cuts.

The public remains divided on whether they admire Bush. Those who think he is "tough enough" to be president have increased

from half in the fall of 1999 to two-thirds now. Four in 10 think he does not understand complex issues, up from a fourth a year ago. The number who say he does remains at six in 10.

Bush's job approval rate was 57 percent, about the same level then-President Clinton had when he first became president, but slightly below the rate Clinton had in the mid 60s when he left office.

Women make history

The Associated Press

Picking their way across icy crevasses and struggling through deep snow, adventurers Ann Bancroft and Liv Arnesen have become the first women to cross the Antarctic land mass on skis. Bancroft and Arnesen made history on Sunday when they pulled their sleds onto the Ross Ice Shelf, 90 days and 1,800 miles after they set out.

"It was something to step on the shelf," Bancroft said in a satellite phone interview Monday. "I've been trying to do this for 11 years.

Now if we can just finish it off."

Bancroft and Arnesen must now cover nearly 500 miles in time to rendezvous with a pickup vessel by Feb. 22. They hope to use parasails to drag their heavy sleds across the Ross Ice Shelf, a mostly flat slab of floating ice bigger than France.

Both explorers are former schoolteachers. Workers at the expedition's Minneapolis office said schoolchildren from five continents are following the trip on the Internet and using it to study geography, science, history, physical education and other subjects.

Four die in apparent murder-suicide

KATY, Texas (AP) — A man shot two of his children and his young stepdaughter to death before killing himself Monday in a violent end to a standoff that began hours earlier at their home, police said.

A fourth child was wounded in the shootings in Katy, west of Houston. "She has a critical injury to her left arm," police spokesman Robert Hurst said.

Authorities said Timothy Lee Rumsey, 42, had been holding the children hostage since about 11 p.m. Sunday, shortly after Rumsey's wife, Joy, went to police to report that he had threatened

the children after the couple had fought.

The man spoke briefly to negotiators early Monday, but hung up on them after saying the children were in jeopardy.

Timothy Rumsey was arrested in June 1999 after allegedly striking his wife's jaw and choking her. He subsequently pleaded guilty to a domestic assault charge and was placed on probation, deputies said.

Last May, Joy Rumsey told deputies her husband threatened her and left their home with their daughter, Haylee Rumsey, then 17 months old.

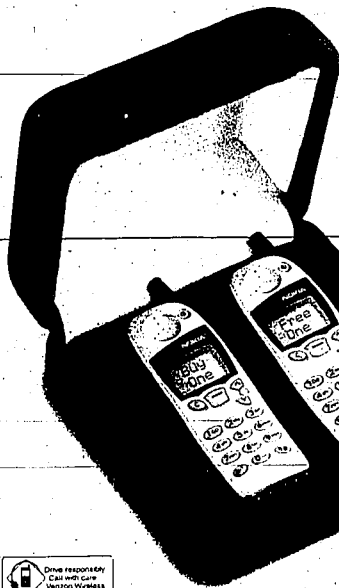
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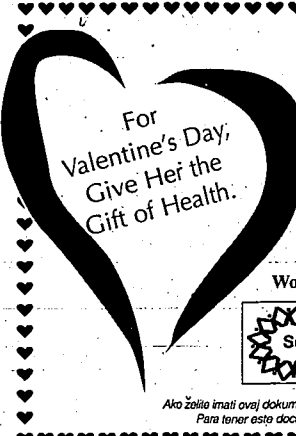
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He has six months of parole to serve on an unrelated assault conviction.

A 1993 DNA test cast doubt on his guilt and prompted then-Gov.



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L. Douglas Wilder, a Democrat, to commute his sentence to life. Last fall, additional DNA tests found genetic material belonging to two other men, and Republican Gov. Jim Gilmore pardoned Washington.

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BOISE (AP) — The state Senate on Monday endorsed eliminating the word "squaw" from all Idaho place names, expressing greater concern over impact on the state's image than the cost of making the changes.

"Idaho has a reputation. I think undeserved, of being racist," Sen. Ralph Wheeler, the American Falls Republican who chairs the Indian Affairs Council, told his colleagues. "This is one of the options we can take to show how Idaho really feels about people."

The resolution, which still needs House approval, orders the beginning of the process for changing the names of the 93 geographic locations that currently are identified in some way by the word "squaw." The ultimate decision to change the names lies with the U.S. Board of Geographic Names.

In a rare instance of unanimity, Idaho's six tribes pressed for the elimination of what they see as nothing more than an obscene reference to Indian women. The states of Montana, Maine, Oklahoma and Minnesota already have taken similar action through their legislatures, and British Columbia has eliminated the word as a place name.

Mrs. Kempthorne pushes child-care involvement

POCATELLO (AP) — Patricia Kempthorne said that communities need to work together to provide quality child care.

"We're talking about children in Idaho today and where they'll be 20 years from now," Kempthorne said. Part of the battle to better child care is to improve Idaho's poor reputation, Kempthorne said. Although some statistics show Idaho at the bottom in many areas, Kempthorne said she believes Idaho residents truly care about children. "I get frustrated with statistics because they play games," she said. "If you ask the people, we live here because we love it here."

Mental health plan calls for doubling of budget

BOISE (AP) — A comprehensive action plan to improve life for thousands of mentally ill children calls for doubling the state's financial commitment, hiring 15 clinicians and creating an agency to oversee implementation.

The 60-page plan, officially submitted to U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill, was in response to his angry directive over two decades of state foot-dragging. The plan calls for the Department of Health and Welfare to work with the Legislature to increase the amount of state funding dedicated to children's mental health, currently referring to as the "Jeff D." funds.

It calls for creating the Idaho Council on Children's Mental Health — a collaboration of state and local officials as well as families affected by mental illness in children — to oversee the program. And it outlines the creation of seven local councils to help develop methods in partnership with the state agency.

The 15 clinicians, with backgrounds in psychology, will be hired to work with mentally ill children. Roseanne Hardin, administrator for Health and Welfare's Division of Family and Community Services, said the clinicians would be located across the state according to need.

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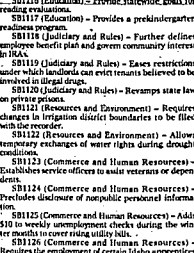
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- SR118 (Judiciary and Rules) — Further defines employee benefit plan and green community interest in IRA.
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He was released from Greenville Correctional Center in June at about 6:45 a.m. Monday and taken to Virginia Beach, where he had been assigned to live in an apartment building run by a support center for mentally disabled people, state officials said.

He has six months of parole to serve on an unrelated assault conviction.

A 1993 DNA test cast doubt on his guilt and prompted then-Gov.



Earl Washington Jr., belonging to two other men, and Republican Gov. Jim Gilmore pardoned Washington.

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Granddaughter is too close for comfort



DEAR ABBY
Alma Valburton

DEAR ABBY: How do you feel about a granddaughter who brings her fiance to dinner and then throughout the evening lies close to him on the sofa, caresses him, and can't keep her hands off him, apparently forgetting there are others present in the room?

Her parents seemed unconcerned, but I was shocked that they would display such behavior in front of so many people. I am sad that they showed her grandfather and me so little respect. Please respond.

-FLABBERGASTED IN VIRGINIA

DEAR FLABBERGASTED: Don't take it personally. I'm sure no disrespect was intended. People can't be expected to know what they haven't been told - and obviously your granddaughter hasn't been told that intimate displays of affection make other people uncomfortable.

If you invite the young lovers to dinner, speak up and tell your granddaughter that while you're pleased that she's head-over-heels in love, you would prefer she keep both feet on the floor while she's at your house.

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Virgo: You're given surprise luxury items

IF FEBRUARY 13TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are unorthodox, drawn to unusual subjects and people. You could have been separated from one or both parents while young. Taurus, Leo and Scorpio persons play major roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names. D. M. V. Accelerated social activity in March, delving into mantic arts in April, serious romantic involvement during May.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Within 24 hours sunshine will brighten your life. You get legal clearance, romance could "size." Leo, Aquarius persons play featured roles.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Emphasis on where you are going and why. Spotlight on cooperative efforts, local politics and marital status. Dinner tonight features seafood, Yum-yum!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Emphasis on humor, versatility and intellectual curiosity. Keep recent resolutions concerning exercise, diet and nutrition. Unique honor due tonight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be willing to dismantle in order to rebuild. This is your "makeover" day. People comment, "You look different, marvelous!" Scorpio represented.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be ready for variety of sensations. Nothing will be standing still.

HOROSCOPES
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Flirtation could get too-hot-to-handle. Protect self in emotional clutches.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Financial pressure relieved. You're given surprise luxury item. You could be sentimental enough to weep. Domestic adjustment featured, relates to marriage.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Cycle high, avoid self-deception. Family member confides secret. Maintain emotional equilibrium. No accusatory finger-pointing. Virgo represented.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emphasis on organization, authority and promotion. By tonight you receive good news relating to financial status. What was lost will be recovered.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Look beyond the immediate. Take charge of your own future. Powers of persuasion are heightened. You get what you ask for - be careful! Libra involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Journey requires more planning, preparation. Individual you relied-upon could be out of town. Romantic involvement more serious than expected. Leo featured.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Focus on direction, motivation and need for meditation. Employment picture featured along with general fitness. Someone takes advantage, say, "Enough!"

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Individual who "handles money" is featured. Focus on information previously secret, now revealed. Emphasize versatility, humor and intellectual curiosity.



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LETTERS

Don't judge others

There is an older saying, "Was you there, Charley?" I was. I'm 83 years in March. I have lived history, not read about it in books.

Born in Shoshone, raised in Los Angeles. Also spent the war years there. I have a sister that is and was completely "color-blind." She looked at the person, not the color of their skin. Her best friend was Sue, an American-Japanese girl.

Notice the American first. She and her family were Americans first. History books do not tell all the facts. First, when attacked, you defend yourself or selves. A few days after Pearl Harbor, Sue stood in my parents front room and said, "We don't know who are traitors, but there are traitors. Just as soon as the news came of the attack, there were young people (meaning American-Japanese) watching them (meaning older Japanese-Americans) all the time. We can't keep track of all of them all the time. They will have to move us out."

The Japanese-Americans were moved to various locations. Edna and Sue wrote letters. A lot more to that story. Sue's family are great folks and at present are better off financially than we are and, Sue, we never stopped loving you, although I have lost touch. Sue's picture never left the top of the piano until after my father died and mother had to sell it to move.

They, the Japanese-Americans, were as much casualties as were the people who died in Pearl Harbor. I have been to the "Arizona" and shrines in the Pacific Islands and cried, have had men tell me about loading the small cannons and their hands getting burned, and still loading. All of you history book readers pointing fingers, remember that you were not there; you don't know how hard we were hit and that you and yours still live in an English-speaking United States of America. Japan was not only good but damned good, but we still speak English and we did what we could to survive a man until you have walked a mile in his moccasins."

CLARA COX WOOD
Gooding

get dirty. It's like having to jump into a hog's wallow to find the solution to a problem - it's mighty stinky and not many will do it.

It's part of the battle for the heart and soul of America. Pornographers make millions selling their wares. During the Clinton years in the White House, our Justice department did next to nothing to prosecute illegal pornography, and it has flourished. The "cancer" has grown considerably, so again, hats off to

Utah Attorney General Mark Shurdeff.
DUANE LUCHSINGER
Twin Falls

We grieve over tragic death

About a week ago, I had the experience of reading in your paper about the death of Robert Couch and the jury's award to his family. I join with all of the citizens of Twin Falls in sorrow at his death and the family's ongoing

suffering.

He apparently died as the result of throat surgery due to sleep apnea. I also have sleep apnea, and while I am sure there are many kinds of this disease, I was anxious to tell your readers that many of these are not that tragic or dangerous.

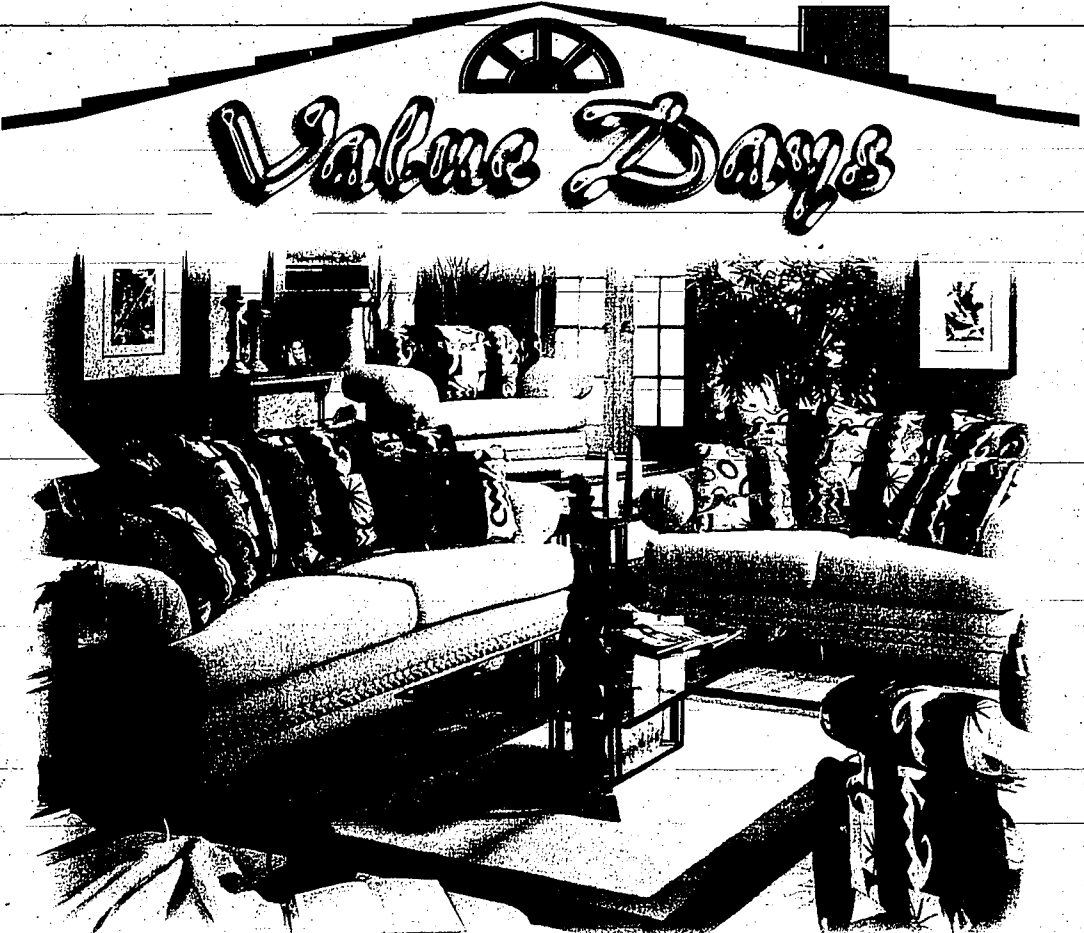
About three years ago, my wife told me that I was not breathing right at night and that at times I did not even breathe at all for long periods of time. She asked me to

see my doctor about it, which I did, and he referred me to the Idaho Diagnostic Sleep Lab, which evaluated me in one night at Medicare expense with a lot of wires and inserts.

They prescribed a mask, which I have worn every night since and which does nothing but push normal Idaho country air through my nostrils. I know there are others who have oxygen and perhaps other things put through their breathing processes. This helps me

to breathe normally at night without any hesitation, and during the day, I have more energy to encounter life's activities.

So for me, it has worked positively for three years and as far as I can see into the future. And it hasn't cost me a cent. It has all been paid through Medicare and my secondary insurance. I hope all apneatics have the same expert, once I have had.
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EDITORIAL

Nasty rumors travel fast in the Information Age

A person's reputation, once called into doubt, is never quite the same again. It doesn't matter if the allegations are later shown to be baseless. The damage is done - and it's hard to undo.

Calumny was bad enough in the days when rumors were whispered from ear to ear. But e-mail and the Internet have enabled whispering campaigns to reach hurricane strength in no time.

It happened here last week. A student at the College of Southern Idaho distributed a scurrilous e-mail message that linked a slew of prominent local people to a goulash of pornographic video production and - oh yes, a hearty helping of police complicity.

The writer, now a suspended CSI student, was apparently suffering from psychological problems. No criminal charges are likely to be filed, and it remains to be seen if any civil claims will be lodged. That's a pretty good outcome for the writer, who clearly has personal demons to battle. Incidents like this regularly occur in

towns, small and large, throughout America and the rest of the world. Most folks dismiss wild rumors once they are shown to be false. But some people don't let go - presumably on the assumption that where there's smoke, there's fire. The seed, having been planted, begins to take root.

The results can be devastating for their children and spouses to be ostracized. Their homes can be vandalized and their businesses can suffer.

Some people weather the storm, but others occasionally are forced to sell out and move elsewhere to start a new life.

There are lessons here: Don't believe everything you hear. And think twice before touching the "Forward" button on your e-mail menu.

The potential for character assassination is growing as e-mail and the Internet make the world a more interconnected place. Wild rumors can spread like wildfire. Everyone has a responsibility to stop them before innocent people get burned.

The Times-News

Stephen Hartgen, Publisher; Clark Walworth, Managing Editor; Mike Smith, Advertising Director; William Brock, Clark Walworth, Steve Crump, Kevin Richert and Dan Fields.

LETTERS

Prisoners suffered for real estate

To the editors of The Times-News: You continue to amaze me. You have the audacity to act as if you know how all our officials should conduct their business. From the local authorities to the governor and even the president, and yet you can't even pick a comic strip that is worth reading. You seem to think that if anything or anybody is ugly, it's funny. You preach fiscal responsibility and then fill the lower right-hand corner of the comic page with a bunch of crud and raise the price of your paper, which we must pay.

As far as your views on the Hunt camp, you obviously haven't the slightest idea why the Japanese people were sent there. In 1942, I worked in Oahu as a timekeeper for the M.K. Co. At the time, we were building the Barber's Point Naval Air Base. One of the crafts on my book was carpenters and more than half of these were Japanese. Why were they not put in concentration camps? The answer is obvious. At that time, they did not have any valuable real estate as those on the west coast did.

Before the last election, you had the gall to advise the voters in our district to vote for a Republican to keep a balance in our district as we already had one. Democrat representative who was sure to be re-elected. I saw nothing in your paper advising the people in Twin Falls to vote for Democrats to provide a balance there or, for that matter, the whole state of Idaho. How two-faced or stupid can you get?

One more thing: Have you ever checked your TV guide for accuracy? The Sunday night rodeo has been broadcast at 10 p.m. for the past two seasons, not at 7 as your TV guide shows. I sometimes watch the Golden Girls at 7, not at 4 p.m. or 9 p.m. as your guide shows. I cannot figure out the Nickelodeon schedule at all.

My advice to you is if you don't know what you're talking about, either find out or keep quiet. PALMER PETE SKAAR, Shoshone

Fans were unsportsmanlike

I'm a College of Southern Idaho basketball fan, and I am proud of how the team is playing. However, I was really distressed by the attitude of many fans at the Dixie game. Considering that Dixie is ranked No. 1 in the nation, playing in a very tough region against very tough competition, it well deserved that ranking. The fact that CSI played well against it and came out victorious after a slow start this season is something to be proud of.

But when a group of fans began taunting the Dixie team with shouts of "overrated, overrated" repeatedly, it was not only poor sportsmanship on our part but it put down the great job our team had done.

If the team that had previously beaten ours was overrated, what does that say about our team?

Both games, against Dixie and Snow, were exciting and fun to watch with some great plays on both sides. It would be nice if all the fans could show as much class as the basketball players.

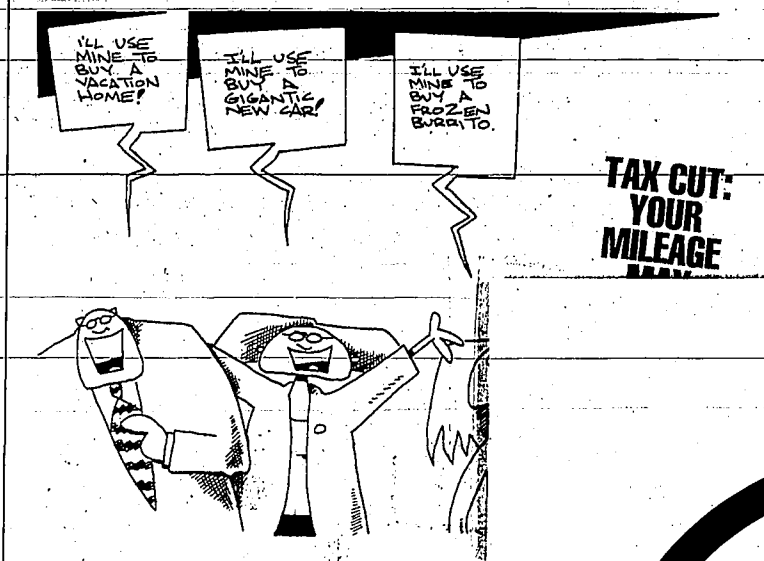
Incidentally, as I remember the editorial on the Hunt camp, it merely opposed the procedure used to honor the American-born Japanese interned there, not the honor. Unfortunately, improperly used presidential executive orders were responsible for both actions.

Had FDR gone through the Legislature, the unjust rounding up of American citizens might not have taken place or, if done "for their protection" as has been stated, their property rights might have been better protected.

I'm proud to have known some of the survivors of the internment camps and seen how well they did on their own merits after what they had to go through.

Had Clinton followed proper procedures, some of his land grabs probably would have failed, but I'm sure that our Legislature would have approved of the Hunt Memorial without any great controversy.

JOHN THIBERT, Twin Falls



Tax relief follows balance

According to a poll in the current issue of Newsweek, 67 percent of Americans favor President Bush's proposed \$1.6-trillion tax cut, but a nearly identical 65 percent say it is more important that the projected budget surpluses be used to reduce the national debt.

Politicians in Washington can choose to cite the poll findings as further proof that voters want to have their cake and eat it too. Or they can credit their constituents with common sense and fashion the tax cut in ways that assure continued progress in paying down the debt.

Bush claims to do both - but his proposal leaves the debt reduction largely to chance. His official \$4.6-trillion, 10-year cost does not include the additional billions that would be entailed in his suggestion that the cuts be made retroactive to Jan. 1, or the billions of additional interest that would have to be paid on the higher debt that would remain if revenues are reduced. By some calculations, the Bush plan would consume the entire projected non-Social Security surplus, thus slashing the promised debt reduction.

There is a better, safer, more prudent way. It is to give people a tax cut now, from the surpluses that are actually in the Treasury, but to trigger additional tax cuts over the coming decade only if agreed-upon debt reduction targets are met. It looks as if that "prudence policy" can prevail, if the politicians who support it don't lose their nerve or fall victim to partisan quarrels among themselves.

They find their rallying point in a section of Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's testimony to Congress last month. The headlines went to Greenspan's declaration that current surpluses are large enough to permit a significant tax cut - an important green



DAVID S. BRODER

light from a notably cautious guardian of fiscal integrity.

But Greenspan also said, "It is important that any long-term tax plan, or spending initiative for that matter, be phased in. Conceivably, (it) could include provisions that, in some way, would surplus-reducing actions if specified gets for the budget surplus and federal debt were not satisfied."

Picking up on that hint, three moderate Democratic senators, Evan Bayh of Indiana, Mary Landrieu of Louisiana and Dianne Feinstein of California, have Bush a letter saying that "in our view, such a 'trigger' mechanism offers a safe valve to protect against what many of us fear - a return to deficits should economic conditions - and budget estimates - change in the years ahead."

Were they the only signatories, it would be interesting but not significant. But two Republican senators, Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, also signed the letter. Independently, Sen. Olym Snowe of Maine and George Voinovich of Ohio, both Republicans, have urged the president and senior administrative officials to get behind the Greenspan idea for conditional, phased-in or triggered tax cuts in future years.

That means there is a potential majority in the 50-50 Senate for this proposal. The House outlook is less certain, but Democrats on that side of the Capitol showing some backbone - and a degree of cohesion - in their response to the

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Removal seemed justified

Perhaps those of us who lived on Dec. 7, 1941, take a different perspective of the removal of the Japanese from California following that attack, as indicated by the many letters condemning the action which removed the Japanese from the California coast.

At that time, there was great fear in America. The attack on Pearl Harbor was so successful and so horrible that we were not only stunned but believed it to be possible for them to invade America with the same precision and the same success that had shattered our defensive forces. It led us to believe that, as in Hawaii, such an attack could well be expected.

There was fear in America! Fear and panic existed. We were told that Japanese spies living on the islands near the approach of the Japanese planes guided and provided necessary information to allow the attack to succeed. This was considerable concern that spies existed in the Hawaiian Islands. This led us to believe there could well be spies along the coast of California. We could be attacked as well as Pearl Harbor.

With the removal of the Japanese from the California coast, there was less fear. After all, our government felt the need for their removal was necessary.

This may have been a serious mistake by our government, but determination to fight grew stronger, and when the atrocities of the Japanese soldiers were made evident, one wonders what the effect would have been on those Japanese-Americans living along the coast.

I suppose the removal of the Japanese was a mistake, but it removed fear and replaced it with determination to work for their defeat, and we did win. REX L. SUTHERLAND, Buhl

THIS IS IN response to Ms. Elmer's comment in regard to needing the local paper for the local news cast to report. I disagree with her as all we really need is 48 Hours to be aired right before the news cast.

Who needs a paper at all? GINA CARNEY, Twin Falls

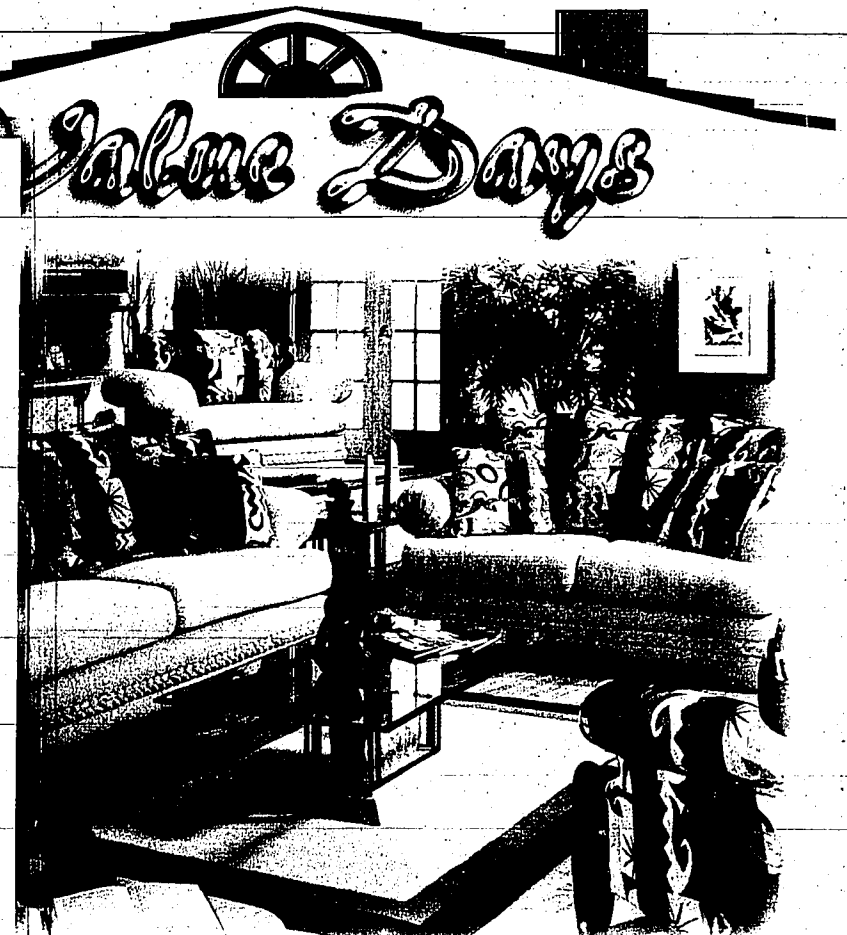
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LETTERS section containing several reader letters, including one from Duane Lucisinger about a tragic death and another from Bob Van Nest about a medical condition.



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Advertisement for Wilson-Bates SuperStore, listing examples of other 7 PC. room packages with prices ranging from \$799 to \$1299.

Wilson-Bates SuperStore advertisement listing various locations (Burley, Ketchum/Sun Valley, Gooding, Twin Falls, Ely, Nevada, Twin Falls) and services like Express Delivery and Store Financing.

Cartoon strip by Garry Trudeau titled 'Doonesbury', featuring characters like Yaphank and a discussion about a 'Yapcom'.

Cartoon strip by Bruce Tinsley titled 'Mallard Fillmore', featuring a character discussing sources close to the Reverend Jesse Jackson.

EDITORIAL

Nasty rumors travel fast in the Information Age

A person's reputation, once called into doubt, is never quite the same again. It doesn't matter if the allegations are later shown to be baseless. The damage is done - and it's hard to undo.

Calumny was bad enough in the days when rumors were whispered from ear to ear. But e-mail and the Internet have enabled whispering campaigns to reach hurricane strength in no time.

It happened here last week. A student at the College of Southern Idaho distributed a scurrilous e-mail message that linked a slew of prominent local people to a goulash of pornographic video production, sex with children, illicit drug use and - oh yes, a hearty helping of police complicity.

The writer, now a suspended CSI student, was apparently suffering from psychological problems. No criminal charges are likely to be filed, and it remains to be seen if any civil claims will be lodged. That's a pretty good outcome for the writer, who clearly has personal demons to battle. Incidents like this regularly occur in

towns, small and large, throughout America and the rest of the world. Most folks dismiss wild rumors once they are shown to be false. But some people don't let go - presumably on the assumption that where there's smoke, there's fire. The seed, having been planted, begins to take root.

The results can be devastating for the victims of rumors. It's not unusual for their children and spouses to be ostracized. Their homes can be vandalized and their businesses can suffer, but others occasionally are forced to sell out and move elsewhere to start a new life.

There are lessons here: Don't believe everything you hear. And think twice before touching the "Forward" button on your e-mail menu.

The potential for character assassination is growing as e-mail and the Internet make the world a more interconnected place. Wild rumors can spread like wildfire. Everyone has a responsibility to stop them before innocent people get burned.

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Tax relief follows balanced fiscal diet

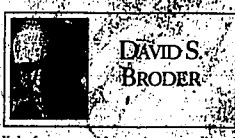
According to a poll in the current issue of *Newsweek*, 67 percent of Americans favor President Bush's proposed \$1.6 trillion tax cut, but a nearly identical 65 percent say it is more important that the projected budget surpluses be used to reduce the national debt.

Politicians in Washington can choose to cite the poll findings as further proof that voters want to have their cake and eat it too. Or they can credit their constituents with common sense and fashion the tax cut in ways that assure continued progress in paying down the debt.

Bush claims to do both - but his proposal leaves the debt reduction largely to chance. Its official \$1.6 trillion, 10-year cut does not include the \$300 billion that would be entailed in his suggestion that the cuts be made retroactively to Jan. 1, or the billions of additional interest that would have to be paid on the higher debt that would remain if revenues are reduced. By some calculations, the Bush plan would consume the entire projected non-Social Security surplus, thus slashing the promised debt reduction.

There is a better, safer, more prudent way. It is to give people a tax cut now, from the surpluses that are currently in the Treasury, but to trigger additional tax cuts over the coming decade only if agreed-upon debt reduction targets are met. It looks as if that "prudence policy" can prevail, if the politicians who support it don't lose their nerve or fall victim to partisan quarrels among themselves.

They find their rallying point in a section of Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's testimony to Congress last month. The headlines went to Greenspan's declaration that current surpluses are large enough to permit a significant tax cut - an important green



light from a notably cautious guardian of fiscal integrity.

But Greenspan also said, "It is important that any long-term tax plan, or spending initiative for that matter, be phased in. Conceivably, (it) could include provisions that, in some way, would limit surplus-reducing actions if specified targets for the budget surplus and federal debt were not satisfied."

Picking up on that hint, three moderate Democratic senators, Evan Bayh of Indiana, Mary Landrieu of Rhode Island, and Dianne Feinstein of California, sent Bush a letter saying that "in our view, such a trigger mechanism offers a safety valve to protect against what many senators fear: a return to deficits should economic conditions - and budget estimates - change in the years ahead."

Were they the only signatories, it would be interesting but not significant. But two Republican senators, Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, also signed on to the letter. Independently, Sens. Olympia Snowe of Maine and George Voinovich of Ohio, both Republicans, have urged the president and senior administration officials to get behind the Greenspan idea for conditional, phased-in or triggered tax cuts in future years.

That means there is a potential majority in the 50-50 Senate for this proposal. The House outlook is less certain, but Democrats on that side of the Capital are showing some backbone - and a degree of cohesion - in their response to the Bush proposal.

Minority Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri told me he was surprised - and heartened - by the embrace members of his caucus gave to former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin's late-January speech at the House Democratic retreat, where Rubin warned of the risks the Bush proposal raised to the hard-won fiscal discipline of the last eight years. Rather than telling Rubin how tough it would be politically to oppose the Bush plan, Gephardt said, members urged him to go public with his message and help rally voter opposition.

Within the Democratic caucus, both liberals and conservatives are finding reason to question Bush's plan. Conservative "Blue Dogs" are fearful it will endanger the balanced budgets for which they fought so long and hard. The "Progressive Caucus," made up of about five dozen liberals, is pushing a proposal that would declare an annual "dividend" of \$300 for every man, woman and child, but only as long as surplus targets are met and debt-reduction continues.

Other "rebate" plans are also circulating, with almost all of them providing proportionally greater relief to working-class families than the Bush plan, which is estimated to give almost 40 percent of the dollar benefits to the top 1 percent of taxpayers. Some Democrats are arguing for structuring tax relief in the form of credits against Social Security FICA taxes, a heavier burden for most working families than their income tax bills.

The debate is just beginning, but the good news is that, unlike 1991 - when congressional Democrats swooned over Ronald Reagan's tax cuts - the skeptics have not been silenced and are making their arguments heard.

David S. Broder is a *Newsweek* columnist.

LETTERS

Prisoners suffered in real estate

To the editors of *The Times-News*:
You continue to amaze us. You have the audacity to act as if you know how all our officials should conduct their business, from the local authorities to the governor and even the president, and yet you can't even pick a comic strip that is worth reading. You seem to think that if anything or anybody is ugly, it's funny. You practice fiscal responsibility and then fill the lower right-hand corner of the comic page with a bunch of crud and raise the price of your paper, which we must pay.

As far as your views on the Hunt camp, you obviously haven't the slightest idea why the Japanese people were sent there. In 1942, I worked in Oahu as a timekeeper for the M.K. Co. At the time, we were building the Barber's Point Naval Air Base. One of the crafts on my book was carpenters and more than half of these were Japanese. Why were they not put in concentration camps? The answer is obvious. At that time, they did not have any valuable real estate as those on the west coast did.

Before the last election, you had the gall to advise the voters in our district to vote for a Republican to keep a balance in our district as we already had one Democrat representative who was sure to be re-elected. I sent nothing in your paper advising the people in Twin Falls to vote for Democrats to provide a balance there or, for that matter, the whole state of Idaho. How two-faced or stupid can you get?

One more thing: Have you ever checked your TV guide for accuracy? The Sunday night rodeo has been broadcast at 10 p.m. for the past two seasons, not at 7 as your TV guide shows. I sometimes watch the Golden Girls at 7 p.m. at 4 p.m. or 9 p.m. as your guide shows. I cannot figure out the Nickelodeon schedule at all.

My advice to you is if you don't know what you're talking about, either find out or keep quiet.

PALMER PETE SKAAR
Shoshone

Fans were unsportsmanlike

I'm a College of Southern Idaho basketball fan, and I am proud of how the team's doing. However, I was really distressed by the attitude of many fans at the Dixie game. Considering that Dixie is ranked No. 1 in the nation, playing in a very tough region against very tough competition, it well deserved that ranking. The fact that CSI played well against it and came out victorious after a slow start, this season is something to be proud of.

But when this group of fans began taunting the Dixie team with shouts of "overrated, overrated" repeatedly, it was not only poor sportsmanship on our part but it put down the great job our team had done.

If the team that had previously beaten ours was overrated, what does that say about our team?

Both games, against Dixie and Snow, were exciting and fun to watch with some great plays on both sides. It would be nice if all the fans could show as much class as the basketball players.

Incidentally, as I remember the editorial on the Hunt camp, it merely opposed the procedure used to honor the American-born Japanese interned there, not the honor. Unfortunately, improperly used presidential executive orders were responsible for both actions.

The FDR gone through the Legislature, the unjust rounding up of American citizens might not have taken place or, if done "for their protection" as has been stated, their property rights might have been better protected.

I'm proud to have known some of the survivors of the internment camps and seen how well they did on their own merits after what they had to go through.

Had Clinton followed proper procedure, some of his land grabs probably would have failed, but I'm sure that our Legislature would have approved the Hunt Memorial without any great controversy.

JOHN THIEBERT
Twin Falls

LETTERS

Removal seemed justified

Perhaps those of us who lived on Dec. 7, 1941, take a different perspective of the removal of the Japanese from California following that attack, as indicated by the many letters condemning the action which removed the Japanese from the California coast.

At that time, there was great fear in America. The attack on Pearl Harbor was so successful and so horrible that we were not only stunned but believed it to be possible for them to invade America with the same precision and the same success that had shattered our defensive forces. It led us to believe that, as in Hawaii, such an attack could well be expected.

There was fear in America. Fear and panic existed. We were told that Japanese spies living on the islands near the approach of the Japanese planes: guided and provided necessary information to allow the attack to succeed. There was considerable concern that spies existed in the Hawaiian Islands. This led us to believe there could well be spies along the coast of California. We could be attacked as well as Pearl Harbor.

With the removal of the Japanese from the California coast, there was less fear. After all, our government felt the need for their removal was necessary.

This may have been a serious mistake by our government, but determination to fight grew stronger, and when the atrocities of the Japanese soldiers were made evident, one wonders what the effect would have been on those Japanese-Americans living along the coast.

I suppose the removal of the Japanese was a mistake, but it removed fear and replaced it with determination to work for their defeat, and we did win.

REX L. SUTHERLAND
Buhl

Alr 48 Hours before local news

This is in response to Ms. Elmer's comment in regard to needing the local paper for the local news cast to report.

I disagree with her as all we really need is 48 Hours to be aired right before the news cast.

Who needs a paper at all
GINA CARNY
Twin Falls

Write to us

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Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau Mallard-Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley



LETTERS

Don't judge others

There is an older saying, "Was you there, Charley?" I was. I'm 83 years in March. I have lived history, not read about it in books. Born in Shoshone, raised in Los Angeles. Also spent the war years there.

I have a sister that is and was completely "color blind." She looked at the person, not the color of their skin. Her best friend was Sue, an American-Japanese girl. Notice the American first. She and her family were Americans first.

History books do not tell all the facts. First, when attacked, you defend yourself or selves. A few days after Pearl Harbor, Sue stood in my parents front room and said, "We don't know who are traitors, but there are traitors. Just as soon as the news came of the attack, all these young people (meaning American-Japanese) watching them (meaning older Japanese-Americans) all the time. We can't keep track of all of them all the time. They will have to move us out."

The Japanese-Americans were moved to various locations. Edna and Sue wrote letters. A lot more to that story. Sue's family are great folks and at present are better off financially than we are and, Sue, we never stopped loving you, although I have lost touch. Sue's picture never left the top of the piano until after my father died and mother had to sell and move.

They, the Japanese-Americans, were as much casualties as were the people who died in Pearl Harbor. I have been to the "Arizona" and shrines in the Pacific Islands and cried, have had men tell me about loading the small cannons and their hands getting burned, and still leading. All of you history book readers pointing fingers, remember that you were not there; you don't know how hard we were hit and that you and yours still live in an English-speaking United States of America. Japan was not only good but damned good, but we still speak English and we did what we could to survive.

"Don't judge a man until you have walked a mile in his moccasins."

CLARA COX WOOD
Gooding

get dirty. It's like having to jump into a hog's wallow to find the solution to a problem—it's mighty stinky and not many will do it. It's part of the battle for the heart and soul of America. Pornographers make millions selling their wares. During the Clinton years in the White House, our justice department did next to nothing to prosecute illegal pornography, and it has flourished. The "cancer" has grown considerably, so again, hats off to

Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff.
DUANE LUCHSINGER
Twin Falls

We grieve over tragic death

About a week ago, I had the experience of reading in your paper about the death of Robert Couch and the jury's award to his family. I join with all of the citizens of Twin Falls in sorrow at his death and the family's ongoing

suffering. He apparently died as the result of throat surgery due to sleep apnea. I also have sleep apnea, and while I am sure there are many kinds of this disease, I was anxious to tell your readers that many of these are not that tragic or dangerous.

About three years ago, my wife told me that I was not breathing right at night and that at times I did not even breathe at all for long periods of time. She asked me to

see my doctor about it, which I did, and he referred me to the Idaho Diagnostic Sleep Lab, which evaluated me in one night at Medicare expense with a lot of wires and inserts.

They prescribed a mask, which I have worn every night since and which does nothing but push normal Idaho country air through my nostrils. I know there are others who have oxygen and perhaps other things put through their breathing processes. This helps me

to breathe normally at night without any hesitation, and during the day, I have more energy to encounter life's activities.

So for me, it has worked positively for three years and as far as I can see into the future. And it hasn't cost me a cent. It has all been paid through Medicare and my secondary insurance. I hope all apneatics have the same experience I have had.
BOB VAN NEST
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Findings lay groundwork for decades of research

WASHINGTON (AP) — Now that scientists have published their first examinations of nearly all the human genetic code — the genome — the job of figuring it out and reaping benefits is just beginning.

Imagine trying to figure out how a large corporation works by scrutinizing its telephone directory. You've got lots of names and locations. But what does each of these people do? How do they work together to get

things done? If something goes wrong, what employees or teams are at fault?

That's one way to look at how decades of research will proceed from the new data.

Both teams that largely decoded the genome say their results have already helped others find dozens of disease-promoting genes. That's a step toward understanding the biological roots of disease, which could

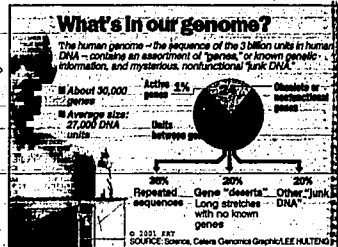
some day pay off in better treatments.

But that's just one payoff; scientists are hoping for from the genome work.

Researchers also want to find ways to use a patient's particular genetic makeup to choose therapies that will work best and with fewest side effects, for example. Better understanding of human biology should also help scientists evaluate environmental hazards as well, researchers say.

hope to learn more about evolution, ancient migrations of human populations and puzzles about the genome's own history and structure.

"We have peered for the first time at the ancient text," said Eric Lander, director of the Whitehead Institute Center for Genome Research in Cambridge, Mass., and a co-author of one of the new analyses. "We find a few answers and dozens of new mysteries."



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Court denies Unabomber's trial bid

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court denied Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski's bid for a trial Monday, saying his request was made in bad faith and he was not coerced into pleading guilty to three fatal mail bombings.

1998 to a nearly 20-year bombing spree that killed three people and injured 23. Kaczynski, dubbed the Unabomber, led authorities on the nation's longest and costliest manhunt.

for Kaczynski but accepted a life sentence after a court-ordered psychiatric examination, concluded he was a paranoid schizophrenic.

Police investigate longtime journalist in connection with his wife's death

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Police are investigating a retired eastern Idaho journalist in connection with the knife slaying of his 73-year-old wife.

said investigators found Powell and the body of his wife, Aletha Lee Powell, on Sunday afternoon inside their retirement home apartment. Deputies had responded to a 911 call phoned in by Powell, who said he had killed his wife and was going to end his life after hanging up, Casperson said.

notes from Powell indicating the couple was having financial difficulties. Investigators also found obituaries that Powell had written about himself and his wife. A 1987 copy of the Post-Register, an Idaho Falls newspaper, with the headline "Newsmen Powell to sign off," accompanied the notes.

OBITUARIES

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OAKLEY



Almy L. Fehlman

Almy Leon Fehlman, 88-year-old Oakley resident, passed away Sunday, Feb. 11, 2001, at the Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

He was born Aug. 18, 2001, in Providence, Utah, the son of Gustave and Josephine Fehlman. He married Twila Orman on July 20, 1934, in the Logan LDS Temple, Logan, Utah.

Survivors include three sons, Grant A. Fehlman of Malta, Robert (Dorann) Fehlman and Michael (Robyn) Fehlman, all of Oakley; two daughters, Renae (J. Allen "Duff") Woodhouse of Oakley and Cheryl (Gary) Morrill of Twin Falls; 19 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; two brothers, LaMont (Yvonne) Fehlman of Fort Angeles, Wash., and Jesse (Marie) Fehlman of Sahnas, Calif.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2001, at the Oakley LDS Stake Center with Bishop Nolan Crichfield officiating. Burial will follow in the Oakley Cemetery.

Barbara Maxine (Stephens) Williams, age 64, of Buhl passed away on Feb. 11, 2001, in her home with her family in attendance.

McCORD of Kimberly, Idaho, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Leo Stephens.

A memorial service will be conducted at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, 2001, at West End Cemetery in Buhl.

For those who desire, contributions may be made to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Hospice. Former Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements.

HAZELTON



Richard Eugene Hawkins

Richard Eugene Hawkins, 53, of Hazelton, Idaho, where they raised their four children.

Richard was born April 23, 1947, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Edwin and Clara (Lyons) Hawkins. He grew up in Jerome, attending Boy Scouts, FFA, track, football, and graduated from Valley High School in 1966.

He is survived by his wife Vicki Hawkins of Hazelton; three sons, John Randy (Melissa), and Dusty (Angie); his daughter JoDee and three grandchildren, Tyson, Tanner, and Riley.

The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, 2001 at Trinity Lutheran Church south of Eden, Idaho with Pastor Jeffrey Potter officiating.

CENTRAL, UTAH

Coy L. Miller

Coy L. Miller, 68, of Central, Utah, died Feb. 6, 2001, at his home in Kimberly, Idaho after a struggle with an extended illness.

Wyo. His work on the forest extended from the Bridger-Teton, Targhee National Forest, Humboldt National Forest, and the Sawtooth National Forest. He then transferred to the Bureau of Land Management in Shoshone, Idaho.

He is survived by children, Vickie Lynn Lyons and Janet Kay Copeland (Mike) and son Gary L. Miller; brothers, Donald Miller and David Miller; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will take place at St. Edwards Chapel at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 16, 2001.

HANSEN



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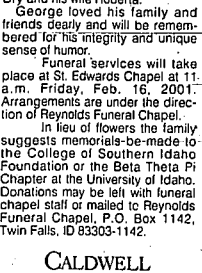
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About \$300 raised from the Missoula production helped purchase a karaoke machine, which will be used to help teach music numbers for the upcoming jazz event.

"I'm having a blast and I hope we can get a lot of people involved," Twitchell said.

QUILTING ARTISTRY



The Kimberly Library again hosted a quilt show during January. Lois Lyle of Kimberly made this quilt where she embroidered the likeness of all of the nation's state birds. She has been quilting for 12 years and makes mostly baby quilts. Lyle also entered an antique quilt that is about 70 years old. "My grandfather sold suits during the depression while living in Iowa and my mother used the suit samples to make quilts," she said.

Turkish student feels at home in Bliss

By Dare Jensen
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BLISS - Gaziantep, Turkey in the southeast part of the country and the sixth largest city in the country with 4 million people has loaned Kanan Kuttug to the Bliss School as a foreign exchange student for the 2000-2001 school year.

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"The teachers at Bliss High School and the friends I've made here have helped to make me feel welcome," Kuttug commented.

"Kaan is a very good student and a friendly person," said Rob Sauer, Bliss high school principal. "We are very happy to have him with us."

Kuttug, 18, is staying with the John Burk family while in Bliss. He has graduated from his school back home and plans to return to Turkey to start college and pursue a degree in elec-

trical engineering. In his native country, he attended a large coed school with more than 700 students of all grades.

Participation in sports has helped him make the transition to school in America.

"I played on the soccer team and I am now playing basketball," he said. "Schools in Turkey are more formal. I prefer the freedom the Bliss students enjoy. Students here develop a better relationship with their teachers."

"School subjects are not difficult and math is too easy. In Turkey, math is studied in more detail. Here, we are just covering the basics," he added.

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Richfield, Shoshone or Dietrich residents who would like to be involved in a Lincoln County-wide music production are needed to help with art work, building props, lighting, sound, singing, acting or phases of production. Call Phyllis Twitchell at Richfield School at 487-2790.

Medical Center of Jerome provided a grant to bring Missoula Children's Theater to the area last year. A van was purchased with part of the grant money to provide transportation for students who wanted to participate in the theater company.

After the success of that production, HealthNet and community members decided another music production would be worthwhile.

"Twitchell had been involved in Missoula Children's Theater as well as other drama and music events in the past. She was chosen to direct the Lincoln County Stage Company. The goal is for us to move on to another project and keep hers (project) going," Bobrowski said. "Children will be surveyed again in the spring to see where we can go from here."

About \$300 raised from the Missoula production helped purchase a karaoke machine, which will be used to help teach music numbers for the upcoming jazz event.

"I'm having a blast and I hope we can get a lot of people involved," Twitchell said.

Turkish student feels at home in Bliss

By Dare Jensen
Times-News correspondent

BLISS - Gaziantep, Turkey in the southeast part of the country and the sixth largest city in the country with 4 million people has loaned Kanan Kuttug to the Bliss School as a foreign exchange student for the 2000-2001 school year.

Back home, he lives in an apartment and has three or four shopping malls within driving distance of 2 miles. It's quite a change from the small town of Bliss, but the student said he feels at home.

"The teachers at Bliss High School and the friends I've made here have helped to make me feel welcome," Kuttug commented.

"Kaan is a very good student and a friendly person," said Rob Sauer, Bliss high school principal. "We are very happy to have him with us."

Kuttug, 18, is staying with the John Burk family while in Bliss.

He has graduated from his school back home and plans to return to Turkey to start college and pursue a degree in elec-

trical engineering. In his native country, he attended a large coed school with more than 700 students of all grades.

Participation in sports has helped him make the transition to school in America. "I played on the soccer team and I am now playing basketball," he said. "Schools in Turkey are more formal. I prefer the freedom the Bliss students enjoy. Students here develop a better relationship with their teachers."

"School subjects are not difficult and math is too easy. In Turkey, math is studied in more detail. Here, we are just covering the basics," he added.

English is required of all students in Turkish schools. Kuttug has studied English for seven years.

He does have a problem with American food. As a Moslem, he doesn't eat pork.

Kanan Kuttug, an exchange student from Turkey, says he had trouble getting used to life in America, but now he feels at home in Bliss.



DARE JENSEN/The Times-News

QUILTING ARTISTRY



The Kimberly Library again hosted a quilt show during January. Lois Lyle of Kimberly made this quilt where she embroidered the likeness of all of the nation's state birds. She has been quilting for 12 years and makes mostly baby quilts. Lyle also entered an antique quilt that is about 70 years old. "My grandfather sold suits during the depression while living in Iowa and my grandmother and my mother used the suit samples to make quilts," she said.

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO OPTIMISTS



Left, Twin Falls Optimist Secretary/treasurer Chris Witten accepts a \$500 check from Steve Olson from Magic Valley Builders Association. Right, Chris Witten accepts a check from Eldon Evans for the Coats for Kids project.

MILLENNIUM GIFT

The Junior Club of Twin Falls presents proceeds from its Millennium Sculpture Gala Oct. 21 to the Magic Valley Arts Council. The event raised \$1,400 for the Millennium sculpture project in downtown Twin Falls. Present were, from left, sculpture artist Ted Clauson, Anna Scholes from Junior Club, Rhonda Schaff and Donna Yule from the arts council. About \$8,000 is still needed. Donations of \$100 or more will be recognized on a plaque. To donate, call the arts council at 734-ARTS.



Photo courtesy of Junior Club

Hansen Community Library adds new books

HANSEN - The Hansen Community Library announced recent additions.

Fiction: "Bad Chemistry" by Gary Krist, "Temptation by Jude Deveraux, "24 Hours" by Greg Iles, "Hit List" by Lawrence Sanders, "Abduction" by Robin Cook, "Fortune's Rocks" by Anita Shreve, "Boone's Lick" by Larry McMurtry, "Disobedience" and "The Short History of a Prince" by Jane Hamilton, "The First Counsel" by Brad Meltzer, "Daughter of the Forest" by Juliet Marillier, "The Tin Collectors" by Stephen J. Cannell, "Combat" by Stephen Coonts, "The Runaway" by Terry Kuntz, "Protect and Defend" by Richard North Patterson, "The Legacy" by Stephen Frey, "Dr. Death" by Jonathan Kellerman,

"When the Wind Blows" by Zachary Ash Fox, "Suspicion of Deceit" by Barbara Parker, "Open House" by Elizabeth Berg, "Code to Zero" by Ken Follet and "Roses are Red" by James Patterson.

Non-fiction: National Geographic "Atlas of Natural America," "J. R. Simplot - A Billion the Hard Way" by Lou Attebery, "Ireland" by Nick Constable and Karen Farrington, "The Holocaust Chronicle," "Better Homes & Gardens "Fresh and Simple Pasta Pronto," "Haley's Hints" by Graham Haley, "Nature's Medicine: Plants that Heal" by Joel Swerdlow, plus new computer books on Microsoft Word 2000 and Powerpoint 2000 and "Internet for Dummies."

Christian fiction: "The Stamp of Glory," "Sisters" by Tim Stafford, "City of Angels" by Tracie Peterson, "A Whisper of Danger" by Catherine Palmer, "Glory" by Lori Copeland, "The List" by Robert Whitlow, "The Rose Legacy" by Kristen Heitzman, "Be Not Afraid" by Robert L. Wise, "The Guest and the Invitation" by Nancy Moser, "Thunder Voice" and "Sun Dance" by Sigmund Brouner, "When Stars Begin to Fall" by Denise Williamson, "Hidden in Time" by Michael Phillips and "Valley of the Shadow" by Stephanie Grace Whitson.

Science fiction and fantasy books have been donated. Authors include Melanie Rawm, Marion Zimmer Bradley, Orson Scott Card and Robin Hobb.

Read Comunidad on Thursdays News for and about Latinos

at 366-2614.

Local BPA chapter celebrates BPA week

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Chapter of Business Professionals of America students will be organizing promotional, social and other activities in celebration of Business Professionals of America Week from Feb. 11-17. During the week, the Twin Falls Chapter will have a baked food sale to benefit the Idaho Children's Fund. It will be sending out valentines to former BPA members and having a pizza party with the College of Southern Idaho Chapter of BPA. There will also be an earthquake presentation for second graders at Sawtooth Elementary and a valentine party for second graders at Harrison Elementary. They will be also doing presentations to O'Leary and Stuart junior high schools at BPA. Business Professionals of America Week is celebrated in conjunction with National Career/Technical Education Week. Business Professionals of America is a national student organization for students preparing for careers in the business world. The Twin Falls BPA Chapter will hold the various

activities to make the Twin Falls community aware of its purposes and goals.

Twin Falls PTSO talks about senior party

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School PTSO will meet at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday in room G6 at the Twin Falls High School. Discussion will include the senior alcohol-free all-night party. Parents are encouraged to attend. For more information, call the school at 733-5455.

Hospice Assistance puts on local variety show

TWIN FALLS - First Choice Hospice Assistance will sponsor a local variety show to help provide financial assistance to those with a terminal illness. The show will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 24 in the Roper Auditorium in Twin Falls. Performers will include Ernie Sites; Bob Nora Band; Peggy Watland, Debra Hancock from Seattle, Mauldin School of Dance group, Dorothy Geist as Shirley Temple, The Hunt Brothers and Rockwell. The show will be hosted by Lynn Ra-mussen and Bob Nora.

American Mothers discusses need for mentors

TWIN FALLS - The American Mothers will hold a luncheon at noon Thursday at the home of Winona Watson at 254 Lois St. in Twin Falls. Kristina Tavia, prevention coordinator at the Twin Falls County Juvenile Probation office, will be the speaker. She will discuss the need for mentors for young mothers in the juvenile program.

DAV Auxiliary holds dance this Friday at hall

TWIN FALLS - The Disabled American Veteran's Auxiliary will hold a dance at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the DAV Hall at 459 Shop Ave. in Twin Falls. Archie Turner will provide the music.

Glenns Ferry Pilot Booster Club organizes at meeting

GLENN'S FERRY - The Glenns Ferry Pilot Booster Club will hold an organization meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at The Winery in Glenns Ferry. Anyone interested in promoting school activities is invited. For more information, call Mark Martell or Lucinda Walker

SENIOR CALENDAR

Filer Senior Haven 222 Main St., Filer Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time. Tuesday: Sliced turkey, gravy Thursday: Pork chop, cream gravy	Friday Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Lunch bingo Monday Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Foot clinic	Exercises from 7-8 a.m. Treasure Tuesday Tax assistance Board meeting at 1 p.m. Crafts from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Thursday Exercises from 7-8 p.m. Dr. Cleverly at 11:50 a.m. Bingo from 1-3 p.m. Evening meal at 5:30 p.m., smorgasbord Cards at 6 p.m. Friday Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Saturday Community breakfast from 8-10 a.m., \$2.50 per person Sunday Buffet at 1 p.m., roast pork Monday Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Evening meal at 5:30 p.m. Smorgasbord Cards at 6 p.m.
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: Taco salad Wednesday: Turkey, potatoes, gravy, broccoli, cranberry Jell-O, rolls, pie Thursday: Meat loaf or liver, potatoes, gravy, winter mix vegetables, beet salad, bread, fruit bar Friday: Fish or chicken, au gratin potatoes, carrots, cole slaw, corn, dressing Monday: Swedish meat balls with rice, peas and carrots, fruit salad, bread, brownies 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 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tax assistance, make appointment Exercise class Wednesday Valentine dinner with BJ and Band Jackpot trip at 3 p.m. Elks cards Thursday Pinchle at 1 p.m. Hearing aid clinic	West End Senior Citizens Inc. 1010 Main St., Buhl. Members 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. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome. Tuesday: Pork ribs, sauerkraut, creamed potatoes, Jell-O salad, rolls, dessert Wednesday: French dip sandwich, potato rounds, peas, carrot and raisin bread, dessert Thursday: Swedish meat balls, potatoes, gravy; vegetable, Waldorf salad, dessert Friday: Fish and fries, salad, corn bread, dessert Sunday: Roast pork buffet Monday: Hamburgers, tomatoes, onions, cheese, potato salad, dessert Activities Thrift shop open every day. Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Roseland Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$3. Tuesday	Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesday: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, c-fetti cabbage, biscuits, green beans, chocolate pudding, coffee, milk Friday: Salad bar, rolls, cake, iced cream, coffee, milk Monday: Macaroni and cheese, frank's, spinach, fruit salad, bread and butter, pears, cookie, coffee, milk Activities Tuesday Bingo at 7 p.m. Thursday Crafts at 1 p.m. Friday Birthday dinner at noon with BJ and friends Pinchle at 1 p.m.

Students qualify for BPA state contest

GOODING - A number of Magic Valley students qualified for state Business Professional of America competition after winning Jan. 15 in Region 6 contests in Gooding. Schools from Shoshone, Gooding, Glenns Ferry, Bliss, Hagerman, Buhl, Castelford, Twin Falls, Kimberly and Jerome were represented. The Gooding and Shoshone BPA chapter hosted the event. Several students qualified for state competition in Boise March 8-10. They are:
International business
1. (state qualified) Jana Larson, Buhl
2. (state qualified) Jennifer Bellamy, Gooding
1. (state qualified) Blake Luker, Hagerman
2. (state qualified) Michelle McKay, Jerome
5. Katherine Berni, Glenns Ferry
6. Debra, Hagerman
7. Brian Black, Kimberly
8. April Davis, Hagerman
9. Kristi Hendler, Jeron, Glenns Ferry
10. Corinne Smith, Hagerman
Management concepts
1. (state qualified) Sara Flew, Kimberly
2. (state qualified) Ryan Florke, Kimberly
3. (state qualified) Ryan Ferrera, Gooding
4. Michele McKay, Jerome
5. Krista Yawer, Kimberly
6. Nichole, Buhl
7. Brett Baldwin, Kimberly
Entrepreneurship
1. (state qualified) Matthew Homan
Small business management
1. (state qualified) Jerome
2. Shoshone
4. Hagerman
5. Kimberly
Computer aided graphics
1. (state qualified) Larin Christian, Jerome
2. (state qualified) Kevin Gooding

3. Arnel Aguilar, Gooding
4. Ashley Spencer, Jerome
5. Job Traubler, Hagerman
6. Tim Silver, Hagerman
7. Brian Brown, Hagerman
8. Jose Carlos, Hagerman
Application/interview A
1. (state qualified) Keesha Olander, Twin Falls
2. (state qualified) Tara Bolton, Twin Falls
3. Kelsey Olander, Twin Falls
4. Amber Thurston, Twin Falls
5. (state qualified) Twin Falls
6. Megan Annis, Twin Falls
7. Alison Russell, Twin Falls
8. Christine Brown, Filer
9. Steve Holysky, Jerome
10. Kelly Hagerman
Application/interview B
1. (state qualified) Keil Nelson, Hagerman
2. (state qualified) Angie Jensen, Filer
3. Nycei Messaros, Filer
4. (state qualified) Emma Kanaziere, Twin Falls
5. Krista Pendleton, Shoshone
6. Angela Patrick, Kimberly
7. Kelley Olander, Twin Falls
8. David and Glenn, Glenns Ferry
9. Dustin Henington, Bliss
10. Glenn, Bliss
11. (state qualified) Twin Falls
12. Teri Sherman, Shoshone
13. Gabby Gallardo, Bliss
14. (state qualified) Ryan Ferrera, Gooding
15. Verbal Com Exam, 1
1. (state qualified) Luke Lindley, Kimberly
2. (state qualified) Angie Jensen, Filer
3. Samantha German, Gooding
4. Russell Schermere, Camas
5. Martin Savo, Twin Falls
6. Christina Brown, Filer
7. Cecil Swenson, Gooding
8. Alecia Stamm, Twin Falls
9. Danielle Morrison, Glenns Ferry
10. Verbal Com Prepared 1
1. (state qualified) Alysson Swan, Twin Falls
2. (state qualified) Stephanie Hansen, Twin Falls

3. Steven Holysky, Jerome
4. Clay Ritter, Shoshone
5. Greg Weidman, Gooding
6. Verbal Com Prepared 1
1. (state qualified) Emilia Kasaneva, Twin Falls
2. (state qualified) Jill Wiseman, Castelford
3. Presentation management
4. (state qualified) Shoshone
5. Hagerman
6. Gooding
7. Parliamentary procedure Team
8. (state qualified) Gooding
9. Bliss
10. Castelford
11. Hagerman
12. Glenns Ferry
13. Business knowledge skills-general test
1. Luke Lindley, Kimberly
2. Leah Capps, Jerome
3. Stan Moore, Filer
4. Karisa Malier, Kimberly
5. Russell Schermere, Camas
6. Marie Gibson, Jerome
7. Audrey White, Jerome
8. Curt Lindley, Kimberly
9. Kristin Prescott, Hagerman
10. Levi Lomson, Hagerman
11. Business law-general test
1. Stan Moore, Kimberly
2. Stan Moore, Filer
3. Jennifer Jensen, Shoshone
4. Clay Ritter, Shoshone
5. Luke Lindley, Kimberly
6. Crystal Swenson, Castelford
7. Laurie Ann Wiersma, Castelford
8. Crystal Bond, Kimberly
9. Kristin Prescott, Hagerman
10. Darrelyn Bourthel, Castelford
11. Parliamentary procedure-general test
1. Samantha German, Gooding
2. Ryan Perrisa, Gooding
3. Martin Savo, Filer
4. Ashley Glauner, Hagerman
5. Michele Berni, Glenns Ferry
6. Gwendolyn Kelly, Gooding
7. Tina Massey, Castelford
8. Troy Andrus, Hagerman

U.N. envoy sees plight of Afghan refugees

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - A U.N. envoy began a mission in the region Monday to survey the plight of hundreds of thousands of Afghans living in wretched conditions in camps in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Undersecretary-General Kenzo Oshima met Pakistan's Foreign Minister Abdul Sattar, who asked for additional help to feed, clothe and house more than 170,000 Afghans who have arrived in the last five months, driven from their homes by war and the worst drought in 30 years.

Oshima heads to the Afghan capital Kabul on Tuesday before visiting refugee camps in western Afghanistan where some 80,000 people who have fled the effects of a crushing drought are living in squalor in U.N. camps. The envoy returns home Friday.

Hundreds of refugees in the camps have died of cold and hunger, and tuberculosis is spreading among the children.

West In brief

Iranian president issues warning to hard-liners

TEHRAN, Iran - In one of his strongest attacks against hard-liners, President Mohammad Khatami warned Monday of a social crisis if Iran's ruling clerics keep misusing their power to stand in the way of democratic reforms.

Khatami's comments reflected an ongoing power struggle with conservatives who have used the judiciary and the military to curb his plans to ease social and political restrictions in Iran.

There are those ... who accept no change," Khatami said at an Interior Ministry conference, according to the official Islamic Republic News Agency. "Their God is their narrow and dark con-

cepts that fight all the people's demands in the name of religion." After losing control of the Majlis, or parliament, last February, the hard-liners have been trying to reassert their power, closing down reformist publications and jailing prominent reformists and journalists in a bid to silence them.

Georgia tourist dies during robbery attempt in Mexico

MEXICO CITY - A Georgia woman visiting her husband was shot and killed during a weekend robbery in Mexico, authorities said.

Helen Darnell, 63, of Decatur, was approached Saturday by two people as she and her husband, Charles, got into a car in San Angel, a popular tourist neighborhood. The two suspects demanded Darnell turn over her money and belongings, but she resisted and was shot in the neck, the city

attorney general's office said Sunday. Charles Darnell, who was not injured, said his wife did not resist, a family spokesman said. The suspects fled.

Police arrest protesters at anti-nuclear-weapon protest

HELENSBURGH, Scotland - About 500 protesters formed a human chain Monday trying to blockade the base of Britain's four Trident nuclear submarines. About 200 people, including three legislators, were arrested.

The protesters say the submarines' nuclear weapons breach international law because they cannot distinguish between civilian and military targets.

Croatia veterans protest probe into war crimes

ZAGREB, Croatia - Bused by a weekend rally that attracted 100,000 people, war veterans on



Afghan refugees wait for aid Sunday near the Afghan-Iran border.

Monday briefly blockaded roads in central Croatia to protest the government's probe into war crimes.

The attempts of the pro-democracy government, which took power a year ago, to shed light on atrocities during the 1991 war has infuriated nationalists.

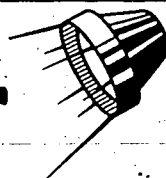
On Monday, they blockaded roads in the central region of Lika, some 75 miles southwest of the capital, Zagreb, demanding early

elections and an end to war crimes probes and to cooperation with the U.N. war crimes tribunal. Veterans and their supporters rallied Sunday in the southern coastal city of Split, angry over allegations, against a man they regard as a hero, retired Maj. Gen. Mirko Norac. Norac is suspected of involvement in the massacre of 40 Serb civilians in Gospić, Croatia. - compiled from wire reports

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

DEQ, companies reach resolutions

BOISE — The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has reached agreements with two separate companies that violated different regulations.

The department and Potlatch Corp. will expedite resolution of air quality violations at the company's facility in Lewiston.

Under the terms of a consent order, Potlatch will construct new air pollution control equipment to reduce particulate matter and visible emissions from two lime kilns.

The Department of Environmental Quality has authorized Potlatch to begin construction immediately through the pre-permit approval program.

Growers ask processors to stop overproduction

BOISE — Members of the Potato Growers of Idaho are urging farmers and french fry processors to work together to counter overproduction problems.

Dan Moss, vice president of the growers' marketing and bargaining division, recently said farmers should be aware of revenue insurance, banks and fry processors.

He cautioned that while revenue insurance gives sheds an opportunity to run at full capacity, it does not guarantee growers will make a suitable return for crops.

"It's no wonder that Idaho has taken market share away from the other states, we have become slaves to the market," Moss said in a statement.

He further said he hopes growers and bankers "would approach the companies that traditionally handle their potatoes and have them answer... questions regarding delivery date, volume and price."

Coeur d'Alene downtown director decides to leave

COEUR D'ALENE — Malcolm Johnstone and the Coeur d'Alene Downtown Association have parted ways.

The decision came after a week of contract negotiations between the association's board and Johnstone, the executive director.

Johnstone's contract ran through September, but contained a provision for an earlier review, according to Ken Burchell, president of the association's board of directors.

Burchell characterized Johnstone's departure as a matter of mutual agreement.

Wednesday was Johnstone's last day with the downtown association. He took the \$50,000-per-year post in June 1999, beating out 40 other applicants.

Rates fall on short-term Treasury securities

WASHINGTON — Interest rates on short-term Treasury securities fell in Monday's auction.

The Treasury Department sold \$11 billion in three-month bills at a discount rate of 4.90 percent down from 4.920 percent last week.

Compiled from wire reports

Idaho's economy slows pace

Analyst predicts growth in non-ag sectors

By Julie Pence
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — In uncertain economic times, one thing appears certain: Idaho's economic growth is slowing down.

But despite hints of a national recession, Idaho's economy will continue to grow, with a projected increase in nonagricultural sectors in 2001 of 2.2 percent to 2.8 percent.

That's down from 3.7 percent in 2000 and 3.4 percent in 1999, said John Church, a Boise economic consultant.

"We're going to see a slower Idaho, but not a negative Idaho," he said Monday, during an annual economic outlook breakfast sponsored by First Federal Savings Bank.

The nation's sixth-fastest growing state experienced an annual non-ag growth rate of 3.8 percent from 1990 to 2000, while the nation's rate was 1.8 percent.

But Church pointed out that Idaho's spectacular growth has not been across the board. Manufacturing, service industries, construction and transportation, communications and utilities industries have increased dramatically.

Meanwhile, agriculture employment decreased gradually, while jobs dependent on natural resources, such as mining and lumber, were also on the wane. Growth has also been scattered geographically, Church said. Of Idaho's 44 counties, 17 actually lost population. Most of these counties are dependent on agriculture, lumber and mining.

The eight-county Magic Valley will see little economic growth or population increase change during the next decade, Church said. But First Federal Savings Bank President Alan Horner said growth is possible, even during a slowdown. By emphasizing local Please see ECONOMY, Page C6

BAD AIR

Airlines still have problems with delays, baggage, report says

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's airlines are failing to address the biggest complaints from passengers: delayed or canceled flights and lost baggage, the government says.

Though some customer services have improved, the Transportation Department's inspector general said Monday, more than a quarter of flights were delayed, canceled or diverted in 2000, affecting about 163 million passengers. Customer complaints increased dramatically.

"We believe the airlines should go further and address steps they are taking on matters within their control to reduce over-scheduling, the number of chronically late or canceled flights, and the amount of checked baggage that does not show up with the passenger upon arrival," the report said.

The inspector general recommended that the airlines implement a system to inform passengers of lengthy delays or cancellations before they arrive at the airport.

The report examined the airlines' compliance with a 1999 package of voluntary measures to improve the quality of air travel. The airlines and the Transportation Department agreed on the standards as an alternative to legislation to require customer service improvements.

Several lawmakers have been pushing for better service ever since hundreds of travelers were stuck on Detroit runways for up to eight hours during a January 1999 snowstorm.

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., authored a Passenger Bill of Rights after the Detroit snowstorm and plans to reintroduce it this session. He said the report is evidence that Congress should take action to increase competition and enforce passenger rights.

"Voluntary commitments are only that — promises to do better," Dingell said. "This report makes clear that those promises are not enough and things are not getting better."

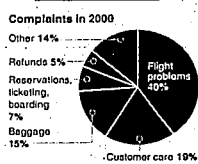


Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., left, and Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., appear at a news conference Monday to call for legislation to protect the rights of airline passengers.

Passenger complaints

In 2000, more than one in four flights were delayed, canceled or diverted, affecting about 163 million passengers. Here is a look at the growth of delays and cancellations and the top complaints for last year.

Delays*	2000	1999
Delays*	2,486,103	1,883,265
Cancellations	107,317	91,905



*A flight is considered delayed if its departure or arrival is more than 15 minutes late.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Transportation Inspector General AP

Officials from the Air Transport Association, which represents 14 airlines, did not immediately respond to calls for comment.

The report found that the number of chronically delayed flights nearly quadrupled from 8,348 to 40,868 between 1999 and 2000. A chronically delayed flight is one that arrived at least 15 minutes later than scheduled 80 percent of the time during a month.

It said the airlines are not giving passengers timely information about delays and cancellations. Policies for providing overnight accommodations for delays and cancellations vary by airline and need clarity so passengers know what to expect, the report said.

"I am not interested in calling for a constitutional right to a fluffy pillow on your airplane flight," said Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore. "But to think that it is high time that the airlines made information available to the public that is in their possession."

The report said the airlines were doing a good job of meeting passenger needs during long delays on grounded aircraft, quoting the lowest fare available, holding nonrefundable reservations, responding to customers' complaints and paying more for lost luggage.

Delta pilots approve strike by big margin

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines pilots voted overwhelmingly to authorize a strike if contract talks with the nation's third-largest carrier fail, their union said Monday.

Delta and its pilots have been negotiating a new contract for nearly 18 months, with the pilots increasingly frustrated by the pace of the talks.

The company and union have agreed to negotiate until Feb. 28, when they will ask the National Mediation Board to arbitrate any remaining disputes. If either side then rejected arbitration, which is considered likely, they would enter a 30-day cooling-off period.

The pilots then could strike April 1, barring intervention by President Bush, who expressed concern last week about possible work stoppages at Delta, Northwest, United and American and said he would "explore all options."

The Air Line Pilots Association said Monday that a record 99 percent of Delta's 9,800 pilots returned strike-authorization ballots by Friday's deadline, and 97 percent of them voted for a walk-out.

Delta spokesman Russ Williams said the vote result was not unexpected.

"It does not imply that a strike either is imminent or that a strike is inevitable," he said. "With this vote ALPA has neither called a strike or set a specific deadline for a strike."

ALPA said compensation, job security, retirement benefits and a dual-wage system at Delta's low-cost unit, Delta Express, remain the major sticking points in the talks.

Bush said Friday he would create a presidential emergency board to force Northwest mechanics to continue working for at least 60 days if no agreement is reached with that carrier.

The country's biggest carrier, United, also is in contract talks with its mechanics, and American Airlines is negotiating with-flight attendants.

Greenspan may request more cuts

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, who recently warned that economic growth was "very close to zero," is likely to signal this week that more interest rate cuts are on the way.

However, many private analysts believe he may also strike a more upbeat tone in his congressional testimony by stressing that the Fed is more optimistic about growth prospects for the second half of this year.

Greenspan today will deliver the Fed's twice-a-year economic outlook report to Congress, an appearance that is being closely watched because the economy's sharp slowdown has raised concerns about a recession.

The Fed cut interest rates by a full percentage point in January, the first time the central bank has ever moved so quickly during Greenspan's 13-year tenure, and many analysts believe Greenspan will leave no doubt that the central bank is prepared to do more.

"This is his most important talk since the depths of the global economic crisis," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com, a Pennsylvania forecasting firm. "His primary message will be that the economy is sputtering and the Fed stands ready to re-ignite the economic engine."

Analysts believe Greenspan and his Fed colleagues are performing the same rescue mission they did in the fall of 1998 when they cut interest rates three times to restore confidence in financial markets badly shaken by the collapse of a number of Asian economies and Russia.

While promising to do more, Greenspan is also expected to voice more optimism that the current weakness will soon be over, in part because various indicators are flashing signs of an upturn.

"The all-important consumer sector seemed to have rebounded in January following a disastrous December and job growth also was solid in January even though the unemployment rate ticked up to 4.2 percent."



Alan Greenspan

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Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

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Table of bean futures prices, including soybean and lima bean contracts.

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Table of grain futures prices, including wheat, corn, and soybean contracts.

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Table of New York Mercantile Exchange soybean meal futures prices.

Idaho's Sunshine mine will begin mass layoffs

BOISE (AP) - Sunshine Mining and Refining Company reported Monday that it will begin a mass layoff of most employees at the Sunshine mine beginning Friday.

Fossil Fuels

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Salt Lake Tribune's new details have focused on tiny details rather than the big picture to justify violations of two contracts, an attorney for the newspaper argued Monday.

Economy

Continued from C4 service, he said, the bank has seen an increase of \$19 million in assets over the last year.

But if the federal government is planning to jump-start a sluggish economy with tax cuts, it will come too late and will not be fine-tuned enough, Church said.

Meanwhile, consumers can expect a mixed bag in utility bills.

Idahoans should brace for electricity price increases of 20 to 25 percent over the summer, along with other problems, he said.

With water levels at half of normal and the California situation likely to ripple throughout the West, Idaho Power might have to step into the spot market.

Here's a sector-by-sector breakdown: Manufacturing: Idaho posed an additional 5,600 manufacturing jobs from 1996 to 2000.

Service industries: With an annual average growth rate of 5.7 percent, Idaho has 61,000 more jobs in the service sector than a decade ago.

Natural resources: Mining jobs have been cut in half since 1990. Church also pointed out that the lumber industry continues to soften.

Something missing?

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Large table of mutual fund performance data, including fund names, assets, and returns.

GIRLS STATE TOURNAMENT

First-round pairings for this week's girls' state high school basketball tournaments
All Times MST.

CLASS A-1, DIVISION I

Thursday's pairings
At *Timberline High School*:
Jerome (17-7) vs. Nampa (14-10), 1:45 p.m.
Post Falls (18-4) vs. Century (11-13), 3:15 p.m.
Mt. Home (18-4) vs. Bickford (11-14), 6:30 p.m.
Boise (21-1) vs. Skyline (15-7), 8 p.m.

CLASS A-1, DIVISION II

Thursday's pairings
At *Timberline High School*:
Jerome (17-7) vs. Nampa (14-10), 1:45 p.m.
Post Falls (18-4) vs. Century (11-13), 3:15 p.m.
Mt. Home (18-4) vs. Bickford (11-14), 6:30 p.m.
Boise (21-1) vs. Skyline (15-7), 8 p.m.

CLASS A-2

Thursday's pairings
At *Nampa High School*:
Declo (18-4) vs. Preston (16-8), 1:45 p.m.
Lakeland (21-1) vs. Buhl (18-8), 3:15 p.m.
Sn. River (16-7) vs. Weiser (11-12), 6:30 p.m.
Sugar-Salem (16-7) vs. Priest R. (17-7), 8 p.m.

CLASS A-3

Thursday's pairings
At *Madras High School*:
Ririe (14-3) vs. New Pw. (19-5), 1:45 p.m.
Valley (18-3) vs. Lapwai (18-4), 3:15 p.m.
Malad (21-2) vs. Pringle (21-1), 6:30 p.m.
Nampa Christian (22-0) vs. West Side, 8 p.m.

CLASS A-4

Wednesday's pairings
At *Madras High School*:
Kootenai (10-12) vs. Rockland (10-13), 1:45 p.m.
Genesee (17-5) vs. Dietrich (17-7), 3:15 p.m.
Hansen (19-3) vs. Idaho City (15-8), 6:30 p.m.
Rimrock (21-0) vs. Hagerman (10-10), 8 p.m.
At Skyview High:
Leadore (17-2) vs. Ratt R. (12-13), 1:45 p.m.
Shoshone (23-0) vs. Michale (17-3), 3:15 p.m.
Hendrick (15-5) vs. Salmon R. (17-5), 6:30 p.m.
Clark Fork (16-6) vs. Cole Valley (19-4), 8 p.m.

Coming Wednesday:

A team-by-team preview of the Class A-4 state tournament.

Coming Thursday:

Class A-1 Div. I, A-1 Div. II, A-2 and A-3 previews.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Boys' high school basketball

Class A-1, Region III tourney:
Minico at Pocatello, 7 p.m.
Highland at Twin Falls, 7 p.m.
Magic Valley Conf. Tourney, at Filer H.S.:
Castelford vs. Murtaugh, 6:30 p.m.
Hansen vs. Hagerman, 8 p.m.
A-2 SCIC Tourney:
Wood River at Filer, 7 p.m.
Northside Conference Tourney:
Carey vs. Shoshone, 7 p.m.
District IV-VI tourney:
Jerome at Century, 7:30 p.m.
Blackfoot at Burley, 7:30 p.m.
High school wrestling
A-3/A-4 District Tourney, at Wendell, 3 p.m.

IN BRIEF

CSI co-ed volleyball tournament planned

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will be holding a pair of co-ed volleyball tournaments, on Feb. 17 and March 17, to raise money for the school's seventh-time national champion volleyball team.
The cost is \$75 per team with registration due the day before the tournament. Check in is at 8 a.m. the day of the tourney and pool play begins at 9 a.m. For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2486.

Burley boys play first tourney game today

BURLEY - Admission is set at \$4 for adults and \$3 for students for tonight's Burley-vs.-Blackfoot boys' District IV-VI high school basketball tourney opener.
The junior varsity tips off at 6 p.m. and the varsity starts at about 7:30 p.m. Only IHSAA passes will be accepted.

Twin Falls men's softball meets on Thursday

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls men's softball meeting is planned for 7 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation building Thursday.
For more information, call Paul DeBoard at 735-0398 or Rob Rudolph at 731-9990.
Compiled from staff and wire reports

WOODS RULES ESPY AWARDS

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - Golf ruled the ESPYs as Tiger Woods walked away with a record four awards and Jack Nicklaus received the first lifetime achievement award from the ESPN sports television network Monday night.
Woods won male athlete of the year, pro golfer of the year, championship performance of the year and come-from-behind performance of the year as he capped his 2000 season by breaking the record of three awards he shared with Michael Jordan.

Nicklaus lands lifetime achievement award

Woods now has 11 career ESPYs, surpassing Jordan's 10. Nicklaus, winner of 71 golf tournaments including 18 majors, was honored at the ninth annual ESPY Awards show hosted by Samuel L. Jackson at the MGM Grand Garden Arena.
Nicklaus was singled out for his "greatness, longevity and class," said Maureen Murray Quinn, executive director of the ESPY Awards.
Olympic star Marion Jones won three ESPYs - female athlete of the year, U.S. female

Olympic athlete of the year and, for a fourth straight year, women's track and field athlete of the year.
For the third consecutive year and fourth time in five years, Joe Torre was the coach/manager of the year. His New York Yankees were cited as team of the year for the third time in five years.
Australian Olympic star Cathy Freeman received the ESPY for most memorable moment for her performance at the Olympics and a courage and humanitarian

award named after the late Arthur Ashe.
Past recipients include Jim Valvano, Muhammad Ali, Billie Jean King and Dave Sanders, the late Columbine High School coach.
Other notable winners were Pete Sampras as male tennis performer of the year for the seventh time, and Walter Ray Williams as bowler of the year for the third time in four years.
The ESPY - or Excellence in Sports Performance Yearly - is voted on by a panel of Hall of Fame athletes and print and broadcast sports journalists.

The second half awaits...



What's in store for the next nine weeks?

NBA starts countdown to the playoffs

The Associated Press

- If the last nine weeks of the regular season mimic the last nine minutes of the All-Star game, there's no guarantee that the Sixers will stay atop the East or the Shaq-Kobe feud will endure.
As everyone learned Sunday, things can change quickly in the NBA.
The season resumes tonight with 13 games. All-Star MVP Allen Iverson and his banged-up Philadelphia 76ers travel to

Milwaukee for a matchup of division leaders, the dysfunctional defending champion Los Angeles Lakers play at New Jersey, the Minnesota Timberwolves take an 11-game winning streak into Portland and the Horriballs will be trying to avoid their 17th consecutive loss as they play the Hawks.
The league can only hope it can build off the excitement generated in the All-Star game, in which the

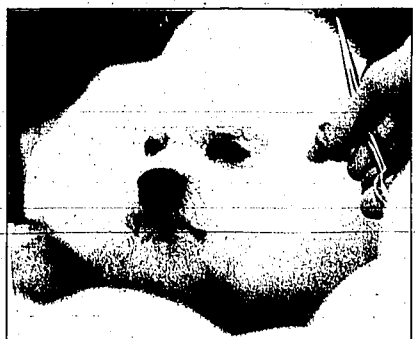
East came back from a 21-point deficit in the fourth quarter to stum the West 111-110.
"I thought the game was really a great game for the league, under the circumstances," said East coach Larry Brown of Philadelphia. "I've heard so much negative stuff about the direction of the league and all these young players not living up to the standards of the other players in the past, so

it was a wonderful ending for us."
Much of that negativity has been directed at Brown's star player, Allen Iverson, who scored 15 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter to lead the East to its improbable victory.
Iverson earned All-Star MVP honors, and it's not inconceivable that he could win the regular season MVP award, too.
To do so, he'll need to carry the Sixers through another crisis.
Please see NBA, Page D2

Canine heavyweights duke it out

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Inside the same arena where Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier fought for the heavyweight title, a battle royale of the dog world took shape Monday night.
In one corner, Special Times Just Right, a Bichon Frise called JR, and regarded by many as the top show dog in the country.
In the other, Torumi's Scarf Michael, a Kerry Blue Terrier nicknamed Mick and coming off a big victory in England.
Fans at Madison Square Garden already were buzzing at the prospect of seeing Mick's black beard and JR's furry white face going head-to-head at the 125th Westminster Kennel Club event.
Both breezed Monday in their best-of-breed and best-of-group competition. Tonight, they'll meet with the best-in-show trophy at stake in the country's most prestigious dog show.
"I know how good he is," said handler Bill McFadden, who prompted Torumi's whips of film grain.
A total of 2,500 dogs in 158 breeds and varieties entered the event, all hoping to become top



Special Times Just Right, a Bichon Frise, gets his hair trimmed by handler Scott Sommer of Houston, Texas, just before winning Best of Breed in the non-sporting division of the Westminster Kennel Club's Dog Show Monday.
dog. No surprise, the USA Network's telecast started with the song, "Who Let the Dogs Out?"
TV host Joe Garagiola cele-
brated his 75th birthday, while actress Glenn Close was among the celebrities in the crowd of 10,000.
Please see DOG, Page D2

Kentucky, UCLA rejoin Top 25 ranks

The Associated Press

While North Carolina remained No. 1 in The Associated Press poll for the second straight week Monday, two of college basketball's other premier programs re-entered the Top 25.
Kentucky and UCLA, both dropped from the rankings 11 weeks ago, came in this week at Nos. 22 and 24.
Complete poll, Page D3
North Carolina (21-2), which extended the nation's longest winning streak to 18 games with victories over Wake Forest and Maryland last week, received 62 first-place votes and 1,742 points from the national media panel.
Stanford (22-1), which got the other eight No. 1 votes and 1,659 points, and Duke (22-2) remained second and third.
Illinois, which beat Michigan State last week in the only regu-

lar-season meeting between the Big Ten's top two teams: jumped from seventh to fourth, while the Spartans dropped one spot to fifth.
Kansas dropped one spot to sixth after losing to Iowa State last week, a victory that jumped the Cyclones from 12th to seventh.
Arizona, Boston College and Syracuse rounded out the Top Ten. Boston College jumped from 17th to ninth, the Eagles' first appearance in the Top Ten since they were sixth on Dec. 20, 1993.
Florida dropped three spots to No. 11 and was followed in the Second Ten by Virginia, Oklahoma State, Duke, Tennessee, Mississippi, Maryland, Georgetown, Wisconsin and Fresno State.
The last five ranked teams were Alabama, Kentucky, Wake Forest, UCLA and Iowa.
Kentucky (15-7) dropped from the rankings in late November.
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Tyson: I'm ready to fight Lewis

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - Mike Tyson said Monday he's ready to fight heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis the same night as his manager to start negotiations as soon as possible for a fight that could be the richest ever.

The fight still faces huge hurdles before it could be made, but Tyson and Lewis are now both on the record as saying they want to fight sometime this year.
"Mike Tyson would love to have this fight as his birthday gift," manager Shelly Finkel said of the former heavyweight champion, who turns 35 on June 30. "If Lennox is serious about making this fight, there's nothing avoiding it happening on our end."
Lewis' business manager, Adrian Gagn, said on Sunday he was ready to begin talks for the fight, but said he wasn't sure if Tyson's camp wanted the fight.
Finkel said he called Tyson on Monday and got the former champion's approval for the fight.
"Let's get it on," Finkel quoted Tyson as saying.
The fight could surpass the second Tyson-Evander Holyfield fight as the richest ever, with revenues of more than \$100 million and purses of \$30 million for each fighter. But, despite the willingness of both fighters to meet, it is still a long way from reality.
Lewis is under contract to HBO, while Tyson has a contract with Showtime, and unless the cable channels can come to an agreement there will be no fight. In addition, the two camps would have to agree on purses, with both fighters feeling they should get the bigger payday.
"I believe we're worth more because we bring the money," Finkel said. "Mike is the biggest attraction here."
Lewis has said all along he wants to fight Tyson, but Tyson has been reluctant in his latest comeback to commit himself to a challenge for the WBC and IBF titles.
Tyson, currently suspended for testing positive for marijuana after his October fight with Andrew Golota, said prior to that fight that he needed three or four fights before taking on Lewis.
That apparently has now changed, though, and Finkel said Tyson will be ready after his next fight, which will be in late April or May against David Izon.
"We're ready to make the fight. If Lennox is free to make it, we're ready to sit down immediately," Finkel said.
The TV contracts figure to be the biggest sticking point, with both HBO and Showtime demanding that they do what could be the biggest pay-per-view fight ever.



Mike Tyson

COMICS

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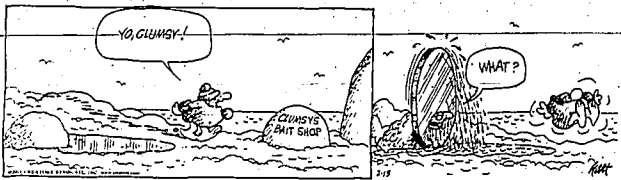
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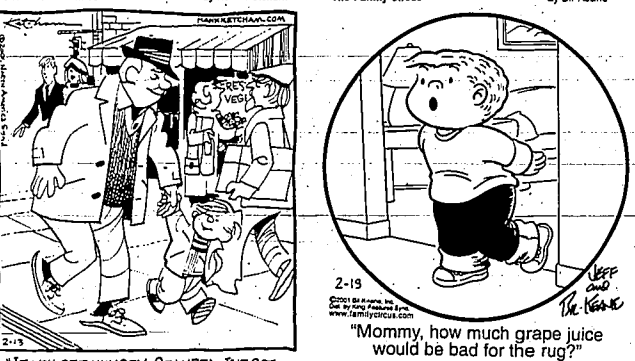


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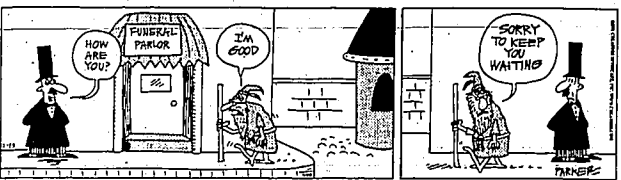
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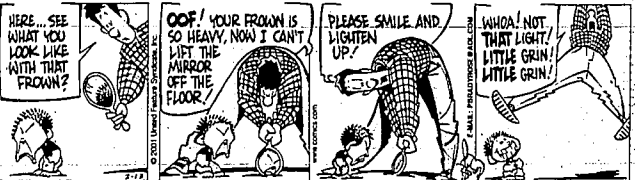
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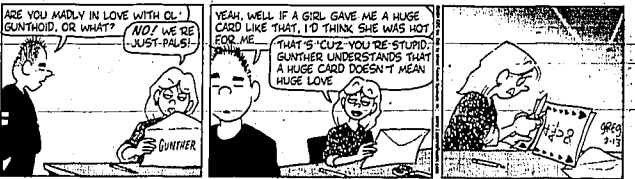
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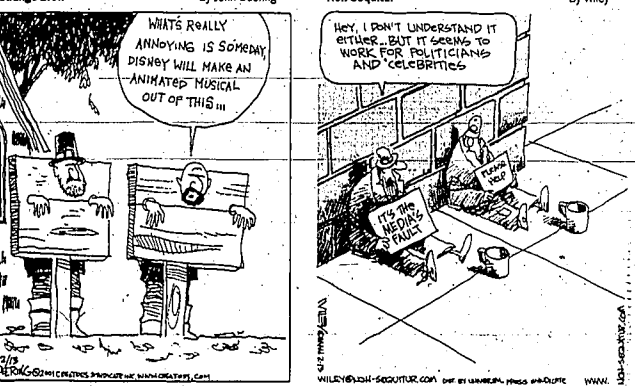


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