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Shooting kills two at school



Unidentified students console each other Monday after a shooting at Santana High School in Santee, Calif., killed two students and wounded 13 others.

SWAT personnel check classrooms after the shooting.

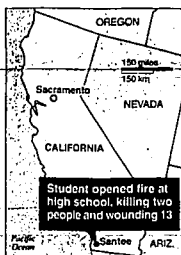
Attack is deadliest since Columbine

The Associated Press

SANTEE, Calif. — A 15-year-old boy who had been picked on and had talked about shooting classmates allegedly opened fire in a high school bathroom Monday, killing two people and wounding 13 in the nation's deadliest school attack since Columbine.

One student said the boy had a smile on his face as he fired away with a pistol at Santana High School in suburban San Diego. The boy, a freshman, surrendered in the bathroom, dropped his gun and said he acted alone, telling officers: "It's just me," according to sheriff's officials.

He will be charged as an adult with murder, assault with a deadly weapon and gun possession, said San Diego County District Attorney Paul Pfingst, who identified the suspect as Charles Andrew Williams.



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Arrest warrant was set for Wednesday. Sheriff's and FBI officials

served a search warrant Monday night on the apartment where the teen lived with his father. They spent a little more than two hours inside the apartment removing a computer hard drive, computer monitor, a plastic crate filled with papers and files and about a half dozen bags filled with evidence.

Officials with both agencies said they couldn't comment on the search.

The dead students were identified as Bryan Zuckor, 14, and Randy Gordon, 17, sheriff's Lt. Jerry Lewis said.

At least one of the victims was a campus supervisor, Sheriff William Kolender said.

The injured were taken to various hospitals. Some were released after being treated, while others were listed in good condition. Conditions were not

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Weapons land Jerome boys in detention

The Times-News

JEROME — Two 12-year-old Jerome boys face charges of conspiracy to commit murder, after reports that they took a handgun and knives to school.

Jerome police detective Jim Baker would not identify the boys, who he said had been arrested Wednesday at Jerome Middle School. They were held at the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center in Twin Falls. Police recovered a loaded .380-caliber handgun — apparently stolen from one of the boys' parents — and some knives, Baker said.

As of late Monday, Baker did not say if the boys were in detention.

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Committee recommends nonprofit status

Public still has chance to comment on Magic Valley Regional

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A citizen's advisory committee voted Monday to recommend to the Twin Falls County commissioners making the county-owned hospital a nonprofit organization.

The issue will still go to at least one public hearing before the county commissioners.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center officials say they have been contemplating seeking non-

profit status for several years. They say the hospital would operate more efficiently and would have a competitive edge.

The committee's recommendation now goes to the hospital board. The board will then make a recommendation to the county commissioners, who have the ultimate say.

Any public hearings will be a joint effort between commissioners and hospital board members, in order to resolve any issues the public may have, said committee

co-chairman Doug Vollmer.

Some commissioners, board members and committee members had thought public hearings were unnecessary. The citizen's committee, whose members have been actively getting public comment, was considered the public's representation in the process.

But committee member Dr. David McCluskey said that based on interaction with people and based on media representations, he thinks people still have con-

cerns about what the committee is trying to do.

"Right now there's not a real high level of comfort," McCluskey said.

Gary Thietzen with Idaho Home, Health and Hospice, spoke in opposition to nonprofit status and in favor of selling the hospital to a nonprofit. The hospital could earn an average of \$4.66 million per year if the profits of a \$60 million sale were placed in the state's pooled investment account, Thietzen said.

Thietzen recalled in 1986 when

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BRAVE SOULS



Two people carrying umbrellas walk in the snow Monday in Valley Forge, Pa. A long anticipated winter storm dumped more than a foot of snow on many parts of the Northeast. See story on Page A5.

House OKs abortion funding ban

Little resistance is expected in Senate

By Mark Warbis
The Associated Press

BOISE — Legislation to stop state Medicaid funding of abortions performed to protect the mother's health swept through the House on Monday, even winning support from four of nine Democrats.

There was little debate before the 52-16 vote for the measure sponsored by House Health and Welfare Chairman Thomas Luertscher of Iowa. It figures to face little more resistance in the Senate as conservative lawmakers move to match a restriction

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that has been in place on federal Medicaid spending since 1977.

"The alternatives are simple," Luertscher said. "If there are those who believe this procedure needs to be done then let them foot the bill."

Earlier Monday, the House State Affairs Committee endorsed a proposal addressing concerns that a federal magistrate expressed in partially blocking enforcement of a new state law requiring parental or judicial permission for minors seeking abortions.

House Democratic Floor Leader Wendy Jantzen of Kerchum was alone in dissent. Luertscher's bill to ban

Panel approves dairy waste legislation

By Michael Journee
Times-News writer

BOISE — A Senate panel Monday endorsed a measure requiring an accounting of dairy waste that is spread on farmland outside the dairy operator's control.

Over the objections of the dairy industry and the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, the so-called "third party nutrient management bill" was given a unanimous nod by the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee, after its author, Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, agreed to amend the bill.

Senate Bill 1040 requires written contracts between dairy operators and farmers who want to use dairy waste for

land application on their fields. The measure also requires both parties to have nutrient management plans for the farmland where the waste will be spread, so possible nitrate buildup might be detected.

Originally the measure also required soil samples be provided before nutrient management plans could be approved by counties. But strong objections from the agriculture industry prompted Stennett to amend the measure.

The measure awaits approval by the entire Senate.

Supporters of the bill said that an estimated 90 percent of the waste produced by dairies is land-applied off-site and is not registered and documented. Nitrates from the waste could pose a threat to the aquifer.

In the Magic Valley, the growing concentration of dairies could pose a serious threat to the amount of animal waste that overgrows the farmland available for land application, they said.

As with other proposed dairy regulations, Monday's testimony on the bill often drifted to the situation in the Hagerman Valley and included a long recitation of testimony from area activists and residents and testimony from industry representatives that they are being singled out by an overzealous contingent of local lawmakers.

The Elmer and Hagerman communities have become the focal point several of bills designed to regulate the growth of the dairy industry and the odors created by multiple dairies concentrated in one area.

"What we're doing with this piece of legislation is getting between that agreement between the dairyman and the farmer," said Lewis Ellison, Idaho Dairyman's Association executive director.

Ellison argued that other sources of nitrates, such as residential septic tanks, are conspicuously absent from the Legislature's field of vision when it comes to water quality.

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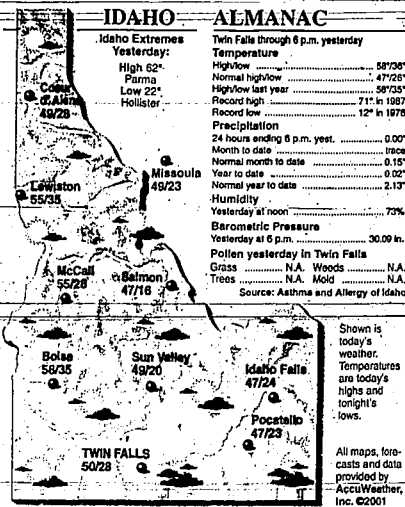
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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
▲ 50°	▼ 28°	▲ 54° ▼ 30°	▲ 54° ▼ 32°	▲ 52° ▼ 30°	▲ 48° ▼ 26°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Clouds and some sunshine today. It will then shower once or twice in the far south. Partly cloudy with a little fog in all areas tonight. Sunny to partly cloudy tomorrow.

Boise: Clouds and some sunshine today with a nice afternoon. High 58. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Low 35. Sunshine and a few clouds tomorrow with a nice afternoon. High near 60.

Northern Nevada: Clouds for the most part today with showers of rain or snow. Snow levels will average 7,000 feet. Periods of rain and mountain snows tonight. Snow may accumulate an inch or so above 5,000 feet.

Northern Utah: Clouds and a little sun today. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with areas of fog developing. Cloudy to partly sunny again tomorrow with seasonal temperatures.

Northern Idaho: Areas of fog in a few places this morning, then sunshine for the most part today with a nice afternoon. Clear to partly cloudy tonight with a few areas of fog developing. Partly to mostly sunny tomorrow.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 78° in McAllen, TX Low -12° in Clayton Lake, ME

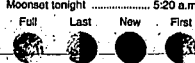
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Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are high for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

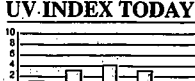


SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:05 a.m.
Sunset tonight 6:34 p.m.
Moonrise today 3:01 p.m.
Moonset tonight 5:20 a.m.



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.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	42 26 s	51 32 c
Atlantic City	36 30 s	42 27 c
Baltimore	38 34 s	43 31 c
Bilings	48 28 s	47 27 s
Birmingham	47 28 s	52 31 s
Boston	30 27 s	33 27 s
Charlotte, SC	48 29 s	55 36 s
Charleston, WV	36 27 s	41 28 s
Chicago	38 24 s	42 26 pc
Cleveland	30 28 s	35 27 c
Denver	54 29 c	42 25 s
Des Moines	34 22 s	37 23 pc
Detroit	32 24 s	38 28 pc
El Paso	70 44 c	70 44 c
Fairbanks	26 12 c	30 12 c
Fargo	28 18 pc	30 18 c
Honolulu	80 69 s	81 66 s
Houston	72 54 s	70 52 pc
Indianapolis	36 28 s	41 26 pc
Jacksonville	56 35 s	59 36 s
Kansas City	42 26 pc	42 23 c
Las Vegas	59 45 sh	62 46 sh
Little Rock	52 35 s	54 39 c
Los Angeles	61 49 r	63 47 pc
Memphis	48 33 s	53 39 pc
Miami	70 49 s	68 48 s
Minneapolis	34 24 s	37 28 pc
Milwaukee	42 27 c	47 27 s
New Orleans	62 43 s	60 46 s
New York	34 26 s	40 30 pc
Oakland	54 35 s	57 37 s
Oklahoma City	37 23 pc	38 21 c
Orlando	62 38 s	63 40 s
Philadelphia	30 28 s	35 27 c
Phoenix	70 53 sh	62 49 sh
Portland, ME	27 24 s	35 19 sh
Raleigh	38 24 s	43 28 pc
Rapid City	44 21 c	43 17 s
Reno	55 36 s	62 34 pc
Salt Lake City	47 48 s	52 47 s
St. Louis	42 25 s	47 30 s
St. Paul	36 18 s	36 18 sh
San Antonio	62 43 s	62 43 s
San Diego	63 55 s	65 55 pc
San Francisco	60 46 sh	61 49 s
Seattle	50 42 s	62 42 s
Tucson	70 48 s	69 41 sh
Washington, DC	36 24 s	46 32 c

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, s-snow, f-furries, an-snow, i-ice.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Boise	58 35 s	58 35 s
Bozeman	49 31 s	50 32 s
Burley	49 31 s	50 32 s
Coeur d'Alene	56 31 s	56 31 s
Eiko	54 21 c	54 27 c
Eugene, OR	64 40 s	62 40 s
Hagerman	58 31 s	56 31 s
Idaho Falls	47 24 s	47 24 s
Kalispell, MT	47 22 pc	48 28 s
Lowell	55 35 s	55 35 s
Malad	49 28 pc	51 29 pc
Malla	41 19 s	42 21 pc
McCall	55 28 pc	54 29 s
Missoula, MT	49 23 s	51 25 s
Pocatello	47 23 c	52 25 s
Portland, OR	52 42 s	62 42 s
Richland, WA	55 30 s	57 32 s
Salmon	47 10 pc	44 17 s
Salt Lake City, UT	54 35 c	54 34 sh
Seattle, WA	60 42 s	62 42 s
Spokane, WA	49 31 s	51 33 s
Stanley	46 15 s	45 18 s
Sun Valley	49 20 pc	47 23 s
Vancouver, BC	35 8 pc	36 5 s

Randy Hansen AUTO PLEX
Pololine At Blue Lakes North

Shooting

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available for all victims.
Another student was treated for injuries sustained after rolling a car while fleeing the campus, then released from Sharp Memorial Hospital, a spokeswoman said.
"Following students and an adult acquaintance said they had heard the boy's threats over the week-end but thought he was joking and did not report him to authorities.
Student John Schardt, 17, was in a nearby classroom when the shooting started about 9:20 a.m. in a boys' restroom and spilled into a quad.
"I looked at the kid, and he was smiling and shooting his weapon," Schardt said. "It was total chaos. People were trying to

take cover,"
Schardt said he took photos of victims and that another student videotaped the gunman's arrest, but authorities confiscated the film and the tape.
Andrew Kaforey, a 17-year-old senior, said he ran into the bathroom with a security guard after hearing what sounded like a firecracker or a gunshot. "He pointed the gun right at me but he didn't shoot," Kaforey said.
As he and the guard ran out, the gunman shot the guard in the back, Kaforey said.
Investigators said the boy used a .22-caliber revolver, stopping after the shooting into the bathroom.
"The attack was the nation's

deadliest school shooting since the April 1999 blood bath near Columbine High in Littleton, Colo., where two teen-agers killed 12 fellow students and a teacher before committing suicide.
On Monday night, about 1,000 people gathered at Sonrise Community Church in Santee for a memorial service. The names of the two students killed and those who were wounded by the gunfire flashed on a video screen above an altar.
A number of different pastors from San Diego-area churches helped mourners cope with their grief.

Dairy

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the entire industry. If state and county level regulation cannot fix the problem, then federal regulators from the Environmental Protection Agency will step in, said Sen. John Sandy, R-Hagerman.
"If it gets to the point that the

"It's amazing how much damage can be done in a few minutes, but it will take years of healing to deal with the shooting," said Santee Mayor Randy Voepel.
The Santee High School sign had become a makeshift shrine by Monday night, surrounded by flowers, balloons, and candles. A lone balloon rose amid one bouquet with the words, "I'm sorry."
Tina Ayo brought her 15-year-old daughter, Jenna, to the school to pay respects to the two who died.
"It marks an end to an innocence that they will never get back," Tina Ayo said.

Jerome

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not know whether the case would remain in closed juvenile court. No further information was available.
The Jerome incident was revealed the same day that a 15-year-old boy opened fire in a California high school restroom. Previous incidents of school violence around the country have prompted Magic Valley school districts to take various safety precautions.
Twin Falls school officials said they investigate all threats and rumors of threats, and they discipline any student who makes a threat. Teachers and counselors watch for warning signs, such as students who are teased or harassed.
Students are asked to report threats as well.
"We tell our kids they are the best lines of defense," district spokeswoman Linda Baird said. The Twin Falls district has a crisis prevention manual and conducts lockdown drills.
Wendell High School Principal Roy Preston said his school has a no-tolerance policy. Students are

told to report suspicious activity and conversations.
Cassia County schools have individual crisis management handbooks, Superintendent Jerry Doggett said. The county sheriff's department has conducted mock drills at schools.
"Doggett said school officials investigate all threats and have taught students that harassment can lead a student to turn violent."
Minidoka County schools have at least one security camera at every school, Superintendent Nick Hallatt said. The district conducts lockdown drills, and all adults must wear identification badges.
"Even students know when there are adults in the building without badges," Hallatt said.
Despite other precautions, school officials express reluctance to use metal detectors. Baird said detectors are easy to get around, and they create a false sense of security.
Hallatt said that in addition to being expensive, metal detectors may inspire defiance. People will want to "see if they can beat the system," Hallatt said.

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Saturday, March 3, numbers
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WILD CARD: Ace of diamonds

Saturday, March 3, numbers
Rollidown
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Saturday, March 3, numbers
PICK 3
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Congratulations to Beth & Vern Mason of Kimberly!
They won a 2001 Jeep Wrangler playing the Idaho Roadtrip scratch game.

Hospital

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residents, in an advisory vote to county commissioners, voted against the change to a 501(c)(3). Thietzen said he thought voters turned the proposal down because they felt misled by the reasons hospital officials gave for wanting the hospital to become nonprofit.
"Selling the hospital is not an option, committee members say. A previous citizen's committee in 1998 disapproved a sale.
Several conditions will be

added to the articles of incorporation and bylaws of a nonprofit organization.
These conditions include appropriate representation to the governing board, the maintenance of continuing education programs, and an annual financial report to the public.
Magic Valley Regional CEO Jerry Hart said he expects the financial condition of the hospital to be released more often than once a year if the hospital becomes nonprofit.

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Navy opens court of inquiry

Long lunch delayed submarine maneuver

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) — A lengthy lunch for guests aboard a U.S. submarine forced a nearly 45-minute delay in the emergency surfacing maneuver that ended in a fatal collision with a Japanese fishing boat, an admiral testified Monday.

Rear Adm. Charles Griffiths, who led the Navy's investigation into the accident, was the first to testify at a court of inquiry into the collision that left nine Japanese boys and men missing.

The USS Greeneville, a nuclear attack submarine, was demonstrating an emergency surfacing drill for 16 civilians when it knifed through the hull of the Ehime Maru Feb. 9. The boat, carrying 35 people, was on an expedition to teach high school students from Uwajima, Japan, how to fish. Four

teen, two teachers and three crewmen never were found.

Griffiths described a series of events and problems on the day of the accident, including broken equipment, inadequate supervision for a sonar trainee and delays that may have encouraged a rush to get back on schedule.

The surfacing drill had been planned for 1 p.m., but it was pushed back until 1:43 p.m. because lunch dragged on, he said. The crew had to feed guests in two shifts because the mess hall was so small.

Griffiths was asked if anyone expressed concern about the delay.

"I don't know if I would say concerned," he said. "A professional reminder was provided by the navigator to the executive officer to the commanding officer that the ship was behind schedule."

Griffiths said that Cmdr. Scott Waddle responded: "I have it

under control."

Griffiths said Waddle emphasized spending quality time chatting with his guests during the lunch break.

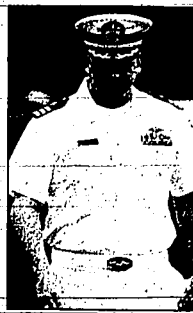
"He took his time ... so that ran over," he said.

Later, with the submarine behind schedule, Waddle ordered his crew to go to periscope depth in five minutes, despite procedures that required at least 10 minutes to check for surface vessels, Griffiths said.

"He wanted to get to periscope depth in a hurry," Griffiths said. "I can surmise it was because they were late from their previous schedule."

Then, Waddle and his officer of the deck performed an 80-second periscope search that was too brief, Griffiths said. Generally, a thorough periscope search takes about three minutes. Waddle has said he did not see the Japanese boat during his scan.

"That ship should have been



Commander of the USS Greeneville, Cmdr. Scott Waddle, arrives at the U.S. Navy's court of inquiry at Pearl Harbor naval base.

seen given enough time by the periscope operator," Griffiths said. "The ship went deep too quickly."

Cheney enters hospital for 'urgent' surgery

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — After suffering four bouts of chest pain in three days, Vice President Dick Cheney underwent surgery Monday to repair an artery doctors had treated following his heart attack in November.

Doctors said Monday's procedure was "urgent" but not an emergency. President Bush spoke by phone with Cheney, who was expected to leave the hospital Tuesday and return to work as early as Wednesday.

Dr. Jonathan Reiner, the cardiologist who performed the procedure, said the chance that Cheney had suffered significant heart damage was "pretty unlikely."

"There is a very high likelihood that he can finish out his term in his extremely vigorous capacity," the doctor added.

Still, the episode reignited concerns about the health of Cheney, who, underwent, quadruple bypass surgery in 1988. The 60-year-old vice president has suffered four heart attacks, including a mild one in November, prompting doctors to insert a 13-millimeter stent, or steel mesh tube, to reopen a blocked artery.

That artery narrowed again in the last three months because of scarring, causing the vice president's chest pains and forcing doctors to re-expand it Monday.

Cheney's return to the hospital did not surprise medical experts.

About 15 percent to 20 percent of cardiac patients who receive a stent have a return of artery blockage within six months, and in Cheney's case, the chance of more problems may have been even greater.

"For someone with his history of coronary artery disease, some



Vice President Dick Cheney

Other doctors said there was about a 40 percent chance that the vessel would close up again within a few months from now.

Cheney, who has been on a strict diet and exercise regime, felt a brief twinge on the left side of his chest Saturday as he finished exercising, doctors said.

Alleged spy will stay in jail

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A federal judge said Monday that the government's case against accused spy Robert Philip Hansen was "extraordinarily strong" and ordered Hansen confined to jail.

Hansen, who appeared at a hearing wearing a green jumpsuit with the word "prisoner" printed across the back, did not contest his confinement under an agreement forged with prosecutors.

With his lawyer cupping his elbow, Hansen stood when U.S. Magistrate Judge Theresa Buchanan asked if he understood he was entitled to contest detention but had waived that right. "I do, Your Honor," he said.

Meanwhile, a U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed that law enforcement officials believe



Robert Hansen

Hansen may have alerted Moscow to a secret tunnel built under the Russian embassy by American intelligence agencies for eavesdropping.

Buchanan said she could see no conditions for releasing Hansen, accused of espionage, because he was both a flight risk and posed a threat to the safety of the community.

She noted that Hansen, 56, was carrying his passport when he was arrested Feb. 18. She said the government had presented ample evidence to support keeping him jailed while his case moves forward.

Abortion

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Such opponents as the American Civil Liberties Union of Idaho and Planned Parenthood of Idaho argue that it would discriminate against poor women facing health risks from unwanted or unplanned pregnancies.

"What recourse does she have, other than a coat hanger?" Republican Rep. Leon Smith of Twin Falls asked.

"Where is our compassion when we can't help these people?" GOP Rep. Ruby Stone of Boise added. "It would be my wish that we don't pass another indication that we don't care about women at risk."

The bill endorsed by the State Affairs Committee came in response to a ruling late last summer from U.S. Magistrate Mikel Williams, who enjoined what he said were overly restrictive portions of the so-called parental

consent law passed by the Legislature last winter.

A trial is scheduled for July on those provisions and on the broader constitutional challenge that Planned Parenthood filed against the law passed by the Legislature last winter.

Williams enjoined sections of the law requiring all women seeking abortions to provide documentary proof of their age and allowing the criminal prosecution of physicians who perform abortions without parental or judicial consent.

He also cited the potentially undue burden it would impose as the reason for blocking enforcement of a requirement that judicial consent — in the absence of parental permission — come from a judge in the girl's home judicial district.

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Congress rethinks drug war

The focus changes to treatment plans

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Hollywood, medical research and a group of new lawmakers seem to be combining to make official Washington rethink the nation's war on drugs.

For years, government has fought the war on illegal drugs with a steady focus on the supply: destroying crops, intercepting shipments, jailing smugglers, arresting dealers. And for years, Congress wasn't swayed by critics like Sen. Paul Wellstone and Rep. Jim Ramstad, who argued that equal effort be focused on demand-including drug and alcohol treatment.

"Our priorities have been misplaced as a nation, when we're spending only 16 percent of our budget on treatment," argues Ramstad, R-Minn., himself a recovering alcoholic.

But in the past few months, treatment advocates are seeing the pendulum swing their way. New studies on addiction have revealed the social and economic costs. The Academy Award-nominated movie "Traffic," along with popular TV shows like "The West Wing," are reaching a broad public and fueling new debate over how to address the drug problem.

Among the new faces in Washington, President Bush comes to power with his own history of alcohol abuse, as does Sen. Mark Dayton, D-Minn., a recovering alcoholic. And the outgoing Clinton administration has fueled the treatment debate, too, in ways both intentional and not.

Said Wellstone, "There's more public focus, there's more visibility, there's more education, there's a little less stereotyping than there used to be, so that makes it a better climate."

This past week the president's budget included an extra \$100 million for substance abuse treatment, a 3.5 percent increase touted as a first step to bridging the "treatment gap." Said Mark Weber, spokesman for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, "But Wellstone and Ramstad have bigger plans. The Minnesotaans are leading efforts in Congress to prohibit health insurers from treating addiction differently than other diseases. They face an uphill fight with many opponents: business groups, who fear it would raise health-care costs; citizens wary of government mandating health coverage; traditionalists, who want to retain social ostracism of drug abuse."

At a hearing last year, insurers noted that treatment is costly, repeated stays are common, and even the best programs fail as often as they succeed.

But advocates point to a raft of studies with one conclusion: providing treatment is less costly to states, families and society than withholding it.

"My toughest sell is the Republican House leadership, no question about it," Ramstad admits.

Now Ramstad is working to enlist a powerful ally: the new president. Ramstad has met with Bush to discuss his own alcohol problems, and found that the former Texas governor grasps the ravages of addiction.

"He did not commit to supporting any legislation, I must make that clear," Ramstad said. But, he added, "His own personal experience with alcohol abuse have made him sensitive to the problem there's nothing like personal experience with addiction to become a believer in treatment and recovery."



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Spokeswoman says Clinton unlikely to accept senators' offer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Clinton is unlikely to accept an offer that he be questioned privately by senators about pardons he issued during his final hours in office, a spokeswoman says.

Sunday, he thought Clinton "may be inclined" to accept his offer as a way of "getting to the basic facts."

But it's unlikely, Clinton spokeswoman Julia Payne said Monday. "This is not an offer he's considering at this time," she said.

Senate leaders are treading gingerly over the prospect of trying to compel Clinton's testimony about his 176 last-minute pardons and commutations. Specter said they have suggested that he and a Democratic senator, do the questioning in private.

He detailed the proposal in a letter to Clinton last week. Specter also said he had an "informal conversation" with Clinton's chief of staff, Karen Trumantano, and was told the former president "is thinking about it."

Payne said Trumantano had wanted more information about the offer.

"I think as the facts build up, the president is evaluating it and may be inclined to come in," Specter said on ABC's "This Week."

Court won't review dispute over valedictorian's 'sermon'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A California high school valedictorian who was barred from giving a graduation speech in which he planned to ask the audience to "accept God's love" and live by "Jesus' example" lost a Supreme Court appeal Monday.

The court, without comment, turned down the former student's argument that public school district officials violated his rights by refusing to let him give a speech that a lower court described as a "religious sermon."

Last June the justices ruled that public schools cannot let students lead stadium crowds in prayer before football games. The ruling said allowing such prayers would violate the constitutionally required separation of government and religion.

In 1992 the justices barred clergy-led prayers — invocations and benedictions — at public school graduation ceremonies.

Chris Niemeyer was co-valedictorian of his graduating class at Oroville High School in June 1998. He submitted an advance copy of his speech to school officials, who told him he must tone down the religious references in it.

Potent storm idles millions

The Associated Press

Snarling air travel across the country and overseas, a powerful storm — plastered — the Northeast with snow and ice Monday, but earlier forecasts of potentially record-breaking accumulations were scaled back.

Fears that the weather system would produce as much as 2 feet of snow in New York and other coastal areas dimmed as the storm failed to organize itself as dramatically as had been feared. The city was expecting only 3 inches to 6 inches of snow overnight.

One to 3 feet of snow still was forecast across much of New Jersey, New York state and New England by early Wednesday.

Nevertheless, schools were closed Monday for millions of youngsters from West Virginia to Maine.

The northeast had been forecast days in advance, and people had plenty of time to stock up on groceries, snow shovels and videos, stripping shelves bare in some stores.

"It's like they're never going to eat again," Mavis McLynn said as she shopped at a supermarket in Philadelphia.

The heavy snowfall from the slow-moving storm was expected Tuesday, but by Monday a foot or more had already fallen in upstate New York and northeastern Pennsylvania. Elsewhere: sleet and freezing rain glazed sidewalks and streets.

Meteorologists had warned that the storm could be similar to the blizzard of 1978, which buried southern New England in 3 feet of snow, caused more than 100 deaths and battered coastal areas with high waves.

But coastal flood warnings issued early in the day for the entire Jersey shore were partially lifted. Only minor tidal flooding was expected along the southern coastline.

"Sandbags aren't going to help a bit in this case. If it comes, it's going to come," said emergency official Mark Zartarian at the shore town of Rye, N.H. "If it's anything like '78, it's going to lift and move boulders the size of cars."

New York's Education Department estimated 90 percent of the state's public and private schools were closed. Affected were 3.1 million students, including 1.1 million in New York City — despite the fact snow didn't begin falling in the city until early evening.

State can't ban Ku Klux Klan from cleanup program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Missouri lost a Supreme Court bid Monday to ban the Ku Klux Klan from its cleanup program.

The court, without comment, turned down the state's argument that it should be allowed to bar the Klan from the litter control program because the organization won't accept blacks and other minorities as members.

Monday's action was not a decision on the merits of the case.

Jeff Briggs, a spokesman for the Missouri Department of Transportation, which administers the highway cleanup program, said officials were reviewing the court action.

Thomas Robb, national director of the Ku Klux Klan in Harrison, Ark., said, "It's what I expected right from the beginning. With us it was purely a constitutional issue."

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EDITORIAL

Why are state lawmakers intent on extra spending?

What's wrong with this picture? The state of Idaho - with the most Republican legislature in America - is awash in cash. Yet lawmakers are turning their backs on significant income tax relief for citizens and businesses. Why? So they can authorize a budget nearly 10 percent larger than last year's budget.

Where is the conservative logic? Why do lawmakers favor more government spending over tax relief for those who pay the bills? Can anyone explain what is going on?

Some of the blame must be laid at the feet of the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee. It has opened the headgates for a flood of spending, leaving less cash for income tax relief.

The state's wage bill is going up, because more workers will be hired and many existing workers will get pay raises. Capital expenses are on the rise, too, with lawmakers behaving like public-sector Santas as they hand out gifts:

- \$32 million to renovate the state Capitol building.
- \$14 million for a new classroom and lab building at Idaho State University.
- \$11.8 million for a health/nursing and life science building at North Idaho College.
- \$11 million to expand the Women's Correctional Center in Pocatello.
- \$10.7 million for a new teaching and learning center at the University of Idaho.
- \$9.3 million for a Boise State University building in Canyon County.
- \$7.64 million for a new campus activity center at Lewis-Clark State College.

• \$4.3 million to expand the fine arts building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Add 'em all up and you're talking real money.

As state spending mounts, less money is available for income tax relief - at a time when it is sorely needed. Energy costs are going up and the economy is clearly beginning to cool. It's too early to say that hard times are coming, but it is safe to say that good times are going.

Though JFAC controls the purse strings, the blame for runaway spending extends far beyond a single committee. Both houses of the legislature are guilty - and of the two, the Senate is now the more flagrant.

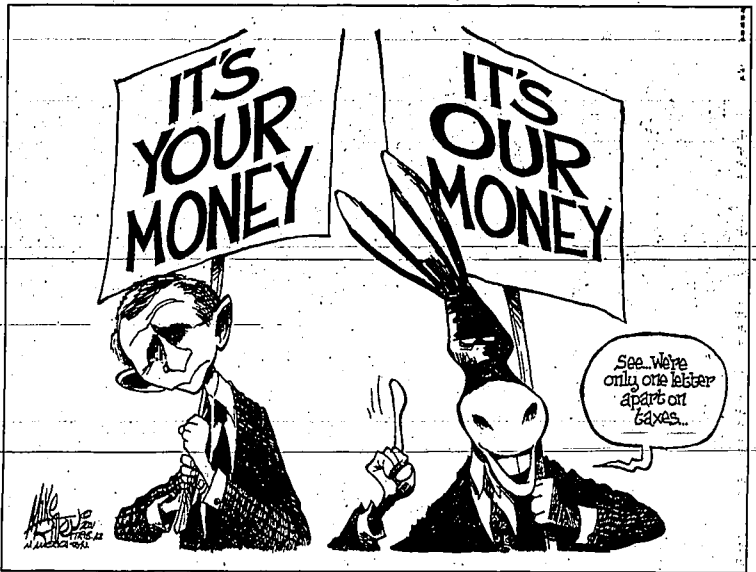
Far from being the wiser, more deliberative body, the Senate has outstripped the House in its zeal to increase the size of state government. Meaningful income tax relief clearly is not a priority with the current crop of senators.

How can this be? Republican senators outnumber their Democratic brethren 32-3. None of these Senate Republicans campaigned as tax-and-spend liberals. But they are running wild in the fiscal candy store, and taxpayers are the ones who'll be left with a sop - but with little permanent tax relief.

It's not impossible for the Senate to sober up and return to traditional conservative values, but the hour is getting late. At this point, the best hope for fiscal restraint lies with the House, which should hold out for the permanent 0.5 percent tax relief package it approved last month.

Until that happens, state taxpayers will be left to wonder why they elected Republicans who would rather spend the state surplus than refund it.

Idaho taxpayers must be wondering why they elected Republicans who would rather spend the state surplus than refund it.



Crusading against corruption

DAVID IGNATIUS

The most interesting political movement in the world today doesn't have a name, and it doesn't even have a clear ideology. It is the global rebellion against corruption, and it stretches from France to the Philippines, from China to Colombia.

A good way to understand this global phenomenon is to look at two of its unsung heroes - a judge in Paris named Eva Joly and a politician in Colombia named Ingrid Betancourt. If they gave Nobel prizes for bravery, these two should split the award.

Because they refused to be intimidated by the power elites of their countries, these women began an inexorable process of change and reform. But each has also paid a terrible personal price. Both have recently published memoirs in French that explain their motivation and the movement they symbolize.

Joly, 57, has led the French investigation into the payoffs and bribery that surrounded the formerly state-owned oil company, Elf Aquitaine. She began her probe in 1995, just one year after she became a "juge d'instruction" - an unusual French position that combines judge and prosecutor. In theory, these judges have wide latitude to expose corruption, but in real life they have been checked by unwritten rules that put prominent people and institutions off-limits.

The Norwegian-born Joly broke through those Gallic restraints. As she pressed her investigation, she summoned some of Paris' most prominent figures - and if they wouldn't testify, she put them in jail. Caught in her net were people the French only whispered about: a hard-nosed Corsican operative named Andre Gueffri; a shadowy businessman named Alfred Surden, who had managed Elf's "black" funds as its No. 2 executive; and former Foreign Minister Roland Dumas.

The Elf scandal has shaken the foundations of the French republic. The webs of influence and payoffs appear to touch many of the leading figures in French political life. Joly began receiving death threats several years ago, and she is now accompanied by bodyguards.

As with many of the global crusaders against corruption, Joly had a burr under her saddle - a quality that made her at once an insider and an outsider. The daughter of simple Norwegian farmers, she had come to Paris in 1964 when she was 20 to work as an au pair.

She quickly found a job with an aristocratic French family named Joly, and then fell in love with and married their son. He was promptly disinherited, and she had to work as a secretary while her husband studied to become a doctor.

While working and raising two young children, she also found time to study law. She became a prosecutor in 1981. The rest, as they say, is history. Joly was determined to follow evidence wherever it led. Colleagues tried to caution her early on that she was over the line, but she ignored them. A life lived under threats of death and public notoriety took a toll on Joly's marriage. She and her husband grew apart, and he died tragically last week of undisclosed causes.

Ingrid Betancourt's path was different, but it led her to a similar decision to defy entrenched power. She comes from a distinguished Colombian family: Her father served as ambassador to France, and she was educated largely in Paris. She married a French diplomat, and when she returned home to Bogota, she could look forward to a life of power and privilege.

All that was required was to close her eyes to the drug lords and corrupt politicians operating at the dirty edges of Colombian society.

But Betancourt couldn't stay silent. There was that mysterious burr under her saddle, too. She ran for the Colombian House of Representatives, and soon after taking office in 1994, she began asking questions about a dubious arms deal that had involved big commission payments. Emboldened by that success, she began probing whether drug lords had helped finance the campaign of Colombia's then-president, Ernesto Samper. This investigation eventually led to Samper's trial by the Colombian congress.

The death threats began in 1996, as the Samper case was coming to a head. Betancourt's marriage had ended by then, and she was trying to raise two young children as a single mother. One day in June, a letter arrived with a crude warning that she and her family would pay for her crusade.

Betancourt put her children on a plane the next morning for New Zealand, where her ex-husband was living. They did not live with her again for four years. Her daily companions became her bodyguards. Her crusade against corruption continues to this day.

"There is always a question of why we do things in life, especially things that are dangerous and difficult," observed Betancourt, who is now 40. But as with Eva Joly - and with the thousands of courageous others who are challenging the corruption that afflicts governments around the world - the answer is that they don't really have a choice. People with a passion for the truth cannot live with lies, no matter how dear the price of their defiance.

David Ignatius wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

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LETTERS

Crisis may have simple solution

Ho hum, retired old farmer with nothing to do but loaf around the house in my wife's way and overeat my wife's good cooking and thinking of my has-done days. Nov. 28, 1928 - my 20th birthday, I moved into this farm with my parents and a younger sister; five lower rooms with uninsulated walls open at the top. I slept in the unfinished upstairs and looked through the roof at the stars in 30-below-zero weather. Neighbors said the builder lost the farm and no one stayed on it more than one year. We almost lost it, but the company did not want it back during the big Depression. After 13 years, I was able to insulate and finish the upper rooms.

About 30 years ago, our daughter and husband bought a big 3-year-old house in sunny California. We tried to visit them each winter. Our son-in-law asked me to add another room in the high open space in the attic center: Being a farm hog-brow builder, I was good for something to do. I put down the floor and started putting up wall studs. Found a 3-foot stepladder to stand on and soon learned that working and looking above my head made me dizzy. Fell off the ladder a few times. Spent two days real sick in bed, and gave up the job before learning how to control dizzy spells. I did check out the house and the attic. Outer walls were not insulated, nor the ceilings. The furnace sat on the ground beside the house with a tin pipe going up the wall and into the

attic and across the ceiling with off-shoot pipes coming off each side to individual rooms to a hole in the ceiling where it shot heat down into the room. One off-shoot pipe went nowhere, just out into open attic. I capped that pipe as best I could and repaired several other heat leaks. When the rooms warmed enough to turn the furnace off, the fan soon stopped, the tin pipe cooled, the heat reversed and went right back up into that cool tin pipe and, in a few minutes, the furnace came on again. Probably used more heat than was used in our two-story house in cold Idaho.

My question: Why doesn't California put the heat under the house and up through the floor like we do where they can use every bit of it? They would not need our heating energy then.

HOWARD NICCUM
Wendell

Hog politicking stinks

The only thing that smells worse than the proposed hog farm is the politicking involved. It seems to be based on non-trustworthy information provided by the promoters and hearsay from those who will be affected. It's a case of the blind leading the blind down a road full of Snake River Canyon-sized potholes, from which there can be no return. Let us hope that what is "right" prevails for all concerned.

CLYDE ANNIS
Rupert

History must not be buried

School started for 2,200 school children at the Hunt Relocation Center on Oct. 1942. Besides regular instruction, the children were taught trades and professions to ensure their survival after the war. There was a staff of 57 teachers headed by Richard E. Pomeroy, president of the Idaho Education Association and formerly principal of Boise Junior High School. In December, Hunt evacuees were allowed to leave the center and work wherever they could find a job - except on the west coast. The evacuees found jobs in nearly all trades, businesses and professions in neighboring communities. Earlier that fall, 2,500 of them had assisted the local farmers with the harvest. Their leaves were indefinite.

Typical of the sentiment of the local citizenry toward the camp is this quote from a local paper: "It is said that so

many innocent people have to be locked up because of a few potential saboteurs in their midst." But there were also racial bigots in the communities and people who were resentful of the Japanese-Americans.

My concern is that future generations will be left without a true account of the events of that unfortunate era. The fiasco of the B29 atomic bomb display sponsored by the Smithsonian Institute alerted tens of thousands of veterans of World War II that there were forces out there who were determined to degrade America.

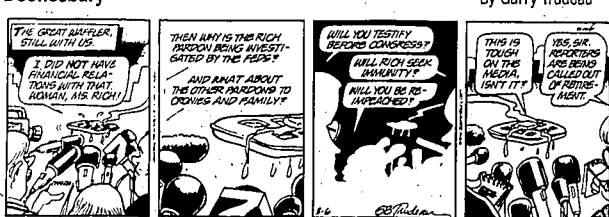
Then closer to home, there is a brochure titled "Discover South Central Idaho" - published jointly by the chambers of commerce of Magic Valley - which leaves one with a completely false impression of the Hunt Relocation Center. It says, in part, "Although in

1940 approximately 60 percent of Idaho Japanese-Americans were native-born Americans, 9,400 were held at the camp surrounded by barbed wire ... There is no mention of the fact that the evacuees were brought in from the west coast so future generations could be led to believe that Idaho Japanese-Americans were interred at Hunt.

Japanese history books have been rewritten to give the impression that they bombed Pearl Harbor in retaliation for the atomic bomb, which had been dropped on Hiroshima. Had the Smithsonian fiasco not been smothered and considering the American people's penchant for degrading themselves, future generations might have been led to believe that American aggression started World War II.

KENT HALE
Oakley

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By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Ergonomics regulation imposes huge expenses on businesses

The U.S. Senate this week is scheduled to vote on a proposal to kill a controversial "misdiagnosis regulation" that would force businesses to spend billions of dollars making workplaces "ergonomically correct."

The regulation, one of dozens rushed through in the waning days of the Clinton administration, also requires businesses to pay employees who take time off due to claims of repetitive stress injuries.

The idea may sound good, but only if you disregard the fact that even the medical community cannot agree on how to prevent, treat or even properly diagnose the cause of chronic aches and pains due to repetitive motion.

As a result, U.S. businesses are set to pay out billions of dollars in compliance costs without so much as the guarantee that this effort and expense will prevent a single workplace injury.

It's a dilemma that would impress even George Orwell: The government imposes sweeping, unproven and unscientific new regulations, yet its own regulators can't tell businesses how to follow the new rules and avoid a crushing financial blow.

Congress understood the problem. It directed the National Academy of Sciences to do an independent review of the science behind the regulation and offer a third-party assessment of its merit.

The past administration, however, chose not to wait for this analysis. Instead, in its final days, it pulled out all the stops to get

WALTER MCCORMICK JR.

this regulation on the books. Because of its far-reaching impact and the ill-considered manner in which it was conceived, the ergonomics rule has become the poster child for the first-time use of the Congressional Review Act.

The act offers a formal alternative to the traditional practice of sidelining unworkable regulations by cutting off funds for their enforcement. Instead, the act allows Congress to tackle the most egregious regulations head-on—striking them from the books. In this instance, the resolution also demands that any future ergonomics regulation actually have scientific merit.

The ergonomics rule is the most costly regulation ever produced by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. For the trucking industry alone, it is estimated to cost \$6.5 billion a year.

Its staggering scope sends a bad message to a business community that, by and large, has done the right thing on this complex, emerging area of workplace safety.

In the trucking industry, for example, today's trucks have 100 percent power steering and power brakes to reduce physical stress on drivers. Loading docks, too, have undergone significant redesigns to minimize employee bending and twisting, as well as package-laden trips up and down stairs.

Ask any trucking company

what is its most important asset. It will tell you it's the drivers.

Where there are proven methods to improve safety, the industry has invested heavily to protect its workers. The labor department's own statistics reinforce this claim. According to them, while employment in the trucking industry from 1994 to 1998 increased by 5 percent, injuries decreased by nearly 15 percent.

How many of these ailments were called "repetitive stress?" A mere 1 percent, as it turns out. That doesn't surprise many in the U.S. business community, which has worked diligently to improve workplace safety for years. As a result of its commitment, and in the absence of a sweeping regulation, repetitive stress injuries nationwide have declined annually since 1994.

Unfortunately, this new rule sends the wrong message: Do the right thing, and it won't make a bit of difference. Now, Congress should vote to send a different message: When government regulators overreach, there are checks and balances to ensure fairness.

It is not too much to ask that a regulation that wraps itself in the mantle of workplace safety actually delivers on that promise. Until the ergonomics rule can prevent more aches and pains than it creates for employers and their employees, the Senate should just say "no."

Walter B. McCormick Jr. is president and CEO of the American Trucking Associations. Readers may write to him at ATA, 2200 Mill Road, Alexandria, Va. 22314-4677.

LETTER

New school is necessary

To the residents of the Wendell School District:

I am hoping the people in the Wendell School district will realize how important it is to get to the polls and vote for a new school. The school they had to close needed repairs for a number of years. Twelve years ago when I took junior high girls over there to play basketball in that gym, it was in need of a great

deal of repair then.

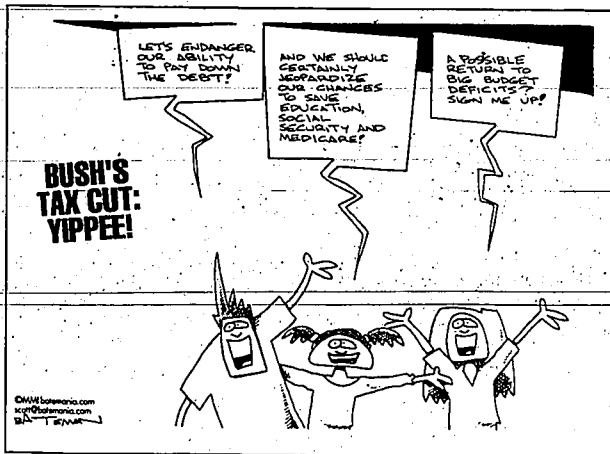
I know it is hard for people to have their taxes increased, but Hagerman School District passed its bond and has a beautiful new school they can be very proud even though the residents agreed to increase their taxes.

Kimberly, another small community, passed its bond issue so that a high school and gymnasium are being built to provide the students with a chance for an excellent education.

I don't believe the legislators should vote to have the people of Idaho pay for buildings in any district since it needs to have the people responsible to keep control of their own schools and students.

No, I'm not a resident of this school district, but after 35 years of teaching, I am very concerned with our schools and can honestly say I have always voted "yes" on any school bond in my district.

JEAN EMERSON
Twin Falls



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WORLD

Hajj crowd tramples 35 people to death

MINA, Saudi Arabia — The convergence of millions of pilgrims has once again brought tragedy, with the deaths Monday of 35 Muslims who suffocated in a crush of bodies during the stoning of the devil ritual at the annual hajj pilgrimage.

Hours later, the enormous crowd was calm and many of the estimated 2 million pilgrims in the sprawling, overcrowded tent city were unaware of it.

A witness said the incident started early in the morning and was brought under control about three hours later. The witness, an Egyptian journalist who was performing the pilgrimage and spoke on condition of anonymity, saw a few people at a time suffocate or fall and be trampled to death.

Most of the victims died of suffocation, said Saad bin Abdullah al-Tuwery, a Saudi civil defense chief.

"A stampede resulted when the older people in the crowd couldn't move as fast as others," al-Tuwery told the official Saudi Press Agency. "Security forces intervened promptly and prevented the accident from getting worse."

Security and safety have been major concerns at the hajj, the annual pilgrimage that according to Islam must be performed once in a lifetime by every Muslim who is able to do so. Hundreds of hajj pilgrims have been killed in stampedes in recent years, in several cases at the stoning of the devil ritual.

France bans export of animals at risk for disease

PARIS — In another blow to Europe's farm industry, France banned exports of animals at risk for foot-and-mouth disease Monday as the continent went on high alert to try to stop the virus from spreading from Britain.

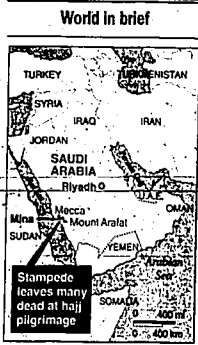
After a series of false alarms, Germany, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark and France said Monday they had no confirmed cases of the disease, which has ravaged 70 farms in Britain and Northern Ireland since the first cases were discovered Feb. 19.

But with the risk of infection still high, authorities want people to know they are doing their utmost to ward off the disease.

Unlike mad cow disease, foot-and-mouth disease cannot be passed to humans. But a continent-wide outbreak would be another economic problem for an industry suffering from plummeting beef sales and consumer panic.

Israelis, Palestinians bury dead as official takes office

JERUSALEM — Israelis and Palestinians buried their dead



Monday — evidence of an upsurge in violence — as Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon prepared to take office with a mandate from Israel's people to put a stop to five months of unrest.

With his broad-based coalition government mostly in place, Sharon is set to take power Wednesday. Palestinian militants have threatened to welcome Sharon with an onslaught of bomb attacks.

Already on alert, Israeli police went on emergency footing Monday, canceling courses and putting more officers on the streets while asking the military for reinforcements to help stop a wave of bombings in Israeli cities.

Two of the three Israeli victims of a suicide bomb attack in Netanya were buried Monday. They included Nafali Din, 85, the first mayor of the village of Tel Mond. The bomber, who has not been identified, set off an explosive in a crowd of people Sunday.

Taliban leader praises destruction of statues

KABUL, Afghanistan — Dismissing the international outcry over his week-old edict to demolish pre-Islamic relics, the ruling Taliban's reclusive leader Monday called their destruction a tribute to Islam and Afghanistan.

As the Vatican weighed in for the first time by calling the order the "crazy" result of "fanatic extremism," Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar referred to international criticism as "noise" and described demolition of the relics as a tribute to "the brave Afghan nation."

Omar accused non-Muslim nations of trying to refashion Afghanistan's Islamic identity into one more acceptable to them.

— compiled from wire reports

Chechens accuse military of executions

Official says total body count is 80

MOSCOW (AP) — After months of devastating artillery strikes, then mine explosions and looting, Chechen civilians have been gripped by another kind of terror: People abducted by gunmen wearing military uniforms are turning up dead, their bodies dumped in fields or forests.

In one of the most chilling discoveries, more than 50 bodies — up to 80, by some accounts — have been uncovered just outside Russia's main military base of Khankala near the Chechen capital, Grozny.

The heavily guarded area also served as a detention center for suspected rebels, and the respected Russian human rights group Memorial says the bodies were those of Chechen men and

women seized by the military and summarily executed.

"We have all seen for a year how people have been brought to Khankala," said Alexander Cherkasov of Memorial. "Now we know where to look for them."

Fifty bodies were laid out for identification Monday at an abandoned warehouse in Grozny, a building that now belongs to the local branch of the Emergency Situations Ministry. At least four other bodies have been identified and taken away by relatives, Memorial chairman Oleg Orlov said.

An official in Chechnya's pro-Moscow administration, speaking on condition of anonymity, put the total number of bodies at 80. Russia is trying to stamp out resistance by independence fighters in the Caucasus Mountains region. Large-scale

fighting stopped months ago, but raids by small bands of insurgents have prompted federal troops to sweep through towns and villages seizing fighting-age men and sometimes women.

Many have been released after days in grim detention facilities; others have been charged with a crime. But scores have disappeared without a trace — or have turned up dead.

"People have been vanishing, and now more and more often the graves of people seized by federal forces are being found," said Tatyana Kasatkina, one of Memorial's leaders.

The fear of arrest keeps most

Chechens in their homes after dark, residents say. As the sun begins to set, the streets of the Chechen capital grow deserted except for military patrols.

Several mass graves of people allegedly detained by federal forces have been uncovered in recent months, Memorial has charged, but the burial ground outside Khankala seems the biggest yet.

Most of the bodies scattered around the ruined summer cottage neighborhood of Zdorovye, also known as Datchny, bore execution-style gunshot or stab wounds, according to Memorial experts.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Single-vehicle crash kills Gooding man

SHOSHONE - A single vehicle crash late Monday morning about 16 miles west of Shoshone claimed the life of a Gooding man, according to a report from the Idaho State Police.

Charles M. Luther, 76, was alone in a vehicle that rolled on U.S. Highway 76 near mile post 160, according to the ISP.

The details of the crash were still under investigation late Monday.

Governor temporarily appoints former rep

BOISE - Former Rep. Randy Hansen, R-Twin Falls, was appointed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne Monday to temporarily sit in for the ailing Rep. George Swan, R-Twin Falls.

Swan is recovering from a bout with kidney stones brought on by treatments for colon and liver cancer, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, said.

Swan expects to be back in his seat by early next week, Newcomb said. "Until then, Hansen will sit in on House votes and committee assignments in Swan's place."

Swan, a freshman lawmaker, was diagnosed with cancer soon after being selected by local Republicans to replace Hansen in the Idaho House last summer. Hansen left to pursue opportunities in his church.

Since being diagnosed, Swan has undergone surgery and opted for an alternative cancer treatment foregoing typical radiation and chemotherapy treatments.

"He was absent from his post most of the latter part of last week because of the stones," Newcomb said.

School Board to meet with P&Z Commission

KIMBERLY - The School Board will meet today with the city's Planning and Zoning Commission. The School Board and city commission will be holding a work session regarding the new high school.

The meeting will begin at 7:15 p.m. in the Kimberly High School library, 241 Center St. W.

The board's regular meeting will be March 15.

Transportation Dept. expects to reopen road

STANLEY - The Idaho Department of Transportation expects to reopen state Highway 21 between Stanley and Lomian today depending on the weather.

The road was closed Monday because of avalanche hazards about 25 miles west of Stanley.

Officials Investigate killing of three bull elk

ELKO, Nev. - The Nevada Division of Wildlife is seeking information about the poaching of three bull elk in the northeast corner of Elko County.

The elk were discovered last month after game wardens received a tip from a hunter.

Joe Doucette of the Nevada Wildlife said the animals were shot sometime in December.

"It appears that someone shot into a group of bull elk and then just left them to rot, not even trying to take the antlers as sometimes happens in poaching cases," said NDOW Supervisor Loren Jamison. "A large number of poaching cases are solved by members of the public coming forward and providing us with that one clue that enables us to start the investigation and leads us to a suspect."

Doucette said seven elk have been killed illegally in northeast Nevada since last September and the agency is looking for any information that might help officials with their investigation.

Those with information are asked to call the Elko wildlife office at 775-738-7332. Those who wish to remain anonymous can call the Operation Game Thief hotline at 800-992-3030.

Those supplying information leading to an arrest and conviction might be eligible for a reward.

Compiled from staff reports

Family settles with Home Depot

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

Mother vows to continue crusade

TWIN FALLS - The family of a 3-year-old girl who died after an accident at The Home Depot has reached a settlement with the national retail giant.

Home Depot also says it has upgraded its safety standards and created a national safety team, partly in response to the Twin Falls accident.

But Julie Horner - whose daughter Janessa died as a result of head injuries at Home

Depot's Twin Falls store last year - said Monday she will continue crusading for safety legislation targeting "big-box" warehouse stores.

"I feel like God chose us to do this because everybody else just kind of takes the money and runs," Horner said Monday.

"The money, which really isn't that much to begin with, isn't important. The money will help paying for flying to these hear-

ings." Janessa Horner was injured May 28, 2000, when a load of counter tops fell from a forklift and shattered on a concrete floor. One of them knocked Janessa down, and she hit her head against the floor.

Janessa was pronounced dead from massive head injuries the next day.

The terms of Home Depot's settlement with Julie and Virgil

Horner are confidential. "Let's just say I am very satisfied with the recovery from my clients," said Brock Springer, the Horner's Boise lawyer. "I think the recovery was commensurate with the national attention the case received and the gravity of the loss. I'm glad we were able to resolve it out of court."

Jerry Shields, Home Depot spokesman in Atlanta, said the amount was "agreed upon by

both parties."

Julie Horner said she plans to lobby for federal safety laws covering warehouse stores - such as a ban on forklifts and other heavy machinery during certain business hours.

Carol Schumacher, Home Depot's vice president of public relations in Atlanta, said Home Depot has already revised many of its safety standards since Janessa's death.

Forklifts are no longer used during peak store hours -

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ROLLIN', ROLLIN', ROLLIN'



After almost a year at the Joelin Field Magic Valley Regional Airport in Twin Falls, the L.B. Perrine Stagecoach will go back home to its owner, Johnny Meyers, far left. Fixing the wheels are Meyers' first priority, because of the dry air in the airport they have shrunk. The stagecoach is being used as a symbol for the 2004 centennial celebration in Twin Falls.

Council sends turn-lane proposal to commission

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The City Council unanimously voted to send a left-turn lane idea on Eastland Drive back to the city's traffic commission for further study, citing concerns with pedestrian safety and other issues.

Council members and residents brought up their concerns about pedestrian safety and the possibility of increased traffic speeds because of the turn lane at Monday's meeting.

"We built our home on a little

country lane that didn't have much traffic, and now we are competing with Washington Street and Addison Avenue," said Wendell Perry, who owns a home along Eastland. "A left turn lane could speed up traffic. I don't know if that would cut down on traffic accidents or increase them."

The city's traffic commission, made up of city leaders and residents, suggested a left turn lane on Eastland between Filer Avenue and Rancho Vista Drive.

Letters were sent to property owners along Eastland inform-

ing them about the proposed left-turn lane and parking removal. The left-turn lane would allow easier access from Eastland onto Crest Avenue, Rancho Vista Drive and Stadium Boulevard.

Eight residences would be affected by the left-turn lane, City Engineer Gary Young said. But Eastland would not have to be widened.

"There was some misunderstanding about whether Eastland was to be widened or not," Young said Monday.

The city's traffic commission and engineers looked at the

number of accidents along Eastland. Though there are not many on that section, most of them are rear-enders, Young said.

A left-turn lane could cut back on the number of rear-enders, he said.

But other residents, including Mark Burgess, said pedestrian safety must be looked at.

Many children walk along Eastland Drive. A left turn lane, which in his mind would increase traffic, is a safety issue, he said.

The city's traffic commission

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Count on the future

Businesses, agencies await census data

By N.S. Nokkettved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Whether they stock the shelves at Jerome's Wal-Mart or patrol the streets of Twin Falls, lots of local people are expectantly awaiting the next round of data from Census 2000.

Preliminary census numbers already have shown that Idaho was the fifth fastest-growing state in the past decade. Additional numbers, which could be released as early as this week, will be increasingly specific. They'll show ethnic, lifestyle and economic details down to the neighborhood level.

The numbers will help the Magic Valley in many ways.

Though it's part of a chain of thousands, the Jerome Wal-Mart store fits its merchandise mix to the local market's demands.

"We do tailor our store mainly off demographics that do come as a result of the census," said Aaron Bishop, co-manager of the store.

Armed with information on Magic Valley's ethnic makeup,

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Idaho census at a glance

Population in 2000: 1,293,953
Rank 39th
Population in 1990: 1,066,749
Rank 42nd
Growth: 287,204 (rank 32nd)
Percent change: 28.5 (rank 5th)

Hog farm plan passes Idaho House

By Michael Journee
Times-News writer

BOISE - Just days after Cassia County planning and zoning officials deep-sixed plans for a controversial large-scale hog farm, Idaho House members approved a measure that would strictly regulate construction of such farms no matter where they're built.

The bill gives state and county regulators the option of requiring such operations to be built and initially operated in phases. Kuchan said the measure requires at least one of a hog or poultry farm's waste digesters to be proven before allowing other new construction to continue.

The measure also includes an "emergency clause" which makes it law immediately upon approval by the Legislature and the governor. Laws without the emergency stipulation go into effect on July 1, after the

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Idaho moves toward school 'accountability'

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

BOISE - A statewide effort to improve school performance is credited in Twin Falls for playing a big role in improved standardized test scores, and the School District shared that success at a Boise conference Monday.

Twin Falls was part of a discussion of how Idaho should test students and what to do with the results. It's a policy issue that will change instruction in classrooms and dinner table discussions around the state.

The looming changes will shine more of a focus on teacher effectiveness and student performance. Students, parents and the public will be given more detailed information about how well students know what is expected of them at each grade level.

A two-day Boise education conference aims to begin development of the tests or the "accountability piece" of Idaho's achievement standards reform movement. In step with a national trend, Idaho will develop state

assessments to measure how well students learn state standards in reading, mathematics and language arts. Some districts, such as Twin Falls, already are doing it.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne opened the conference Monday by lending support to the state's reform effort. Idaho's future depends on it, he said.

"Assessment activities throughout the nation have received mixed reviews. We're well aware of those different efforts. We will, through public participation, a public commission, the State Board of Education, and the efforts of all those affected, create a system that will not penalize but rather enhance the fundamental needs of our citizen's children as they prepare for the future; which is our future," Kempthorne said.

Twin Falls School District Superintendent Terry Donich, a member of a panel representing standards "pioneers," showed the substantial gains in Twin Falls test scores since the district adopted standards in the mid-



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Demolition begins on old city hall

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

HEYBURN — Smoke flew, the engine of the giant backhoe roared, and Heyburn Mayor Cleo Cheney depressed the lever.

With that, the first blow was dealt Monday to the old Heyburn post office and City Hall building. "I've never been in one of those before," said Cheney, after operating the backhoe. "But I'm not a total stranger to heavy equipment."

Cheney said he used to run such equipment when he and his father ran a construction business in Salt Lake City.

Demolition will continue for the next few days, as city crew members reduce the old government structure to a pile of rubble to be taken to the landfill.

A new building won't go up in its place. More parking, a small



grassy park and improved sidewalks are planned for the area, once the debris is cleared.

Heyburn city Superintendent Scott Spavak uses a backhoe Monday to smash through the old Heyburn City Hall. After Mayor Cleo Cheney struck the first symbolic blow to the building, Spavak took over and continued the demolition.

Aaron Brock/The Times-News
After Cheney's symbolic first strike, city Superintendent Scott Spavak took over the reins of the

backhoe and began knocking over much of the old post office.

"By tonight that end should be pretty well down," Cheney said. So who makes up Heyburn's demolition team?

"It's just Scott," said city clerk Ruth Davis on Monday afternoon. "We haven't seen him out of that (backhoe) since he started this morning."

The building served as Heyburn City Hall until December 2000, when the city government office moved into the newly constructed hall right next door. There was some talk of renovating the original building, but it would have been more expensive to bring it up to code than to just demolish it.

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Partner says, Big Sky has alternative site

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Partners in Big Sky Farms LLC aren't yet sure whether they will appeal last week's rejection of their large-scale hog farm proposal.

And Big Sky Farms partner Clair Bosen said his company has two alternative locations for a proposed hog farm. Bosen declined to identify those locations, but said one is within 100 miles of Raft River.

At that location, "arms are wide open for us ... they would let us in tomorrow," Bosen said.

The Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission Thursday night unanimously denied plans for a \$95,000-hog operation at Raft River, about 24 miles east of Burley.

Cassia County is still the preferred location for economic reasons, Bosen said. At the other sites, Big Sky Farms would need to ship in feed and build a packing plant. In Cassia County, Bosen said, Big Sky wanted to use local grain and would send its hogs to independent Meats' Twin Falls plant.

Big Sky's partners are planning to discuss whether it's worthwhile to appeal — and do more to point out what developers see as the project's positive aspects.

"We felt bad about the decision, because we felt it would be a good thing for the county," Bosen said. "If we do appeal, it will be done on the basis that we would try to educate the people about the project better than we have done. Because we think it is very compatible with the community and the county there if they just totally understood it."

Bosen acknowledged the P&Z commission's concerns about the operation's size and feasibility. But he felt, those fears are not grounded.

"We know that it works. And we wouldn't be willing to spend the millions of dollars that it takes to put it in if we didn't know that it would work," Bosen said.

One of Bosen's partners, Jeff Driscoll, was disappointed and baffled by the decision.

"I didn't expect it to be unanimous like that. I thought we might have some more support," Driscoll said. "Especially with all the cooperation we made and all the efforts we went to and the money and time, and they turned it over to the DEQ for their input, and then basically just decided it was just too big."

Big Sky Farms' opponents were relieved by the commissioners' decision.

"We are just so happy that the right thing was done, and that the people that live here counted for something," said Raft River resident Toni Garner. "I think the commission was absolutely right in saying this is the wrong place for it."

She said she took nothing for granted until Thursday's vote.

"The way these guys have been pursuing it, despite everyone being very vocal and saying this is our home, they didn't seem to care. I kind of got a little unnerved by that all along," she said. "I think if it would have come down, there would have been some bad blood for a long time. I don't know that we could have healed our community. I think it would have been very detrimental."

Although Big Sky can still appeal, Garner hopes it won't happen.

"I would hope their sense of decency would warrant them going somewhere else," Garner said. "Deco-area resident Lovell Turner, who has followed the issue from the start and done research of his own, also was pleased with the outcome."

"It's great. It's the best thing that's happened to us," Turner said.

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Jerome City Council to zone annexed areas

By Dixie-Thomas Reale
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JEROME — Traditional uses on recently annexed land would not change under proposed zoning.

A public hearing is scheduled for tonight to set the zoning on nearly 160 acres recently annexed. The annexation raised concerns over restrictions on the future use and zoning of the land. But the city will zone the land according to traditional uses. What the land has been used and

More information
The Jerome City Council meets at 7 p.m. today in council chambers, 100 East Ave. A. The public is welcome.

zoned for in the past will continue.

In other business the City Council will:

- Consider a 4.1 percent salary increase for Police Chief Bill Reid from \$3,233 per month or \$38,796

per year to \$33,369 per month or \$40,428 per year, an increase of \$1,632 per year. The council will also consider a 3.5 percent salary increase for City Clerk Kathy Miller from \$3,504 per month or \$42,048 per year to \$36,099 per month or \$43,308 per year, an increase of \$1,632 per year.

- Consider the purchase of a body wire at a price of \$2,995 and one tactical repeater at a price of \$5,490 plus \$35 shipping. While the police department would not use the wire on a regular basis it

would be used and has been needed at times. The wire also could be used to gather evidence or information to be used in court.

- The city will consider approving a bid from Green View Spraying Service for weed control for the roadsides and alleys and weed and feed at the parks, library and city hall. The city requested four bids. Three were returned and Greenview was the lowest complete bid submitted.

Commissioners discuss changing county addresses

By Ruth Streeter
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BURLEY — As a matter of public safety, Cassia County commissioners are considering changing some county addresses.

A small corner of the county, known as the Jackson area, Minidoka County coordinates. Such a situation has created incidents in which emergency services have been dispatched to the wrong end of the county.

It's a safety concern for residents, as well as a liability issue for the county, said Michael Lewis, chairman of the Cassia County EMS board.

It's a volatile issue that previ-

ous county commissioners faced a few years ago. Several Jackson-area residents resisted having their addresses changed.

But EMS officials insist that something needs to be done to solve a serious problem that does happen from time to time.

"It's extremely, extremely confusing," said Kent Searle, the coordinator for Cassia County's 911 center.

Commissioners and EMS officials said Monday the cleanest solution would be to give those residents Cassia County coordinates and reroute those residents' mail to the Declo post office. The mail now is delivered by the Rupert post office.

Rupert postmaster Tom Moore said that changing those addresses is possible. But adjusting delivery routes directly affects a mail carrier's salary and dealing with federal contracts and the letter carrier's union is extremely complicated, Moore said.

The county's new 911-enhanced dispatch equipment picks up the coordinates from a call, but does not indicate the county, Searle said. And sometimes residents are confused about whether their coordinates are in Cassia or Minidoka county, Searle said.

Also, cell phones don't automatically give dispatchers accurate ground coordinates. County commissioners have the

authority to change addresses, but they want to judge the effects of such a decision first.

Commissioner Dennis Crane asked Moore to find out how many mailbox drops the Rupert post office would lose if mail for Jackson area residents went through Declo and to find out the mechanism for making such a change.

Commissioners said they would eventually like to take the issue to a public hearing.

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the store's managers decide on a section of Hispanic foods, for instance. And they have apparel offerings — such as overalls or dress shirts — for rural and urban populations, Bishop said.

The Jerome store did its analysis a week or so ago, using the most current numbers available from the Jerome Chamber of Commerce. But Bishop is eager for more details.

"We're actually looking forward to that coming out," he said. "We're looking forward to it because, bottom line, it helps us to serve our customers better."

He's not alone. "We get requests for population information all the time — and not only the gross numbers, but the different categories of people who live here," Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce executive Kent Just said.

The Twin Falls chamber will use the new census figures to update its report on Magic Valley travel patterns, populations, retail sales, driving-to-work times and the like, within circles of various sizes centered at Twin Falls' Blue Lakes Boulevard and Addison Avenue five-points intersection.

"All kinds of companies are very interested in that commute time," Just said.

For Magic Valley schools, the census numbers will shed some light on enrollment numbers, student trends and future facility needs.

Oregon math teacher, said he saw a number of teachers retire in Oregon when standards reform was introduced there in the early 1990s. He was a fresh college of education graduate and said he has used student test results to individualize instruction.

"I guess I'm here today to say I survived education reform," he said.

Tom Baird, a senior policy analyst for the Florida Department of Education, said Florida uses test results to publish a list that ranks schools by performance. Top performing schools are rewarded with financial bonuses to use any way they wish. Money

retailers and restaurant chains considering new Magic Valley locations call Just's office for market numbers — sometimes for specific segments such as retirees or young adults. Potential large employers want population statistics to back up the state's projections of labor availability.

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Minidoka County School District, whose enrollment has dropped steadily over the past few years, could benefit from poverty and income indicators that could actually help the school district, since many rents are based on poverty levels, Superintendent Nick Hallett said.

"That would give us a leg up," he said.

Cassia County is looking more at state numbers, district Superintendent Jerry Doggett said. An increase in Idaho's population would mean more funding from the federal government to the state's Department of Education.

In Twin Falls, where population has grown but enrollment has dipped, school officials use census numbers to aid enrollment predictions.

They expect enrollment to decline by 50 children next year and then level off after that,

isn't withheld from the lowest performing schools, but state technical assistance and other resources are directed toward those schools. Because principals are regarded as spark plugs that can turn schools around, in some cases Florida has replaced principals in low performing schools, Baird said.

The state, which has state tests in grades three through 10, is getting to the point it can use the data to identify effective teachers and even effective education colleges, he said.

Key themes that emerged at Monday's conference included the importance of teacher training and development, staying the

course, and realizing that not all gains in student achievement can necessarily be a direct result of the standards movement.

A number of issues must be decided in Idaho, including what tests to use, what the tests will mean to a student's ability to graduate, and how the tests will be used to hold schools and educators accountable for student learning. Members of the public will have the chance to share their views at statewide public hearings this month.

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Baird said.

Knowing the trends helps the district plan for staffing and budgeting, Baird said. Growth in certain age groups can shed light on future school building needs, too.

Twin Falls Police Chief Lee DeVore said his department will use census information to get a handle on its possible needs. One key question is population growth in outlying towns, because it's likely many of those people work in Twin Falls, DeVore said.

"If their population goes up, our day-time population will also go up," DeVore said. "We'll also look at the demographics of the new population, so we can be sure we are serving people the way we need to."

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will review the pedestrian safety issue and the idea of installing sidewalks along Eastland.

In other business Monday, the city:

- Awarded a \$49,667.60 contract to PMF Inc. for a Thomas Park irrigation project. The city wants to build a pump station and piping to provide pressurized irrigation water to Thomas Park.

- Approved the final plats of the North Pointe Ranch Subdivision No. 4 and the Proost

Subdivision.

The North Pointe Ranch Subdivision would have 43 single-family residential lots on 12 acres north of North College Road and east of Wendell Street in the city's area of impact.

The Proost Subdivision would have two residential lots on .57 acres south of 11th Avenue East and west of Morningside Drive.

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pod, Newcomb said.

Many local lawmakers, especially Cassia County's delegation, took a vocal stand against the Sky's proposal.

With a few exceptions, the entire delegation, including Jaquet and Newcomb, sent letters urging county commissioners to reject permit applications for the farm.

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between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

"We have also increased the use of spotters when we have forklifts," Schumacher said. "But what's important is the Janessa Horner accident certainly is that one of the decisions we made after the accident is that we would never again store counterweights in the top storage rack. That means we would not

be moving them by forklift."

Also, a 120-person safety team began work March 1. The team's main job is looking at the company's safety standards and training policies.

Horner questioned the company's sincerity.

"I'll believe it when I see it," she said. "I think the government has to force them to do it. I don't think they would be will-

ing to do it on their own."

Horner said Janessa's life could have been saved if the counterweights that shattered on the floor had been wrapped in plastic.

Also, Janessa's accident happened at 4:30 p.m. — not between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Horner said.

The Horners' story continues to draw national media atten-

tion. Horner said the producers of Good Morning America called last week.

Horner said she will grant media interviews and hopes to start a children's museum in Twin Falls in Janessa's name.

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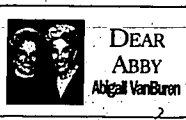
Grandfather explains favoritism

DEAR ABBY: I must comment on the letter you reprinted from "Your Son's Wife" about grandparents who don't buy gifts of equal value for their grandchildren. I am a grandfather who would like to treat each of my grandchildren equally, but I don't. Here's why.

One of my daughters-in-law is loving and respectful toward my wife and me as grandparents. She taught her children good manners and, in short, is a joy to all of us. My other daughter-in-law has done exactly the opposite. Much as we might like to, we do not treat this granddaughter the same as her cousins. Of course, this granddaughter is not responsible for her mother's conduct, but she suffers the consequences in more ways than one. In short, she's spoiled, and it shows.

If a son's wife feels her children's paternal grandparents don't treat their children as well as they treat their cousins, I suggest the son's wife do some soul-searching. Perhaps she'll find the reason lies, at least in part, in the different relationship she and the other son's wife have established with their husbands' parents.

DEAR H.C.: I hate to see children suffer for the sins of the parents. Read on:



DEAR ABBY: My grandmotherly reaction to the letter from "Your Son's Wife" is that many times—but not in all cases—sons' wives are the carpenters of their own crosses. Perhaps unintentionally, they don't encourage their children to treat their paternal grandparents with as much attention and respect as is accorded maternal grandparents. This grandmother finally decided to treat grandchildren as they treat her!

TOUGH LOVE GRANDMA, HOULTON, MAINE
DEAR TOUGH LOVE: Please read the reply to H.C. (above). Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have a few questions for "Son's Wife":

- Do you treat your mother-in-law the same as you treat your own mother?
- Do your children write thank-you notes and show appreciation when they receive gifts?
- Do you involve your mother-

in-law in activities such as school programs?

• Do your children take care of their toys and clothes, or do they lose pieces and break toys?

• Do you buy so many things for your children that they cannot appreciate what others give them? Perhaps there's a reason for this favoritism.

ALSO HURTING, MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OHIO
DEAR ALSO HURTING: A parent who has a bone to pick with a child or in-law should verbalize it rather than making the grandchildren bear the brunt of their passive-aggressive anger. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I had to laugh when I read the letter from "Your Son's Wife." For years, we have

laughed with our children about not being their grandmother's favorites. We have accepted the fact that being a stepgrandchild brings with it consequences: fewer gifts, less attention and support at events, and less recognition of accomplishments.

Life is not always fair. Sometimes we have to realize that's the way it is and find humor in the situation. Parents will defend themselves and their actions to the end. What we can do is recognize something we don't appreciate in a parent—and be sure we never repeat it.

BEEN DOWN THAT ROAD, ST. GEORGE, UTAH
DEAR BEEN DOWN THAT ROAD: I admire you for your perspective. That's excellent advice.

Lewinsky agrees to make documentary for HBO

NEW YORK—Just as the details of Bill Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky begin to fade into history, the former White House intern has agreed to make an HBO documentary about the investigation into the scandal and its impact on the nation.



Women's Wear Daily reported Friday. The deal is with Andy Hilgier's new company, **Muscle Entertainment Fashion Inc.**, the newspaper said, citing a source close to the deal.

Hilgier was not available for comment. Lopez ex-boyfriend, rap impresario Sean "Puffy" Combs, has his own menswear line called Sean John.

Crystal breaks ice with female comedian remarks

ASPEN, Colo.—Billy Crystal wanted to break the ice right away.

"I would love to say, women are funny," Crystal said before accepting the American Film Institute's Star Award during the U.S. Comedy Arts Festival this weekend.

His quip was in reference to comments made last year by festival honoree Jerry Lewis, who said he didn't like female comedians.

"A woman doing comedy doesn't offend me but sets me back a bit," Lewis said at the time.

"I think of her as a producing machine that brings babies in the world."

—compiled from wire reports

You had better check out your pipes, Scorpio

IF MARCH 6TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are a natural diplomat... are sensitive... to degree of being psychic. You possess instinctive knowledge concerning color coordination, fashion. Taurus, Libra, Scorpio persons play major roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: F, O, X. Find time to be alone during April, meditation could provide enlightenment. May will be your most memorable month this year.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You will be challenged concerning real estate, property value. This is your "makeover" day. Rewrite, rebuild. Apparent defeat becomes victory.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You will be on the move—short trips and visits. Take special care in traffic, avoid crowds. Read and write, learn by teaching. Luck with number 5.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Creative hobby will prove profitable. Luxury items involved along with art objects. Music is in picture, dance to your own tune. Libra represented.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Cycle high, judgment and intuition on target. You will be at right place at crucial moment almost effortlessly. Ride with tide, don't get in your own way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Work behind scenes leads to added recognition. You could be knocking on doors of fame, fortune! You will have more responsibility, you will be up to it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Look beyond the immediate,

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take charge of your own destiny. Aspirations, hopes and wishes part of dramatic scenario. Major aspiration will be fulfilled. Aries involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Original concepts impress higher-ups. Emphasize independence, creativity. Do not follow others. Love relationship could get too hot too fast.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Slow place. Examine living quarters, plumbing needs repair. Long-distance communication could result in publishing endeavor. Cancer native is in picture.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Display sense of humor, laugh at your own foibles. You could be concerned with how much you weigh. Keep exercise, diet resolutions. Gemini involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Avoid legal tangle, be on right side of law. Scorpio could tempt with " nefarious scheme." Obstacle to progress will be removed tonight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Experiment, report findings. Legwork required, it will pay dividends. Member of opposite sex confides physical attraction. Maintain emotional equilibrium!

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Music plays, your voice is melodious. People comment on your attractiveness. Keep up to date with fashion news. Taurus, Libra play fascinating roles.

People in the news

her with new perspective that would go beyond what she had revealed in her biography, "Monica's Story."

"The book, that captured that time for me," she said. "The last couple of years have been such a time of intense growth and perspective."

Sheila Nevins, head of HBO's documentary unit, said she believed there were still issues worth exploration, particularly "why this very minor event became one of such enormous magnitude."

"It's not just Monica," Nevins said, "it's Monica in history; it's Monica in privacy; it's Monica in trauma."

Jennifer Lopez branches out, signs clothing-line deal

NEW YORK—Jennifer Lopez, singer, actress... fashion designer?

Lopez has signed a deal with Andy Hilgier, younger brother of designer Tommy Hilgier, to create her own clothing line.

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Student joked about attack

Profile emerges of teen-ager

SANTE, Calif. (AP) — One portrait emerges of the teenager suspected of shooting 15 people at his high school: Nobody took him seriously.

Not when they called him a "dork," and kidded him about his skinny frame. Not when he hung out at the local skateboard park, where he was seen as a wannabe.

Not when he talked about having a gun and planning to shoot students.

Fellow students and an adult acquaintance said they had heard the boy's threats over the weekend but did not report him to authorities.

"I didn't want him to get into trouble for just joking," one student said.

Authorities and witnesses said the boy had a smile on his face as he opened fire with a handgun on Monday at Santana High School, killing two people and injuring 13 others.

Vanessa Willis, a 15-year-old friend and neighbor, said he told her on Saturday: "Don't go to school," and warned he might bring a gun.

"I said, whatever. I didn't take him serious."

"He was always a happy-go-lucky kind of kid," she said. "Every now and then he'd get mad, but it was never like 'I'm going to go kill somebody.'"

The scrappy freshman continually suffered taunts from other students but appeared to laugh them off, friends said.

Another neighbor, 15-year-old Kelli Chmielewski, described the boy as "cute" and said he recently bought her candy from a convenience store because she was not allowed out at night.

"He started making friends

really easily, he had a big ol' group of friends," she said.

"Every one keeps saying he was an outcast, but he wasn't," Willis said. "This is not something he would do. He didn't sit there and plan it out step by step. He wasn't sick in the head like those Columbine kids."

Around campus, the boy had a trademark: a navy blue sweatshirt he liked to wear with the hood pulled over his head.

Classmates said he liked Limp Bizkit, a platinum-selling rap-rock group known for its driving music and angry lyrics.

He and his father, who worked at a nearby Navy base, moved into her apartment building in August, Willis said.

He enjoyed video games, liked "The Simpsons" TV show and had stacks of CDs in his bedroom.

The boy's mother lived in Maryland with a brother.

"He's a pretty good kid," one student told MSNBC. "He does like minor drugs and stuff, but nothing big. He gets picked on a lot. He's like a little skinny kid. He's like anorexic."

He hung out at a local skateboard park, but boarders there were quick to deny he was part of their crowd.

He was a "dork" who "was just trying to impress people," said Adam Trent, 26, a regular at a skateboard park in Woodglan Vista Park.

"I never saw him on a board," he said. "He was basically an unpopular guy. That's why nobody knows anything about him."

If the attacker wanted to impress, he failed.

"I don't hang out with some-

Recent shootings at U.S. schools

Other recent school shooting deaths:

• Jan. 10, 2000: 17-year-old gunman fired shots at Hawthorne High School, about 50 miles north of Los Angeles, before taking a student hostage.

The teenager reportedly was a student at the school and did not know the girl. He was later shot and died by police. He, one other was injured.

• May 29, 2000: 13-year-old horror student alleged to have been teacher: Barry Grubbs, on left of photo in Lake Worth, Fla. (National Guard is charged with fielding the murder).

• Feb. 28, 2000: 6-year-old boy shot and killed 6-year-old classmate at St. Mark's Elementary School in Mount Morris Township, Mich. Because of his age, the boy was not charged.

• 12-year-old girl was sentenced to two to 15 years in prison for allowing the boy access to the gun. The boy's uncle has pleaded guilty to being

possessing the stolen gun used in the shooting.

• Dec. 4, 1999: 15-year-old student fired at least 15 rounds at Fort Gibson Middle School in Fort Gibson, Okla., wounding four classmates.

Sarah Trickey was convicted on seven assault charges, but will not remain in jail past age 15.

• Nov. 18, 1999: 13-year-old girl shot in the head in school in Danbury, N.H., and died the next day. A 12-year-old boy later pleaded guilty and was sentenced to at least two years in juvenile prison.

• Nov. 18, 1999: 15-year-old girl pleaded guilty at Heritage High School in Georgia, Ga., with a 357-caliber Magnum and a rifle, wounding six students. T.J. Salome later pleaded guilty but mentally ill and was sentenced to 40 years in prison and 65 years of probation.

• Jan. 20, 1999: 12 students at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., killed 12 students and a teacher and wounded 23 before taking themselves



Emergency workers help an unidentified injured man to an ambulance at the front gate of Santana High School Monday in Santee, Calif., after a student opened fire at the school.

Brandon Dare, a 17-year-old Santana High student and hardcore skateboarder.

Student John Schardt, 17, was in a nearby classroom when the shooting started.

"You know, you pick on the

wrong person or someone snaps over that edge, they're gonna do something drastic to get attention and to feel they did something important and big," he said. "And unfortunately, it was shooting students."

Idaho Power suspects it might meet buyback goal

BOISE (AP) — A top Idaho Power Co. official told state lawmakers on Monday that an initial analysis it appears the utility will come close to achieving its original goal in paying irrigators to turn off their pumps this summer.

Ric Gale, the utility's general manager for pricing, told a group of interested legislative committees and task forces that of the 463 million kilowatt hours proposed to be taken off line this summer by hundreds of applying irrigators, about 277 million appeared to be in the right price range.

The more than 900 bids the company received by last Wednesday offered to turn off pumps in exchange for rates from 8 cents to 45 cents per kilowatt hour.

The company had indicated that about 12 cents per kilowatt hour would be the maximum amount it could afford to pay irrigators to turn their pumps off.

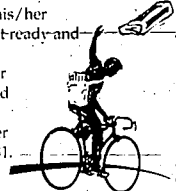
Gale said if the final analysis supports the 277 million kilowatt hour estimate the company will be managed to have about 5 percent from peak power demand periods.

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Elks lodge readies for new home, new members

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The Snake River Elks Club won't be homeless much longer.

It's new building on 93 Golf Ranch south of Jerome should be completed by early June. The Elks hope to bring new members to their new lodge.

"We are actively striving to get new members and to get former members to re-instate," said Roger Bolton, exalted ruler of the Snake River Elks.

"One of the nicest things I've done is become a member of the Snake River Elks," says Bob Lemire of Twin Falls, district deputy grand exalted ruler. "It's just an enjoyable position to be in."

There are 445 members in the Snake River Lodge, a combination of the former Twin Falls and Jerome lodges.

Locally, activities and service projects include a Hoop Shoot in January, the Most Valuable Student scholarship program for high school seniors, Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 7-12, Teenager of the Year program and sponsoring a Boy Scout group.

They also sponsor golf tournaments, picnics and camp-outs for older children.

Want to join?

The new Snake River Elks Club lodge at 93 Golf Ranch south of Jerome will be 10,000 square feet and have a lodge room, dining area, bar and kitchen. Completion is expected by the first part of June.

If you are interested in learning more about the Elks, call Bob at 733-6031 or Roger at 734-5725.

The Elks mission is to build a better future by providing tomorrow's leaders - youth - with a healthy beginning; pledge never to forget our nation's veterans; and help the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives.

"You get a good feeling when you do help people out," Bolton said.

Idaho lodges have a "pet project" - the Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise. A new facility was built last April. Nationally, the Elks have pledged to donate \$1 per member for the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Bolton says the lodge has also donated to support the memorial.

About five years ago, the Elks decided to include women. The Snake River Lodge has about 12 women, three of which hold offices.

"It's changed already because it's more of a family-oriented organization," Lemire said. "It has changed the public perception of the Elks," Bolton said.

Gail Quinn is one of the female officers, a lecturing knight, who will become an exalted ruler in three years. She is excited about the new building and thinks it will attract new members.

She also says she enjoys the interaction and being involved with all the youth activities.

"I get some gratification from being able to help others," Quinn says. "It's just a great organization that provides for a lot of worthy causes."

"It's my way of paying back. It really is an honor to be an Elk," Lemire said.

Snow River Elks leaders Bob Lemire and Roger Bolton visit the new lodge under construction at the 93 Golf Ranch north of Twin Falls. The lodge is seeking new members, both men and women, to help with its many community activities.

HEATHER ABEL/The Times-News



Senior center seeks help for projects

By Coren Hart
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - Bricks are building blocks and that's exactly why the Golden Heritage Senior Center is using them to complete several projects. Manager Sharon Mills and senior patrons of the center want to finish their activity room. That's why they've initiated a new fund-raising campaign - selling bricks to finance a needed fireplace and vinyl flooring.

"We're building cabinets to store games and craft supplies. But when the wind's blowing, we've just got to have a fireplace to be warm," she said.

For \$100, a person or business can have their name engraved on a brick, which will be framed and set into the area over the fireplace. Only 50 bricks will be sold.

Just ask Alva Temple, who bought the first brick.

"I'm number one," he said with a twinkle in his eye. "Don't forget, now."

Anyone can buy a brick. Businesses, clubs, individuals, even people who want to dedicated a brick to a loved one who has passed away, Mills said. Some people are buying a brick for each of their children.

Want to donate?

If you want to buy a brick, visit the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave., Burley.

The center also is in need of donated computers. They are 10 years old and parts are no longer available. Any donation is tax deductible.

The center also seeks metal detectors, an older dresser and office tumbler. To donate, call 678-8646. Office hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The center can always use volunteers to help set and clear tables, prepare for activities and other easy tasks.

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The manager said the room also needs vinyl tiles to finish the floor. The seniors have decided to move their computers and pool tables so they can cozy up to the fireplace on drifty days.

"And when we hold dances, we can slide the tables to the sides of the room," added Doris Garcia, who claims the senior center is "my life." "Of course, I'm going to let everybody know I bought a brick."

"I want to support this place. You know, my kids can't wait to retire because I'm having so much fun."



COREN HART/The Times-News

The Golden Heritage Senior Center plans to install a fireplace to warm those wintry drafts. Manager Sharon Mills said the center is raising funds for the project.

"It gives people a reason to get up in the morning. I think it gives you purpose," Mills added.

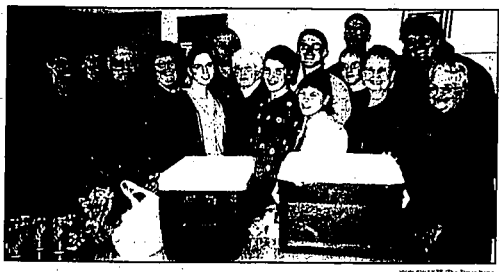
'Helping Hands' group extends reach to student

By John Swayze
Times-News correspondent

FILER - Marie Branthammer will be able to wrap up school, thanks to houndies and the work of the Peace Lutheran Church members.

"It's hard to say thank you to a whole congregation, but I don't think I would have been able to finish the semester otherwise," Branthammer said.

Branthammer was the focus of a tuition fund-raiser sponsored by Filer's Peace Lutheran Church on Jan. 28. The



JOHN SWAYZE/The Times-News

Filer Peace Lutheran Church members made sandwiches to benefit Marie Branthammer's educational pursuits. They are, from left to right, front: Kathy White, Larry White, Branthammer, Monica Rout, Valerie Martinez, Arline Egbert and Lydia Yoder; back: Lois Anderson, Nancy Pennington, Ken Theate, Duch Rout, Levi Smith, Justin Smith and Janice Miller.

congregation helped raise more than \$250 by purchasing homemade hoagie sandwiches.

Branthammer came to Filer as an exchange student from Sweden in August 1999. She is completing her second year as a natural science major at the College of Southern Idaho. After graduation, she plans to return home and pursue advanced degrees in chemistry.

Arline Egbert, recorder for the local

branch of Aid Association for Lutheran, said the proceeds would be matched by funds from their Helping Hands project. The AAL is a fraternal organization promoting the principles of volunteer action and help for others.

Branthammer attends a Lutheran church in Stockholm and Peace Lutheran offered her a familiar environment.

"It's just like home," she said.



LORRAINE CAVERER/The Times-News

Gary Miller, principal at Shoshone Elementary School, reads to a group of fifth-graders. Community residents are holding fund-raisers to help Miller, who is suffering from medical problems.

Community rallies for principal

By Lorraine Caverer
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - Teachers are donating their sick days to Shoshone Elementary School principal Gary Miller, while the public raises money to help him pay medical bills for an illness doctors are still trying to figure out.

Miller enjoyed excellent health until October when he had stomach pains so severe he ended up in an emergency room. He was treated but after a couple of weeks he was still having pain and was diagnosed with gall bladder problems. After his gall bladder was removed, however, the pain continued, Miller said.

Miller drove to see his daughter and new granddaughter in Great Falls, Mont. for Christmas.

"I was so weak and hurt so bad it took me two days to get there. By the time I did get there I had never felt so terrible in my life," he said.

The day after Christmas his daughter took him to the hospital where it was learned he had a myriad of problems including pneumonia, a blood disease and large abscesses on his liver and lungs.

"Doctors said I would have died if I hadn't put myself in the hospital when I did," he said. "God was watching out over me."

He had more surgery, but the pain continued, leaving doctors baffled, he

Want to help?

Skateland and Shoshone Schools present the Gary Miller benefit family skate night from 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday at Skateland on the corner of Kimberly Road and Eastland Drive in Twin Falls. The \$5 per person includes skate rental. There will be games, door prizes and raffles. For information or to donate raffle items, door prizes or money, call Diane Wormshaker at 733-3239 or e-mail mstadsent.org. Donations can also be made in case of Gary Miller, Home Federal Bank in Jerome.

said.

Over the past four months, Miller has had four CAT scans, three MRIs, two ultrasounds, dozens of blood tests, been in five different hospitals six times and run up thousands of dollars of hospital bills not covered by his insurance.

"Monthly payments to the five hospitals and close to two dozen doctors will be a part of my life for a long time," he said. "The good news is I have been able to be back at work for the last two weeks, and am feeling better in some areas."

A fund-raiser to help him pay upward-spiraling medical bills is scheduled Thursday. Diane Wormshaker said she planned the event because she wondered what she would do if she were in his position.

"I would hope people would help out," she said.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center
A son, Tyson Quincy Strunk, was born Friday, Feb. 16, 2001 to Victoria Joy Loper.

A daughter was born Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2001 to Katrina Colter and Joshua Kelly of Buhl.

A son was born Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2001 to Justin and Sheri Talley of Twin Falls.

A son was born Friday, Feb. 23, 2001 to Louis and Jennifer Lagasse of Castleford.

A son was born Friday, Feb. 23, 2001 to Rosario Milan Carvajal and Jesus Flores Manger of Twin Falls.

A son was born Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001 to Fernin and Yolanda Luna of Twin Falls.

A son, Alan Gus Garitty, was born Sunday, Feb. 25, 2001, to Windi Gibson A daughter, Alyssa Louise Kelly, was born Sunday, Feb. 25, 2001 to James and Kristal Kelly.

A son, Roberto Carlos Razo, was born Sunday, Feb. 25, 2001 to Rosa and Roberto Razo.

A son, Porter Zan Collins, was born Sunday, Feb. 26, 2001 to Tony and Suzanne Collins.

A daughter, Talismary Marie Sanchez, was born Monday, Feb. 26, 2001, to Tiffany Marie Earl and Robert Lee Sanchez.

A daughter, Alise Taylor Roberts was born Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001 to Jennifer Lynn and Terrence Ray Escos.

A daughter, Briar Rose Todd, was born Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001 to Jason and Heather Todd.

A son, Isaiah L. Edward Bernal, was born Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, to Carol Lynn Wormwood.

To have a birth announced, send a copy of the birth certificate to Melissa Morgan at The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83402. Fax it to 734-5538.

Club polishes gem show

TWIN FALLS - It's time for the Magic Valley Gem Club to shine.

The club's annual Rock and Gem Show will be held March 10-11 at the National Guard Armory on Frontier Road, just east of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

Show times are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 10 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 11. Admission charge will be \$1 and children under age 12 are free.

There will be dealers, displays, demonstrations, grab bags, silent auction, mineral table and door prizes.

Magic Valley Gem Club meets at 8 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at 235



Magic Valley Gem Club members enjoy an outing. Their annual Rock and Gem Show is March 10-11.

Photo courtesy of Magic Valley Gem Club

Third Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

The club says its purpose is to enhance interest in and knowledge in the collection and related arts associated with gems and

minerals and to help protect resources for hobby use.

For more information, call Vic Dombrowski at 734-1435.

TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

Scouting together

Brothers earn honors with food drive

TWIN FALLS—Three brothers earned the prestigious Eagle Scout honor with a food drive to help the needy.

Careed, Cameron and Kellen Harrison, sons of Marc and Sherri Harrison of Twin Falls, each earned their merit badges to become Eagle Scouts through food drive projects which benefited South Central Community Action Agency's services to the low-income population. Their two brothers, Landon and David, have also earned the Eagle Scout standing through projects benefiting Safe Kids Coalition and Valley House homeless shelter in Twin Falls.

The contributions of the five Scouts have spanned a period from 1993 to 2000, the agency reported.



Leanne Trappen, South Central Community Action community services director, helps present plaques to, left to right, Kellen Harrison, Cameron Harrison and David Harrison. Also present was Ken Robinson, Community Action Agency executive director.

At the end of March, Cameron Harrison and Landon Harrison will be officially awarded the Eagle Scout rank, the highest

rank in Scouting, at the traditional Court of Honor. The award may be earned by Scouts between the ages of 12 and 18.

Hansen announces honor roll

HANSEN—Hansen High School announced the students listed in the principal's list, academic list and honor roll.

Students included on the principal's list were: seventh-grade, Korie L. Butler and Melissa Myers; eighth-grade, Ashley Butler, Kimberly Clugston, Dillon Jacobson, Kyle King, Robin Rosa and Bianca Salazar; ninth-grade, Remington Barnes, Christopher Clugston, Krystal Kenney, Kathryn A. Leiser, Ashley Reichel and Fernando Vargas; 10th-grade, Lesly Adams, Chase Funk, Jarold Jennings, Gregory

Norris, Jessica Ratto, Jessica Reichel, Bridget Shanahan, Rebecca Stanger, Landon Teeter and Ryan VerWeij; 11th-grade, Aidra Frazier, Lynn Kincald, Andrea Martin, Kristi L. Myers, Matthew Myers and Paul Stanger; and 12th-grade, Cody Brooks, Derek Davis, Chantel McClimans and Jessica Weber.

Students on the academic list were: seventh-grade, Chelsey M. Rahr; ninth-grade, Bonnie Freestone and Alison Loveless; 10th grade, Danielle Van Dyk and 11th-grade, Shawn Dean, Ellen Freestone and Elara Smith.

Students on the honor roll were: eighth-grade, Mendy M. Burns, Matt Freestone, Bridget Rouse and Jason Smith; ninth-grade, Kayla Bates, Hollie Brookshier and Danielle L. Tucker; tenth-grade, Cody Fowers and Amber Hanson; 11th-grade, Tom Bloxham, Brenda Degner, Ashley Engel, Chelsea Jones, Nicole Moretti, Sara Nelson, Sarah Parrish, DJ Rouse, Alicia Stimpson and Dacia Stimpson; and 12th-grade, Bill Cummings, Staci DeLeon, Sebastian Ebenhaug, Lee Scholl and Rachel Stanger.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Menu not available
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.
Activity list not available

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: Beef stew
Thursday: Sliced ham

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.
Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12-years-old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577

for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.

Tuesday: Liver and onions, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, Jell-O salad, bread, dessert
Wednesday: Hamburger casserole, sliced tomatoes, dessert

Thursday: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, California blend vegetable, bread, birthday cake, ice cream

Friday: Clam chowder, ham and cheese sandwich, salad, fruit

Sunday: Baked chicken
Monday: Ham and beans, carrots, green salad, corn bread, 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.
Treasure Tuesday
Tax assistance from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Crafts from 1-4 p.m.
Bingo from 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Thursday

Exercises from 7-8 p.m.
Blood pressure at 11:30 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.

Sunday
Buffet at 1 p.m., Baked chicken
Monday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Evening meal at 5:30 p.m., smorgasbord
Cards at 6 p.m.

Agesee Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly
Wednesday: Spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, cole slaw, rhubarb, cookie, coffee, milk
Friday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, Harvard beets, tossed salad, bread and butter, pudding, coffee, milk
Monday: Beef stew, cottage cheese, corn bread and butter, peaches, coffee, milk
Tuesday
Trio to Jackpot, bus leaves at 1 p.m., sign up
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Thursday
Crafts 1 p.m.
Friday
Bingo at 11:55 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Area residents land wins at chess

TWIN FALLS—Several pieces of Idaho chess history were moved in the final round of the recent 2001 Idaho chess championship in Twin Falls.

Larry Parsons of Boise won his 14th state chess title and sixth in a row, with a last round win over Stewart Sutton of Boise, the only player with a perfect record entering the final round, organizers say. Both players finished at 5-1, but Parsons won the first place trophy on tiebreaks. Both players will have their name engraved on the state plaque as co-champions. Glen Buckendorf of Buhl endured a tense struggle in the final round to finish at 5-1 and join Parsons and Sutton as 2001 co-champions.

Buckendorf's effort was exceptionally gratifying as he placed his name on the plaque in 2001 50 years after winning his first state championship title in 1951, organizers say. Buckendorf boasts a record of 10 - time champ with his victory this year.

Other winners are as follows:
Hans Morrow, Pocatello, first expert
Garrett Reynolds, Moscow, first Class A
Michael Henderson, Boise, second Class A
Mark Anderson, Moscow, first Class B
Daniel Pocol, Twin Falls, second Class B
David Eacker, Moscow, first Class C
Chuck Ländgräver, Idaho

Falls, second Class C
Bill Mabry, Boise, first Class D
Bobby Powers, Boise, second Class D
Bryan Culbertson Jr., Caldwell, first Class E
Janos Fucsko, Boise, second Class E
Jay Simonson, Pocatello, first Class F
Wesley Nyblade, Heyburn, Top unrated
T. C. Hartwell, Twin Falls, Top senior
Barney Graff, Murtaugh, second senior
Dylan Smith, Boise, top junior
Geoffrey Chambers, Boise, second junior
Karen Kohr, Mountain Home, third junior



Students at Poppelwell Elementary School in Buhl are entertained by the honor choir under the direction of Kathy LaGrone. The choir is made up of students from the third-through the fifth-grade who practice during their lunch time. The choir has performed throughout the Magic Valley at various functions.

Read Comunidad on Thursdays.
News for and about Latinos

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Organic Garden Club holds meeting this week

TWIN FALLS—The Organic Garden Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Niskas at 3130 E. 3600 N. in Twin Falls.

The speaker will be Cathy Hansen.

Women's fitness club donates to food banks

TWIN FALLS—Curves for women in Twin Falls will be joining in the Curves "Food for Friends" nationwide food drive to benefit local food banks.

During the month of March, members who bring a bag of non-perishable food items, exercise three times weekly and lose five pounds and five inches will be awarded a limited edition T-shirt. Anyone joining Curves the week of March 12 will bring a bag of groceries and have the normal service fee waived.

Food may be donated from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 4-8 p.m. Monday through Friday at Curves at 778 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. All food donated will be given to area food banks.

Buhl Arts Council announces events

BUHL—The Buhl Arts Council announced the following upcoming events:

A fiesta dinner prepared by culinary director Valerie Metzger and a drum circle will be held March 13. The dinner will be held from 5-7 p.m. and the drumming will be held from 7-9 p.m. No experience necessary and those attending may bring hand drums and rhythm instruments. All ages are invited. The cost of the dinner is \$8 for adults and \$4 for students. The drumming is free.

A lecture on the facts and fic-

tions surrounding Sacagawea by Sara Edlin-Marlow will be held at 7 p.m. The second half of the program will be a compilation of journal entries and historical accounts dramatized, as Edlin-Marlow becomes Sacagawea. All ages are invited. The lecture is free.

Conversation with Georgia O'Keeffe by Sara Edlin-Marlow will be held at 7 p.m. March 16. This is a Chautauqua presentation from a play where Edlin-Marlow plays O'Keeffe and chats with the audience, while painting a still. Edlin-Marlow also shows slides of various art works and gives the audience a poignant look at the O'Keeffe, whose life was influenced by her husband, Alfred Stieglitz. All ages are invited. The presentation is free.

All events will be held at the Eight Street Center at 200 N. Eighth St. in Buhl.

For more information, call the center at 543-2888.

BPA Club sets fund-raiser for competition trips

TWIN FALLS—The Business Professionals of America Club at the College of Southern Idaho is holding its semi-annual fund-raising raffle.

Funds raised will be used to help send students to state and national competitions.

Cactus Pete's Resort and Casino in Jackpot is donating two dinner show tickets and a night's lodging, says club advisor, Wayne Hine.

Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. The winners will be announced March 23.

The Idaho BPA competition was held in Boise March 2. The national competition will be held the week of April 26 in Anaheim, Calif. The local chapter is made up of 13 CSI students who will compete in various office proce-

dures, accounting, desktop publishing and graphics.

For more information, call Hine at 733-9554, Ext. 2309 or Karen Atwood at Ext. 2308.

West End Senior Citizens Center sponsors dinner

BUHL—The West End Senior Citizens Center will hold a dinner dance Saturday at the center at 1010 Main in Buhl.

Country-style pork ribs and dessert will be served at 6 p.m., a sing-along with Pearl Brown will be held at 7 p.m. and the Roseland Band will play at 8 p.m. Door prizes will be given throughout the evening. The cost is \$15 for couples and \$7.50 for singles. The public is invited.

Herrett Center expands website with mission info

TWIN FALLS—The Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho has expanded its web site to explain more about its educational mission.

The Educators' Page, which can be found as a link on the Herrett Center's web site, addresses the needs and questions many teachers have about how to use the Herrett as an educational facility. CSI reports. The page explains the Herrett's learning kits, planning a field trip, planetarium offerings for school groups, online reservations and more.

To get to the site, go to <http://www.csi.edu/dept/herrett> and click on the educators' page link.

Engineering, science camp accepts registrations

BOISE—Registrations are being accepted for the fifth annu-

al Idaho Engineering Summer Camp for students entering ninth or 10th grade next fall.

Approximately 40 future engineers from Idaho and other states will participate in the week long camp at the Boise State University campus. Sponsored by the Boise State College of Engineering, IESC 2001 will be held from June 10-15. Throughout the week the students will participate in a variety of events. Hands-on activities, engineering projects will focus on self-discovery, critical thinking and problem solving with an emphasis on communication and teamwork. Students will work in groups in computer, experimental and design laboratories of the College of Engineering. Participants will have an opportunity to experience the campus, work with faculty and learn about college life as well as career planning.

The cost of the engineering science camp is \$350. Scholarships will be made available for qualified participants.

The faculty program director is Joseph Sener, professor of civil engineering.

For more information, call Leandra Aburusa at 426-4432 or e-mail her at laburusa@boisestate.edu.

CSI offers 'Tenant Workshop' for students

TWIN FALLS—The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer a "Tenant Workshop" workshop for anyone who rents housing and is interested in getting answers to their questions from 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays, March 14 through March 21 in Shields 104 at CSI.

Representatives from HUD, Idaho Housing and Idaho Legal Aid will instruct students on the

basics of avoiding "risky business" in renting. Students are encouraged to come ready with their questions and concerns as they learn their rights and responsibilities as tenants and receive solutions to sensitive issues.

The cost is \$10.
For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

Episcopal Church holds Wednesdays in Lent

TWIN FALLS—The second in a series of Wednesdays in Lent will be held Wednesday at Ascension Episcopal Church. Evening prayers will be offered at 6 p.m., followed by soup supper at 6:15 p.m.

"The Wisdom of Faith," a video series from Bill Moyers, will be shown at 7 p.m. Moyers interviews historian Huston Smith, a man who in 50 years, has sampled the major religions of the world. He shares his observations and remarks on the world's religions.

Nursery care will be available from 6-8 p.m. The public is welcome.

Andrew Moller Tournament opening ceremonies set

BURLEY—The Andrew Moller Tournament opening ceremonies will be held at 8 p.m. Friday at the King Fine Arts Center in Burley.

This year is the 10th anniversary of the event. Guests will include U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo's representative Linda Norris, Mayor Audrey Neirwerth, Mayor Doug Manning, Bishop Michael Driscoll of the Catholic Diocese of Boise and the general for the Army National Guard.

All veterans will also be honored at the ceremony. The state color guard will be flying in on their Blackhawk helicopter to present colors.

The Reflections from Minico High School will also be performing a patriotic program.

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COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

New wearable technology

By Jeff Bennett
Knight Ridder News Service

Imagine pulling your car into a garage for an oil change a few years in the future. A mechanic wearing what appears to be a large watch and a microphone pops the hood and starts inspecting the engine.

Seconds later you hear the mechanic verbally checking off the condition of the spark plugs although no one is writing down the information. It's then that you notice the mechanic is using new wearable technology.

Researchers from Pittsburgh's Carnegie Mellon University and Robert Bosch Corp. will present their findings and display a prototype of a voice-controlled, wearable computer for automotive shop workers.

The presentation will be made today during the Society of Automotive Engineers 2001 World Congress and Exposition. The exposition runs through

Engineers hold exposition

Thursday.

Christian Buergy, a Carnegie Mellon civil engineering graduate student in the research team, said the project demonstrates how technology can be adapted to support rather than disrupt how people work.

"You are closing the gap between the PC device that stands in the garage or is the big computer on wheels," Buergy said. "Now it is a device that is on the body."

Several prototypes, including a vest, have been created. But the paper focuses on the development of a speech-controlled device with a microphone that can be attached to a shirt, a visual display that can be placed on the wrist or held, and a wireless signaling device, which beams information to the visual display or a computer, that slips into a pants pocket.

Wearable technology isn't a new idea.

Levi's has begun selling jackets in Europe that have headphones in the hood that connect to a cell phone that fits in the left-pocket or an MP3 player in the right pocket.

Virginia-based Xybernaut Corp. has been manufacturing wearable PCs since 1990. Its products include a headset mobile assistant, which makes it possible for workers to access data, file reports, send e-mail and connect with the Internet virtually anywhere. There is also a vest that holds a battery and mini-computer.

Markus Klausner, manager of Bosch's research and technology center in Pittsburgh, said the prototype was built on Xybernaut's vest concept. It was changed because mechanics who tested the vest said it was too

heavy and the technology more than needed.

Klausner said a major advantage to the technology is reducing errors.

Currently, an inspection forces mechanics to manually enter vehicle data into a centrally located computer in the garage, print a list of items to be inspected and evaluated, and carry this list on a clipboard to the inspection pit.

After marking the defects on the list, the inspector manually enters those data into the PC. Buergy said it's his hope that results of this research will begin appearing in some form within the next few years.

One of the biggest challenges will be to make the technology affordable. The cost to create the prototype vest was \$10,000.

That amount was decreased to \$1,000 when Bosch changed the design. The goal is to continue lowering the price to make it affordable for businesses.

Iraqi Internet links seem scarce

Knight Ridder News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The line at the newly opened Internet cafe here is at least an hour long, and you won't find latte and muffins when you finally get in the door.

What Iraqis do find, however, is much more precious: a glimpse of the world beyond Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's repressive regime of censors.

For a \$55 annual membership fee, Iraqis at the four Internet centers that have opened in the past six months can send and receive e-mail on www.uruklink.net, the country's lone, government-run server.

This may be old hat in most of the world, but in Iraq it's virtually a revolution. As recently as 1997, Hussein declared that the Internet meant "the end of civilizations, interests and ethics."

What the Internet could mean to Hussein and other dictators, however, is the end of their ability

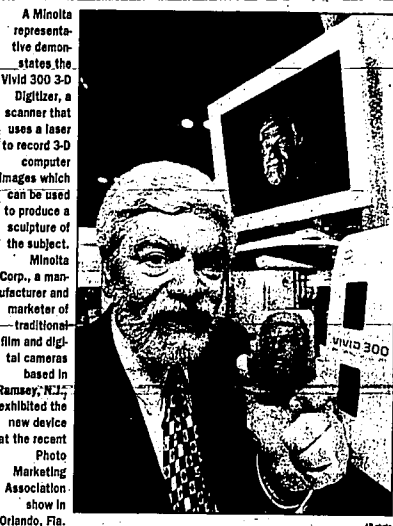
to control information. Like China, Syria, Vietnam and other totalitarian states, Iraq is caught between the need to deliver greater economic prosperity by joining the world economy and the necessity of maintaining iron-fisted political control.

Iraqis are not allowed to have satellite dishes that would enable them to see CNN or the British Broadcasting Corp., but they can get the latest news about their country on Yahoo and other Web sites. They can access U.S. government Web sites or read amateur accounts of the CIA's efforts to overthrow Hussein, and they can print out things to share with others for about 30 cents a page.

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Searches bring pay-for-placement

Knight Ridder News Service

The librarians at San Jose Public Library's Martin Luther King branch have long preferred Google to handle the kinds of requests they field daily — the names of the seven dwarfs, the top TV station in Barquisimeto, Venezuela, or the best Western-themed clip art on the Web. They avoid more commercial search engines such as GoTo.com and FindWhat.com, where companies bid against one another for top billing.

But while GoTo may be the most blatant purveyor of pay-for-placement, search sites such as those at Yahoo, AOL, MSN, AltaVista, NBCi and even the librarians' beloved Google are increasingly including at least a few Web sites, often prominently featured, that paid to be there.

"The idea of paid placements would have never been entertained in years prior," said Danny Sullivan, who writes the

Search Engine Watch newsletter. But now, "we're having more and more paid placement and other paid programs" on search engines.

Blame it on the online advertising slump, experts say. Search engines and directories, which once tried to be pure navigational tools that made their money from banner advertisements, are hurting for revenue with fewer advertisers and more competition for ad dollars.

Learn how to get an e-mail signature back

By James Coates
The Chicago Tribune

QUESTION: I've been sending e-mail with my customized signature (name, address and my home page address) on it for a long time, but today when I clicked on a new message in Outlook Express to write to you, I got the following message: "Warning: The signature file specified is not a valid text file. The signature feature has been disabled."

And, lo and behold, the signature that used to appear on my message wasn't there. I can't find anything in any of the help files on my computer, and I can't figure out how to put it back except to type it in manually each time. Any guesses as to what happened? Any hints on how to get it back?

ANSWER: I could guess about why your computer chose to burp and wipe out the e-mail signature you had prepared while installing Outlook Express, but what is important is restoring it. A process that is simple enough. Choose the Options item under Tools in the Outlook Express software, and you will see a display with a number of tabs including Signatures. There you will find a space to type in whatever text message you want added to the bottom of each e-mail you send.

Q: I am shopping for a new computer and would like your words of wisdom. In several of the tech forums I use, some people say that the major computer makers (IBM, Dell, Gateway, Compaq) make lousy computers loaded with proprietary parts and buggy software. These same people say that the only way to get a good computer is to build it yourself or

Computer Q&A

have one custom-built by a local computer shop.

I think the major computer makers make some very nice computers that are more than adequate for the average user. Also, the idea of building a computer seems to be a waste of time, with no economic advantage.

What do you think?

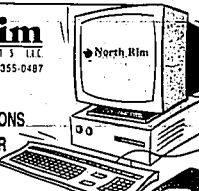
—James Shelton
A: If you crack open a PC from any of the major manufacturers you mentioned, you will find the same chips from Intel Corp., the same hard drives from the likes of Seagate Corp., and the same video boards from the likes of Matrox Inc. as you will find in a machine cobbled together by one of the custom shops that line the strip malls of America.

The machines from mom-and-pop outfits also will run the same operating system (Microsoft Windows) and the same software (probably something from Microsoft Corp. or maybe IBM's superb SmartSuite). What you do get by going to the trouble of finding a small supplier is the ability to return the machine instantly if it doesn't work. While it is true that the small outfits probably get forced to charge more than the big guys because the big outfits can buy parts in volume, you often can return to the small assembly shop and have the machine upgraded to catch up with changing technologies.

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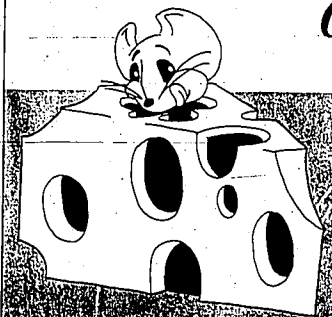
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259 Phasand Rd. West
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ROUTE 803
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100-200 Bk. Coronado
100-200 El Camino Ave.

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Fawnbrook Apts.

ROUTE 821
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ROUTE 859
100-500 Heyburn Ave. W.

ROUTE 862
100-500 Fair Ave. W.
100 Bk. Faircatching Ave. West

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Holly Drive
Evergreen Dr.

ROUTE 716
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ROUTE 736
Oakwood Court
Rusty Court

ROUTE 746
1800 Bk. of 4th Ave E
400-500 Bk. of Madrona
200-400 Morningside Dr
400 Bk. of Wakefield

ROUTE 780
Camargo Way
Whispering Pines

ROUTE 794
1400-1700 Bitterroot

ROUTE 795
800-1000 Bk. Locust N.

ROUTE 832
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100-500 Bk. Quincy

ROUTE 832
100-500 Bk. Harrison
100-500 Bk. VanBuren

ROUTE 841
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Tuesday, March 6, 2001

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

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In a duplicate tournament, both sides did well in the bidding. West was right to bid five diamonds; it would go only one down against a frigid spade game. Making five spades was another matter.

At one table, South ruffed the diamond lead and cashed the ace and queen of trumps. After ruffing dummy's last diamond, he led a deceptive heart jack. East won and returned a heart, and South cashed the red suits eliminated.

With the red suits eliminated, South cashed dummy's club ace and led another club. Had either defender held honor-x, South would have stymied the defense. Unfortunately, West could cash both honors, and five spades suffered a one-trick set.

At another table, where the defenders conventionally led the ace from ace-king, West's lead and the subsequent play marked East with both red aces. Therefore, South credited West with both club honors for his overall.

After eliminating the red suits, West led a low club from dummy. Inserting his right when East played the seven, West won his queen but was now employed. He could either offer a ruff and sluff, or lead a club to concede a finesse. Either way, South had his good score.

NORTH
♠ K 10 8
♥ K 8 5
♦ 6 5
♣ A 9 5 4 2

EAST
♠ 5 4
♥ A 9 7 3
♦ A 4 3 2
♣ K Q 3

SOUTH
♠ A K J 7 3 2
♥ A Q J 4
♦ 10 9 8 7
♣ J 8 6

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♠	3 ♠	
4 ♠	5 ♠	Pass	
5 ♠	All pass		

Opening lead: Diamond king

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:

♠ K 10 8
♥ K 8 5
♦ 6 5
♣ A 9 5 4 2

North South

ANSWER: One no-trump. Not enough strength to bid at the two-level.

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Waxing philosophic on the eve of regionals

Derek Zeck is becoming quite a philosopher as he prepares for this week's Region 18 Tournament in St. George, Utah.

— Always big on shaping each week's practices around an artful slogan, the second-year College of Southern Idaho basketball coach has outdone himself for this week.

— "We only go through life once. If, therefore, there be any opportunity for me to give more than I think I'm capable of giving, let me do it now, for I shall not pass this way again."

Heavy stuff to hang on a kid's head. Not that this particular group of Golden Eagles is passionately involved with delivering the goods. The team has been

unbeatable since Jan. 13, when the first of 14 consecutive foes fell to the black-and-gold.

The maturation of his team over the season prompted yet another eloquent aphorism from Zeck:

"When the collection of brilliant minds, hearts, and talents come together, expect a masterpiece."

But now the master-test comes this week, when fourth-ranked Southern Idaho ships off for the southwestern corner of Utah, and the home of the nation's No. 1 junior college team, Dixie State College.

Each of the rivals has drawn blood on the other this season, with CSI's win being Dixie's only defeat in a 29-1 campaign.

— Back in November, Zeck said he thought a record containing 10, possibly even three losses might deliver a conference title.

He was mistaken. Though Zeck's team lost only twice, the Rebels escaped defeat time and again to win the conference crown by a scant game over the Idahoans.

This week will be the third and final round, with a trip to Hutch the payoff.

Of course, Zeck isn't looking ahead that far. As usual, he has his team staring only at Wednesday's first-round matchup with Salt Lake Community College.

But in the back of his mind, Zeck knows what lies ahead.

"This year's tournament should be one of the classic tournaments in recent times," he said. "With the talent, the coaching and the teams involved, it will be."

Help me succeed
I'm both elated and overwhelmed to be taking over responsibility for *The Times-News* sports section.

Jeff Rosen spent his final shift as sports editor on Saturday. I hope to carry on faithfully, delivering the best to local and national sports coverage.

With the rest of our sports staff ably assisting me, I feel confident you'll continue to like what you read.

I'll need your help in guiding me along. We sent out spring sports questionnaires to all area high schools last week, and I expect to be knee-deep in them when I return next week from covering both CSI basketball teams at the regional tournament.

Like any new venture, this one will come with surprises. Please avoid pitfalls by sharing the sports desk with my tips, scores or other news items at 735-3239, 3230, or 3229.

120 MINUTES TO HUTCH

CSI faces Salt Lake in tournament opener

By Kevin Hall
Times-News sports editor

TWIN FALLS — After 30 games, it's come down to three for the season.

The fourth-ranked College of Southern Idaho men are in St. George, Utah this week ready to show the conference, once and for all, just who is the biggest basketball bully on the block.

But seven other teams will have a say in the matter when play opens Wednesday at the Region 18 Men's Basketball Tournament at Dixie State College's Burns Arena in St. George, Utah.

No. 2 seed Southern Idaho (16-2 league, 27-3) comes in carrying a 14-game win streak, backed by the Scenic West Athletic Conference's most prolific offense (90.2 ppg) and second-stringest defense (69.7 ppg).

But it is the Golden Eagles' tremendous depth that has driven the league bonkers this season.

"They just keep coming at you," said Jason Ficca, coach at Treasure Valley Community College.

"They pose quite a bit of problems for anybody," said Dixie State coach Jeff Kiddier, whose No. 1 seed and top-ranked Rebels' only season loss was to CSI.

"The thing about playing Southern Idaho is their enormous depth," Kiddier said. "They can bring 10 guys in and (for every) two guys they bring in, they will play as well as the two they replaced."

Second-year CSI coach Derek Zeck knows his bench is the key that could bring a return ticket to Hutchinson, Kan., and the 54th Annual National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament March 20-24.

"I think in the long run we'll be in good shape," Zeck said. "Our depth will play a big part."

But we've got to keep playing our defense, we've got to rebound better and we've got to keep shooting at a high percentage.

In their final tune-ups last weekend, the Golden Eagles averaged 56 percent from the floor in wins at Utah Valley State College and Salt Lake Community College.

"That's unbelievable," Zeck said. "But as marvelous a run as this year has been (the current win streak), a 28-game home court win streak, a perfect season, I think, Zeck said anything less than three wins this week, and the last six months were for nothing."

"Three games, that's exactly what we talked about last year and now they're talking about now," Zeck said. "Everything up to now has no bearing. And if you don't make it to Hutch, it's not a good season."

The drive back to Kansas begins with a rematch against seventh-seed Salt Lake (7-11, 16-14). Three days ago, CSI throttled the Bruins 102-79, despite 30 points from SLCC forward Jeff Davenport.

Zeck said the Bruins will not be so easily bridled this time around.

"That'll be tough," he said. "We beat them pretty badly and now they have a couple of days to prepare for us. They're a good team with size and quickness and very well-coached."

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Region 18 Men's Basketball Tournament

Wednesday Friday Saturday

2 Southern Idaho (27-3)

6 p.m.

7 Salt Lake (16-14)

2 p.m.

3 Snow (25-5)

2 p.m.

6 Ricks (17-13)

7:30 p.m.

1 Dixie St. (29-1)

8 p.m.

8 Eastern Utah (12-18)

8 p.m.

4 North Idaho (21-8)

noon

5 Utah Valley (18-12)

(All times Mountain)

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A look at the other teams

No. 1 Dixie State College Rebels

Coach: Jeff Kiddier, 4th season

Record: 17-1 SWAC, 29-1 overall

Key players: 6-0 soph. PG Marcus Banks (16.5 ppg, 5.8 rpg), 6-9 fr. C Jaime Lloreda (16.5 ppg, 10.2 rpg), 6-4 soph. G Eddie Shelby (13.1 ppg, 6.7 rpg), F Joshua Clark (9.4 ppg, 5.7 rpg).

Notes: Rebels finished No. 1 in final NJCAA poll. ... Average just 79.5 ppg, but give up Scenic West-low 64.9 ppg. ... Dixie State last hosted regional after 1993-94 season and won the tournament in 1999. ... Rebels' only loss was to CSI 89-76 on Feb. 2.

No. 3 Snow College Badgers

Coach: Jon Judkins, 8th season

Record: 14-4, 25-5

Key players: 6-10 fr. C Jackson Vroman (11.2 ppg, 5.7 rpg), 5-10 soph. C Brooks Smith (10.8 ppg, 4.4 rpg), 6-8 soph. C Travis Visentin (8.1 ppg, 5.3 rpg), 5-7 fr. G Jared Hunsaker (.652 fg pct., 9.7 ppg).

Notes: Not the flashiest team, but certainly the most efficient. The Badgers lead the league in field goal percentage (.520), 3-point field goal percentage (.423) and rebounding (42.8). They are second-in-free-throw percentage (.712), scoring offense (83.2 ppg) and points allowed (70.3 ppg).

No. 4 North Idaho Cardinals

Coach: Hugh Watson, 4th season

Record: 11-7

Key players: 6-5 soph. C Steven Bonner (21.0 ppg, 7.1 rpg), 6-9 soph. C Marko Kandic (10.2 ppg, 6.6 rpg), 6-1 fr. G Jonathan Anderson (11.2 ppg), 6-0 soph. G Winston Brooks (7.8 ppg).

Please see **COLLEGES**, Page D2

Men's Region 18 Tourney

Where: Burns Arena, Dixie State College, St. George, Utah

When: Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

Opening round: No. 2 CSI plays No. 7 Salt Lake CC at 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Radio: KULX 1310AM

team with size and quickness and very well-coached."

If Southern Idaho vanquishes please see **TOURNAMENT**, Page D2

Mazeroski, Williams may receive Hall of Fame call

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Bill Mazeroski and Dick Williams both could find plenty of career highlights to put on a Hall of Fame plaque.

Today, they'll find out the important part — whether they get a place in the shrine.

"I absolutely deserve to be in there," Williams said last week. "I think I've earned it."

Williams was one of only two managers to guide three teams to the World Series. Mazeroski, a defensive whiz who hit one of baseball's most famous home runs, was not so blunt.

"It may never happen for me," he said.

The Veterans Committee will hold its annual vote, with results to be announced around noon MST.

Glenn Hodges, Don DiMaggio and Marvin Miller are among the other candidates being considered by the panel, down to 14 members because of Ted Williams' recent open-heart surgery. It takes 75 percent — 11 votes — for election.

The Vets can pick up to four new Hall of Famers, one from each of four categories: former major leaguers, Negro leaguers, 19th century players and personnel, plus a committee of managers, umpires, executives and Negro leaguers.

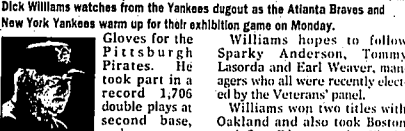
Mazeroski came within one vote of election last year. For the first time since 1993, the Vets did not select a former major leaguer.

"I did get my hopes up a bit last year," he said. "But it could turn the other way on me and I might not come close, so you can't worry about it."

Mazeroski was a seven-time All-Star and won eight Gold



Dick Williams watches from the Yankees dugout as the Atlanta Braves and New York Yankees warm up for their exhibition game on Monday.



Bill Mazeroski

A career .260 hitter, Mazeroski is best known for his bottom-of-the-ninth homer in Game 7 of the 1960 World Series that beat the New York Yankees.

Gill, Mazeroski avoids publicity and prefers not to talk about his accomplishments.

Last month, while working as an instructor at the Pirates' spring training camp in Bradenton, Fla., it was his turn to introduce himself to current Pittsburgh players. He merely said, "Bill-Mazeroski, an old infielder."

Northside Conference announces all-star teams

The Times-News

SHOSHONE — The high school basketball season may have concluded, but the accolades have only begun.

In the first of six all-conference area teams expected to be announced, the Northside Conference boys and girls teams have been selected.

Players from the 10 boys and girls Class A-4 teams that traveled to the 2001 state tournament dominated the rosters, starting with Tony Howard and Alex Peterson of state runner-up Carey on the boys' first team. Joining them were Richfield's Quinton Kent and Routen Wagner and Tony Krahn from Camas County.

For the girls, Krista Pendleton (Shoshone), Shamee Norman (Dietrich), Annika Backstrom (Camas) and Mollie Ellis (Richfield).

Coaches of the year are Carey's Lee Cook (boys) and Shoshone's Tim Chapman (girls).

Players from both teams will join Class A-4 players to comprise all-star teams who'll face all-stars from the Magic Valley Conference, and other A-3 players on Wednesday at Shoshone High School. The girls' game begins at 6 p.m. and the boys' tipoff at 7:30 p.m.

New editor leads T-N sports

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Times-News' sports section will retain its emphasis on local sports coverage with a "readable and lively" style, said Kevin Hall, the newly appointed sports editor.

In his new job, Hall supervises a staff of two full-time and three part-time writers and reviewers submissions from several freelance correspondents. He succeeds former sports editor Jeff Rosen, who accepted a newspaper job in Bremerton, Wash., to be closer to family members.

"Kevin has done a great job on a wide range of beats," Managing Editor Clark Walworth said Monday. "I have confidence that our sports section is in good hands."

(Ketchum). Two Carey and two Camas County players represented the girls' second team. Dawn Simmons and Megan Peterson of the Magic Valley Conference, Carey, and Mishers Sarah Vuoli and Ashley Dalin. Dietrich's Rysa Parker was also listed.

Honorable mentions (boys) are J.D. Solbaga and Matt Zeck (Shoshone); Russell Schmeier and Brandon Blodgett (Camas); Daniel Vasquez and Stetson Weber (Dietrich); Alex McCoy (Ketchum); Blaise Exon (Richfield); and Lee J. Cook (Carey).

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Hall has a bachelor's degree in communications, with a minor in technical communication, from the University of Washington. He joined The Times-News in September 1998 as an assistant news editor, before moving to the newspaper's sports department.

He already has made a mark on The Times-News' sports pages by spearheading "Magic Valley Simulations" coverage, covering two seasons of College of Southern Idaho basketball and writing a "Sideline View" column that has generated many calls and letters from readers since it first appeared in February 1999. His first major reporting project for The Times-News, he said, was on Dietrich High School's 1998-99 championship girls' basketball team.

SPORTS

Mailman scores 30 in 109-102 Jazz victory

ATLANTA (AP) — Karl Malone scored 30 points and John Stockton added 22 as the Utah Jazz beat Atlanta 109-102 Monday night for their sixth straight win over the Hawks.

After Toni Kukoc made a 3-pointer to cut the Jazz's lead to three points with 2:05 remaining, Malone fed Donyell Marshall for a dunk 20 seconds later and then hit a 20-foot jumper from the left wing that made it 107-100 with 1:12 to go.

Kukoc, starting his first game for Atlanta, led the Hawks with 24 points. Terry finished with 21 points and Lorenzen Wright added 18. Atlanta has lost eight straight and 15 of 17.

Magic 95, Mavericks 81

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tracy McGrady scored 23 points and Shaquille O'Neal added a decisive second-half run as Orlando defeated Dallas. Darrell Armstrong had 21 points and Charles Oatley added 14 points and 14 rebounds for the Magic, who gained a measure of revenge after blowing an 11-point fourth-quarter lead to

the Mavericks and losing 115-106 in overtime Jan. 18.

Orlando trailed by six points with 1:55 remaining in the third quarter but outscored Dallas 21-2 over the next seven minutes. Alexander keyed the run with seven of his season-high nine points. Dirk Nowitzki's 22 points and 14 points led Dallas.

Heat 87, Pistons 84

MIAMI — Brian Grant scored 20 points and Dan Majerle made a 3-pointer in the final seconds as Miami Heat overcame the loss of guard Eddie Jones.

The Heat won their third straight game and for the fifth time in six games, but it wasn't easy — or without casualties. Jones dislocated his left shoulder in the second quarter and was taken off on a stretcher. His long-term prognosis won't be known until Tuesday. Majerle, who scored a season-high 12 points, made a 3-pointer with the shot clock winding down and Miami clinging to an 82-81 lead with 14.3 seconds left.

Bucks 107, Nets 100

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. —



Utah forward Karl Malone grabs a rebound between Hawks forwards Alan Henderson and Chris Crawford in the second quarter in Atlanta on Monday. Ray Allen had 23 points and Sam Cassell scored 14 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter.

A snowstorm in the New York area kept the crowd to 3,216. The Bucks, with the second-best record in the Eastern Conference, blew a 17-point first-half lead but then scored

Top-ranked Stanford can't look at tourney yet

The Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — They averaged their season's only loss to UCLA. Now the Cardinal is back in the Stanford Cardinal Polls — D3 before they can look to the NCAA tournament — home games Thursday against Arizona and Saturday with Arizona State. The Cardinal (27-1) was an unanimous No. 1 in The Associated Press college basketball poll for the second straight week and the third time this season.

In Monday's AP women's poll, Notre Dame reclaimed the No. 1 spot after Tennessee's first loss in more than two months.

The Irish returned to the position it held for four weeks in January and February, receiving 33 of a possible 40 first-place votes and 992 points from the national media panel.

Tennessee, which had been No. 1 for two weeks, had an 18-game winning streak broken by a 77-74 loss to Vanderbilt in the semifinals of the Southeastern Conference tournament.

Stanford, the only Division I

team with less than three losses, received all 70 first-place votes and 1,750 points from the national media panel Monday, after its 85-79 victory over UCLA last weekend.

The victory also clinched the Cardinal a share of their third-straight Pacific-10 Conference title.

Following Stanford in the poll was Michigan State (24-3), which moved up the rankings after beating Wisconsin and Michigan last week to earn a share of the Big Ten regular-season title.

Duke (26-4) dropped to third.

The Blue Devils beat North Carolina on Sunday to share the Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season title, but lost to Maryland earlier in the week.

Big Ten co-champion Illinois moved from fifth to fourth after defeating Minnesota on Sunday. Florida, which beat Kentucky on Sunday to earn a share of the Southeastern Conference regular-season championship, also moved up one place and was fifth.

North Carolina dropped two spots to sixth and was followed in the Top 10 by Iowa State, Arizona, Kansas and Boston College.

Irish advance to Big East championship

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — Notre Dame regained the No. 1 ranking Monday, then hosted Virginia Tech from the Big East tournament with a dominating 67-49 semifinal win.

The Fighting Irish (28-1) advanced to their fourth championship game since joining the conference six years ago. They'll play the winner of the Connecticut-Rutgers game, which was played last Monday night. The Irish have lost all three finals to Connecticut, which moved up to No. 2.

No. 5 Duke 57, No. 18 North Carolina St. 45

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Freshman Alana Beard scored 18

Women's college basketball

points to lead Duke to its second consecutive ACC tournament title with a victory over North Carolina State.

Michelle Maynorczyk added 14 points for the Blue Devils (28-3), who improved to 8-0 in Greensboro Coliseum.

No. 6 Louisiana Tech 74, No. 18 Texas 57

MOBILE, Ala. — Ayanza Walker scored 17 points to lead six players in double figures as Louisiana Tech beat North Texas to reach the final of the Sun Belt

Conference tournament. The Lady Techsters (26-4) have won 15 straight games and 20 of 21, and will chase their sixth straight league tournament title on Tuesday against Denver, a 76-67 winner over Florida International.

No. 12 Xavier 81, George Washington 56

PHILADELPHIA — Reetta Pipari made six 3-pointers and finished with 20 points to lead Xavier to its second straight Atlantic 10 Conference title.

The Musketeers (28-2) also beat the Colonials last season in the title game, and won the third conference title in their history.

Hall

Continued from D1 charged with walking naked outside his hotel room in Fort Myers, Fla.

Williams spent the night in jail, and the bad publicity doomed his chances. A special adviser to the New York Yankees, he stayed away from his camp in Tampa.

This spring, though, Williams is back in town. At 71, he's hoping to get a call from the Vets, meeting about two miles from the Yankees' complex.

Reggie Jackson endorsed his former manager.

"He was tough, really tough on me because he expected a lot from me," Jackson said. "He is worthy of the Hall of Fame. If Earl Weaver and Tommy Lasorda are in there, Dick Williams should be, too."

Hodges started at first base for the Brooklyn Dodgers, hitting 370 home runs, and also managed the 1969 Miracle Mets to the World Series title.

Colleges

Continued from D1

Notes: Cardinals average 7.9 3-point field goals per game. ... NIC won the Region 18 title in 1997, and was the very first regional champion in 1968-69. ... North Idaho launched the second most 3-point field goals this season (616).

No. 5 Utah Valley State College Wolverines

Coach: Jeff Reinert, 7th season. Record: 9-9, 18-12. Key players: 6-6 soph. F. Donnie Jackson (12.5 ppg, 6.6 rpg), 6-9 fr. G. Seth Scott (11.0 ppg, 6.5 rpg), 6-5 fr. G. Morgan Smith (10.2 ppg), 6-4 fr. G. Kenan Joyce (9.7 ppg, 3.8 rpg).

Notes: One of the smallest teams in the tournament, the Wolverines go 6-5, 6-6, 6-4, 6-9, 6-7 in their starting five. ... Lost starting point guard Jordan Milford (13.2 ppg) to a season-ending knee injury Feb. 9. ... Team toured Brazil this past summer. ... Lost Sydney Olympian Paul Hareware when the New Zealanders decided not to return for his sophomore season.

No. 6 Ricks College Vikings

Coach: Clyde Nelson, 7th season. Record: 8-10, 17-13. Key players: 6-5 soph. F. Marshall Martinson (14.1 ppg, 5.8 rpg), 6-8 soph. Joshua Griffith (12.9 ppg, 6.1 rpg), 6-0 soph. Bryson Vaughn (4.5 apg).

Notes: All six sophomores are returning missionaries with five of the six being married. ... Ricks College will become Brigham Young University-Idaho sometime within the next six months. ... Ricks were the 1997-98 Region 18 champions. ... Vikings just snapped an eight-game losing streak with two wins over weekend.

No. 7 Salt Lake Community College Bruins

Coach: Norm Parrish, 10th season. Record: 7-11, 16-14. Key players: 6-4 soph. G. Jeff Davenport (16.1 ppg, 6.3 rpg), 6-4 fr.

G Garland Perry (11.9 ppg), 6-9 soph. C. Talmadge Eyring (9.9 ppg)

Notes: First-round opponent in 1993-94. ... Parrish has longest tenure of any league coach. ... Bruins began the season 2-6. ... SLCC averages 79.8 ppg.

No. 8 College of Eastern Utah Golden Eagles

Coach: Bryan Zollinger, 3rd season. Record: 4-14, 12-18. Key players: 6-3 fr. G. Anthony Lee (13.1 ppg, 4.8 rpg), 6-7 fr. F. Skylar Wilson (11.7 ppg, 5.1 rpg), 6-7 fr. F. Brad Roundy (9.7 ppg, 4.3 rpg).

Notes: Golden Eagles give up 9th-worst 81.0 ppg. ... CEU began the conference season 0-7.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Area all-star hoops games are set

TWIN FALLS — Several high school all-star basketball games commence this week.

First up are the District IV's annual A-3 vs. A-4 High School All-Star Basketball Games. The games will be Wednesday at Shoshone High School. The girls play at 6 p.m. with the boys' game following. Next are the District IV A-1 vs. A-2 All-Star Games, pitting the region's senior high-school boys and girls against their Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference counterparts in the Filer High gym on Thursday. The girls play at 6 p.m. and the boys play at 7:45. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for students and children. Only IHSAA cards and press passes will be honored.

Burley High grad earns second Big Sky award

POCATELLO — Idaho State sophomore center Ashley Toner was named the Big Sky Conference player of the week for the second time this season. Toner, who averages 12.0 points and 5.0 rebounds per game, led the Lady Bengals to a pair of wins last weekend with 35 points, 13 rebounds, two blocks, an assist and a steal in ISU's wins over Weber State and Sacramento State.

The weekly honor was the sixth given out to an Idaho State player this season (Mandi Carver won it three times and Sarah Nelson once).

Idaho State completed a perfect 16-0 conference season, and the Lady Bengals currently hold the nation's second-longest winning streak at 19 games. The University of Pennsylvania is first with 20 games.

ISU holds the top seed for this week's Big Sky Women's Conference Tournament, which opens Thursday at Idaho State. The Lady Bengals will face the lowest remaining seed on Friday at 8:05 p.m. at Holt Arena.

Sign-ups for MV Babe Ruth are Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — Sign-ups for the Magic Valley Babe Ruth Baseball League will take place Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. at the Harmon Park Recreation Building.

Registration is open to players age 13-18 (born between Aug. 1, 1982 and July 31, 1989). A copy of birth certificate, a release signed by a parent or guardian and a \$55 registration fee is required. The season runs May-June.

The league also needs coaches and people willing to help coach teams this summer. For more information, call Gary Leavitt at 733-5532 or Linda Brittain at 733-4600.

Pistons' Cleaves ticketed for speeding

GRAND BLANC TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Detroit Pistons rookie Mateen Cleaves was ticketed this weekend for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

The player was driving 85 mph in a 70 mph zone Sunday morning on an interstate, and a routine check showed his license was suspended, police said. He is to appear in court in Grand Blanc on March 26.

Last month, Cleaves' older brother, Herbert Cleaves, was shot to death outside a house in Flint, their hometown. Cleaves' license was suspended because of failure to pay two previous tickets, Michigan Secretary of State spokeswoman Liz Boyd said.

Boxer Camacho arraigned on drug charges

NEW YORK — Boxer Hector "Macho" Camacho was released on \$5,000 bail Monday after his arrest at a Manhattan nightclub on charges of cocaine possession.

Camacho remained in the New York City area, attorney David S. Zapp said. Camacho, born in Puerto Rico, grew up in East Harlem. The boxer is due back in court Friday.

Police, with a search warrant, raided the Latin Palace in East Harlem early Sunday and arrested Camacho, 38, and 12 others on drug charges.

Golden Eagle trading cards are available now

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho SIFE Club (Students in Free Enterprise) and the CSI International Studies Club are selling Golden Eagle men's basketball trading cards. Each card has a player's picture on the front with his biography on the back. A pack of the four-color cards can be purchased for \$7. Interested collectors need to call Lee Ann Hagan at 733-9554, Ext. 2167 or the Education and Social Science Office at Ext. 2150. Cards can also be picked up in the Aspen Building, Room 118, or the main office in the gym, starting March 12.

Strickland happily signs with Blazers

PORTLAND, Ore. — A week ago, Rod Strickland was an unwanted player on a terrible team. So on Monday he gladly accepted a return to the Portland Trail Blazers, who only started getting good after they traded Strickland five years ago.

Strickland, 34, will back up Damon Stoudamire at point guard. A half-dozen other teams showed interest in Strickland after he was waived by the Washington Wizards last week. But he decided to accept the Blazers' offer of \$2.25 million, the amount of the mid-level salary cap exception they had available.

Correction

Edmonds Community College pitcher Abe Silvestri was misidentified in a game story from the McDonald's Slugout on Sunday. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Isles snap slump, beat Rangers Wood gives up five runs in spring debut

NEW YORK — Jason Blake had a goal and an assist and Mariusz Czerkawski had a goal and two assists as the New York Islanders made Lorne Henning a winner in his latest debut as coach in a 5-2 victory Monday over the New York Rangers.

NHL

The Islanders, who snapped a four-game losing streak, built a 4-0 lead, including goals by Blake, Bill Muckalt and Juroj Kolnik within 85 seconds of the second period. John Vanbiesbrouck made 40 saves.

Kenny Jonsson closed the Islanders' scoring with a breakaway goal with 1:04 left. Jonsson tripped after the goal and slid into the boards, knocking him woozy.

Brian Leetch and Sandy McCarthy scored for the Rangers, who lost for the sixth time in seven games.

Henning, a longtime assistant, took over as interim coach after Butch Goring was fired Sunday. The move came a day after a 6-0 loss to Tampa Bay that dropped the Islanders into last place in the NHL.

It is Henning's second stint as the head man of the Islanders, who with 44 points lead the Lightning by one point at the bottom of the standings. He was also their coach during the lockout season of 1994-95.

Flyers 6, Bruins 4

PHILADELPHIA — Mark Recchi scored twice, including the go-ahead goal on a power play with 3:17 left in the third



Jeff Ulmer, left, of the New York Rangers, crosses the New Islanders' Dave Scatchard into Rangers' goalie Vitali Yaremeyev in the second period at Madison Square Garden in New York Monday.

period, to rally the Philadelphia Flyers to a 6-4 victory over the Boston Bruins on Monday night. The win moved the Flyers into first place in the Atlantic Division, one point ahead of the New Jersey Devils.

Eric Desjardins, Dan McGillis,

Ruslan Fedotenko and Keith Primeau also scored for the Flyers, who are 9-14 in their last 11 home games.

Boston's Joe Thornton scored two power-play goals within 56 seconds early in the second to put the Bruins ahead 4-3.

Brian Rolston and Jason Allison also scored for the Bruins, who missed a chance to move ahead of Carolina in the battle for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Boston dropped its sixth straight road game.

The Associated Press

When Kerry Wood pitches this spring, every armful fan won't cause panic, even if it does cost some runs.

Two years after reconstructive elbow surgery, the 1998 NL Rookie of the Year made his spring debut Monday, allowing five runs as the Chicago Cubs lost to the Seattle Mariners 6-1.

"I'm just happy to get through it. I'm sure the second time around will be better," said the 23-year-old right-hander, who pitched two scoreless innings before a five-run third.

Last spring, questions about pitch counts, pitch selection and his timetable to return to the majors dominated every outing. Not this spring.

"Forget the numbers. He threw the ball well," Cubs manager Don Baylor said after the game at Peoria, Ark. "He looks a lot better than a year ago this time. Believe me, he can build on this."

Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Albert Belle said his right hip still hurts too much to play. The Baltimore outfielder has missed all four of the Orioles' spring games.

At Tampa, Fla., Mike Mussina pitched his first game for the New York Yankees, allowing two runs in two innings of a 10-5 win over the Atlanta Braves.

Mussina, who left Baltimore for

Spring training



Kerry Wood

an \$88.5 million, six-year deal with New York, entered in the third inning — he's never made a relief appearance during the regular season. He gave up two hits, and one

of the runs was unearned. "I was just looking forward to getting out there again," Mussina said. "It wasn't like the first day of putting on the uniform. I've been putting it on for three weeks."

Sid Fernandez made his first game appearance since 1992, pitching a perfect fifth inning. Also, Texas swept an unusual spring doubleheader from Pittsburgh, 4-1 and 13-2. In other games it was Toronto 4, Detroit 3; Houston 5, Kansas City 5; Cincinnati 7, Minnesota 6; Florida 5, Cleveland 4; Los Angeles 12, St. Louis 6; Philadelphia 5, Tampa Bay 1; Boston 17, Montreal 8; Baltimore 4, New York Mets 3; Milwaukee 10, Arizona 9; Colorado 7, Chicago White Sox 5; San Francisco 4, Oakland 2; and San Diego 6, Anaheim 2.

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

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Spring Training

ATLANTIC DIVISION

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New York Yankees	2	0	0
New York Mets	3	0	0
Florida Marlins	4	0	0
Philadelphia Phillies	5	0	0
Washington Nationals	6	0	0
Pittsburgh Pirates	7	0	0
Cincinnati Reds	8	0	0
Cleveland Indians	9	0	0
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ATLANTIC DIVISION

Philadelphia	1	0	0
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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore

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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley Report

The average value for new, single-family homes that got construction permits from Gooding's city building department slid to \$49,842 for 2000. That's a disappointing 23 percent decline from the city's \$64,964 new-home average in 1999. That 1999 figure showed a whopping 46 percent increase over the city's \$44,507 new-home average in 1998.

But keep in mind: it's a small number of houses that determines the average.

Gooding in 2000 issued permits for just five new single-family homes, compared with the seven each in 1999 and 1998.

Source: First Security Bank's "Idaho Construction Report"

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Health care center changes location

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls-based Independent Care Services recently moved its 20-employee Twin Falls office from the leased location it outgrew on Eastland Drive office to 333 Main Ave. E., a remodeled former auto parts store.

"We renovated, trying to help the downtown," said co-owner Wade Falenborg, who said the business bought its new location.

The \$30,000 or \$30,000 renovation took half a year, said Falenborg, who said the company "totally stripped the whole inside out and redid the complete building." That means new walls, telephone and computer lines, carpet, ceiling, heating, air conditioning, metal roof and a stucco-type exterior on the front.

But the project didn't receive a look from the building's past.

"It used to be a garage, where they worked cars," Falenborg said.

Independent Care Services, co-owned by Mike Wolfe, also has an office in Burley and is seeking an office location in Sun Valley.

From the Twin Falls office, Falenborg said, the company does outpatient mental-health case management; rehabilitation, in-home health care and target-service coordination for mental-health, developmentally delayed and other patients, and a psychiatric and several psychologists work from that office.

Jerome chamber to help welcome new restaurant

TWIN FALLS — The Jerome Chamber of Commerce will cross the canyon today to help Outback Steakhouse celebrate its grand-opening ribbon cutting at 3 p.m. on the north end of Twin Falls' Blue Lakes Boulevard.

Back at home, the Jerome chamber will hold a ribbon cutting at 3 p.m. Friday for the grand opening of Family Health Services, at 133 W. Ave. A in Jerome.

Major Idaho law firm announces new partners

KETCHICUM — Hawley Trowell Ennis & Hawley LLP, a major Idaho law firm with offices in Boise, Ketchum and Pocatello, announced Monday it has named new partners.

The new partners, practicing in the firm's Boise office, include:

- Sandra Berentzen, who focuses on commercial real estate transactions, transfers and acquisitions and most recently was in-house counsel at Albion's Inc.
- Kim Hansen, whose practice emphasizes construction, employment and real property law and who was employed by the Idaho Supreme Court as the chief justice's law clerk.
- Richard Riley, a business lawyer with more than 20 years' experience in corporation and partnership law, securities, insurance regulation, commercial law, and business transactions and litigation.
- Shelia Schwager, who focuses on creditor rights and bankruptcy, including representation of consumer and commercial lenders involving the Uniform Commercial Code, both federal and state lending laws and the defense of lender liability claims.
- Cathy Silak, a former Idaho Supreme Court justice who practices employment law, mediation and arbitration.
- Kim Stanger, who helps institutional and individual health-care clients navigate the complex legal and practical challenges facing providers, and who represents clients in general commercial litigation.

Compiled from staff reports

Church offers leadership training

It says it wants to network with business community

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Corporations and creeds occasionally link arms.

Local business leaders who are members of a Twin Falls church are paying to host a free half-day leadership seminar March 24.

'Maximum Impact: Developing the Leader Within You'

What: A live business seminar via satellite, by business author and speaker John Maxwell, aiming to make participants more effective in their workplaces.

When: 9 a.m. to noon March 24. Registration at 8 a.m.

Admission: It's free, as is a continental breakfast buffet.

Sponsor: Twin Falls Reformed Church.

Where: At the church, 1831 Grandview Drive N. in Twin Falls.

For information: Contact the church at 733-6128 or churchoffice@trc.org or Rudy Walker at 539-5821.

Walker, an elder and volunteer staff member for Twin Falls Reformed Church, is hoping to attract other business people "and rub shoulders and network with them," said Rudy

"Hopefully, through this seminar, we can add value to other people's lives," Walker said.

"It's light on the religion and heavy on the leadership training."

Walker — himself a business man retired from ownership of Please see TRAINING, Page D5

Kroger to restate earnings

Grocery chain to buy back shares following accounting improprieties

BRIDGEWATER, N.J. — Improper accounting practices at a subsidiary will force Kroger Co. to restate its earnings as far back as 1998, the No. 1 U.S. grocery chain said as it announced plans to buy back another \$1 billion worth of shares.

Accounting problems at Ralphs Grocery Co., which operates 330 supermarkets mainly in Southern California, will cause Cincinnati-based Kroger to adjust its earnings per share for fiscal 1998 by two cents to 91 cents and reduce 1999 earnings by two cents to \$1.11. The restatement will reduce earnings by one cent per share for each of the first two quarters of fiscal 2000 to 32 cents and 27 cents, respectively.

Kroger officials think a half-dozen financial executives at Ralphs were involved in a scheme designed to meet market expectations by producing consistent quarterly profits, starting more than a year before the chain was acquired by Fred Meyer Inc. in 1998.

Kroger bought Fred Meyer — a western U.S. grocery chain, which operates a Fred Meyer store in Twin Falls and the Smith's Food and Drug Centers in Twin Falls and Burley — for \$13.5 billion in 1999.

"We were notified last September of the possibility that there had been improper accounting practices at Ralphs that had been concealed from auditors and Kroger senior management," said Kroger spokesman Joseph Pichler. "This information was received just before the start of a regularly scheduled internal audit."

Barry Rhodes, a Kroger spokesman, said all the Ralphs executives suspected of participating in the scheme have left the company. Kroger is considering taking legal action against them.

The company, which operates about 2,400 supermarkets in the United States, said the scheme did not extend to its other chains, including Dillon's, King Soopers and Kroger chains. Rhodes maintained Kroger does not expect future profit restatements.

"I think we've uncovered all of the issues that existed at Ralphs," he said.

Analysts said the accounting problem is unlikely to affect Kroger in coming months, but they said they may change their forecasts to reflect the earnings restatement.

Steve Chick, an analyst with J.P. Morgan, said he and other analysts will probably reduce their 2001 earnings forecasts by about two cents per share. Analysts surveyed by First Call/Thomson Financial currently expect earnings of \$1.55 per share for 2001.

For the fourth quarter of fiscal 2000, which ended Feb. 3, Kroger expects to report earnings of 48 cents per share, up 30 percent from results in the same quarter a year earlier, the company said Monday. The earnings would be in line with analysts' estimates.

The company expects revenues to rise 12.5 percent from \$1.5 billion in the fourth quarter of 2000, Please see KROGER, Page D5



Ice crusts branches and bushes as people leave the New York Mercantile Exchange Monday after the exchange was closed in anticipation of a powerful Northeast snowstorm. The Nymex also said it will delay opening its metals markets today by two hours, and its energy markets by one hour in anticipation of transportation delays.

Tax-Aide Program adds Saturday site

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Free tax help is now available on Saturdays for working folks who can't get time off during the week to visit one of the other 15 Tax-Aide sites in the Magic Valley.

The Tax-Aide Program, sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service and the not-for-profit AARP Foundation, offers free help preparing and electronically filing federal, Idaho and other state tax returns.

Here's the new Saturday option: Through April 14, Tax-Aide will provide free tax preparation and e-filing from noon to 4 p.m. every Saturday at the Bottegga Gallery and Art Center, 125 Second St. W. in Twin Falls (around the corner from Price True Value Hardware). Drop in on a Saturday afternoon, or call the Bottegga at 733-3018 for an appointment.

Tax-Aide sites welcome low- and middle-income taxpayers of all ages. Single and married taxpayers with income less than \$30,000 are eligible; the eligibility amount increases with family size, by \$7,100 per additional family member, said Bob Wunderle, Magic Valley's district coordinator for the AARP Foundation. For example, the income limit for a family of three seeking Tax-Aide help is \$37,100.

Tax-Aide counselors are trained and certified by the IRS

Here's where Tax-Aide help is available in the Magic Valley. Some telephone numbers are volunteers' home numbers, so call during the day or early evening.

- **File** — Filer Senior Haven, 222 Main St.: 8:11 a.m. Thursdays; no e-file; appointments preferred; call 326-4608.
- **Twin Falls** — Senior Citizen Federation, 616 Eastland Drive, (Spanish and Korean): 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays; e-file; appointments available; call 734-5084. Valley Vista Village, 653 Rose St. N., (Korean): 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays; e-file; appointments available; call 733-3500. Bottegga Gallery and Art Center, 125 Second St. W.; noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays; e-file; appointments available; call 733-3018.
- **Glenns Ferry** — Three Island Senior Center, 510 E. Cleveland; 1-4 p.m. Mondays; e-file; appointments preferred; call 366-2051.
- **Kimberly** — Ageless Senior Citizens Center, 310 Main St. N.; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays (Thursdays if needed); e-file; appointments preferred; call Diane Juliano at 423-4338.
- **Hagerman** — Senior/Community center, 140 Lake Ave. E., (Spanish): 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays (evenings and Saturdays by appointment); e-file; appointments preferred; call 366-2051.

- **Buhl** — West End Senior Center, 1010 Main St.; 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays; e-file; appointments preferred; call Sharon or Susan at 543-4577.
- **Rupert** — Rupert Senior Citizen Center, 702 11th St.; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays; no e-file; appointments required; call 426-6679.
- **Jerome** — St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E., (Spanish); 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; no e-file; walk in. Jerome Senior Center; no e-file; appointments required; call Phil and Marina Thoman at 324-5162.
- **Gooding** — Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave.; 9 a.m. to noon Mondays and Wednesdays; e-file; appointments preferred; call 934-5504.
- **Idaho** — Blaine County Senior Center, 721 Third Ave. S.; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays; e-file; appointments preferred; call 788-3468.
- **Burley** — Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave.; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays; no e-file; call 678-8646.
- **Wendell** — Wendell Methodist Church, 175 E. Main; 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays; e-file; appointments required; call 536-6561.
- **Jackpot, Nev.** — Jackpot Recreation Center, 2395 Progressive Road, (Spanish); 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays; e-file; appointments available; call (775) 755-2653.

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and can answer most of the tax questions working families and senior citizens have, he said.

But don't delay asking.

"Our tax preparers are all volunteers. They don't file extensions or work overtime in April," Wunderle said. "Those seeking our help should do so as soon as

they can."

When visiting a Tax-Aide site, bring a copy of last year's tax return, W-2s, Social Security statements, all other forms that start with 1099, any other tax documents received in the mail and Social Security or tax identification numbers for yourself,

your spouse and dependents.

Tax-Aide volunteers will also make home visits for shut-ins unable to go to a Tax-Aide site. Call the site nearest you to request a visit.

For more information on the program, call 1-888-AARPNOW, or visit www.aarp.org/taxaide.

Growers move into retail to fight depressed market

The Associated Press

REXBURG — After fighting a depressed potato market for six years, Kent Sutton and three other eastern Idaho growers have decided that getting a slice of the retail dollar may be the only way to break even.

"The raw product has always been a loser," Sutton said. "If you average the prices over a period of time, you'll always find the price is slightly below the cost of production."

He believes farmers have to take control of their supply and marketing if they want to stay in

business, and that trend is strong in Idaho. Over the last decade, the percentage of Idaho growers with stakes in shipping operations has grown to 10 to 80 percent.

So Sutton teamed up with his brother and two other growers to form Bench Mark Corp., a potato shipping warehouse, and a few weeks ago the partners had some vacuum-packed hash brown potatoes delivered by Reed's Dairy to its customers along with their milk.

The reaction to the sampling of their Farm Fresh brand of ready-to-cook hashbrowns and diced and sliced potatoes has been bet-

ter than he and his partners expected, he said, and Bench Mark is now moving 5,000 pounds a week.

While a drop in the bucket to the hundreds of millions of pounds of potatoes being held in storage right now, Sutton said Bench Mark is making the same amount of money in a week from Farm Fresh potatoes as he would make selling 2 million pounds of raw potatoes in cartons and sacks.

Adding value makes a difference, he said. Farm Fresh potatoes sell for 44 cents a pound. A pound of raw spuds is going for half a cent.

"It shows creativity," said Reed's Dairy's Alan Reed, who invented potato ice cream several years ago. "I think that's what everybody has to have. We have a lot of customers who have made it a standard order."

Sales have risen every week, and Sutton said the reason has been quality potatoes. No additives or preservatives are used, so the shelf life is a week to 10 days, and they must be kept refrigerated at below 45 degrees.

Bench Mark has avoided grocery store sales because of inconsistency in store coolers and because Sutton says they do not

want to make as much of the product as stores would need.

Restaurants, especially those emphasizing breakfast, have proved good customers. Ed Stapleton of Short Rounds in Pocatello said having ready-to-serve hash browns saves time if not a lot of money when he is going through 30 pounds a day.

Even the food service operation at Ricks College is a customer, and Sutton estimates Bench Mark could sell 50,000 pounds a week from St. Anthony to Pocatello.

"Right here under our nose there's an incredible demand," Sutton said.

