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GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Sunny to partly cloudy.
High 54. Partly cloudy tonight.
Low 32.

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MAGIC VALLEY

Burn victim: The victim of a recent Twin Falls house fire is recovering in a Salt Lake City hospital burn unit.

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Online sex offenders:

Legislature may consider a bill that would put a list of sex offenders on the Internet.

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The plunge: The Nasdaq falls below 2,000 for the first time in 27 months, while the Dow drops more than 400 points.

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Playtime: Nintendo plans to release revamped version of its popular Game Boy machines.

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SPORTS

Senior showcase: Magic

Valley senior boys and girls finished out their high school basketball careers Monday during the Magic Valley All-Star Games at Twin Falls High.

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OPINION

Just say no: Idaho doesn't need more compassionate conservatives in the Legislature. It needs committed conservatives, today's editorial says.

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House OKs wage bill

Legislation awaits Kempthorne's signature

The Associated Press and The Times-News

BOISE — As one-time protesters who disrupted the Senate last month looked on from the gallery, the House on Monday gave final legislative approval to a bill extending minimum wage protection to almost all Idaho farm workers.

Magic Valley lawmakers voted unanimously in favor of the bill, sponsored by Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer.

After heated debate, and a 41-

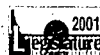
28 vote, the historic legislation is on its way to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who has said he will sign it into law.

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, was the only member of House Republican leadership to support the measure that should ensure about 95 percent of farm workers receive at least the \$5.15-per-hour minimum wage, up from less than two-thirds now. Republican Floor Leader Frank Brunel of Lewiston, Assistant Floor Leader

Lawrence Denney of Midvale and GOP Caucus Chairman Dan Mader of Genesee all voted no.

Denney even argued against passing the bill, amended by the Senate to go beyond federal Fair Labor Standards Act requirements. The original House-passed proposal was aimed at mirroring those federal standards but going no further, allowing some small farmers to retain the exemption.

Jones said ending agriculture's generations-long exemption from the minimum wage



law was the right thing to do, after failed attempts to make the change in previous years, and that even farm organizations had dropped their opposition.

"They have accepted that this is something that needs to happen," Jones said. "It needs to happen for the state of Idaho and it needs to happen for agriculture."

Uniformed Idaho State Police officers patrolled the gallery in anticipation of possible trouble.

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Cancer battle

Illness forces TF lawmaker out of legislative session

By Michael Journeé
Times-News writer

BOISE — A Twin Falls lawmaker is unlikely to return to the Legislature this session, due to recent health setbacks.

Rep. George Swan, R-Twin Falls, is holding out hope of resuming his duties in the Idaho House before lawmakers go home in a few weeks, but both he and House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, said the freshman legislator probably won't return this session.

Swan has been absent from his seat for nearly two weeks, because of complications from cancer.

"I was kind of hoping to get back, but now we're not really sure," Swan said.

Twin Falls County Republican won a seat in the House in November. Sharon Block sat in for Swan Monday. She said she will remain in the post until Swan is well enough to reclaim it, or until the end of the session. Former Rep. Randy Hansen, R-Twin Falls, filled in for the ailing Swan last week.

Swan was diagnosed with terminal liver and colon cancer last summer, just a few weeks after being nominated by local Republicans to replace Hansen on last May's GOP primary election ballot.

"Despite prognosis that the cancer might kill him before he took office, the former Rogers-on-arc rancher and president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association pressed ahead with the election. He was unchallenged for the Republican nomination and was overwhelmingly elected to the House in November."

Surgeons removed a large tumor from his colon in August, but nothing could be done surgically for his liver.

He opted against physically draining chemotherapy treatments when doctors told him it was unlikely they would improve his situation. Instead, he's been on an alternative regimen that includes working with a biochemist who uses natural vitamins and other elements to keep him healthy as possible.

Swan's colleagues say they understand why he's reluctant to give up on returning to the Statehouse, they also understand his larger struggle.

"George is fighting, and I'm fighting with him," said Rep. Scott Beske, R-Oriskany, a fellow freshman lawmaker and cattleman. "He's in his thoughts and prayers and so is his family."



Rep. George Swan

BATTLEGROUND REVISITED



President Bush, right, greets base personnel upon arrival at Tyndall Air Force Base Monday in Panama City, Fla. Bush returned to the state, site of his bitterly disputed election recent victory, and tried to shift focus to an agenda that includes tax cuts and more money for the military. See story on Page A-11.

Suspects remain in Nevada jail

Ongoing dispute may have sparked shooting, reports say

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A shooting that left two Twin Falls men wounded late Saturday night may have been sparked by an ongoing dispute between two families, according to witness statements filed with court records.

In addition to an affidavit written by Twin Falls County sheriff's detective Kelly Wilson, and filed with court documents, Paul Zollo,

36, opened fire from the passenger seat of a pickup after a fistfight broke out between his brother, Anthony Zollo, 39, and Twin Falls resident Matt Harrington, 38, at about 11 p.m. Saturday.

The gunfire left Harrington wounded in the back, near his shoulder blade, and Gerami Secord, 21, of Twin Falls wounded in the leg, according to sheriff's department reports. Harrington was treated and released from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, where Secord was listed in fair condition

The case still is under investigation, and more charges might be filed, a Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman said.

Nevada Highway Patrol Trooper Christopher Johnson said he arrested the Zollos in Jackpot, Nev., after pulling over their pickup just after midnight Sunday. Idaho time. Johnson said the Zollos were cooperative and did not have any weapons on their persons or in their pickup when he arrested them.

Monday.

The Zollos — who are from San Jose, Calif. — were held on \$50,000 bond each in the Elko County Jail Monday. Jail administrator Lt. John Crosswell

Paul Zollo was charged with two counts of aggravated battery and Anthony Zollo was charged with two counts of being an accessory to aggravated battery. Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Nancy Howell said. The case still is under investigation, and more charges might be filed, she said.

Crosswell said the Zollos will face arraignment in an Elko County court sometime this week. If they waive extradition back to Twin Falls County, they will be transferred to the Twin Falls County Jail within about 10 days, he said. If they fight extradition, it could take as long as 90 days to

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State refuses to extend Pit 9 deadline

The Associated Press

BOISE — State environmental regulators have rejected the federal government's petition for a lengthy extension in the deadlines to clean up buried radioactive waste at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

In addition to contradicting Energy Department statements on clean up of the INEL's notorious Pit 9 over the past seven years, the Department of Environmental Quality said the delays of up to 15 years jeopardize removal of the buried waste by 2018 as required under the state's unprecedented 1995 waste cleanup agreement.

"DOE's proposed schedule extension of seven years for the completion of the retrieval of the 20 foot by 20 foot area and corresponding extension of more than 13 years for retrieval of the area comprising Pit 9 are not reason-

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Woman takes reins as Utah porn czar



Paula Houston, Utah's new porn czar, is shown in her Salt Lake City office Wednesday.

Critics question how Mormon background will influence decisions

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Are naked mannequins pornography?

That was one of the calls Paula Houston, Utah's new porn czar, has responded to during her first few weeks on the job.

The answer is no — mannequins are not sexually explicit, and thus not pornographic. But most questions Houston faces are not that clear-cut. And that has her critics worried.

"They wonder how a member of the Mormon Church can fairly address pornography, which the denomination views as an addiction akin to drugs."

"I think our background always is an important part of who we are and how we view the world," says Carol Guade, director of the Utah American Civil Liberties Union.

Houston, who is believed to be the nation's first state official whose role is solely to fight pornography, insists her faith will not affect how she does her job. Besides, she says, it is for juries to decide what is pornographic.



An anti-pornography sticker is shown next to Paula Houston's desk nameplate.

The Republican-dominated Legislature created the post last year — the office of the Obscenity and Pornography Complaints Ombudsman — to give local citizens a way to voice concerns and complaints to state officials.

Before accepting the job in January, Houston, 41, spent 15 years as a prosecutor in West Valley City, a Salt Lake suburb.

Pornography is "a problem across the country, not just in Utah," Houston says, "where we're exposed to it," she says. "It's definitely more accessible because of the Internet."

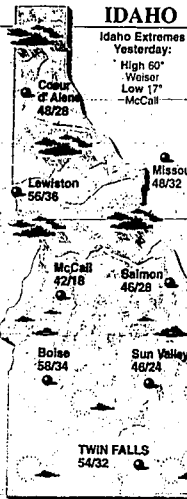
She offers no answers for Internet pornography but considers her job an important step toward solving the problem, since "somebody needs to be looking for solutions."

It is not as if Utah is being bombarded by

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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IDaho	
Idaho Extremes	
Yesterday:	
High 50°	
Low 17°	
McCall	
Boise	
Idaho Falls	
Twin Falls	
Missoula	
Lawston	
McCall	
Boise	
Idaho Falls	
Twin Falls	

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunny to partly cloudy and turning mild.	Partly cloudy.	Partly to mostly sunny with a cool wind.	Sunshine followed by some clouds.	Clouds, limited sun; it might shower.	Partly sunny and breezy.
▲ 54°	▼ 32°	▲ 46° ▼ 24°	▲ 50° ▼ 28°	▲ 50° ▼ 28°	▲ 48° ▼ 26°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Sunny to partly cloudy today with a breezy and mild afternoon. Partly cloudy tonight with a gusty wind. Partly to mostly sunny tomorrow with a windy afternoon.

Boise: Sunshine and occasional clouds today with a breezy and mild afternoon. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight; perhaps a sprinkle. Tomorrow will turn out mostly sunny and windy.

Northern Nevada: High pressure will promote plenty of sunshine across northern Nevada today along with a mild afternoon. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Sunshine most of tomorrow, also breezy.

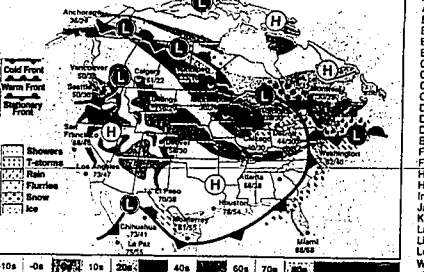
Northern Utah: Sunshine will be the rule today as high pressure perched across the region promotes a mild afternoon. Clear to partly cloudy and breezy tonight. Partly to mostly sunny and windy tomorrow.

Northern Idaho: Times of clouds and sunshine today with an increasing wind; a few showers will cross the area, mainly this afternoon. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with a rain and snow shower in some locales.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 91° in Hattin, TX Low -11° in Saranac Lake, NY

NATIONAL WEATHER



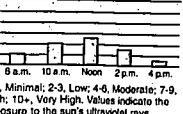
CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	High	Low	Wind	Wed.	High	Low	Wind
Calgary	41	52	26	8	41	52	26	8
Edmonton	41	52	26	8	41	52	26	8
Regina	36	47	23	11	36	47	23	11
Saskatoon	34	45	21	12	34	45	21	12
Winnipeg	33	44	20	13	33	44	20	13

SUN AND MOON

Today	Tomorrow	Next Week
Sunrise today: 6:53 a.m.	Sunrise tomorrow: 6:42 p.m.	Moonrise tonight: 9:24 a.m.
Last	Now	First
Mar 16	Mar 24	Apr 7

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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	High	Low	Wind	Wed.	High	Low	Wind
Atlanta	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
Baltimore	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
Birmingham	51	61	31	4	51	61	31	4
Boise	54	64	34	4	54	64	34	4
Bozeman	51	61	31	4	51	61	31	4
Butte	51	61	31	4	51	61	31	4
Charleston, SC	74	84	44	4	74	84	44	4
Charleston, WV	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
Chicago	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
Cleveland	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
Denver	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
Des Moines	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
Detroit	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
El Paso	70	80	40	4	70	80	40	4
Fairbanks	18	28	8	4	18	28	8	4
Fargo	34	44	24	4	34	44	24	4
Honolulu	81	91	51	4	81	91	51	4
Houston	78	88	48	4	78	88	48	4
Indianapolis	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
Jacksonville	60	70	30	4	60	70	30	4
Kansas City	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
Las Vegas	69	79	39	4	69	79	39	4
Little Rock	68	78	38	4	68	78	38	4
Los Angeles	73	83	43	4	73	83	43	4
Memphis	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
Minneapolis	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
Miami	78	88	48	4	78	88	48	4
Mobile	78	88	48	4	78	88	48	4
Montgomery	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
New Orleans	78	88	48	4	78	88	48	4
New York	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
Oakland	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
Omaha	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
Orlando	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
Philadelphia	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
Phoenix	75	85	45	4	75	85	45	4
Portland, ME	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
Raleigh	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
Rapid City	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
San Antonio	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
San Diego	78	88	48	4	78	88	48	4
San Francisco	68	78	38	4	68	78	38	4
Seattle	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
Tucson	78	88	48	4	78	88	48	4
Washington, DC	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	High	Low	Wind	Wed.	High	Low	Wind
Boise	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
Bozeman	51	61	31	4	51	61	31	4
Butte	51	61	31	4	51	61	31	4
Coeur d'Alene	48	58	28	4	48	58	28	4
Elko	53	63	33	4	53	63	33	4
Idaho Falls	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
Idaho Falls	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
Kalispell, MT	48	58	28	4	48	58	28	4
Lawston	58	68	38	4	58	68	38	4
Malad	48	58	28	4	48	58	28	4
Mojave	50	60	30	4	50	60	30	4

Randy Hansen AUTO PLEX
Polifeline At Blue Lakes North

INEEL

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able," Dean Nygard, state site remediation manager, wrote in the denial letter to the Energy Department.

The Department can contest the decision through a dispute resolution process that ultimately ends with the governor before taking the matter to federal court.

Energy Department-Idaho spokesman Brad Bugger said officials were assessing their options and would issue a formal response later.

In connection with prospects that another deadline set in the 1995 state-federal cleanup agreement will be missed, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has already said he will use every sanction available under the court-enforced agree-

ment to see that all waste removal deadlines are met.

The federal petition said the conceptual design of the cleanup plan for Pit 9 underestimated safety issues and the complexity of the work. It asked for the April 2003 deadline for developing a cleanup strategy for the 20-foot-square at Pit 9 be extended to August 2010, the cleanup work on that spot extended from April 2003 to August 2013 and cleanup of the entire area from September 2003 to February 2015.

The current deadlines were set in 1997 when the federal government paid nearly \$1 million in fines for failing to meet deadlines outlined in the 1993 decision to embark on buried waste cleanup at INEEL.

Wage

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during more than an hour of House debate. Newcomb kept looking up to assess the situation as the lawmakers' arguments got increasingly heated, and he eventually had to gavel Republican Rep. Twila Hornbeck of Grangeville out of order for making inappropriate remarks.

House Speaker Jim Jones said it was unfortunate that, because of the emotional nature of the debate, officers were "patrolling the hallways instead of the highways."

Opponents said the bill could drive small farmers out of business and would impose another layer of needless regulation on an already struggling industry. Veteran Republican Rep. Frances Field of Grand View said approving the measure would only encourage student demonstrators and amount to a surrender in the face of increasing pressure on lawmakers.

The message, she said, would be, "Just storm the Capitol, intimidate and you can get anything you want."

"It's not a compromise, ladies and gentlemen, it's a sellout," Field said.

Even backers acknowledged

How they voted

How local lawmakers voted - and what they said

The Magic Valley's 10 lawmakers unanimously supported the amended House Bill 71. Here's what a few of them had to say about it during debate.

Rep. Doug Jones, R-Flair, sponsor of the bill and chairman of the House Agricultural Affairs Committee, countered arguments that paperwork related to paying farmworkers minimum wage would be an unbearable burden for financially strapped farmers.

"Times are tough for agriculture. I certainly know because I myself am a farmer. This issue will not change that. It will not change my bottom line at all."

Jones also tried to convince House members that to refuse the bill would damage the state's image on laborance.

"We don't want to be perceived as the bad guy in this."

House Minority Leader Wendy Jaeger, D-Ketchikan, countered arguments against the bill's \$134,000 price tag for the three-year employees needed to educate workers and farmers on the bill's provisions. She reminded lawmakers that the bill had the same financial impact when it was approved by the House, before the Senate amended it.

"Let's not find new ghosts in this amended bill."

Some Boise State University students - who had been arrested in the Senate chambers Feb. 19 while protesting to draw attention to the issue - watched the debate Monday from the House gallery. House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, referred to the students and the incident after the vote.

"I hope that they don't take any pride that this bill passed in spite of that."

Shooting

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untangle the legal red-tape, Craywell said.

After the shooting, Secord told investigators that Anthony Zollo had a romantic relationship with a woman in Secord's family, but things had apparently gone sour and Anthony Zollo had been threatening the Secords, according to Wilson's affidavit.

Wilson's affidavit outlines Saturday's shooting incident as follows:

Secord said Anthony Zollo had telephoned him Saturday and asked to meet on Blue Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls.

Secord and other witnesses said the Zollos, driving in a pickup, followed a vehicle carrying Harrington and Secord to a spot near 3670 N. 2550 E. in Twin Falls County.

Both drivers stopped. Harrington, Anthony Zollo and Secord got out.

Anthony Zollo and Harrington soon began fighting.

Witnesses say Paul Zollo began shooting out the passenger window of the pickup. Secord said he tried driving behind the Zollos' truck, but was hit by a bullet as he did so.

Secord and other witnesses told investigators that after several shots were fired, Anthony Zollo got back into the pickup, and the truck sped away.

Elko County investigators told Twin Falls County detectives that when Anthony Zollo was taken into custody, he had a broken nose and broken jaw.

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Saturday, March 10, numbers

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Saturday, March 10, numbers

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Idaho Lottery "Red Machines" are now up and running. Sorry, for the inconvenience.

CORRECTION

A calendar item Friday gave the wrong date and time for a lecture by Sara Edlin-Marlow on Sacajawea at the Buhl Public Library. The lecture will be Thursday at 7:15 p.m. The Times-News regrets the error.

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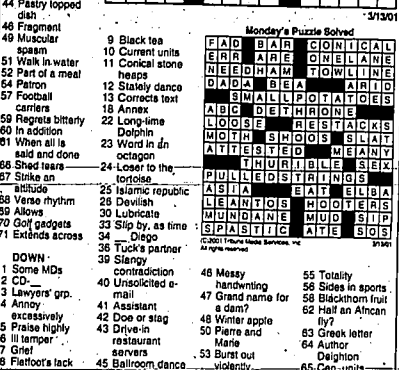
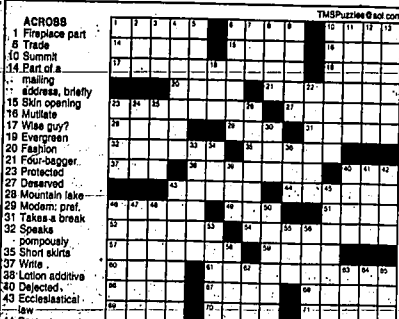
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Scorpio: Insist on quality

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IF MARCH 13TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY...you were on your own at relatively early age. Your ideas were considered unorthodox, but you made them work. You have reasons chosen wisely where romance is concerned. Taurus, Leo and Scorpio individuals play major roles in your life.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Family member discloses secret concerning finances. No panic or finger-pointing! Answers to many questions obtained if you maintain emotional equilibrium.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Avoid scattering friends. Fun and games fine, but not at this time. You gain allies by blending humor with wisdom. Sagittarius plays sage role.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make this your "makeover" day. Dress and look differently. Scorpio pays meaningful compliment. Be sure you have the right tools! Fix things!

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You emit personal magnetism, sex appeal. Family members declare, "You are really something!" Creative juices stir - read, write and paint.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Attention revolves around making home beautiful. Music involved, you learn more about lives of composers. Taurus, Libra figure in exciting scenario.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Play waiting game, don't be too available. Answers are found behind scenes. Places, another Virgo figure prominently. Have luck with number 7.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Turn of events finds you on top. Accept added responsibility, emphasize more efficient ways of distribution. Cancer, Capricorn play memorable roles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Cycle high, circumstances turn in your favor. Be selective, insist on quality. Long-range romance heats up. Don't permit passions to betray you.

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Do-it-yourselfers offer ways to fix damage

DEAR ABBY: "Watching My Assets" put a dent in the door of his friend's pickup when he closed it by pushing it with his rear end. Please pass on this information: In newer cars, one can take off the door panel and pop the bent body back out. Only minor paint damage will remain to be repaired. Most repair persons won't tell you this because repairs are their bread and butter.

Another "fix-it" for such a problem is to put dry ice on the spot. Due to contraction, the dent will pop out. It doesn't work on all materials, but on many. This is an old science trick - hope it helps.

**- SCIENCE TEACHER AND BACKYARD MECHANIC
DEAR S.T. AND B.M.:** Yours is not the only letter that arrived from helpful readers that resolved "Assets" problem. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Watching My Assets" reminded me of a similar incident that happened to me many years ago. My friend "Carmen" - "rear-ended" my passenger door while trying to close the already locked door and she, too, left a large dent. Without a moment's hesitation she asked if I had a toilet plunger (we had just pulled up to my home). The plunger in place, out popped the dent! Good as new, no insurance claim necessary.

- GENIE SAFFREN, LOS ANGELES

DEAR GENIE: The longer I write this column, the more I learn from readers. Your letter is a hoot. I wonder if that solution would work today on cars that are made largely from plastic instead of metal. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Watching My Assets," who had a question about whether or not a claim should be filed under his friend's insurance policy, prompts my own.

Your answer was wrong for a few reasons. Yes, his friend should file a claim. This was an accident. Granted, it was not your run-of-the-mill accident, but it was an accident. If the guilty party wants to help his friend, he should volunteer to pay the deductible.



Second, the only time an accident counts against you is if you

are the majority at fault - in California, 51 percent or more at fault - for the accident. In this case, the person filing the claim would not have his rates go up or have his policy canceled. Please advise your readers that if they are in an accident and have ANY questions, to refer the question to their insurance

agent. After all, they are paying a premium for insurance, and if they get into an accident, the person who sold them the policy is obligated to help them out.

**- ADJUSTING CLAIMS FOR AAA IN FRESNO, CALIF.
DEAR CLAIMS ADJUSTER:** Thank you for pointing that out. I'm grateful for the reminder.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Panel to interview judge candidates

SHOSHONE - The 5th Judicial District Magistrate Commission today will interview five finalists to replace Lincoln County Magistrate Judge John McLanson, who has been appointed as a district court judge.

The interviews will be at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Shoshone and are open to the public. The commission will deliberate behind closed doors after completing the final interview.

Candidate Wayne G. Crookston Jr. will be interviewed first, starting at 10 a.m. Mark A. Ingram will be interviewed at 10:30 a.m., Thomas D. Kershaw Jr. at 11:40 a.m., Casey C. Robinson at 1 p.m., and Stephen A. Thomsen at 1:30 p.m.

TF High School asks

Board to reform support

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls High School will ask the School Board today to support a school reform model targeted at raising the academic bar.

The high school faculty voted overwhelmingly in favor of adopting High Schools That Work, Principal Ben Allen said. The high school needs the School Board's philosophical and financial support to proceed. Most costs involve teacher training, Allen said. The high school will devote existing teacher training days to that purpose, which will help pay for the program. The annual financial commitment needed from the School Board hasn't been determined. Allen said he thinks it will be minimal.

The reform model requires long-term changes including high achievement standards, student majors, strong school leadership, training and scheduling support for faculty, student advising, coordination of academics and technical training, and using data to evaluate programs.

In other School Board business, parent representatives from the Quality School Committee will share with board members a desire to promote parental involvement in the schools. The board also will consider a request for waiver of the district's school transfer policy; approval of a cellular phone lease at the high school; and approval for leasing district property for soccer fields. The School Board meets at 7 tonight at the district office, 201 Main Ave. W.

Annual Science Trek returns to Herrett Center

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley third- through fifth-graders are invited to sign up for the annual Science Trek at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho.

Cosponsored by the Idaho Museum of Natural History and Idaho Public Television, Science Trek is a hands-on overnight learning experience in chemistry, astronomy, anthropology and other scientific workshops. All classes will be taught by professional scholars and scientists.

Pre-registered students will check in at the Herrett Center at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Apr. 20, and will receive a T-shirt. From 7 to 9 p.m., they'll be involved in their favorite science activity. At 9 p.m., the Faulkner Planetarium will present a program for the group. At 10:30 p.m., the entire group will see a robotics demonstration of intelligent machines. A star party on the front lawn will follow at 11:30 p.m.

Participants will get a midnight snack, sleep inside the Herrett Center's galleries and be served breakfast before going home the following morning.

Students must be registered in advance as space is limited to 100. The cost is \$35 per student. For more information or to sign up, call Barry Thibbort at 733-9554, extension 2047. Parents who are interested in helping as volunteers and overnight chaperones are also invited to call.

Compiled from staff reports

Look for

Services, death notices, hospital listings on page B5 today.

Council approves soccer park plan

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The City Council approved a lease with the Twin Falls

School District for 20 acres that would allow the creation of a 12-field soccer park. The council approved the lease Monday 6 to 1. Councilman Trip Craig dissented.

The lease agreement for property on 2700 East in Twin Falls would be for 99 years. It includes 20 shares of Twin Falls Canal Co. stock.

If the construction of the soccer complex is not completed within 36 months of the date of the lease, the lease shall be

automatically terminated, unless lessor specifically grants additional time, which extension must be in writing," the agreement says.

Dennis Bowyer, city parks and recreation department director, said the city has \$100,000 to spend on the soccer park. There is no cost involved to lease it, he said. The lease still needs the School District's approval. And the city's planning and zon-

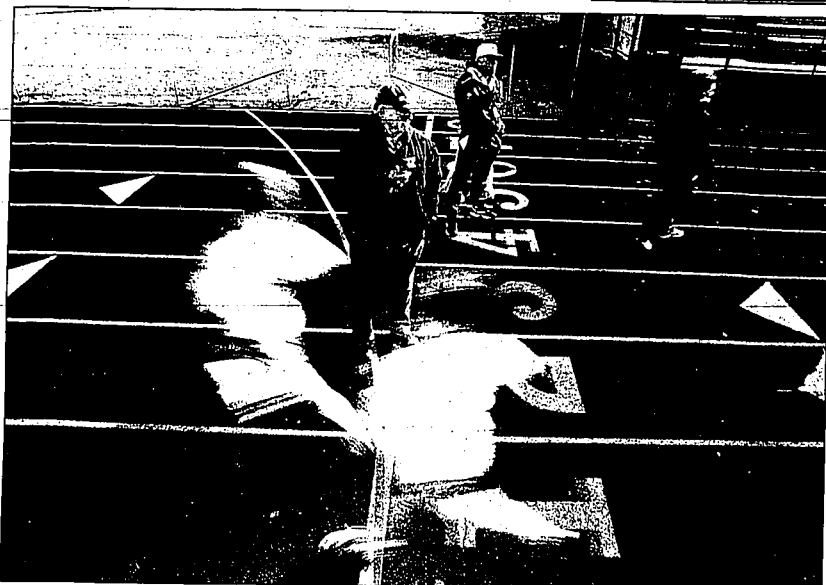
ing commission must approve a special use permit to construct the park. Bowyer said the soccer park should be ready for play by the fall of 2002.

In other business: • Don Hall of the Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley said attendance is up at the club.

The Boys and Girls Club has increased

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RUN LIKE THE WIND BRUINS



Assistant Twin Falls High School track coach Curtis Asay times a group of runners as they cross the finish line at Bruin Stadium during a practice on Monday. The Bruins will begin their season this Friday at either Blackfoot or Pocatello, weather permitting.

MVRMC waits on nonprofit question

Citizens committee first has conditions to review

By Ruth Streeter Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center board of trustees did not make a recommendation to Twin Falls County commissioners Monday as to changing the hospital's legal status.

Members of a citizens committee formed to consider the matter will soon issue the board its

recommendation to make the hospital a 501(C)3, an entity recognized by the IRS, said hospital board member and committee co-chairman Doug Vollmer.

Before it officially gives the board its recommendation, the citizens committee must first review a preamble that delineates several conditions members want to see in the lease agreement between the county commissioners and the hospital board, Vollmer said.

Once it has that recommendation, the board will then pass it to the Twin Falls County commissioners. Commissioners, who will conduct at least one public hearing following the recom-

mendation, have the final say. The lease will also be available for public review. The preamble has been drafted, but committee members have yet to review it, Vollmer said. Vollmer expects the document to be reviewed by all members within 10 days, at which time they will probably be ready with their recommendation, Vollmer said.

Under a 501(C)3, the hospital would go from a public nonprofit organization to a private nonprofit. The county would retain ownership of the building and lease it to the hospital. Officials say the county would

still have control of the hospital. Control would revert back to the county if certain criteria set in the lease are not met; hospital spokesman Shawn Barigar said. Those criteria have yet to be determined, he said.

In other hospital business, following executive session the board agreed to purchase a residence adjacent to the hospital on Martin Street subject to an appraisal and a study.

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Fish enviros bash agency on Nevada deal

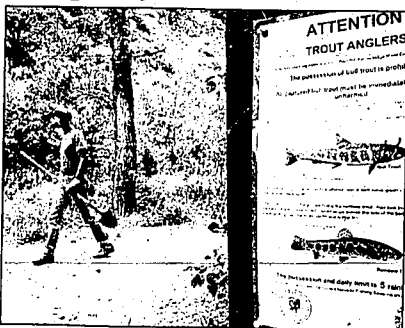
The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. - Trout Unlimited leaders say the Forest Service is negotiating away federally mandated protection of threatened bull trout in a deal that could allow Elko County to rebuild a controversial road in a national forest.

The nation's largest trout conservation group condemned the proposed settlement with the county and private property activists who organized a "Shovel Brigade" rebellion aimed at rebuilding the washed-out road in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. The tentative agreement is the product of a year's worth of court-ordered mediation, stemming from the Justice Department's attempts to seek damages from the county and prosecute potential violators of environmental laws protecting the fish in the Jarbidge River.

It is being viewed as an early test of the Bush administration's approach to balancing environmental protections with private property rights.

"There's no question in my mind that the change in administration had something to do with reaching the agreement," State Assemblyman John Carpenter, R-Elko, one of the principal negotiators, said in an interview.



An unidentified volunteer walks past a vandalized state wildlife warning sign showing a bull trout with horns drawn on it in this July 3, 2000 file photo. Leaders for the nation's largest trout conservation group said Monday they will file lawsuit if necessary to protect the bull trout.

"I think we are going to be able to work with this new administration."

Leaders of Trout Unlimited, with 125,000 members nationwide, said Monday they will file a lawsuit if necessary to protect the bull trout.

They said the proposed settlement marks a sharp reversal by

the Forest Service and Fish and Wildlife Service, whose fish biologists insisted over the past five years that reconstruction of the South Canyon Road near the Idaho border would pose a threat to the survival of North America's southernmost surviv-

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February burn victim is on road to recovery in Salt Lake

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A local 45-year-old man who was severely burned when his home caught on fire last month is making good progress at a Salt Lake City hospital burn center, his mother said Monday.

Pat Cogswell said her son Dennis Cogswell is recuperating at the University of Utah Medical Center's burn unit. "We're very pleased with his progress," she said Monday.

Dennis Cogswell suffered burns on his face, neck and hands when he escaped through the front living room of his home at 198 Ramming St. When Cogswell fled, the house was engulfed in flames. A wood stove was the suspected cause of the fire, according to fire department officials.

He was lucky to escape death, but his 4-year-old dog, Bucky, died in the fire.

The fire destroyed Cogswell's home and most of his possessions were lost. He works at Ron's Custom Upholstery in Twin Falls and had lived in the home for more than 15 years. It was not known when Cogswell would return home, his

Helping out

Anyone interested in helping Dennis Cogswell, who lost most of his possessions in a fire last month, may donate to benefit accounts at the Farmer's National Bank branch at 890 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

mother said. "We have no clue when he's coming home. (The hospital) won't tell us, and we won't ask," Pat Cogswell said.

She said her son will have some scarring, but hospital officials expect a full recovery.

Cogswell's mother has set up a donation fund for him. Donations have been coming in, Pat Cogswell said. But she didn't know how much money has been raised.

"People have just been absolutely marvelous," she said. Along with money, people have sent numerous get-well cards.

"People don't know just how much that means," Cogswell said.

Times-News staff writer John T. Huddy can be reached at Twin Falls at 735-3259 or by e-mail at jhuddy@magicvalley.com

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TWIN FALLS

RUPERT

Norma Telford Smith

Norma Telford Smith, 72, of Rupert and long time former Pocatello resident passed away unexpectedly Feb. 21, 2001, at The Bannock Regional Medical Center.

She was born Dec. 25, 1928, in Randolph, Utah, to Robert LeRay and Eva May Calder Telford. She was raised in Montpelier by her loving aunt Suzy Wilcox. She graduated from Montpelier High School. Norma married in June 1950, in Logan, Utah, then later divorced. She worked for JC Penney for 10 years before retiring. Norma loved life, her family and friends. She enjoyed holidays, reading, traveling to the coast and putting together puzzles, crocheting and other needle work. Norma enjoyed going for her daily walks and going shopping. Norma was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She resided most of her life in Pocatello until seven years ago she moved to Rupert.

Surviving Norma is a son, Wayne R. Smith, and a daughter, Jeanne. She is also survived by two grandchildren, Jared (Erica) Smith, Kyle and Kristal Reichert, three brothers, Leo C. Telford, Robert L. Telford and Eugene Wilcox, and one sister, Bonnie Telford.

Memorial services will be March 17, 2001, at 1 p.m. at Downward Hansen Funeral Home, 241 N. Garland with Gordon Wilks officiating. Friends who wish may make donations to Life Flight in care of Bannock Regional Medical Center in Pocatello.

Wenatchee, Wash.: a special daughter-in-law, Kimberly Edmondson of Hayden Lake and many nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents: his step-father, Cliff Durfee and one son, David A. Garrard.

Military graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 15, 2001, at the Oakley Cemetery. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley on Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. The family suggests memorials be given to the Boys Scouts of America.

FILER



Danny Lee Kennison

Danny Lee Kennison, 39, of Filer, passed away March 9, 2001, at his home.

Dan was born July 6, 1961, in American Falls, Idaho, to William L. and Janet K. Glavey Kennison. He was raised in Idaho, where he loved to hunt and fish and spend time at the great outdoors. Dan worked at Allison Mills in Filer. He loved his family and had a great sense of humor.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois; daughters, Myla and Michelle; his father, Bill Kennison of Gooding, brothers and sisters, Donald (Nancy) Kennison of Pocatello, N.J. Sherry (Kevin) Nechols of Winnemucca, Nev. Julie (Robert) Piliand of Chalk, Idaho. Shane Kennison of Jerome and Christine Hall of Gooding. Dan is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

His mother and grandparents preceded him in death.

Funeral services for Dan will be held Thursday, March 15, 2001, at 11 a.m. at the Filer LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 841 W. Midway. Filer, Idaho, with Bishop Alex Sundland officiating. Family and friends may call one hour prior to the services. Interment to follow in the Elmwood Cemetery, Gooding, Idaho. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

GOODING



Mary Idessa Stranghoner Robertson

Mary Robertson of Wendell, Idaho passed away at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Gooding, Idaho, on Monday, March 12, 2001.

Mary was born March 4, 1912, in Humboldt, Idaho. She was the daughter of Michael Stranghoner and John Henry Stranghoner. Mary had many fond memories of her early years. Her first responsibility was to care for her grandmother. Mary's mother, Idessa, was busy taking care of the garden, seven children, and sewing and cooking for her family. Idessa baked two loaves of bread every day. As soon as Mary was old enough, she joined her father, John, and her older brother, Walter "Sinky", in the hay fields. Mary's father went to an old fashioned German Lutheran Church. The women and girls sat on one side of the church and the men and boys sat on the other. In the fall, John and his brother, Will, butchered the two families' pigs. Mary's mother used every part of the pigs for something her family could eat. The brains and kidneys became head cheese. The intestines were washed and cleaned then used as casings for the sausage. Even the tail was used as a treat for the children.

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Walter Forrest Robertson, a school teacher who played the cornet. Mary started high school in Humboldt, Kan. After she went to Water Center, Kan. However, she didn't finish high school, she was forced like so many others by the Depression, to quit and make a living for herself as a maid and as a housekeeper.

Mary married Walter Robertson on Aug. 28, 1938. They were married for over 55 years. Mary and Walter moved to Idaho in 1942. Walter taught school and worked on farms and moved at the State T. B. Hospital at Gooding. Mary was a housewife while her family was young. She was proud of the fruits, vegetables and meat she canned and froze. Mary made clothes and blankets for her family. She took pride in the meals she prepared. Mary's lemon meringue pie and angel food cake were delicious. She kept her home clean and neat. Mary enjoyed working in her vegetable and flower gardens. She liked to embroider and crochet, and sold much of her work at the church bazaars. Mary began working outside her home when her family grew older. She worked as a maid at the Wendell Hotel in Wendell. Mary was a dishwasher and she worked in the linen room at the State T. B. Hospital in Gooding.

Mary and Walter had two daughters, Carol Jean Robertson and Wendell, Idaho and Gail Jean Robertson. Decadeau of Nampa. Mary also had four grandchildren: Rana Decadeau, Robert of Nampa, Lane and Alexa Decadeau of Pocatello, and Sarah Austin of Wendell.

Mary belonged to the Wendell Methodist Church and the Wendell United Methodist Women. She helped with Brownie Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the Wendell Joss Daughters when her daughter were involved with those organizations. Mary and Walter enjoyed music. They went to school concerts, the Marine Band concerts, and they traveled to Twin Falls in the summertime to listen to the C. Band in the park. Mary and Walter spent every Saturday evening listening and watching the Lawrence Walk Show.

Mary Robertson was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Robertson, her parents, John Henry and Idessa Stranghoner, her brothers Walter "Sinky", Hadley, and Wayne D. Stranghoner and her sister Margie Stranghoner.

Mary has two sisters, Dorothy Hays and Jeanette Hays of Ida, Kan. She was one sister-in-law Ruby Robertson living in Yales Center, Kan.

Mary learned at an early age how to work and undergo test.

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Mary was with her family and friends And this time there will be no end. God will take care.

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Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2001.

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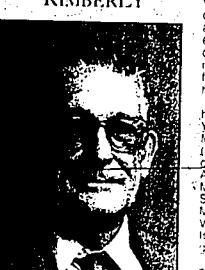
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at Demary's Wendell Chapel. Burial will follow at the Wendell Cemetery. Family members and friends may call on Tuesday from 4-7 p.m.

Memorials may be donated to the Wendell Methodist Church, or to an organization of your choice.

KIMBERLY



Robert L. 'Bob' McCracken

Robert L. 'Bob' McCracken Jr. 76, of Kimberly died March 10, 2001, at the Twin Falls General and Hospital.

Bob was born Sept. 6, 1924, to Robert Leslie and Dorcia A. Smith McCracken in Twin Falls, Idaho. He graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1942. He was drafted in 1945 into the 13th Armored Division, then transferred to the 12th Division. He was sent to France in 1944, and came home in late 1945. After returning from the military, he went to an Air Corps school in San Diego, California, worked at Mag

Valley Aircraft, Buair Growers, and then flew truck for Garrett Flight instructors for 35 years. He retired in 1967. Bob was married Marsha Wiegman in 1946. He married Marsha (McGordon) McCord on Feb. 16, 1955. Bob belonged to the 12th Armored Division, VFW, Holister Masonic Lodge, Order of Eastern Star, Royal Order of Moose, and the First Baptist Church. Bob enjoyed life. He spent much time gardening, fishing, camping, and traveling. He will be greatly missed by his family, many friends and all who knew him.

Bob is survived by his wife, Marsha, his children, Leslie (Bill) Rayner of Yuma, Ariz., Kenneth (Judy) McCracken of Oceanside, N.Y., Betty (Ken) Reed of Portland, Idaho, and children, Steven (Linda) McCracken, Alastair (Amy) (Mike) Hayes of Shoshone, Idaho, Kenneth (Cheryl) McCord of Las Vegas, Nev., and Vernon McCracken of Twin Falls, Idaho. He has 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, a baby sister and a brother. Funeral services for Bob will be held Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Twin Falls. Pastor Andy Boudreau will officiate. Visitation will be from Tuesday, March 13, 2001, from 2-5 p.m. at the Twin Falls General and Hospital. Burial will be in the Twin Falls Cemetery. The family requests that memorials be made to the Air Corps School in San Diego, California. Grandchildren: Mark, Officer of Eastern Star, 5404 Hays, Twin Falls, Idaho. Arrangements are under the direction of the Payne Mortuary, 221 N. Garland in Pocatello.



James F. Gunning

James F. Gunning, age 81, was born on Jan. 16, 1920, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Marion and Sophia Gunning. He attended schools in Hansen, Appleton, and Wendell - graduating with the class of 1938. Jim farmed east of Wendell after high school and served in the United States Navy for the last year of World War II. He met and married Jo Ann Bill in 1947, in Wendell. They farmed south of Wendell until 1984, then retired and moved to Twin Falls. He was a member of the Wendell American Legion, the Wendell Lions Club, the Gooding County A.S. Board, the Wendell Grange Board, the Gooding Knights of Columbus, St. Anthony Catholic Church in Wendell, St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church in Twin Falls, the Twin Falls Travelers RV Club. Jim loved farming, fishing, music, obviously corn jokes, the news and his home. He always welcomed his children's companionship and was an excellent provider for his family.

Jim died in the early morning of March 11, 2001, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

Jim is survived by his wife Jo Ann of Twin Falls, his son Mark of Pocatello, his daughter, Sister Sharon-Marie of Pennsylvania, his daughter, Terry of Twin Falls, his granddaughter, Jenny and her two daughters, Alyah and Nachele of Idaho Falls, his grandson Ross of Idaho Falls, three sisters, Mary Ann of Boise, Lucille Schmitt of Missouri, and Margaret Mullen of California and his brother Edward of Washington.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, William and one brother Robert.

A prayer vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday evening March 13, 2001, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. A graveside funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call at Reynolds Chapel from 5-7 p.m. The family suggests memorials to St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church building fund in Jim's memory. Contributions may be mailed to Reynolds Chapel P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83301.



Mary Collette Perry

Mary Collette Perry, 85, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died Sunday evening, March 11, 2001, at Sunbridge Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls. She was born May 24, 1915, at Adair, Iowa, the daughter of William and Theresa Holmbeck Richter. She grew up and attended schools in Adair. After completing high school she taught school there. She married Edwin Perry Jan. 25, 1937, in Adair. They moved to Washington where they lived until John entered the military. She returned to Adair and in 1942, they moved to Idaho where he farmed and she worked at CNA and in her later years worked at "Mary's Sunshine Shop" at Woodstone Retirement Center. She was a member of St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church and ICCW.

She is survived by her children, Robert L. Perry of Springfield, Ark., Patricia (Arthur) Bailey of Hansen, Philip (Susan) Perry of LaConner, Wash., Colleen (Mike) Werner of Kimberly, Michael (Jan) Perry and Susan M. Hickman both of Port Angeles, Wash., and Joe Perry of Knap, Wash. She is also survived by her three brothers, Jim Richter, Robert Richter, Paul Richter, and a sister Josephine Battersfield all of Iowa. 20 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and three brothers.

A prayer vigil with rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, St. Edwards Chapel. Friends may call Wednesday from 3 p.m. until the time of the rosary at Reynolds Chapel. Interment will follow the Mass at Twin Falls Cemetery.

TWIN FALLS



Beverly Jean Lair

Beverly Jean Lair, 43 of Twin Falls passed away Saturday, March 10, 2001, at her home in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Beverly (Butly) as she is known to her friends) was born June 22, 1957, in Twin Falls to Harold E. and Celia Boyd Watton. She grew up and attended school in Twin Falls. She was a cashier and worked at the Garden of Eden Travelers' Club.

Beverly is survived by her daughter, Andrea Nora Lindquist of Twin Falls, Idaho, sisters, Mary Dawn and Danni Smith of Twin Falls, Idaho, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Butly will be held Saturday, March 17, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Pastor Dan Rieke will officiate.

Cremation and private interment are under the direction of the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be given to the Andrea Lindberg Education Fund, c/o First Security Bank (at any branch).

WENATCHEE, WASH.

Leonard 'Roy' Garrard

Leonard Leroy "Roy" Garrard, 70-year-old Wenatchee, Wash., and former Oakley resident died Friday, March 9, 2001, in his home.

He was born July 1, 1930, in Oakley, the son of Thomas Leonard and Selva Beal (Moss) Garrard. He attended Oakley schools. Following his schooling he served in the U.S. Navy, where he was stationed in Alaska. After being honorably discharged he moved to Wenatchee. He met and married Mary Wells on Dec. 16, 1949, in Wenatchee. They made their home in Oakley, where Roy farmed the 20 acres of land they owned. He also helped work on his family's farm in August of 1954, they moved back to Wenatchee and he worked, or Alcoa until 1961, when he moved to Quincy, Wash., to work on a farm again. In 1963, Roy and his family moved back to Wenatchee and he went to work as a cement finisher. He worked on the Rock Island and Rocky Reach Dams and worked on the Alsea pipeline. Later in life he worked in Seattle while continuing to live in Wenatchee. He retired in 1995. Roy had been a longtime Boy Scout leader and received the Silver Beaver award for the many hours of service with the scouts. He received his Eagle Scout award at the same time as his son received his. He worked at Sunset Vista Day Camp and was on the Wood Badge board and the Eagle board of Redwood. Roy thoroughly enjoyed working with the scouts and going camping with his son and grandson and enjoyed helping his grandson build his pinewood derby cars. Roy loved to talk with many family friends. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Survivors include his wife, Mary of Wenatchee, Wash., one daughter, Terri, who lives in Quincy, Wash., two brothers, Frank L. Garrard of Fruita, Colo. and Lawrence S. Garrard of Rupert, one sister, Mary Durfee of Quincy, Wash., two grandsons, Connor M. Garrard of Hayden Lake and Christopher A. Reeves of

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MORNING LINE

“Seems they wanted to nail down the courtside chairs before making an announcement.”

“—Jim Armstrong, in the *Denver Post*, on why Texas Tech school officials are waiting to announce they've hired Bob Knight

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

What is the NCAA single-game, Division I tournament team record for 3-point field goals?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school baseball

Wendell at Buhl, 4 p.m.
Wendell at Buhl JV, 6:30 p.m.
American Falls at Burley, 3:30 p.m.
Kimberly at Glens Ferry, 3:30 p.m.

High school softball

Kimberly at Glens Ferry, 3:30 p.m.
Wendell at Buhl, 4 p.m.

High school tennis

Blackfoot at Burley, 3:30 p.m.
Twin Falls at Jerome, 3:30 p.m.

High school golf

Jerome regional, 9:30 a.m.
Valley, Murtaugh, Declo at Kimberly, at Pleasant Valley CC, 2 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Nebeker cards hole in one at Pleasant Valley

KIMBERLY — Kellen Nebeker, the 15-year-old No. 2 hole at Pleasant Valley Golf Course on Monday. He used a 9-iron on the hole, which has a water hazard in front of it. Witnesses were Adam Stanger, Kirby Nebeker, Lex Hower, Brigham Flurd and Rick Maxwell.

Burley Special Olympians garner gold medals

Snowshoer Chris Blair and alpinist Chris Fronk earned several gold medals and one silver medal during competition at the Special Olympics World Winter Games held March 4-11, at Anchorage, Alaska.

Blair won three golds in the 800-meter, 1,600-meter and 5k events. Fronk took golds in novice downhill and novice slalom, while also capturing a silver medal in his novice giant slalom.

Blair is coached by Terry Kinkead, of Burley. Fronk's coach is Manny Sheingub, of Moscow. More than 2,000 athletes and 750 coaches from 80 countries converged on the event.

Bruin Boosters will meet March 19

TWIN FALLS — The Bruin Booster Club will be holding an important meeting in the upstairs of the downtown Twin Falls First Security Bank building at 6 p.m. on March 19. All those interested are encouraged to attend. For more information please contact Bob Maloney at 734-9969 or 733-6765.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

21, by Loyola Marymount against Michigan in a West regional second-round game in 1990.

WEST IS BEST

Seniors shine in East-West all-star game

By Holly Keyt
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The valley's top seniors met at Twin Falls High School Monday for a little friendly competition and one last chance to display their talents for local crowds.

The 40 all-stars represented 19 different programs and came together for the Magic Valley All-Star game, which pitted the West against the East in girls' and boys' showdowns.

The West came out on top of both contests, besting the East's boys 78-76, and girls 57-41.

"I think this is just a great opportunity for the kids to get together, to get to know one another and to showcase their talents," said Gooding High coach Joe Messick, who headed the boys' West team.

The boys' matchup placed some of the Magic Valley's fiercest competitors on the same team. All season long, Carey and Richfield were bitter enemies with Richfield finally taking the A-4 Northside championship in two games over the Panthers. But Monday's contest paired Carey's Alex Peterson and the Tigers' Quinton Kent together.

"This was a good opportunity for the kids to play with some of the kids they've been competing against all year," said East coach Roger Carecia of Valley. "That's what this was all about."

Declo sent three players from its regional championship team to run the court with Kimberly's Cody Askew and Josh Garn. The Bulldogs came in a close second to Declo in the "Sawtooth" Central Idaho Conference battle for a state



Gooding's Brian Byrne drives around Carey's Alex Peterson during the Magic Valley All-Star boys' basketball game in Twin Falls Monday night. The West won 78-76.

berth. But all that was forgotten when the players hit the court Monday. "It was fun to play with Declo instead of against them," said Valley's Derek Malone. "It was good to get together and just play some basketball."

Declo's Jacoby Fox started the

night with a 3-pointer for the East, four seconds into the game. But the West went on an 11-0 run, led by Twin Falls' Brandon Nielsen and Colt Jones. The West continued to dominate in the quarter behind eight points from Nielsen and six by Jones.

In the second period, the East



Buhl's Hattie Hatt strips the ball from Murtaugh's Alisha Wilkenson during the second half of Monday's Magic Valley All-Star game. The West won 57-41.

fought back, cutting the West's 18-point lead to just three points with two minutes left. Kent and Fox led the way, combining for 11 points.

In the third, Jerome's Brad Stokes hit three 3-pointers to give the West a commanding 17-point lead going into the third quarter. The East hacked away at the lead in the final period, behind Horner Kyle Hevvard's eight points, and a 3-pointer from Kent. The East outscored the West by 11 points, but it was not enough to overcome the deficit.

Nielsen led the night with 17 points for the West, while Derek Roseborough clipped in 15 and Stokes added 14. "It was really fun playing with all different levels of schools," Nielsen said. "I had a great time."

Kent paced the East with 14, while Fox had 13. Declo's Dillon Christensen scored 12 and Garn added 10.

On the girls' side, Twin Falls' Keri Coats led all scorers with a

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Pedro pitches shutout ball; Mac homers

The Associated Press

It seemed like the middle of the season at spring training Monday.

Chuck Knoblauch made four bad throws. Pedro Martinez pitched four hitless innings and Mark McGwire homered.

"It was a rough day, that's about all I can say," Knoblauch said after making two throwing errors from second base in the New York Yankees' 8-7 loss to the Minnesota Twins at Fort Myers, Fla.

On an afternoon when Roger Clemens was pounded for six runs and 11 hits in 3.13 innings, Knoblauch's arm was far more significant than that of the five-time Cy Young Award winner.

Knoblauch had made seven bad throws — including four errors — in his past three games. He had 15

errors in 82 games at second base last season and has five errors, four on throws, in 10 exhibition games.

At Fort Myers, Martinez struck out seven in his spring debut as the Boston Red Sox lost to the Montreal Expos 7-0.

"I felt pretty good," the two-time AL Cy Young Award winner said. "I felt like I am getting there. I am not quite hitting my spots yet. I need to feel more comfortable with my mechanics than I have."

At Jupiter, Fla., McGwire hit his second home run of the spring, a two-run drive that helped the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-0 in a split-squad game.

McGwire connected in the first inning off Ramon Martinez and added an RBI single in the fifth

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Boston Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez unleashes the ball during a game against the Montreal Expos Monday in Ft. Myers, Fla.

Knight will be watching NCAA's from a distance

The Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — For the first time in more than 30 years, Bob Knight will watch the NCAA tournament as a coach without a team.

How long will that last? Knight isn't saying.

He was coy about his future Monday during a conference call promoting a Web site that is paying him to provide his picks for the NCAA basketball tournament.

But Knight, fired in September after 29 years at Indiana, has confirmed he plans to visit Texas Tech later this week for a meeting about the school's coaching vacancy.

Knight was invited by longtime friend and Tech athletic director Gerald Myers, who said Monday the two will hold a short news conference Thursday.

"Then we're going to expect the press to let us look at the city and have some time for ourselves," Myers said.

In an interview Monday with Indianapolis television station WISH, Knight said Texas Tech has impressed him a lot over the years. He noted his friendship

College basketball notebook

with Myers and said he once visited Tech when Bill Parcells was an assistant football coach there.

"It's a situation I find very appealing, and they're interested in talking about it and I am, too. We'll just see what happens," Knight said.

Blue Devils finish on top of final AP poll again

Duke was No. 1 in the final Associated Press college basketball poll Monday, the third straight season the Blue Devils (29-4) finished on top of the rankings entering the NCAA tournament.

The only other school to finish No. 1 in three straight final polls was UCLA, which did it from 1971-73.

The Blue Devils, who moved from third to first, received 45 first-place votes and 1,701 points from the national media panel. Stanford (28-2), which had been a unanimous No. 1 the last two

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PLAYING FOR 64TH

The Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — Breakfast on the bus, lunch at the airport, tape of the opponent waiting at the hotel counter. Getting to the NCAA play-in game was almost as hard as getting into the tournament itself.

Northwestern State and Winthrop finally made it Monday, just in time to earn a little share of NCAA tournament history that neither really wanted.

Tonight, No. 64 will play No. 65 for a chance to earn No. 1 Illinois three days later.

"Coach told us at our last practice that we were probably going to be in it," Winthrop forward Derrick Knox said. "It's a little disappointing being a player."

All of the NCAA floor decals and banners couldn't hide the downside to the tournament's opening game. It's nothing like all the rest that will follow.

By the time they arrived at the University of Dayton Arena, the two lowest-seeded teams in the tournament had figured that out.

Most practices before opening games draw hundreds of fans. When Northwestern State guard Michael Edwards led his purple

Winthrop meets Northwestern State for last tourney seed



Forward Marcus Stewart shoots over assistant coach Shaun Golden at the University of Dayton Arena, sharing teammates onto the court Monday night, the arena was as

Malone tourney wins praise

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — It may have been cold on the outside, but the 116 golfers involved with Monday's Latham Motors/Pepsi Nagel Beverage Scholarship Pro Am at Twin Falls Municipal were all warm on the inside.

The 27th annual tournament, in memory of Twin Falls junior golfer Larry Malone, was expected to raise \$10,000 for the Malone Scholarship fund, which has awarded \$135,000 to 125 high school seniors attending college to play golf. Scholarship winners will be announced in June.

Webb Malone, who played on the winning team of Bob Campbell, Doug Ash and Dale Crist, said, despite the chill in the air, it was a great day for the event.

"It went real good," Malone said. "The weather was like the first (tournament) we had, but I just knew we were going to have a good day."

Malone said he was especially pleased to see many junior golfers at the course.

"The young people who are filling our shoes are stepping right in," Malone said. "Of course, this is such a special time for our family and it's such a good tournament for our high school seniors to get to go to college."

Ten teams representing the Rocky Mountain PGA section made the round on a chilly, wind-blown course Monday.

Boise-area professional Jeff Thompson, a 64-year-old member of the pro Mike Hamblin's 65 for the pro division title. But Hamblin, who opened his day with an eagle and finished with a birdie, was just happy to be able to play the round.

"The wind was pretty rough, but it was just nice to get it out," he said. "We had two inches of snow here yesterday. The greens are in really good shape. It's just really special to be involved with everything that goes with it."

Campbell, from Boise's Shadow Valley club, placed third with a 67, but the score was low enough to beat Miami's John Weekes (72) in the senior stroke play.

First amateur flight winner was Ken Wheeler (67) with first netting to the 66's of Allan Strimling and Gary Paulson. Corky Fedoruk shot 80 to take second flight gross with Roger Bell and ending by Patterson for the net win.

First-year RASPGA executive director Darrell Bock, 34, was happy with the tournament, despite the wind.

"It's an impressive event," he said. "To support junior golfers with a scholarship in the name of Larry Malone, who meant a lot to junior golf in Idaho, is exciting."

Bock credited major sponsors Latham Motors, Pepsi and Nagel Beverage for their support.

"It's certainly not possible with our team," he said.

The RASPGA consists of players from 15 southern Idaho, Wyoming, northern Nevada, Ontario, Ore. and parts of Montana.

It was the same for Winthrop, which arrived on the 25-mile bus before its scheduled working nine fans sat in the stands and watched the 30-minute workout.

"Hopefully we can play in front of a big crowd tomorrow and have a great experience in something we've always dreamed of," Northwestern State guard Ryan Duplessis said.

Faced with a shrinking number of at-large bids, the NCAA decided to expand the tournament to 65 teams this year. The two worst teams in the draw were matched in a play-in that had only a fraction of the trappings and many times the headaches of a regular NCAA tournament game.

The NCAA went to the play-in format this year because the Western Athletic Conference and the Mountain West got automatic bids. The NCAA wants to keep 34 at-large bids, but now has 31 automatic conference bids to hand out.

The two lowest-ranked teams got the play-in.

Winthrop has an RPI of 188, a great experience in something Northwestern State has the third worst at 109. N.C. Green's record at 177.

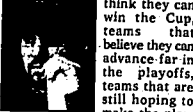
NHL trade deadline nears, big swaps may break

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Throughout the NHL trade — until noon MST — a handful of general managers will be running up long-distance telephone bills looking for that one last piece of the puzzle to make a run at the Stanley Cup.

Whether it's an offensive-minded defenseman for the New Jersey Devils, a more rugged, stay-at-home defenseman for the Ottawa Senators or another weapon in the arsenal of the Detroit Red Wings, teams that believe they can win the Cup will be trying to acquire that one last player to increase their postseason chances.

Blackhawks General Manager Mike Smith probably will be taking more calls than he makes. Smith said that at this time of year, the NHL breaks itself down into four groups at the trade dead-



line: teams that they can win the Cup, teams that believe they can advance far in the playoffs, teams that are still hoping to make the playoffs and teams that are planning for next season.

The Hawks are straddling that third and fourth group. Though they haven't been mathematically eliminated from the postseason, it would take a miracle for the Hawks to claim the final playoff spot. Smith said that when talking trades, a key factor is what group the team you're trading with is in.

Depending on which group they're in, you pretty much know what they want or what level of players," he said.

And, aside from the Colorado

trade with Los Angeles for Rob Blake, in which the Avalanche gave up two regular players, all are in the first two groups usually aren't going to give up much.

Smith added that teams in the third group — trying to make the postseason — likely won't trade with each other because they are trying to climb over one another in the standings.

"For a team in our group, a player might become available that may be an upgrade for next season, so you'd do it," Smith said.

Today may not bring any blockbuster deals. The most anticipated one, Blake to Colorado, occurred a couple of weeks before the deadline. Anaheim, after denying it would split up the Paul Kariya-Teemu Selanne combination, nevertheless sent Selanne to St. Louis. Holdest goaltender Nicklas Lidstrom, coveted by many teams in the first two

groups, ended up going from Phoenix to Tampa.

All eyes, then, probably will focus on Philadelphia and Phoenix.

Holdest center Eric Lindros has now said he would be willing to play for the St. Louis Blues if a deal can't be worked out with Toronto. The Flyers were rumored to have shot down a Pierre Turgeon-for-Lindros deal over the weekend. Lindros was in St. Louis Monday to be examined by St. Louis doctors.

The Coyotes, under new ownership led by Wayne Gretzky, are said to be in a salary-dumping mode and may move Keith Tkachuk and his \$8.3 million a year contract. Unrestricted free agent Jeremy Roenick may also be available if Phoenix can't come to an agreement on a new contract and doesn't want to risk losing him over the summer.

Baseball

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Inning off Ramon Martinez and added an RBI single in the fifth off Yovani Pineda, giving him four RBIs this spring.

At Vero Beach, Fla., Dodgers outfielder Gary Sheffield, who wanted to be traded and angrily denounced his team last week with drawing the request last weekend, switched agents, firing Jim Neader and hiring Scott Boras.

Cardinals 7, Astros 3

At St. Louis, the Cardinals won the game by scoring runs in the bottom half of the ninth. The Cardinals won 7-3.

Braves 19, Indians 5

At Atlanta, the Braves won the game by scoring runs in the bottom half of the ninth. The Braves won 19-5.

White Sox 3, Mariners (sat) 0

At Seattle, the White Sox won the game by scoring runs in the bottom half of the ninth. The White Sox won 3-0.

Royals 10, Tigers 4

At Kansas City, the Royals won the game by scoring runs in the bottom half of the ninth. The Royals won 10-4.

Phillies 5, Blue Jays 4

At Philadelphia, the Phillies won the game by scoring runs in the bottom half of the ninth. The Phillies won 5-4.

Devil Rays 7, Reds 0

At Tampa Bay, the Devil Rays won the game by scoring runs in the bottom half of the ninth. The Devil Rays won 7-0.

Angels (sat) 6, Brewers 1

At Anaheim, the Angels won the game by scoring runs in the bottom half of the ninth. The Angels won 6-1.

Diamondbacks 7, Athletics 4

At Phoenix, the Diamondbacks won the game by scoring runs in the bottom half of the ninth. The Diamondbacks won 7-4.

Cubs 11, Rockies 10

At Chicago, the Cubs won the game by scoring runs in the bottom half of the ninth. The Cubs won 11-10.

Padres 6, Giants 3

At San Diego, the Padres won the game by scoring runs in the bottom half of the ninth. The Padres won 6-3.

SCORES AND STATS

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EDITORIAL

Earth to Legislature: Slow your spending

The 2001 Idaho Legislature just can't say "no."

Consider, for example, its cash appropriation to Idaho's public schools. It is bigger than last year's aid package, but that's hardly surprising. What is surprising is that it's the second-largest cash increase for Idaho's public schools.

Remember, this is a state aid package that swelled 170 percent during the 1990s, according to Sen. Darrel Deide of Caldwell. The former school superintendent also notes that student test scores are declining.

"I'm frustrated that the money we appropriate is not driving change," Deide says.

Everyone should be frustrated, but education isn't the only thing the Idaho Legislature is showering with public money.

New and expanded government programs? Sure! Build more multimillion-dollar buildings? You bet! Hire additional state workers? C'mon down!

The only people who can't get a seat on this runaway spending train are Idaho taxpayers. As the Legislature spends, and spends, and spends some more, it forecloses opportunities for meaningful income tax relief. And Idaho, which has some of the highest income taxes in the nation, could use some tax relief.

This failure of leadership is unacceptable. Leaders of the House, the Senate, and the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee — along with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne — are

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steering taxpayers down an unwise spending road. It's a road that increases the state budget by 10 percent over this year's actual expenses.

Why are they doing this? We suspect it's because state lawmakers don't want to look stingy. They don't want to be called "meanies." That's why they are handing out money to virtually everyone with a "need" to fill — whether it's state employees, teachers, universities, child advocates, seniors, and on and on.

What about taxpayers' needs? Unless things change, they will have to pay for more government spending in the coming budget year. Paying those bills won't be easy, because the economy is slowing and household expenses — particularly energy costs — are going up sharply.

Though the Legislature is almost entirely Republican, it has abandoned a key conservative concept: It has focused on spending first, thereby relegating tax cuts to little more than an afterthought. Many state lawmakers are guilty of this, including, apparently, the Magic Valley's entire Senate delegation.

Where are the leaders who will put the brakes on spending? Where are leaders such as T.W. Silvers and Mack Neibaur now that we really need them?

Idaho doesn't need more compassionate conservatives. It needs committed conservatives — lawmakers who can say "no" to more spending and provide tax relief to their constituents who pay the state's bills.



We can't tell which teen-ager will kill

JUDITH RICH HARRIS

Almost two years ago, after the Columbine shootings in Littleton, Colo., I wrote an op-ed titled "Don't Blame the Parents." I explained that parents often are wrongly blamed when something goes seriously amiss in a child's life. When a kid brings a gun to school and fires it, and people die, the grieving parents of the shooter are subjected to intense scrutiny. What did they do wrong?

The belief that the parents of the shooter must have done something wrong serves as reassurance for other parents. "I'm raising my kid right," they tell themselves. "My kid would never do such a thing."

Unfortunately, there is a limit to what good parenting can do. Modern children lead two almost independent lives: their lives at home with their parents and siblings and their lives outside the home, where the most important people are their peers. No amount of parental love can keep a kid from being misbehaved if his peers pick on him or raise him.

Most school shooters are kids who were picked on or rejected by their peers. They have been badly hurt and made to feel puny and powerless. They want to get even and they want to feel powerful. Guns in their hands makes them feel powerful.

Although many school shooters tell others about their plans, I haven't heard of any who warned their parents. The par-

ents of the Columbine shooters, for example, said they had no idea what their sons were planning. Teen-age boys often act mysteriously, and many like to play with explosives. Even kids who actually make threats don't usually mean them. We couldn't possibly lock up every kid who talks about killing someone. Only a tiny minority of them will ever carry out their threats.

How can we tell who will and who won't? The short answer is: We can't. We will never be able to predict human behavior perfectly, because it's too complex and chance plays too big a role. School shootings occur when a number of relatively common predisposing factors all come together to produce an extremely unlikely outcome. It's the fact that they're so unlikely — so rare — that make school shootings so hard to predict and therefore to prevent.

I don't want to suggest, however, that there is nothing parents can do. Parents should be alert to signs that things are not going well in their kid's life outside the home. The problem is that kids don't like to tell their parents if they're having problems with their peers — they tend to keep their two lives separate. But parents can keep their eyes open for unexplained

bruises, "lost" garments or sports equipment, reluctance to go to school, signs of anger or depression. If they find reason to worry, they should convey their fears to a school psychologist or guidance counselor. But some kids don't give clues. Thus, the most important thing parents can do to prevent school shootings is to make sure their kid doesn't have easy access to a gun. Most of the shootings wouldn't have happened if the perpetrator hadn't known where he could get his hands on a gun on a moment's impulse.

In a survey of American households reported in the 1999 Archives of Pediatrics, one-third of the respondents said they had a gun in the house; 21 percent admitted that they kept it loaded and in an unlocked place. A gun was kept loaded and unlocked in 11 percent of the households with children.

Even a locked cabinet is not much of a barrier to a determined adolescent. You might think, "My kid would never do such a thing," but you might be wrong. The false sense of safety that comes with gun ownership is not worth the risk that some day it might be your child in the news, your kid taking out his frustration and anger on his classmates.

Judith Rich Harris is the author of "The Nurture Assumption: Why Children Turn Out the Way They Do." She wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

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LETTERS

Combine resources of two groups

In the Feb. 27 Times-News, "Call for money" gives me an idea. Two groups need a new shelter — the senior citizens and the dog shelter. Both need support of the community. One has three acres.

Now why not look at merging these two groups? Both of these groups are, in a sense, unwanted groups (I know as being World War II vintage).

Now these two groups could combine their resources and build their spaces on three acres. There would be enough room for both and parking. The two groups could sell their old properties (both commercial) and it should satisfy both groups.

The College of Southern Idaho would not work as the students would be parking in the senior section as parking is a problem there.

RICHARD L. ANDERSON
Buhl

Stand up for big game wildlife

In response to Michael Lewis' letter on Feb. 26, I was overwhelmed with joy to finally see a native Idahoan stand up for big game wildlife and upland game birds. I thought the letter was direct, to the point and very, very truthful. I am not a native Idahoan, but I do love the outdoors and the opportunity to hunt these big game animals and birds. My hat goes off to you! If you ever run for commissioner, by all means let me know, you have my vote!

Now in response to the letter from Marilyn Martin on Feb. 28: I'm sure the Fish and Game didn't put any bait by someone's house for their dog or cat to

have easy access to it. But you may be right about too close to Shoshone.

So I beg and plead for the Fish and Game to try using that M44 in Units 39, 44, 45, 52, and if they still have any M44 left over, by all means give it to the cattle and sheep ranches to put out around the Salmon area. But don't put anything in Units 48 or 49; save those units to the mountain lions and other predators will have dogs and cats to feed on.

RICHARD GATES
Gooding

Stop spread of glare lighting

It's understandable that farmers and dairy farmers alike would dislike any additional government regulations. But the spread of very bad glare lighting on farms becomes a quality of life issue for many — farmers, passing motorists and farm neighbors.

The solution is far more simple than most realize. For the classic 175-watt mercury vapor barn light or similar high-pressure sodium light, the placement of a \$35 "sky cap" shield over the bulb is all one needs. When glare lighting is shielded and shined downward onto the ground, the eye is allowed to work more efficiently. The pupil dilates and the eyes are able to see far better into the shadows than with glare lighting. Glare reduction is safer for motorists passing by, and farm workers will find shielded lighting easier on their eyes. Less light trespassing onto neighbors' property gives property owners their right to enjoy a dark night.

Yes, it's possible that when lights are shielded, more may have to be placed or

existing, shielded lights may need to be raised higher to cover more area. But shielding lights means we can use lower wattage bulbs since 40 percent more light hits the ground where it should go and no sideways or up into space. That often means a 40 percent savings on electric bills. Before farmers go to battle stations on opposing shielded lighting, try a Sky Cap. Go to http://www.darksky.org/ida/ida_2/skycap and let your eyes tell you what's best. No expensive lighting engineers are needed for that one.

STEPHEN PAULEY
Ketchum

Predators, people don't mix

Just a couple comments regarding two important subjects: Hunt Camp and Wood River Valley dog-podders.

1. For anyone who thinks that Hunt and other internment camps are not important or too much fuss is being made over them, why not go to the library and check out books on the camps. Compare the similarities between the Japanese internment and the German concentration camp internment. Take a moment to contemplate the similarities — identifying numbers, suitcases full of possessions, blank expressions.

Then say it doesn't matter and try to rationalize the situation to someone who was there.

2. Aaaaah, the Wood River Valley. Are there any true Idahoans still living there? Condos have replaced wintering ranges and idiosyncrasy has replaced common sense when it comes to preserving and protecting the land and wildlife. The simple fact is that wildlife, especially meat-eating wildlife, and people and domesticated animals do not mix. Meat-eating wildlife eats meat and one must wonder how soon before some human becomes the entree, if not the meal.

LINDA K. LEE
Twin Falls

Release information sooner

It was with great sadness that I learned of yet another school tragedy. I'm sure I'm not alone in sending my prayers to all those affected by this.

On the local front, Jerome also made headlines with the arrest of two middle-school children for possessing a loaded firearm. According to the article I read in the March 6 edition of The Times-News, these children were arrested at the school. It also stated that the arrests occurred last Wednesday (Feb. 28).

Am I alone in feeling angered that this

information was not released sooner? I have a child who attends Jefferson Elementary. Regardless of the incident did not occur at his school, it is terrifying. What is the justification for not releasing this information immediately? Did they not want to alarm the community? Did they not want to deal with angry citizens? The fact that this information was almost a week old has me far angrier than if I had heard it last week. The safety of my children is the most important thing to me.

I am also very concerned with the apparent lack of responsibility. How is it that these children had such easy access to guns that they could take one to school? My husband and I own many firearms. Most of my extended family owns firearms. If this had been one of my children, you can bet I would feel responsible! My entire family goes to great lengths to ensure that no child has access to firearms without adult knowledge and permission. We also go to great lengths to teach our children about responsible use and ownership of firearms.

Again, I would hate to think that I am alone in feeling concerned and angered by these events.

DENI LEMLEY
Jerome

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Doonesbury

By Garry Trudeau

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Bush returns to scene of recount battle

PANAMA CITY, Fla. (AP) — President Bush scolded Florida Democrats who questioned the legitimacy of his election during his first presidential visit to the scene of last year's legal battle over the White House. "Americans want to move forward," he said Monday.

Amid talk on Capitol Hill that he will be forced into concessions on his tax cut legislation, Bush also defended the target juiciest to his opponents — his proposal to drop the income tax rate on the wealthiest Americans from 39.6 percent to 33 percent.

"I know that's created a lot of howling in Washington," Bush said. "The whole notion of dropping the top rate is to stimulate growth in the small-business sector of America." The crowd inside the Marina Civic Center wildly cheered Bush and his brother Jeb, the Florida governor whose role in last year's recount controversy is featured in a new \$20,000 state Democratic party ad campaign on Tallahassee and Panama City TV stations.

"Jeb Bush delivered Florida to his brother George and now we're paying the price," said the ad, criticizing the president's tax cuts for spending a projected budget surplus that may or may not materialize.

"Jeb Bush didn't stand up to count Florida's vote right and George Bush's budget undermines prosperity," Bush fuzzy math. It doesn't add up," the spot concluded.

Errant bomb kills soldiers

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. Navy warplane mistakenly dropped a bomb on soldiers during a training exercise Monday in Kuwait, killing five Americans and one New Zealander, Pentagon officials said.

The Navy F/A-18 Hornet was practicing "close air support" for ground troops at the Udairi bombing range, 45 miles northwest of Kuwait City, when it dropped explosive ordnance on or near an observation post, the U.S. Central Command said.

The command said in a statement the six were confirmed dead and five American military personnel were taken to hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening. Two of them were released.

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porn. Defining what porn is usually comes down to what the courts rule to be as community standards. In Utah, those standards reflect the dominant Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

As a result, strip clubs and magazine and video stores face a hostile political environment. One video store in Evanston, Wyo., just across the state line, advertises itself as "Utah's Best Adult Superstore."

Andrew McCullough, a Utah lawyer who works with the ACLU and represents several adult-oriented businesses, says Houston ought to "quit and go home."

"One of the things that seems clear is she's to be a resource for local governments to run bad influences out of town," he says. "And we're bad influences."

Houston says that while the porn cases she pursued in West Valley City clearly involved hardcore material, she will advise Utah towns to prosecute subtler cases if they violate those communities' standards.

Since taking the job, reporters have asked Houston about her own sex life, and the state's largest newspaper, The Salt Lake Tribune, reported that she was a virgin. Houston, who has never married, denies answering the question and says her sexual experience is irrelevant.

Being the subject of national attention and constant jokes — Jay Leno mentioned her in a monologue — is a drastic change for Houston. She kept a low profile as a West Valley City prosecutor. Local First Amendment lawyers say she was relatively unknown before her appointment.

Attorney General Mark Shurtleff says he picked Houston because they both believe pornography is destructive to society and degrades women, and because they share strong views that the job must be done without violating the First Amendment.

She will meet with community leaders who have questions about what they can or cannot do about strip clubs, adult magazine shops and Internet porn. Soon she will have her own 800 number and an Internet site to respond to citizens worried about Utah's moral fiber.

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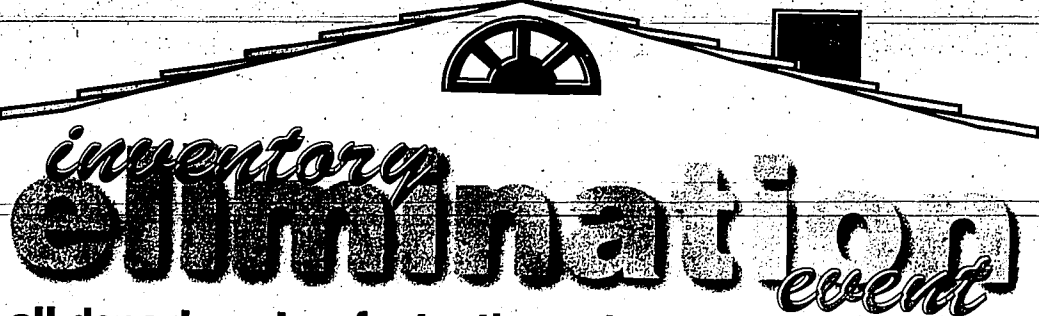
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VI Harrison wins a teapot in the raffle at the 8th annual Magic Valley Symphony League Card Party at St. Edward's Parish Hall on Jan. 26.

Symphony shuffles up good time at card party

TWIN FALLS - More than 100 people enjoyed raffles, desserts and playing bridge and pinochle at the eighth annual Magic Valley Symphony League Card Party Jan. 26 at the St. Edward's Parish Hall in Twin Falls.

In the bridge competition, Marie Cain won first place, Dorothy Emerson second place and Donna Baird, third place. In the pinochle competition Leila Stutzman won first place and Elma Jeff, second place.

Dottie Miller, chairman of the symphony's card party benefit, announced the winners.

Barton's Jewelry, Cactus Pete's Resort Casino, Clo's Office Supply, Cain's Home Furnishings and Gem State Welders Supply supplied raffle prizes.



CHOCOLATE

Irving Kacalek of Wendell and Jeanne-Marie Koepcke of Gooding serve a bittersweet chocolate pound cake to classmates in the College of Southern Idaho course, Decadent Desserts. Mary Kren was the instructor. Call CSI at 733-9554 for more information about courses.



FIRST T-SHIRTS



Cassia Regional Medical Center Volunteers give T-shirts to newborns at the hospital when parents sign up for the Baby Track Program, an immunization reminder to parents. From left, are Arlene Kerbs, registered nurse with the Birth Center; Daralyn Moss, Cassia Regional Volunteer secretary; Bev Forthum, Baby Track volunteer; and Loren Maxey, Cassia Regional Medical volunteer.



Members of the Burley High School Strings prepare for a recital concert on Thursday in the King Fine Arts Center Little Theater. These musicians, along with the Burley Junior High School Strings, will perform a variety of classical and baroque music.

Burley Strings tune up for recital

BURLEY - The Burley High and Burley Junior High orchestras, directed by Tanya Buck, will present a recital concert at 7 p.m. Thursday in the King Fine Arts Center Little Theater.

Admission will be by donation. The student musicians will play a variety of classical and baroque music. The featured piece will be "Vivaldi Concerto in D for Four Violins."

Several high school soloists will be featured. They will also be competing in the regional soloist and ensemble festival on Saturday. Admission will be by donation. The high school orchestra is also preparing to again compete in the Heritage Festival in California and perform at Disneyland in April.

Committee lassoes Western Days activities

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - This time of year, you may not be thinking about Western Days just yet, but, fortunately, a few local people are.

"We want to provide something that everyone enjoys," Western Days Committee Chairman Bonnie Lezamis says. "There were a lot of people last year. It was a lot of fun."

Currently, the committee is working on a bull riding activity, securing a spot at the College of Southern Idaho's Expo Center. Bull riding will take place on Saturday of Western Days, usually held in early June. There will be events at the Expo Center throughout the day such as autograph signings.

"We want to provide something that everyone enjoys," Western Days chairman Bonnie Lezamis says.

— Bonnie Lezamis
Western Days chairman

New this year will be the Heart of the West 5K Run/Walk and a half marathon (13.1 miles) sponsored by the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation, to raise awareness about heart-related diseases. The run/walk and half marathon will be held before the parade and end up on the parade route. Proceeds from the runs will go to the Magic Valley Heart Fund.

The business improvement district in Historic Old Towne sponsors a shoot-out on Main and Shoshone streets and a petting zoo in City Park.

The other usual activities will be taking place as well, such as the queen contest, parade, jambooree in City Park, shopping at the sidewalk sales, plus lots



Members of the Western Days committee make plans for this year's celebration, which is set for this summer. Planning goes on throughout the year.

Want to help?
The committee is in need of a public relations person for Western Days and lots of volunteers to work at the information booth, clean up and other duties. If interested, call Mary, Robyn or Bonnie at 734-7510. Meetings for planning Western Days are held the first Wednesday of every month at Twin Falls City Hall.

If you are interested in running or walking in the Heart of the West 5K or half-marathon, call the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation at 737-2480.

of food and fun.

The event definitely ropes in crowds. A year ago, about 15,000 people watched the 100-entry parade, an estimated 20,000 visited the park on one day, about 2,500 attended a dance and 600 people ate breakfast.

The total operating budget for

Western Days was about \$8,500 last year, earned from a food booth and carnival rent. See the event pay for itself, organizers said.

Right now, the committee is busy getting the vendor contracts out.

"We will have the usual arts and crafts and food vendors," committee member Mary Olson says. "We want to find out what people are interested in doing."

"We could really use help with planning," Lezamis says. "If people have ideas, we'd love to hear them."

Though the planning is a bit overwhelming at times, the committee is excited about the event.

"I think it's a wonderful community event. It's a family-oriented event with lots of fun things to do," committee member Robyn Brinkley says.

"It's kind of a celebration of our heritage," Lezamis says. "It's just kind of flows throughout the city."

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

A son, Tommy L. Arrien, was born Thursday, March 1, 2001 to Shalal and Kory Arrien.

A son, Skyler Samuel McNurlin, was born Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2001 to Bonnie Faye and Jeremiah Luke.

A daughter, Victoria Grace Glaze, was born Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001 to Susan Leslie and James Benton Glaze, Jr.

A son, Jabe Robert Timothy Bennett, was born Thursday, March 1, 2001 to Katrina Marie Michael.

A daughter, Mya Emilia Concepcion, was born Thursday, March 1, 2001 to Maritazbell Concepcion.

Two daughters, Jennifer Emma Gomez and Alissa Marie Gomez, were born Friday, March 2, 2001 to Melissa and Juan Jose Gomez.

A daughter, Karleigh Shea Allen, was born Saturday, March 3, 2001 to Amanda Faye and David Benjamin Allen.

A daughter, Lorena Molina Ortiz, was born Saturday, March 3, 2001 to Mary Helen Molina.

A son, Xavier Isaiel Mendez, was born Sunday, March 4, 2001 to Lucy E. Nevarez.

A daughter, Keyton Rae Cash, was born Sunday, March 4, 2001 to Lindsay Lee Cash.

A son, Adrian Xavier Marscorro, Jr.,

was born Monday, March 5, 2001 to Jannette Marie and Adrian Cundo Marscorro.

A son, Larry Anthony Rodriguez, was born Tuesday, March 6, 2001 to Blanca C. and Larry D. Rodriguez.

A daughter, Brinkley Chet Wilson, was born Tuesday, March 6, 2001 to Keri Lyn and Blair Evan Wilson.

A daughter, Mercedes Nichole Mack, was born Tuesday, March 6, 2001 to Vicki Lynn and Robert L. Mack.

A son, Mychal Phillip Wiggins, was born Tuesday, March 6, 2001 to Gloria L. and Donald Eugene Wiggins Jr.

A son, Sean Robert Weaver, was born Tuesday, March 6, 2001 to Sonia and Robert B. Weaver.

A son, Gabriel John Miller, was born Tuesday, March 6, 2001 to Margaret M. and Aaron D. Miller.

A daughter, Cortni Brienne Griffith, was born Tuesday, March 6, 2001 to Brooke Anne and Timothy Allen Griffith.

A daughter, Selina Marie Castillo, was born Wednesday, March 7, 2001 to Carmen Cristina and Jose F. Castillo Jr.

A daughter, Grace Isabelle Hall, was born Thursday, March 8, 2001 to Donna Rae and Brian Glen Hall.

A daughter, Alexis Kristine Laughlin, was born Thursday, March 8, 2001 to Barbara Joe Hines.

A daughter, Rami Isabel Close, was

born Friday, March 9, 2001 to Bobbi Amette and Timothy Harold Close.

A daughter, Natalie Jaden Moody, was born Friday, March 9, 2001 to Annela Jori and Jeffrey Chance Moody.

A daughter, Charley Rae Corne, was born Friday, March 9, 2001 to Katherine Marie and Tim John Corne.

A daughter, Heaven Lee Wilcox, was born Friday, March 9, 2001 to Sky Lynn and Brandon Fox Wilcox.

A daughter, Katelyn Ann McDowell, was born Saturday, March 10, 2001 to Tawny Ann Haller.

A son, Dylan John Stancak, was born Saturday, March 10, 2001 to Katherine Lynn and Justin Shane Stancak.

A daughter, Diana Lynn Barnes, was born Saturday, March 10, 2001 to Brandi Lynn and William Howard Barnes.

Minidoka Memorial Hospital
A daughter was born Wednesday, March 7, 2001 to Mike and Trena Phillips of Heyburn.

A daughter was born Wednesday, March 7, 2001 to Adrian and Julie Espinoza of Rupert.

To have a birth announced, send a copy of the birth certificate to Melissa Alvord at The Times-News, P.O. Box 248, Twin Falls, ID 83403 or fax it to 734-3538. Deadline for publication Tuesday is noon Friday.

COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

Don't replace Windows 95, buy new machine

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

Q: Now that Windows 95 is obsolete, what do you think about an upgrade to Windows ME?

A: Before replacing Microsoft's 6-year-old operating system, maybe you should cool your jets for a few months longer. Mr. P. Here's why.

When Microsoft Corp. announced last month that it finally was retiring Windows 95, it marked something of the death of a superstar in the world of personal computing.

After almost six years, chances are that the great bulk of PCs running Windows 95 are dinosaurs

Computer Q & A

that lack the power and hardware features that make the latest Microsoft operating systems do their stuff. So the very first piece of advice to offer people still running Windows 95 is not to merely upgrade their operating system but get a new computer that will, indeed, be running Windows ME.

Q: My grade school on the North Side of Chicago was given a whole slew of Macintoshes-Performas with numbers like 520, 550, 575, 580 and a couple of 610s. I am looking for some software for them, stuff the kids can play with or type and learn. But these computers were

sold without CD drives in many cases. So I need software for floppy disks that you can't buy anymore. Do you have any suggestions?

A: I am afraid that while I can point you to a couple of Internet sources for Macintosh software, it isn't going to be easy, because you are saddled with clunkers. It is going to take a bit of heavy lifting to get things going the way they should for your pupils, Ms. C.

Use your Internet connection to call up the utterly superb Tucows shareware/freeware Web site at www.tucows.com. There you will find a huge archive of Mac games and educational programs, all available for downloading. Another great source for Macintosh programs, including the sort of simple stuff you need, is the download areas on America Online. You can get there by pressing the Apple plus the K key while running AOL software.



Nintendo campaign models Ruriko Harada, left, and Jun Suzuki display the game maker giant's Game Boy Advance machines Wednesday during a media preview in Tokyo.

A revamped Game Boy to hit stores soon

TOKYO (AP) - Nintendo Co. is out to prove that Mario doesn't need super-sophisticated computer graphics to sell.

Game Boy Advance, the revamped version of the Game Boy portable video game machine, will not have three-dimensional imagery but offers an extensive game lineup and a monitor display with thousands of vivid colors.

It is set to hit Japanese stores March 21 for \$82 and U.S. stores for \$99.95 on June 11.

Mario, the red-capped acrobatic plumber, jumps, runs and catches golden coins the same as ever on Game Boy Advance, shown to reporters Wednesday in Tokyo.

But the monitor can now show 32,000 colors, far more than the 56 Game Boy Color, which came out in 1998. Nintendo has sold more than 100 million Game Boys since the video game came out in black-and-white 11 years ago.

The Kyoto-based company is anticipating demand for Game Boy Advance to start at 3 million, promising initial shipments of 1 million and planning sales of 24 million in the first year worldwide.

Compared to the latest offering from rival Sony Corp., PlayStation2, which delivers dazzling three-dimensional images with a powerful 128-bit processor, Game Boy Advance offers just the basics.

"Games aren't fun just because they are three-dimensional," Nintendo Vice President Atsushi Asada said. "Depending on technological advances isn't enough to satisfy people."

Nintendo has come up with a game lineup of 25 titles, some from outside software makers, for the same date the machine goes on sale. That contrasts with PlayStation2, which has been a money-loser for Sony because of a dearth of games.

Creators say with game-machine technology growing so complex, it takes time and money to come up with good games.

The sale of Game Boy Advance was delayed twice - last summer and Christmas - giving Nintendo more time to prepare with plenty of games.

Besides the Game Boy Advance version of the Mario game, the 540 "Super Mario Advance," the offerings cover a whole range of game entertainment, including role-playing, car-racing, sports and action games.

The U.S. game lineup is still undecided, Nintendo said.

In one simulation game, "Napoleon," the player can pretend to be ordering troops through battles in snowy Europe and sandy Egypt, although the creators have taken ample liberties with history, throwing Joan of Arc and Nostradamus in the story line to add unexpected thrills.

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Protect, secure your laptop

By Katie Fairbank
The Dallas Morning News

You lock your house when you leave it and you lock your car. So why not secure your mobile computer, another hefty investment? Targus Group International, citing as many as 300,000 laptop thefts in 1998, has developed a product to help protect yours.

The Defcon 3 has a 94-decibel alarm that is triggered whenever the laptop is moved or shaken. That means that the Defcon 3 can't be used on an airplane or in a moving car, but it's still useful when you leave your laptop in a work area or put it down while you talk on the phone at

the airport or register at a hotel. This security device has two parts, an alarm and a remote control. The alarm - 2.9 ounces, batteries included - is shipped like a small luggage tag. It attaches to the laptop's casing with a stainless steel cable. If someone attempts to walk off with the laptop or to detach the cable, the alarm will sound. The system is armed and disarmed with a button on the remote, which is effective from up to 40 feet away and can go on a key chain.

The device sells for \$39.99, which includes the batteries. Contact the company at www.targus.com or 1-877-819-8572.

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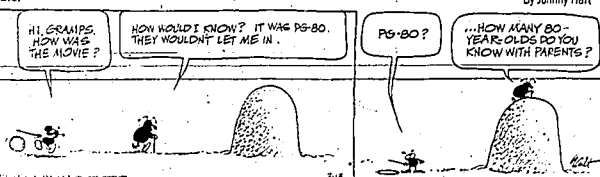
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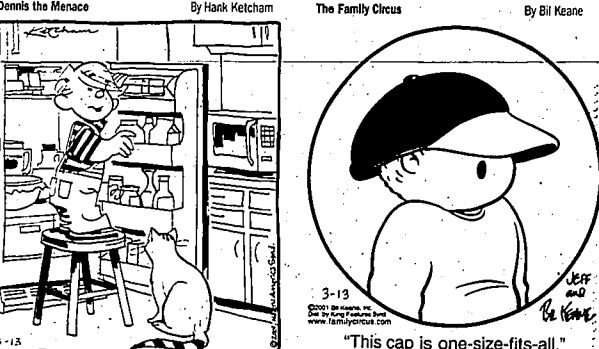


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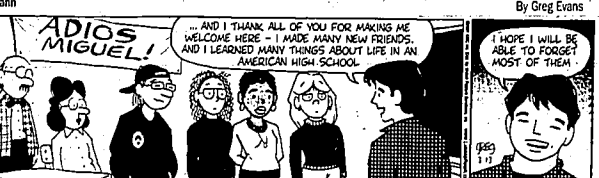
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DEATH NOTICES

Lida Mae Wegener

HANSEN - Lida Mae Wegener, 93, of Hansen, Idaho died Sunday, March 11, 2001, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital.

A graveside service will take place at 2 p.m. Friday, March 16, 2001, at Sunset Memorial Park, with the Rev. Steelman Borden officiating. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at White

Mortuary.

Geraldine

Delores Roerich

GOODING - Geraldine Delores Roerich, 78, of Gooding died Monday, March 12, 2001, at Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center in Gooding. Arrangements are under the

direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Rodney Hansen

PAUL - Rodney Hansen, 90, of Paul died Monday, March 12, 2001, at the Burley Care Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen-Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Enriqueta "Mickey" Harding of Mountain Home, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at the First Congregational Church, 515 E. 15th St., Mountain Home.

Margaret Anna Innes of Jerome, service at 10 a.m. today at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Ralph Andrey McCombs of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. today at the Heyburn 1st Ward Chapel, 530 Villa Drive; friends and family may call one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Alice La Jeunesse Kurtz of

Boise, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at Dry Creek Cemetery in Boise (Relyea Funeral Chapel in Boise).

Faith L. Prewitt of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley; burial will follow in the View Cemetery near Declo.

Emelia M. Risser of Twin Falls, memorial graveside service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls).

Hyrum Linam of Pueblo, Colo., and formerly of Jerome, graveside

service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Carey Cemetery; viewing will be from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Mary H. Hobbley of Wendell, service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel; friends may call from 1-7 p.m. today at the chapel.

Jim Troglia of Jerome, service at 10 a.m. Friday at St. John's Catholic Church in Butte, Mont.

Charles Martin Luther of Gooding, memorial service at 1 p.m. March 24 at the War Memorial Hall in Gooding.

HOSPITALS

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Admitted
C.W. Bellamy of Twin Falls
Discharged
Linda Smith of Hailey

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Juana Fuentes of Burley and Verdene Page of Paul
Discharged
Anayee Delarosa of Rupert, Jonathan Munoz of Burley, Matthew Roberts of Rupert and Julie Espinoza and daughter of Rupert

Prices, salmon suffer from power problems

BOISE (AP) - The Northwest's electricity crisis has forced federal hydropower marketers to set an entire industry adrift and may jeopardize salmon recovery programs to keep lights glowing.

The Bonneville Power Administration has told aluminum smelters they no longer can depend on cheap federal power. The agency also has warned it cannot afford to divert any water away from its hydroelectric tur-

bines to aid migration of endangered salmon.

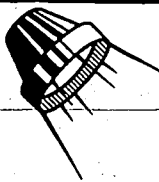
Such measures emphasize the strain placed on the Columbia River's hydro system that helped win World War II and powered the development of the Pacific Northwest.

The second worst drought since 1923, along with sky-high wholesale electric rates due to California's shortfall, is forcing the agency to make harsh choices.

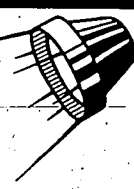
"People in the Northwest want both salmon and a reliable, affordable energy system," said Pat Ford, executive director of the Save our Wild Salmon Coalition. "Right now, they are getting neither."

About 20 percent of Idaho's electricity comes from the Bonneville Power Administration, through rural electrical cooperatives and municipal utilities such as the one in Idaho Falls.

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'America's New Consumers': Survey shows online shoppers are better offline customers

Knight Ridder News Service

American consumers who go online may be younger and more affluent, but they also are more likely to run up credit card debt and are generally better "brick-and-mortar" consumers than those who do not use the Internet.

There are some of the key findings of a survey, "America's New Consumers: How Internet Use Is Redefining the Marketplace." The report is a joint project from marketing and research firm Roper Starch Worldwide and Yahoo! Internet Life.

The report is the first of four to be released this year studying the growing U.S. Internet population, which includes nearly 50 percent of the nation's adults.

"Online Americans are no longer simply a vanguard group of trend-setters, but a cohesive and growing consumer force that is dramatically reshaping the market landscape," said Roper President Edward Keller. "The digital divide separating online and offline adults has grown wide and deep, and nowhere is this perhaps more evident than in the consumer realm."

Some of the findings confirm

earlier research done on the Internet population, especially in terms of socioeconomic data. For instance, 38 percent of Internet users have a household income of more than \$50,000, compared with 12 percent of those who do not go on the Internet. And they are younger — with a median age of 38 versus 49 years old for their so-called offline counterparts. They have more formal education — 37 percent are college graduates, compared with 11 percent of offline. And they are more likely to hold executive or professional level jobs (26 percent vs. 7 percent).

But the study adds details that point to a fuller picture of people who have gone on the Web at least once in the past 30 days. Among the highlights of what the survey describes as "the New American Consumer":

- They change jobs more often than do offline consumers.
- They are more likely to run up credit card balances.
- Eighty percent of them own American cars.
- They are more likely to visit travel Web sites than news, weather or game sites.
- They prefer beer and liquor to coffee.

• Although they are more likely to say they are stressed out than their offline counterparts, they are more upbeat and optimistic.

• They are more likely to say their personal future has promise (81 percent to 66 percent) and believe they have a "good chance" of achieving the "good life" (84 percent to 63 percent).

• They are also more likely to believe in the prospects of technological innovations, such as cars that drive themselves and portable devices that monitor health.

Although online consumers helped to create the online shopping industry, they are more regular visitors to bricks-and-mortar retail stores than offline consumers.

In the past month, the survey said, 74 percent of Internet consumers visited a department store, compared with 61 percent of offline consumers. A higher percentage visited clothing stores (51 percent to 37 percent), hardware stores (40 percent to 30 percent), video stores (38 percent to 23 percent), and bookstores (36 percent to 16 percent).

Judge OKs purchase of bankrupt TWA

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — American Airlines won a bidding war Monday for the assets of bankrupt TWA in a \$742 million deal that will mean the end of one of the most celebrated names in aviation.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Peter Walsh said he will approve the purchase by American parent AMR Corp., much to the relief of TWA employees who feared the airline might be reacquired by its former chairman, billionaire financier Carl Icahn.

Icahn had proposed keeping

TWA alive, but his \$1.1 billion plan hinged on large job cuts and \$100 million in labor concessions. The judge called the plan a joke last week.

American has said it expects to offer jobs to most of TWA's 20,000 workers, and the airline unions are expected to approve the deal. The purchase is subject to approval by the Justice Department.

American spokesman John Hotard said the TWA name will disappear as the nation's longest flying airline and its employees

are folded into American. "There is value" to the TWA name, "but we want everyone to be part of one big family," Hotard said. "You're better off from an employees' standpoint and marketing standpoint to have everyone under a single name."

The judge said he approved the bid-in part because of fears TWA's creditors would seize its planes if the American deal fell through. "I think it is in the best interests of the estate for that not to happen," Walsh said.

Market

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demand for its products. Cisco was off \$1.81 at \$18.81, a nearly 9 percent loss.

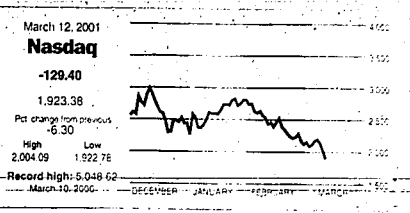
Investors also sold off Intel, down \$1.69 at \$27.75, and Microsoft, down \$4.75 at \$51.94.

"The Nasdaq is in a freefall and every time you try to time the bottom of this market, you get your head handed to you," said Bill Barker, an investment consultant with Dean Rauscher.

The Dow fell along with its technology components, which include Intel and Microsoft, but stocks considered less risky investments in times of economic weakness also declined. Merck fell \$1.54 to \$74.15, while Philip Morris dropped \$2.15 to \$49.60.

Financials suffered, among them J.P. Morgan, down \$3.46 at \$45.49.

Barker said the market's decline is the result of several factors, including disappointment that the Federal Reserve isn't lowering rates more aggressively. Margin calls might be another factor, as the sinking market forces investors to sell.



stocks to repay brokerage loans.

The biggest reason, however, is frustration over the fact that there's no apparent end to weak earnings. With the end of the first quarter approaching and earnings warnings season beginning, the bad news may just be starting.

"We just don't have anything to look forward to," Barker said. "The interest rate cut we'll get later this month has already been factored into stock prices. The tax bill will probably get hung up in the Senate. And this bad earnings news keeps com-

ing." Analysts have been saying for weeks that the market's tumble appeared to be over, but the intensity of the market's negative feeling Monday showed that it's impossible to predict when the market will bottom.

"People are pitching stocks over the side no matter what," said Peter Anderson, chief investment officer at American Express Financial Advisors. "There's scattered buying in most investors' trading. But most investors appeared to be staying on the sidelines."

CLOSING FUTURES

Mon	Commodity	High	Low	Close	Change
Mar	May Sugar	9.57	9.15	9.63	-.17
Mar	May Soybean	1.14	1.08	1.10	-.02
Mar	May Corn	8.77	8.52	8.69	-.02
Mar	May Wheat	8.41	8.00	8.00	-.41
Mar	May US 101	112.14	111.50	112.05	-.15
Mar	May US 904	84.10	83.00	83.48	-.10
Mar	May COMEX Gold	274.7	269.0	272.3	-.08
Mar	May COMEX Silver	4.48	4.35	4.40	-.03
Mar	May COMEX Platinum	45.81	45.00	45.10	-.10
Mar	May COMEX Palladium	398.1	385.0	387.0	-.10
Mar	May Treas. Bond	108.08	108.20	108.27	-.04
Mar	May Euro	73.90	72.90	73.15	-.15
Mar	May Coffee	62.05	61.35	61.65	-.35
Mar	May Cocoa	73.90	72.90	73.15	-.15
Mar	May Cotton	10.09	10.05	10.05	-.15
Mar	May Oil	51.15	51.15	51.15	-.15
Mar	May BFB May	11.33	11.30	11.33	-.02
Mar	May BFB Jun	11.30	11.14	11.14	-.10
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12	20.50	-88
13	12.25	-30
14	12.25	-30
15	4.18	-87
16	4.18	-87

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