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Juvenile facility draws concern

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office has launched an investigation into possible criminal activity at the Snake River Youth Center and Snake River Juvenile Detention Center in Twin Falls.

But details of the case, which Sheriff Wayne Tousley said was

Sheriff's department investigates allegations of criminal activity at center

still under investigation, were scarce Tuesday.

A search warrant signed Feb. 22 by Twin Falls County District Judge Nathan Higer indicates that deputies were sent to the youth and detention centers that

of the warrant obtained by The Times-News.

Tousley said the investigation was sparked by reports to the sheriff's department from various sources, who said criminal activity was taking place among juveniles at the center. But because the center would not cooperate, deputies had to get a

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IP seeks more water

Utility says it needs all river water to generate power

By N.S. Norkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—How dry is it? So dry, Idaho Power Co. is tightening its hydroelectric belt to wring a few more megawatts out of what meager flows are forecast for the coming season.

"It's a crisis," company spokesman Dennis Lopez said.

The company is asking the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and other state and federal agencies for permission to run all available water through company power plants.

Locally that means there wouldn't be any water in the reach below Milner Dam, and there wouldn't be any water flowing over Twin Falls, company spokesman Dan Olmstead said Tuesday.

There won't be much more than a trickle going over Shoshone Falls either.

Streamflow estimates this year are dire. The company expects about 2.38 million acre-feet to flow into Brownlee Reservoir. Last year the reservoir, key to the utility's ability to generate power, got 4.1 million acre-feet.

"This year is going to be the second-worst year since 1929," said Roger Furhman, Idaho

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Even though it might be meager, Shoshone Falls should have some water flowing over it throughout the summer. But river flow predictions are so dire that Idaho Power is asking federal regulators for permission to channel all river flows through its turbines. That would mean a dry Twin Falls and Milner Dam reach.

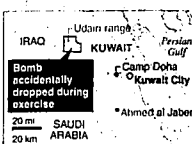
PUC hears buyback plan - B3

Warning came too late in Kuwait bombing run

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—A forward air controller tried to abort a practice bombing run by a Navy jet fighter over Kuwait on Monday, but acted too late to prevent the release of three 500-pound bombs that killed five American servicemen and a New Zealand army officer, a Pentagon official said Tuesday.

The official said he could not



confirm or deny other reports that only seconds earlier the con-

troller, operating from an observation post on the bombing range, gave "cleared, hot" permission to drop the bombs, but said that it is "very likely" that the veteran pilot of the F/A-18 Hornet believed he was cleared to complete the bombing run.

The Pentagon identified the pilot as Capt. David Zimmerman, commander of the F/A-18 Hornet squadron aboard the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman in the

Persian Gulf. The squadron's home base is at Oceana Naval Air Station near Virginia Beach.

Pentagon officials said Zimmerman has about 3,000 hours experience flying F-14 Hornets.

Defense Department officials also released the names of the dead Americans.

They included one member of

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Cattle counting bill dies

Concern for small operators kills try at regulation

By Michael Journee
Times-News writer

BOISE—Worried the added regulations will hurt small operators or spill over to affect other livestock operations, the Idaho Senate killed a bill Tuesday giving local and state regulators authority to count the number of cows dairies have on their property.

After being amended twice in an attempt to address the issues that ended up derailing it, Senate Bill 1144, sponsored and drafted by Sen. John Sandy, R-

Hagerman, was defeated by a three-vote margin after a familiar, yet spirited debate. The 14-19 vote marked the second dairy bill sponsored by a Magic Valley lawmaker to die at the hands of Senate.

While not surprised by the outcome, Sandy said a divide between the vote was fully by following the dairy story.

"bad actors" to continue violating siting agreements by having two dairy cows on their property, the Legislature is moving regulation by the federal government.

"It's very straightforward and said following the lead of the

Sandy brought the bill forward, he says some dairies are not following the guidelines set forth by local ordinances, and local authorities have no authority to enforce the guidelines of cows in an operation.

He said the bill would address the Department of Agriculture's concerns about the siting of dairies.

Sandy's bill would require dairies to obtain a permit from the state to operate a dairy, and the state would have authority to enforce the guidelines.

"The long-term goal is to have a small segment of the dairy industry that absolutely cannot be regulated, and we want to protect that small segment of bad actors."

Opponents of the bill, including Rep. Dennis R. Hays, R-Idaho, and Sen. R. Hays, R-Idaho, said the bill would hurt small dairies.

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MIRACLE BABY

Frozen toddler beat the odds every step of the way

The Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta—Toddler Erika Nordby cries and resists, when the doctor tries to unwrap her bandaged fingers.

Erika's hands are still crusted and red from frostbite. But when a nurse puts cream on them to stop the itching, Erika smiles.

"Peek-a-bo," goes the nurse. Erika responds briefly, then

begins giggling again to get out of her hospital crib. The bandages on her legs hold her back.

"She just becomes cranky and times and you know why," said plastic surgeon Dr. Garry Labay. "She has been through a lot."

"It's why the 13-month-old girl is known as the miracle baby."

Late last month, Erika wandered into the subzero night and

ended up frozen in the snow.

But although she and her mother, part of her left foot is still frozen, otherwise, relatively normal.

"Whether you can walk or not, it's a miracle," said Dr. Labay.

Called an encephalitis, the condition everyone has that causes brain

is how Dr. Labay's team

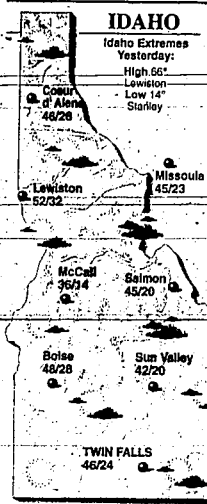
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Erika Nordby, 4, survived subzero weather. Her temperature dipped into the 60s.

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Idaho Extremes
 Yesterday: High 56° Low 32°
 Today: High 56° Low 32°
 Record high: 86° in 1972
 Record low: 15° in 1969

Precipitation
 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: 0.00"
 Month to date: 0.00"
 Year to date: 0.00"
 Normal year to date: 0.44"

Humidity
 Yesterday at noon: 48%
 Yesterday at 5 p.m.: 29%
 Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls:
 Grass: N.A. Weeds: N.A.
 Trees: N.A. Mold: N.A.
 Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shown is today's weather.
 Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Windy and chilly; sunshine and clouds. ▲ 46°	Mainly clear and cold. ▼ 24°	Sunny to partly cloudy. ▲ 50° ▼ 28°	Clouds and limited sun; it might shower. ▲ 50° ▼ 28°	Partly sunny and breezy. ▲ 48° ▼ 26°	Clouds and limited sun; it might shower. ▲ 52° ▼ 30°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Windy and chilly today. A mixture of clouds and sunshine in the east today with a few morning rain and snow showers; mostly sunny in the west. Mainly clear and cold tonight.

Boise: Breezy and cooler today with sunshine most of the time. Mainly clear and cold tonight. Sunshine tomorrow morning, then clouds will increase tomorrow afternoon.

Northern Nevada: Mostly sunny and breezy today; cooler than yesterday. Mainly clear and cold tonight. Sunshine tomorrow morning, then clouds will increase tomorrow afternoon.

Northern Utah: Windy and cooler today with clouds and occasional sunshine; a couple of spots in the northeast will have a rain or snow shower. Turning out mainly clear and cold tonight. Sunny to partly cloudy tomorrow.

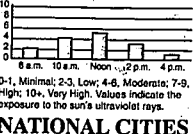
Northern Idaho: A rain or snow shower in a few spots early this morning; otherwise, partly sunny and breezy today. Mainly clear and cold tonight. Sunshine will be followed by clouds tomorrow.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 6:52 a.m.
Sunset tonight: 6:43 p.m.
Moonrise today: none
Moonset tonight: 9:56 a.m.

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CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Thru
Calgary	33-17	36-10
Edmonton	38-21	33-11
Kelowna	48-29	40-32
Lethbridge	32-17	40-18
Regina	38-11	42-15
Saskatoon	28-11	27-15
Toronto	28-28	39-34
Vancouver	50-39	50-39
Victoria	51-37	38-37
Winnipeg	31-22	32-15

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Thru
Acapulco	80-72	80-70
Auckland	68-48	54-45
Bangkok	84-77	87-77
Beijing	58-28	58-34
Berlin	42-38	55-51
Buenos Aires	86-72	82-72
Calcutta	74-52	79-51
Hong Kong	70-54	72-51
Jerusalem	59-41	62-41
Johnsburg	77-58	81-56
London	47-41	57-50
Mexico City	81-46	81-46
Moscow	48-38	44-39
Nairobi	60-38	62-40
Rio de Janeiro	80-75	83-69
Rome	61-44	65-45
Singapore	87-78	87-78
Sydney	74-68	76-65
Tokyo	54-48	59-38
Warsaw	41-30	38-30
Zurich	44-35	51-45

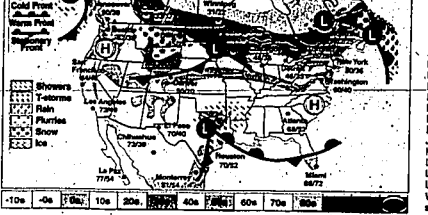
REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thru
Boise	48-28	52-32
Bonanza Ferry	43-27	44-29
Burley	45-18	48-23
Coeur d'Alene	46-26	46-38
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Cows

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 enough," King-Barratta said. With one of the largest beef cattle feeding lots in the state in her district, King-Barratta worried that other livestock operations would fall under the bill's authority.
 She took the advice of dairy and other livestock industry lobbyists, which have lobbied heavily against a number of dairy regulations this year.
 "I have some real concerns there is going to be a large impact," she said.
 Darrington, who conceded amendments giving local and state authorities the option of counting cows made the bill better, said he was worried smaller, compliant dairies would also be held accountable to the measure.
 "It still intrudes on small dairies," Darrington said. Supporters disagree.
 "If there are no complaints and if there are no concerns then no one will be out there counting cows," said Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly.
 Noh also had a dairy regulation bill rejected by the Senate a few weeks ago. His measure would have made dairies employ certified engineers to construct their waste lagoons.
 Only one dairy measure, sponsored by Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, has been endorsed by the Senate. That bill requires written contracts between dairy operators and farmers who want to use dairy waste for land application on their fields. The measure also requires both parties have nutrient management plans for the farmland where the waste will be spread so possible nitrate build-up might be detected.

Bombing

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 the Air Force, Staff Sgt. Jason Foley, 27, a tactical air controller who was operating at Observation Post 10 in the Udiari bombing range in Kuwait's northeastern desert about 30 miles from the Iraqi border. Officials said they did not yet know whether Foley was the ground controller who directed the Zimmerman's aircraft.
 The other Americans killed were all in the Army. They were identified as Staff Sgt. Troy Westberg, 29, Staff Sgt. Richard Boudreau, 31, Staff Philip Freigh, 25, and Spc. Jason Wildfong, 29, all explosive ordnance disposal specialists.
 Earlier, New Zealand authorities identified the sixth victim of the bombing accident as acting Army Maj. John McNutt, 27, who was serving as a liaison officer to allied forces in Kuwait.
 Thomas said a special investigation team is scheduled to leave today for Kuwait to begin piecing together what went wrong during the exercise, which was to practice close air support of ground troops.

Coke to alter schools policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Coca-Cola Co. said it will change the way it markets soft drinks in schools by loading healthier drinks into vending machines alongside sodas, covering up giant logos and advocating nonexclusive clusters between bottlers and school districts.
 A month ago, the Agriculture Department criticized schools that raise money by selling sodas and snacks on campuses for sending mixed messages about nutrition. The department asked Congress for authority to regulate what foods and beverages can be sold in schools.
 In an announcement expected Wednesday, Coke said it will provide a larger variety of healthful drinks in machines, urge local bottlers to let schools limit the sale of soft drinks at lunch, ask bottlers to stop requiring exclusive "pouring contracts" with schools and put "noncommercial signage" on school vending machines.

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 Tuesday, March 13, numbers
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Water

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 Power's director of water management.
 An acre-foot is enough water to cover one acre with one foot of water, or 325,850 gallons.
 Last year Idaho Power was able to generate about 41 percent of its power at hydro power facilities. In good water years, the company generates up to 60 percent of its power at 17 hydro power plants along the Snake River.
 This year the outlook is less than 40 percent, Olmstead said.
 "We have to make it up," Lopez said.
 The company must either find other ways to generate power or buy it. And buying it is expensive.
 Lopez and Olmstead said power prices on the open market are expected to continue to hover between \$300 and \$400 per megawatt hour through the summer.
 As of Friday, wholesale power in the Northwest was selling for about \$225 per megawatt hour. A megawatt is a million watts — enough to light 10,000 hundred-watt bulbs.
 "We want to optimize any water that is available to us," Lopez said.
 The company expects the extra water at those two plants would generate an additional five megawatts. And generating that extra power from April 1 through the end of December would add up to savings of about \$6 million over what it would cost to buy that same amount of power.
 There is lots of competition for surplus power on the market.
 What started last year in California is continuing in the Pacific Northwest, as the hydropower-dependent region faces a dry water year.
 Across much of the state the pattern is similar — a wetter than average October was followed by

CORRECTION

An item in Tuesday's Stork Report contained an error.
 Peyton Rae Cash was born March 4 to Lindsay Lee Cash at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.
 The Times-News regrets the error.

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Panel clears soldier of killing Albanian boy

Father has said that death was an accident

GIessen, Germany (AP) — A U.S. soldier burst into tears as a military panel cleared him Tuesday of the accidental shooting death of a 6-year-old boy in Kosovo, closing a trial that threatened to strain relations between U.S. troops and ethnic Albanians.

Pfc. Nicholas E. Young, who was 19 at the time of the July 10 shooting, was cleared of charges of negligent homicide and dereliction of duty. He had been serving as a peacekeeper in Kosovo.

A neuropsychologist testified that Young suffered from a severe learning disability, providing what appeared to be the most convincing evidence that the soldier's superiors should not have allowed him to carry the automatic weapon he was given in Kosovo.

"I think it's fair to say that our



Pfc. Nicholas E. Young
Cleared of murder charge



Deli Rexhepi
Invited accused to his home

client and his mother are pleased with the result," said Maj. Mark Johnson, one of Young's lawyers.

Rexhepi, testified in court that he harbored no hard feelings against Young for his son Genrit's death

and had even invited the soldier to his home after the killing to try to help him cope with the trauma of what had happened.

"In my heart, thinking about that, that was an accident," Rexhepi said Monday through a

translator. "After this incident the respect... for the U.S. soldiers is increasing."

The boy's death came just months after Staff Sgt. Frank Ronghi brutally sodomized and murdered an 11-year-old ethnic Albanian girl, Maria Shabiu, in the nearby town of Viti. Both cases risked straining relations between the ethnic Albanian community in Kosovo and the American troops serving there as part of the NATO-led peacekeeping force.

In a written statement Young gave to investigators, but was never made public, he apparently said he had been guarding military vehicles, surrounded by children, who he let touch his weapon.

He then pointed it away from them and pulled the trigger to see if the safety latch was on, but it wasn't and three bullets struck a Humvee and ricocheted off the ground, hitting the boy in the chest and arm.

Support for government funding of religious groups slows down

WASHINGTON (AP) — Opposition is growing to President Bush's plan to direct federal dollars to religious groups, and a pair of key-Senate supporters say their legislation is likely to leave out a central piece of his proposal.

Critics argue that Bush's plan would allow for discrimination, force people looking for help into religious programs, corrupt the core mission of religious groups and lead to government funding of religion itself. Responding to critics, Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., said Tuesday that it is not necessary to immediately expand chari-

table choice, into other federal programs, a centerpiece of Bush's proposal.

And Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., another key supporter, said "there are important questions to ask and to answer" about charitable choice. He said it makes sense to go slowly, "not to hurry it, not to rush to test the most difficult and complicated questions."

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U.S. bans all European Union animal imports

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department on Tuesday suspended all imports of animals and animal products, except hard cheeses, from the European Union after foot-and-mouth disease was found in France.

The ban would have the biggest impact on imports of pork from the Netherlands, and Denmark. Imports of beef from the European Union already were banned because of mad cow disease.

Travelers will be allowed to enter the United States with canned meat products as long as

they are still sealed, officials said. Meanwhile, McDonald's Corp. is starting on its own to enforce widely disregarded federal regulations aimed at keeping the nation's beef supply free of mad cow disease.

The fast-food giant has given packers until April 1 to document that the cattle they buy have been fed in accordance with the federal rules.

The action by the nation's largest buyer of beef has had a ripple effect throughout the industry, officials say. Major meatpackers, including IBP Inc., Excel and ConAgra, have told

their cattle suppliers they must document their compliance with the feed rules.

"If McDonald's is requiring something of their suppliers, it has a pretty profound effect," said Janet Riley, a spokeswoman for the American Meat Institute, which represents packers.

The Livestock Marketing Association has advised its members to begin requiring documentation from cattle producers or risk being unable to sell to slaughterhouses.

In the fight against foot-and-mouth disease, the United States suspended all meat and

animal imports from Britain Feb. 21 and ordered stepped-up checks of travelers arriving from the United Kingdom. Airline passengers who have visited the British countryside are required to have their shoes disinfected.

Now, travelers from the European Union also may be subject to additional scrutiny.

Foot-and-mouth disease is not harmful to humans, but it spreads so quickly that entire herds and flocks must be destroyed to prevent its spread. The virus can be spread by footwear and motor vehicles.

Bush decides against carbon dioxide regulation

WASHINGTON — Backing off a campaign pledge, President Bush is telling Congress that he will not regulate carbon dioxide emissions from power plants.

The decision, outlined in a letter being sent to a Republican senator Tuesday, was a blow to conservationists who see curbing emissions of such "greenhouse gases" as a key to reducing global warming.

The letter cites skyrocketing energy costs, particularly in the West, as the reason for Bush's about-face, according to GOP sources in Congress and the administration who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Bush promised in the campaign to cut carbon dioxide emissions as pollutants, and Christie Whitman, his Environmental Protection Agency administrator, said last month that the administration was strongly considering such regulations.

X-Ray telescope finds sky brimming with black holes

WASHINGTON — Super-massive black holes once dominated the universe, sucking in gas, dust and whole stars and erupting with surges of X-rays that have journeyed since for billions of years across the heavens.

That's a picture of the early universe captured by the orbiting Chandra X-ray telescope in a study that focused on small sections of the sky for days-long exposures to capture faint X-rays streaming from more than 12 billion light-years away.

"The Chandra data show us that giant black holes were much more active in the past than at present," Riccardo Giacconi, a Johns Hopkins University astronomer, said Tuesday at a news conference.

Black holes, once the imaginings only of theorists, are now thought by most astronomers to exist by the hundreds of billions —

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from supermassive ones at the gravitational core of most galaxies, to smaller ones that are the remains of collapsed stars.

The Chandra study, experts say, confirms theories by showing that the early universe teemed with active black holes, spewing X-rays across the heavens.

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Algerian goes on trial in alleged millennium terror plot

Suspected Algerian terrorist goes on trial

LOS ANGELES — An Algerian who was arrested with a carload of explosives just before New Year's Eve 1999 went on trial Tuesday on charges of plotting to bomb Seattle and other U.S. cities during the millennium celebrations.

The arrest of Ahmed Ressam was "a law enforcement success story, a case of a tragedy averted," federal prosecutor Steven Gonzalez told the jury in opening statements.

Defense attorney Jo Ann Oliver countered that Ressam was unwittingly used a courier for explosives.

Ressam was arrested on Dec. 14, 1999, in Port Angeles, Wash., after entering the country by ferry from Canada. Authorities said they found bomb-making materials, including explosives and timing devices, in his rental car.

Officer tickets Girl Scouts for selling cookies

DECATUR, Ga. — DeKalb County police are pretty tough

cookies — so much so that they'll ticket Girl Scouts for selling Thin Mints and Tagalongs without a permit. A boss later chalked the whole thing up to overzealousness.

An officer ticketed two groups of Girl Scouts on Sunday. Monday morning, police Maj. Ron Slade received several media inquiries and calls from irate Girl Scout leaders. He quickly apologized and voided the tickets.

Spacewalkers get space station ready for robot arm

SPACE CENTER, Houston — Shuttle Discovery astronauts early Tuesday prepped the international space station to receive a robotic arm and fixed a sticky solarpanel during a nearly 6.5-hour spacewalk.

Andrew Thomas and Paul Richards completed critical wire connections that will provide power, data and video links between space station Alpha and its robotic arm — set to be delivered in April.

This was the second and final spacewalk of Discovery's mission. Besides continuing work on the space station, the shuttle is deliver-

ing Alpha's first replacement crew, made up of astronauts Jim Voss, Susan Helms and their Russian commander Yuri Usachev, and an Italian-made module filled with 5 tons of supplies.

Falling stocks cause first net worth decline in 55 years

WASHINGTON — The net worth of U.S. households, hurt by a falling stock market, declined by 2 percent last year, the first annual setback in Americans' balance sheets in 55 years.

Tuesday that Americans' total net worth was \$41.42 trillion at the end of last year, a drop of \$841.5 billion from their net worth at the end of 1999.

"It marked the first time that Americans' net worth had declined from one year to the next since the Fed began tracking the figures in 1945.

The decline followed five straight years of strong increases in net worth as individual wealth was driven higher by the booming stock market. Household net worth rose by 12.6 percent in 1997, 10 percent in 1998 and 14.1 percent in 1999.

— compiled from wire reports

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Fever	Sometimes	NO	Sometimes
Headache	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes
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NATION/WORLD

Bush considers speeding up clemency for 14-year-old

MIAMI — Gov. Jeb Bush said Tuesday he will consider speeding up the clemency process for Lionel Tate, the 14-year-old boy serving a life-without-parole sentence for beating a little girl to death.

Prisoners are not normally eligible for clemency until they have served two years. But the governor can waive that requirement and also order the request expedited.

Tate was sentenced Friday to life in prison — the mandatory sentence for first-degree murder — for the 1999 slaying of 6-year-old Tiffany Eunick.

On Monday, the boy was quietly transferred from the intake section of an adult prison to a maximum-security juvenile prison.

Russia plans floating nuclear power plant

MOSCOW — An Atomic Energy Ministry spokesman said Tuesday that Russia will build a floating nuclear power plant, the latest indication the country intends to go ahead with plans for a project it has mentioned repeatedly in the past.

The \$109 million plant is to be built in Severodvinsk, a military port on Russia's northern coast 30 miles west of Archangelsk, and

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will float in the White Sea because severe weather makes construction on land difficult, said ministry spokesman Yuri Bepalko.

Convicted murderer Henry Lee Lucas dies

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — Henry Lee Lucas, the convicted killer who 18 years ago made and then recanted confessions to hundreds of unsolved murder cases, has died in prison.

The one-eyed ex-drifter was narrowly saved from execution three years ago when then-Gov. George W. Bush commuted a death sentence to life in prison because of flimsy evidence in his capital case. After the commutation, Lucas had predicted an "80 percent chance" he would walk free someday.

'Loud' talk-show host dies in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — Before Jerry Springer and Jenny Jones, there was Morton Downey Jr., a grousing and opinionated TV talk show host who shocked viewers from behind a haze of cigarette smoke.



Morton Downey Jr.

more than someone who's squeaky clean."

Downey died of lung cancer and other respiratory problems, his family said Monday night. He was 67.

Author Robert Ludlum dies in Naples, Fla.

NAPLES, Fla. — Suspense novelist Robert Ludlum, author of the Jason Bourne series of spy thrillers and "The Matarese Circle," died Monday. He was 73.

Henry Morrison, Ludlum's literary agent since 1967, confirmed the author died, but declined to give details at the request of Ludlum's family. Morrison said the family in Naples where Ludlum died planned to issue a formal statement on Tuesday.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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West End Senior Center will serve breakfast

BUHL - The West End Senior Center will serve a community breakfast from 8-10 a.m. Saturday at the center at 1010 Main in Buhl.

The meal will include pancakes, eggs, hashbrowns, sausage, biscuits, gravy, milk and coffee. The cost is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.25 for children age 6 and under. For more information, call 543-4577.

Kimberly Nurseries offers free berry seminar

TWIN FALLS - Kimberly Nurseries will offer a free "Berry Delicious! Barometer Berries and More" seminar at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Garden Cafe.

Darlene McDonald, retail sales manager, will take about bare root products, how and when to plant and when to harvest.

Pre-registration is required. The next seminar will be "Green With Envy: How to Make Your Lawn the Best on the Block."

For more information or to pre-register, call 733-2717 or stop by the Garden Gate Gift Shop.

Elementary school PTO hosts school carnival

HANSEN - The Hansen Elementary School PTO will host a school carnival from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the elementary school.

Dinner will be served from 7-8:30 p.m. with raffles starting at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will include chili, cinnamon rolls, hot dogs, popcorn and cotton candy.

Boy Scout Troop 9 serves pancake supper

BUHL - The Buhl Boy Scout Troop 9 will hold its annual all-you-can-eat pancake supper from 5-7:30 p.m. Friday at the First Christian Church on the corner of Broadway Avenue and Poplar Street in Buhl.

The menu will include pancakes, eggs, sausage, milk, orange juice and coffee.

Tickets may be purchased from a Troop 9 Scout or at the door. The cost is \$4 for singles, \$7 for couples, \$9.50 for a family of three, \$12 for a family of four and \$2 for each additional family member.

All proceeds will go towards troop camp fees and activities.

HOG group gets together to discuss bike show

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Chapter Harley Owners Group (HOG) will hold its monthly meeting Thursday at Elmer's Restaurant in Twin Falls.

Final plans for the Magic Valley Fall Bike Show to be held Saturday and Sunday will be discussed. Plans for the summer ride schedule will also be discussed.

Membership application forms will be available at the meeting.

Job's Daughters holds information night

TWIN FALLS - Bethel 56, International Order of Job's Daughters, will hold a Job's Daughters information night

from 7-8 p.m. Thursday at the Masonic Temple at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. Enter from the west door.

Job's Daughters is a leadership organization for young women between 11 and 20-years-old who have Masonic relationship. The organization promotes love of God, country and family, service to community and personal development in the areas of poise, oral presentation and leadership.

Anyone interested in learning more about Job's Daughters is invited to attend.

For more information, call 734-0562 or 734-8554.

Filer Music Boosters serve Irish stew dinner

FILER - The Filer Music Boosters will serve its second annual Irish stew dinner from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday at the Filer High School.

Entertainment will be provided by the music groups of Filer High School, Filer Middle School and Hollister and Filer Elementary Schools.

The cost is \$4 per person or \$15 for a family of up to five. All proceeds will go towards scholarships for Filer music students.

For more information, call Carol Jones at 655-4215.

Corvette car club holds meeting in Buhl

BUHL - The Snake River Corvette Car Club will meet at 7

p.m. Saturday at Train Station Pizza in Buhl.

All Corvette owners are invited. For more information, call Terry Tipton at 543-2660.

Simple living workshops offered third Saturday

TWIN FALLS - Simple living workshops will be offered from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Church of Brethren at 461 Filer Ave. W.

For more information, call Rose at 736-8776 or Andy at 537-6712.

4-H members must register prior to livestock weigh-in

BURLEY - All 4-H members need to be registered at least one week prior to weigh-in for livestock.

Members must attend the weigh-in to sign their contracts. Swine and sheep ultrasounds are to be paid at the time of their registration.

Beef weigh-in is 9-11 a.m. Saturday at Chabrum's Ranch in Albion; swine weigh-in will be 3-6 p.m. April 6 at Farmer's Corner and 8-10 a.m. April 7 at the Cassia County Fairgrounds.

Dairy weigh-in will be May 4 with time and place to be announced. Rabbit weigh-in will be in June with date, time and place to be announced later.

Sheep weigh-in will be 4-6 p.m. June 8 at Coroner Creek and 8-10 a.m. June 9 at the Cassia County Fairgrounds.

Eight girls vie for Miss Kimberly title

KIMBERLY - Eight young women will compete at the Miss Kimberly Scholarship 2001 pageant at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Kimberly - High School Gymnasium.

The theme will be "A Night on Broadway."

The contestants are Courtney Kirchner, Zan Mickelson, Tiffany Barrott, Angela Patrick, Andrea Johnson, Jamie Fuller, Alexis Miller and Marilu Perez.

The College of Southern Idaho has donated four Freshman Scholarships of more than \$500 each that will be awarded at the event, said Chris Barrott, a pageant coordinator.

Cost to the pageant is \$5 per person and \$3 for children age 10 and under. All proceeds go to scholarships, she said.

More than one-third of the contest is based on interviews with and platforms of the contestants, who are junior and senior girls. They also will be judged on poise and talent.

The contestants will participate in two production numbers with the Broadway theme. Also there will be entertainment from other Kimberly students while the judges are tallying points for the winners, Barrott said.

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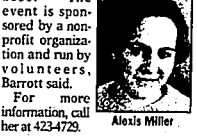
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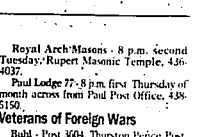
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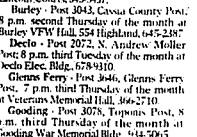
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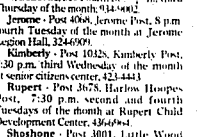
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Andrea Johnson



Jamie Fuller



Alexis Miller

2000. The event is sponsored by a non-profit organization and run by volunteers, Barrott said.

For more information, call her at 423-4729.

CLUB CALENDAR

Civic

Rotary Clubs

Blue Lakes - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Weston Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Twin Falls; 734-7007 or 734-1817.

Gooding - 12:15 p.m. Fridays at the Lincoln Hotel in Gooding; 734-7007 or 734-1817.

Jerome - Noon Tuesdays at the Senior Center of Blaine County; 788-0897 or 788-2111.

Keetchikan/Sun Valley - Noon on Tuesday at Rice's Pizzeria and Pasta Restaurant; 808-728-4100.

Rupert - Noon Wednesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge; call Jack Bell at 436-3611.

Rhoshone - Noon Wednesdays at the Senior Citizens Center; 886-2221 or 886-2883.

Twin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Twin Club in Twin Falls; 734-0029 or 734-0549.

Lions Clubs

Burley - Noon Fridays at Price's Cafe; 543-6700.

Burley - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Farm Bureau conference room, 444 E. 5th N. Alfreese Road, Shennar Ranch; 678-2398.

Gooding - 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays at the Lincoln Inn; 934-4141.

Hailey - Noon first and third Tuesdays at Pull Noon Restaurant in Hailey.

Heblum - 7:30 p.m. second and third Tuesdays at Heblum fire station; 436-8839.

Jerome - 7 p.m. first and third Monday at Jerome Civic Library; 234-7910.

Kimberly - 7 a.m. first and third Tuesdays at Crossroads United Methodist Church; 432-5388.

Moody - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Monday at Red Cross building; 707 F. St.; 436-6301.

Rupert - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Monday at United Methodist Church; 605 H. St.; 436-9862.

Twin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Elks Lodge; 734-0528.

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority

Xi Alpha Tau chapter - 7:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays; Sept-May; 543-5522 or 734-1367.

Gooding Chapter - 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays; Sept-May; in Burley; 673-6294 or 438-2613.

Other civic

Snake River Elks Lodge - 8 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at Weston Plaza Convention Center in Twin Falls; call Roger at 733-0151 or Bob at 733-6031.

Jerome - 7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at Maxie's Pizzeria in Twin Falls; 733-2871 or 733-7956.

Society for Creative Anarchism - The Show of Twin Falls; 3 p.m. Sundays at the Twin Falls City Park; 326-4425.

Gooding Business and Professional Women - Noon Monday at the Lincoln Inn; 934-4812 or 934-8205.

The Magic Valley Toastmasters - 12:10 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at Elmer's Pancake & Steak House; 1824 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.; 733-5408.

First Chamber of Commerce - First and third Mondays at Noon at Grandstands Sports.

Lambda Delta Sigma sorority - meets at 7 p.m. each Thursday at the Burley LDS Institute, 1050 Occidental Ave. New members welcome; call 678-6322 or 678-1622.

Musical

Magie Valley Singers - Square Dance Club - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; 734-5689.

Magie Valley Barbershop Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the First Methodist Church basement, Shoshone Street and Fourth Ave. in Twin Falls; 734-7344.

Magie Valley Orchestra - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Burley High School band room; 436-1330.

Snake River Flats - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Harmony Hall, 123 K St. in Rupert; 436-6044 or 436-1330.

Swampy Adeline Chorus - Members car pool to Boise chorus every Tuesday evening; call 734-6238.

Bingo

7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Golden Years Senior Citizens center, 218 N. Rail St. W. Shoshone; call 866-2869.

7 p.m. Tuesdays at Angels of Senior Center on Main Street in Kimberly. Anyone over age 18 is welcome; call 423-4330.

Bridge - 1 p.m. Mondays at Magic Valley Bridge House, 246 Falls Ave. Twin Falls; 734-7344.

Discoscore Book Club - 7 p.m. second Tuesday at Barnes & Noble in Twin Falls. Discoscore Book Club (books by new authors) - 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday at Barnes & Noble.

Weight loss

TOPS Clubs

Burley Chapter 256 - 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Heblum School lunch room.

Gooding Chapter 251 - 5 p.m. Thursdays at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave.; 934-4506 or 934-3940.

Gooding Chapter 48 - 6 p.m. Wednesdays at the public library; 324-7426 or 324-5722.

Twin Falls Chapter 3 - 12:30 p.m. Mondays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heblum Ave. E.; 733-3300 or 326-6633.

Twin Falls Chapter 309 - 7 p.m. Thursdays in the recreation room at 475 Casswell Ave. W.; 734-9312 or 736-3291.

Support Groups

Women's support group sponsored by Advocates for Survivors of Domestic Violence - 6 p.m. Tuesdays; call 788-4191 for directions.

Advocates' group for children up to 12 years old who have witnessed domestic violence - 6 p.m. Tuesdays; call 788-4191 for directions.

Local feeding support group - noon Wednesdays at St. Luke's Wood River Valley Medical Center; 727-8410.

Grief support group - 3 p.m. Sundays; Rupert United Methodist Church; 695 H. St.; 436-3354.

HIV support group - 10 a.m. every other Saturday; call June at 733-1129.

LDS substance abuse recovery group - 6:30 p.m. Fridays at 2204 PARK Ave. in Burley; call Jan at 678-7447.

MOMS Club - meets weekly for support and activities; call Heather at 734-8265.

Health Care Provider 12 Step Recovery Program - 6:30 p.m. Mondays at 425 2nd Ave. N. Twin Falls; call Denise at 734-4777 or Brian at 436-1722.

Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families - 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the Walker Center, 263 Second Ave. N. Twin Falls; 734-4200.

Senior Support Group for Blind and Visually Impaired people, meet at the Twin Falls Senior Center the last Wednesday of the month; meeting follows; call 734-0573.

Grandmothers in Touch - Christian grandmothers who pray for grandchildren and schools; 734-2623.

Grandmothers Prayer Fellowship, non-denominational Christian group praying for everything affecting families; Laramie at 734-7015.

Magie Valley Brain Injury Support Group and Referral Service - For information, call Cassie Hilday at 426-4880.

Brothers Club of Idaho - For more information, call 344-6667.

Christian 12-Step Support Group - For information, call 734-7201.

Cocaine Anonymous - For information, call 734-5317.

Codependents Anonymous - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N. Twin Falls; 734-6624.

Al-Anon - For people concerned about someone's drinking; 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays; 736-3555.

Kimberly - 8 p.m. Monday, Senior Center building, Main Street; 734-8481.

Beck's Alcoholism - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Presbyterian Church, Stevens Street and Sixth; 734-8239.

Jerome - noon Thursdays at First Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A. in Jerome; 324-2379.

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and Idaho; 7 p.m. Thursdays, 1120 A. Montana St.

Recheum 7 p.m. Mondays; 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays; 6:30 p.m. Saturdays, 571 E. 2nd St.

Kimberly 8 p.m. Thursdays, 310 Main St.

Burley Saturday Night's Alright Group of N.A. 8 p.m. Saturdays, 1321 Oakley Ave.; 326-3411.

Paul - For information, call 678-1330.

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Royal Arch Masons - 8 p.m. second Tuesday; Rupert Masons Temple, 436-4037.

Paul Lodge 17-8 p.m. first Thursday of month across from Paul Post Office; 436-5150.

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Buhl - Post 3004, Thurston Post Office; 7 p.m. second Tuesday of the month at Buhl Post Office; 734-5471.

Burley - Post 3043, Cassia County Post; 8 p.m. second Thursday of the month at Burley VFW Hall; 54 Highland Ave.; 287-2871.

Decle - Post 2072, N. Andrew Moller Post; 8 p.m. third Tuesday of the month at Idaho Elks Lodge; 678-8100.

Glenns Ferry - Post 4001, Glenns Ferry Post; 7 p.m. third Thursday of the month at Veterans Memorial Hall; 366-2710.

Hailey - Post 412, Big Bend Wood River Post; 8 p.m. third Thursday of the month at Gooding War Memorial Hall; 934-5065.

Post, Bellevue; 509 Fourth St. N., third Thursday of the month at 134-0002.

Jerome - Post 4008, Jerome Post; 8 p.m. fourth Tuesday of the month at Jerome Legion Hall; 324-6409.

Kimberly - Post 10428, Kimberly Post; 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at Rupert Child Development Center; 436-9444.

Shoshone - Post 3001, Little Wood River Post; 7 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at Shoshone members room at Shoshone members room; 886-2755.

Twin Falls - Post 2130, Henry Lodge Post; 8 p.m. second Tuesday of the month at Twin Falls DAY Hall; 459 Shoshone; 734-4067.

Springs Rebekah Lodge 107 - meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at Wendell Senior Citizens Center Bldg.; 150-6259.

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EDITORIAL

Twin Falls County should steer clear of ethanol idea

Though it is pushing consumer prices higher, the current energy squeeze also is getting America's entrepreneurial juices flowing. People are thinking about new and not-so-new ways to beat the rising cost of electricity, natural gas, gasoline, diesel and other fuels.

Finding creative solutions to changing market conditions is one of capitalism's greatest strengths. But it's a private sector, which is the appropriate arena for speculative business ventures.

Which brings us to the Twin Falls County Commission's apparent enthusiasm for building a county-owned ethanol plant. The commission has already proclaimed March as "Ethanol Awareness Month," and Commissioner Bill Brockman is extolling the virtues of ethanol to anyone who will listen.

But the notion of Twin Falls County building an ethanol plant—at a cost of up to \$40 million—is unsettling. Federal subsidies could be available, but there is no guarantee they would prevent it from becoming a Trojan Horse for taxpayers—a promising idea at first glance, but laden with a bellyful of unseen trouble.

Ethanol production is nothing new in America. Ethanol plants are fairly common in farm states such as Iowa and Nebraska, distilling alcohol from corn, grain and other crops. It's a clean-burning fuel that can be blended with gasoline.

The resultant mix, generally 90 percent gasoline and 10 percent ethanol, is sold at gas stations from coast to coast. It is widely available in the Magic Valley.

Ethanol also can be burned to generate electricity, Brockman says, adding that the county could "look onto Idaho Power and ship it to California." In addition to creating a dependable source of electricity, Brockman hopes to provide an alternative market for local farmers to sell

their crops.

It's a noble ideal, but the ethanol industry has what could charitably be called a spotty record of paying its own bills. Ethanol plants often require government subsidy.

These subsidies generally come in the form of tax credits engineered by politicians with ethanol plants in their districts. Violated ethanol plant operators see a velvet glove pulled over the free hand of the marketplace.

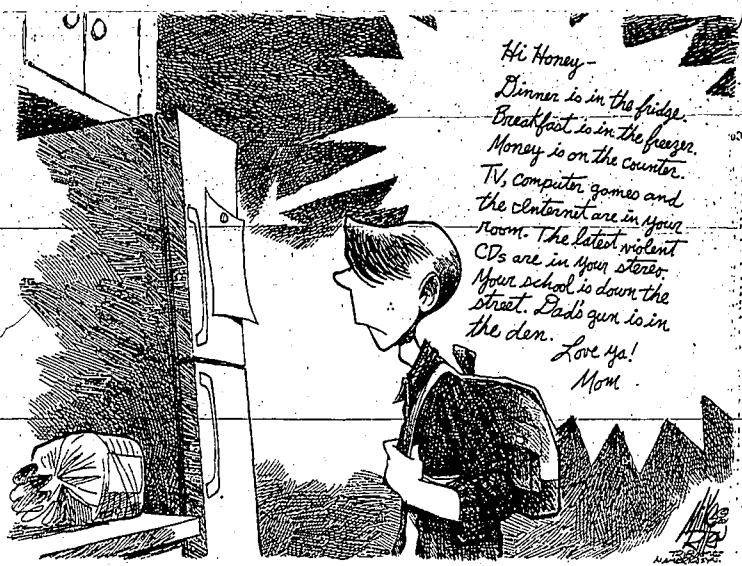
The downside, however, is that the economic interests of a few are advanced by tax subsidies from the many. That's a serious problem, because subsidies can swiftly erode in the shifting tides of politics. From a national perspective, who gives a fig about ethanol production in southern Idaho?

When the subsidies are stripped away, ethanol plants typically can't pay farmers enough for them to stay in business. When that happens, the house of cards begins to topple.

There are other down sides to ethanol. Compared with other fuels, it is a relatively inefficient way to generate electricity. Ethanol also is losing favor as a gasoline additive.

A good analysis of this subject appeared March 5 in The Wall Street Journal. Studies by the National Academy of Sciences, the General Accounting Office and a blue ribbon panel of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have shown that ethanol-laced gasoline isn't very effective at reducing smog—which was its original claim to fame. Meanwhile, oil companies have developed clean-burning gasoline mixtures that outperform ethanol blends.

Without a Sugar Daddy to subsidize it, a county-owned ethanol plant would simply be too risky. Technological innovations are making ethanol a fuel of the past, which means it has little or no future in Twin Falls County.



Taxpayers will pay the price in abortion fight

Poor women in Idaho may soon be denied fair treatment and constitutionally protected health options, thanks to the Idaho Legislature.

If many legislators have their way, the state will deny women Medicaid coverage for abortions they need for their health. There will be no Medicaid coverage for abortion even if a woman's health would worsen, not if she would suffer renal failure, not if a cancerous condition would have to go untreated, and not for any other health reason.

In fact, the state would turn its back on any Medicaid-eligible woman needing an abortion unless she would otherwise die or her pregnancy resulted from rape or incest. In every instance, however, the state would provide Medicaid coverage if the woman provided the pregnancy to term.

Such a scheme endangers women's health and lacks the most basic compassion. And as Idaho Judge D. Duff McKee held in 1994, such a scheme violates the Idaho Constitution.

While the state is not constitutionally required to provide financial assistance for pregnancy care, once it decides to do so generally, it must proceed in a neutral manner. It may not pick and choose for reasons connected to medical necessity, especially where the choosing may invade a woman's constitutionally protected right of choice.

The state of Idaho never appealed Judge McKee's decision, which was rooted in the Idaho Constitution's equal ben-

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Jack Van Valkenburgh

efits clause.

Now the House has already passed and sent to the Senate HB 309, a bill to change Idaho law to once again effectively deny poor women in Idaho the right to choose when a health condition necessitates an abortion. In light of Judge McKee's ruling, clearly these legislators are asking for another court fight—at Idaho taxpayers' expense. It won't be the first time in recent years the Legislature has tried impermissibly to abridge the rights of women in this state. The Legislature passed a so-called "partial-birth abortion" ban in 1998. The court held that ban non-constitutional. Then the Legislature passed a parental consent law in 2000. The attorney general said that law was constitutional, but the court didn't agree. The district court has enjoined that law in part, and a trial is forthcoming.

Here, given Judge McKee's ruling, it goes without saying that a later bill to deny medically necessary coverage for abortions is unconstitutional. We shouldn't have to go to court to prove that—at the taxpayer's expense. But taxpayer expense isn't the real reason to oppose this legislation. The real reason is that it is cruel. The state should not be in the business of compromising women's health, of denying assistance, because it disapproves of their reproductive choice.

Idaho owes poor women in Idaho fair, neutral, non-coercive, constitutional treatment regarding their health options. Consider "Rebecca Poe" and "Katie Jones," whose stories were presented to Judge McKee. Rebecca Poe had epilepsy. As long as she remained pregnant, she could not take the medication necessary to control her seizures. Katie Jones' fetus had a condition incompatible with life. Her fetus was diagnosed as hydronephrosis, meaning that it had no brain and that water was collecting in the cranial cavity. The fetus, if born, would die within 24 hours.

Although both Poe and Jones were Medicaid-eligible, Idaho would not provide any assistance for the health-related abortions they needed—and could not afford. It would, however, provide coverage for any expenses should they carry to term. Fortunately, Judge McKee ruled the state's funding scheme unconstitutional.

Under HB 309, the state would return to this discriminatory and cruel scheme. The state should not now, no more than in 1994, leave women like Rebecca Poe and Katie Jones to suffer. HB 309 is an attempt to measure that jeopardizes the health of the most vulnerable women in Idaho.

Please ask your senator and Gov. Kempthorne to oppose HB 309. Idaho should not seek to return to the unfair, discriminatory funding scheme that already has been ruled unconstitutional.

Jack Van Valkenburgh is an attorney and executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Idaho.

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LETTERS

Eden deaths remain shrouded

So the results are in and it was a whole case of mistaken identity. Let me pose a few questions to the debacle.

Mr. Weaver now admits that he sent his female witness into the house before the last. Does anyone else think that sending an unmarried citizen into a house where you know there are guns and that you are about to enter with a warrant is a dangerous play for the unmarried citizen? What if she had been taken hostage, and if she had been killed in the gunfight? Whose son is in the house, who would be guilty of her death?

So, conflict, since Mr. Weaver sent her in the house, she knew who was coming through the door. Armed with this information, don't you think it would have been prudent of her to tell Mr. Williams that it was Sheriff's deputies and not the ex-boyfriend coming through the door? Why was this a case of mistaken identity when the informant knew who was and who was not in the house? Mr. Williams' son, let me make her responsible for three deaths?

And finally, since no charges will be filed, will Mr. Weaver finally see the error of his ways and resign his position as Sheriff? No matter what happened, the

responsibility of this horrible tragedy lies squarely on his shoulders. Mr. Weaver, you have had two deputies shot, two deputies killed, put a citizen in harm's way, had jailers beat up and escapes that are still at large. What are you doing as Sheriff? Also, remember that although you won the election, you did not do so with a majority of the votes from the good citizens of Jerome County. It's time for you to do the right thing and remove yourself from office.

BOBBI STACY
Jerome

Agriculture coverage is unjust

I would like to give my opinion on the way every agricultural issue is handled in this newspaper. Completely unjust. I understand The Times-News is probably owned by a large corporation that does not need the agricultural subscribers to make ends meet. There is one major industry in this valley (besides the car dealerships in Twin Falls), and this agricultural industry is seeing its darkest days in no small part because of this newspaper.

I understand that none of the editors or writers employed by The Times-News drink milk, eat bacon or wear leather

shoes because if they did, they wouldn't be so blind to their environment.

Let's get rid of all the stinky pesticides, pigs, cows, fertilizer smells and however many of us can still find a job can eat and drink whatever we find in the sagebrush. Maybe we could even eat and drink the food coming from other countries that has every illegal pesticide in the world on it. There are less than one-half the dairies in Idaho as there was 10 years ago, and the way the farm sales are accumulating in the newspaper, it will be true for farmers. (If you don't believe me, look up U.S. Department of Agriculture on the Internet.) We're not living in some big city, people; maybe you better all wake up before it's too late for this rural community. (It does affect everybody.)

SAM FIFE
Rupert

New restaurant makes a mark

The Outback is phenomenal! What an amazing restaurant and group of people! I had the pleasure of attending its charity night for the Boys and Girls Club, and I am still in awe of the friendliness, service and atmosphere. What a great addition to Twin Falls. Everybody in the Magic Valley owes it

to themselves to try out this restaurant at least once. Definitely one of the best restaurants on my list.

TRAVIS WRAY
Twin Falls

Clinton outstayed his welcome

Dateline 1920-30s meetings called in a speech to void pro quo. You take all the dollars east of the Mississippi, I take all the bucks west. Signed Al Capone. Dateline 2001. Deposit money in the library accounts in Little Rock. I will grant you a pardon. Signed Bill Clinton. Dates have changed, names, but the system is strong; amounts have gone from thousands to millions. The negotiators, instead of mobsters are now lawyers.

The scarier part of this new business enterprise is it deals with the taxpayers extort money. Back in Al Capone's days, these mobsters were dealing with money people willingly spent to buy alcohol and drugs. Today, the big money in the world all involves tax dollars that are mandatory to be paid by citizens.

It is for me watching Congressman Henry Waxman, D-California, defend Bill Clinton, understand why this goes on. The politicians just don't understand dis-

honest acts today. A lawbreaker is just that. You don't condone the acts of a lawbreaker, defense being someone else in the other party did the same thing. What it does for me is tell the story. Bird of the feather stay together. The story of the Tea for Dime, Al, Bill Clinton. This guy will never be cloned. He can sell Eskimos six refrigerators; they don't have power. He is a man with no loyalty to any other human but himself. He rose in power to the highest via a political system gone amuck. He found out early in life our democratic system doesn't have a check or balance. No one can follow the dollars. The system is similar; took a dictator to do what now can be done under the cover of democracy. Bill Clinton, the godfather of the system figuratively and in real life.

He has a license to steal in his library fund. What is the true purpose of this? It is a way to launder money. When a president was a person of honor is how it started. The stink now overshadows the worthwhile cause. Clinton never invented this loophole, but he is bringing it up to speed for sure.

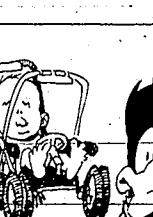
Am I not the lucky, though only have a new president every four years.
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warrant to retrieve boxes of files and records from the center, Touseley said.

Because of safety concerns, it is standard procedure for officers to check their weapons into locking boxes before entering a jail or detention center, Touseley said. But when the warrant was served

at the Twin Falls detention center, the deputy in charge first ordered a total lockdown of the facility, and the officers kept their weapons on them as they went in, Touseley said. Center Director Paul Frick declined to comment and said Twin Falls attorney Hyong K. Pak had been retained to represent the center.

Pak said he could not divulge details of any possible case he was working on. But he said he had tried to get a copy of the affidavit of probable cause for the search warrant and was told by Twin Falls County officials that there was no record of the affidavit. An affidavit of probable cause usually is not released as a public

record unless and until a complaint or charges are filed stemming from evidence related to a search warrant, according to the 5th Judicial District's court records department in Twin Falls. Touseley said it hadn't been decided Tuesday whether any complaint or charges will be filed in connection with the search of the county-operated centers.

The detention center houses juvenile offenders from Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding, Lincoln and Blaine counties. The youth center houses and educates offenders that pose a low-risk to society.

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Fix it up

Check out the tips in today's special section - Section E

Toddler

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Perhaps Erika was due for some good luck. She is one of five children, by four different fathers, of Leyla Nordby, a single mother on welfare who is pregnant again. Erika's father is in jail for robbery and has never seen his daughter.

Leyla Nordby has only once spoken publicly about Erika's ordeal. She fears publicity would hurt a custody battle with an ex-boyfriend over two of her sons. She stays with her father in Edmonton, visiting Erika in the hospital daily.

Since the story broke, the Canadian media have picked through Leyla Nordby's life - her first childbirth at age 13, the four fathers, the custody battle. She now has a public relations specialist, Lisa Miller, to deal with reporters. Miller says she's doing it for free for a lawyer friend who is setting up a trust fund for Erika.

Erika's brush with death happened in Bergan, a lower-middle class neighborhood well away from the skyscrapers of the Alberta capital, which is prospering from the oil industry and boasts the world's largest shopping mall.

According to the mother, she took Erika and her 2-year-old sister to a friend's house, where all three went to sleep in the same bed on a Friday night. At some point, she says, Erika got up and wandered out of an unsecured back door into a small snowy yard. She ended up lying down about 25 feet away from the door.

Nordby says she woke up and noticed Erika was gone. She ran through the bungalow screaming, then found her baby outside, stiff and unconscious. The temperature in the northern prairies that winter night was 1 degree below zero. Nordby called 911 just before 3:45 a.m. on Feb. 24.

"She was stiff in my arms," Nordby told reporters a few days later in her lone public comments to date. "I wrapped her in a big pink blanket, and I just rocked her and screamed."

Emergency medical technicians Tammy Hills and Jason Visscher arrived first, followed quickly by paramedics Krista Rempel and Justin Mazzolini. They put Erika on the kitchen table and tried resuscitating her with CPR. Then they tried restoring her heartbeat by injecting medication.

Her jaw muscles were frozen, so a breathing tube couldn't be inserted into her trachea. No one knew how long she'd been out-side.

"I wanted to believe that she would be all right while we were working on her, but we also realized how grave the situation was," Mazzolini said later.

The paramedics took her to University Hospital just before 4:30 a.m., the heat in the ambulance warming her enough to insert the breathing tube and force warm air into her lungs. She arrived still lacking a heartbeat.

De Caen, head of pediatrics at the emergency unit of the Stollery Children's Health Center, was called. Doctors wrapped Erika in a plastic blanket called a Bair Hugger, which blows warm air on the body like a hair dryer. Now some heart activity could be detected, but it was weak and abnormal.

Erika was cold to the touch, de Caen said, but her color seemed better than expected.

While continuing CPR, de Caen and his colleagues decided to try using a heart-lung machine, which would warm the body from within by feeding oxygen and blood to vital organs.

It would take almost an hour to get the machine ready, and the delay may have helped save Erika. At 4:45 a.m., Erika's gurney was rolled through the hallway, up the elevator and into the intensive care unit, a straddling nurse performing CPR all the way, de Caen said. The heart surgeon and two assistants prepared to surgically insert tubes for the heart-lung machine into her neck.

As they got ready to make the first cut at 5:45 a.m., Erika's heart began beating normally. Her temperature was 34 degrees below normal, so doctors still had to choose between the heart-lung machine and the Bair Hugger. The Bair Hugger was safer but much slower.

Based on Erika's color and heartbeat, they opted for the Bair Hugger. In three hours her body warmed to 86 degrees, a pace de Caen called "astounding."

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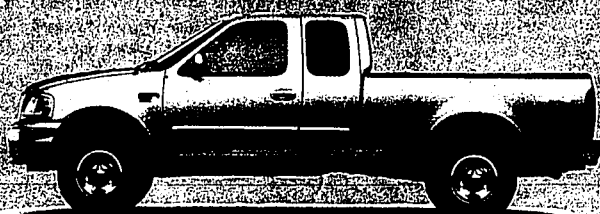
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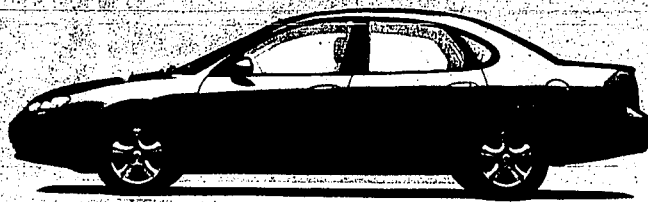
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Section B

AROUND THE VALLEY

Authorities hold two suspects in TF jail

TWIN FALLS - Two California brothers charged in connection with a shooting late Saturday that left two Twin Falls men wounded were arraigned Tuesday and held in the Twin Falls County jail.

Paul Thomas Zollo, 39, was arraigned in Twin Falls County Magistrate Court on two counts of aggravated battery and Anthony Robert Zollo, 39, was arraigned on two counts of aiding and abetting aggravated battery, according to court records.

Neither man entered a plea, and both face preliminary hearings March 23 in Twin Falls. They were held Tuesday on \$50,000 bond each.

The Zollos were arrested in Jackpot, Nev. just after midnight Sunday and held in an Elko County jail. They were moved to Twin Falls late Monday, a jail spokesman said.

The charges stem from an altercation at about 11 p.m. Saturday south of Twin Falls. The fight left Twin Falls residents Matt Harrington, 35, and Geroni Secord, 21, with gunshot wounds, according to Twin Falls County sheriff's department records.

Witnesses told investigators that Paul Zollo opened fire after Anthony Zollo and Harrington got into a fistfight, court records say.

Harrington, who was wounded in the back, was treated and released from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Secord was wounded in the leg and was listed in fair condition at the hospital late Tuesday.

Dairy activists win Open Government Award

BOISE - Local dairy critics Lee Halper and Don Cogger were recently honored for efforts to prevent dairies that have been fined for environmental violations from being able to donate the money to a charity of their choice.

The pair received the Max Dalton Open Government Award last Thursday from the Idaho Newspaper Foundation. They accepted the award on behalf of the Idaho Rural Council.

Through their work with the IRC on the issue, Cogger, of Wendell, and Halper, of Jerome, helped promote a measure last session requiring such fines to be distributed to the counties where the violations occurred.

Proponents of the issue said it was wrong for violating dairies to become the "heroes" of charitable organizations.

Blaine County 'tail' measure gets put on hold

BOISE - A controversial bill allowing Minidoka County to annex Blaine County's "tail" was pulled off of Senate hearing calendars Monday to give officials in both counties an opportunity to discuss their views.

On Tuesday, Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, said the bill is not dead in his opinion, but that it is important for everyone affected to have a voice in the matter.

"I'm willing to take it slower and make sure it is done right," Cameron said.

The idea has been kicked around in Minidoka County for years, but nothing has ever come of it, Cameron said.

"One of the reasons for proposing the bill was to stimulate discussion," he said.

Cameron still believes the issue makes sense because residents of Blaine County's "tail" rely more on Minidoka County for services like police and fire protection and school than they rely on the county in which they live.

But lawmakers and local officials representing Blaine County are worried about the tax base implications, expenses involved in the swap, and whether the residents of the area want the change.

The legalities for such a transfer - which involves the 360,000-acre strip of land protruding southward to the Snake River from southeast corner of Blaine County's main body along the Wood-River Valley - have not been questioned by both sides.

Cameron said he hopes local officials will expedite their discussions so the Legislature can discuss the matter this session, which is expected to finish up its business within the next two to three weeks.

Compiled from staff reports

Idahoans testify on Craters

By Megan Scully
States News Service

WASHINGTON - Prohibiting hunting and trapping on Idaho's newly expanded Craters of the Moon National Monument is impractical, if not impossible, two Idahoans said before a U.S. House committee hearing Tuesday.

Don Clower, an Idaho Fish and Game Commission member, and Jack Fisher, president of the Idaho Wildlife Federation, testified in support of a bill sponsored by Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, seeking to

restore hunting at the monument.

"When the expansion of Craters of the Moon National Monument was being discussed, the Idaho Wildlife Federation voiced concerns that hunting opportunities might be lost," Fisher said. "It seems those concerns have proved well-founded."

In the state of national monument declaration last year, the Clinton administration expanded the monument from 54,000 acres to more than 661,000 acres. The Bureau of Land Management formerly managed most of the land included in the expansion - and still manages 251,000 acres of the

monument, where hunting is still allowed.

However, the other 410,000 acres are managed by the National Park Service, which forbids hunting on its lands without a congressional mandate.

Under Simpson's bill, introduced last month, areas open to hunting before the expansion would remain open.

"My bill is about ensuring that Idahoans are not locked out of traditional hunting areas," Simpson said during the hearing.

According to Idaho Wildlife Federation estimates, the economic impact of prohibition - and still manages 251,000 acres of the

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TF woman will serve prison term

Judge gives sentence
for role in beating death

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls woman will go to prison for her part in the 1997 bludgeoning death of a man whose body was dumped in the South Hills, a District Court judge ruled Tuesday.

Breaking into tears while reading a prepared statement in court, Alicia Nicole Duyungan, 23, said she was remorseful for the death of Wayne Gardner Lafferty, 61.

"If I could change it, I would. I pray every night for Wayne's family," she said.

But Duyungan must still spend some time in prison, Judge Daniel Meehl said.

"Because you pleaded guilty, I am going to have to treat you as guilty," Meehl told Duyungan.

Duyungan and Richard Dale Cheatham, 42, last year each pleaded guilty to one count of voluntary manslaughter and one count of grand theft in connection with Lafferty's death.

Meehl sentenced Duyungan to 15 years in prison - five years fixed - for the manslaughter charge, and to five to 14 years for the theft charge. The sentences are concurrent, and Meehl gave Duyungan 1,056 days credit for time already served in jail since her arrest.

Meehl this month sentenced Cheatham to at least 10 years and up to 15 years in prison. Duyungan and a witness called in her defense said Cheatham played the larger role in the killing.

An autopsy showed that Lafferty died of injuries to the back of the head, caused by a blunt object. His body was found in the Monument Peak area of the South Hills, about 25 miles south of Hansen.

Psychiatrist Dr. Linda M. Grant said she concluded that Cheatham - who was Duyungan's boyfriend at the time of the killing - probably held a high degree of abusive control over Duyungan.

Duyungan apparently was suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder - brought on by previous sexual abuse - depression and anxiety, Grant said. Duyungan also indicated that Lafferty had been sexually harassing her and attempted to rape her on the day of the killing, Grant said.

Meehl said he did consider Duyungan's mental state and Cheatham's apparent control over her at the time of the killings in mitigating factors. He also said there is ample evidence that with proper treatment, Duyungan can be fully rehabilitated and not be a risk to society.

But being stuck in an abusive relationship at the time of a crime is, according to law, much like being addicted to drugs and cannot be used to totally excuse criminal acts, Meehl said. And even if Lafferty had assaulted Duyungan, that also can be used as an "airtight defense," Meehl said.

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Alicia Nicole Duyungan, 23, was sentenced Tuesday in connection with the 1997 death of Twin Falls resident Wayne Gardner Lafferty.

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Land Board awards disputed Cassia County lease to ranchers

The Associated Press

BOISE - The state Land Board Tuesday sided with a longtime ranching family to retain a grazing lease edging Idaho's southern border in Cassia County, rather than a conservation group calling for a far different way of awarding endowment land.

The board gave a new lease to the Pickett Ranch & Sheep Co. for about 5,000 acres. Pickett bid \$13,000 last October to keep it, while Western Watersheds Project - the former Idaho Watersheds Project - bid \$14,000 for the plot south of Oakley.

Idaho Department of Lands staff suggested giving the lease to the Pickett family. They said Western Watersheds has no intention to graze animals there. There also is inadequate fencing to keep livestock from other parcels coming in, and the Picketts have ranched in the area since the 1930s.

The staff said the \$1,000 bid difference boils down to an extra \$100 a year for 10 years,

while evaluating the ground requires a trip out to the remote area.

"One hundred dollars comes down to four hours of our management time," Assistant Lands Director Jay Bildeau said. "One trip out there means at least a full day."

In the past seven years, Watersheds Project chief Jon Marvel has battled to secure state grazing leases, winning several. He seeks to remove stock from the land in an effort to repair damage to streamside and other areas.

Marvel said excessive amounts of fecal coliform from livestock waste are present in Pole Creek in that locale. Idaho Controller J.D. Williams said the board can accept a lower bid. He added Marvel's intentions would not include a coordinated management and restoration system which the Picketts use in grazing.

The resources the board has expended to defend its lease decisions from the Watersheds Project has cost more than the extra money for the school endowment fund Marvel offers

through bids, Williams said.

The Land Board voted unanimously for the ranchers, adding it technically was not a contested case which should go before an administrative judge.

But not before Attorney Lord Lucas with the Land and Water Fund of the Rockies, representing Watersheds, called for either swearing in Bildeau to answer questions about the staff suggestions, or turning the matter over to an administrative law judge to consider.

Steve Schuster of the Idaho attorney-general's office called those tactics an "ambush" of staff.

They talked about an "ambush," Lucas said following the vote. "The whole thing is an ambush of Western Watersheds. The department comes out with all this stuff. There's a fire risk or a fencing problem or something."

"We have no opportunity to rebut it. The question is if the board is making its decision based on fact or fiction. We believe they're making it based on political judgment or fictional reasons - not the truth."

TF School Board OKs high school reform plan

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls School Board backed a school improvement plan Tuesday aimed at raising the academic bar at Twin Falls High School by measures such as increasing math and science requirements.

The board authorized up to \$50,000 in the next school year to pay for cost - mostly staff training - associated with the High Schools That Work plan in the meantime, the high school will apply for grants to help offset costs.

High school principal Ben Allen said 39 faculty members voted in favor of the reform plan, eight said they were neutral about the idea and one teacher voted against it.

"I think it gives our whole staff a focus, something we're all working on together," Allen said.

Teachers will be used as academic advisers to extend the reach of the school's four counselors. Students will be required to take three years rather than two years of math and science. High Schools That Work urges teachers to increase their expectations of students and that support sys-

tems be established to help students move beyond higher standards. Post graduate services are down to zero student progress, and many more components exist to the long-term reform model.

Superintendent Terrell Duncan said he thought district support was "well worth the expenditure."

Dr. David McCluskey, who teaches a health occupations class at the high school, supported the school's efforts. Raising the bar makes school more worthwhile to students, he said.

In other School Board news, Board Chairman Matt Vestal Redman and Vice Chairman Del Traveller are up for reelection to three-year terms May 15.

Redman represents Zone 1 in northwest Twin Falls, and Traveller represents Zone 4 in northeast Twin Falls.

T.B. Perrine Elementary School parent Gerrie Staley, a member of the Quality School Committee, shared parent goals for more parental involvement in the schools. More information will be presented to the board in the future.

The board budgeted nearly

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Vacancy filled

Burley attorney gets
Lincoln County job

By Lorraine Cavenor
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - A Burley attorney was appointed Tuesday to fill a vacant 5th Judicial District magistrate judge's position in Lincoln County.

Mark A. Ingram, 45, was appointed to the \$85,192 position, after telling a 15-member review panel that he wanted to find innovative ways to get to the root of local problems and solve them.

"This is a really good time to become involved in the judiciary system because of some of the programs and tools available," he said after his appointment. "It will take a little time for me to orient to day-to-day stuff. . . . I don't want to rock the boat much. Change in the system is slow and is made with small steps."

He said he might model change after several programs used by Minidoka County Magistrate Judge Larry Duff, such as drug court and parenting classes, which can help keep offenders out of jail and save taxpayers money.

"The court has an immense amount of ability to affect people's lives in positive ways," he said.

When asked about budgeting concerns, Ingram said Duff often found grants for other ways to fund programs beyond the judicial district budget.

"If there is something you want to do you have got to look for it," Ingram said. "We need to be efficient with available resources."

Cassia County Commissioner Paul Christensen, a member of the interviewing panel, asked Ingram how he planned to deal with the fact that Idaho has one of the nation's highest incarceration rates.

But 80 percent of those in jail are there because of drug-related crime. "I've never seen a person who didn't have a drug problem," Ingram said. "We have to break through the addiction cycle."

Programs such as drug court are effective in encouraging people to break that cycle.

"If there is a ripple consequence, it's swift," he said. "Laws are the best use is as a cohesive tool."

Other finalists interviewed Tuesday were Steven Thompson, a private practice attorney from Pocatello; Casey Robinson, a public defender in Twin Falls; Thomas D. Kershaw, a Twin Falls attorney; and Wayne G. Cookson III, a Boise attorney.

Ingram will succeed John McLanahan, who took a district court judgeship.

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Mark Ingram

Lincoln commissioners OK subdivision

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - Lincoln County commissioners approved a rezoning Monday, to allow a subdivision.

Rick Oneida, Linda Board and Mike Onida applied for the rezoning on 60 acres, about 1 1/2 miles west of Johnny's Country Store on 70 West. The group intends to apply for a 12-lot subdivision.

The property, a ranch the Oneida family owned for many years, once farmed, Rick Oneida said. The property, which sits along a canal created by Magic Reservoir overflow, has many rock mounds to divide homesites, he said.

Rick Oneida recently purchased the property from his father, Pete Oneida, and plans to clean up the dilapidated corral and remove old junk cars from the property.

Commissioners approved the rezoning, provided water rights are left for use on the subdivision and covenants are created.

In other business Ken Robinette of South Central Community Action Agency provided an overview of agency services, including information and referral; emergency food; school supplies; housing assistance; rental and utility assistance; family development; housing development; and home energy assistance.

The programs can stretch the county's indigent program, he said.

Heidi Paul, indigent director for Lincoln County, said several county families would qualify for agency help.

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County considers water issues

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - Concerns about water quality and quantity were brought before Lincoln County commissioners Monday.

Commissioners approved a \$4,600 request - to be taken from next year's budget - for the Middle Snake Regional Water Resource Commission. The money, the commission's share of payments, which are divided proportionately between other counties in the commission's region - will be used for a mapping system to show areas of groundwater pollution, said Bob Muffley, the commission's acting executive director.

The commission has been working since 1992 on phases of a mapping system with the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Geological Survey, Muffley said.

This phase of the groundwater map, called a vulnerability map, will cost \$60,000. The Water

Resource Commission will chip in \$15,000 with the remaining \$45,000 to be divided among Magic Valley counties, he said.

The map will pinpoint "nutrient loading," pockets of fertilizer use, heavy dairy waste and other nitrate sources, he said.

Nutrients are an indicator of other problems such as chemicals, Muffley said.

The map would be an excellent tool for planning where ground water is close to the surface and which areas are already loaded with nutrients.

Neal Bowman of the Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Commission also discussed concerns about the county's water source.

Idaho Department of Water Resource maps of the eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer indicated the level of the aquifer in the Shoshone area is fluctuating.

From 1980 to 1987 the level of the aquifer increased 21 feet, while it decreased 41 feet from 1987 to 1993, as indicated by the level of water in a well north of Shoshone, Bowman said.

The fluctuation corresponds to periods of high or low rain and snowfall.

"It would be interesting to see what effect the recharge effort had," said Commission Chairman Jerry Nance. "That could have been affecting that well."

The area in question is slated for a water service development, Bowman said, and that's a concern to the planning and zoning department.

"Will it reach a point where there is not enough water?" Bowman said.

Times-News correspondent Lorraine Cavener can be reached at 436-1351 or lcavener@tm.com.

OBITUARIES

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MARY IRENE JONES

Mary Irene Jones, 84-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Tuesday, March 13, 2001, at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

Mary was born Sept. 30, 1916, in Madison, Mo., to Rolfe and Maggie Mae Barton Holohan. Mary moved from Missouri around the age of five to Mindoka County. She attended school at Paul Elementary and graduated from Heyburn High School in 1935. She married her high school sweetheart Perry A. Jones on July 25, 1935, at President Green's home in Paul, Idaho. They were later seated in the Idaho Falls Temple in 1957. She worked on the family farm. J.R. Simplot and retired from Mindoka Memorial Hospital. Perry and Mary were in the genealogy bureau in Burley for two years. They also served in the Sunday school at Mindoka Memorial Hospital for two years. They enjoyed serving others. Mary loved doing embroidery, reading mysteries and working in her flower beds during the summer. She served in many capacities in the LDS Church including secretary, Relief Society, visiting teacher and taught Sunday school for many years. She was a member of the Mindoka Senior Citizens where she contributed to the many balls made and sold.

She is survived by her children and grandchildren: one son, Earl R. and John H. Mason, two daughters, Mary Gregg and Doris Erickson both of Rupert, 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Perry A. Jones, and one grandson.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 16, 2001, at the Rupert LDS 3rd Ward chapel with Bishop Clyde Chandler officiating. Burial will follow in the Park Cemetery. Family and friends may call at Hansen Mortuary on Thursday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for final visitation services at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary, Burley, Idaho.

GOODING

Kathryn L. Koonce

Kathryn L. Koonce, Gooding, 77, died Monday, March 12, 2001, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Koonce was born Sept. 29, 1923, in Sweet, the daughter of Samuel and Nora Boyce. She was married to Luther E. Koonce at Sweet on Nov. 3, 1929. To this union was born a family of three sons and three daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Koonce farmed on Canby, Idaho, and moved to Gooding when they retired. Mrs. Koonce was a member of the First United Methodist Church and was a devoted

ed volunteer at the Gooding Nursing Home until she was well into her 90s. She loved to do mending and did other beautiful handwork. She also loved a good game of cards and was always "up for a game."

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law: Paul and June Koonce of Gooding, Hugh and Alton Koonce of Fairfield, and Joel Martin and Geneva Koonce of Wayzata, Minn., and three daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Doran Cluser of Gooding, Margaret and Martin Lund of Anderson Island, Wash., and Ruth and Michael (Red) Miller of Hagerman. She also is survived by 15 much beloved grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her husband and 46 years her parents and her brother-in-law, Lily.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 23, 2001, at the First United Methodist Church, Gooding, where Rev. the Michael Gregor officiating. Memorial remembrances can be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary, Gooding.

KIMBERLY

McElliot Wegener

Ida Mae McElliot Wegener of Kimberly passed away Sunday, March 11, 2001, at Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital following a short illness.

Ida was born Sept. 27, 1907, in Aurora, Neb., one of ten children to James and Roxie Swearingen Gellatly. The family moved from Nebraska to Kimberly where she was small. Her first husband, Clifford McElliot had a blacksmith shop on Main Street in Kimberly in 1946. Clifford passed away leaving her with two small children to raise. Ida worked at a very small telephone office in a home in Kimberly as an operator for Mountain Bell. Ida was transferred to Twin Falls where she continued to work as an operator and supervisor until her retirement from the phone company in 1963. She was a member of Telephone Pioneers and had been a longtime member of the Kimberly Christian Church.

Ida is survived by a daughter, Roberta (Elmer) Dry of Hansen who also retired from Mountain Bell, a son, Larry (Laura) McElliot of Twin Falls, owner of Globe Seed, six grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 10 nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved very much. Her family and friends will miss her.

She was preceded in death by her three husbands, her mother and papa who she always wanted to go to with this last year. Her five sisters, Mildred, Sallie, Hilda, Audra, and Myrtle, and her twin brother, Geraldine, four brothers, Ray, James, Frank and Myrtle Gellatly and one great-great-grandchild.

Gravestone services for Ida will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 16, 2001, at Sunset Memorial Park with the Rev. Sherman Borden officiating. Friends may call at Wolfe Mortuary Thursday, March 15, from 4-8 p.m. The family suggests memorials be given to People For Pets, Humane Society Fund, 139 6th Ave. W., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

ELKO, NEV.

Raleigh M. Judd

Raleigh M. Judd, 86, died Sunday, March 11, 2001, after a long illness at his son's home in Burli, Idaho.

Raleigh was born Dec. 1, 1914, in Decio, Idaho, to Elzabor and Nellie Judd. He attended schools in Grantsville, Utah, and Utah State at Logan. Raleigh married Pauline Olsensten in Winnemucca, Nev., on Aug. 23, 1943. They lived in Portola, Calif., before moving to Elko in 1950, where he resided until his death.

Raleigh is survived by his wife Pauline, children, Jay (Cleo) Judd of Buhl, Idaho, Pauline (Gary) Rahm of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Larry (Nelsen) Judd of Winnemucca, Nev.; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister, Allie Matthews of Grantsville, Utah.

Ida is preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Hyrmin Judd and a sister, Fannie Anderson of Grantsville, Utah.

Raleigh was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Elko. He retired in 1977, after 42 years as a locomotive engineer, with the Western Pacific Railroad. He enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting and yard work.

A memorial service will be held at Clover Trinity Lutheran Church in Buhl, Idaho, at 2 p.m. on March 17, 2001.

The family request that remembrances be sent to Magic Valley, Home Health and Hospice Services, 650 Addison Ave., West Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

TWIN FALLS

Sherry Shaw

BATTLE MOUNTAIN, Nev. - Sherry Shaw, 36, of Battle Mountain, Nev., died Monday, March 12, 2001, in Las Vegas, Nev.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel.

Donna Staker

RUPERT - Donna Staker, 87, of Rupert, died Tuesday, March 13, 2001, at the Park View Care Center in Burley.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 16, 2001, at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 15, 2001, at Hansen Mortuary, Burley, Idaho, 710 6th St. in Burley.

A full obituary will follow.

Rodney A. Hansen

PAUL - Rodney A. Hansen, 90, of Paul died Monday, March 12, 2001, at the Burley Care Center.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 17, 2001, at the Emerson 1st Ward with Bishop Louis Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in the Paul Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Hansen

Geraldine Delores Roerich

Geraldine Delores Roerich, 68, of Twin Falls, passed away in her sleep Monday, March 12, 2001, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center in Gooding, Idaho.

She was born Oct. 1, 1932, in Broken Bow, Neb., to a family of Laura O. and Carl Grestley of Twin Falls. Formerly of Buhl and Halley, Idaho. Her mother was born in Marna, Neb., and her father in Sargent, Neb. Geraldine grew up and attended schools in Twin Falls, graduating from Twin Falls High School. She married Gus Roerich in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in 1950, and later divorced. She was a very special and wonderful lady who was loved and adored by her family. Her favorite pastimes were spending time with her family and playing with her little dog, whom she adored. She will be missed by all who know her.

Geraldine is survived by her mother, Laura Grestley of Twin Falls, two daughters, Tami Moore of Twin Falls and Bridget-Kazem of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, her two grandchildren, Pat (Tanya) Moore of Buhl, Idaho, and April (Jason) Schlund of Twin Falls, Idaho, and her three great-grandchildren, Eric and Skyler Moore and Cooper Schlund.

She was preceded in death by her father, Kenneth A. Grestley. Funeral services for Geraldine will be held Thursday, March 15, 2001, at 2 p.m. at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, ID. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call Wednesday, March 14, 2001, from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Mary Idessa Stranghoner, Robertson of Wendell, service at 11 a.m. today at Demaray's Wendell Chapel; burial will follow at the Wendell Cemetery.

Robert L. Bob' McCracken of Kimberly, service at 11 a.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls).

Mary Collette Perry of Twin Falls, prayer vigil with rosary at 7 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Edward's Confessor Catholic Church, St. Edward's Chapel; Friends may call from 3 p.m. until the time of rosary today at Reynolds Chapel; interment will follow the Mass at Twin Falls Cemetery.

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

Enola M. Riser of Twin Falls, memorial graveside service at 1 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park (White - Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls).

James F. Gunning of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Hyrum Linam of Pueblo, Colo., and formerly of Gooding, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Cemetery; viewing will be from 10-11 a.m. today at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Mary H. Hobday of Wendell, service at 2 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Leonard 'Roy' Garrard of Wenatchee, Wash., and formerly of Oakley, military graveside service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Oakley Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

Mortuary and one hour before the service at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

A full obituary will run in Thursday's paper.

Mary I. Jones

RUPERT - Mary I. Jones, 84, of Rupert, died Tuesday, March 13, 2001, at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.

Alice Kowalski

RUPERT - Alice Kowalski, 85, of Rupert, died Monday, March 12, 2001, at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.

Martha Lattimer

BURLEY - Martha Lattimer, 93, of Burley, died Tuesday, March 13, 2001, at the Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by the

SERVICES

Danny Lee Kennison of Filer, service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Filer LDS 2nd Ward Chapel; 841 W. Midway, Filer; family and friends may call one hour before the services; interment to follow in the Elmwood Cemetery, Gooding (Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome).

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

Norma Telford Smith of Rupert formerly of Pocatello, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Downard Hansen Funeral Home, 241 N. Garfield.

Beverly Jean Lingo of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Charles Martin Luther of Gooding, memorial service at 1 p.m. March 14 at the War Memorial Hall in Gooding.

Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Katherine Elorriaga

BOISE - Katherine Elorriaga, 75, of Boise, died Tuesday, March 13, 2001, at her home in Boise.

Funeral services are pending under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Artice K. Wilson

BOISE - Artice K. Wilson, 49, of Boise, died Monday, March 12, 2001, at her home in Boise.

Services are pending under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Harold Traxler

BURLI - Harold Traxler, 82, of Buhl, died Monday, March 12, 2001, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Farmer Funeral Chapel.

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Simplot drops lawsuit, disputes annexation

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

HEYBURN — A lawsuit blocking Heyburn's proposed annexation of the J.K. Simplot Co. has been withdrawn, according to attorneys representing the city and the potato processing plant.

But the company could challenge any future attempts to annex the property, said Joe Miller, a Boise attorney representing Simplot.

"We still dispute the city's ability to annex," Miller said.

Still, a new draft of the annexation ordinance will be passed out tonight's Heyburn City Council meeting, said Heyburn attorney Steven Tuft, who added that any actual motions are not expected tonight.

Simplot filed suit against the city in December 2000, seeking

the right to purchase electricity from another supplier. That lawsuit is pending, but one of Simplot's contentions was that since it was not a part of the city, Heyburn had no right to control company power purchases.

Heyburn took steps in January toward annexation, but Simplot sued to block the proposal. This included an order to show cause and halt any proceedings.

A key component may be the rationale employed by the city to annex the property.

"The proposed draft will be based on the Simplot property being entirely surrounded by the city," said Tuft, who said no current legal restriction prevents the city from proceeding with annexation.

Still, if Heyburn passes an annexation ordinance, Tuft said he would not be surprised if Simplot challenged it.

Utilities board hears testimony on buyback

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission Tuesday heard hours of testimony on the Idaho Power Co.'s proposal to pay irrigators to turn off their pumps.

Commission spokesman Gene Robinson said the board spent about an hour and a half on testimony from commission staff, Idaho Power representatives, farmers and representatives from large industrial power users.

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

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ing elk and deer hunting at the monument amounts to \$210,795 a year.

"That may not seem like much of a dollar impact to some of you, but in rural Idaho it's significant," Fisher said.

Most land at Craters, managed by the Park Service, is made up of lava flows and rocky ground that provides little hunting.

Clower and other supporters of Simpson's bill have argued that there are no signs designating the often irregular barriers between

Hearing set
Public hearings on energy issues: The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will hold a public workshop at 5 p.m. and public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on April 5 at the Best Western Cavanaugh's Hotel in Twin Falls on Idaho Power's proposed emergency rate hike and its annual Power Cost Adjustment.

About the plan		
Number of acres affected and power reduction in the Magic Valley in Idaho Power's irrigation buyback program:		
County	Acres	Kilowatt hours (in millions)
Blaine	2,837	5.4
Cassia	6,537	42.5
Gooding	1,456	6.2
Lincoln	10,977	20.1
Jerome	6,224	17.7
Moose	1,412	34.1
Muskogee	21,563	78.9
Twin Falls	20,563	78.9

Source: Idaho Power Co.

Park Service land and BLM land — making it nearly impossible for hunters to discern where hunting and trapping are allowed.

Clower added that surveying the land to post signs would come at a considerable expense.

The resulting signs, he said, could be "unsightly and defeat the purpose of protecting the scenic beauty of the area."

Joseph E. Doldridge, an acting assistant secretary in the Interior Department, said the administration supports legislation to allow continued hunting in the Park Service's portion of the expansion area, as long as other Park Service land remains closed to hunting.

Billingsley Creek bill moves to next stage

BOISE — A Senate panel agreed to have further hearings on a proposal to build a state park and state sponsored aquaculture research facilities near Hagerman.

Sen. John Sandoz, R-Hagerman, said the bill will likely come up for hearings in the Senate Finance Committee next week.

With the Legislature expected to finish up its annual work within the next few weeks, Sandoz is working on a tight deadline for the measure's approval by both legislative houses in time.

The idea for the park, which would include two parcels of 300 acres of land along the creek, "came about one year ago when the owners of a livestock feed hatchery offered to sell their property to the state."

In addition to creating a state park, Sandoz hopes to lease the hatchery to the renowned University of Idaho's aquaculture research facility, just across the stream.

The expected price tag for the property is between \$5 million and \$6 million.

House panel approves Web sex offender list

BOISE — The House Judiciary and Rules Committee Tuesday endorsed a proposal to post the state's sex offender registry on the Internet.

Sponsored by Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Donner, Senate Bill 1192 was heralded by supporters as an opportunity to give a wider dissemination of the information on the list.

Bob Taylor of the ISP told the committee that the dynamic nature of the list means that often hard copies are inaccurate.

"This information we provide is out of date almost within 24 hours," Taylor said.

Currently, individuals can make requests for a hard copy of the list to the Idaho State Police. They are charged a \$5 processing fee for the information. ISP processes about 1,000 requests for the list monthly.

Taylor told the committee that 22 other states have already passed similar laws.

The bill's progress through the Legislature has been in some part the result of an intrusion at the home of the publisher of The Times-News in October which police believe was related to the newspaper's publication of the list.

Posting the list on the Internet precludes newspapers from hav-

ing to publish the controversial list, Darrington has said.

State Board of Education holds meeting today

TWIN FALLS — A State Board of Education public meeting about student testing will be held today in Twin Falls.

The public meeting will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Southwest Elementary School, 1771 Stadium Blvd., in Twin Falls.

An earlier meeting for school administrators, teachers, and school board members will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the school. The meeting for educators will be geared toward gathering information about how schools are testing students and what is working about the testing process that schools would like to see, and testing costs.

The meetings are a chance for Magic Valley residents and educators to offer their input about how to improve testing. Standards should be implemented based on student and school performance.

Idaho is moving into the assessment and accountability piece of its standards reform movement. Standards drafted by the state should show that each grade level, and the state tests are considered a means to ensure that students are learning the standards.

Wendell School District plans for bond issue

WENDELL — The Wendell School District today is expected to officially schedule May 8 voting day for its \$6.1 million bond issue.

Voters will decide whether to support construction of a new \$6.1 million school building, which would demolish an aging middle school structure that has drawn statewide attention. The amount of the bond issue remains the same, but the new bond issue has a couple of different features. It includes a new school building, technical facilities and instead includes the demolition of the old middle school and gymnasium. The district needs two-thirds voter approval to pass the bond issue.

The new school would be built next to the high school. The board will meet at 7 p.m. in the high school library.

— compiled from staff reports

Car accident cancels show

The Times-News

BURLEY — A Burley teen was in satisfactory condition at a local hospital Tuesday following a motorcycle accident.

Adam Fenstermaker, 17, was headed south on Idaho Highway 27 when his car went off the road around 8:50 South, according to a Cassia County accident report.

Fenstermaker plays one of the leads in the Oakley Valley Arts Council's production of the musical "Once Upon a Mattress" and Monday's performance was canceled following the accident, said Kent Sever, the musical's director. Tuesday's performance was canceled and no performance has been scheduled for tonight, Sever said.

Buhl leaders consider buying drug drop box

By Mary Lou Potts

Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Community leaders are stepping up their war on drugs.

At Monday's meeting, Steve Kaatz told council members that the Chamber of Commerce is awarding a "drug-free workplace" poster to businesses and merchants to display in a window. Seventeen have been awarded to date, and the chamber committee will continue to visit businesses to urge them to take part.

The council also approved Police Chief Terry Tipton's plan for a "drug drop box" project.

The locked box, bomb-resistant and built from indestructible material, will be placed in a strategic site, for residents to drop off old or expired prescription

To volunteer

Steve Kaatz will be chairman of Johnny Horton cleanup day, May 5, when volunteers will clean up the city and surrounding areas. Kaatz has served as chairman for the past two years. Volunteers can call Kaatz at the chamber office, at 543-6682.

In other business:

- The council decided on a cost for water and sewer usage to the Kacy Meadows housing development east of town. A charge of \$19 per month will be levied until houses or apartments are sold.

The council approved a \$39,000 contract to Kirt Hibbard, administrator for the grant the city is seeking for water and sewer construction at Kacy Meadows. Hibbard and the council will make a presentation March 24 to an economic advisory committee in Boise. Hibbard would not collect a fee if

the city does not get a grant.

- The city's well No. 6 will be built at 650 Linden, and the contract to build a pump house and storage tank at the site was awarded to Turn-Key Inc. of Ontario, Ore. The low bidder at a base cost of \$20,156. A standby generator is included in the package and bids for water lines are due Thursday. If the water line bids are below estimates, the council can ask for a size and color upgrade in the water tower.

The council and City Engineer Scott Bybee plan to meet Thursday to go over the bids and make a decision regarding the tower.

- The council approved Tipton's proposal for a \$4,700 contract to Ameritron, to take care of the police communications tower.

Several variations of the drug box are available and a committee will be formed to go over specifications. Some boxes are on a pole, some buried underground, and some are put up like mailbox boxes.

"It points out the problems we're having," he said. But board member John Brune wondered if it's enough to define what is sought.

"Does it address teaching styles?" he asked.

Using the example of a requirement to integrate grammar with literature, as opposed to separating the subjects, Nelson said some teachers might have difficulty adapting to new requirements. Even though the state has not finished defining objectives, he said Valley should start the project and reorganize objectives as needed when the state completes its standards.

In other business:

- Nelson said a state-

Department of Education official had told her to go on record recommending purchase of a small school bus rather than a van of similar size and appearance. Two districts in the state are experiencing legal difficulties due to accidents in vans, which lack the same sturdy support of a bus.

The board is looking at purchasing a van to transport small groups of students to extracurricular activities.

\$5 for Nelson has not located a trustee election for May 15 from noon to 8 p.m. at Valley School. Brune from Zone 5 is up for election. Elections are due by 5 p.m. April 13.

The move got the support of a handful of people, including Ketchum attorney Ned Williamson, who said he wished to relocate his law practice from Ketchum to Hailey and hoped to buy property in that area which heretofore had been zoned general residential. Such an office would generate little traffic, he said.

Continued to May 14 a decision on an ordinance that would require residential developers and property owners to develop a site plan on some land for park space. Developers could get a partial reduction in the area required by offering appropriate affordable housing projects.

The city to rent a pasture area to Irving Chamberlain to help keep the weeds under control.

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Times-News correspondent Sandra Calkins can be reached in Richfield at 487-3212.

Valley schools look to get jump on curriculum

By Julie Pence

Times-News correspondent

HAZELTON — Valley School District is planning to jump ahead of the state in developing school accountability standards.

Superintendent Laurel Nelson and School Board members Monday examined a survey done by an Idaho State University statistician showing the district's strengths and weaknesses.

Called a curriculum audit, it compared areas such as teacher absenteeism and student dropout rates with districts of the same size.

Also included in the study were test scores in various sub-

jects at different levels. In addition, the study compared student scores from kindergarten students to Valley graduates, with those entering the district at a variety of levels.

Until teachers have studied the survey, Nelson isn't releasing specific results, but she did say the survey strongly demonstrated the need for curriculum alignment.

"I think it says that fairly and clearly," she said. "This gives information to go to principals and teachers with to show them we're not necessarily teaching what's being tested."

With "high-stakes" testing possible within three years, board Chairman Jim Ritchie said the information is invaluable.

Banker withdraws Hailey annexation request

By Karen Bossick

Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — What was expected to be a controversial hearing on a request by banker Spencer Eccles to Hailey annex 731 acres south of Hailey went down without a whimper Monday night after Eccles withdrew his request.

Hailey Mayor Brad Stiemer said Eccles withdrew his application Monday afternoon. Stiemer said he doesn't know when or if Eccles will resubmit the application or a similar one.

City staff set up extra chairs for a larger than normal audience Monday to have Stiemer send home those who had turned out for the hearing.

The amount of property proposed for annexation was larger than all of Woodside, Hailey's biggest subdivision. Annexation

would have resulted in an increase of 37 percent total land to the city, which currently contains 1,969 acres.

Public officials have expressed hope in the past that at least part of the land will remain open as a buffer zone between Hailey and Bellevue.

In other action Monday, the council:

- Approved a request by Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird to allow construction involving noise for four nights during each of two projects. He hopes to finish one by July 4. The other will be scheduled in September.

Threw its support behind a group of community members who are trying to develop a youth shelter titled Our Place to care for the six to 10 youth ages 12 through 18 who are homeless in the Wood

River Valley at any one time.

Our Place would include a shelter facility for youth ages 12 through 17, a 24-hour crisis intervention service and counseling, medication and other resources.

The steering committee includes alternative school director Barge Levy, juvenile probation officer Douglas Breuer, Advocates for Survivors of Domestic Violence representatives Lynn Bailey and Sheila Wells and Community Health Services manager Erin Hart.

Passed a resolution urging the Forest Service to protect the wilderness values of the Boulder-White Cloud Mountains until a Wilderness plan is passed by Congress.

Changed the zoning of a block between Bullion and Crox streets east of Atkinson's Market to transitional to provide a buffer between

commercial business and residential neighborhoods. The designation allows for professional offices, said City Planner Kathy Grotto.

The move got the support of a handful of people, including Ketchum attorney Ned Williamson, who said he wished to relocate his law practice from Ketchum to Hailey and hoped to buy property in that area which heretofore had been zoned general residential. Such an office would generate little traffic, he said.

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Richfield City Council approves new subdivision

By Sandra L. Calkins

Times-News correspondent

RICHFIELD — The City Council Monday approved a 120-day moratorium on confined animal feeding operations to give the city Planning and Zoning Commission more time to establish CAFO ordinances regarding the city and its area of impact. The moratorium will not affect existing operations.

Also Monday, the council

approved a new subdivision in the city area of impact.

The 120-acre property, owned by The Morgan of Nampa, will be subdivided into seven parcels.

Morgan requested city water services and said he would work with a neighbor with an existing line to install a new line. The city will check to see if there is sufficient water pressure and discuss an agreement with Morgan at a future date.

Other City Council business:

- The council approved an increase in building permit fees which vary depending on the building and what it's used for.

Mayor Charles Butteneau told the council that Lincoln County had hired a new deputy to serve the Richfield area.

- The council approved the city to contribute \$45 a month to help the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office with rising fuel costs.

- The council approved the

Threat concerns schools

The Times-News

PAUL — A threatening note discovered last week at Westside Junior High School has district officials concerned.

According to Minidoka County Sheriff's Deputy Gavin Sever, a 16-year-old Heyburn boy wrote a six-page note describing his intent to go on a shooting spree at the school. A teenage girl found the note on the floor and took it home to her parents, Sever said.

The note did not name specific targets, Sever said. The boy signed the note, he said.

The girl's father then notified the sheriff's department, Sever said. Sever said he talked with the boy, the boy's mother and a school counselor the following day.

A student was taken into custody that night, Sever said. A juvenile detention center official said

Twain Falls High School, NCH Idaho will replace a wind-sapped wooden light pole with a 100-foot metal pole doubling as a light pole and cellular phone antenna.

NCH Idaho will compensate the district with 40 hours of cellular phone service packages valued at \$9,000 a year for five years.

The board learned that Oregon Trail Elementary School Principled Popplewell has been named as one of nine national delegates to the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

Linda Baird, the school district's community relations coordinator, was recognized in a report by the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory for the district's public relations strategies.

Times-News education reporter Jennifer Sandman can be reached at 733-0031, Ext. 241.

Attorney

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judge's job in Rupert in January. A Harvard College graduate, Ingram worked as a deputy attorney general from 1984 to 1986, and has been in private practice in Burley since 1990. He and his

wife Julie have two children. Ingram also impressed the panel of interviewers with his knowledge of the legal system and his ability to do the job, he said, is that it would sometimes seem kind of monotonous. "I would never be telling people they have the right to remain silent," Ingram said.

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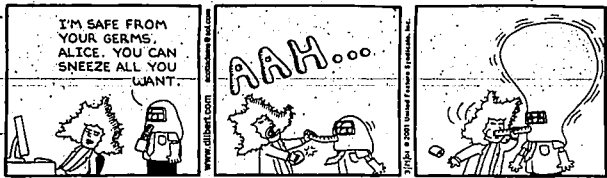
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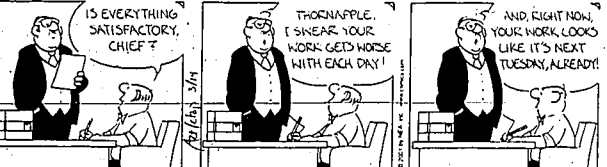
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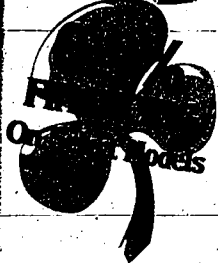
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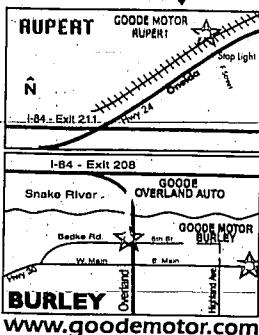
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Tax rebate gains traction in Senate

The Associated Press

BOISE - Senate Republicans moved behind closed doors again Tuesday, searching for a consensus on a major tax cut as Gov. Dirk Kempthorne picked up his campaign to salvage a tax rebate while the state's financial picture dimmed further.

"While we are seeing reductions in economic activity, one of the best things we can do is return money in the form of a rebate rather than reducing the tax rates," Kempthorne said several hours before the two-hour caucus of the 32 GOP senators.

"It's very tangible evidence that they've received money

Kempthorne campaigns to salvage tax cut amidst thinning Idaho economy

back, and I've had people say they know what they'll do with their checks," the governor said. "That's going to help stimulate main street businesses."

And after support for the \$91 million tax rebate had been waning, the centerpiece of the governor's tax relief package was gaining new life. Senate Republican Caucus Chairman Judi Danielson of Council said administration calculations showing the much more significant impact of a rebate over a rate reduction were having an effect. But she said no consensus was reached on an

Here are the allocations approved on Tuesday for the nearly \$2.8 million in interest earnings on the Idaho Millennium Fund trust containing the state's tobacco settlement payments:

- \$170,000 for youth courts, with \$50,000 earmarked for the program in Butte.
- \$250,000 for the status offender program in the Magic Valley.
- \$735,000 to cover cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000 that counties typically pay for uninsured poor people treatment for tobacco-related illnesses.
- \$500,000 for a media campaign against tobacco use.
- \$500,500 for smoking cessation activities by the Public Health Districts.
- \$200,000 to support communities using the Youth Asset Building program and hold a statewide conference.
- \$400,000 for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention.
- \$95,000 for Boise State University's Center for Health Policy to evaluate the state's substance abuse programs.

"We're getting closer and closer," Danielson said, and the 32

Republicans will take up the issue again this morning.

In addition to the rebates allocated at a smaller amount than Kempthorne proposed, senators were focusing on reductions in personal and corporate tax rates, an increase in the income tax credit for sales tax paid on food, deductibility of health insurance premiums, personal property reductions and incentives to extend broadband technology.

The Senate was expected to take a more conservative approach.

The discussions came against

new figures from the Division of Financial Management showing tax receipts continuing to fall short of the optimistic projections of just two months ago.

February tax collections were \$11 million lower than analysts forecast; dropping receipts for the current budget year below the forecast for the 10-11 time. Personal income taxes, which account for over half the tax collections. In the last three months income taxes have been more than \$20 million lower than expected, and sales taxes, which reflect consumer confidence, were over \$9 million lower than projected for a modest 79 percent overall growth.

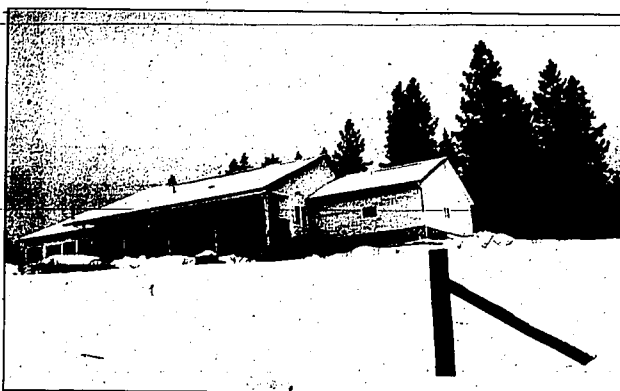
Senate kills stronger seatbelt law

The Associated Press

BOISE - The state Senate voted two-to-one on Tuesday against a tougher seatbelt law. Critics claimed the state should not be dictating these kinds of safety decisions.

By a 23-11 vote, the chamber rejected the proposal to require all passenger in a vehicle to wear seatbelts and to increase the fine from \$5 to \$20. Violations would still be secondary, meaning a motorist could not be cited without being stopped and cited for another motor vehicle violation.

He pointed out that Idaho ranked 49th in a recent motor vehicle safety survey and its \$5 fine for the driver and front-seat passenger failing to wear seatbelts is the lowest in the nation.



This house on Lode Star Ave. north of Rathdrum is allegedly where George and Edith Crawford operated Amram Inc., which manufactured injectable drugs. Those drugs were distributed by Phynx Pharmaceuticals, of Scottsdale, Ariz., before the FDA recalled them in December. Amram stopped making the drugs here on Jan. 19, Edith Crawford said.

Drug lab claims ignorance of laws

The Associated Press

RATHDRUM - Federal regulators have determined that a medicinal drug lab in northern Idaho, inspected for the first time only after its products nearly killed a woman, did not check its raw materials, failed to train workers, did not require protective clothing and sterilized vials in a microwave oven.

The owner of Amram Inc. acknowledges that the lab violated Food and Drug Administration guidelines, but says the agency never told her the rules existed.

Edith Crawford also said the agency inflated minor problems to cover its own mistakes. It allowed the lab to operate for two years without an inspection and

failed to notify state officials of its existence.

"The FDA dropped the ball on my case," said Crawford, a Rathdrum pharmacist technician. "Then, to cover up the fact that actions were not taken, they made this recall go out that was so harsh, it shut down my business. The FDA bankrupted me. And they're very proud of it by the way."

Other drug makers, pharmacists and state officials say the Food and Drug Administration and the companies involved each bear some responsibility for the problems.

"All the FDA would have had to do was insist Amram could not start production," said Don Klauert, Kootenai Medical Center's director of pharmacy.

"I feel for Edith Crawford," said Anthony Bonanzino, the chief executive officer of Hollister-Stier Laboratories, a drug manufacturer in Spokane. "She clearly has no knowledge of what's involved to operate an injectable (drugs) business. I don't think there was any malicious intent. It was just very simply an extraordinary lack of understanding."

One of the women nearly died, prompting a recall of 38 Amram products. Amram is not currently making drugs pending the conclusion of the Food and Drug Administration investigation. Crawford said the company is probably finished, unless she can find the capital to contract with a manufacturer to produce its drugs.

Senate panel approves new gambling compacts

Legislature in brief

BOISE - The Senate's leadership committee on Monday supported ratifying the new gambling compacts Gov. Dirk Kempthorne negotiated with the three northern tribes to legalize existing electronic-gambling machines in return for limits on their number and a piece of the action.

The 6-3 vote of the State Affairs Committee also produced the unexpected support of Senate Judiciary Chairman Denton Darrington of Bechtel. While a staunch gambling opponent, Darrington expressed concern that without the new compacts the electronic machines would only proliferate.

If the administration can keep his support along with that of President Pro Tem Robert Geddes of Soda Springs, whose district is strongly anti-gambling, the compacts could narrowly win ratification from the full Senate. Prospects in the House remain uncertain.

"In this body all we have to do is mention the union and we know the red pills at our doorstep," teacher and Democratic Rep. Bert Marley of McCammon said before the 70-20 vote against the bill he sponsored. Opponents said it was an unnecessary intrusion on the local management prerogatives of elected school trustees.

GOP Rep. Leon Smith, a Twin Falls lawyer, said the bill contained "typical union contract language."

But Marley and other supporters said it would only have required school boards to "meet and confer" with such non-union employees as classroom aides, custodial and lunchroom workers.

House encourages support of sports officials

BOISE - The Idaho House of Representatives unanimously endorsed Tuesday a resolution aimed at focusing public attention on what sponsors said is the growing problem of assaults on sports officials.

The measure, sponsored by Democratic Rep. David Bechtel of Boise and introduced by the House chaplain, Rev. Jim Henry, said a "Nanny" who also is a high school football official, additional steps to reduce the assaults and threaten prosecution.

Bechtel said sports officials are every level - from 1st grade umpires to football referees - deserve to have the support of the communities they serve.

- compiled from wire reports

BOISE - A bid to give non-teacher school district employees more of a voice in their working conditions was squelched by the Idaho House on Monday as a thinly veiled attempt at unionization by the Idaho Education Association.

House kills 'meet and confer' measure

Portland-Boise train service may resume

The Associated Press

BOISE - A report justifying restoration of passenger train service through Boise to Portland was submitted on Tuesday to Bush administration-Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta.

The report of the Amtrak Task Force, set up by Idaho Republican Sen. Michael Crapo and Oregon Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden, tends that adding freight shipments can improve the cost-benefit ratios of a southern Idaho route. It also indicates strong support from residents and officials in both Idaho and Oregon.

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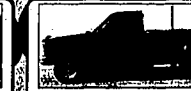




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SPORTSQUOTE

66 I've got my own personal chef—who can make anything Chris wants—and he can come eat at my house anytime.

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—Tracy McGrady, referring to Sacramento Kings forward Chris Webber. McGrady was warned by the NBA on Tuesday that his comment could be interpreted as tampering.

TRIVIA

QUESTIONS

When did USC make its first appearance in the men's NCAA basketball tournament?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school baseball
Minico sophs at Buhl, 4 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Soccer referee clinic opens today

TWIN FALLS—A clinic for soccer referees runs today through Saturday at the Trinity Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic at 1330 Filer Ave. E. Times are 6:30-9:30 p.m. weekdays and 9-4 p.m. on Saturday.
For more information, call Peter at 733-2111 or John at 734-3151.

Cal Ripken league holds observation today

TWIN FALLS—An observation for Cal Ripken baseball leagues will be held today at 5:30 p.m. at Harmon Park's No. 3 diamond. Registration forms, birth certificates and a \$50 fee will be required one hour before the workout.
For more information, call Kim Pullin at 734-8455, or Pete Turner at 734-7643.

Canyon Springs men reschedule scramble

TWIN FALLS—The Canyon Springs men's golf association will play their opening scramble on Sunday. Sign ups will begin at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start scheduled for 9 a.m. A no-host breakfast buffet will also be offered.

Co-ed volleyball tournament at CSI

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

Correction

Senior Alisha Wilkenson was misidentified in a photo caption on Tuesday. Wilkenson attends Burley High School.

The Times-News regrets the error.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

1940. In a field of eight teams, USC defeated Cal Poly, 38-22—the first round and lost to Kansas, 43-42, in a national semi-final game.

Junior golfers tee it up

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—With a long winter finally giving way to spring, the Magic Valley's boys' and girls' high school golfers are already making the loop around area's courses this week.

With a state championship in their bag, the Twin Falls girls' will look to repeat at the Class A-1 level this season. Four of this spring's varsity five return from that team, and with the addition of freshmen Whitney Cleland and Hannah Venn, Bruin coach Paul Stover has high hopes that this team could be even better.

The Bruin boys will also contend, and hope to improve upon last year's fourth-place showing at state. In the A-2 ranks, the Filer boys landed a fourth-place showing at state, with senior Nate Stinson back for a run at the individual medalist honor. Stinson took third medalist last season. Buhl senior Ty Popplewell has his sights set on replicating his top four finish from two years ago. Also watch out for an always competitive Deco, whose girls' team placed third at state last spring.

But the power at A-2 could lie in the Gooding girls team, who were state runners up last season. Though the team lost 1999 state champion Tamara Thompson to graduation, the Lady Senators return the trio of Karissa Blum, Kyria Wolfe and Ashley Bickford with state tournament experience. The Class A-3 field, which combines traditional A-3 and A-4 schools, looks to be wide open this year.

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Spring High School Previews

Today: The Times-News begins previewing spring season high school sports, beginning with the area's boys' and girls' golf teams.
Thursday: baseball, softball
Saturday: Class A-1, A-2 track and field
Next week: tennis and Class A-3, A-4 track and field



Zach Abels with the Kimberly High School golf team watches as his chip shot just misses going in the hole at Pleasant Valley Golf Course on Tuesday. This was the first official meet of the year for the Bulldogs, who hosted Valley, Murlough and Deco.

ACC dominates All-America team

The Associated Press

Duke teammates Shane Battier and Jason Williams and North Carolina's Joseph Forte were the top vote-getters on the Associated Press All-America team announced Tuesday, just the second time three players from the same conference made the first team.

Notre Dame's Troy Murphy, the 44th player to repeat as an All-American, and Casey Jacobsen, Stanford's first forward selection, also were chosen by the national media panel.

On the women's team, Notre Dame's Ruth Riley and Georgia's Kelly Miller were the only repeat selections on the AP All-America team, with Riley the lone unanimous choice. They were joined on the first team by national scoring leader Jackie Stiles of Southwest Missouri State, Purdue's Katie Douglas and Oklahoma State's Dales.

Battier, the only senior on the All-America team, was one vote shy of being a unanimous selection. The 6-foot-8 forward was on 70 first-team ballots and had 353 points in the 52-1 voting system.

The national defensive player of the last two seasons, Battier averaged 19.5 points and 6.8



Duke's Shane Battier shoots a basket during an Atlantic Coast Conference tournament team workout last week. Battier was one vote short of being a unanimous All-American selection on Tuesday. He and the Blue Devils open the NCAA tournament on Thursday.

rebounds in leading Duke, which was No. 1 in the final regular-season poll for a third straight season, joining UCLA from 1971-73 as the only teams to do that.

Battier, a second-team All-America last season, and Williams, a 6-2 sophomore who averaged 20.8 points, 6.2 assists and 1.9 steals, are the eighth pair of teammates to be selected for the first team.

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Tkachuk goes to St. Louis

Lindros and Peca still sitting

The Associated Press

Keith Tkachuk was shipped out of Phoenix to play for a Stanley Cup contender, Eric Lindros and Michael Peca stayed put and will probably sit out the entire season for teams they refuse to play for.

Tkachuk, the 28-year-old Coyotes captain, was traded to the St. Louis Blues in the headline deal completed before Tuesday's NHL



Keith Tkachuk

deadline. Lindros and Peca, both restricted free agents, who have not played this season, were not among the 11 players involved in 17 trades on Tuesday.

For Tkachuk, the Coyotes received center Michael Handrus, right wing Ladislav Nagy and forward left Taffie, currently playing for the

University of Minnesota.

"Keith Tkachuk will give our team an entirely new, dynamic personality up front," general manager Larry Pleau said of the Blues' Central Division's second place team.

Philadelphia could not make a satisfactory deal for Lindros, the team's former captain who worked never to play for the Flyers again.

"All along we felt that we weren't going to be able to trade Lindros, and we were proven right," Tkachuk said.

The Buffalo Sabres were similar.

Please see TKACHUK, Page D2

Northwestern St. stops Winthrop

Game marks first-ever play-in for NCAA tourney

The Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — Josh Hancock hit another last-minute shot and Northwestern State won the NCAA tournament game no one wanted to play.

Hancock's 3-pointer with 1 minute left overcame Winthrop's torrid 3-point shooting Tuesday night and set up a 71-67 victory in the tournament's play-in game between its two lowest seeds.

Northwestern State (19-12) earned two things with its play-in win: the first NCAA tournament victory in school history and the toughest challenge ever for a No. 16 seed. The Southland Conference champions have only two days to get ready for No. 1 Illinois, a formidable team with a



Northwestern State guard Josh Hancock drives past Winthrop defender Pierre Wooten during the NCAA play-in game. Tuesday in Dayton, Ohio.

Dodge rodeo hits Pocatello

The Times-News

POCATELLO—The 15th Annual Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo rides into Pocatello's Holt Arena for a four-day stay beginning today through Saturday.

The rodeo will feature 192 of the top competitors of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys' Association and the Women's Professional Rodeo Association. They all have earned the right to represent their teams in one of the national circuits to compete for the national championship titles and over \$450,000 in prize money.

Besides the heated competition, the DNFCR also features a

top-notch production guaranteed to keep spectators at the edge of their seats. Contestants will compete in two rounds of competition on Tuesday, the field to the final eight in each event for the final round on Saturday night.

Veering for the all-around title, cowboys and cowgirls will compete in several events including bareback riding, saddle bronc riding and bull riding. Timed events include steer wrestling, team roping and calf roping, while the women will face off in barrel racing.

World renowned announcer

Zepp Dove will call the action. Several of last year's champions are expected to compete including all-around cowboy M. Garrett, bareback rider J. McAnall, steer wrestling champion Jesse Peterson and bull rider Greg Potter.

Among the other activities during the week will be the crowning of the rodeo queen on Saturday after the matinee rodeo. Miss Rodeo Idaho Brandy Christensen, of Preston and Miss High School Rodeo Allison Swan, of Twin Falls will be in attendance.

Rodeo times are today through Friday at 7 p.m. with a matinee on Saturday at noon and the finals at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door.

DNFCR

When: Today through Saturday
Where: Pocatello's Holt Arena
Times: 7 p.m. today, through Friday, noon and 7 p.m. on Saturday
Tickets: At the door

Notes on the economy



Magic Valley report

Passenger boardings for SkyWest Airlines - a Delta Connection carrier - at Justin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport:

February 2001: 3,433

That's an unwelcome 11.4 percent decrease from the 3,874 SkyWest boardings in February 2000, when the total was up 8.6 percent from the 3,567 boardings in February 1999.

Year-to-date 2001: 7,033

That's a 6.8 percent decrease from the 7,543 boardings in the first two months of 2000.

Those totals don't include charter flights.

Source: Darlene Johnson, airport executive assistant.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Free workshops will focus on mine safety

SEATTLE - The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration is offering free Idaho workshops to surface stone, sand and gravel mine operators to help them meet safety training requirements that became effective last year.

"The goal is to prevent miners from becoming victims of accidents or health hazards," said Robert Elam, acting assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health.

MSHA plans two southern Idaho workshops:

Idaho Falls - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday. Call 667-9901 for details.

Boise - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. Call 321-2982.

ShopKo Stores Inc. secures credit facility

GREEN BAY, Wis. - Wisconsin-based ShopKo Stores Inc., which operates a Twin Falls store, said Tuesday it has closed on a three-year, \$600 million senior secured revolving credit facility from Fleet Retail Finance Inc.

"This financing provides us with the opportunity to focus on strategic initiatives aimed at increasing our profitability and delivering measurable improvements to shareholder value," said William J. Podyan, ShopKo's chairman, president and chief executive.

The facility, secured by inventory and receivables, will replace ShopKo's existing senior bank facilities and can also be used for general corporate purposes.

Sonic Corp. reports sales increase, higher costs

OKLAHOMA CITY - Sonic Corp., which has franchisees preparing to open the drive-in restaurant chain's first Magic Valley location - reported estimated systemwide same-store sales improved considerably during January and February vs. December.

Same-store sales during that period were in the anticipated range of a 2-to-4 percent increase, adjusting for the extra sales day in February 2000, Sonic said. However, the company said unseasonably cold, wet weather during December not only hurt sales for that month, but also resulted in fewer franchise store openings during the quarter than anticipated.

As a result of those factors - and continued pressure on some restaurant costs, most notably utilities - the company predicted earnings for its second quarter ending Feb. 28 will likely be at the lower end of the 20-to-22-cent range of current analyst expectations.

In second quarter last year, Sonic reported revenues of \$58.4 million and net income of \$5.2 million or 18 cents per diluted share (adjusted for the first-for-two stock split distributed in November 2000). Sonic expects to report results for the second quarter during the last week of March.

Compiled from staff reports

BID plans to collect debts

Plan will get tough on overdue assessments

By Julie Pence
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - A 25 to 35 percent delinquency rate on downtown assessments will soon end, downtown leaders say. And the beginning of the end is April 1, when those in arrears receive letters informing them of a new Business Improvement District policy.

Historic Old Towne's BID board postponed voting Tuesday on the particulars of a plan to send overdue payments in excess of 90 days to small claims court, but members instructed Executive Director Tim Jones to have all details ready for approval by their March 27 meeting.

A policy of relying on a private collection firm has not been effective, they say, and currently some amount between \$15,000 and \$18,000 is outstanding on an ongoing basis.

"No one here would be allowed to get away with not paying their other bills for their businesses for 30 to 90 days," said Chairman Ron Thompson, adding that the BID's new measures are simply "standard business procedure."

Plans for collections include these steps: 30 days past due warrants a friendly past-due note; 60 days past due earns another past-due notice; and 90 days past due means the board sends a collection letter with a specific date and authorization to proceed with collection.

Thompson predicted that as the threat of court judgments gets around the district, nearly all BID members will pay assessments on time. They will want to avoid embarrassment, expense and damaged credit, he explained.

"This has a whole lot of teeth in it," he said.

But Thompson emphasized that those who are having trouble making payments on time can arrange ahead of time for schedules to pay owed money - and as long as they show good faith, they won't be penalized.

In other business Tuesday:

- Old Towne leaders updated the BID on improvements in their district.

Steve Soran showed a map of a planned parking lot to border the railroad tracks and add 108 new spots. Jones also acquired board support to approach Twin Falls' planning and zoning board about a new dance club proposed above Muggers Brewery, but only if the planned parking projects in the area proceed. Thompson applauded the

opening of Treasure Cove's entertainment center in the district, saying it is a healthy business to have downtown because it targets mothers and their children.

• Jones said the BID is sponsoring a two-day downtown for volunteers who work in the visitors-center south of the Perrine Bridge.

• Board member Dan Brizee said the design committee for revitalizing the historical area of Twin Falls has set its first goals, which include changing a two-way, three-lane Second Avenue into two-way, two-lane roads with diagonal parking. Thompson said that, from his discussions with residents and city leaders, he believes consensus is nearly 100 percent in favor of the plan.

• The board decided to help the Magic Valley Arts Council support the summer event Twin Falls Tonight if financial sponsorship from private business continues.

MOOD SWINGS



Trading clerk Ivan Orlovic relays trading information from the S&P 500 Futures trading pit Tuesday at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. At midday, technology stocks managed a small gain, but the overall mood of the market remained tentative and sour. By the late afternoon, technology and blue chip stock prices snapped back upward as investors capitulated on the damage caused by Wall Street's worst day this year. The Dow rose 82.55 and the NASDAQ closed up 91.42.

UPS moves into retail outlets

United Parcel Service gives up venture, buys Mail Boxes Etc.

Knight Ridder News Service

ALPHARETTA, Ga. - When delivery giant United Parcel Service announced last week that it will buy Mail Boxes Etc., a store owner in Alpharetta could claim she had moved a corporate mountain.

"I've been battling UPS as hard as I possibly can for the last year," said Cheryl King, owner of a Mail Boxes Etc. franchise there. "Now they're buying me - so I guess that means I won."

UPS is buying the San Diego, Calif.-based Mail Boxes company - which has Magic Valley locations in Burley, Ketchum and Twin Falls - for \$191 million in cash, according to court papers filed by its corporate parent. But industry experts say King and her six employees played a significant role in convincing UPS it would be wiser to buy the company rather than challenge its 4,300 franchisees to sue and sue.

UPS signaled its intention to become a retail player early last year when it opened its own gleaming "experimental" pack-and-ship store in Alpharetta, a store's throw from the Mail Boxes franchise that King and her husband, Bill, have owned for about four years. UPS downplayed the move at the time, saying its lone store was part of a data collection drive to explore consumer habits in the burgeoning business-to-consumer market.

But King and other Mail Boxes franchise owners regarded the UPS store as the first shot in what they feared would become a war of attrition. King said she felt betrayed: UPS had long been her preferred shipper, and suddenly it had morphed into her biggest competitor.

Her sense she had been double-

crossed was amplified by the fact that UPS used to own a minority stake in Mail Boxes and held a seat on its board beginning in 1990. (UPS sold its stake and gave up its board seat after U.S. Office of Patents bought Mail Boxes for \$277 million in 1997.)

King and other Mail Boxes franchisees responded to the UPS retail threat by steering customers to rivals FedEx, Airborne, DHL and the U.S. Postal Service. UPS quickly went from carrying the lion's share of King's packages to just a sliver. During one memorable week, King said she made no UPS shipments at all. (UPS handled about 17 million of the 40 million packages Mail Boxes generated last year.)

"UPS has the resources to go to its own retail network - but it's decided that's not the smartest way to go about it."

- Bill Fahrenwald, industry analyst

Meanwhile, King enhanced customer service at her suburban store, and package volume and revenue continued to grow.

"I try not to let the competition affect the way I do business," she said. "I don't keep track of where my customers go. I don't watch the UPS parking lot or count how many cars are there."

UPS spokesman Ken Sternad said the company's retail store in Alpharetta and another on Johnson Ferry Road have been "successful." But the decision to purchase Mail Boxes shows UPS plans a new direction.

"We wouldn't have opened those stores if we didn't want a retail presence," he said. "But as a result of the Mail Boxes purchase, our focus has changed dra-

matically." Mail Boxes and UPS both realized several years ago that Internet-based e-commerce and individuals working from home offices would drive future growth, Sternad said. Those parallel tracks have linked the two organizations relatively simply.

"Mail Boxes has been developing technology and financial solutions that are linked to the movement of goods, and so have we," Sternad said. "Their stores are the real part of the virtual world. And they know their markets."

Sternad said UPS won't reveal details of its plans until the acquisition is complete sometime in the second quarter. But industry analysts say they expect UPS to rapidly expand Mail Boxes' capabilities.

"UPS has the resources to grow its own retail network - but it's decided that's not the smartest way to go about it," said Bill Fahrenwald, president of the Transportation Marketing and Communications Association. "Purchasing Mail Boxes gives UPS an established retail network with a national presence."

About 80 percent of the packages UPS currently handles travel from one business to another. That percentage is likely to change, however, as Internet-based e-commerce continues its meteoric growth and more people work in home offices and on the road. Retail shipments are particularly important to UPS because small shippers pay premium rates. They don't command the steep volume discounts that large accounts get.

The Mail Boxes purchase also fits with major UPS initiatives such as promoting e-commerce merchandise returns through UPS Logistics and generating small-business loans through UPS Capital. Industry analysts say that Mail Boxes retail stores could soon become miniature financial centers that handle loans and credit as well as coordinate shipping.

UPS has said it will continue to

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Qwest launches state 'coalitions'

Telecommunications giant wants back into long-distance market

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY - New organizations that claim to champion the rights of telephone customers appear to be designed to help a large communication company expand its reach.

The stated goal of the Utah Coalition for Competitive Telecommunications - and similar coalitions set up in Idaho and a dozen other states - is to promote competition in the state telephone industry.

The Utah coalition's Internet site portrays it as an alliance of small businesses, consumers and large corporations that want to increase telecommunications choices. Internet sites for Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Oregon, Washington, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa are the same.

Although the names of each state organization differ, the websites are all the capitalized state postal abbreviation in front of "competition.org" and the same pictures and pictures of the same people appear on more than one site.

What the sites are vague about is that the coalitions are the brainchild of Qwest Communications, the Denver-based telephone giant that wants back into the long-distance business in those 14 states. U.S. West's former territory, Qwest was forced to give up its long-distance business in those states in order to get federal

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Names, websites

Here are the names of the individual state coalitions set up by Qwest to promote communication competition and possibly entry of Qwest into state long-distance services, followed by their Internet website addresses:

Idaho Coalition for Telecommunications Competition, www.IDCompetition.org
Utah Coalition for Competitive Telecommunications, www.UCompetition.org
Washington Alliance for Real Competition, www.WACompetition.org
Oregon Coalition for Consumer Choice, www.OCCompetition.org
Montana Coalition for Competitive Choice, www.MCompetition.org
Wyoming Competitive Choices Coalition, www.WYCompetition.org
Colorado Coalition for Real Competition, www.CCCompetition.org
Arizona Consumer Choice and Fair Competition, www.AZCompetition.org
The Competitive Alliance of New Mexico, www.NMCompetition.org
North Dakotas for Telecommunications Choices, www.NDCompetition.org
South Dakota Coalition for Fair Competition, www.SDCompetition.org
Minnesota Alliance for Telecommunications Competition, www.MNCompetition.org
Iowa Competitive Telecommunications Coalition, www.IACompetition.org
Nebraskans for Fair Competition, www.NBCompetition.org

Kmart profit falls as company spends on store improvements

BridgeNews

CHICAGO - Fourth-quarter profits plunged nearly 40 percent at Kmart Corp. as the retailer spent more to improve its stores, but the nation's second-biggest discount chain still managed to earn more than analysts expected.

Net income fell to \$249 million, or 48 cents a share, from \$412 million, or 77 cents a share, a year earlier. Analysts polled by First Call/Thomson Financial had been expecting earnings of 47 cents a share.

In an effort to improve store operations and customer service, Kmart - which has stores in Twin Falls and Burley - pledged in August to invest \$2 billion in infrastructure improvements over the next two years. The company's new chief executive, Chuck Conway, has been spending on new technology that will aid in keeping popular items in stock and help speed up customer checkouts.

He told analysts and investors via a conference call that in October, Kmart started measuring what proportion of goods it planned to sell were actually in stock. The level has gone from 79 percent then to almost 88 percent.

"We are rapidly - and I emphasize, rapidly - closing the gap on our competition on this key metric," he said. "And shortly, we will be at 90 percent and then move the needle even north of that. And I'm absolutely confident we'll be at world-class levels in a lot quicker time than people imagine."

Other new technology lets workers scan the contents of a customer's shopping basket and give the customer a "line-buster card" they can give the cashier. The cashier can use the card to quickly determine how much the customer owes, allowing for a faster checkout.

The Troy, Mich.-based retailer's sales for the period ended Jan. 31 rose 4.8 percent to \$11.6 billion while sales at stores open at least a year rose 2.1 percent.

"With our same-store sales increasing over the past four months, it is clear that the new Kmart is closing the gap with our competition, and in some cases moving ahead," Conway said.

He said the company has increased its market share by two percentage points in recent months. "This is a first for Kmart in over 10 years," he said.

cent moisture). Prices are given daily by Rangens in B. Soft white wheat, March delivery, in Mountain Home.

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SUGAR—World No. 11 112,000 cts./cents per lb.					
May	8.67	8.93	8.74	8.76	-1
Jul				8.30	-1
Aug	8.12	8.13	8.00	8.00	-1
Mar	7.95	7.08	7.05	7.05	-1
May	7.83	7.83	7.72	7.74	-1
Jul	7.75	7.75	7.65	7.65	-1
Oct	7.75	7.75	7.65	7.65	-1
Mon	sales 10,532				
Mon	open sales 155,153 up 2,173				
SUGAR 14 112,000 lbs./cents per lb.					
May	21.25	21.30	21.25	21.28	-1
Jun	21.25	21.40	21.25	21.40	-1
Jan	21.55	21.55	21.55	21.55	-1
Nov	20.50	20.55	20.50	20.55	-1
Dec				20.55	-1
Mar	20.85	20.85	20.83	20.83	-1
Jul	20.85	20.95	20.91	20.91	-1

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NEW YORK (AP)—Handy & Harman said Tuesday that the market for copper in London is trading at \$6.0225 a pound, up 50 points. Futures for the metal on the London Metal Exchange are trading at \$6.4300, up 80 points. London lead is at \$4.4300, up 80 points. Long lead is at \$4.4500, up 80 points. Fairlead is \$1.1810, up 102.5.

NY Merc says spot month Tuesday \$4.4150, up 80.

NEW YORK (AP)—Spot nonferrous metal prices Tuesday.

Aluminum—89.6 cents per lb., London Metal Exchange.

Copper—\$6.0225 a pound, up 50 points, U.S. destination.

Copper—\$6.4180 cents per lb., N.Y. Merc spot day.

Lead—\$4.4300 cents per lb., up 80.

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Lead—\$4.4500 cents per lb., up 80.

NY Merc says 50 lb. tin, Handy & Harman (only day quote).

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Silver—\$4.95 Troy oz., Handy & Harman (only day quote).

Silver—\$4.95 Troy oz., N.Y. Merc spot day.

Platinum—\$1550.00 per 76.75 to flask, N.Y.

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	NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. currency exchange rates Tuesday, compared to last Monday:	Pine Bar
Dollar vs:	Exchange Rate	
Euro	\$0.9142	\$0.9130
Mark	2.1392	2.1077
Pound	\$1.4401	\$1.4633
Swiss Franc	1.6811	1.6811
Canadian dollar	1.5438	1.5311
Mexican peso	9.5600	9.6450

FOSSIL FUELS

NEW YORK (AP) — Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange Tuesday:

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Ch
WHEAT CRUDE					
1,000 bbl. dollars per bbl.					
Jun	27.85	27.96	27.51	27.59	-4
May	28.20	28.20	27.75	27.83	-4
Jul	28.19	28.13	27.80	27.84	-4
Jul	28.23	28.02	27.70	27.79	-3

Mon's sales	130.590	27.57	27.30	-3
Mon's ops net	430.445	27.57	27.30	-3
HEATING OIL				
42,000 gal. costs per gal.				
Apr	73.20	73.23	72.40	72.90
May	71.20	71.23	71.00	71.45
Jun	71.28	71.28	70.85	71.10
Jul	71.20	71.50	71.20	71.40
Aug	72.00	72.00	71.50	71.50
Sep	72.50	72.70	72.40	72.50
Mon's sales	25.483			
Mon's ops net	121.174	up 479		
UNLEADED GASOLINE				
42,000 gal. costs per gal.				
Apr	85.20	85.20	85.20	85.67
May	88.00	88.00	87.50	87.82
Jun	87.50	87.50	86.70	86.97
Jul	86.00	86.00	85.70	85.42
Aug	81.45	83.80	83.15	83.20
Mon's sales	24.507			
Mon's ops net	125.136	up 688		
NATURAL GAS				
10,000 m.therm. \$ per mm btu				
Apr	\$ 16.4	\$ 19.00	4.906	5.006
May	\$ 22.4	\$ 22.40	5.006	5.006

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Section E

HOT AND COLD

BLOWING



Mike Vanourner, an employee with Terry's Air Conditioning and Heating in Twin Falls, loads a high-efficiency heat pump.

MICHAEL OSTENHOUT/The Times-News

Is a heat pump the answer to your towering utility bills?

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Nothing focuses the mind of an Idaho homeowner quite so wonderfully as a \$200-plus monthly electric bill - or a power-and-gas bill to match.

But apart from rolling out another layer of pink insulation in the attic or caulking the windows again, there are limited means to take a big bite out of your home energy costs.

Two of the most efficient alternatives are installing a new gas furnace, if yours is more than a decade old, and buying a heat pump.

But like everything else about running a household, it's a question of cost vs. benefit, observes Dan Brizee, who runs Brizee Heating and Air Conditioning in Twin Falls.

"People go crazy when their power bill tops \$200, but before you go spend a lot of money, you need to calculate what your actual heating bill is."

"Go back and look what your summer electric bills were. If you're paying \$60 in July, that means you're heating costs in the winter are \$140 (a month) - not \$200."

Enough to justify the \$1,600-\$4,000 cost of an air-breathing heat pump, or the much more expensive geothermal varieties?

"In the long run, probably," Brizee said. "But depending on your situation, it may take 3-5 years to recoup your costs - or longer."

There's little question that heat pumps can return the most heat per unit of energy consumed - lowering electricity bills 35-45 percent a month.

"And our electricity bills are going to go up," Brizee said. "Our gas rates already have."

Heat pumps are most economical when they can be used year-round for

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How they work

A heat pump extracts available heat from one area and transfers it to another. Even cold air contains some heat, and heat pumps can extract heat from the outside air on a cold day and transfer it indoors to maintain a comfortable temperature. A heat pump can also work in reverse during the summer, drawing heat from the indoors and transferring it outdoors just the way an air conditioner functions.

Instead of using electricity directly to heat the air, heat pumps employ electricity to move existing heat from the outside into the house. In the heating mode, the efficiency of a heat pump decreases as the outdoor air temperature decreases.

Heat flows naturally from a warm area to a cooler area. The heat pump, like an air conditioner, works against this natural flow. In its heating mode, a heat pump's fan blows cold air from outside across a coil called the evaporator which contains very cold refrigerant (a liquid which boils at a very low temperature, as low as minus-15 degrees). When the refrigerant boils, it becomes a vapor, just as water becomes steam when boiled. This vapor is sucked into a compressor where it becomes a high-pressure, high-temperature vapor. It is then

forced through a coil (called the condenser) within part of the heat pump located indoors. As cool air passes over the coil, the vapor cools and turns back to a liquid, releasing heat which is blown through a duct system to heat the house.

The cycle begins again as the liquid refrigerant is cooled by releasing its heat into the house and is pumped back outside. On the way, it passes through an expansion valve, lowering the refrigerant's pressure and temperature again so it can boil more easily in the outdoor coil.

In its cooling mode the heat pump works in reverse, extracting available heat from indoors and transferring it outside.

Some other things you can do

Things to do this summer to cut your home energy costs ...

✓ Upgrade your ceiling insulation to at least R-38
✓ Weather-strip and caulk this summer to reduce your air-conditioning costs

✓ Install a programmable thermostat.
✓ Replace high-use lights with fluorescent or compact fluorescent fixtures.

... and before winter ...

✓ Seal duct joints with mastic or high-quality duct tape, insulate ducts in unconditioned spaces.
✓ Wrap your water-heater to reduce your water heating costs, if it's more than 10 years old.

- Source: Home Energy Saver

The major components of a heat pump include:

- **Compressor**, a heat pump's central component. It pressurizes the gaseous refrigerant, raising the temperature and causing it to flow through the rest of the system. The two most common types of compressors are the reciprocating and the rotary. Both raise the pressure and temperature of the refrigerant by squeezing it with a piston. Variable speed, scroll, and screw compressors are recent and more efficient innovations.

- **Heat exchangers**, usually called coils, transfer heat from two physically separated fluids with different temperatures. All systems have at least

two coils for circulating the refrigerant - one for condensing the hot refrigerant, and one to evaporate the refrigerant when it is cool. The coils are usually arranged in snake-like fashion with fins or other protrusions to increase surface area and thereby increase heat transfer capacity.

- **Expansion valve** - reduces the pressure of liquid refrigerant which cools it before it enters the evaporator coil. Cooling the refrigerant allows it to absorb more heat.

- **Refrigerant** - a fluid that boils at a very low temperature, enabling it to evaporate and absorb heat. When the refrigerant is exposed to heat, it absorbs the heat and becomes a vapor. As the refrigerant is exposed to cool air, it gives up its heat and condenses into a liquid. Compressing the refrigerant makes it hotter; reducing the pressure allows it to cool.

- **Reversing valve**, reverses the refrigerant's direction of flow, allowing the heat pump to switch from cooling to heating or heating to cooling.

- **Accumulator**, which stores liquid and keeps it from flooding the compressor. The accumulator takes the slush off the compressor and improves the reliability of the system.

- Source: Maryland Department of Energy

Geothermal could be the hot-water alternative

U.S. Department of Energy

If you're planning to build a new house or replace your heating and cooling system, you may want to consider a geothermal heat pump system.

GHP systems are also known as GeoExchangeSM, ground-source, or water-source heat pumps (as opposed to air-source heat pumps).

A GHP system can be installed in virtually any home with a well or a spring, and will save energy and money.

While residential GHP systems are usually more expensive initially to install than other heating and cooling systems, their greater efficiency means the investment can be recouped in two to 10 years. After that,

energy and maintenance costs are much less than conventional heating and air-conditioning systems.

Geothermal heat pumps use the earth as a heat sink in the summer and a heat source in the winter, and therefore rely on the relative warmth of the ground for their heating and cooling production.

Through a system of underground (or underwater) pipes, they transfer heat from the warmer earth or water source to the building in the winter, and take the heat from the building in the summer and discharge it into the cooler ground. GHPs don't create heat; they move it from one area to another.

Simply put, a GHP works much like the refrigerator in your kitchen, with the addition of a few extra valves that

allow heat-exchange fluid to follow two different paths: one for heating and one for cooling. The GHP takes heat from a warm area and exchanges the heat to a cooler area, and vice versa.

The ground heat exchanger in a GHP system is made up of a closed or open loop pipe system. Most common is the closed loop, in which high-density polyethylene pipe is buried horizontally at 4 to 6 feet deep or vertically at 100 to 400 feet deep. These pipes are filled with an antifreeze-water solution that acts as a heat exchanger. In the winter, the fluid in the pipes extracts heat from the earth and carries it into the building. In the summer, the system reverses and takes heat from the build-

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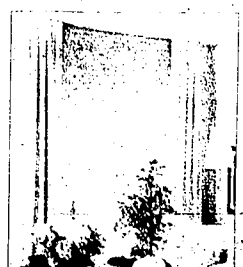
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Landscaping made easy when you don't know where to start

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

JEROME — Consider, says Sterling Crothers, the humble petunia.

"Most people think they're the same flower that everybody knows, in purple and pink and white," said Crothers, of Jerome's Moss Greenhouses. "But there's actually a great variety of petunias, and many to choose from in your garden."

The petunia is about as basic as it gets in landscaping, and many homeowners don't get much beyond it. That's fine, say local landscaping and gardening specialists, but you shouldn't be afraid to try.

"Any kind of landscaping needs to start with a plan, just a drawing," says Dave Wright, president of Kimberly Nurseries. "You have to know where you're going because if you landscape without a plan, the final result looks like it."

And that plan should include what to take out, not just what to add.

"A lot of people are afraid to take out a tree or a shrub," Wright said. "Sometimes you really have to. Your landscaping isn't going to look good without it."

Begin with the big elements, Wright advises: Trees, rocks and shrubs. And they don't have to be the same as in your neighbor's yard.

"Take junipers, for example," said Richard Kelley, who owns Twin Falls' Kelley Garden Center. "You see some very fine junipers in this area, but you also see some sick ones because of iron deficiency."

Consider some other kinds of shrubs too."

Careful landscaping is subtle, but makes bold use of contrasts: Big and small plants, bright and pale colors. Layering and shades are important, and so are differences in size.

"A shrub or a tree that's planted too close to the house or which is overgrown just looks ugly," Wright said.

"Different plants for different seasons," Kelley said. "Once the tulips and the daffodils fade, mix up some brightly colored annuals and perennials."

There are a number of flowers that are well-nigh bullet-proof, Kelley, Crothers and Wright say: Marigolds, for example, and geraniums.

"Water them and fertilize them, and they'll usually look great," Kelley said. "But don't leave them sitting around the garage in flats for a week before you plant them."

And before you start, take the size of your yard into account — and how it's used.

"Start with a concept," Wright said.

Advice on landscaping is abundant, and much of it is free. Local greenhouses offer ideas and plans, and there's no substitute for getting in your car and driving around to collect inspiration.

"Landscaping your yard is not something you have to get done all

in one season," Kelley said. "You can take your time, and add things as you can afford them."

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There's more variety of the petunia — among the most bullet-proof of landscaping essentials — than you think.

Yard work

● **Make a plan, and make it simple.** You can graduate to Better Homes & Garden after some considerable practice.

● **Use plants with opposite seasonal attractions.** Plant flowers in clumps, not in straight lines.

● **Get an evergreen shrub?** Plant brightly colored annuals or perennials next to it for contrast.

● **The plants will be in place for years.** So dig or till the soil well before you plant them, and consider adding a sprinkler or a soaker hose.

● **Before you plant shrubs,** move them around in their pots to see where they look best.

● **Once you've planted,** use a pre-

emergence weed preventer so buried weed seeds don't get started.

● **Use the unplanted,** sometimes unmet spaces around your garden to grow combinations of low-growing plants and bulbs.

● **Repeat yourself.** For a professional look, plant the same plants in different parts of your yard. Repeat shapes and colors. Brighter colors should be planted close to the house; paler colors are usually planted at the boundary of your property.

● **Include mature.** Start in the spring with yellows and blues, whites and greens. In summer, go with mauves, pinks and reds, and finish the season with a flourish in the fall with oranges, scarlets and purples.

● **Decide how much time you have to invest in your yard.** If you don't have much, then consider using fewer plants and more "hard materials" to fill in the

gaps, using perennials whenever possible, avoiding overplanting, and cutting down on fast-growing plants — and installing an irrigation system to keep your plants watered.

● **How long are you staying?** If you plan to sell your home in a few years, you may want to invest in some fast-growing trees and shrubs. An expensive rock garden may not be good from an investment point of view, but spending the same amount of money on a deck or a patio could make the house more saleable in the future.

● **Do the math.** To avoid overspending, consider the whole picture: Soil, mulch, delivery and rocks, especially. But don't skimp on the "hard" elements in your garden. An unfinished deck or peeling paint on a fence looks ugly and can spoil the overall look.

— Sources: homebase.com, growwise.com

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DETROIT — Those boomers are their wine," said the four-page *WINE* section in a recent issue of *Wine* magazine. The magazine was a recent last month in Detroit as the 2001 New American Home, the official new house and trend house built for the National Association of Home Builders convention. In fact, it turns out many well-off boomers love their wine enough to build it a beautiful home.

In peak-earning boomers' expensive houses, the new conspicuous luxury has become the wine collection, and the new show-off room has become the wine cellar. The age-old tradition of storing wine underground to keep it cool has colli-

ed with the 2001 trophy house. This idea has grabbed the Detroit area fast. In Northville's new Bellagio — the Palmer Woods-styled subdivision where



plan a perfect wedding

houses will sell for \$1 million to \$5 million — every house ordered so far has included a wine cellar or, in today's more upscale term, a wine room.

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Spotting trouble can keep your lawn from balding

Drought lawn care

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• **How Kentucky bluegrass lawns at a height of 3 to 3 1/2 inches during the summer** month. During cool weather in spring and fall, bluegrass lawns should be mowed at a height of 2 to 2 1/2 inches. The additional leaf area during summer shades and cools the crowns of the turfgrass plants. Extremely high temperatures at crown level can kill turfgrass.

• **Never remove more than one-third of the total leaf area at any one time.** A lawn mowed at a height of 3 inches should be cut when it reaches a height of 4 1/2 inches. Removing more than one-third of the leaf area weakens the turfgrass and reduces its capacity to withstand additional environmental stresses. Weakened turf is also more likely to be invaded by weeds.

• **If possible, mow in the cool of the morning or evening.** Mowing during high temperatures of midday places additional stress on the turf. Also make sure the mower blade is sharp. Dull blades tear and bruise the leaf tips.

• **Kentucky bluegrass lawns** can survive extended periods of drought by going dormant. Most healthy lawns can survive in a dormant state for 4 to 6 weeks without rainfall or irrigation. Healthy lawns that have been allowed to go dormant will green up again when the turf receives sufficient water.

Gardeners who want a green lawn throughout the summer should water the lawn when symptoms of moisture stress begin to develop but before the grass becomes dormant. A good indication of water stress in turfgrass is leaf color. The normally green leaves become a dull blue-green. Additionally, water-stressed turfgrass is less resilient. Footprints remain in the turf after walking across it.

• **Turfgrass requires approximately 1 to 1 1/2 inches of water per week.** The actual amount of water required depends upon soil type and weather conditions. When irrigating turfgrass the general rule of thumb is to water deeply but infrequently. A thorough soaking which moistens the soil to a depth of 8 to 10 inches once a week is much better than frequent light waterings. Deep watering promotes the development of deep extensive root systems. Deeply-rooted turfgrass can withstand stressful weather conditions much better than shallow-rooted plants.

- Source: Iowa State University

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - They suffuse southern Idaho lawns like polka dots on a gingham apron, and they're just as ugly.

They're bare spots - or brown patches - and they're preventable; local lawn and garden experts insist.

"Where you see a bare spot in a lawn, it's often because a dog's been there," said Richard Kelley, who runs Twin Falls' Kelley Garden Center. "But there are other causes too, like insects and fertilizer burns."

The best way to prevent bare and brown spots is to take good care of the health of the grass," said Dave Wright, president of Kimberly Nurseries. "Grass that's healthy is less likely to go brown in patches."

Sometimes bare spots show up because the grass hasn't been adequately watered. That's easily remediable, but bald patches mean the grass is dead; it won't come back by itself. Brown spots sometimes will green up again, but that's far from certain.

Kelley prefers re-seeding them to be careful about the time of year that you do it," Wright said. "If it's before May 1, it may be too cold, and if it's after Oct. 1, there may not be enough time for the new grass to take hold."

Kelley prefers re-seeding bare spots to re-seeding them.

"For a piece of sod that costs you \$8.99, you can get grass right away and it's often healthier," he said. "With seed, you're going to wait all summer for the grass to come up."

Spray for grass-eating moths if you see evidence of them, he said, and go easy on the lawn fertilizer.

"It's pretty easy to dump too much fertilizer in one place," said Kelley, who recommends hand-operated fertilizer applicators as opposed to the wheeled variety that can dispense their contents unevenly.



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Drapes or blinds? Think about hanging both

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Time was that blinds and drapes went together like Ripple and champagne.

No more.

Interior decorators are pairing them in the same houses, in the same rooms—even on the same windows.

The trend is for blinds to have more of a functional use and for drapes to be more decorative," said Ron Thompson, who owns Cain's Home Furnishings in Twin Falls. "That's why you see them used together."

In part, that's because blinds have become indispensable for more than keeping out the prying eyes of neighbors. They have insulation value, they can be employed with great flexibility to control the amount of light in a room, and they're available in a range of colors that can both complement and contrast with the drapes.

Drapes, long the heavy, grim presence in interior design, have gone back to their ornamental roots.

"Drapes don't have to dominate a window anymore," Thompson said. "They can accent it."

That's a big advantage for budget-minded homeowners: Buying a set of blinds for a typical window is a \$200-\$300 investment, said Gary Jones, who owns The Blind Store in Twin Falls. Drapes for the same window could be several times that much.

If you have a limited amount of money to spend, it just goes further with blinds," Jones said.

They're easier—and cheaper—to learn, he adds; they don't block heat vents and they open up a room more.

There are still drapes in use that are drawn and fill their tra-

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Types of blinds

◆ **Roller blinds**—The older vinyl-type fabrics are still available, but they have a tendency to curl on the edges over time. The sunscreen mesh fabric is a good choice for sunny windows that still allow you to see through the material. The old spring-style roll-up system has virtually disappeared from custom blinds, which now come with a better continuous loop pull chain for raising and lowering the blind. Prices are in the lower to moderate range for roller blinds.

◆ **Venetian blinds**—These blinds are more commonly called mini-blinds, which causes confusion because there are really three size categories of Venetian blinds. The micro-blind—1/2-inch wide slat. The mini-blind—1-inch wide slat and the macro-blind—2-inch wide slat with some width choices between these sizes. The macro-blind will have a stiffer look because of the wider slats and the slats are less prone when rotated open because there is less crowding in the slat. A good-quality Venetian blind will have aluminum slats with a minimum thickness of .005 mm to .008 mm for the most expensive. Better quality blinds will have a headrail and bottom rail of thicker metal than less expensive blinds. Venetian blinds are in the lower to moderate price range and are the most popular type of blind sold.

◆ **Vertical blinds**—The selection of vertical blind vanes is constantly changing and expanding. Aluminum vanes are not very popular because they make a churning noise. PVC (polyvinyl chloride) vanes are becoming more popular because manufacturers are now producing some very decorative patterns similar to fabric patterns. They are easy to keep clean and you get a tighter sealure of the vanes compared to fabric and better light blockage. The selection of fabric vanes is extensive using a variety of synthetic fibers. A current trend is having seven weights at the bottom of the vane instead of weights with chains.

◆ **Pleated and cellular shades**—They have an accordion or pleated look and the

selection is expanding significantly. This type of blind is generally not the kind you can see through so it is either up or down but there are exceptions. The name pleated shade refers to a single layer of fabric which has visible holes for the pull cord. This was the first-generation model and is still available and less expensive than the cellular shade. The second-generation shade is the cellular or honeycomb shade which comes as a single, double or triple cell and the cell size ranges from 3/8 inch to 2 inches. Pleated and cellular shades are in the moderate to higher price range.

◆ **Wooden blinds and shutters**—Wooden blinds are available in 1-inch, 2-inch and 3-inch wide slats and the selection of stain finishes is comparable to other wood products. The majority of wood blinds are made from bass wood or rammed wood which provides light weight, a tight grain and good structural stability. The top-quality blinds will have fewer imperfections in the wood and the slats will have been cut to size and holes routed before applying stains and finishing coats. This process results in the wood better. Wooden blinds are in the higher price range. Shutters are available in wood or polyurethane and the most popular four-side slats are 2 1/2 inches to 3 1/2 inches. Wood shutters can be color matched to any finish and shaped into angle or arch windows.

Types of drapes

◆ **Tailored**—Clean straight lines that give the treatment a tailored look. Examples are cornice boxes, roman valances and box pleating. "Puffs" are the most common are blouson or cloud valances where the fabric is gathered and falls into casual shapes resembling clouds. "Ruffles"—Describe the look of which the most well known style is prairie sheers with ruffles running down the full length of the sheers.

◆ **Traditional**—Formal a better description would be time proven favorites. Examples are pinch pleat sheers and drapes or swags & jabots.

◆ **Trendy**—This encompasses whatever newest look might be such as wrought iron rods with hot panels of fabric. There may also be looking for something different or creative.

—Source: rwo.com

hanging in living rooms for a decade or more are nearing the end of their useful lives, Thompson points out.



Drapes and blinds, formally polar opposites in interior design, are getting together.

"There are some people who take their drapes to the cleaners and they just disintegrate," he said.

But they're far from a spent force in design, Thompson added. Draperies can add elements to a room that blinds can't, and they can enhance furniture and carpeting in ways that blinds were never designed to do.

Still, it's hard to beat the versatility of blinds when you're planning a room, according to Jones.

"There are just so many

designs of blinds that can do some very different things," he said. "Everything from acrylic to

wood."

Blinds for a 4-by-8-foot picture window range from \$400 to \$600, Thompson said. Drapes for the same window would go for \$600 to \$4,000.

"I would consider them both if you're redecorating a room," he said.

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Kids' rooms should fit their needs and dreams

Daily Press

Children spend tons of time in their rooms—playing, studying and sleeping. Their rooms should not only fit their physical needs, but also fit their dreams, a place where they enjoy spending time.

How do you prioritize which pieces of furniture your child needs? Parents can buy an entire suite of furniture or select pieces piece-by-piece. Because lines of youth furniture are designed to

stay popular for several years, this allows parents to continue to add coordinating pieces as their children's needs develop. Pieces children may eventually take with them when they leave the nest.

Here are some factors to consider when shopping for furniture for your child's room:

◆ **Consider safety.** Look for automatic drawer stops that keep drawers from falling onto small feet, steel bolts that keep joints secure and provide extra

support, smooth surfaces that won't splinter, and use of nontoxic stains, lacquers or enamels.

◆ **Reflect your child's style or interest.** Maybe your child needs a table for art or science projects, extra bookshelves for collections or an armoire for extra clothes or storage space.

◆ **Establish space needs.** A bed, dresser and desk are fundamental items. It's important to also think about what other items will enhance their development.

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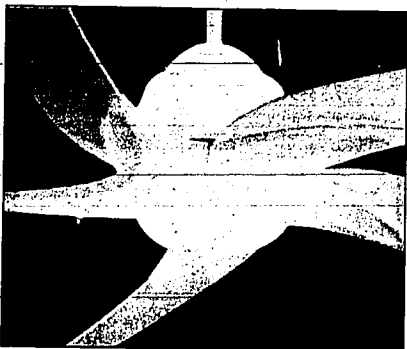
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- ❑ Make sure there's enough motor for the size of the blades. Underpowered fans are inefficient and wear out sooner. And look for a self-contained oil reservoir to keep out dust and maintain smooth operation.
- ❑ Buy a fan whose blades are sealed against moisture. They can warp otherwise.
- ❑ Consider low-profile or ceiling-hugger fans if your ceiling is 7 feet or lower. A blade height of 7 to 8 feet provides the most efficient cooling effect.
- ❑ More blades mean more air movement at lower speeds, which means less noise.
- ❑ If in doubt, hire somebody to install it. Ceiling fans have to be properly balanced to run efficiently, and they can be tricky to wire properly.

❑ Never buy a fan based on the warranty. Most fans, whether they cost \$40 and \$400, have lifetime

Geothermal

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ing and deposits it to the cooler ground. The air delivery ductwork distributes the heated or cooled air through the house's duct work, just like conventional systems. The box that contains the indoor coil and fan is sometimes called the air handler because it moves house air through the heat pump for heating or cooling. The air handler contains a large blower and a filter just like conventional air conditioners.

There are four basic types of ground loop systems. Three of these - horizontal, vertical, and pond/lake - are closed-loop systems. The fourth type of system is the open-loop option. Which one of these is best depends on the climate, soil conditions, available land, and local installation costs at the site.

Open-loop systems use wells as the heat exchange fluid that circulates directly through the GHP system. Once it has circulated through the system, the water returns to the ground through the well, a recharge well, or surface discharge.

Heat pumps

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both winter heating and summer cooling.

The efficiency of a heat pump varies a lot depending on the outdoor temperature. While a heat pump may be twice as efficient as a conventional heating system at 50 degrees, when it gets cold than 30 degrees outside, the heat pump must be supplemented with a heating system such as electric resistance.

At 15 degrees or less, the heat pump may shut off altogether and the backup heating system takes over.

A heat pump may be economical where winters are relatively mild - when the average temperature is above 25 degrees. That may or may not be the case in south-central Idaho.

"We can have mild winters here, but we can also have cold ones," Brizee said. "And it can change a lot from year to year."

The air-to-air heat pump is the most commonly used electric heat pump, but there are three other types of units now on the market:

• **Water-to-air heat pumps** exchange heat with either groundwater or surface water.

• **Ground-coupled heat pumps** are also efficient. Since ground temperatures below the frost line remain relatively constant throughout the year, it is a good heat source for heat pumps. The heat exchange loop can be either vertical, which entails drilling a very deep hole through which the coil passes, or horizontal, in which case the coil is laid in long, relatively shallow trenches.

• **Dual-fuel heat pump** which is an add-on unit to an existing oil, gas or propane furnace. The heat pump operates like other units until the temperature drops to the point where it becomes less expensive to run the fossil fuel system. At this point, the thermostat automatically turns off the heat pump and activates the furnace.

The geothermal units are spendy - two to four times the cost of air-breathing units, typically - and they're not for every home.

"You need an underground water source, not a city water system," said Roger Louder, president of Magic Valley Refrigeration of Twin Falls.

Heat pumps come in different types and sizes, ranging from window units to large commercial and industrial units. Manufacturers test and rate their heat pumps - using U.S. Department of Energy testing standards. The ratings are the Heating Seasonal Performance Factor (HSPF) for heating, and the Seasonal Energy Efficient Ratio (SEER) for heating and cooling.

The higher the rating, the more efficient the heat pump.

Homeowners in cool climates such as south-central Idaho should look for a high HSPF rating. For air-breathing heat pumps now on the market, the minimum HSPF rating is approximately 6.8. The minimum SEER is 10.

A heat pump works best in a building that is weather protected. Seal and insulate your home heating system's ducts and stop air leaks around windows.

It takes longer to heat a house with a heat pump than with an oil or gas furnace, and a sudden upward adjustment of the thermostat will activate the backup heater to meet the jump in demand. The resistance heater is two to three times less efficient than the heat pump, which means energy use goes up sharply every time it comes on. The desire to suddenly raise the thermostat is compounded by the relatively cool (50-100 degrees) air the heat pump produces.

One of the keys to an efficient heat pump is having an efficient thermostat. Usually a two-stage thermostat is used for heating, and a one-stage thermostat is used for cooling. Heat pump filters have to be checked often for dirt build-up and cleaned or replaced as needed. And it's important that a heat pump not be surrounded by shrubs, tall grass or enclosures that impede air flow around the coils.

Are they worth the money? "I think so," said Terry Greene, of Terry's Heating and Air-Conditioning in Twin Falls. "Your home is a long-term investment, and a heat pump will pay off in the long run."

But buying a heat pump is not the only - or necessarily the best - solution, local heating and air-conditioning contractors say. Spending a few thousand dollars to replace your gas furnace may make more sense, Louder pointed out.

"Current gas furnaces are much more efficient than the gas furnaces of 10 years ago," he said. Or you might want to buy a bigger oil or propane tank, if that's your heat source.

"A 1,000-gallon heating oil tank lets you control your costs throughout the heating season," Brizee said. "That's important when you're paying nearly twice as much for heating oil during the winter as you do in the summer."

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Virgo: Might be good day to toe the line

IF MARCH 14TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are a natural psychologist, can gain via interest in astrology and the occult arts. You've had broken affairs of heart, you learn from experience. Gemini, Virgo and Sagittarius persons play major roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names E, N, W. During April, domestic adjustment involves possible change of residence, marital status.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Light touch helps gain objective. During social gathering, you could encounter one destined to play major role in your life. Sagittarius involved.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Handle details, leave big project for another time. Emphasis on public relations, legal rights and permissions. Marital status figures prominently.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Cop-options open, read and write, teach and learn. Flirtation more serious than expected. People find you intelligent, attractive—you'll hear it!

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Domestic adjustment featured, you could change residence, marital status. You exude sex appeal. Don't break too many hearts! Libra involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Focus on real estate, definition of terms. Refine techniques, streamline procedures. Element of deception could be present. Pisces is in picture.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Obey traffic and other rules. Legal pressure dominates, be sure you are in the clear. Relationship intensifies. Cancer, Capricorn play significant roles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Moneymaking idea is solid, follow through! You'll be dealing with a "world traveler." Display sympathy for the underdog. Reputation will be enhanced.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Cycle high, take initiative, imprint style and don't follow others. You exude personal magnetism, aura of sensuality. Leo will play outstanding role.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Secret revealed to your advantage. Focus on home, family and value of property. Decision made concerning direction. Capricorn is represented.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Accept social invitation. You win friends and have things "your way." In matters of speculation, stick with number 3. Gemini plays top role.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Handle details; spotlight on promotion; added responsibility. Review, revise and rewrite. What had been rejected may now be accepted. Scorpio involved.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Be analytical, find out why certain things occurred. Gain indicated via written word. Publishing opportunity exists. Make long-distance call.

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Erroneous tax tip could lead to trouble

DEAR ABBY: I am responding to the letter from "Tax Tips From a Professional," who offered some helpful income tax filing suggestions. The tax preparer made some excellent points.

However, point No. 7 was incorrect. The Internal Revenue Service no longer issues "Temporary" Individual Tax Identification Numbers (ITIN). The process for securing a permanent ITIN is as follows: Complete application form W-7 and take the completed form to the local Internal Revenue Service office along with two forms of identification. The local IRS office will forward your application to the Philadelphia Service Center for processing.

Abby, please inform your readers that it is not wise to avoid the rush at the IRS offices from people attempting to take advantage of this erroneous data. Thank you.

—ANNE HAMILTON DAVE, TAX RESOLUTION REPRESENTATIVE, IRS, DOWMAN, N.C.

DEAR ANNE: Thank you for correcting the erroneous information in "Tax Tips From a Professional's" letter. I am grateful—and I'm sure my readers will be, too.

DEAR ABBY: I am in my last semester of graduate school. I am also in the midst of planning a June wedding. I already have contracts with the caterer, florist, photographer, etc., but my mother still complains about "loose ends." We have agreed on almost everything—except for one thing: the wedding night.

My mother says that after the wedding reception, the bride and groom "traditionally" go back to the mother-of-the-bride's house to say thank you. After that, we can be free to go to our hotel room. — Abby, my wedding reception will end around 10 p.m. My mother's house is 30 minutes in the opposite direction. The flight to our honeymoon destination leaves at 9 a.m. the following morning. If we go from the reception to my mother's house, we must get to the hotel after midnight. My fiancé thinks this is another way Mother is trying to control me. Have you ever heard of my mother's "tradition"?

—WHAT'S UP WITH MOM?



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

DEAR WHAT'S UP: No, I haven't. I think your fiancé is on to something. Take your mother aside at the reception and thank her profusely for all she has done. Then put on your running shoes and head for the hotel.

DEAR ABBY: Our neighbors have built a chicken coop along the fence that separates our back yards. They have eight chickens and roosters running around inside. It is a split-rail fence so all the "critters," feed bags and other equipment can be seen through the chicken wire. These neighbors are also friends. The wife babysits for us and we have daily contact. We feel they should have asked us if the chickens bothered us; however, it is on their property.

Abby, we don't know whether to put up a solid fence along that section, plant some bushes, or just forget about it. What would you do?

—TWO CHICKEN TO SPEAK UP

DEAR TWO CHICKEN: Your neighbors sound like a flock of good people. Be a good egg and plant some attractive, fast-growing shrubbery along that section of the property line. Unless there is a code that restricts raising chickens, they haven't committed a "fowl."

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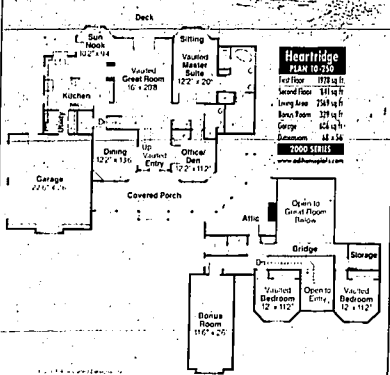
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Tankless water heater keeps hot water flowing

DEAR JIM: If I take the final shower in the morning, there is not much hot water left (brrrr). Will installing an instantaneous water heater provide more hot water in the morning as well as lower my utility bills?

-ED P

DEAR ED: Installing a whole-house or point-of-use instantaneous (also called tankless) water heater will accomplish both your goals. One water heater can provide enough hot water for 100 or more consecutive showers. For a family of four, an annual utility bill savings of \$100 is common. Instantaneous water heaters can use natural gas, propane or electricity, although propane and gas models provide the greatest hot water output.



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Some older instantaneous



An efficient instantaneous water heater needs no tank.

water heater designs allowed the water temperature to vary depending on how much water was being used. The newer ones have modulating gas valves or sequential electric elements. The amount of heat produced depends on the water flow rate for a steady water temperature.

Some tiny instantaneous point-of-use (under a bathroom sink) models have precise temperature control with a wall-mounted digital readout. The sensor checks the water temperature 7,200 times each minute to keep it steady. Although an instantaneous water heater can provide endless hot water, its maximum flow rate is limited to its heating capacity. This means you may not have enough hot water to take two showers and run the clothes and dishwasher simultaneously. You should run those late at night anyway.

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