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## House approves tax relief

### Bills call for mostly permanent cuts

By Mark Warble  
The Associated Press

**BOISE** — The Idaho House on Monday rejected Senate amendments paring back an earlier alternative and approved three new bills totaling \$116.6 million in tax relief, all but \$8.7 million of it permanent.

Votes easily forwarding all three measures to the Senate

**How they voted**  
Magic Valley House members consistently voted in favor of the three last-minute tax cut measures Monday evening. The only exception was one vote cast by House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, against a replacement omnibus tax bill. Otherwise, the delegation was unanimous in its support of the

measures, which also included an elimination of the personal property tax on ag machinery and elimination of the state's capital gains tax for the timber, ag, and mining industries. The measures were an answer to the Senate's heavy amendments of House Bill 275, the \$116 million omnibus tax cut package previously passed by the House.

There were indications that the Senate, which will take up the issue Wednesday after a day off for the funeral of Rep. George Swan of Twin Falls, would require at least some reduction in the amount of permanent tax relief the bills provide. The amount, however, was unclear. "Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, despite having seen the \$91 million income tax rebate that was the centerpiece of his original tax-cut package go by the boards, would not commit to vetoing something

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## INEEL asks for early retirements

By end of 2002, employer wants to reduce workforce by 1,000

The Associated Press

**BOISE** — Eastern Idaho's largest employer is asking hundreds of workers to take early retirement in an effort to cut costs, the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory announced Monday.

"Thirteen hundred are eligible for early retirement," said Bernie Meyers, the president of Bechtel BWXT Idaho, the contractor that runs the site for the government. "I hope nobody will get laid off."

Monday's announcement marks the first step of a plan designed to reduce the laboratory's workforce by 1,000 to 1,200 employees by the end of 2002, said Nick Nichols, a spokesman for the laboratory.

Nichols said all the employees who will lose their jobs at the laboratory are employees of Bechtel BWXT Idaho.

Currently, of 8,220 employees, 6,242 are employed by the contractor.

Meyers said he hopes that

about 700 workers choose the early retirement option.

In a letter to employees, he wrote that additional "reductions will, more than likely, be required beyond an early retirement program. These reductions would be done in a phased approach."

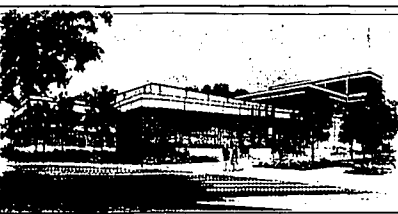
The next stage, to be implemented next year, is a "voluntary separation program" available to all employees.

Laying off workers would be third and final step.

Officials said labor costs account for 60 percent of its budget, which they call "flat" or fixed.

"In spite of our efforts to control and manage costs, they haven't been enough," Meyers wrote.

Laboratory officials also cited rising inflation and delays in the opening of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad, N.M., where radioactive material stored in Idaho will eventually be shipped.



Architects designed a glass and sandstone entrance for the CSI Fine Arts Center expansion. The college will watch this week to see if the Legislature appropriates the \$4.3 million needed to begin construction of the more than \$6 million project. The expansion includes a bigger lobby, gained by glassing in the outdoor foyer. Other features include a state-of-the-art 250-seat auditorium for smaller events, classrooms, and more restrooms.

## CSI board hikes students' tuition

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Student tuition and fees will increase by 6 percent, or \$40 a semester, at the College of Southern Idaho come fall.

The college's board approved the increase Monday. It raises the \$665 cost of a semester at CSI to \$705, and the \$1,330 cost of a year at the college to \$1,410.

CSI President Jerry Meyerhoffer said Idaho's other public colleges and universities are looking at increases between 8 percent and 10 percent. With the 6 percent increase, CSI will be the least expensive public college in Idaho.

Gordon Stanley, director of student information, said the Student Senate supported the increase. Sixteen senators voted in favor of it, and two abstained from the vote.

The college said the additional \$40 a semester will help pay for

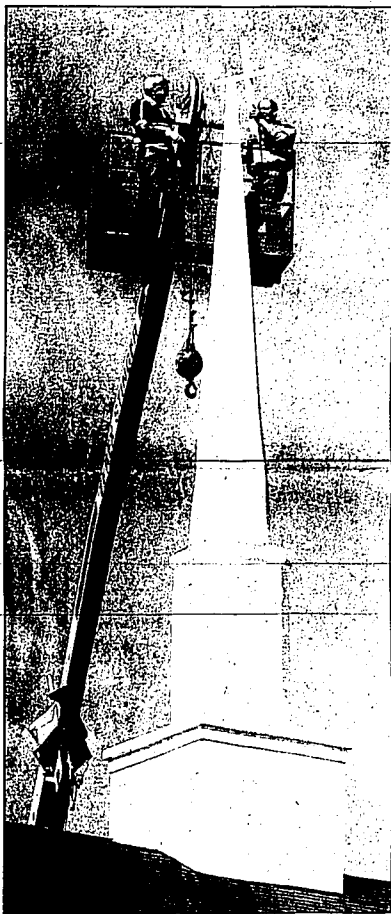
increasing costs and in some cases added services, such as picking up support for sexually transmitted disease screenings no longer paid by the state. The screenings had been included in routine physical examinations for female students. But because students recently have had to pay for the screenings, fewer are choosing to be tested.

Here is a breakdown of the \$40-a-semester price increase for full-time students:

- A \$15 increase in tuition.
- A \$5 increase in registration fees.
- A \$10 increase in athletic fees.
- A \$3 increase in student association fees.
- A \$5 increase in child care-center fees.
- A \$2 increase in student health center fees.

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## AT THE TOP



John Devine — a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Twin Falls and its construction supervisor — and the Rev. Jerry Kester add the cross to the church's newly installed steeple Monday morning.

## Painkiller pill-popping worries government

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — Evidence that many Americans may poison their livers by unwittingly taking toxic doses of acetaminophen has the government considering if consumers need stiffer warnings about the popular over-the-counter painkiller.

It's not the first time acetaminophen, best known by the Tylenol brand, has drawn federal concern. There are warnings not to take it if you consume more than three alcoholic drinks, because the combination can poison your liver.

But the latest worry is about overdoses: taking too much for too long, or mixing the myriad acetaminophen-containing headache, cold/flu and other remedies, or just popping extra

Because acetaminophen is non-prescription, people think "it must be safe and they take it like M&Ms," says Dr. William Lee of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

Lee's data suggest acetaminophen overdoses could be a bigger cause of liver failure than some prescription drugs recently banned for liver poisoning, such as the diabetes medicine Rezulin.

He tracked more than 300 acute liver failure cases at 22 hospitals and linked 18 percent to acetaminophen, versus 18 percent of cases caused by other medications. In a second database tracking 307 adults suffering severe liver injury — not full-fledged failure — at six hospitals, Lee linked acetaminophen to 35 percent of cases.

## Dairy bills get final approval

Legislators wind down work on livestock odor issues

By Michael Journe  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** — Lawmakers gave final legislative approval to two dairy regulation bills Monday, and they are likely to consider the last dairy bill on their agenda Wednesday.

With the House's approval of two Senate bills on Monday, the Senate's approval of another bill on Friday, and the House's likely endorsement of a fourth bill later this week, the Legislature has all but completed this year's work on the contentious dairy odor issue.

Those four bills will form the framework for attempts to local counties and the state Department of Agriculture.

**How they voted**  
All 10 Magic Valley House members voted in favor of Senate Bills 1040 and 1067 Monday.

All four bills are being hailed by their sponsors as compromises among the industry, law

makers, state regulatory agencies, and local activists pushing for tougher dairy rules. Here's a run-down on the four bills:

Senate Bill 1040 received final approval by the House in a 51-9 vote Monday. It requires dairies that sell their animal waste for application on crop land to list the buyers' names and addresses in their nutrient management plans. The bill covers about 90 percent of Idaho dairy waste.

The Senate approved the measure 21-1 two weeks ago.

Currently, there is no way to track waste once it leaves a dairy, and that defeats the purpose of the nutrient-management plans, Stennett said.

Stennett originally wanted to include requirements for soil testing on the farmland where dairy waste is spread, to check for over-application. But strong opposition from dairymen and from the Farm Bureau Federation of Idaho could have led to the bill's defeat.

Senate Bill 1067, passed 57-3 in the House Monday, requires a new or expanding dairy to provide evidence to state regulators and county planners of an adequate water right before a siting or milking permit can be issued.

The Senate vote 10-7 is unanimous blessing at the same time it approved 1040.

Need for the measure, also sponsored by Stennett, came to light with discovery of some dairies relying on made-up domestic wells, even while planning to expand their operations further, Stennett said.

After a dairy begins operation and is discovered to be violating its siting permit by using too much water, local authorities must notify the dairy of the violation.

If the dairy does not fix the problem within 90 days, the state Department of Agriculture is required to revoke the dairy's milking permit.

House Bill 211, sponsored by Rep. Doug Jones, R-Elmer, creates an informal process between the counties and the state agencies involved with regulating, confined animal feeding operations — the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Environmental Quality, and the Department of Water Resources. A county can ask the state to form a site advisory team when trying to site a new operation.

The Senate approved the bill Friday in a 34-0 vote. The House approved it 58-11 earlier this month.

The idea is to give counties the technical ability to site livestock operations, Jones has said.

The team made up of people from each of those agencies, would create an advisory report on a proposed site for the county to use as it sees fit.

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# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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## IDAHO

### Idaho Extremes

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## ALMANAC

Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature

High 66°  
Normal high 53°/52°  
High low last year 64°/37°  
Record high 104° in 2000  
Record low 10° in 1965

Precipitation

24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: 0.2"

Month to date: 0.01"

Year to date: 0.01"

Normal year to date: 2.89"

Humidity

Yesterday at noon: 38%

Barometric Pressure

Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 30.06 in.

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	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunshine and a few clouds.	A few showers possible.	Rather cloudy; chance of showers.	Variably cloudy; chance of a shower.	Limited sun; chance for a shower or two.	A rain or snow shower possible.
▲ 54°	▼ 37°	▲ 58° ▼ 38°	▲ 58° ▼ 38°	▲ 51° ▼ 30°	▲ 45° ▼ 28°

## REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Sunshine and a few clouds today. Some rain and mountain snow tonight. Snow may accumulate a few inches above 4,000 feet. Mostly cloudy tomorrow with mainly rain showers. Snow level 6,500 feet.

Boise: Sunny to partly cloudy today. Rather cloudy tonight with some showers. Variable cloudiness tomorrow with thin chance for showers. A shower is possible Thursday.

Northern Nevada: Times of clouds and sunshine today. Rather cloudy tonight with a couple of showers in the area. Clouds and some sunshine tomorrow with a shower or two possible.

Northern Utah: Periods of clouds and sunshine today. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight. Variable cloudiness tomorrow with a shower or two possible. Cloudy to partly sunny Thursday; shower possible.

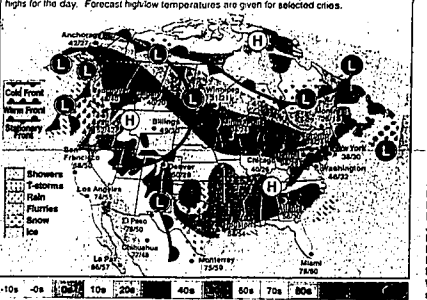
Northern Idaho: Sunshine and some clouds today. Periods of rain likely tonight. Snow will fall above 4,500 feet. Variable cloudiness with rain showers tomorrow. Snow level increasing to 5,500 feet.

## NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 94° in Death Valley, CA Low -11° in Saranac Lake, NY

## NATIONAL WEATHER

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



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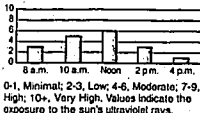
City	Today	Wed.
Calgary	42 30	48 15
Edmonton	38 21	44 15
Halifax	42 30	48 15
Montreal	42 30	48 15
Ottawa	42 30	48 15
Regina	38 21	44 15
Saskatoon	38 21	44 15
Toronto	42 30	48 15
Vancouver	48 40	51 38
Victoria	44 41	49 32
Winnipeg	38 21	44 15

## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 6:29 a.m.  
Sunset tonight: 6:58 p.m.  
Moonrise today: 6:08 a.m.  
Moonset tonight: 5:55 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Apr 1	Apr 7	Apr 15	Apr 23

## UV INDEX TODAY



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

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	56 31	62 45
Baltimore	42 26	50 31
Boston	42 26	50 31
Buffalo	42 26	50 31
Charlotte, NC	56 31	62 45
Chicago	56 31	62 45
Cincinnati	56 31	62 45
Cleveland	56 31	62 45
Denver	56 31	62 45
Des Moines	56 31	62 45
Detroit	56 31	62 45
El Paso	56 31	62 45
Fairbanks	56 31	62 45
Fort Worth	56 31	62 45
Houston	56 31	62 45
Indianapolis	56 31	62 45
Jacksonville	56 31	62 45
Kansas City	56 31	62 45
Las Vegas	56 31	62 45
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Los Angeles	56 31	62 45
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Minneapolis	56 31	62 45
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Phoenix	56 31	62 45
Portland, ME	56 31	62 45
Raleigh	56 31	62 45
Rapid City	56 31	62 45
San Antonio	56 31	62 45
San Diego	56 31	62 45
San Francisco	56 31	62 45
Seattle	56 31	62 45
St. Louis	56 31	62 45
St. Paul	56 31	62 45
Tampa	56 31	62 45
Tucson	56 31	62 45
Wash. DC	56 31	62 45

Weather (W): s=sunny, pe=partly cloudy, c=cloudy, sh=showers, t=thunderstorms, r=rain, f=snow flurries, sn=snow, h=ice.

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Boise	54 41	60 33
Bonnerville	54 41	60 33
Burley	54 41	60 33
Coeur d'Alene	54 41	60 33
Elgin	54 41	60 33
Eugene, OR	54 41	60 33
Hagerman	54 41	60 33
Idaho Falls	54 41	60 33
Ketchikan, MT	54 41	60 33
Lewiston	54 41	60 33
Malta	54 41	60 33

**Randy Hansen AUTO PLEX**  
Poleline At Blue Lakes North

## Tax

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"We'll look at all options, including the elements that come up with this. This thing has to play out," Kempthorne said. "But I've got to be realistic. What I do want to have is tax cuts."

Bills passed by the House after it refused to agree to changes made by the Senate to an earlier omnibus tax-relief package included:

• A \$97.6 million relief plan with \$88.9 million in permanent cuts.

It would reduce individual income tax rates 4 percent, for \$58.4 million in relief; reduce corporate income tax rates 4 percent, \$6.8 million; provide a five-year, 50-percent tax credit for research and development expenditures, \$7 million; a five-year, 3-percent tax credit for

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extending broadband communications technology, \$3.5 million; a one-year, \$500 credit for every new job created, \$1.5 million; a one-year boost in the investment tax credit for investments in counties with unemployment rates over the past three years of more than 6 percent, \$7.2 million; permanent state income tax deductibility for health insurance premiums not deductible on federal taxes, \$4.5 million; a permanent increase in the income tax deductibility on capital gains from 60 percent to 100 percent, \$8.7 million.

It was approved 59-7, with only Democratic voting no.

• A \$12.4 million plan to elimi-

nate the personal property tax on agricultural equipment. Since it deals with property tax rather than income tax the proposal was separated from the omnibus bill to avoid a violation of the constitutional restriction against including more than one subject in a single measure.

It was approved 61-6, again along party lines.

• A \$6.6 million plan to extend what would be the 100-percent capital gains tax deduction to corporations engaged in agriculture, timber or mining. Targeting the economically hard-hit resource and farming sectors, lawmakers pressed for more direct relief than Kempthorne's rural development proposals could provide.

It was approved 58-9. Revenue and Taxation

Chairman Dolores Crow complained Monday about the Senate's decision not to accept the larger House proposal. It had been considering for five weeks. And the Nampa Republican said the new measures failed to achieve the level of relief she and many other House conservatives had hoped for, in part because of the state's \$330 million cash surplus and in part because of the need to help taxpayers as the economy begins to sour.

"I'm not totally happy with it either. I don't think anybody is," she said.

But the focus of Crow and many other lawmakers was on crafting bills that had at least some chance of surviving Senate scrutiny while maintaining their commitment to helping rural Idaho.

## Army plane crash kills two; jets missing

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. military aviation today mourns the loss of two Army pilots who died in the crash of an Army plane in Germany and the disappearance — and apparent loss — of two Air Force fighter jets in Scotland.

British authorities were investigating a report from a caller of an explosion at the exact moment the fighter jets vanished from

radar. An Army RC-12, a twin-engine propeller aircraft used to detect, identify and locate enemy radar and electronic communications, crashed in a forest about eight miles from Nuremberg, killing the two pilots on board. Army spokesman Hilde Patten said from St. Corps headquarters at Heidelberg.

## CSI

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Tuition and fees for out-of-state and international students will rise to \$1,955 from \$1,865, a semester, a 4.8 percent increase.

Meyerhoeffer told the board that final state approval for \$4.3 million in Fine Arts Center expansion funding is scheduled to move through the Legislature this week.

The appropriation has been held up because of the dispute between the Idaho House and Senate over tax cuts.

Meyerhoeffer also said that because of an estimated \$200,000 increase in campus power costs next year, faculty and staff salary increases can't look as rosy as expected. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne recommended raises of 4.5 percent for faculty members and 6 percent for staff members, but Meyerhoeffer said it looks like they won't be quite so high.

The board also bade farewell to Joan Edwards, who founded and led the college's Planning and Development Department and the CSI Foundation. Edwards, 57, is leaving CSI after 27 years. She will take a similar job in Fresno, Calif.

During Monday's board meeting, Edwards gave the floor to

her staff, which updated the board on the Planning and Development Department's progress and its role, which includes art writing, school improvement initiative, scholarship development, professional development opportunities and technology support for teachers, and fund raising.

"I think the department is in very good hands, and if I've done my job right, I think it's going to be a seamless transition," Edwards said.

The meeting ended on an emotional note, as both Edwards' staff and the board told her that she will be missed.

In other business, the board:

• Authorized the college to buy 100 trees for about \$17,000 from successful bidder Kimberly Nurseries.

• Awarded a \$51,800 contract to Starr Corp. for remodeling of the Shoshone Head Start Center.

• Funding for the project comes from Head Start's federal grant administered by CSI.

• Approved the purchase of two school vans for about \$20,000 from successful bidder Latham Motors.

## CORRECTION

An article Monday misstated information about the May 15 Wendell School Board election. Chairman Don Fowler resigned from the board earlier this month, leaving the Zone 4 seat

open. Vice Chairman John W. Wright, representing Zone 5, remains on the board and is up for re-election. The Times-News regrets the error.

## Dairy

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Act and considered the backbone of the new dairy order laws, received the full Senate's blessing Monday in a 28-6 vote.

Because of last-minute amendments by the Senate dealing with orders to inspection records, and because of today's funeral for Rep. George Swan in Twin Falls, final approval of House Bill 262 had to be delayed in the House until Wednesday.

In its amendments, the Senate loosened restrictions on access to proprietary dairy records. The restrictions had been proposed by the dairy industry and Filer dairyman Hank Haffiger through his lobbyist, Boise lawyer Ken Milford. The House Agriculture Affairs Committee added the

record restrictions, only to have them curtailed by the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee late last week.

House members unanimously supported the Senate amendments Monday and will likely vote on the entire measure again Wednesday.

The House's 42-25 vote for an earlier version of the bill on March 19, together with the House's concurrence with the Senate's amendments on Monday, indicates the measure will likely get final House approval.

House Bill 262 gives the Department of Agriculture the authority to control dairy orders through regulation of waste

lagoon construction and the development of odor management programs.

The bill requires plans for a new or modified dairy lagoon to be either designed by a licensed engineer, or reviewed and approved by one.

If a dairy is generating odors "in excess of levels associated with accepted agricultural practices," the Agriculture Department must work with the operator to develop an odor management plan and continue a working at the problem until a solution is found.

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**51st Anniversary**

Twin Falls  
Tues. March 27th.  
Wed. March 28th.  
4:30 & 7:30 p.m.  
CSI Rodeo Arena

Tickets available at, Albertson's, Ridley's, (Gooding & Jerome), Simerly's, (Wendell), Cosmic Jolt, (Buhl) & show days at the gate

## Citing cold economy, Bush pushes for tax cuts

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AROUND  
THE VALLEYBLM finishes seeding  
burned range areas

**SHOSHONE** - The Bureau of Land Management last week finished seeding sagebrush on several areas burned in 1999 and 2000 wildfires. The BLM said it reseeded more than 237,000 acres of range at a cost of more than \$2.5 million.

A total of 23 projects in south-central and southeast Idaho were reseeded this year, ranging in size from 200 acres to a 64,000-acre section of the 138,000-acre Mule Butte Fire, which burned in August 1999. Sagebrush seeds were scattered from helicopters onto snow where they could germinate as the weather warms.

It will take a couple of summers of monitoring the plants to determine whether the reseeding was successful, the BLM said. Sagebrush usually takes from 15 to 20 years to reach maturity.

The BLM began seeding sagebrush in January. The project is the agency's latest initiative to restore the health of range lands burned in fires. Some lands may come back on their own, it said, but some areas are prone to frequent reburning and require help from land-management agencies to break a cycle of frequent wildfires.

Best of the Valley moves  
from September to June

**SUN VALLEY** - There's still time to work up an appetite. But be forewarned: The Best of the Valley is moving from its traditional date in mid-September to June 23 this year.

Best of the Valley is a culinary extravaganza in which local restaurants, such as Coyote Grill, Evergreen, Estro's, Omay's and Desperado's come together on Elk Horn's outdoor plaza to serve up small servings of favorite dishes for a few dollars each.

The event, now in its sixth year, aims to raise \$20,000 for the Blaine County Teen-Advisory Council.

The teen group wants to develop a teen job board, supply scholarships for youth to attend asset-building workshops, develop safe places for teens to socialize and run a special event for the benefit of Bellevue and Ketchum.

The event will include live music and dancing, free games for children and a silent auction and raffle. For information, call 788-2117.

El Korah Shrine Circus  
to play CSI rodeo arena

**TWIN FALLS** - The El Korah Shrine Circus will play the College of Southern Idaho rodeo arena today and Wednesday, with shows planned at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. each day.

The Las Vegas-based Shrine Circus, which tours throughout the United States and internationally and makes an annual spring swing through southern Idaho, features clowns, tigers, elephants, gymnasts, acrobats, trapeze acts and tumblers - 17 acts in all.

Tickets, \$10 for adults and \$5 for youngsters, are available at Albertson's and Ridley's food stores, at Simler's in Wendell, at the Cosmic Jolt in Buhl or at the door.

Proceeds from the circus help Shriners fund their many activities, including medical transportation clinics for children and transportation of young patients and a family member to a Shrine hospital for free treatment of orthopedic conditions or burn care. The nearest hospital is in Salt Lake City.

Recreation committee  
makes egg hunt plans

**HANSEN** - Hansen's recreation committee made final plans for an Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. April 14 in Hansen's Rolling Hills park.

Age groups for the hunt will be preschool through kindergarten; first grade through third; and fourth grade through sixth.

The group appointed Irene Miller and Jennifer Brown as new committee members. Walt Freestone was selected as vice chairman.

The group discussed plans for ball teams and decided to obtain directors for each sport.

Two directors will oversee the baseball program, one the soccer program and one the basketball program, for which Freestone volunteered.

Compiled from staff reports

## TF hires new airport manager

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

## Specialist to start work in early May

**TWIN FALLS** - An airport operations specialist from Colorado will run Twin Falls' airport.

William F. Carberry, 40, agreed last week to become manager of the Joslin Field Magic Valley Regional Airport. City Manager Tom Courtney announced Carberry's hiring at Monday's City Council meeting.

Carberry is scheduled to start work in early May, earning \$48,000 a year.

"I'm really excited," Carberry said Monday evening from his office at Centennial Airport in Englewood, Colo. "My wife and I

are really looking forward to it. It's a great opportunity and I hear it's a very stable city government."

Carberry has worked as operations specialist for Centennial Airport for more than six years. As operations specialist, Carberry monitored daily airport activities including emergency response, safety and basic airport security, his resume says.

Carberry has a bachelor's degree from Embury Riddle Aeronautical University in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Centennial Airport is one of the state's 25 busiest airports,

Carberry said, and though he likes Denver, the quality of life in Twin Falls was a big reason he took the job here.

"We felt that in moving to Twin Falls we could be more of a family up there and be part of the community," Carberry said. "I think I'll be able to bring a lot of the things I learned here up there."

Carberry and his wife, Sherilyn, have two 15-month old boys, Benjamin and Michael.

Carberry replaces Dave Allen, who left in November for a job in Alaska.

Courtney said more than 50

applications came in for the job. Seven people were interviewed.

In other business, the council unanimously approved an amendment to the city's Urban Renewal Area No. 4.

The amendment includes a new rehabilitation financing program, which would assist building repairs or other improvements, such as facades, fire-suppression sprinkler systems, landscaping, water and sewer lines, parking lots, curbs, gutters and sidewalks. Area No. 4 covers the southern part of town, including the original

Twin Falls town site.

Also Monday, the council gave the Twin Falls City Humane Society the go-ahead to start raising money to build a new animal shelter.

Sherry Olsen-Frank, a board member for People for Pets, a grass-roots organization that helps raise money for the city's animal shelter, requested the city's support Monday.

The city's current shelter is overcrowded with stray animals. At least \$300,000 is needed for a new shelter, Frank said.

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## A DAY IN THE GARDEN



Helen Dutton, a Magic Valley Regional Medical Center nurse, had the day off to work on her flower garden at her home on Twin Falls' Fillmore Street Monday afternoon. Partly cloudy skies and high temperatures in the mid-50s are forecast for the Twin Falls area today.

Residents  
have new  
utility bill  
options

The Times-News

**JEROME** - Jerome residents and businesses now may pay their utility bills by telephone or over the Internet.

The city said it made arrangements with Official Payments Corp., a credit card service provider, to offer the new options. But they're not free.

There is a "convenience fee" to use the service. The charges differ, depending on the amount of the bill.

Those processing fees include:

- \$1 for bills of \$1 to \$25.
- \$1.90 for bills of \$25.01 to \$50.
- \$2.28 for bills of \$50.01 to \$75.
- \$3 for bills of \$75.01 to \$100.
- \$4.50 for bills of \$100.01 to \$150.
- \$5.50 for bills of \$150.01 to \$200.

To pay by credit card, call toll free 1-877-698-6728; to pay over the Internet visit, www.official-payments.com.

Both systems will obtain approval of the charge, provide a confirmation number and give the paying customer a total of the transaction.

This includes the fee for processing the payment, a city press release said.

The mayor, City Council and staff are excited to offer this service to the growing number of customers who will gain benefit by the convenience of paying by credit card via the phone or Internet, City Clerk Kathy Miller said.

## Jerome police search for robbery suspect

The Times-News

**JEROME** - Jerome police Monday were looking for a man suspected of trying to rob a gas station clerk at knife point Sunday.

The clerk told investigators that at about 7 p.m., a man came into the Bailey Oil Co. Phillips

66 at 336 W. Main St. in Jerome, displayed a sheathed knife and demanded cash, a police department press release said.

The man was described as Hispanic; in his late teens to mid-20s; about 5 feet, 4 inches tall with a stocky build; clean-shaven with a short hair cut; and with a large birth mark at the

side of his neck near the collarbone.

The suspect was last seen wearing a light-blue wind breaker with the hood pulled over his head, a tan baseball-style cap, tan pants and what appeared to be a tank top under the jacket, the press release said.

He was driving a small

maroon car, possibly with Twin Falls license plates, but the gas station clerk reported the real license plate had been turned backward and was not discernible, the release said.

Anyone with information may contact detective Sgt. Dan Chatterton at the Jerome Police Department, 324-4328.

Cassia commissioners  
support drug task force

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - Cassia County commissioners on Monday threw their support behind creating a drug task force to serve Minidoka and Cassia counties.

Organizers are applying for a five-year federal grant that requires a 25 percent match from local entities for the first three years, 50 percent the fourth year and 75 percent the last year.

Organizers are requesting \$160,708 for the first year, with local entities providing \$60,251, much of which will consist of in-kind matches. The minimum 25 percent would have been \$33,569.

The Minidoka and Cassia county sheriff's departments and Rupert and Heyburn police departments will share the costs, which will pay for drug agents' salaries and equipment.

Organizers hope to start the task force by July.

The portion of the match that each entity pays is based on population. The Cassia County Sheriff's Department will cover 50 percent of the match, the Minidoka County Sheriff's Department will cover 30 percent, Rupert will cover 13 percent and Heyburn will contribute 7 percent of the match.

"It's devastating, the impact

substance abuse has had on our community," said Commissioner Paul Christensen.

The initial equipment purchases will be split evenly four ways, Cassia County detective Randy Kidd told commissioners. Additional expenses in subsequent years will be split according to population, Kidd said.

Because of the nature of drug trafficking, which knows no county boundaries, the task force will give equal coverage to both sides of the river, Kidd said.

"Our bad guys are their bad guys," Kidd said.

The task force will consist of two additional full-time drug officers and two part-time drug officers. It will be governed by a board of local law enforcement officials.

In other county business:

• Dennis Smith of the Bureau of Land Management said Malta and Elba will benefit in the 2001 fire season from federal money to help property owners mitigate the potential for wildfire damage.

Anticipating another dry year, rural firefighters are concerned about the proximity of private structures to the high fuel loads on neighboring federal land.

"It could be quite a fire year," said Gordon Edwards, volunteer firefighter with the Almo Fire Department.

Bill would limit government growth  
Oakley lawmaker  
aims to cap costs

By Michael Journe  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** - A House committee quickly approved a measure late Monday night that would cap the growth of state government at 6 percent a year.

Sponsored by Rep. Scott Beck, R-Oakley, the measure would create a special fund for surplus revenue exceeding the 6

percent cap, to be earmarked for tax relief.

"It allows the Legislature to come to town not behind the curve," said House Majority Leader Frank Bruneel, R-Lewiston.

Democrats protested that such a substantial policy proposal needs more debate than the session's late date will allow. The Legislature may adjourn this week.

"It is so significant that it needs more light of day," said House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum.

## Man gets prison for murder, robbery

The Associated Press

**BOISE** - A Washington man who killed his mother and robbed a Glens Ferry bank was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole, Idaho's U.S. Attorney Betty Richardson announced Monday.

John Edward Crowley, of Skagit County, Wash., is the first person in Idaho to be sentenced under the federal "three strikes" law which can only be used against someone who commits a serious and violent federal felony after having been convicted of at least two prior serious and violent felonies in state or federal courts.

U.S. District Judge Fred Van

Sickle of the Eastern District of Washington was filling in for U.S. District Judge Edward J. Lodge Monday.

Van Sickle said Crowley was the first person he had sentenced to life imprisonment without parole in 26 years as a federal judge.

Last month, Crowley, 40, signed a plea agreement in which he admitted killing his mother, Willa Crowley, at her home near Mount Vernon, Wash., on Oct. 3.

Crowley also admitted robbing the U.S. Bank branch in Glens Ferry at gunpoint three days later.

In exchange for his plea, Skagit County prosecutors

agreed not to charge him with his mother's death as long as he remains in prison.

Crowley also acknowledged four previous convictions for serious and violent felonies including robbery, assault and arson - in the state of Washington.

Investigators and witnesses said Crowley entered the Glens Ferry bank on the afternoon of Oct. 6, armed with a shotgun.

He forced one employee to retrieve \$3,900 in cash from a teller's station. The money included cash bills, and the robbery was recorded by a surveillance camera.

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## MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

## Library district may lack support

By Aaron Brock  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — Public support for the proposed Magic Sage Library District may be limited, Cassia County commissioners told district officials Monday.

"I don't hear any support at all out there," Commissioner Dennis Crane said.

Funding for the district would come from property taxes. In present economic straits, many farmers are opposed, Crane said. "I have a real concern about the economy," said the commission's chairman, Paul Christensen. "It is an additional tax burden."

Reaction to the district is split, said Kathleen Hedberg, grant coordinator for the district. Hedberg spoke to both Cassia and Minidoka county commissioners Monday.

"We have some people who feel like they don't want any more taxes," she said, noting others had pledged their support to the proposed district.

Taxes for the libraries are currently 55 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value in the city of Rupert, and 46 cents per \$1,000 in Burley or \$27.50 and \$23 per year for \$50,000 of taxable value. The maximum levy allowed by law is 60 cents or \$30 per year for a \$50,000 property — but Hedberg said she doubted the district would request the maximum amount.



AARON BROCK/The Times-News

Magic Sage Library District grant coordinator Kathleen Hedberg hands library information to Minidoka County Commissioners Don Handy, right, and Dave Teeter. Hedberg addressed both the Minidoka and Cassia commissioners Monday and recommended Minidoka be named the district's host county.

If voters approve the measure in August, the tax burden will be spread throughout both counties.

"We firmly believe the benefits outweigh the costs," Hedberg said. "It cannot go higher than that."

Brent Stoker, a Cassia County dairy farmer, spoke at the Minidoka meeting to oppose the taxes. Stoker said he would be

looking at a tax increase of roughly \$1,000 per year if voters say yes.

As a rural Cassia County resident, Stoker said he'd rather pay the \$30 annual fee for his family to use the Burley library than face a higher tax bill.

"I must stand opposed," Stoker said.

A household tax, based on people living in a house, makes

more sense than a property tax, he said.

"A library benefits people, not property," he told representatives from the library district and the Minidoka County commissioners.

Idaho's code does not allow for library funds to be collected via household tax; it requires a property tax.

Supporters aren't out to give farmers a higher tax bill, Hedberg said.

"I wish there was another way," she said.

Hedberg also recommended Minidoka County be designated the district's home county. District members have heard people voice concern that the DeMay Memorial Library in Rupert would close with the district's inception. That's not true, Hedberg told both sets of commissioners.

To quell such rumors, she suggested Minidoka be the district's home county. The home county's duties would include appointing the first board of trustees and certifying districtwide vote totals from elections. District records would be stored in the home county.

Otherwise, she said, "there is not a lot of difference."

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## HOSPITALS

**MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**  
Some names are omitted at the patient's request.

**Dismissed**  
Barbara Henning of Jerome and Benjamin Reed of Burley

**MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
Some names are omitted at the patient's request.

**Admitted**  
Lloyd Powell of Rupert, Mary

Janice Stoller of Rupert, Peter A. Thomsen of Paul, Danette Woolstenhulme and son of Rupert, Peter A. Thomsen of Rupert, Betty Stewart of Rupert and Kimmy Osterhout of Burley.

**Dismissed**  
Betty Stewart of Rupert, Danette Woolstenhulme and son of Rupert, Peter A. Thomsen of Paul, Delice Adams of Melba Merkey of Rupert, Elaine Shell of Rupert, Sierra Osterhout of Declo and John Hankel of Snowville, Utah

## City Council to hold meeting

The Times-News

**GLENN'S FERRY** — The Glenns Ferry City Council will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. today at City Hall, but the public is welcome at only a portion of it. First on the agenda is a closed

executive session to discuss acquisition of an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency.

The regular meeting, open to the public, includes irrigation-assessment methods and a water-project update.

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## Senate kills tribal gambling compacts

By Bob Fick  
The Associated Press

**BOISE** — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's initiative to resolve years of debate over the legality of electronic gambling machines in reservations casinos was killed on Monday by the state Senate.

Critics called the effort to legalize the machines a thinly veiled attempt to skirt the constitutional ban on slot machines. The governor's allies also lost key votes because the bill allowed the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to increase their machine total.

On a 19-16 vote, the Senate sided with Republican Floor Leader James Risch of Boise, who warned that approving the compacts would sell Idaho "into



the harlotry of casino gambling."

Kempthorne, who invested a significant amount of political capital in the issue, rejected suggestions by his critics that he failed to cut a good enough deal for the state or impose sufficient limits on the spread of the machines, which now total around 3,500 statewide.

"The irony is there are no limits again on any tribe," the governor said just moments after the Senate vote.

"We put in limits, and now no tribe will have limits," he said. "So much for the idea that this was a pro-gaming bill."

The issue, he said, will now be settled by the federal courts, predicting that it will be a decade before there is any definitive answer. That will be 10 years, he warned, that existing reservation gambling operations will grow unrestricted.

Coeur d'Alene Tribal Chairman Ernie Stensgar responded just as quickly, promising the tribe would consider taking the issue to the people.

"The Coeur d'Alene Tribe will now seriously consider running an initiative to address this issue," Stensgar said in a statement issued by tribal headquarters in the Panhandle.

The containment strategy was first recommended by a gambling task force created by former Gov.

Phil Batt, who had also wanted to press for the courts to declare the machines illegal until he found out just how much good the casino revenue has done for depressed reservation economies. Kempthorne's effort was endorsed by both Batt and his predecessor, Cecil Andrus, who tried unsuccessfully to get the U.S. Attorney to confiscate the machines in 1994.

"It's time for the state and the gaming tribes to settle our differences," Batt said in a letter to lawmakers. Within a year of leaving office in 1999, Batt predicted that while the public is generally opposed to gambling, it would easily support an initiative legalizing existing reservation operations.

## School shooting suspect pleads innocent

**EL CAJON, Calif. (AP)** — An 18-year-old student accused of opening fire at his high school last week pleaded innocent through a shattered jaw Monday to charges of attempted murder and assault.

The arraignment of another teen accused in an earlier, fatal school shooting was postponed.

Jason Hoffman, whose jaw was shattered when he was shot

by a police officer Thursday, bowed his head and held a cloth to his face during the brief court appearance.

He mumbled his plea without looking at Superior Court Judge Herbert Exarhos.

The Granite Hills High School senior is charged with attempted murder and five counts of assault with a deadly weapon. Police say Hoffman sought to

kill a vice principal, who escaped harm. Five people were wounded in the attack.

He could face from 44 years to life in prison if convicted. Exarhos ordered Hoffman held without bond pending a May 10 preliminary hearing.

Public defender William Trainor said his client "is very emotionally upset about the events of the last few days."

## Prison

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Crowley was picked up by Gooding County sheriff's deputies about a half-hour later driving east on Interstate 84 in a van registered to his mother, whose body was found the same day in a closet at her home. She had been shot twice in the chest

with a shotgun.

The gun and marked money were found in the van and Crowley confessed to the robbery almost immediately, telling FBI agents he had stolen the van from his mother and robbed the bank to get money for drugs.

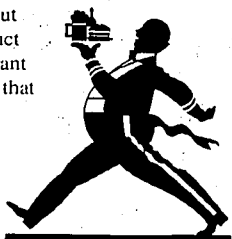
Under the agreement made

last month, Crowley pleaded guilty to armed bank robbery, brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, being a drug user in possession of a firearm and unlawful transportation of a stolen car, as well as the three strikes charges.

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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

“It’s a lively town now, but starting July 1, it’s gonna be dead.”

—Lakers center Shaquille O’Neal on the rumored departure of Chris Webber from Sacramento

### TRIVIA QUESTION:

Which school holds the record for fewest points scored in a NCAA men’s Final Four game?

—answer below

### TODAY’S SCHEDULE

College baseball  
Weber State at CSI, (2) 2 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### West earns All-Region Most Valuable Player

**JEROME** — Jerome High senior Kendra West was named the A-1, Division II All-Region girls’ basketball Most Valuable Player after leading the Tigers to a second-place finish at the state tournament in February.

Jerome senior Brandi Escovar and sophomore Jennifer Pond were first team All-Region selections, while senior Dusty Schvaneveldt was named to the second team. Senior Keeley Osbourne joined Burley seniors Alisha Sorenson and Alisha Wilkinson on the honorable mention team.

Jerome coach Michelle Skyles and Blackfoot coach Gerald Humphries earned Coach of the Year honors.

#### Redder named to All-Region first team

**JEROME** — Burley High’s Kam Redder was the only Magic Valley athlete named to the A-1, Division II All-Region boys’ basketball team. Teammate Josh Gam and Jerome’s Brad Stokes and Brent Stokes were selected to the second team. The Bobcat’s Elliot McMillan and Jonathan Barker were named as honorable mentions.

Jake Burtenshaw of Bonneville and Matt Stuck of Century were named Co-Players of the Year. Bonneville’s Tim Hooten was named Coach of the Year.

#### Blackfoot dominates All-Region wrestling team

**JEROME** — Jerome High senior Troy Egbert may have won a state title in wrestling, but the 140-pounder was only named to the second team A-1, Division II All-Region wrestling team. Burley heavyweight Jason Jones joined Egbert on the second team as the only wrestlers from the Magic Valley to be selected.

Eight wrestlers from Blackfoot were named to the first team, 14 total. Bonneville had the second highest total with 10 wrestlers on the team.

#### Bengals add pair to football staff

**POCATELLO** — The Idaho State University football program hired Michael Lazenby as receivers coach and Bryant Thomas as cornerbacks coach for the upcoming season.

Lazenby worked as the receivers coach at Eastern Illinois State University last season where he helped the team to an appearance in the I-AA playoffs. Thomas served as secondary coach at Washington State the past two seasons before coming to ISU.

Joe Berlich has been moved to quarterbacks from linebackers coach and Joe Long has moved to linebackers coach from quarterback coach. Running backs coach Jeff Banks was also named kickers coach.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

### TRIVIA ANSWER:

Kentucky, 28 against Dartmouth, 47, in 1942.

## Grizzlies, Hornets want Memphis for home

The Associated Press

**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** — Faster than you can say barbecue, Elvis Memphis has gone from no NBA teams to having two franchises that have applied to move there.

After three decades of searching for big-time pro sports, the city last Monday it could be the new home of the Vancouver Grizzlies or Charlotte Hornets.

“Memphis’ best days are ahead of it, and this is another step in that evolutionary process,” Mayor W.W. Herenton said.

The Grizzlies and Hornets both asked the NBA for permission to relocate to Memphis, effective next season.

Each team said it would play in



### More on NBA — A-8

The Pyramid, a \$65 million arena opened in 1991, until a new stadium costing up to \$250 million could be built. The Pyramid seats 19,000 for basketball.

Grizzlies owner Michael Heasley passed on Louisville, Ky., Anaheim, Calif., and New Orleans in choosing Memphis, which would be the NBA’s smallest market.

The Hornets, meanwhile, want the option to move in case Charlotte voters reject a new \$215 million downtown arena in a referendum in June, co-owner Ray Woldridge said.

Woldridge has said he wants to keep his team in Charlotte but that it needs a backup plan if the voters oppose a new stadium.

Monday was the NBA deadline for teams to apply to move.

Financing for a new Memphis arena still is unsettled, but much of it would come from state and local government, through tax breaks and construction bonds. As now proposed, no referendum would be required, though the city council and county commission will have a say in the process.

“There are a number of details and intricate negotiations that will take place in the ensuing months. I hope Memphis will have an open mind,” Herenton said.

Talk about a possible move by the Grizzlies has been swirling through Memphis, but there has been little mention of the Hornets.

“This is great news for Memphis because it makes it even more likely that Memphis will receive an NBA franchise,” said Autozone founder J.R. “Pin” Hyde, leader of a business group that has been searching for a team for the past year.

Hyde said at a news conference that his local investor group Please see **MOVE**, Page A8

## Minico tames Lions

By Kevin Hall

Times-News sports editor

**RUPERT** — With their full lineup in for the first time this season and ace, John Fennell, on the hill, the Minico Spartans felt good about their chances of winning on Monday.

Facing Borah in the first of two games at windy Warburton Field, the Spartans did just that, shattering a tight 5-3 game with a nine-run sixth inning for the 14-3 run-rule victory.

In the nightcap, Minico defeated Borah 18-8 in six innings. The Spartans hit three home runs, including two in the sixth, to run-rule the Lions. Josh Bartlome pitched five solid innings to pick up the win.

The sweep improved the Spartans’ season to 4-2, while Borah fell to 5-4.

Spartan coach Russ Wright said his team is slowly beginning to patch the holes in the batting order made by the graduation of sluggers Casey Jensen, Jason Crosland and Jared Price.

Price, who’s playing minor league baseball in the Los Angeles Dodgers system, alone hammered 17 homers and batted better than .600 last season.

“It’s hard to replace that middle of the lineup,” Wright said. “But we’re working on it. If we can replace the middle of last year’s lineup, I think we’ve got a chance to be pretty good because our pitching we’ll keep us there.”

Pitching was not the problem for Minico on Monday. Skated to a 4-0 lead in the second, the 6-foot-6 Fennell (1-0) held the Lions in check with a mix of fastballs and corner-curling curves through five innings, giving up three earned runs and three hits while striking out nine and walking four in front of a University of Utah scout.

But after throwing seven consecutive batters to begin the sixth, Wright had seen enough, lifting the right-hander in favor of hard-throwing Bartlome. Though Bartlome loaded the bases for Borah with a hit batter and two walks, he also struck out Brett Kent and Cody Carlson with high heat before coaxing leadoff hitter Greg Stalling to ground out, leaving the bases full of Lions.

Borah starter Jesse Dillon settled down after a shaky start. In the first, Minico loaded the bases with outs on a hit man and two singles by Tyson man and two singles by Tyson man. Please see **MINICO**, Page A8

## ONE WOMEN’S SHOW

Stiles lifts Southwest Missouri State past Huskies and into Final Four

The Associated Press

**SPOKANE, Wash.** — She wowed them in the West. Now Jackie Stiles is headed back to Missouri to the biggest stage of all.

With a lot of help from her friends — especially Tara Mitchem — Stiles brought Southwest Missouri State to St. Louis and the women’s Final Four with a 104-87 victory over Washington Monday night in the West Regional final.

Southwest Missouri State (29-5) will play Purdue in the semifinals Monday night in St. Louis, just a 3.5-hour drive from the Lady Bears’ Springfield campus.

Stiles scored 32 points despite sitting out 4.5 minutes early in the second half and fouling out with 3:25 to play. As she left the court, she drew a standing ovation from the capacity crowd of just under 11,000, nearly all of them Washington fans.

The 5-foot-8 dynamo — the leading scorer in women’s NCAA Division I history — led the Lady Bears to their second Final Four and first since 1992.

Stiles scored 73 points in her two games in Spokane to become the first woman to top 1,000 in a season in Division I.

She isn’t the only blonde, ponytailed big-time sharpshooter for SMS. Mitchem scored 23 points on 7-for-17 shooting, three of them 3-pointers, and 6-of-6 free throws.

Southwest Missouri State is the only Final Four team that didn’t play its first two tournament games at home: SMS beat Rutgers in Piscataway, N.J., before traveling across the continent to Spokane.

Connecticut 67, Louisiana Tech 48  
Diana Taurasi, dominated with her shooting and court savvy as Connecticut rolled into the women’s Final Four again with a 67-48 victory over Louisiana Tech on Monday night.

“We’re going back to the Final Four and that’s hard to do,” guard Sue Bird said. “I think a lot of people didn’t believe we could do it when we lost our two All-Americans.”

Taurasi, a freshman who didn’t even start until defending national champion Connecticut lost its two returning All-Americans to season-ending injuries, had 17 points, 10 rebounds and four assists in the East Regional final in Pittsburgh.

Connecticut, winners of 15 straight even while losing stars Svetlana Abrosimova and Shera Ralph, will play Big East rival Notre Dame on Friday night in St. Louis.

The Irish, 72-64 winners over Vanderbilt in the Please see **NCAA**, Page A7



Southwest Missouri State’s Jackie Stiles scores against Washington’s LeAnn Sheets during the first half of their NCAA West Regional final in Spokane, Wash., Monday.

## Confidence builder Woods wins Players Championship

Eagles look to change their hard luck ways

By Joe Sunnen  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — A non-conference doubleheader might be just what the doctor ordered for the ailing College of Southern Idaho baseball team.

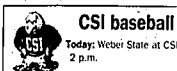
After another disappointing road trip, this was a three-game swing against Salt Lake City Community College, a pair of wins could be the kind of confidence boost CSI needs to get back in the Scenic West Athletic Conference race.

With a third of the season completed, the Eagles are 13-15 overall and 5-7 in the SWAC. If the playoffs began today, the seventh-place Eagles would be on the outside looking in. Only the top six advance to the Region 18 tournament.

“I just want us to come off the field against Weber State with confidence,” CSI coach Jim Walker said. “I don’t want our guys to be down if somebody goes 0-for-0 or whatever.”

Last season the Eagles dismantled Weber State, downing the Wildcats 11-1 and 16-0, then won 13 of their next 20 games to finish fifth. This year, CSI is looking for that same kind of catapult.

“We’ve given up six runs in our



last three games,” Walker said. “What can you say? Our pitching was good. It was our offense that didn’t get it done.”

Against Weber State, the Eagles hope to fix their offensive troubles. CSI’s sluggers spent Monday working on the fundamentals of hitting. Today they hope the renewed attention to things such as proper stride and weight shift will result in better production.

“We’ve been able to iron some things out with our hitting,” Walker said. “These guys are really starting to understand and now we just need to stay with it.”

If the Eagles can get by Weber State and come away with renewed confidence, the next step is beating Colorado Northwestern Community College. The Spartans are 4-15 this season and 0-8 in the league.

Sweeping both the Wildcats and CNC would give the Eagles a six-game winning streak going into their home showdown with conference-leading Dixie State College on April 6 and 7.

“We’ve played hard this season,” Walker said. “We just don’t win the game. If we could win half of the one-run games we’ve had this season ... if we can turn it around, watch out.”

The Associated Press

**PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla.** — Forget the slump and bring on the Masters.

Tiger Woods couldn’t help bringing up his own season start after holding off Vijay Singh’s late charge to win The Players Championship for his second straight victory.

Woods said people had been writing and talking about his slump when he went through his first seven starts this year without a victory.

“Obviously, they don’t understand the game that well,” he said. “Now I’ve won two in a row and they’ll go write about something else.”

Like maybe how Woods is the favorite for his fourth straight major at Augusta National in two weeks. “I feel as if I’m headed in the right direction,” he said. “It’s nice to see the changes I made in my game pay off.”

Woods had a 67 and was at 14-under 274. Singh had a 68. Bernhard Langer was two shots back after a 67. Little-known Jerry Kelly had a 73 and was four off of Woods.

“There wasn’t much magic in Woods’ round, certainly none to match his twisting 60-footer for birdie on No. 17’s island green Saturday or the 90-foot eagle chip on the second hole Sunday that first gave him the lead. It didn’t matter as each challenge faltered.



Tiger Woods lines up a putt on the 14th hole during the final round of The Players Championship on Monday in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

And moments after Singh hit his 10-foot birdie putt on the 17th, Woods tapped in for birdie on the 16th hole — he barely lifted out a 50-foot eagle putt — to restore his lead to two shots.

“Sometimes those scoreboards can be wrong,” Woods said of Singh’s error. “I thought I’ve got a lot of trouble ahead and knew I had to make some birdies.”

Woods scared the crowd and himself at the island hole, flying a 9-iron right of the flag that spun perilously close to the water. But like everything Monday, it settled into the rough and Woods left with par.

“I executed the shot just the way I wanted to, it did a bit more in the wind,” Woods said.

On the 18th, where Woods was in the water Saturday, he drove into the rough, clipped out and got down for a two-putt bogey to win \$1,080,000.

Singh, a Ponte Vedra Beach resident who regularly practices at the TPC at Sawgrass Stadium Course, seemed to have the most motivation and the sharpest game to chase Woods down. Singh’s Masters victory was almost lost as Woods fashioned one of golf’s most amazing years with nine victories, including the U.S. Open, British Open and PGA Championship.

Singh had a putt about 35 feet for birdie on the final hole, but sent it 10 feet past and made par.

“I made one bad swing and that’s all it takes,” Singh said.



SPORTS

# Griffey injures hamstring Williams' dad responds to booing

The Associated Press

A week from opening day, this was not what the Cincinnati Reds wanted to see from Ken Griffey Jr.

Griffey was headed toward home plate Monday when he suddenly pulled up lame and then fell on his back, grabbing his left leg in pain.

Griffey had to be helped off the field after straining his left hamstring in the seventh inning of the Reds' 3-2 loss to Kansas City at Haines City, Fla.

"You look forward to starting the season and right now, I can't do it," Griffey said. "That's right now. Things could change day by day, though."

The Reds didn't rule him out for next Monday's opener at home planned to wait a day before making a guess at how long the All-Star center fielder will be sidelined.

The immediate future isn't looking so good, either, for Boston star shortstop Nomar Garciaparra.

The two-time AL batting cham-

## Spring training

pion, slowed by a painful right wrist, was examined by hand specialist Dr. Frank McCue at the University of Virginia.

"He was able to tolerate it, and he is a very tough-minded individual to tolerate it. I think he has reached a stage where he can't tolerate it anymore," McCue said.

Asked if Garciaparra needed surgery, McCue said, "I think he probably does."

Garciaparra and the Red Sox will decide whether to have the surgery, which general manager Dan Duquette has said could sideline the star between 10-16 weeks.

Griffey previously said it was doubtful Garciaparra would be ready for opening day.

Hamstring injuries can take weeks to heal, and the Reds will be cautious in light of Griffey's problems with his left hamstring over the past two years. It bothered him for much of last season, his first with his hometown team, and he partially tore it on Sept. 11.

Griffey slipped on the dirt

around third base, slowed up and tumbled. Royals catcher Gregg Zaun caught the throw from left fielder Mark Quisenberry, walked over and gingerly tagged out Griffey.

Griffey has not been on the disabled list since he broke his wrist in 1996.

"Anytime anybody hurts a muscle in the leg area, even years later you get scar tissue," manager Bob Boone said. "That's something he's probably going to have to work on hard for the rest of his life, as long as he's in baseball."

If Griffey isn't ready for the season opener, the Reds could use Michael Tucker or Ruben Rivera in center.

In other games, it was Chicago Cubs 6, San Francisco 3; Houston 4, Toronto 1; the New York Yankees 15, Cleveland 3; Seattle 8, Chicago White Sox 6; Arizona 6, Colorado 7; Anaheim 5, Milwaukee 3; Pittsburgh 6, Philadelphia 1; St. Louis 6, Baltimore 1; Tampa Bay 7, Minnesota 4; Florida 6, New York Mets 5; Los Angeles and the New York Mets played to a 4-4, 10-inning tie.

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — The father of Venus and Serena Williams says the jeers directed at his family during a tournament in Indian Wells, Calif., were racially motivated.

Richard Williams made the allegations at the Ericsson Open, where his daughters both won fourth-round matches Monday.

"The white people at Indian Wells, what they've been wanting to say all along to me, finally came out. Nigger, stay away from here, we don't want you here," Williams said.

The crowd booed the family March 17 when Venus pulled out of her semifinal match against Serena, citing knee tendinitis. The withdrawal sparked a new round of speculation that the result of matches between the sisters is predetermined by their father, which the family denies.

Taunts by the crowd went beyond suspicions of match-fixing, Richard Williams said.

"It's the worst act of prejudice I've seen since they killed Martin Luther King," Williams said. He said that as he and Venus were walking to their seats for the final, about a dozen fans used the racial



Venus Williams returns a shot by Tatiana Garbin of Italy during the second set of her match at the Ericsson Open in Key Biscayne, Fla.

## Ericsson Open

slur and one spoke of skinning him alive.

Williams said he resisted a temptation to respond. Instead, he said, he watched near tears as fans jeered Serena and cheered when she double faulted en route

to a victory over Kim Clijsters. He characterized the crowd as white and wealthy, with all but about a thousand fans in the crowd of 16,000 booing his daughter.

Asked about her father's allegations, Venus said, "I heard what he heard." She declined to elaborate.

The sisters advanced to the quarterfinals and remain on court for a sibling showdown in Saturday's final. Serena, seeded fifth, won the first set in 16 minutes and beat No. 11 Clijsters 6-0, 6-2. Venus, seeded third, needed more than two hours and 10 match points to defeat Tatiana Garbin 7-5, 7-6 (2).

Serena's opponent Wednesday will be No. 4 Jennifer Capriati. The Australian Open champion beat Tamarine Tanusugarn 6-4, 6-0.

Hings eliminated Magui Serra 6-3, 6-4. No. 2 Lindsay Davenport defeated No. 13 Sandrine Testud 6-3, 6-1.

Only five seeded men among the top 16 reached the fourth round. No. 1 Thomas Johansson 6-3, 6-4, No. 3 Agassi eliminated David Prinosil 6-1, 6-3.

# SCORES AND STATS

## IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



Mike's career as an NHL goal last of all 30 seconds.

## FOOTBALL The NFL

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## EDITORIAL

# Legislature shouldn't give up on tax relief

Many Idaho legislators will be in Twin Falls today for the funeral of Rep. George Swan, who died last week, too young at 50. It's appropriate that lawmakers honor their fallen colleague.

It's also appropriate for them to honor the conservative values that shaped Swan's career as a cattle rancher on the high Ionesome near Three Creek. It was a tough business, but Swan kept his focus, prioritized his goals, and beat back the challenges.

In a fiscal sense, the Idaho Legislature should likewise focus and prioritize. Keeping state spending under control should be the No. 1 priority, closely followed by a commitment to return any "surplus" money to state taxpayers.

Now - in what may be the final week of the 2001 Legislature - it is time for Idaho lawmakers to stand and deliver.

The first order of business must be to cut expenses. The proposed new budget would increase state spending by 10 percent. There is no reason that spending should rise this much.

Ninety-three of the Legislature's 105 members are Republicans. Surely their constituents didn't send them to Boise to increase the size of state government. Idaho lawmakers need to cut back sharply on proposed spending.

Doing so will free more money for a desperately needed cut in state income tax rates, which are among the highest in the nation.

The current tax-relief proposal has been watered down to the point of near irrelevance. If approved, it would

authorize \$59.9 million in one-time tax relief and only \$63.3 million in permanent income tax relief.

Don't be fooled by the word "permanent." The Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry says state income tax rates would actually increase 0.25 percent once the one-time relief money is gone.

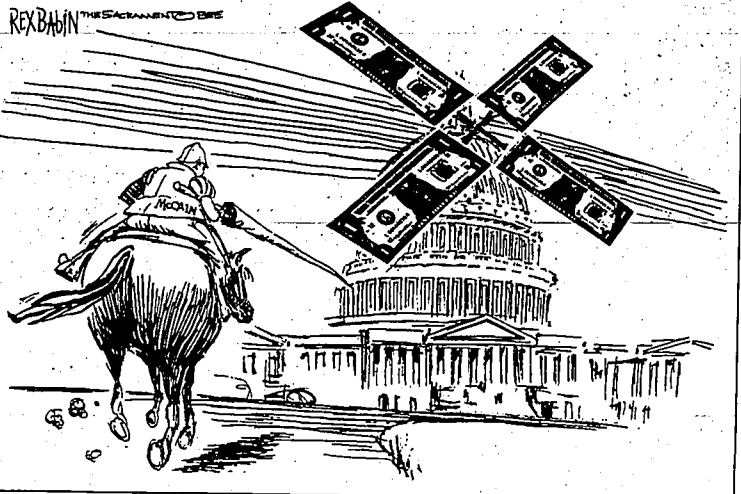
No matter how you add it up, this feeble tax-relief package is an insult to the citizens of Idaho.

The Idaho House clearly wants more tax relief, so the only thing standing between state residents and meaningful income tax relief is the Idaho Senate.

The Senate's predilection for profligacy is obvious, but the details have been hidden by its GOP caucus - which meets behind closed doors. All but three of the Senate's 35 members are Republicans, so the real spending proposals are "hammered out" secretly in caucus. The floor votes, which occur in open session, are mere formalities.

Cloaked in anonymity, senators have padded the budget with a wish list so heavy it would send Santa scurrying to a chiropractor. The only thing rank-and-file taxpayers would get is the bill, because increased spending closes the door on meaningful tax relief.

Simply put, the Senate wants to give away the farm, but the House is still fighting for Idaho taxpayers. The two houses of the Legislature are in direct opposition, and it's become an eyeball-to-eyeball standoff. For the sake of Idaho taxpayers, the House can't afford to blink now.



# Character is forged at home

President Bush wants to spend millions of dollars on "character" education in government-run schools. My parents gave me mine for free.

The state of California, where the latest two school shootings took place, spends more than \$40 billion annually on grades K-12 alone, according to the Pacific Research Institute for Public Policy.

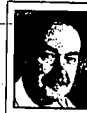
"Proposition 98 requires that (education) receive 40 percent of the state's budget, more than any other item," the institute notes on its Web site. California taxpayers have a right to question whether they are getting their money's worth.

The Associated Press reports that in the wake of the shootings at Santana and Granite Hills high schools near San Diego, "some frightened parents are demanding tighter security while others are seeking alternative ways to educate their children."

There probably is no way to defend students from a shooter who attacks from outside a school unless classes are held in a walled fortress similar to a prison.

Putting armed security guards inside school buildings might help, as it did at Granite Hills, but at what cost to the idea of what a school should be?

All of these efforts, along with proposals for school vouchers and a different curriculum, might reduce the consequences of poor character development, but government schools cannot heal themselves. No matter how much money is spent, it's ultimately up to parents to decide whether they are willing to invest the necessary time and resources to properly rear their own children. This critical job cannot



CAL THOMAS

be done solely by others and it cannot be done as one might cook a microwave dinner. Good food and good children who reflect the taste and virtues we all say we want take time and the right ingredients to create.

Numerous studies have shown that modern teens are angry. They have a right to be. They have been abandoned by "no-fault" divorcing parents for whom "love" is more about feelings than commitment. Children feel conditionally loved. If they perform up to parental expectations, they are affirmed. But if they struggle or fail, too many parents refuse to spend the time necessary to set them right. It might interfere with their pursuit of affluence.

We dump our children in day care at ever earlier ages. Many parents don't have time for much more than checking homework. How many families have unhurried meals together with the television off? How many families see the transfer of their own beliefs and values to their children as their primary responsibility, ahead of school and certainly ahead of family? How many parents, with guilt for their failure to properly rear their children, allow them to make their own moral, cultural and relational decisions and are afraid to say "no" to anything a child wants because it might make the

younger angry?

An Internet search for "school rules" finds more than 1.5 million sites addressing everything from the use of tobacco on school property to vandalism, tardiness and absenteeism. A few address "respect" and "responsibility" in a generic way. Schools can't be too specific or they run the risk of lawsuits from the class of people who have helped fashion the moral vacuum that now pervades most government education.

One parent at Granite Hills told AP he was "seriously considering" home schooling his 15-year-old daughter rather than let her return to the school. That father is on to something. He is seeing the intellectual and moral development of his child as his own responsibility, not the state's. So what if he might have to work fewer hours, or change jobs, possibly drive a less expensive car, move into a smaller home, or make other lifestyle adjustments? He will be making an investment in his daughter, which will likely pay dividends for life.

No child is taught to kill but he has to be taught to love, respect, honor and value, not only his own life, but the lives of his classmates, parents and teachers. He has to experience love and acceptance. He has to know his life has purpose and meaning. No amount of money can do that. As former first lady Barbara Bush once said, if we have children, they must come first. Our success as a nation and as families depends less on what happens in the White House than what happens in our own homes.

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## LETTERS

### Dairies need to be held accountable

Having lived through and experienced the horrors of war between the ideologies of freedom and communism in Vietnam, I suddenly realized when involved with the legislative process, that I am now in the middle of a different type of war - one in which I have to fight for my rights to breathe clean air, drink safe water, and have the right live and enjoy my home.

It has been educational and rewarding for me to attend several sessions of the Legislature at our state capital, including committee hearings of bills introduced by three of our legislators dealing with confined animal feeding operation problems. It was also eye-opening for me to observe the opposition to those bills from lobbyists and the dairy industry.

One example was Senate Bill 1134, introduced by Sen. John Sandy, which authorized government agencies to come onto dairy operations to count the animals if there is a strong indication that the owners have more than the number of animals they are permitted. This bill caused no burden for honest dairy operators who have nothing to hide. However, the dairy industry and lobbyists intensively lobbied legislators and killed the bill on the Senate floor.

One must ask what kind of business goes to this extreme to hide from the public? If the business operates within the moral concept of honesty and of what is right and abides by our laws and regulations as most other businesses do, why does it have to pay high-powered lobbyists to conceal the business from the public? Additionally, when public dollars are used to subsidize the business, then certainly the public has the right to know how it operates. It would appear that some of the industrial dairy owners think they have the exclusive right to do whatever they please with accountability.

Granted, there are honest and responsible dairy owners who care about their environment and respect their neighbors' rights. Unfortunately, we have people who are driven by greed, egotism and achievement to a point that they do not hesitate to circumvent public good for their own profits. Instead of solving the problems that invade our rights, pollute our air, and have the potential to harm our health and environment, they hire lobbyists and lawyers to protect them from being accountable for their actions. We need to exercise our rights and hold them accountable for their actions.

PHOUNG B. SMITH  
Filer

### Weaver played role in drug war

I spent my childhood years growing up in the East Perrine and Hunt communities. These are farming communities north of Eden and Hazelton. For the biggest part, the community was self-policing, with the sheriff responding only when invited, and that was a rare occasion.

I left to make a career in the U.S. Navy, returning some 30 years later to a completely different atmosphere.

I remember a time before Jim Weaver was sheriff. The illegal drug business was growing at an alarming rate. You could witness drug dealings at almost every corner and in most every community. Funny thing is, there were no official records to substantiate this. According to the Idaho attorney general, the crime rate in Jerome County had remained about the same. It was obvious to me and several of my neighbors that something had to change.

Enter Jim Weaver. Under his supervision, we formed the Hunt Community Neighborhood Watch. We also campaigned and elected Jim Sheriff of Jerome County. Over the next couple of years, we received training and exchanged ideas at neighborhood meetings - ideas that helped clean up roadsides as well as crime. Since he's been in office, most of the illegal drug dealers have been caught and prosecuted or run out of the county.

Sheriff Weaver has also initiated several other programs to benefit the county, including a roadside cleanup program utilizing inmates from the county jail and a citizen center program to help the senior citizens. Because of his efforts, the people of this community have been able to sleep much easier.

This brings us to the events in Eden on Jan. 3. Without rehearsing the particulars, suffice it to say, the Idaho State Police investigated these shootings and the events surrounding them. The Idaho attorney general reviewed these reports. If there had been any wrongdoing, illegal or otherwise inappropriate behavior, these state agencies would have initiated remedial action.

Even though I no longer reside in the Hunt community, I still have many friends who do, and I remain close to them. I wish to make it known publicly that I support and sustain Sheriff Jim Weaver as the duly elected sheriff of Jerome County. I will do whatever I can to campaign in his behalf and against those who would undermine his authority. I also invited others who feel the way I do to let their voices be heard.

SETH E. HEPWORTH  
Twin Falls

### Firearms guarantee freedom

We will remain free people as long as

individuals have firearm Civilian disarmament will lead to destruction!

Under the guise of "peace and safety," the United Nations seeks to disarm the United States. That will inevitably lead to tyranny and genocide!

The blueprint for a disarmed world under United Nations' control is State Department Publication 7277, titled "Freedom From War: The United States Program for General and Complete Disarmament in a Peaceful World."

This plan, introduced in 1961 by President Kennedy, is to this day the framework of the federal government's "arms control" policy!

This summer, the United Nations is planning a conference on how to deal with small arms or how to disarm individuals. They only want armies and police forces to protect us, which will lead to slavery and genocide.

The United Nations has produced a disarmament propaganda film, "Armed to the Teeth: The Worldwide Plague of Small Arms," to promote civilian disarmament and glorify U.N. "peacekeepers and world government."

All efforts to register and abolish firearms by the United Nations or our government must be stopped if we are to remain free and independent. We should get out of the United Nations to stop world government tyranny!

ADRIAN L. ARP  
Twin Falls

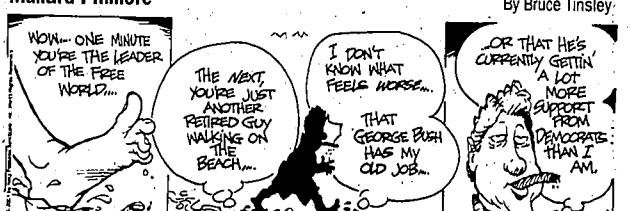
### Doonesbury



### By Garry Trudeau



### Mallard Fillmore



### By Bruce Tinsley

## FOR THE RECORD

## The Times-News

**GOODING** — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included:

## Arraignments and appearances

Marcelino Bernal, 17, 2210 California St., Gooding; inattentive, careless driving; failure to purchase, invalid driver's license; failure to appear at hearing; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Wesley Blaine Bosworth, 35, 1548 E. 2900 S., Wendell; battery domestic battery in presence of child; failure to appear at hearing; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Paul B. Cadaral Jr., 22, 309 S. Seventh St., Tootle, Utah; driving without privileges; status hearing April 5; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Tom Howard Jacobson, 37, 229 12th Ave. W., Gooding; domestic battery; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference Thursday; jury trial April 9; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Brandon James Pate, 29, 1435 Vista Drive, Gooding; driving under the influence; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Mohammad W. Rofa, age unavailable, 322 Fredregill N. 2, Pocatello; inattentive, careless driving; jury trial set; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

## Sentencings

Joel E. Hall, 16, 1026 Utah St., Gooding; driving under the influence (under 21); \$1,000 fine, suspended; \$75.00 court costs; \$50 public defender fee; 24 months' probation supervised at the discretion of probation officer; 365-day driver's license suspension, 30 days absolute; failure to purchase, invalid driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Jeremy L. Hurd, 20, 11212 E. 2900 S., Hagerman; driving under the influence; failure to purchase, invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine, \$75.00 suspended; \$75.00 court costs; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; 12 months' probation supervised at the discretion of probation officer; 90-day driver's license suspension, 30 days absolute/immediate; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Kevin Kristopher Kelley, 22, 1978 E. 1215 S., Gooding; possession of controlled substance; \$1,000 fine, suspended; \$63.50 court costs; \$50 public defender fee; 12 months' probation supervised at the discretion of probation officer; possession/intent to use drug paraphernalia; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Ross Thomas Kistinger, 34, 625 California St., Gooding; exhibition/use of deadly weapon; \$300 fine, \$150 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; \$50 public defender fee; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; 12 months' probation supervised at the discretion of probation officer; letter of apology; malicious injury to property; \$300 fine, \$250 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 180 days in jail, suspended; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Douglas Clay Livingston, 35, 1920 U.S. Highway 26, Gooding; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, suspended; \$75.00 court costs; \$50 public defender fee; 180 days in jail, 171 suspended; 18 months' probation supervised at the discretion of probation officer; 180-day driver's license suspension, 30 days absolute/immediate; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Arturo Rodriguez, 26, 1211 N. Plateau, Caldwell; failure to purchase, invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$70.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Alfredo Trejo-Soria, 35, 1707 E. 4200 N., Buhl; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine, \$900 suspended; \$75.00 court costs; \$50

public defender fee; 180 days in jail, 175 suspended; 12 months' probation supervised at the discretion of probation officer; 90-day driver's license suspension, 30 days absolute/immediate; failure to purchase, invalid driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

## Dismissals

Benjamin Allen Koch, 19, 260 Fifth Ave. W., Wendell; resisting, obstructing police officer; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

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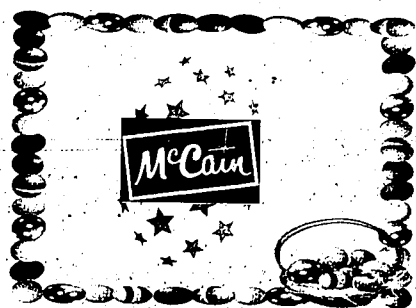
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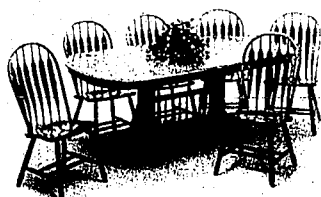
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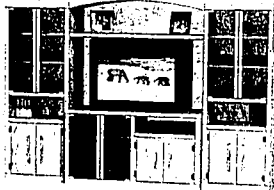


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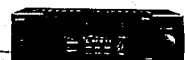
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## Staying busy at 94

### Woman won't let age get her down

By Loretta Burkhardt  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - At age 94, Edna McGown is not ready to sit down and take life easy - not even after suffering a stroke two years ago.

And it's not likely she'll ever be ready. "She has never been one to succumb to illness. She knows how to take things as they come... in her stride... and she's learned to roll with the punches," said her daughter, Edna Mae Jukich said.

McGown plays maracas with a local rhythm band, B J and Friends, at least once a week at senior citizen centers. She began playing with the band more than 14 years ago and is the oldest member.

"She just has a real good attitude about life and she lives life to the fullest," said Betty Jo Olson, the band's leader. "McGown, who loves to work crossword puzzles and competes in pinocle tournaments, looks at uphill struggles as 'just another mountain to climb.'"

Born on Nip and Tuck Mountain in Stanley, McGown remained in the

*'I like having things to do'*

- Edna McGown, age 94

Stanley area most of her life. After her family was raised - one son and two daughters - she devoted much of her time to writing family history - an endeavor that helped preserve the past for early settlers in Idaho. For her work, she was honored in 1999 by the Idaho State Historical Society for her "significant contributions" to the preservation of Idaho history.

It was hard but she had a good teacher, McGown said. She co-authored two of Esther Yarbber's books about Idaho, "Land of the Yankee Fork" and "Stanley-Sawtooth Country" before writing a family history about her mother-in-law, Adele Br  ullette McGown, a pioneer who migrated to Idaho from Canada. The account included the family's friendship with the famous Chief Joseph and his nephew, "Chuck."



Edna McGown, 94, loves staying busy, including making rugs for family. She also plays in a band and has written several history books.

LORETTA BURKHARDT/  
The Times-News

In 1961, she and husband Arthur "Tuff" McGown, who is now deceased, established the McGown Museum in Custer. The establishment was later sold to the U.S. Forest Service and remains open to the public.

"He (Arthur) knew the country so well... and in the summers we would go to (abandoned sites) and look for old (things) just whatever someone had been left behind... and put (the findings) in the museum," McGown said. She also compiled a cookbook, "Grandma's Old & New Recipes." Along with food treats, the book includes old-time remedies for making a "good toilet soap," homemade lye soap, a no-fail cough syrup and a history about the wild flowers and plants used as medicine by pioneers.

Over the years, she also has made braided rugs for her family and keeps them in good repair by hand-mending the loose spots.

"I love staying busy," McGown said. "I like having things to do."

Times-News correspondent Loretta Burkhardt can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3990.

## GIVE A CHEER



Photo courtesy of Jerome School District

Leah Capps and Dana Vanderham, senior cheerleaders, represented the Jerome High School cheer squad at the NFL Pro-Bowl game in Hawaii on Feb. 4. They were part of a select group of cheerleaders from all over the United States to perform at halftime. Selection was based on their superior rating at a camp last summer.

## Stork Report

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Antoni Tavi Dangalas Jr., son of Angelica and Octavian Dangalas, was born Tuesday, March 20, 2001.

Willy Blane Parker, son of Lisa Marie Phillips and Drew Houghton Parker, was born Tuesday, March 20, 2001.

Dane Trueman Vincent, son of Amber N. and Dustin T. Vincent, was born Tuesday, March 20, 2001.

Cassia Regional Medical Center  
Kimberlee Marie Bayles, daughter of Kelly and Kristie Bayles of Heyburn, was born Monday, March 12, 2001.

Taniqua Lashay Babbitt, daughter of Tedmon and Naoma Babbitt of Rupert, was born Thursday, March 15, 2001.

Jacob Knopp, son of Justin and Maren Knopp of Burley, was born Friday, March 16, 2001.

Trinity Dominique Kimmitt, daughter

of James and Haley Kimmitt of Paul, was born Saturday, March 17, 2001.

Jordan Alexander Scott, son of Jennifer Parsons and Nicholas Scott, was born Saturday, March 17, 2001.

Weston Trent Vest, son of Trent and Melissa Vest, was born Sunday, March 18, 2001.

Mason Scott Massar, son of Scott Massar and Belinda Kraus, was born Monday, March 19, 2001.

Andrew Stone West, son of Jeff West and Andrea Anderson, was born March 20, 2001.

Taylor Paige Smith, daughter of Cory and Kelly Smith of Heyburn, was born Wednesday, March 21, 2001.

To have a birth announced, send a copy of the birth certificate to Melissa Morgan at The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303 or fax it to 734-5538. Deadline for publication Tuesday is noon Friday.

## Resident puts Gooding on historical map

By Loretta Burkhardt  
Times-News correspondent

**GOODING** - Sharon Kelley is putting the town of Gooding on the map, Idaho's historical map, that is.

Using accounts of civic, business and social activities dating back to the early 1900s, she plans to dedicate her research work to Idaho State Historical Museum this summer. Kelley's quest to preserve the area's history began more than a year ago after a tour.

She noticed a limited amount of materials pertaining to Gooding in the state's historical records, that is letters, diaries, photographs, correspondence, business transactions, petitions, maps and other items or materials that document a community's people, places and events.

"We only found two books on the archives shelf and I could hardly believe it," Kelley said.

Rod House, an archivist, said that when permanent records are given to the museum, they become part of a reference collection. So far, information about Gooding County has been sparse.

"His answer challenged me to do something about it," Kelley said.

There's a lot of information that exists, but no one has taken time to tie it all together and put it in some kind of order, said Kelley, who has no monetary assistance for the project. But, everyone is helping with their cooperation, she added.

As a member of the Idaho State Historical Society, Kelley already does volunteer research for its advisory board.

Helen Lucke, a friend of Kelley's, suggested video taping some interviews, adding to the long-term benefits "for generations to come."



Sharon Kelley is researching the history of Gooding for the Idaho Historical Museum after she noticed limited material on her hometown.

LORETTA BURKHARDT/The Times-News

For this project, Kelley digs through old newspaper articles, reads minutes of town meetings, rummages through public records, retrieves old photographs, studies architectural plans, spends hours at libraries and with her husband, Louis, visits old home sites and cemeteries.

"People may think we're strange to visit old cemeteries with one-sided, con-

versations but you'd be surprised at the wealth of information on a person's headstone," said Louis Kelley, who not only supports his wife's mission but views it as "a never ending source of entertainment and fascination."

Times-News correspondent Loretta Burkhardt can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3990.

## EARLY SIGN OF SPRING



BETTY TAYLOR/The Times-News

This swallow tiger tail emerged from its cocoon about four months early. Crystal Wolters found the butterfly in her utility room Feb. 11 while doing laundry. She took the butterfly to the Immanuel Lutheran School where she works and gave it to Verna Sheriffs, the pre-kindergarten class teacher. Sheriffs cared for the insect in her classroom until it was warm enough outside to set it free.

## HELPING THE RED CROSS



Photo courtesy of American Red Cross

James Fischer, a volunteer in disaster services for the Sawtooth Branch of the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho, hands out information about preparing for disasters and class information for CPR and first aid. Red Cross representatives attend health fairs throughout the year, providing information to the public. If you are interested in becoming a Red Cross volunteer, call 733-6464 or 888-367-6321 or stop by at 718 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

# TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

## GETTING WILD RECOGNITION

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game recognized Murtaugh Elementary School and its teachers for being 100 percent certified for Project WILD, a conservation and environmental education program emphasizing wildlife. Teachers use specially developed activities which also incorporate math, language arts, science and social studies. State Project WILD coordinator Kathie Hillard of Boise presented a plaque to Capps, Murtaugh Elementary is only the second school in Idaho to have all its teachers at one time be Project WILD certified. The other school was I.B. Perrine in Twin Falls.



Photo courtesy of Mike Hall and Garry

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Scout leader training for Camp Bradley set today

TWIN FALLS - Leader training for all Scout leaders of troops going to Camp Bradley will be held today at the Scout Service Center on Falls Avenue, Twin Falls.

Call Bob Alverson at 697-9017 for more information.

### Wednesdays in Lent continue at church

TWIN FALLS - Wednesdays in Lent continue at Ascension Episcopal Church. Evening prayers will be held at 6 p.m. followed by a soup supper at 6:15 p.m.

The third in a five-part video series, "The Wisdom of Faith" will be shown at 7 p.m. Bill Moyers interviews historian Huston Smith about his observations of religions. Everyone is welcome and child care is provided. For more information, call 733-1248.

### Twin Falls resident celebrates 90th birthday

TWIN FALLS - Howard E. Adkins of Twin Falls will celebrate his 90th birthday from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the Turi Club on Falls Avenue in Twin Falls.

Adkins was born April 1, 1911 in Fox Valley, Ore. His family came to the Knoll area when he was 7-year-old. Adkins was the probate judge and prosecuting attorney for Lincoln County. He attended the Twin Falls and Shoshone First Baptist Church. He is a Mason and Shriner and involved in many community activities.

Adkins has two children, Marsha Eden of Twin Falls and John H. Adkins of Breckenridge, Colo.; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

His family is hosting the event.

### Drive In Movie Days Are Here Again!

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### Burley resident celebrates 80th birthday this weekend

BUHL - Eileen Tussey of Burley will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the First Christian Church at 1005 Poplar in Buhl.

Eileen Surber was born March 31, 1921 in Bothenberg, Neb. She married Bernard Harold Tussey in 1936. She has lived in the Magic Valley since 1935 and was a school bus driver for 43 years. She was also a teacher's aide at Poppelwell Elementary in Buhl.

Tussey has three children, Reed and the late Shirley. Coter of Bountiful, Utah, Gary (Karen) Tussey of Hagerman and Sue

(Larry) Stephenson of Burley; 12 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Her family is hosting the event.

### Here and Now growth group holds meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Here and Now growth group will meet at 4 p.m. Thursdays, starting this Thursday to May 3, at Hospice Visitation at 308 Shoshone St. E., Suite 1 in Twin Falls.

For more information, call Hospice Visitation at 735-0121.

### Kitchen Magic offers flowers class

TWIN FALLS - Kitchen Magic will hold a flowers class from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Participants should bring their own still frosting; tips 104, 10 and 12 and bags and must have taken two cake decorating classes.

### Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

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

Tuesday: Goulash, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, bread, fruit cobbler

Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, guiliver corn, Jell-O with fruit, rolls, cake

Thursday: Cream chicken, rice, peas, apple salad, muffins, plum pudding

Friday: Chicken or fish, California mixed vegetables, cole slaw, corn bread, dessert

Monday: Menu not available

Activities  
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday: Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., exercise class, tax assistance, make appointment

Wednesday: Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Bingo at 10 a.m.

Thursday: Pinocle at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Lunch bingo, Tax assistance

Monday: Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Foot clinic, make appointment

West End Senior Citizens  
1010 Main St., Buhl.

Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Suggested donations for meals is weekdays

\$2.50; Sundays \$3.50; non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12 years

Friday: Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Professional hearing aid service from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Thursday: Exercises from 7-8 p.m., Bingo from 1-3 p.m., Evening meal at 5:30 p.m., smorgasbord, Cards at 6 p.m.

Friday: Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Buffet at 1 p.m., baked chicken

Monday: Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Evening meal at 5:30 p.m., smorgasbord, Cards at 6 p.m.

The Times-News would like to profile your organization. Send your information along with your name, a photo and your phone number to Pat Marcantonio, Community Editor, P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83301.

## SENIOR CALENDAR

old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.

Tuesday: Hot beef sandwich, potatoes, gravy, Jell-O, corn, fruit

Wednesday: Barbecue chicken, potato salad, vegetable, salad, roll, dessert

Thursday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, gravy, salad, green beans, roll, dessert

Friday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread, dessert

Sunday: Baked chicken  
Monday: Chili dogs, macaroni salad, cheese sticks, fruit, cookie

Activities  
Thrift shop open every day. Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Roseland Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$3.

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Tuesday: Roast beef  
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Friday: Meat loaf potatoes, gravy, broccoli, tossed salad, bread and butter, Jell-O, coffee, milk

Monday: Chili, corn bread, green salad, apricots, cookie, orange juice, coffee, milk

Activities  
Tuesday: Bingo at 7 p.m.

Thursday: Crafts at 1 p.m.

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# COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

## Lotus Notes creator expands vision

Software company introduces new business network

The Associated Press

BEVERLY, Mass. — Long before the Internet became a household word, Ray Ozzie envisioned a networked world where people collaborated with ease regardless of the time or their location.

For that, he created Lotus Notes, which enabled employees within companies to form teams and share notes, documents and e-mail. Since 1989, Notes has sold more than 75 million copies.

Now, Ozzie is carrying his vision a step further. Within a few weeks, he'll release Groove, which promises to improve how people work together — even if they work for different companies.

And if it catches on the way the Notes did, Groove could profoundly change how employees, friends and families interact.

Imagine individuals in three different time zones all working on the same spreadsheet or whiteboard — tracking changes and new diagrams together. Or viewing the same video presentation. Or editing text documents simultaneously.

All the while, they are communicating via text chat or voice — with-



Ray Ozzie, CEO of Groove Networks, Inc., and creator of Lotus Notes, sits near two laptop computers at the company's headquarters in Beverly, Mass., Friday.

out having to pick up a telephone. With Groove, they can also follow Web links together.

"Groove is intended to be a very flexible environment that brings together the right people with the right information and the right tools for that information at the right times," Ozzie said. "I've got great hopes for it."

Other companies, too, are looking

ing to accomplish what Groove claims to have done, and many analysts believe Microsoft Corp. will want such capabilities in its .NET strategy for moving collaborative computing to the Internet.

"It is competitive, but Groove is the first one out of the gates in a serious way," said Brock Reave, an analyst with Viant Corp. in Boston.

Ford Calhoun, chief information officer at drug company GlaxoSmithKline, gets new product pitches constantly and often ignores them. For him, Groove was different.

"The reason one is willing to look at this with full intensity early in its life cycle is because of the reputation of Ray Ozzie," Calhoun said. "The guy, with Notes, totally changed the way many people are able to collaborate and do work."

Groove essentially is a software platform that companies and individuals can build upon. It's not designed to replace existing software applications but rather to let people use those applications in new ways.

The software uses a peer-to-peer approach that largely bypasses the performance constraints of computing that revolves around centralized servers.

Groove is somewhat like a Napster for businesses, except Ozzie started work on it years before the online music-swapping service emerged.

As a computer science student

at the University of Illinois during the 1970s, Ozzie was exposed to PLATO, an online system linking universities through bulletin boards. Upon graduating, he discovered that the business world was largely devoid of such tools and set out to change that.

"My passion has been in using technology to, in some way, shape or form, augment human interaction," said Ozzie, low-key and casually dressed in a sweater and corduroys this day. "Lotus Notes was all about bringing people together."

As he worked on Notes, Ozzie began to notice changes in ways companies interacted.

Instead of working on everything in-house, companies began partnering with outside firms to divide tasks. More and more, employees needed to go outside their organizations for knowledge or to complete projects.

But Notes wasn't really designed to cross corporate boundaries well, given security firewalls and other hurdles, Ozzie said.

And for some, Lotus Notes ended up being no more than a glorified e-mail system that required heavy management.

Groove intends to address Notes' shortcomings, Ozzie said, by "bringing the spontaneity of e-mail, phone and fax to individuals who need to work together regardless of whether they're in-house or in another company."

## Automatic form-filler is anything but automatic

By James Cortes  
Chicago Tribune

### Computer Q & A

Q. Please help me figure out how to use the automatic form-filling feature in the Microsoft Internet Explorer Web browser. When I start to fill out a form on some Web page or another, I hit the first keys for something like my name, and the whole thing appears in a box below, but I can't get it to appear in the box that I am filling in. Please help.

A. It took me a spell, as well, to figure out how to make Microsoft's Auto Complete feature work while filling out forms at various e-commerce Web sites, and Bill Gates' programmers should apologize for making it so awkward.

The trick is to type in just enough to make the software complete whatever you are typing. Once it is displayed in the little box below, you need to tap the cursor arrow-down key to highlight the phrase, then strike the Enter key. That will leave that particular line completed, and you can tap the Tab key to jump to the

next box in the form to repeat the process.

Q. I have a Visioneer scanner that doesn't work very well, and I even bought the TextBridge 9 optical-character-recognition professional software. Whenever I scan printed documents, I still get a mangled version, with lots of garbage and mistakes. Am I missing something? Is there any other software that can help me scan a page properly?

—Kay Foote, Laguna Beach, Calif.

A. Your problem is all too common, Ms. F. And the writers of scanner manuals never seem to explain what is going on. It is absolutely essential to set the resolution high enough for the images that are created when the scanner takes in each page of a document. The software analyzes the image to figure out the letters that make up words. The better the resolution in the images—the more accurate the translation into computer text.

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SURE, I FEEL I'VE CHANGED A LOT THIS PAST YEAR...

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RATBERT. I HAVE GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS.

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THE BAD NEWS IS THAT YOUR OFFICE IS INSIDE A WHEEL ATTACHED TO A GENERATOR.

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A four-panel comic strip. Panel 1: A man in a suit and hat stands next to a large, rounded mound of earth. A speech bubble from him says, "I'M TOLD I HAVE THE RICH MAN'S DISEASE. WHAT THE HECK IS THE DISEASE?" Panel 2: A man in a suit and hat stands next to a smaller, rounded mound of earth. A speech bubble from him says, "THE GOUT." Panel 3: A man in a suit and hat stands next to a large, rounded mound of earth. A speech bubble from him says, "WHY IS IT CALLED THE RICH MAN'S DISEASE?" Panel 4: A man in a suit and hat stands next to a smaller, rounded mound of earth. A speech bubble from him says, "THE MEDICINE COSTS 1,000 CLAMS." The comic is signed "Kerr" in the bottom right corner.

I'M THINKING ABOUT WRITING THE STORY OF MY LIFE.

MAYBE I SHOULD ACTUALLY DO SOMETHING FIRST

THAT WOULD REALLY HELP WITH THE TITLE!

By: Phil Witte

WHERE ARE YOU GOING NOW?

I HAVE TO SAY NO TO SOMEONE, DITTO!

WHY DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO GO SHOW HOUSES TO PEOPLE?

THAT'S MY JOB, DITTO!

WHY CAN'T YOU JUST GIVE THEM OUR HOUSE?

3:27

BOB SCHRECK

THIS MAN WAS DOUBLED PARKED!

REALLY?

APPARENTLY THIS WAS ON CRIME IS OVER.

Panel 1: Helga is talking to a dog. She says, "HAGAR, YOU ENJOY YOUR WORK SO MUCH THAT SOMETIMES IT MAKES ME JEALOUS!" The dog replies, "OH, DON'T NONSENSE, HELGA!"

Panel 2: Helga is talking to a man. She asks, "WHEN IS YOUR NEXT TRIP?" The man replies, "IN A COUPLE DAYS!" The man is holding a large axe and has a small cat on his shoulder. The dog is also present.

by Mark Wacker

THIS COULD LOOK BETTER

GEN DOUGLAS MACARTHURS PENCIL

WHAT HAPPENED TO MY PENCIL?!!

I SHARPENED IT FOR YOU, SIR

GEN. DOUGLAS MACARTHURS PENCIL ERASER

MARK WACKER

I'VE BEEN SITTING HERE SO LONG MY REAR IS NUMB.

I TOLD YOU THIS WAS A DEAD END JOB.

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SO ALL THOSE WEDNESDAY NIGHTS YOU HAVE BEEN PLAYING CARDS AT THE CASINO, AND YOU WERE WINNING WITH PRO?

I WONDER WHAT YOUR MOTHER WOULD THINK IF I...

FELL IN LOVE AGAIN?

—WHAT WOULD YOU THINK?

YOU ALWAYS SAID SHE WAS AN ANGEL.

Panel 1: A boy in a white shirt and tie asks a girl in a school uniform, "PLEASE, BOSS?". She replies, "NEVER!".

Panel 2: The boy asks, "NEVER?". She replies, "EVER!!".

Panel 3: The boy says, "OKAY, I'LL CHECK AGAIN TOMORROW". She replies, "I'D BE DISAPPOINTED IF YOU DIDN'T".

Panel 4: The boy is running away, and the girl is laughing.

OUR OWNERS ARE GONE! THAT MEANS I'M IN CHARGE.

I'M THE ALPHA MALE... THE LEADER OF THE PACK! ALL MUST OBEY MY WILL!

FORGET IT.

CATS DON'T RUN IN PACKS OF ONE ANOTHER THING... WE DON'T HAVE OWNERS. WE HAVE SERVANTS.

THE DOGS  
by Dave Coverly

Dennis the Menace  
 by Hank Ketchikan  
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 The Family Circus  
 by Bill Keane  
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 Jeff Keane  
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Panel 1: A man in a plaid shirt is climbing out of a window.

Panel 2: The man is on the ground, looking up in shock as a car drives away. The sound effect "WHOO!" is written above the car.

Panel 3: A man in a plaid shirt is running away from a man in a suit.

Panel 4: The man in the suit is talking to the man in the plaid shirt. The man in the suit says: "JEREMY, CAN I BORROW YOUR FAVORITE COPIES THAT YOU KEEP IN YOUR BACKPACK?" The man in the plaid shirt replies: "PROMISE TO BE CAREFUL WITH IT?"

HELLO, "CLAUDIA."  
I'M LUANN.

HI,  
L'WANN.

CLAUDIA'S DEAF. LUANN.  
SOMETIMES SHE HAS  
TROUBLE SAYING WORDS  
SHE'S NOT FAMILIAR WITH.

SORRY.

OH!  
- Oh -

BUT SHE'S GREAT  
WITH LIPS.

AROUND!

Strange Brew By John Deering

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Panel 1: A man in a hat looks out a window at a lighthouse.

Panel 2: The man looks out the window again.

Panel 3: The man is holding a large, ornate picture frame that depicts the lighthouse scene.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

I AM INVISIBLE  
I AM INVISIBLE  
I AM INVISIBLE  
I AM INVISIBLE..

THE RECESSION MANTRA

Non Sequitur By Wiley

I AM INVISIBLE  
I AM INVISIBLE  
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THE RECESSION MANTRA

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Twin Falls tax office will extend office hours

**TWIN FALLS**—The Idaho State Tax Commission's Twin Falls office will extend its hours during the tax deadline to the April 16 tax deadline to help taxpayers file their taxes on time.

The extended hours are:

• Saturday, April 7: Telephone and walk-in help from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• Wednesday, April 11, through Friday, April 13: Phone and walk-in help until 6 p.m.

• Saturday, April 14: Phone and walk-in help from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• Monday, April 16: Phone and walk-in help until 7 p.m.

Taxpayers can call 736-3040 locally or (800) 972-7660 toll free during the above hours. The Twin Falls office is at 1038 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Staff will be on hand to answer questions about tax preparation on the phone and in the office, and visitors can pick up both state and federal income tax forms. Walk-ins also can use a direct phone line to the Internal Revenue Service for answers to federal tax questions.

Taxpayers wanting to check on the status of their refunds may call (888) 228-5770 toll free at any time. Those who haven't yet filed their returns but are expecting refunds should consider filing electronically through the Idaho State Tax Commission's website at [www2.state.id.us/tax/filing.htm](http://www2.state.id.us/tax/filing.htm) for faster refunds, the commission advised.

In past years, taxpayers who filed with traditional paper tax forms on April 15 waited about six to 10 weeks for their refund vs. a typical wait of seven to 10 days when filing electronically. For more information about Idaho taxes, visit the commission's website at [www2.state.id.us/tax/](http://www2.state.id.us/tax/).

### Times-News changes deadline for submissions

**TWIN FALLS**—The Times-News this week and next week will change its deadline for submission of news items to print in the Sunday Money section's YourBusiness column.

For the upcoming Sunday edition, the deadline for YourBusiness submissions is noon today. Next week, it will be noon April 3.

Then the following week, the deadline will return to the customary noon on Thursday.

### National home sales

#### decline slightly in February

**WASHINGTON**—Sales of new and existing homes both dipped slightly in February, but demand remained strong as housing continued to demonstrate few adverse effects from the slowdown in the overall economy.

Sales of new single-family homes fell by 2.4 percent last month after a similar 5.4 percent drop in January, the Commerce Department reported Monday.

Even with the back-to-back declines, sales of new homes remained at a healthy annual rate of 911,000 units in February.

"In the midst of all the economic mess, housing is putting in a remarkable performance," said David Seiders, chief economist at the National Association of Home Builders.

Analysts attributed the continued strength to declining mortgage rates.

### Utility provides additional funds to help poor families

**BOISE**—Idaho Power has increased the year-to-date funding to the Low Income Weatherization Assistance Program by \$100,000 to help poor households.

The utility usually provides \$212,534. The extra money brings the total to \$312,534.

"Given the unusual circumstances we find ourselves in this year, we thought it appropriate to increase our funding to help low-income families weatherize their homes so they can conserve energy and save money on their energy bills," said Warren Kline with Idaho Power.

The money will be divided among five state agencies that also receive federal funding and will administer the funds in their jurisdiction. The agencies include South Central Community Action Agency in Twin Falls.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

## Banks raise hurdles for business borrowers

### Reserve claims lending standards have tightened

BridgeNews

**WASHINGTON**—Banks are making it increasingly difficult for business customers to borrow, according to a Federal Reserve survey released Monday.

"Overall, the responses indicated that business lending conditions at banks had tightened further since early January, while demand for business loans waned," the central bank said.

The special survey of senior loan officers, conducted early this month, was intended to assess changes in lending conditions since the beginning of the year. The central bank usually conducts the polls quarterly, but it has the authority to conduct as

many as six per year.

The last time the central bank produced more than four surveys was in 1998, when a financial crisis led them to take five polls.

The proportion of U.S. banks that said they had tightened their lending standards "remained in the very elevated range of recent surveys," the Fed said.

Half of the domestic banks that responded to the survey said they applied "somewhat stricter standards" on applications for

commercial and industrial loans by large and middle-sized businesses. Forty-three percent of the banks said they had enforced tougher requirements on loans to small companies.

In January, 60 percent of domestic banks reported stricter standards for large and medium-sized companies, while 45 percent made it harder for small businesses to borrow.

More than half of the 54 large U.S. banks surveyed said a

gloomier economic outlook contributed to the decision to tighten requirements. About one-third of the banks said also cited deteriorating conditions in individual industries and a reduced tolerance for risk.

Both the domestic banks and loan officers at the U.S. branches of foreign banks said businesses are less eager to borrow. They listed reduced capital spending and a falling off in the need to finance mergers as reasons for the decline.

## Strike dramatizes use of regional carriers

Smaller airlines are growing rapidly as major carriers discontinue service to less-traveled cities

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON**—A strike by Comair pilots Monday forced the nation's second-largest regional airline to cancel hundreds of flights and left passengers scrambling to book new travel arrangements.

The impact of the strike dramatizes how passengers are relying increasingly on regional airlines as larger carriers shun less-traveled routes.

One of every eight airline passengers in the U.S. now flies on a regional carrier, with more than 80 million taking to the skies on the smaller planes every year. Regional carriers serve 669 of the 686 U.S. airports with scheduled passenger service, including 476 exclusively, funneling millions of passengers to the hub airports dominated by the major airlines. With smaller planes and lower labor costs, they can afford to fly to airports abandoned by the major carriers, who stopped subsidizing those routes once the industry was deregulated.

"The economics of the regionals are very favorable," said Darryl Jenkins, director of The George Washington University's Aviation Institute. "Their whole thing is serving secondary markets. They're flying to different cities."

The biggest threat to the regionals' growth is the cost of operating their planes, especially labor costs, Jenkins said. While Comair, for example, offered to boost the pay of top-scale pilots from \$66,000 to \$96,000, that is still less than the \$200,000 salary for top pilots of the major airlines. "The other regional airlines will look at this contract and it will become an industrywide one in a few years," Jenkins said. "The big story is how they finally end up settling this. That will really determine where they're flying in the future."

Some large airlines own their own regional carriers that serve airports too small to economically justify regular or frequent service from the majors. Delta, for example, owns Comair, which carries 8 million passengers a year and serves 95 cities in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Bahamas.

"We are their link to the



Comair President Randy Rademacher speaks to employees Monday at company headquarters in Hebron, Ky. Comair pilots went on strike Monday after contract talks with the airline broke off and union officials said the pilots were prepared to continue the strike for as long as necessary.

national transportation system," said Deborah McElroy, president of the Regional Airline Association, the trade group for the smaller airlines. "That has built the industry, feeding the hubs."

Jenkins uses Fort Smith, Ark., as an example of the role of regional airlines. Instead of just one or two flights a day from the major airlines, the airport for this 80,000-person city gets eight flights a day from a regional carrier, Jenkins said.

For business travelers, where convenience is everything, that's a big boost.

"Business travelers want re-

gionality. That's what makes a market successful," McElroy said.

Fueling the boom in travel on regional airlines is the introduction of fast, modern 50-seat jets. There are 547 regional jets now flying, as compared to just 35 five years ago, and the number is projected to reach 2,190 by 2012, Federal Aviation Administration statistics show. These jets, besides shuttling passengers to hubs, will allow regional airlines to offer nonstop service to other points.

Indeed, regional airlines are expected to grow much faster, on a percentage basis, than their

larger brethren over the next decade on routes within the United States, Federal Aviation Administration statistics show.

The regional airlines' passenger growth by 7.4 percent a year between 1995 and 2000, as compared to 4 percent for the major carriers during the same period. Between 2000 and 2012, the regional passenger load is projected to rise by 5.7 percent annually compared to 3.6 percent for the majors, whose numbers continue to shrink. American Airlines plans to buy TWA, and United Airlines is awaiting federal permission to merge with US Airways.

### Top regional air carriers

1999 passengers carried, in millions	
American Eagle Airlines	11.1
Comair Inc.	7.0
Continental Express	6.5
SkyWest Airlines	5.7
Mesa Airlines	5.4

SOURCE: Federal Aviation Administration

## Sears to convert 28 Ward, auto center sites

Knight Ridder News Service

Sears, Roebuck and Co. is stepping into part of the void left by the liquidation of its former rival, Montgomery Ward & Co.

The Hoffman Estates, Ill.-based retailer, which has a couple of Magic Valley stores, said Monday it will add 18 former Ward sites and 10 freestanding auto centers to its store base. Fourteen of the new locations will be converted to traditional Sears stores while four will be turned into the Great Indoors, Sears' hot new home-decorating store.

In the Chicago area, Sears will take over two Ward's locations. At third store is in downtown Peru, Ill., with the rest spread from Maryland to Arizona.

The stores will be remodeled to Sears' specifications and reopened in spring 2002, the retailer said.

Terms were not disclosed. Before Monday's deal was announced, Sears had been taking a conservative approach to growth plans in keeping with the

general slowdown in the economy. The retailer already has announced it is closing 89 underperforming stores, including four full-line department stores. During 2001, Sears is planning to open only 10 new full-line stores.

But Ward's liquidation presented a one-time chance that couldn't be passed up, said Sears spokeswoman Jan Drummond.

"We had a strategic opportunity put in front of us, and we saw a way to get a jump start on our plans for 2002," she said. Sears was very selective, she added, judging only 18 of Ward's 250 store sites to be suitable for its plans.

Ward's last day in business was Sunday, when the last of its remaining 83 stores closed their doors. Other retailers already have announced they are taking over some of Ward's sites. Earlier this month, Target Corp. said it was acquiring 35 Ward's sites, many of them in California.

Sears is picking up much more than real estate from Ward's.

It already has hired nearly 900

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## STEMMING DIFFUSION

### Utah city hopes to retain graduates with economic development

The Associated Press

**CEDAR CITY, Utah**—Each year, hundreds of new high school and university graduates struggle to find work in southwestern Utah's narrow job market.

Some find good jobs, but most take low-wage jobs or move to urban areas where better jobs are more available.

There were 1,471 graduates of Cedar City High School and Southern Utah University in 1999. Local employers had created only 310 new jobs that year. "My options would be very limited if I had grown up here and wanted to stay. With my major, there are not a lot of jobs," said Shelly DeWitt, 22, a Southern Utah University senior who expects to graduate soon with a bachelor's degree in computer information systems.

Gov. Mike Leavitt, who grew up in Cedar City, last week announced the first nine sites for an economic development program he hopes

will produce hundreds of high-paying technology jobs in Cedar City and other rural areas.

The Smart Sites program envisions dozens of rural locations where workers manning computer workstations will test software, manage databases, develop Web sites and perform other tasks for companies around the United States.

State money will help support the Smart Sites, whose owners range from private businesses to economic development councils.

Leavitt is betting that companies will find isolated communities desirable if they can offer trained workers and high-bandwidth Internet connections. But instead of relocating, the companies will outsource work that can be done where the cost of doing business is low.

"If you can do it electronically, and actually do it more competitively than in a high-cost center, why not do it?" said Ed Meyer, a business-development specialist with the State Department of Community and Economic Development.

Cedar City's Smart Site, near the airport, is owned by Advanced Marketing Concepts

and its president, Joe Schoney. It has 36 computer workstations and an Internet access line capable of moving large quantities of voice and data.

"We are ready to go," said Schoney, 46, who moved 10 years ago from Southern California to Cedar City, where he established Cedar Woods Financial, a mortgage loan company.

Schoney said he is talking to a large computer company that is interested in outsourcing its customer-support services. Next month, company officials plan to visit his Smart Site and learn whether the university can meet its needs for trained workers.

If the company signs on, Schoney said he will hire at least 25 and as many as 100 employees. Full-time workers would earn \$25,000 a year and could work up to as much as \$60,000.

Schoney said he also will meet later this month with a telecommunications company that may hire the site to take on its help-desk functions. That would mean another 100 jobs, he said.

And discussions are under way with a "global high-tech company" that could create hundreds of new jobs, Schoney said.





## MORNING BREAK

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**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

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**3/27/01**

## Girls carry burden all the way to sister's grave

**DEAR ABBY:** After reading the letter about women pallbearers, I had to write.

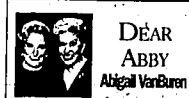
We are a family of six girls. In September 1993, my sister Ethel was diagnosed with cancer. Together, we girls saw Ethel through surgeries, chemo and radiation, and then we took her home to help her through her final months on Earth. During my last visit (I live away), Ethel was planning her funeral. When the subject of pallbearers came up, I told her I intended to act as a pallbearer. Her face lit up.

"What if all you could do that?" she asked. She turned to the funeral director and asked, "Can they?"

Ethel died at home on Oct. 24, 1994, and all her sisters and brothers-in-law wheeled her coffin into the church for her service.

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**DEAR ABBY**  
Allyl VarBun

As my mother said, "You were all there to help her when she needed it. Why shouldn't you help her now?"

It's a memory I'll always treasure. It was the last time all six of us could do something together.

**-ETHEL'S SISTER, BANGOR, MAINE**

**DEAR SISTER:** Thank you for sharing such a heartwarming memory. The feedback about that letter has been overwhelmingly positive. Read on:

an answer to the April 19, 1995, tragedy won't find one by reading the letters published in the May issue of Esquire magazine. The Timothy McVeigh who murdered 168 people with the writers of these letters, "Bacharach" writes. "True, this correspondence offers only a small window through which to look. I do know one thing: In the written word, he has not a whisper of conscience."

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**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a woman, and I have been a pallbearer twice. The first was for my Aunt Helen. When I asked my Uncle Tony if it would be all right, he seemed surprised, but he agreed. He said he thought Helen would be proud that her niece wanted to do it.

The second time was for my own dear Dad. His sudden death rocked my world, and all I wanted was to be "with him" as long as I could.

Both times, people complimented me on a job well done and said they had never before seen a woman pallbearer. That should change. I encourage other women to do it. It was an ideal way to say goodbye.

Beaune Aunt Helen and Dad looking down, smiling with pride

because I chose to be me.

**-RACHEL IN FRANKLIN, MASS.**

**DEAR RACHEL:** I'm sure they were smiling, just as your letter will bring a smile to the faces of countless readers. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** I insisted on helping to carry out my mother's casket. I felt that since Mother had carried me for nine months into my life, I could certainly bear her weight and carry her for the last time. I took one of the first two spots in order to be closer to her heart. It gave me an enormous feeling of peace and helped tremendously in my grieving process.

**-JANE IN OHIO**

**DEAR JANE:** I'm sure it was both comforting and empowering to act decisively during such a painful time.

pretty much out of originality, too. (An exception would be Simpson's where Homer became an astronaut. That was great!," he says in a 1998 letter.

"Let's just think I'm only a mindless cartoon addict, I will admit that I am a Star Trek junkie, too (wherever I see this unit's 'panic attacks' goes off, I start screaming: 'Red Alert! Shields up!') (Hey it gives me something to do! A man has to exercise his vocal cords on something!)"

## McVeigh gives little glimpse of his psyche in prison letters

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - Timothy McVeigh complains about life in his cell, jokes about his favorite TV shows and laments the children burned to death in the cult disaster at Waco.

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McVeigh, 32, is scheduled to be

executed May 16. He is now in a federal prison at Terre Haute, Ind. The letters were written while he was at Supermax, a federal prison at Florence, Colo.

In his letters, McVeigh tells Bacharach he spends as much time as possible relaxing in front of the television, catching "The Simpsons" and "King of the Hill" and his favorite movies "The Unforgiven," "Forrest Gump" and "The Rock."

Simpsons once in a while has a good comeback - but they're

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**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be dealing with illusion. Be discreet, don't tell all. Let others play guessing games.

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