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Tax cut bill heads to governor

By Bob Fick
Associated Press Writer

BOISE — The first piece of what could be a \$100 million permanent tax cut was sent to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Wednesday, but the stage was set for a showdown between the House and Senate over capital gain tax breaks.

The Senate voted 33-2 for the House-passed legislation exempting agricultural machinery from the personal property tax. The price tag is \$12.4 million a year, twice the level Kempthorne recommended when he laid out his now-dis-

carded tax plan in January. "This not only will help agriculture, but it will help every man-and-a-pa business up and down Main Street stay in business because this helps agriculture," Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron of Rupert said.

But Senate Republicans, after meeting yet again behind closed doors for another 40 minutes on the issue, striped repeal

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of the remainder of the capital gains tax from the House package and replaced it with a \$5 increase in the individual income tax credit for sales tax paid on food, boosting the basic annual credit to \$20 per person. That reduced the value of the overall tax plan, including the personal property tax exemption, from \$110 million backed by the House to just under \$100 million. Earlier, Senate tax writers killed a \$6.6 million House proposal to exempt agriculture, timber and mining from capital gains.

Nearly \$87 million of the Senate package is permanent tax relief, down from \$101 million in the House version.

House Tax Chairman Dolores Crow of Nampa predicted the House would up the ante. While expecting the Senate food tax credit to be accepted, Crow predicted the House would send back to the Senate the capital gains tax breaks and revive Kempthorne's tax rebate pro-

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Debate spotlights MV lawmakers

By Michael Jounée
Times-News writer

BOISE — Most insiders at the Statehouse thought Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's detailed work on a tax cut package and agency budgets last summer and fall would easily form the framework for lawmakers to work from during the session.

But the record \$330 million budget surplus they found when they began their business this winter has led lawmakers down a tangled path.

Tax cutters, setting up a whim in the House, most of which are for tax and forth of tax cut proposals between them and the more moderate Senate —

have been adamant in their demands for huge cuts and have tried to take a knife to several agency budgets to make room.

Local lawmakers have been in the middle of this debate.

Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, a member of the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, which initiates all state tax policy, has been methodically voting against appropriations bills with what he calls "unwarranted increases" of more than 6 percent over last year's budgets.

He has supported 49 of the appropriations bills that have come before the House so far, such as the Idaho State Police



Rep. Leon Smith

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CHEER FROM THE SIDELINES



Kimbra Roache, 11, left, and Alex Pfeiffer, 9, jump for joy as their team scores a run in a practice game at the Bruin Softball Camp 2001 in Twin Falls. The yearly camp is held during spring break, and 42 children, ranging from third grade to eighth grade, participated this year.

Allies urge U.S. to reconsider stance on global warming pact

The Washington Post

BRUSSELS — The Bush administration's decision to reject an international treaty designed to combat global warming provoked a stunned and angry reaction Wednesday among America's allies in Europe and Japan. Many of them urged the United States to reconsider.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, who is due in Washington on Thursday for his first meeting with President Bush, will appeal on behalf of the 15 countries of the European Union that the United States embrace the treaty, which was negotiated in Kyoto, Japan, in 1997, German

officials said.

"Japan will be dismayed and deeply disappointed" if the United States walks away from the treaty, said Japan's ambassador in charge of global environmental affairs, Kazuo Asakai. The treaty "is very serious and important," he said.

To many U.S. allies, the decision confirms a troubling willingness by the White House's new occupant to take the United States off on solo tracks, without consultations with trusted governments. Leaders in Japan and Western Europe see that tendency as well behind a recent U.S. decision to go slow on talks with North Korea.

Craters hunting bill moves forward

Legislation would restore hunting

By Morgan Scully
States News Service

WASHINGTON — Allowing hunting and trapping to resume on Idaho's newly expanded Craters of the Moon National Monument came one step closer to reality Wednesday when a U.S. House committee gave it unanimous approval.

The House Resources Committee approved a bill introduced last month by Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, that would reopen areas of the monument that were

closed in 1980. During a spate of national monument declarations late last year, the Clinton administration expanded the monument from 54,000 acres to more than 661,000 acres.

Clinton administration expanded the monument from 54,000 acres to more than 661,000 acres. The Bureau of Land Management formerly managed most of the land included in the expansion and still manages 251,000 acres of the monument, where hunting is still allowed.

However, the other 410,000 acres of the expanded monument are now managed by the National Park Service, which forbids hunting on its lands unless mandated otherwise by Congress.

Simpson and other supporters of the bill, including the Idaho Wildlife Federation and the Idaho Fish and Game Commission, have argued that when the monument was expanded, it was understood that hunting could continue on the Park Service-managed lands, despite the existing law prohibiting hunting.

Simpson said the legislation would "ensure promises made to the people of Idaho are promises kept."

During another hearing of the legislation last week, amendments were added to the original bill to address the concerns of several lawmakers on the committee. Under the changes, the National Park Service Land at Craters of the Moon would be referred to as a "national preserve" rather than a "national monument."

Also, Interior Secretary Gale Norton would have oversight, along with the state, of land over all hunting activity on the land.

"I'm thrilled my colleagues on the House Resources Committee unanimously supported my effort," Simpson said after the vote. "My legislation ensures that hunting will remain a welcome activity in the newly expanded portions of Craters of the Moon National Monument."

Senate votes to ease limits on donations

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to raise the limits on contributions to candidates and political parties, hoping to strike a balance on campaign finance legislation one day after moving to flush millions of dollars out of the nation's political system.

The 84-16 vote on a hastily crafted compromise cleared the latest — but not the last — hurdle blocking passage of legislation pressed by Sen. John McCain and his allies to curb the influence of big money in politics.

"Money is not evil in and of itself," said Sen. Fred Thompson,

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R-Tenn., shortly before the Senate agreed to increase donation limits enacted in the wake of the Watergate scandal a quarter-century ago. He said the increases would "help challengers and will help our parties do the legitimate things that parties are supposed to do."

Donors would be permitted to give \$2,000 per election to candidates of their choice and \$37,500 overall to candidates and political parties for use in direct campaign expenses. These limits

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Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., briefs reporters on Capitol Hill Wednesday, March 28, 2001, on his attempt to amend campaign finance legislation being considered on the Senate floor.

Appeals court throws out ruling against anti-abortion Web site

Judges say First Amendment protects activists

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court threw out a record \$107 million verdict against anti-abortion activists Wednesday, ruling that a Web site and wanted posters branding abortion doctors "baby butchers" and criminals were protected by the First Amendment.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously said the activists could be held liable only if the material authorized or directly threatened violence.

The ruling came two years after a jury in Portland, Ore., ordered a dozen abortion foes to pay damages to Planned Parenthood and four doctors.

They had sued under federal racketeering law and the 1994 federal law that makes it illegal to incite violence against abortion doctors.

The case was widely seen as a test of a recent Supreme Court ruling that said a threat must be explicit and likely to cause "imminent lawless action."

"If defendants threatened to commit violent acts, by working alone or with others, then their (works) could properly support the verdict," Circuit Judge Alex Kozinski wrote. "But if their (works) merely encouraged unrelated terrorists, then their words are protected by the First Amendment."

Planned Parenthood and the doctors were portrayed in the Old West-style wanted posters as "baby butchers," and a Web site called the "Nuremberg Files" listed the names and addresses of

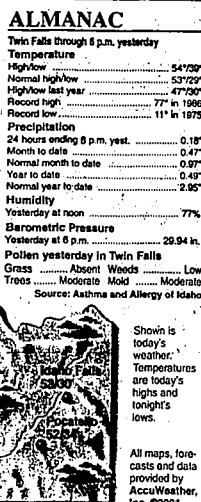
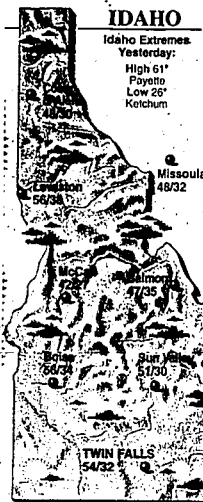
abortion providers and declared them guilty of crimes against humanity.

Planned Parenthood said it would ask the court to reconsider its decision, or petition the Supreme Court to review the ruling.

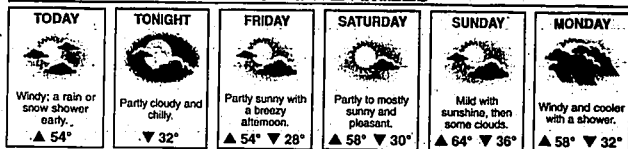
"We are obviously disappointed with the panel's decision and firmly believe that it is wrong," said Maria Vullo, the group's attorney.

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REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: A few rain and snow showers in the east this morning; otherwise, partly sunny and windy across the region today. Brisk and chilly tonight with patchy clouds. Mixed clouds and sun tomorrow.

Boise: A mixture of sunshine and clouds today with a cool breeze. Partly cloudy and chilly tonight. Sunshine and some clouds tomorrow with a breezy afternoon.

Northern Nevada: Partly to mostly sunny today with a breezy afternoon. Clear to partly cloudy and chilly tonight. Sunshine and a few clouds tomorrow with a pleasant afternoon.

Northern Utah: A couple of rain and snow showers this morning, then windy this afternoon with clouds and some sunshine. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny and breezy tomorrow.

Northern Idaho: Clouds and occasional sunshine today along with a chilly wind; there will be a few rain and snow showers, mainly across the mountains. Mostly cloudy tonight with a sprinkle or flurry possible.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states)

High 89° in Palm Springs, CA Low 7° in Billerica, MI

NATIONAL WEATHER

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



CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Fri.	Today	Fri.
Calgary	40-20	34-13	40-20	34-13
Edmonton	41-19	34-22	41-19	34-22
Regina	42-22	33-18	42-22	33-18
Saskatoon	42-22	33-18	42-22	33-18
Winnipeg	42-22	33-18	42-22	33-18
Victoria	48-30	61-38	48-30	61-38
Vancouver	48-30	61-38	48-30	61-38
Seattle	48-30	61-38	48-30	61-38
Portland	48-30	61-38	48-30	61-38

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 6:26 a.m. Sunset tonight 7:00 p.m.

Moonrise today 8:11 a.m. Moonset tonight none

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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.

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City Today Fri. City Today Fri.

Atlanta 56 52 49 51 48

Baltimore 52 44 49 48 47

Birmingham 51 30 45 25 24

Boston 48 38 46 38 37

Charlotte, NC 64 57 73 61 60

Chicago 48 38 46 38 37

Cleveland 48 38 46 38 37

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Detroit 48 38 46 38 37

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Fairbanks 48 38 46 38 37

Fargo 48 38 46 38 37

Honolulu 83 68 82 67 66

Houston 58 38 45 35 34

Indianapolis 47 41 49 40 39

Jacksonville 77 62 77 64 63

Kansas City 58 40 61 42 41

Las Vegas 52 36 61 34 33

Little Rock 56 47 61 48 47

Los Angeles 72 57 85 52 51

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Milwaukee 52 44 49 48 47

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Omaha 54 37 63 40 39

Orlando 67 54 72 61 60

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Rapid City 48 26 49 26 25

Reno 68 52 70 52 51

Sacramento 58 48 61 49 48

St. Louis 58 42 61 43 42

St. Paul 44 31 43 32 31

San Antonio 65 50 69 51 50

San Diego 66 59 72 68 67

San Francisco 65 60 69 62 61

Seattle 48 38 46 38 37

Tucson 58 54 61 55 54

Washington, DC 52 46 58 46 45

Weather (W): s-sunny, p-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, th-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, ffg

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.	City	Today	Fri.
Boise	56 34	58 32	McCall	42 27	52 26
Bonners Ferry	47 32	48 26	Missoula, MT	48 32	49 23
Butte	54 29	53 14	Pocatello	52 34	51 22
Coeur d'Alene	54 29	53 14	Portland, OR	55 41	58 39
Elko	57 35	57 19	Richland, WA	60 37	62 31
Eugene, OR	59 40	60 38	Salmon	47 35	51 22
Hayden	57 34	57 27	San Jose, CA	55 41	58 39
Idaho Falls	53 30	49 20	Seattle, WA	50 40	54 38
Kalispell, MT	44 30	49 22	Spokane, WA	48 31	51 28
Lewiston	56 38	56 36	Vallejo, CA	49 30	50 20
Malad	53 34	53 26	San Valley	51 30	50 20
Malta	46 26	42 23	Yellowstone, MT	38 17	34 3

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IRS chief says high audit rate is unnecessary Debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service does not need to return to the higher audit levels of five years ago but must guard against giving an advantage to wealthier taxpayers by using modern enforcement techniques such as computer matching of returns, the IRS chief says.

Fewer than one-half of 1 percent of individual tax returns were audited in fiscal year 2000. In 1995, the level was over three times as much, at 1.67 percent of returns.

Congress, has raised concern about potential revenue loss and greater tax avoidance as Americans head into the final weeks of this year's tax filing season.

IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti, in a letter to the Senate Finance Committee chairman, Sen. Charles Grassley, said the agency's budget proposal for this year — which continues long-range plans to hire 4,000 employees — is aimed at stabilizing the level of audits and other tax compliance activities "at or slightly above current levels."

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budget which increased 29 percent.

spending requests, which would have added up to an 11 percent increase, by \$48 million.

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positional, which had earlier been discarded.

Cameron told his colleagues, "Hopefully, we haven't gone too far."

House-passed tax relief bills:
• Doubling the maximum income tax credit for contributions to educational and other specified organizations to \$100 for single taxpayers and \$200 for joint returns. The estimated savings to taxpayers was \$622,000 a year.

House-passed tax relief bills:
• Allowing deduction in calculating income taxes of certain funeral related expenses. The estimated savings to taxpayers was \$230,000 a year.

He's kept company in his dissent with a number of so-called "6 1/2 percenters," a group of fiscal conservatives, most of whom are from the lawmakers, who urged the budget committee through petition to keep all budget increases under 6 1/2 percent.

spending requests, which would have added up to an 11 percent increase, by \$48 million.

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would rise with inflation in the future.

pieces of the Senate floor.

Thompson, Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, the leading Democratic supporter of the bill, said he was giving his support reluctantly to the increases. "We have to make this move," he said, or risk the unraveling of a coalition that has been painstakingly put together in nearly two weeks of floor debate.

House-passed tax relief bills:
• Allowing deduction in calculating income taxes of up to half of the premium cost of insurance for long-term care. The estimated savings to taxpayers was \$455,000 a year.

He's voted against bills Jerome Republican Rep. Maxine Baile's budget committee hashed out long ago.

spending requests, which would have added up to an 11 percent increase, by \$48 million.

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CORRECTION
A story in Wednesday's Times-News on the late Rep. George Swan contained an error. Swan attended high school in Utah.

House approves Bush budget

Spending plan clears first major hurdle

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans overhauled the Democrats and pushed a \$1.94 trillion budget for 2002 through the House on Wednesday, as President Bush's blueprint for tax cuts and curtailed spending cleared its first major congressional hurdle.

The vote was a near party-line 222-205. Though devoid of sus-

pense because of the GOP's thin but unified majority, Republicans hailed their victory as a triumph for their view of government.

"The choice is between two visions," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas. "A vision of bigger and bigger government, a choice between larger and larger taxes or a choice of smaller government that trusts the people."

The House roll call, though, was but a warmup for a rougher test next week in the evenly

divided Senate. There, the GOP not only faces near-lockstep Democratic opposition, but some moderate Republicans have said Bush's 10-year, \$1.6 trillion tax cut is too big and his proposed spending restraints too stingy.

Even so, Bush said the House action made Wednesday "a big day" and said the budget's centerpiece — an across-the-board cut in income tax rates — would help all Americans.

"We need to cut all rates so that there's certainty in our economy

when people plan, and I'm confident we can get this done," he said before meeting with GOP congressional leaders at the White House.

Hoping to claim the economic stimulus argument as their own, House Democrats joined their Senate colleagues and said they wanted a \$60 billion tax reduction effective this year. If moved as a separate bill — instead of attached to Bush's big tax cuts, as Republicans insist — the measure could zip through Congress in a day, Democrats said.

Congress, president move toward human cloning ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists called human cloning ethically risky and likely to produce deformed babies, even as researchers who plan to move forward defended their plans Wednesday before a congressional panel. The White House said President Bush would sign a federal law outlawing such research.

Members of Congress appeared eager to send him the legislation, saying that even if the scientific and safety issues could be overcome, ethical issues remain.

"Cloning may literally threaten the character of our human nature," said Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, who plans to introduce legislation this spring.

Rep. Clifford Stearns, R-Fla., went further: "It interferes with the natural order of things," he said.

"People have a right to their own genetic makeup, which should not be replicated."

Clones are created when the genetic material from a single cell is injected into an egg cell that has had its genes removed.



Dr. Panos Michael Zavos, founder of the Andrology Institute of America, testifies on the cloning issue on Capitol Hill, Wednesday.

The resulting baby is like an identical twin born years later. While mainstream scientists are unanimously opposed to human cloning, at least for now, two groups of scientists have promised to move ahead within the next year or two.

Justices weigh medicinal marijuana arguments

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court took a first look at prescription pot Wednesday, hearing arguments on an issue that has pitted the federal government against cancer AIDS and other patients who sometimes regard marijuana as a wonder drug.

As far as the federal government is concerned, marijuana is illegal and should remain so. Federal enforcement efforts have led to confrontations and arrests in California and other Western states.

The issue for an openly skeptical Supreme Court is whether a patient's need for marijuana trumps a 1970 federal law that classifies it as an illegal substance with no known medical value.

Voters in Arizona, Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Nevada, Oregon and Washington have approved ballot initiatives allowing the use of medical marijuana. In Hawaii, the Legislature passed a similar law and the governor signed it last year.

President Bush supports feder-



Outside the U.S. Supreme Court, Leslie Miller holds up a sign supporting the use of marijuana for medical reasons, after the high court heard arguments Wednesday.

al prohibitions on marijuana, but also respects states' rights to pass voter initiatives, spokesman Art Fleischer said.

"The president is opposed to the legalization of marijuana, including for medicinal purposes," he said Wednesday.

Lawyers for the Oakland

Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative in California want to make what they call a "medical necessity" defense in federal court, and argue that federal judges and juries have the power to decide if the drug is warranted.

Several justices seemed to think that approach was a stretch

at best. "I thought the medical necessity defense was for an individual," Justice Antonin Scalia said. "You would extend it to the person prescribing the drug, and even to opening a business," to dispense it.

"That's a vast expansion beyond any necessity defense I've ever heard of," Scalia said.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy seemed to agree. "You're asking us to hold that this defense exists... with no specific plaintiff before us, no specific case," Kennedy told the club's lawyer, Gerald Uelmen.

The court's ruling is expected by the end of June.

A ruling for the Oakland club would allow special marijuana clubs to resume distributing the drug in California, which passed one of the nation's first medical marijuana laws in 1996.

A ruling for the federal government would not negate the California voter initiative, but effectively would prevent clubs like Oakland's from distributing the drug openly.

Book: McVeigh shows little remorse for children

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — A remorseless Timothy McVeigh calls the children killed in the Oklahoma City bombing "collateral damage," regretting only that their deaths detracted from his bid to avenge Waco and Ruby Ridge, according to a new book.

The book represents the first time McVeigh has publicly and explicitly admitted to the crime and given his reasons for the attack.

"I understand what they felt in Oklahoma City. I have no sympathy for them," McVeigh told the authors of "American Terrorist: Timothy McVeigh and the Oklahoma City Bombing."

McVeigh told Lou Michel and Dan Herbeck, reporters for The Buffalo News, he did not know there was a day care center inside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, the authors

The book represents the first time Timothy McVeigh has publicly and explicitly admitted to the crime.

said on Thursday's broadcast of "PrimeTime Thursday."

"I recognized beforehand that someone might be... bringing their kid to work," McVeigh said, according to the ABC broadcast. "However, if I had known there was an entire day care center, it might have given me pause to switch targets. That's a large amount of collateral damage."

Michel said McVeigh's only regret was that the children's deaths proved to be a public relations nightmare that undercut his cause.

Still, McVeigh said he was dis-

appointed when part of the building remained standing after his 2,000-pound bomb went off. "Damn, I didn't knock the building down. I didn't take it down," he said.

The April 19, 1995, bombing killed 168 people, 19 of them children. McVeigh, 32, is scheduled to be executed May 16.

McVeigh said he was the sole architect of the plan, resorting to threats against Terry Nichols' family when his Army buddy hesitated before helping to load the explosives into the rental truck.

In 75 hours of prison interviews with the Buffalo reporters, McVeigh, who was raised in Pendleton, outside Buffalo, got choked up while talking about killing a gopher in a field, but never expressed remorse for the bombing.

Terrorist trial jury sees tape of blasts

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The jury in the trial of an Algerian accused of a terrorist conspiracy saw thunderous explosions Wednesday as prosecutors showed videotapes of what would have happened if explosives seized in the case had gone off.

The explosions, which were simulations created by the FBI, were conducted at a Quantico, Va., Marine base and were shown on videotape in both real time and slow motion.

In two scenes, the explosives destroyed a car similar to the one that defendant Ahmed Ressam drove onto a ferry that took it from Canada to New York, Wash., in 1999, days before the nation's millennium celebrations.

Hillary Clinton's popularity rating slides

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's popularity rating has dropped, with just one in three voters having a favorable opinion of her, a statewide poll reported Wednesday.

The Quinnipiac University Polling Institute found Clinton's favorability rating at 34 percent; another 34 percent of voters said they have an unfavorable opinion.

A December poll by Quinnipiac, conducted about a month after Clinton's easy election victory over then-Rep. Rick Lazio, had her rated favorably by 46 percent of voters and unfavorably by 36 percent.



Sen. Hillary Clinton

been getting the headlines, very few of them good," said Maurice Carroll, director of the Hamden, Conn.-based institute.

The Clintons have faced criticism over Bill Clinton's last-minute pardons and over furniture and other gifts they took with them from the White House.

Senator Clinton has

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NATION

BATTLE OVER BURIAL

Group says son didn't have right to take O'Hair's remains

Los Angeles Times



Madalyn O'Hair

HOUSTON — Even now, her body burned to ash and smothered with dirt in an unmarked grave, Madalyn Murray O'Hair remains the stuff of bilious battle. Quietly, privately, O'Hair was laid into an anonymous cemetery vault in the Texas hills last week. Her estranged Baptist son buried his murdered mother, daughter and brother — three generations of atheists tucked away side by side. When the vault was covered and the improbable prayers ceased, it looked like the end of a bitter and bloody saga.

But it wasn't. The American Atheists, the group founded by O'Hair three decades back that succeeded in driving prayer from the public schools, says William J. Murray had no right to bury his mother.

O'Hair left everything to the

organization's New Jersey library, president Ellen Johnson says. Murray was disinherited, she says, and shouldn't have been able to claim his mother's bones.

"He had no right to those remains; he had no right to any of her things," Johnson said. "Hopefully we'll still get those remains back."

"It's an unlikely battle for an anti-religious group, a struggle for her ashes that threatens to transform O'Hair into a sort of atheist saint."

"The Atheists see those remains as a mechanism to reaffirm the community," said Cary Laderman, religion professor at Emory University and author of a book on American attitudes toward death.

"Even though they wouldn't agree with me," he said, "I think this kind of interest in the remains is clearly a religious

activity."

The veneration of human remains has long been entwined with religion. Some historians mark the moment when ancient man began to rub dead bodies with red ochre, curl them into the fetal position and bury them in the dirt as the evolutionary beginning of religious consciousness.

O'Hair hated the idea of burial, says Ron Houdyshell, a lawyer for the American Atheists. It smacked of ritual and ceremony. She wanted to be cremated and her ashes scattered.

Houdyshell called the burial "very strange and very spiteful."

The American Atheists are bent on carrying out the wishes of their tough-talking founding mother. Determined to ferret out the unmarked burial site, the group may sue to have the remains handed over, Houdyshell said.

In theory, Texas law entitles Murray to bury his mother, but the American Atheists believe O'Hair's will proves the organization has a right to her dead body.

"It speaks to an attempt to maintain a sense of collective

identity," Laderman says. "If they can get control of her physical remains, they can shape how she will be remembered."

The last time anybody saw her alive, O'Hair was 76. She'd spent the early 1990s living in a squat, brick house in Austin with son Jon Garth Murray and William Murray's daughter, Robin. It was a quiet, if somewhat litigious, existence. They cooked, gardened and waged a daily paper battle to bleach religion from American thought.

But in 1995, when Robin was 30 and Jon was 40, the family fished, along with a bundle of gold coins. Tales of conspiracy flew: They'd escaped to New Zealand; they'd stolen from the atheists; they'd been killed.

After six years of speculation, O'Hair's former office manager admitted to kidnapping and killing the three in a plot to steal \$600,000 worth of gold. In January, 53-year-old David Waters led investigators to a shallow grave outside San Antonio. Waters is to be sentenced Friday on a federal conspiracy charge.

U.S. won't ease meat ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration refused on Wednesday to exempt any part of the European Union from an import ban imposed to keep the U.S. livestock industry free of foot-and-mouth disease.

"Obviously—the situation in Europe isn't under control yet, with the continued increase in

the number of cases" in Britain, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said after meeting with David Byrne, the European Union's commissioner for health and consumer protection.

The biggest impact of the U.S. ban, which applies to livestock and raw meat, has been on imports of baby back ribs from Denmark.

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House legislation seeks to can Internet spam

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill that calls for fines if a marketer deluges Internet users with unsolicited e-mail moved closer to passage Wednesday as a House committee unanimously approved the measure.

The House bill is closely modeled after telemarketing regulations, and its sponsor said the need to bring those standards to the Internet age is far overdue.

"Consumers should have the same power to stop junk e-mail from invading their home as they do with junk mail, telemarketing and junk faxes," said Rep. Heather Wilson, R-N.M. "This bill will give parents and consumers

the power to say enough is enough and close their inbox to annoying and obscene junk e-mail."

The bill requires those sending unsolicited commercial e-mail messages — often called spam — to provide a valid return e-mail address so recipients can serve notice that they want to be taken off the mailing list.

The Federal Trade Commission would be given the authority to bring action against senders of spam who violate the provisions of the legislation. Internet service providers could also sue spammers in federal court for \$500 per message, up to \$50,000, if a spammer willfully breaks the law.

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- Don't weigh yourself too often; it's easy to get discouraged.
- Take a "before" picture. You'll really be able to see the difference when you've finished losing the weight you desire.

- Take up a new hobby instead of eating; your hands will be busy and your mind occupied, so you don't have time to think about eating.
- Don't pass food around the table. Keep it in the kitchen while you eat; "out of sight, out of mind."
- Don't attach your weight loss to a specific date or event; your goal should be long-term weight control.
- Don't list too many forbidden foods for yourself.
- Don't watch TV or listen to the radio while you're eating.
- Get more involved in family and community activities.
- Keep a food diary to help you become more aware of why you overeat. Record when you eat and your feelings at the time.
- Chew each mouthful of food 20 times before swallowing.
- Never skip a meal.
- Restrict your eating to one place.
- Bring a mirror to the table and watch yourself eat.
- Brush your teeth right after you finish eating. Getting rid of the taste will help you to not think about food.
- Buy yourself a present to reward yourself instead of eating.
- Eat before attending a social function that features food. That way you won't be tempted to eat something you shouldn't.
- Write out a shopping list before you go to the supermarket.

- Avoid social functions that revolve around food.
 - Trim recipes. Make only the amount you need for one meal.
 - Never go to the supermarket when you're hungry.
 - Make a list of the reasons why you want to lose weight before you begin your diet. These reasons will help you maintain will power.
 - Take a walk or do some kind of exercise instead of eating. This burns calories and makes you feel good about yourself.
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Records show number of derailments increase

WASHINGTON (AP) - The number of train derailments - like the recent Amtrak accident in Iowa that killed one person and injured 96 others - have increased by nearly 20 percent over the past four years.

Both the Federal Railroad Administration and the Department of Transportation's inspector general have found poorly maintained track and

inadequate inspections by the railroads could be partly to blame.

The number of railroad industry inspectors has been reduced and the federal and state governments have only 550 people to make sure that the industry is adequately checking 230,000 miles of track.

FRA's associate administrator for safety, George Gavalla, said

the agency has focused its efforts on heavily used tracks and rail yards, and all tracks that carry passengers and hazardous materials.

On those tracks, accidents are down, he said. Many of the derailments occur in yards when crews assemble train cars.

"We concentrate on where we think the risk is," Gavalla said.

Grand jury indicts lawyers in fatal dog attack

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Two attorneys whose dogs mauled a woman to death outside her apartment have been charged with the fatal attack, capping a bizarre day for the suspects.

Marjorie Knoller and her husband, Robert Noel, were arrested Tuesday night at a home in Corning, about 170 miles northeast of San Francisco.

Knoller, 45, who was present at

the time of the dog attack, was charged with second-degree murder, involuntary manslaughter and keeping a mischievous dog that caused a person's death. Noel, 59, also was charged with involuntary manslaughter and keeping a mischievous dog.

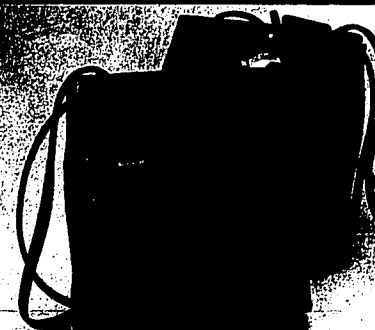
They were to be arraigned and returned to San Francisco within the next few days, District Attorney Terence Hallinan said.

During her grand jury testimony Tuesday, Knoller suffered an anxiety attack and needed the assistance of paramedics.

A short time later, Noel was stopped by California Highway Patrol officers near Woodland - about 95 miles northeast of San Francisco - and cited for exceeding 85 mph in a 65-mph zone. The two were arrested a few hours later in Corning.

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EDITORIAL

Idaho Power offer reveals the actual value of water

The Idaho Power Co.'s offer to rent water from the state "water bank" has generated a lot of anxiety among irrigators in the Upper Snake River Basin. It should, because the utility is prepared to pay 20 times more than the usual rate for irrigation water upstream of Milner Dam.

Idaho Power is offering \$60 per acre-foot, while irrigators typically pay less than \$3 per acre-foot. For those of you scoring at home, an acre-foot is about a third of a million gallons.

Why is Idaho Power willing to pay so much for water on the spot market? Because it wants to produce as much hydroelectricity as possible at a time when electricity is in high demand.

No one can deny that water generates more money when it's used to the ground to irrigate crops. The fact that Idaho Power is willing to pay more than irrigators underscores the old axiom that investment flows to the highest rate of return.

Though Idaho Power can outbid irrigators for water, it is by no means certain the utility will be allowed to do so. The agricultural economy of Southern and Eastern Idaho is heavily reliant on the water bank. Depriving farms of supplemental irrigation water could have unpleasant and long-lasting consequences for the regional economy.

It's an ominous prospect, but it shouldn't silence the debate over the highest and best uses of water. Free-market economics and the pursuit of profit are central to the debate,

but they aren't the only considerations. Serious societal issues are at stake. The fate of traditional but vulnerable interests — particularly farming — hangs in the balance.

Water and electricity will be in short supply this year, so Idaho Power's munificent offer is a clear expression of what water is worth in today's hydroelectric market. Without water, Idaho Power is out of business.

The good news here is that electric markets are subject to the same laws of supply and demand that govern the rest of the economy, and real price adjustments are now beginning to reflect that value.

California just approved rate hikes of up to 46 percent for customers of that state's two biggest utilities, so electrical demand should begin to slow as consumers are confronted with higher power bills. Less demand will lead to increased supply, which in turn should lead to decreased prices.

The energy crunch reflects the fact that California has added virtually no additional capacity in a decade, while allowing demand to rise unchecked. Now the chickens have come home to roost — or roast — as well they should.

Electrical rates will soon be going up in Idaho. It makes no sense for people here to subsidize California's profligacy. Let Californians unplug their toothbrushes until demand for electricity is brought into balance with supply.

That balance will come in California, if only the politicians will stay out of the way.

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LETTERS

Leave water in the river

For some reason, the senator from Blaine County has decided dairy farmers are his target.

Clint Stennett wants to make sure all farmers have secure water rights. This brings to mind Bald Mountain. Every day, millions of gallons are pumped out of the Big Wood water supply to keep a bunch of tourists happy. Historically, they never pumped water on the mountain, so there is no historical water right. This is all federal-leased ground. So this is water spreading.

I say dry that rock pile up. The water should be left in the river to benefit the spawning salmonids and the rest of Idaho's wildlife. Marvel and Chisholm will agree.

JEKOME FITZGERALD
Shoshone

Eden speculation hurts police

Regarding Bonny Stacey's evaluation of the Eden incident:

Thank you to Mr. Robert B. Norton! I appreciated your response in The Times-News from a law enforcement officer's point of view.

I was privileged to attend the Citizen's Academy in Pocatello. It was very informative and revealing. I would encourage all citizens to take time and attend.

The police officer says his life on the line every day, and they see people at their very worst. They have strict codes

and procedures. I'm very comfortable with the fact that the Idaho State Police did a lengthy investigation and were not rushed because of the statements made in The Times-News editorials and persons' speculation about the case.

It must be very difficult for Sheriff Weaver with everything that has transpired. I don't know him, but I do know that life is choices. Facts and rules remain, and it is not anyone's place to make uninformed speculation about any of it.

MARGE DRAPER
Burley

Crack down on traffic violators

After watching television on March 16 and seeing the awful accident which killed Mrs. Ward and her 4-year-old son, I thought I would write.

How many people have to be killed or hurt before something is done about all the red lights and stop lights that are run? Mrs. Ward, her 4-year-old son, Mr. Kelly, the boy that hit him and the Gooding Police chief's wife that I remember just since the first of the year.

It's so bad on Second and Shoshone Street that you have to wait a couple of seconds before taking off or you'll be the next one to be hit. Something has to be done before more people are killed.

Maybe instead of cracking down on parking tickets, you could look into this.
DONNA MCKENZIE
Twin Falls



Bad words are bad — whoever says 'em

JOHN RAY

Sen. Robert Byrd's recent and unfortunate use of the n-word, and NAACP President Kweisi Mfume's response, should prompt us to call time out and listen to the language we hear. When the n-word and other insults flow from the mouths of one race, we find it humiliating and derogatory. But in today's coarsened culture, the same words flowing from the mouths of another race are not just accepted but applauded as exciting, witty and downright entertaining.

On more than one occasion, I have been stunned to hear African-Americans of considerable stature say it's unacceptable for white Americans to use the word, but it's OK for African-Americans to do it. What nonsense! An insult is an insult no matter whose mouth it flows from.

As for Sen. Byrd, I have no doubt that he regrets using the n-word in an awkward attempt to make the point that many people who grew up in his era have repented the racial prejudice they once harbored. When I worked on the Hill in the 1970s, I became familiar with Sen. Byrd through a friend who worked on his staff. I believe Sen. Byrd is sincere in expressing regret for his mistakes regarding race relations and equality.

I am more troubled that many African-Americans, particularly national leaders, are quick to condemn a white person's use of racially insulting language but keep silent when African-Americans flag each other with the same insults. There are courageous exceptions, notably C. Delores Tucker of the National Political Congress of Black Women, who waged a valiant campaign against use of the n-

word and other vile language in the music industry. But none of us did as much as we should have to support her effort. Today, on TV and stages across our nation and abroad, African-American comedians routinely spew out the n-word and use crude, insulting terms in speaking of women, while the well-dressed, apparently prosperous and sophisticated African-American audience laughs and cheers for more. In movies and rap lyrics, on the Internet and elsewhere, our society — black and white — is bombarded by the n-word and by gross insults against women.

If such foul language seems acceptable among African-Americans, how can anyone be surprised to find it creeping into society at large and becoming our common language? This is particularly true when our kids hear it from their parents and other admired personalities. Because words inspire attitudes and actions, the inevitable result is burgeoning disrespect for, and violence against, those who are targets of the n-word and women subjected to similar insults. I recently boarded the Metro and rode alongside four African-Americans aged about 14 to 17 years old: three young men and one young woman. I could not help hearing their rather loud conversation, peppered with the n-word and exclamatives in describing their friends. From the insignia on one lad's clothes, it appeared

that they were students at a well-respected private school, and when a Spanish-speaking family boarded the train, one young man began conversing with them in Spanish. They were clearly well-educated, benefiting from the privileges that their ancestors fought to create for them. Yet in speaking of their friends, they used the words racist and sexist hatred that their ancestors fought to eliminate from our society.

When I was growing up in Echols County in southern Georgia, I lived with my grandfather and grandmother. Both were uneducated in the arts and sciences, but they had more honor and common sense in their little fingers than there is in all the well-dressed, well-educated folks who cheer today's foul-mouthed comedians. I never heard either of them utter the n-word. Their words of choice in that time were "colored" or "Negro." My grandfather, in order to maintain his manhood and self-respect, determined that we would live several miles away from the county's villages. He made every effort not to expose himself and his family to n-word insults — and worse — that we would have experienced in the villages. As he often said, "I will die and go to hell first."

If he were living today, I think he would be willing to accept Sen. Byrd's apology. But he would be puzzled and angry that so many African-Americans laugh and applaud when the same evil words come from the mouths of our own people.

John Ray is a Washington attorney and former at-large member of the D.C. Council. He wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

Idaho State Library is going strong at 100

READER COMMENT
Jo Leuze

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Other programs are delivered by cooperating with Idaho libraries, large and small. Some of these libraries offer families "Read to Me," a State Library literacy program. Many send their staff to State Library workshops to learn how to deliver information and programs tailored to their customers' needs. They also take advantage of the State Library consultants' expertise on many topics — from long-range planning to winning grants to library technology and networking. The consultant's role is to help them make their libraries the heart of their communities.

This collaboration between the State Library and Idaho libraries will be the centerpiece of the library services of tomorrow. In the next few years, Idaho libraries will offer continuous access and service to anyone, anywhere, anytime using cutting edge technology as a gateway to the world. At the same time, their customers will continue to enjoy books and the personal attention librarians have always offered. Many libraries are already taking steps toward this future.

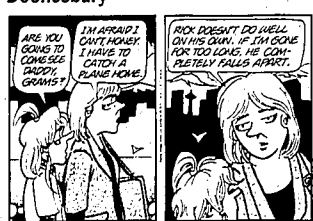
Throughout Idaho, libraries are sharing their collections with other libraries through electronic catalogs. Networks are

springing up to allow library customers to check out a book at the town where they work and return it where they live. Customers may also request a title from anywhere in Idaho and receive it within a few days, thanks to courier services developed by library cooperatives.

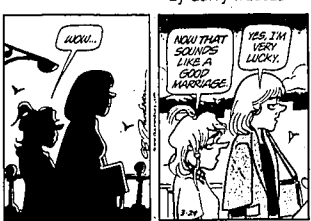
But not all Idahoans can expect such benefits from their local libraries. It takes solid and reliable operational dollars to run such initiatives. Fortunately, Idaho has shining examples of the public stepping up to support their libraries. In the past three years the residents of Priest River, Preston, Priest Lake, New Meadows, Aberdeen and Stanley have voted for library districts. People in Sandpoint, Kuna, Post Falls and Eagle have voted to build new libraries. These citizens know that their hard-earned tax dollars will go to support their educational and entertainment interests. They should also know that when libraries combine holdings through networking, their tax dollars are leveraged to bring even greater resources into their communities. Delivering library resources to the citizens of Idaho is what the past 100 years have been about. The method of delivery continues to evolve, as does the partnership between local libraries and the State Library. With the support of the state Legislature and Idaho citizens, it is what the next 100 years will be about too.

Jo Leuze of Twin Falls is the chairman of the Idaho State Library Board.

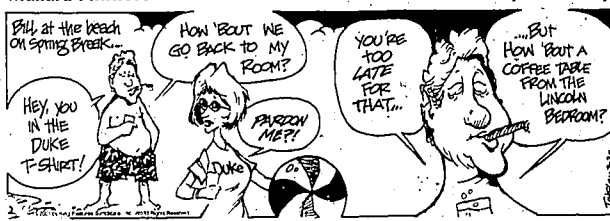
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By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



National elections have real consequences for everyone

LARRY EICHEL

Our system of government does not encourage sudden changes in direction. And, taken as a whole, the policy initiatives of the Bush administration to date do not amount to radical departures.

In any number of fronts, though, the actions taken by the new occupants of the West Wing remind us that there are differences between Republicans and Democrats – and that it matters who wins and loses on Election Day.

That reality was brought home to environmentalists concerned about global warming when the president reversed a campaign promise and told his Environmental Protection Agency not to regulate carbon-dioxide emissions from power plants.

But the about-face was the exception that obscures the point; the vast majority of the changes Bush has imposed, or is seeking, are quite consistent with the stances he took as a candidate. A few relate to issues he never mentioned while running. But his positions on those haven't come as a shock either.

Let's begin with the executive orders, none of which would have emanated from a Gore White House.

On March 20, Bush scrapped a regulation, promulgated in the closing days of the Clinton administration, that would have lowered the allowable level of arsenic in drinking water. He's done away with several Clinton-

era rules favored by organized labor, including one that set up labor-management councils in unionized federal workplaces.

Last week, in a move that elated conservative activists, Bush eliminated the traditional role of the American Bar Association in pre-screening would-be nominees for federal judgeships. He has used the powers of his office to reverse the Clinton administration's policy and make sure that no U.S. foreign aid goes to international groups that support abortion rights.

On the legislative front, Bush has already signed one bill – and indicated his desire to sign a second – that Gore surely would have vetoed. The one Bush signed revoked a set of sweeping (and arguably over-reaching) ergonomics regulations intended to reduce repetitive stress injuries on the job; those rules went into effect during Clinton's final week. The one he plans to approve toughens the nation's bankruptcy laws as they apply to consumers; Clinton vetoed a similar bill late last year.

Bush continues to push for his 10-year tax cut, priced at a minimum of \$1.6 trillion, a package that has numerous benefits for people at the top of the income scale and that would, in the short run, inject little new money into an economy seemingly in need of stimulus. His determination to

see his entire package turned into law has made him slow to warm to stripped-down bipartisan proposals to provide immediate rebates to all taxpayers.

His opposition to outlawing all "soft money" contributions to political parties has emboldened the opponents of the McCain-Feingold campaign-finance-reform bill (which Gore favored) and complicated its prospects for becoming law.

Last week, Bush reiterated his threat to veto any patients' bill of rights that does not include significant limitations on an individual's right to sue an HMO and on damages that might be awarded.

His budget priorities include more money for education but, according to The New York Times, less for child-care assistance for the poor and for programs designed to fight child abuse.

In foreign policy, the early signs suggest that Bush is adopting an approach that is more unilateral in nature and less enamored of negotiation than the one Gore envisioned.

Whether these orders, proposals and positions are good or bad isn't the point, at least not for this column on this day. What I'm saying is that the cumulative policy landscape would look much different today had Al Gore, not George W. Bush, become the 43rd president of the United States. Or had the Democrats managed to capture either house of Congress.

Elections have consequences.

It is often said, by Ralph Nader and others who speak of the constraints of the two-party system, that American politics is fought between the 40-year lines of the playing field – in terms of the ide-

ology that governs, the interest groups that control and the options that get considered. I don't disagree.

But it doesn't mean that the game's not worth playing. Or that

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Down, down, down for Japan

Over the past decade, Japan's economy has journeyed from a powerhouse (which could apparently do no wrong) to a basket case (which can apparently do no right). Well, not exactly. Japan is not yet a basket case. But it seems incapable of halting its downward drift, and now its stunning reversal of fortune is a growing threat to the wider world economy.

While the American economy flourished, Japan's distress was largely Japan's problem. The U.S. slowdown means that the world's two largest economies – representing almost 30 percent of global production – are experiencing simultaneous setbacks. Countries in Asia will be the first victims. Together, the United States and Japan account for 32 percent of Korea's exports, 36 percent of Thailand's, 38 percent of China's and 43 percent of the Philippines'. Among the other possible repercussions is a financial crisis triggered, perhaps, by the failure of a major bank or insurance company.

The largest hazard is that the entire world will suffer from low spending and confidence if all its main economies (Europe is also weakening) retreat. Last week, the Bank of Japan effectively reduced overnight lending rates to zero from 0.25 percent. It also seemed to promise that it would pump enough money into the economy to reverse Japan's modest deflation. Since 1999, prices of goods and services have dropped about 1 percent a year. Land prices also continued to



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slide; in 2000, they decreased 4.9 percent, the 10th consecutive annual decline.

Some economists argue that the economy will revive if the Bank of Japan can create modest inflation. People will buy now, because prices will be higher later (just as deflation supposedly causes people to defer spending). Perhaps. But there are grounds for skepticism. Consumers may be saving simply because they're scared of losing their jobs or not being able to afford retirement.

The causes of the yen's rise can be debated. But the consequence was that Japan's exports became more costly on world markets, dooming export-led growth. The economy could thrive only if the protected sectors – from retailing to communications – generated growth. Although this made economic sense, it collided with the country's social values. It required that these sectors be opened to competition that would create new investment opportunities. The Japanese didn't want upheaval; they wanted stability.

The result was a checkmated economy: a high yen checked exports; psychology and politics checked the rest. The absence of genuine investment opportunities prevented low interest rates

and high budget deficits from playing their classic roles. Cheap credit in the late 1980s temporarily boosted spending, stock prices and real state values. The collapse of this "bubble economy" left the banking system saddled with bad loans. Sharply big budget deficits mostly created temporary jobs and some uneeded roads and bridges.

Writing off Japan as just another economic basket case would be a big mistake. The Wall Street Journal counseled in a recent story. Given Japan's strengths – a well-educated workforce, technological excellence – this is sensible advice. Japan has begun to change by permitting more imports and foreign investment and by deregulating some industries.

But the advice could be wrong. Besides, attitudes haven't changed, and there's the legacy of stagnation: vast over-capacity in many industries; rapidly rising government debt; weakened banks and financial institutions. Japan may someday resume healthy economic growth. But history also suggests another possibility. Once some great states – Turkey and the Austro-Hungarian Empire – started to decline, they simply continued declining.

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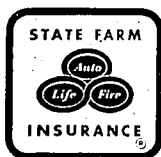
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Jennifer Pond Jerome Softball

JEROME — Just about the only thing Jennifer Pond can't do on a softball field is pitch. But give her time, before she's done she just might be able to do that.

The 6-foot-0 catcher has been the Tigers' heavy hitter since belting a grand slam against Burley as a freshman last season. Now she's picking up where she left off.

On Friday, Pond broke out for five hits against Century, going 5-for-5 with a home run in a 12-11 loss. The blast was Pond's first of the year but it probably isn't her last.

"It was my first at-bat and I didn't even know I hit it," Pond said. "I was really just trying to get a piece of it and it went over the fence."

Though only a sophomore, Pond's athletic resume is already as thick as a Tolstoy novel. She was a post on the Tigers' state runner-up girls' basketball team and she throws the shot put on the track team when not on the softball diamond. Pond has also placed first and third in the shot put in Jerome's two track meets this season.

"After (losing the basketball state championship) I think I've taken sports more seriously," Pond said. "I've really been trying to be in the moment with whatever I do."

After this season, Pond said she might be looking to narrow her athletic scope and concentrate on just one or two of the sports she excels at. But for now, she's happy juggling the duty of being a three-sport athlete.

"I guess sports have come easy to me so far," said Pond. "But not too easy. I just want to see how good I can be."

— Joe Sunnen

Adam Frank Minico baseball

RUPERT — With Minico baseball catching legend Jared Price advancing to the pro ranks last fall, the task of filling the set of cleats behind home plate was sizeable.

Enter Adam Frank. At the start of the season, Spartan coach Russ Wright said baseball players cannot be replaced. Whether it's Jared Price or Bob Becker, every player brings something unique to a baseball team. And every player from every class has left their own mark on the Minico baseball program; standards, which are not designed to be substituted or replicated.

That said, junior catcher Adam Frank is on pace to leave quite a mark.

In his first two games of the season, Frank went 4-for-7 hitting two doubles, a single and a home run in a doubleheader against Borah.

More importantly, as a junior he has proven ready, willing and able to step up as a leader for this year's team. As such, the Impact Price had on the program is a help instead of a hindrance.

"Playing with Jared was the best thing that could have happened for me," Frank said. "He taught me things on the field last year that are helping me a lot this year."

Deeply involved with his church, Frank missed the Spartans' first two games due to some religious obligations. While at school, he holds a cumulative 3.75 grade point average and is a member of the National Honor Society.

— Jeff Behlman

'Zo, Dream make successful returns

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Alonso Mourning first heard the question from his wife. His doctors, coaches, teammates — just about everyone Mourning encountered the day after his return to the sport where he stars — wanted to know the same thing.

"How do I feel? I've been asked that a lot today," Mourning said after practice Wednesday.

Mourning, who was diagnosed with a kidney disease in October, was stiff and sore following his season debut Tuesday night against the Toronto Raptors. The 6-foot-10 All-Star center didn't offer much insight into how he felt, mostly because he wants the attention to shift from his health to the team's well-being as the postseason approaches.

"I was all the things that can be

attributed to a training-camp-type feeling," he said. "This is like my pre-season. Most of the other guys have played 69 games and had a training camp. Unfortunately, I couldn't do that."

Mourning had nine points and six

rebounds in a 101-92 loss to the Raptors. He played 19 minutes and was 3-of-11 shooting, missing several short jumpers and a few runners in the lane.

He was stronger on defense, altering shots and shutting down Toronto's inside game.

"I still have a lot to work on," Mourning said.

Mostly, on his conditioning. Mourning was exhausted at times during the game, resting with his

hands atop his head or grabbing the bottom of his shorts.

Miami has 12 games remaining this season, beginning Friday night at Milwaukee. Heat coach Pat Riley thinks that is enough time to get Mourning in playing shape, integrate him into the lineup and prepare his team for the playoffs.

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FEARSOME FOURSOME



Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski



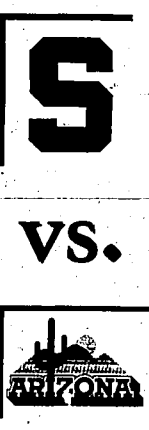
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Arizona coach Lute Olson

Past titles teach coaches that being good isn't enough

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Final Four sidelines will be crowded this weekend with coaches who know how to win an NCAA title.

For only the second time in tournament history, three coaches who have won NCAA championships will be coaching in the same Final Four. Mike Krzyzewski of Duke, Arizona's Lute Olson and Michigan State's Tom Izzo have won a combined four titles.

Minneapolis also was the site the only other time three coaches' with championship experience have

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appeared in the same Final Four, in 1992. Krzyzewski, Steve Fisher of Michigan and Bob Knight of Indiana

also combined for four titles that season.

Krzyzewski, Olson and Izzo were joined on a media teleconference Wednesday by Maryland coach Gary Williams, who is making his first Final Four appearance.

They said their experience has taught them that being good isn't enough.

"I've always said you also have to be lucky," said Olson, whose Wildcats won the NCAA title in 1997. "Most teams that have won it, in one game out of the six they had to practically

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Women's hoops are a hit

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The sign on the expressway that funnels traffic downtown tells a lot about this city.

Mark McGwire Highway. There's no street named for Jackie Stiles — not yet, anyway. Nor is there an avenue named after Geno Auriemma.

This is a Cardinals baseball town, the town of Kurt Warner and the Rams, of Chris Pronger and the Blues.

Women's basketball? Forget it. This is a place where the Division I women's team considers it a good night when 1,000 fans show up.

But for the next four days, women's hoops will take center stage in the city of McGwire, Warner and Pronger. The Final Four is in town.

Stiles will be here with Southwest Missouri State. Auriemma brought his defending national champions from Connecticut. Notre Dame and Purdue made it, too, each with a first-team All-American.

Home runs, slap shots and touchdown passes will give way to 3-pointers, layups and rebounds — at least for one weekend.

"Anytime you get attention for women's basketball, it's great for our sport," Saint Louis coach Jill Pizzotti said. "It's been near all year to read the quotes from players in the papers. We want to get to St. Louis, we want to get to St. Louis."

"There's just a lot of excitement. A lot of people will feel good about St. Louis and women's basketball together."

Whether the attention helps Pizzotti's program remains to be seen. It certainly can't hurt, she figures. St. Louis, which plays in Conference USA, averaged about 600 fans per game in a 2,200-seat gym this season.

It's not as though the city has been bereft of women's basketball success. Washington University has won the last four national Division III championships and had an 81-game winning streak. One of Notre Dame's best players, point guard Nicole Ivey, played high school ball in St. Louis.

The area also produced Kristin Folk, who played on two Final Four teams at Stanford. Until now, though, there has been nothing to push the women's game to the forefront.

The Missouri Valley Conference, headquartered in St. Louis, brought the Final Four to town and is the sole host. The league was the host for three men's regionals in the 1990s and will have the men's Final Four in 2005.

"It was an opportunity," commissioner Doug Elgin said. "We'll pursue any opportunity to host an NCAA basketball tournament in this city. It's going to be a wonderful experience for the city to have these great women's programs here."

And talk about timing. The Valley lands the event and one of its schools, Southwest Missouri State, will host the women's tournament.

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Spring training

The Associated Press

There was no room for Glenallen Hill with the Yankees or Omar Olivares in Oakland as teams started finalizing their opening day rosters.

Hill, a key addition as New York won its third straight World Series last year, was traded to the Anaheim Angels on Wednesday for Double-A outfielder Darren Blakely.

"I think he was just happy that something was done," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "He's been hanging around here for a week or so knowing somebody was going to go."

Hill's role became superfluous when New York signed free

agent outfielder Henry Rodriguez, acquired backup Michael Coleman from Cincinnati last week and shifted Chuck Knoblauch from second base to left field.

After making the deal, Anaheim released Jose Canseco, in camp with the Angels on a minor league contract but slowed by injuries this spring.

Olivares, who lost a battle with Cory Lidle to be Oakland's fifth starter, was traded to pitching-depleted Pittsburgh for a player to be named.

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New York Yankees Glenallen Hill swinging for a two-run home run in the fourth inning against the Texas Rangers in this August 24, 2000 photo. The Yankees traded Hill to the Anaheim Angels Wednesday.

AP Photo

SPORTS

Pilots fail at Mountain Home

The Times-News

MOUNTAIN HOME — The Glens Ferry High baseball team lost its first two games of the season on Wednesday, falling 12-1 and 9-2 at Mountain Home. The Pilots moved to 0-2 with the losses.

"We just couldn't get hits with runners on base," Glens Ferry coach Denis Uhl said. "We weren't very aggressive at the plate. I don't know how many called third strikes we had."

"Pilots pitcher Ryan Simons lasted just one inning, taking the loss in Game 1. Juan Gutierrez lasted two innings for Glens Ferry in the second game."

The Pilots look to get back on the winning track at Wendell Tuesday.

Mountain Home 12, Glens Ferry 1.

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SPORTS

McGrady cans 44; Magic shock Sixers MLB

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Tracy McGrady matched a career-high with 44 points and hit a driving bank shot with 7.6 seconds as the Orlando Magic held off a frenzied comeback by Philadelphia and beat the 76ers 96-95 Wednesday night.

McGrady, who shot 18-for-35 from the field, took an inbound pass with 7.6 seconds left and drove straight down the lane to hit the winning basket. A desperation heave by Allen Iverson fell short for Philadelphia, which lost for the sixth time in seven games.

Iverson, battling bronchitis, finished with 37 points and 10 turnovers. His three-point play with 7.6 seconds remaining gave the Sixers a 95-94 lead.

Darrell Armstrong had 14 points and Mike Miller added 13 points as the Magic won the season-high 27 turnovers and won their second straight.

Eric Snow scored 10 of his 14 points in the fourth quarter and added 10 assists. Jumeaine Jones had 13 points and Tyrone Hill finished with 17 rebounds for Philadelphia, which outrebounded Orlando 56-40. Matt Geiger had 11 points and eight rebounds.

Nets 99, Nuggets 96
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Keith Van Horn scored 25 points and Lucious Harris added 21 as New Jersey kept its playoff hopes alive.

Just hours before the game, the Nets learned that All-Star guard Stephon Marbury would be lost for the season. He will have surgery on Thursday to repair a ruptured tendon in his left pinkie, injured in mid-January. He is the sixth New Jersey player lost to a season-ending injury.

Doug Overton added 17 for the Nets.

Antonio McDyess had 20 points and 16 rebounds and Raef LaFrentz added 18 points and 13 rebounds for Denver.

Suns 103, Cavaliers 94
PHOENIX — Jason Kidd scored 23 points as the Phoenix Suns defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers 103-94 Wednesday night, extending their winning streak to five games.

Tony Delk added 22 points for the Suns. Kidd, averaging 24 points during the winning streak, also had 10 assists.

Andre Miller scored 22 points and Matt Harpring added 19 for the Cavaliers, who lost for the 13th time in 17 games.



Philadelphia's Allen Iverson drives around Orlando's Darrell Armstrong in the first half of their game Wednesday in Philadelphia.

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Oliveras is in the final year of a contract that will pay him \$4 million this year. The A's will pay about half of Oliveras' salary.

With three Pirates starting pitchers out for at least another month with injuries — Kris Benson (elbow), Jason Schmidt (rib cage pull) and Francisco Cordova (elbow) — Oliveras becomes Pittsburgh's No. 4 starter.

"He's a guy who's been around and won't be overwhelmed. He knows how to pitch and we need players like that," Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon said.

Elsewhere, Nomar Garciaparra will rest his sore right wrist a few more days in a last hope that time, not surgery, is what's needed to repair the injury.

If Garciaparra has surgery, he'll

likely miss at least 2.5 months.

At Kissimmee, Fla., Greg Maddux was struck in the foot by a hard grounder and could miss the season opener for Atlanta.

"It's sore, but I don't think it's that bad," Maddux said.

The impact cut a toe and split a toenail on Maddux's left foot. He recovered to throw out Houston's Glen Barker to end the second inning but limped off the field.

Also, Ramon Martinez asked for and received his unconditional release after the Dodgers picked Eric Gagne as their fifth starter.

Meanwhile, the Dodgers traded pitcher Mike Judd to Tampa Bay for a player to be named, and released utilityman F.P. Santangelo.

US boots Honduras

SAN PEDRO SULA, Honduras (AP) — This time, the United States won't have a late goal in Central America.

Clint Mathis curled a 22-yard free kick around a defensive wall and just inside the post with four minutes left as the United States beat Honduras 2-1 in a World Cup qualifier Wednesday night despite missing four injured starters.

Earnie Stewart, celebrating his 32nd birthday, scored on a deflected 35-yard shot in the first half, but U.S. goalkeeper Brad Friedel was beaten by Julio Cesar de Leon's 32-yard shot early in the second half.

After Chris Armas was fouled, Mathis scored the go-ahead goal with a tremendous heading shot over a five-man wall.

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

Team	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	12	17	.413
Baltimore	12	17	.413
Boston	12	17	.413
California	12	17	.413
Chicago	12	17	.413
Cleveland	12	17	.413
Colorado	12	17	.413
Detroit	12	17	.413
Florida	12	17	.413
Los Angeles	12	17	.413
Minnesota	12	17	.413
Montreal	12	17	.413
New York	12	17	.413

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

Team	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	12	17	.413
Baltimore	12	17	.413
Boston	12	17	.413
California	12	17	.413
Chicago	12	17	.413
Cleveland	12	17	.413
Colorado	12	17	.413
Detroit	12	17	.413
Florida	12	17	.413
Los Angeles	12	17	.413
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GREEN MACHINE



The first-place team for fifth- and sixth-grade girls were from Soda Springs and sponsored by the Rupert Lions. Pictured, left to right, Top: Coach Angie Cooper, Sydney Cooper, Anna Gentry, Kaylee McCullough, Chelsey Schwulst, coach Steve Glimmer. Bottom: Halden Slepert, Lacey Glimmer, Katie Balls and Chelsey Skinner.

RUPERT RUNNERS-UP



The second-place team for fifth- and sixth-grade girls from Rupert and sponsored by Doc's Pizza. From left to right, Top: Coach Wayne Shenk, Anisa Myers, Jessica Miller, McKel Baker, Rue Hinkley, coach Jeff Miller. Bottom: Taylee Miller, Shalome Frank, Sarah Shenk and Kelsha Lloyd.

3-POINT GUNS



Chelsey Schwulst (left) won first place in the 3-point shootout. Dusty Easter took second place (not pictured) and Kaylee McCullough (right) finished third.

TWIN FALLS TOPS



The first-place team for seventh- and eighth-grade girls were from Twin Falls. Ark Animal Hospital sponsored the team. Members are, from left to right, Top: Breanne Parkinson, Nicole Hovey, Allison Lang, Hanna Holdenrich, Amy Bratvold and coach Brian Harrison. Bottom: Shakura Bandylin, Casey Lee and Carla Martin.

GOOD SPORTS



The second-place team from Twin Falls and the Bruce Seamons Sportsmanship award winners for seventh- and eighth-grade girls, who were sponsored by Garry's Car Care. Pictured from left to right, Top: Coach Eric Hovey, Heidi Reisma, Jamie Harrison and Jennifer Hohnhorst. Bottom: Chelsey Irons, Donna Quach and Jamie Edwards.

LONG BALLERS



Winners for the 3-point shootout for seventh- and eighth-grade girls, were left to right: Kaitlyn Wilson, third place; All Coats, second place and Jennica Mechem, first place.



From left to right, Top: Coach Gary Cook, coach Tim Tickner, Mike Smith, Joey Martin, Jesse Irie, Mitch Smith, Colby Pulsifer, coach Neal Hazelbaker. Bottom: Sevi Fisher, Zach Schaaf, Tyson Tickner, Todd Cook, Martin Pothier and Tanner Hazelbaker.

Hawks hoop it up in Utah

The Southern Idaho Hawks basketball team took their season's first road trip to their first tournament in Utah, where they finished fourth out of 22 participants. The team, coached by Gary Cook, traveled to Ogden, Utah, for the 2001 USA Basketball National Collegiate Championships in Huntington, Utah.

won first place in their third tournament in Twin Falls recently.

The eighth-grade team is made up of nine players from O'Leary Junior High and two from Robert Stuart Junior High. Donations to help pay for the team's expenses may be given to any First Security Bank with the account name Southern Idaho Hawks.

JUDO JUNKIE

Kimberly's Casey Gambrel rises in ranks

Junior Kimberly Hazz, senior Casey Gambrel, and sophomore Casey Gambrel are the top judo athletes on the team. They are all members of the San Jose State Judo Club. Casey Gambrel recently competed at the International New York Open March 27, where he finished fourth out of 22 participants. He placed third in the 125-pound class at the 2001 USA Judo National Collegiate Championships in Huntington, Utah, March 19 and 20.



Casey Gambrel

Gambrel, a freshman at San Jose State, has made vast strides at the collegiate level, said SJS coach Dan Hazz. He came out and shocked many of the older, seasoned participants with fantastic speed and technique, Hazz said.

Gambrel has qualified for the U.S. Judo Senior Nationals to be held in Orlando, Fla. in April. At the New York Open, Gambrel suffered his first loss at the tournament to a two-time Olympian from Uzbekistan. Approximately 180 competitors from around the globe attended the event.

The San Jose State men's team also won its 37th National Collegiate Team Championship in 40 attempts this year. The competition featured 40 universities and over 300 competitors.

Twin Falls Rapids go 5-2 over weekend

Boys (17 and under)
Rapids 3, Nampa (U-18) 2

Chuck Meade received player of the game honors as the Rapids defeated Nampa 3-2. Brock Cooper, Kyle

Anderson and Christian Capilla scored for the Rapids, with assists from Dylan Mikesell and Corey Sayre.

Boys (11 and under)
Rapids 2, Meridian (U-12) 0
Rapids 3, Middleton (U-12) 1

After splitting a pair of games last week, the Rapids' boys' 11- and under team rebounded with wins of 2-0 over Meridian and 3-1 against Middleton.

Led by Adam Kolajchick-Kotch's two goals, the Rapids blanked Meridian. Nick Hoffman, Art Cortez, Adam Russell and keeper Kody Graham (6 saves) provided the defense.

Against Middleton, Marcus Wallis booted two scores and Kolajchick-Kotch added another in the 3-1 victory. Defense again prevailed: mid-fielders Nestor Ortega and Nathan Karel contributing on the field for the Rapids.

The Sawtooth Surgery Center sponsored both matches.

Boys (12 and under)
Rapids 4, Vallivue 0
Nampa Firebirds 2, Rapids 1

The Rapids' 12-and-under boys team fired from all sides against an overmatched Vallivue in a 4-0 win.

Jeff Jewell, Devon Jenks, Andy Legg and Cody Gary each scored with assistant coach Nick Klauer praising his team's impermeable defense, topped by keeper Casey Murray. Connor Watkins and David Seppi also contributed on both sides of the ball.

An aggressive and physical



Firebirds team took the 2-1 win as the Rapids played one short, due to injuries.

Legg scored the Rapids' lone goal - his second of the day. Defensively, Adriell Apter, Josh Guites and Brandon VanEch stood out with Ted Wunderlich adding some showmanship with a rare bicycle kick.

Physician's Center sponsored both matches.

Girls (13 and under)
Ida-Ore (U-14) 5, Rapids 1
Rapids 3, McCall (U-14) 1

An older, Ida-Ore squad stunned first-year assistant coach Alicia Tenney and her girls with a 5-1 rout in the team's first match of the season. All the goals were in by the first half.

However, Tenney made the adjustments and the Rapids fought back with Bea Wunderlich getting through the Ida-Ore defense for the score. Ashton Ford and Beth Howell stepped up the Rapids' defense, which remained steadfast the rest of the day.

Facing traditional power McCall, the Rapids drew first blood with an early score for the 1-0 lead after the second minute. The Rapids continued to press their offense with Danielle Willets scoring twice and Randi Fischer adding a goal. Goalkeeper Erin Donnelly turned back nine shots on goal.

Brosche Chemical sponsored both matches.

JAZZY GIRLS



Girls' jazzball hosted its final tournament of the season at the Racquetball Club in March, with Arlitt team placing first, followed by Bliton and Moss. The Arlitt team, pictured, left to right, Front row: Jocelyn Robertson and Amber Ward. Middle: Kaitlyn Arlitt, Tiffany Bell and Kendall Arreaga. Back row: Jessica Gae, McKenzie Wright and Jessica Brice. Coach Kelly Arlitt is not pictured.

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THANK YOU LETTER

Event remembers champion of young people

Boy Scout Troop 315 of St. Anthony Catholic Parish of Pocatello, founded by Jim S. Martin in 1962, wishes to thank everyone who donated to the James S. Martin Memorial Fund.

Jim was Scoutmaster of Troop 315 in Pocatello; principal of a Catholic school and a committee member of Troop 96 in Boise; and Scoutmaster of Troop 63 and assistant Cubmaster of Pack 63 and a commissioner for the Snake River Council in Twin Falls. He returned to Pocatello in 1997, where he was involved with Kid Cam at Channel 12, joined Pack 315 as Cubmaster and Troop 315 as assistant scoutmaster until his death in December 2000. Jim will be remembered as a Scoutmaster and champion of youth. Those wish to may send donations to the James S. Martin Memorial Fund, Boy Scout Troop 315, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 524 N. Seventh Ave., Pocatello, ID 83201.

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Pocatello

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The sun will come out tomorrow

Production focuses on famous orphan

By Julie Pence
Times-News correspondent

EDEN - Valley School District students have been without theater for years.

But theater made a big comeback as the students put on a classic musical about a poor, but spunky little orphan who finds happiness.

"Annie" will showcase the talents of 50 students from kindergarten through 12th grade. The students, director Kelli McBride and district music instructor Don Wight have been rehearsing since February. Valley District Superintendent Laurel Nelson enlisted community resident McBride to bring the show to the stage.

"Annie" was written by Thomas Meehan with music by Charles Strouse and lyrics by Martin Charnin.

This version of the musical, which is shortened specifically for junior high and high school performances, will run about one hour and 20 minutes instead of the standard two hours. But McBride says nothing about the quality of the production is abbreviated. She has extensive experience in various Magic Valley theater groups and knows a professional performance when she sees one, she said.

"This is definitely above your standard school production," McBride said.

McBride got involved in theater when her now 18-year-old son joined Jump Company as an 8-year-old. Since then, they have



Paige Kimball, left, plays the title role in the Valley Theatre Company production of 'Annie.' With Paige are 'orphans' Mercedes McBride, left, and Cheyenne Nelson, right.

Show times

The Valley Theatre Company presents "Annie" at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday at Valley High School.

Cost is \$3 in advance from cast members or \$3.50 at the door.

participated nonstop in other groups such as Magic Valley Little Theater, Northside Players and Dilettantes. As a result of her stage-mother experience, McBride has become consumed with theater. This is her first time directing.

"It's just a passion," she said.

For sophomore Jason VanSickle, who plays the role of Rooster, the first theatrical production in five years is a dream come true.

"I've always had a thing for acting," he said. "I'll watch any movie you give me. Hollywood is always on my mind."

Paige Kimball, who plays Annie, said she doesn't dream about acting but constantly sings around home. Her friends said no one could have been more excited when she found out she had won the lead role.

McBride said the performance

WILL NOT be possible without music instructor Wight.

"He has been here every step of the way," she said. "He helped the kids learn all the songs. A lot of rehearsal was just song and dance, song and dance."

The school event has also been a great community unifier, McBride said. Community residents have helped with lighting, set design and choreography, among other things.

"It's overwhelming how rewarding it is... to have such support. It has... a lot of excitement," she said.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Students make ISU dean's list

Breah A. Lawley of Filer and Megan V. Mulberry and William M. Humphries, both of Kimberly, made the Idaho State University College of Business dean's list for the fall 2000.

Dean's list students must obtain a 3.5 or higher grade-point average and be full time.

Twin Falls student wins honor at William Woods

Erin McHenry of Twin Falls has been named to the dean's list at William Woods University at Fulton, Mo. for academic accomplishments during the fall term.

A student must be full-time and have achieved a minimum of 3.5 semester and cumulative grade-point average.

Pitz is named as technology fellow

Laureen Pitz, a second-grade teacher at Hollister Elementary School, has been selected as a technology fellow in the Albertson's Foundation Teaching with Technology program.

She will be working out of the program laboratory at Jerome High School. Following training, teachers will implement what they have learned in their classrooms and then act as a resource person for other teachers at the school. Fifteen teachers were selected out of more than 200 candidates in the state.

Kimberly teenager earns academy honor

Ell Price, son of Paul and Shelly Price of Kimberly, has been named a United States National Award Winner by the United States Achievement Academy.

Price, who attends Kimberly High School, was nominated in English by a teacher at the school. Price's name will appear in the official yearbook. The academy says criteria for selection includes academic performance, interest

and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, citizenship and other qualities.

His grandparents are George and Myrna Price of Rigby and Deane Hodges of Kimberly.

Price also has been named an All-American Scholar by the academy. He was nominated by a high school counselor. The scholar program recognizes students who earn a 3.3 or higher grade-point average and students are eligible for other academy awards.

Stuart names Kernell teacher of the month

Karen Kernell was nominated as the February teacher of the month at Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls.

She teaches an extended resources class of only three of such classes in the district—and works with students who have special needs.

Her co-workers say she is dedicated and pays exceptional attention to her students.

This area of teaching became her main interest years ago when she was hired as an aide in Soda Springs, the school reports. She received her bachelor's degree from Idaho State University in 1989 and has been teaching for 12 years.

Kernell serves as the team leader of the Assistive Technology Team, providing assistance to Twin Falls students who have disabilities that may be augmented by assistive technology devices.

She has two grown daughters and when she is not teaching, she enjoys reading, drawing, painting, hiking, bird-watching and traveling. Last summer, she worked in China for six weeks, teaching English and plans to return this summer.

Kernell received a gift certificate from Applebee's.



Karen Kernell

Twin brothers are twice as nice

PABLO ("ANDREW")

Personality: This fraternal twin likes to be called "Andrew." His foster mother describes him as "the joker" who will use charm to get what he wants. He gets along well with other children and is attached to his siblings. Andrew is one size smaller than his twin, but clearly the leader. He and twin brother, Hoyler, are quick to call any adult "mom" or "dad." They have had several caretakers in their short lives.

Interests: Andrew once wanted to be a cowboy, though lately his interest has turned to wrestling. He is an active child who enjoys outdoor activities and family fun times. Andrew and Hoyler require close supervision and modeling of loving behavior with any pets.

HOYLER
Personality: Hoyler is larger than his fraternal twin brother, Andrew. Unlike his brother, he is more reserved until he gets to

Thursday's Children



Pablo
Age 3



Hoyler
Age 3

know you. His shyness soon turns to cuddling or mimicking Andrew's attention-getting antics. He can be very sensitive and does not like to be teased.

Interests: Hoyler loves playing with his twin brother, Andrew.

They enjoy cowboys, wrestling or any action-packed adventure play.

Needs of the boys: When Hoyler is disciplined, he needs reassurance that he is still liked, even though his behavior is a

problem. Once reassured, he will smile and return to play. The adoptive family should focus on attachment issues, while showing strong commitment during an initial testing period. Family counseling to help with necessary transitions and in dealing with past abuse issues. These children

respond best to a flexible parenting style tailored to each child as an individual. The family environment should consist of clear, consistent rules with natural and logical consequences. Andrew and Hoyler respond best to "time outs." A strong support system and respite (child care) resources will help adoptive parents cope with individual behaviors. Although the children's heritage is Caucasian/Hispanic, they speak only English. Ask the adoption worker about adoption assistance and subsidy as well as legal risk.

"Thursday's Child" profiles children awaiting adoption. For more information about this child or others, call the Idaho Careline at 1-800-926-2588.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

4-H group passes on baby goat as fund-raiser

TWIN FALLS - The Part of the Art 4-H group will hold a "Pass the Buck" fundraiser.

A baby goat will be taken to someone within the Twin Falls and Buhl area. The person will have the opportunity of keeping the goat for 15 minutes or sending it to someone else for a small donation. For more information, call Kim at 736-2538.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge winners for March 23 were: first place, Mary Steele and Ruby Grimes; second place, Jodi Faulkner and Bev Clark; third place, Bill Simonsen and Cecil Davidson; fourth place, Henry and Dolores Robinson and English, Pat Nelson and Jeanne Brown. Refreshments were served.

The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. every Friday at the Gooding City Hall.

Blaine County Center announces new classes

HAILEY - The College of Southern Idaho Blaine County Center announced the following

new classes: "Introduction to Access" will be offered from 6-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, April 2-16 in the Fox Building. Participants will learn how to create database tables, query for information and generate forms, reports and mailing labels. The cost is \$91.50 plus the book.

"Introduction to Word for Windows" will be offered from 6-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, April 2-16 in the Fox Building. Participants will create letters, business documents, newsletters and presentation materials. Previous Windows experience is required. The cost is \$91.50 plus the book.

An Internet class will be offered from 2-5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays from April 2-16 in the Fox Building. The cost is \$91.50.

An estate planning class will be offered from 2-4 p.m. Tuesdays, April 3-17 in the Fox Building. Participants will learn word processing, spreadsheets and database management.

"Adobe Photoshop" will be offered from 2-5 p.m. Tuesdays

and Thursdays, April 3-17 in the Fox Building. Understanding or prior use of Windows Computer is required. The cost is \$125.

A web page design class will be held from 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 3-17. Some familiarity with the Internet is helpful, but not necessary. The cost is \$91.50.

For more information, call the Blaine County Center at 788-2038.

Craft bazaar features spring collectibles, jewelry

TWIN FALLS - The Spring in the County craft bazaar will be held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. April 6-7 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 8 at the Spanbauer Barn at 5581 U.S. Highway 93.

A preview will be held from 5-8 p.m. April 5. The bazaar will include floral wreaths, swags, collectibles, baskets, country crafts, primitive jewelry, handmade heirlooms and rustic decor.

For more information, call Pam Luper at 324-5102 or Sandra Morgan at 733-8751.

Magic Valley New

Neighbors hold meeting

JEROME - The Magic Valley New Neighbors will hold its

monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Jerome County Club on Club Road.

To car pool meet at 11 a.m. in the Barnes & Noble parking.

To make reservations for the luncheon, call 734-8418 no later than Sunday. For more information, call 736-0651.

Buhl Arts Council announces new events

BUHL - The Buhl Arts Council announced the following new events:

The gallery opening for John McClusky's new paintings will be held at 5:30 p.m. April 6.

Cowboy Ernie Sites concert and dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. April 6. Sites will entertain with songs, poems, stories, trick-roping and yodeling. The dinner will consist of assorted bratwurst, hot German potato salad, coldslaw, baked beans, relishes and fruit cocktail. Other sausages will include: German, vegetable and hot dogs. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors.

A children's craft class will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 7. Children will make Easter baskets and fill them with a decorated egg. A hot dog lunch is included. The cost is \$5 for ages 6 and up. The class is limited to 12 people.

All events will be held at the Eighth Street Center at 200 Eighth St. in Buhl. For more information, call 543-2888.

Literacy workshops come to the Burley, Heyburn

BURLEY - Four literacy workshops will be held courtesy of the Magic Valley Library District and Idaho Public Television.

These workshops will be for parents of children from birth to age 4 and families with young children.

The parent workshop, "From Language to Literacy" will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Burley Public Library and at 7 p.m. April 5 at Heyburn Elementary. The workshop will explore milestones of a child's language development from birth, show parents how to encourage literacy and talk about how television can be a positive influence in the home.

The family workshop, "Storytelling Skills: A Step on the Road to Reading" will be at 7 p.m. April 3 at Deelo Elementary. This workshop will teach parents how to nurture a child's storytelling and eventually, their reading skills and provide hands-on activities to do with children. Parents are encouraged to bring children.

Each family will receive a free puppet and book.

The family workshop "Rhythm, Rhyme and Reading Readiness" will be at 11 a.m. April 5 at the Rupert American Red Cross Building. This workshop will provide hands-on activities to help put the theories of rhythm, rhyme and reading to work for children. Parents are also encouraged to bring their young children.

To pre-register, call the Burley Public Library at 878-7708 or DeMay Library at 436-3874 as soon as possible.

Evening computer classes start at CSI

TWIN FALLS - The next series of evening computer classes will start April 10 at the College of Southern Idaho.

Classes include "Introduction to Computers," "Introduction to Internet," "Introduction to Quicken," "Intermediate Word," "Microsoft Office" and "Building Web Pages 1 and 2."

Each class is one credit and costs \$66.50 plus the cost of a book, available at the CSI Bookstore, which is needed the first evening of class.

For information, call Ann Pool at 733-9554, Ext. 2441.

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TF Library discusses Anaya book for program

TWIN FALLS - As part of National Library Week, the final "Let's Talk About It! Other Americas" program will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the program room of the Twin Falls Public Library.

Jeff Fox of the College of Southern Idaho will lead the discussion of the book "Bless Me, Ultima" by Rudolfo A. Anaya. The story about a young boy named Antonio, who grows up in a small village in New Mexico around the time of World War II. It is about his struggles with religious faith and in choosing between the nomadic way of life of his father's family and the agricultural lifestyle of his mother's.

The "Let's Talk About It!" program is made possible through a partnership between the Idaho State Library and the Idaho Humanities Council with the U.S. Bank as a sponsor this year. The Hispanic Heritage Festival, the library's commu-



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For more information, call Susan in the reference department at 733-2964.

Hispanic network group meets April 10

TWIN FALLS - Hispanic professionals and business people and anyone else who is interested is invited to network at a no-host lunch at noon April 10 at the Jade Restaurant at 1719 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

For more information, call Leitia Coronado at 735-3207 or Pat Marcanantonio at 735-3288. No reservations necessary.

What are the three branches of government?

Class helps students prepare for citizenship test

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Who is the current vice president of the United States? What are the three branches of the government? If the president and vice president die, who becomes president?

These are just a few things people need to learn before becoming a United States citizen.

Ann Wilkinson teaches a citizenship class one night a week at the College of Southern Idaho. She has students from China, Russia and Thailand, but a majority are from Mexico.

Wilkinson says her students want to become citizens for a variety of reasons.

"For a lot of them, the main reason for getting citizenship is that they want the right to vote," Wilkinson says. "They want to be

Want more information?

The class is free and offered through the College of Southern Idaho Adult Basic Education department located in the Meyerhoff/Library building on campus. The class is available to people age 16 or older. The class is held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays. If you are interested, call Ann Wilkinson at 733-9554, Ext. 2568.

involved in the community, also," Luis Rojas says voting is her main reason.

"I felt like I knew what I needed to know. I realize how much I don't know," Rojas says. "I learned a lot during this last election."

Elisa Luna from Mexico says he wants to become a citizen so that he can write a book. Luna says he feels he has learned a lot about the United States in the citizenship class.

The class helps prepare students for the examination, which they will take in Idaho Falls or Boise. Wilkinson says it takes a while before



Students work on laptop computers that quiz them with questions about the history of the United States in preparation for citizenship tests.

students get called to take the test.

"If you have been in the U.S. for five years, you can apply (for the test)," Wilkinson says. She also hopes some of her students will get called to take the test this semester.

The test involves civics/government, writing and interview - that is, being able to converse. Wilkinson says the students read a

lot of history and do a lot of reading and writing in the class.

"I really encourage them to speak English at home," she says. "I want them to understand too so they can keep that information."

Wilkinson enjoys teaching the soon-to-be new citizens.

"This is a very fun class to teach," she said.

The man behind the voice: Meet the Spanish Peter Jennings

By David Bauder
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK - On "World News Tonight," Peter Jennings looks into the camera to tell the night's top story about an advance in genome research.

"Buenas noches," comes the voice from the television speakers. "Fantastico día para la ciencia."

Jennings' lips are moving, but it's David Crommett talking. Crommett is the Spanish Peter Jennings for viewers more comfortable with that language than with English.

Since last October, Crommett has been providing nightly translations of "World News Tonight" for viewers in 33 major cities through the Secondary Audio Program channel, a feature available on most stereo television sets.

The network is taking the first few tentative steps to reach out to a Latino marketplace growing in size and influence.

Crommett, a 47-year-old New Yorker and part-time actor, worked for five years as a freelance translator at ABC Sports, HBO and Fox.



David Crommett provides Spanish translations for Peter Jennings

An hour before the newscast, he sits in a cramped pod in the ABC newsroom with Danny Leon, producer in charge of the translated broadcast, and editors Cecilia Alvarado and Christine Romo. Writers prepare the English-lan-

guage broadcast and retrieve scripts to be translated.

They need to precisely translate the scripts to fit into the tight time frame a TV news broadcast offers. Since Spanish tends to be 20 to 25 percent wordier than English, it only adds to the pressure, Crommett said.

The news constantly brings them fresh translation challenges, like during the protracted presidential election battle.

"We had to come up with a word for hanging chad," Crommett said. "Chad coligante" is what they settled on.

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"When we hit our stride, for some period of time it's transparent," Crommett said. "You're oblivious to the English."

ABC has no idea how many people are listening, but has heard some encouraging anecdotal stories about modest increases in viewership in Spanish-language households, Leon said.

Any effort to bring traditional television broadcasts into Spanish-speaking homes is appreciated, said Juan Moreno, entertainment editor for the New York-based Spanish-language newspaper, El Diario in Prensa. But it might not necessarily be the best approach, he said.

Latino viewers are more interested in news broadcasts attuned to their concerns prepared by the Spanish-language television stations than in translations of other newscasts, Moreno said.

Paul Slavin, "World News Tonight" executive producer, said it isn't ABC's goal to replace the Latino-oriented newscasts. But he believes there's an appetite in many Spanish-speaking homes for a quality broadcast with a different perspective that an American major network can provide.

ABC hasn't changed its telecast to accommodate the new viewers, but assigns an occasional story with the wider audience in mind, Slavin said. For instance, "World News Tonight" recently took a look out how immigration to the United States affects Mexican politics.

Non-citizens don't need Social Security number

If you're not a citizen and not working, you probably don't need a Social Security number.

Most people in the United States have a Social Security number because they need it to work, but if you don't have Immigration and Naturalization Service permission to work in the United States, you usually don't need a number.

As a non-citizen, you can obtain many benefits and services without having a Social Security number even though you may be asked for one. You don't need a Social Security number to purchase savings bonds, conduct business with a bank or financial institution, register for school or apply for educational tests, report group health insurance coverage, apply for school lunch programs or apply for HUD housing.

If you have permission to work and need to apply for a number, call Social Security on our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, to make an appointment to visit the local office. You must bring with you original documents or certified copies made by the custodian or the official who keeps the record. The documents must show your



SOCIAL SECURITY AND YOU
Maria Gonzalez

age, identity and lawful alien status (including your permission to work in the United States).

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Visit IRS in person or by calling the toll-free IRS number 1-800-829-3676 and request form W-7S, application for an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number.

For more information, you can also contact me at 1-208-321-2938 or write to me at: 1249 S. Vinnell Way, Suite 101, Boise, ID, 83709.

Maria Gonzalez is a Social Security public affairs specialist in Boise focusing on the Hispanic community.

Latin crooner Jose Luis Perales continues to snag fans' hearts

MIAMI - At a time when Latin pop's brightest stars are flashy, young and limber, Jose Luis Perales' graying hair and modest stage manner lack the polyrhythmic pizzazz that has characterized the genre's recent explosion.

Still, the Spanish songwriter and singer of Latin pop classics like "Te Quiero" doesn't want for fans. "After 28 years as an artist," Perales



Vida Latina

He is something of an elder states-

man of Latin pop, having made his name in the 1970s as a songwriter for bigger names like Rafael and Julio Iglesias and later breaking out on his own with enduring classics like "Y Como Es El." It was an era when Latin pop was characterized by romance, not rhythm. And nearly three decades later, Perales still writes songs with melody and lyric first in mind.

- compiled from wire reports

Billboard's Hot Latin Tracks for the week

1. "Abrázame Muy Fuerte," Juan Gabriel
2. "Solo Quiero Amarte (Nobody Wants To Be Lonely)," Ricky Martin
3. "Yo Te Amo," Chayanne
4. "Y Yo Sigo Aquí," Paulina Rubio
5. "Te Quiero Olvidar," MDO
6. "A Puro Dolor," Son By Four
7. "Por Amarte Así," Christian Castro
8. "Tu Recuerdo," Ilegales
9. "Me Da Lo Mismo," Victor Manuelle
10. "Y Llegaste Tu," Banda El Recodo



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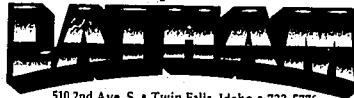


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TF man, sister die in hiking accident

ELKO, Nev. — Clay Price Wadkins, 22, of Twin Falls, died early Wednesday afternoon after falling more than 20 feet onto a rock ledge while hiking in the Lamolite Canyon south of Elko, according to the Elko County Sheriff's Department.

His 9-year-old sister, Carla Bider, of Elko, also fell and was taken to Elko General Hospital where she later died, according to the sheriff's department.

Elko County Sheriff Neil Harris said the two were hiking in the canyon shortly after noon when they slipped on icy rocks and went over a ledge. He said it took rescuers more than an hour to reach the pair after the first call was received from a cellular telephone.

Court delays hearing in Jerome rape case

JEROME — A preliminary hearing scheduled Wednesday for a Jerome man facing a rape charge was delayed to the man's defense attorney can gather more information about the case, a court clerk said.

Matthew Blake Thompson, 18, now faces a preliminary hearing April 12 in Jerome.

The rape charge and a charge of lewd conduct with a minor child under age 16 stem from allegations that Thompson on Jan. 19 forced himself on a 14-year-old girl in Jerome, court records say.

Thompson told investigators that he did have sex with the girl, but insisted it was consensual, according to court records.

Guardian group meets today, seeks volunteers

TWIN FALLS — A group that helps the elderly, mentally handicapped and other adults not fully capable of caring for themselves is in need of more volunteers, the group's director said Wednesday.

The Twin Falls County Board of Community Guardians will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Oberchurn Building at 264 Main Ave. S. in Twin Falls. Those attending should use the back entrance.

Board Chairwoman Gina Beach said the meeting is being called to discuss publicity ideas and recruiting new volunteers and protecting them from fraud and abuse, Beach said.

The community guardians offer a wide range of services, including home cleaning, checking the welfare of clients and protecting them from fraud and abuse, Beach said.

For more information, call Beach at 326-5332 or Helen Arnold at 734-4110.

Kimberly School Board to discuss new high school

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly School Board will hold a special meeting today to discuss construction of the new high school.

Earlier this month, the board voted to complete two classrooms in the new high school, which had been planned for completion at a later date. The work will cost \$19,800. The board also had awarded a \$60,000 contract to pave the new parking lot.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Kimberly High School library.

Kimberly feels need to plan for street development

KIMBERLY — The city wants to do a little more planning when it comes to streets.

The City Council Tuesday discussed the need for a master street plan. A large subdivision has been proposed for the west side of town and the city needs to plan streets around the new school on West Center Street.

Councilman Darren Belvin and City Maintenance Supervisor Rob Wright will work on the plan with the city Planning and Zoning Commission.

Also Tuesday, the council approved an ordinance regulating wireless communication facilities. The ordinance is available for viewing at City Hall.

Wendell City Council cancels tonight's meeting

WENDELL — Tonight's City Council meeting has been canceled. The next regular City Council meeting will be held at 7 p.m. April 11 at City Hall on East Main Street.

Compiled from staff reports

Man faces fraud charge

Investigators think theft ring included restaurant workers

By Mark Helms
Times News writer

TWIN FALLS — A San Francisco man, who police say was part of a credit card scam that hit the area last summer, is facing criminal charges in Twin Falls.

Police say a traveling crime

ring used fake credit cards last year to buy more than \$50,000 worth of jewelry in Twin Falls and Boise. Twin Falls police Detective David Heidemann warned Idahoans to be wary of similar scams, especially while traveling.

Shu Fan Yu, 40, was arraigned in Twin Falls last week on three counts of forgery of a financial card transaction. He was held Wednesday in the Twin Falls County Jail on \$200,000 bond, court records say. He faces a preliminary hearing Friday.

Authorities are still seeking

San Francisco resident Min Chen Chang, 24, who is suspected of acting as Yu's partner during buying sprees in Boise and Twin Falls in August 2000, Heidemann said.

Yu was also charged in Ada County with five counts of forgery of a financial transaction card, court documents say. A District Court judge in Ada County on March 11 sentenced Yu to one to five years in prison and ordered Yu to pay \$6,000 in fines and reimbursements.

Investigators in California

believe that Yu and Chang were hooked up with a group that used electronic devices called "skimmers" to steal restaurant customers' credit card numbers, Heidemann said.

"A skimmer is just a little white box, just a little bigger than a pack of cigarettes," he said. "It's a device that can be bought for a few hundred dollars, and it can store up to 200 identification numbers."

Investigators think the theft ring Yu and Chang are suspected of belonging to included

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TOBACCO-FREE



Twin Falls High School senior Shaylee O'Connor was honored with the Youth Health Hero award. O'Connor is president of the Magic Valley Tobacco-Free Coalition and was involved in posting no-smoking signs at schools around the area.

LOUIE CALSTON/The Times-News

Agency honors 2001 Health Heroes

By Kelly Bryant
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — South Central District Health honored three heroes who, it says, make Magic Valley a better and healthier place.

Preparing to celebrate April as National Public Health Month, SCDH announced Wednesday that a local doctor, a high school student and a television station are 2001 Health Heroes.

Nominations in three categories — adult, youth and corporate — were submitted by the community, and the winners

were chosen by a committee based on their work to protect, promote and enhance the health of south-central Idaho residents during 2000.

Dr. Chuck Parker, chairman of the board of health, presented the awards.

Shaylee O'Connor, recipient of the board of health award, is a Twin Falls High School senior with dark, shoulder-length hair, bright eyes that sparkle with enthusiasm — and a ready smile. She is daughter to John and Kacey O'Connor, as well as older sister to two siblings and a foster sister.

Kacey O'Connor accepted the award on Shaylee's behalf. Shaylee was in Boise Wednesday finishing her work as a page in Idaho's Senate.

Besides juggling school, politics and family, Shaylee, 17, is president of the Magic Valley Tobacco-Free Coalition. She is a warrior in the battle to free America's youth from a habit with the potential to kill, say family and friends.

"Shaylee shows enthusiasm, leadership and she is an inspiration for youth in our area," Parker said. "She's done so

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Coming up

The Magic Valley Tobacco-Free Coalition is challenging Magic Valley businesses to become smoke free and will award them for their success at a community celebration in May.

To become a "Business of Excellence," a company must:

- Plan to comply with the Clean Air Act within two years.
- Provide smoking cessation programs for employees.
- Actively support youth.
- Allow members of the coalition to educate employees on tobacco facts.

Some Ketchum residents clamor for mail delivery

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Ketchum's new \$7 million post office isn't scheduled to open until summer. But already there is grumbling that it may not fit the needs of Ketchum in the new millennium.

Soured by the city's decision to enact stiffer parking fines in the downtown core to encourage parking space turnover, the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce polled its members about mail delivery last month.

About 80 percent of the business owners who responded indicated they would like mail delivered to their businesses, said the chamber's Executive Director Carol Waller.

Some, including resident Paul Connolly, say delivery would ease traffic congestion, which is a hotly debated subject in this resort community. Now, Ketchum's post office is a hub-bub of activity as business owners and residents dart in for the mail almost daily.

"One of the biggest sources of unnecessary trips is the post office," Connolly said. "You drive five to six miles round trip and you spend a couple hundred dollars a year."

But Ketchum's Postmaster John McDonald said there's a mile-long list of problems in providing carrier service. Carrier service would require much more square footage for loading docks and sorting areas than the new building affords, more warehouse space and a place to park postal



Ketchum's new post office, a unique blend of stones, bricks and wood trim, remains under wraps as it awaits a midsummer opening.

KAREN BOSSICK/The Times-News

Just the facts

- **Timeline:** Ketchum's new post office, previously scheduled to open in May, has been delayed by two months. The moving date is expected to be in late June, with the opening following.
- **Location:** It's at Second Avenue and Fourth Street, a block northwest of the current post office.
- **Capacity:** The old post office contains 5,832 post office boxes — more than any other facility in Idaho. The new one will have space for 8,000 boxes.
- **Future:** The new post office is designed to accommodate community growth for the next 20 years. That's about 10 years shorter than average, but necessitated by the limited amount of public land in Ketchum's core, Ketchum Postmaster John McDonald said.
- **Still:** he added, "we are fortunate to get what we got because now there is no money for capital expenditures. And that situation may last awhile."

vehicles.

And postal boxes provide security, he said.

Eleven miles to the south, Hailey Postmaster Kathleen Eder instituted mail delivery to

about 200 Hailey businesses in 1998 after that town's post office moved from its former location in the heart of town to new digs on the south end of town.

"When we moved, the office,

business owners were concerned it would take people away to get the mail," Eder said. "From our point of view, we're serving the same amount of customers whether we do it in the office or out on the street."

Eder said her office is considering adding a second carrier who would be able to augment neighborhood delivery, per some residents' request.

The topic has also been an issue in Sun Valley. During last year's Town Hall meeting, for instance, Sun Valley resident Milt Adams pleaded with the Sun Valley City Council to look into instituting home delivery.

"Not only do I have to drive to get my mail but I have to pay \$44 for my mailbox when most people in the country get theirs delivered free," he said.

But McDonald contends that less than 10 percent of Ketchum area homeowners who responded to a chamber of commerce survey a few years ago indicated they would prefer home delivery.

Post office boxes offer security for people who go out of town every few weeks or more often, he said. Nationally, there is a trend toward boxes to guard against mail theft.

Postal carriers are no longer allowed to deliver door to door, except in areas where they have done that for years. New residential delivery is made to cluster boxes set up in one spot.

The Ketchum City Council has directed McDonald to study the issue further.

Bacteria crops up in valley

South-central region shows high rate of intestinal infections

By Kelly Bryant
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Most of us know the importance of washing hands before and after handling food, or after going to the bathroom. But Cheryl Becker, registered nurse and epidemiologist for South Central District Health, cannot stress the practice enough.

SCDH Wednesday released the results of a study showing the risk factors for developing infections caused by campylobacter — a bacteria which causes an infection of the intestines. The eight-county region of south-central Idaho had one of the highest numbers of cases in the state last year.

"Campylobacter isn't an infection we hear a lot about. We hear more about salmonella food poisoning. But this is just as common — in some areas, more prevalent," Becker said.

Symptoms consist of diarrhea (which may contain blood or pus), abdominal pain, fever, nausea and vomiting. Symptoms usually begin one to 10 days after exposure to the bacteria, Becker said.

"Some cases go unreported because people don't know what they have. The symptoms are mild, and they go away on their own," she said.

People could confuse campylobacter with salmonella, Becker said.

Nationwide, the most common risk for this infection is handling raw poultry or eating undercooked poultry, she added. That didn't seem to be the most important cause "in the Magic Valley," however, types of the infection occurred in people who work with farm animals or have family members who do.

The study also showed that people with some type of association

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M-C area suffers from outward migration

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

BURLEY — More people left Mini-Cassia in the 1990s than came, according to the 2000 Census statistics.

The numbers showed Mini-Cassia's population is rising slightly. But experts say the increase is based on birth rates that exceed death rates, and there has been a marked outward migration of people from Minidoka and Cassia counties.

"A poor economy, especially for the agricultural and crop-based job market in Mini-Cassia, is probably the culprit, said Greg Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's Magic Valley labor market analyst.

"The ag industry has been in the doldrums," he said.

Much of the outward migration has been young working people, who leave for Boise, Pocatello or the Midwest in search of better and higher-paying jobs, Rogers said.

In the 1990s, Minidoka County had a net outmigration of 1,065 people, said Richard Tugwell, an economic data specialist for the Idaho Department of Commerce. That represents the number of people who physically left the area, compared with those who came into the county.

Across the river, Cassia

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Jerome leaders mull growth issues

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - If the county population continues to grow at its current rate, the growing number of septic tanks and domestic wells could put a burden on the aquifer, said Jerome County Planning and Zoning Administrator Art Brown.

Brown spoke with city and county leaders Tuesday at a special meeting to discuss the relationship between the two entities. The discussion soon turned to issues related to rapid growth.

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, the population of Jerome County has grown from 15,138 to 18,342 in the last decade.

"At the current rate of growth the number of septic tanks and domestic wells in the county will add up fast and burden the area," Brown said.

Jerome County is roughly 35 miles from east to west and 20 miles from north to south.

Brown suggested the creation of sewer and water districts for

subdivisions in the county, with city assistance, to help ease the burden and prevent future problems with water quality.

"Growth in the city is moving south but the area south of the Interstate 84 is not part of the city impact," said City Administrator Travis Rothweiler. There is a quarter-mile strip of land along the Interstate that is zoned commercial. Both of these factors could create demand for additional city services in the near future, he said.

Rothweiler said the city should work on filling the holes in the map to help slow down the fingers of sprawl onto county and agricultural land.

Leaders agreed that the city and county need to develop a joint powers agreement to make sure ordinances governing the area of impact surrounding the area along Interstate 84 and the city and the county. The ordinances governing subdivisions also need to be identical and the jurisdictional boundaries between the city and the county need to be

made clearer, they agreed.

"The city and county need to head in the same direction," said County Commission Chairwoman Veronica Leiman.

Leiman told the group about a county ordinance, currently in the planning stages, designed to protect the canyon rim. She said the county "doesn't want to restrict all development on the rim but to control it so that the canyon will be protected."

The county Planning and Zoning Commission is currently working on the canyon rim protection ordinance and should have it finished in about nine months, Brown said.

Commissioners also agreed the county needs an animal control ordinance which matches the city's animal control ordinance.

City and county leaders agreed to meet more often to discuss the issues facing both the city and county.

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Commissioners discuss Hagerman impact area

By Almee Metcalf
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - Mayor Jim Norwood Monday gave Gooding County commissioners an update on Hagerman's area of impact.

"The biggest growth will be to the east and north," Norwood said.

The 2000 U.S. Census shows that Hagerman's population grew from 600 to 655 in the last decade. Norwood said he thinks the numbers are higher.

Norwood said the city and county Planning and Zoning

commissions should work together on a plan for the area of impact.

County Commissioner Carolyn Ellis suggested a public hearing be held to gather ideas from the community to help with the plan.

Also Monday, commissioners approved Gooding County Historical Society representative Bridget Klinger's request to waive the fee for the annual Founder's Day celebration to be held April 21.

The money earned from the celebration will go into the soci-

ety's building fund.

"Last year we earned around \$4,000," Klinger said.

In another action Monday, commissioners heard more about the Edward Byrne grant which helps pay for a school resource officer.

The county must pay 25 percent - \$5,000 - of the cost of a resource officer.

The money will come out of the Gooding County Sheriff's Office budget.

Times-News correspondent Almee Metcalf can be reached in Gooding at 933-5972.

Aryan nations says it doesn't need permit

SANDPOINT (AP) - Members of the Aryan Nations insist they will gather at a local park next month, even without a permit.

The neo-Nazi group originally planned an April 21 parade. But spokesman Shaun Winkler said members decided not to complete a "permit" application because the Idaho Transportation Department had a liability insurance requirement.

The \$1 million insurance policy costs too much, Winkler said.

"They said you have to come up with \$500 or \$600," Winkler said. "We thought, boy, we don't have that kind of money."

Instead, the Aryan Nations decided to schedule a rally at Sandpoint City Bandshell.

"We don't plan to compromise with them. The bottom line is, we have freedom of speech and we plan to exercise that."

Sandpoint Police Chief Mark Lockwood disagreed. He said his department will enforce the law.

Idaho Power-Astaris pact wins PUC favor

BOISE (AP) - State regulators agreed Wednesday the reasonably incurred costs and benefits of an electrical buyback program between Idaho Power Co. and its largest customer could be passed on to ratepayers when the utility applies for its power cost adjustment next year.

The three commissioners unanimously agreed the buyback would benefit the ratepayers because Idaho Power will pay only 15.9 cents per kilowatt-hour for energy that Potomac-based Astaris LLC does not plant use.

That compares with 30 cents Idaho Power would have to buy if it bought the energy on the wholesale market.

Astaris, formerly FMC, is Idaho Power's customer with its electric phosphorus plant. The company is in the process of shifting away from phosphorus production, which relies on high-energy furnaces to a process relying on wet, purified phosphoric acid.

So, Astaris plans to permanent-

ly discontinue using two of its four furnaces and buying a third on standby. That will save about 50 megawatts of power that can be used to meet energy needs in the state.

But the commissioners delayed a decision on an insurance mechanism Idaho Power had to buy, called a derivative, to protect the Astaris buy-back rate from market declines. The commission wants to debate the agreement and put off the decision of passing the cost on to customers.

The commission staff, which operates independently of the board, recommends the cost of the derivative, estimated at slightly more than \$200,000, not be passed on to ratepayers because the derivative does not protect Idaho Power and its customers.

Instead, it is designed to protect Idaho Power's power-marketing affiliate, Idaho Energy Systems, from market fluctuations. Idaho Energy Systems is an unregulated affiliate of the Boise-based company.

OBITUARIES

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ALBION



Donald Gray Merrill

Donald Gray Merrill, 78-year-old longtime Albion resident, died Tuesday, March 27, 2001, at his home.

He was born on Aug. 20, 1922, in View, Idaho, the son of Ivan Allen and Carrie Gray Merrill. Don attended school and was raised in the small community of View. He married Florence Robinson on Dec. 20, 1940, in Burley. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

Together, they made their home in the View area where Don began his life time of farming and ranching.

Don had a dream of some day having his own ranch. That dream was eventually realized when he and Florence were able to purchase a small ranch Albion, where they built a new home. He later purchased a large ranch in Park Valley, Utah. This was a dream come true. Putting up hay and working cattle was the work Don loved to do. Don's fence lines were always straight and well maintained. He always tried to get two days worth of work done in one.

Ranching was his life. Cows in grass up to their bellies was a sight he loved to see. Don loved horses and was a fine horseman. He was a member of the Cassia County Sheriff's Posse for 45 years, where he rode and competed in the posse events. His numerous trophies were a testament to his skill and accomplishment. He always rode tall in the saddle no matter how he felt.

Don was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where he served on the building committee to build the View Church and other various callings. His wife, Florence, preceded him in death on Dec. 7, 1982. He married Leola May on Sept. 1, 1983, at the Logan LDS Temple. Following their marriage, they have continued living and ranching in Albion.

Don is survived by his wife, Leola Merrill of Albion, one son, D. Lee (Doc Ann) Merrill of Pocatello, a daughter-in-law, Evelyn Merrill of Bonanza, Utah; his step-children, Linda (Wendell) Cutler of Heyburn, Gay Dawn (Lionie) Downs of Burley, Marlin (Penna) May of Albion, Marshall (Jwana) May and Mervin (Tracy) May both of Rupert, one brother, Calvin Merrill of Burley, 25 grandchildren, and 46 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his first wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Gary Lynn Merrill, three brothers and three sisters.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 30, 2001, at the View First and Second Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 554 S. 490 E., Burley, with Bishop Alan G. Clark officiating. Interment will follow at the View Cemetery.

Friends may call at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, on Thursday, March 29, 2001, from 6-8 p.m., and at the church on Friday, from 10-10:45 a.m.

The family suggests that memorials be directed to the Albion Grange, in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

TWIN FALLS



Elaine Riley

Elaine Riley, 83, of Twin Falls passed away in Boise, Idaho, Monday, March 26, 2001, surrounded by her loved ones.

She was born April 15, 1918, in Rockland, Idaho, to Robert and Lucinda Allen Hillhouse. During her early years, she grew up and attended schools in American Falls, Idaho. Upon her graduation, she went to Utah State University where

she graduated from Business College. She returned to American Falls and was employed by Idaho Power. At the time, Elaine met her best friend and life-long love, Keith Riley. They were married on June 16, 1940, in American Falls, Idaho.

After the wedding, they moved to Pocatello, Idaho, where they owned and operated two grocery stores.

In the summer of 1970, Elaine and Keith, (Mom and Dad) began building their second summer home in Island Park. There they fished, hunted and snowmobiled with friends and family. Elaine worked for INEL as a secretary until retiring in 1982. Then, Elaine and Keith (Mom and Dad) moved in the fall of 1986, to Twin Falls. Elaine was an active member of Welcome Wagon and many bridge clubs. She played bridge once a week, with her daughter and her good friends.

Elaine enjoyed reading, sewing and yearly cruises with her family. Mom and Dad celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June, 2000.

Elaine is survived by her husband, Keith of Twin Falls; two daughters, Nancy McMaisters (Mike) of Twin Falls, and Jo Ann (Kelly) Underwood of Arvada, Colo.; six grandchildren, Kim, Justine, Jennifer, Jeff, Paul and Cheri; two great-grandchildren, Conner and Emily.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, March 31, 2001, at 2:30 p.m. at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Officiating will be Bishop Bob Brown. Private interment will be held.

Cremation-and-services-are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Lenore Van Gieson and Martha Maticoll and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial services for Lei will be held Saturday, March 31, 2001 at 5 p.m. at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Cremation and private interment are under the direction of the funeral home.

BUHL

Tommi Jo Aldrich

Tommi Jo Aldrich, age 68, of Buhl passed away Monday, March 26, 2001, at the Ogden Regional Medical Center in Ogden, Utah.

Tommi was born June 10, 1932, in Phoenix, Ariz., the daughter of Raymond and Wilma Linton Anderson. She was raised in Phoenix and graduated from Phoenix High School. After graduation from high school she enlisted in the U.S. Army where she served until her discharge in 1951. It was on Dec. 18, 1954, that Tommi married Delmer L. Aldrich. After their marriage they resided in various locations due to his career in the U.S. Air Force.

For the past 11 years she had resided in Buhl.

Tommi was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She is survived by her husband, Del of Buhl.

A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, March 30, 2001, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

JEROME



Sarah Lydia Hess

Sarah Lydia Hess, 92, returned to her heavenly Father, Tuesday, March 27, 2001.

She was born on March 7, 1909, in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was the fifth of ten children born to George Grov Scott and Sarah Wilkinson Miles Scott. As a child, Lydia grew up in Black Pine, Idaho, and they settled in.

Holbrook, Idaho, where Lydia finished school up to the ninth grade. At age 20, Lydia met and married Harold Stanley Hess on March 23, 1929, at Malad, Idaho. They had nine children and adopted two grandchildren. Lydia and Harold eventually settled in Wendell, Idaho, and in 1945, they moved to Jerome where they remained.

Lydia was proud of many things in her life: She was an active member of the LDS church; she is the great-granddaughter of George Grov, the man who designed the roof of the Mormon Tabernacle, and she always had a great garden.

Lydia is survived by four daughters, Elva Strickland of Wendell, Betty Jo Faught of Twin Falls, Frances Hess of Boise; Linda Christensen (Gronovs) of South Bend, Ind.; two sons, Scott Hess (Nate) of Logan, Utah and Orson Hess (Elaine) of Pocatello, one step-daughter, Billie Anderson of American Falls; two adopted grandchildren, Larry Hess of Boise and Andrea Hallam (Rick) of Jerome; 27 grandchildren; 81 great-grandchildren; 33 great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Emma Palmer of Preston, Idaho and her faithful dog, Casey.

Her parents, her husband, three daughters, three grandchildren, seven brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Spring is the period of hope and renewal. Among the other seasons Himself Abide.

But during March and April None stir sorrow. Without a cordial interview With God

— Emily Dickinson.

Good-bye Grandma, we love you.

Funeral services for Lydia will be held Friday, March 30, 2001, at 2 p.m. at the Jerome 2nd Ward LDS Chapel on North Lincoln with Bp. Brian Bingham conducting. Burial will follow at the Wendell Cemetery. Friends may call at Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel on Thursday from 5-8 p.m. and from 1-1:45 p.m. at the church on Friday.

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

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Admitted

Vicci Archer of Jerome, Nancy Foote of Dietrich and Edward Seal of Hazelton

Dismissed

Sylvia Seantlin of Kimberly, Carol Wynn of Shoshone and Julie Caputo of Kimberly

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Some names are omitted at the patient's request

Admitted

Ivan Russell of Rupert and Zedekiah Eggleston of Rupert

Dismissed

Kimmy Osterhout of Burley

SERVICES

Thelma Elveta Owens Alger of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at the Twin Falls 4th Ward LDS Chapel, 824 Casswell Ave. W.; friends may call from 12:45-1:45 p.m. today at the church (White Mortuary).

Willie Beth "Betty" Kienzie Hatfield of Twin Falls, service 11 a.m. Friday at the Casswell Street LDS Chapel; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary and from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Castalia Katie Sapient of Houston, Texas, service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Church of Christ in Rupert; burial will follow in the Paul Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel and one hour before the service Friday at the church.

Evelyn Mae Cross Hintze of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at 2 p.m. at Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Ferne L. Cooke Jenkins of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls).

Lillian Lydia Ellis

HAGERMAN - Lillian Lydia Ellis, 97, of Hagerman passed away at her home on Wednesday, March 28, 2001.

Arrangements pending Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

Shirley Lopez

RUPERT - Shirley Fern Suma Lopez, 65, of Rupert died Wednesday, March 28, 2001, at her home.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Lois Eleanor Jepson

JEROME - Lois Eleanor Jepson, 85, of Jerome and formerly of Gooding and the Camas Prairie, died Wednesday, March 28, 2001, at the St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit in Jerome.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Aileen White Weir of Hagerman, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hagerman United Methodist Church; private interment will follow.

Mildred "Millie" (Blackburn) Hawkins

BOISE - Mildred "Millie" (Blackburn) Hawkins, 88, of Boise, died Saturday, March 24, 2001, at Valley View Assisted Living Center in Boise.

A graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 31, 2001, at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home.

DEATH NOTICES

Elaine Riley

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Patients, friends hold open house for doctor

BURLEY — An open house for Dr. Charles Suits will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Burley.

The open house is being sponsored by patients who say Suits' medical care has been the best they have known. Suits supporter Mary Ellen Rasmussen, friends and patients of Suits are welcome.

Suits is closing his medical practice Friday and has indicated he is leaving Burley to practice medicine elsewhere. Suits said operating out of his own office has become too costly.

Suits lost admitting privileges to Cassia Regional Medical Center shortly after his December 1998 arrest on a charge of felony drug possession, and he was ordered out of his hospital office in March 2000 following his conviction.

Suits was recruited to Burley by the former administrator of Cassia Regional Medical Center, Dick Packer. Suits has been in Burley 14 years.

Suits has sponsored many Burley Amateur Baseball

Health

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work." Shaylee joined the coalition two years ago because she saw a need to educate teen-agers on the dangers of smoking.

"Education is the most important angle. Teen-agers haven't been taught what tobacco does — about all the chemicals found in cigarettes. We need to impress the facts on them. If they never start they will never have to worry about how to quit," she said.

The coalition keeps Shaylee busy. Non-smoking signs are now posted at area schools, warning smokers of consequences if they are caught smoking on school property. March 8, the coalition met with Gov. Dick Kempthorne in Boise and asked the governor to consider officially using the signs statewide. Kempthorne said yes.

Through a program sponsored by the psychology department at University of Idaho, the coalition distributed a packet of information packets on smoking. It received \$5 for each packet distributed, using the money to make the signs.

Also on the coalition's agenda for 2001 is a "Business of Excellence" program. Members have listed four criteria, challenging more businesses to become smoke free. Sometime in May, a community celebration will kick off the program. Businesses that are already smoke free will be recognized, and the coalition expects Patrick Reynolds, grand marshal of the event, to be a guest speaker at the event.

"We want this to be something the whole community will rally around," Shaylee said. "Smoking is a liability to society. If we all work together, it won't be an issue."

The adult here award went to Dr. David McCluskey, a long-time Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital

Infections

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with animals were up to 8.5 times more likely to have a campylobacter infection. The incidence of the infection has increased in the past 10 years. Cassia, Jerome and Minidoka counties have seen a greater increase in cases over the past five years, Becker said.

The study showed other high-risk groups include:

- People who frequently visit a place where animals are raised.
- People who raise animals or have a family member who raises animals.
- People who work with cows or have a family member who works with cows.
- People who live near where cows or other animals are raised.
- Children under age 5, who are more likely to get campylobacter.

Becker said the following factors to reduce the risk of campylobacter infections:

- Wash your hands after handling animals.
- Wash your hands after handling equipment such as milking machines or vaccination supplies.
- If you employ people to work with animals, make sure they know it is important to wash hands after working with animals.
- Do not drink raw milk. It is especially important not to feed raw milk to infants or to people with immune-system diseases or severe chronic illness.
- Be careful to wipe off boots after walking through pastures, corrals or milking barns. Manure can come off in areas where

infants and young children may come in contact with it when playing on floors.

- Handle raw meat appropriately, and cook meats adequately.

Becker said she can't stress enough the importance of good hygiene. It is the No. 1 step in preventing infections, she said. To sanitize dishes, she also suggests adding a tablespoon of bleach to dishwasher.

For information about campylobacter, call Becker at 734-5900, Ext. 326.

Mini-Cassia in brief

Association teams every year. Rasmussen said. He has been a financial supporter for an in-line hockey association, a member and financial supporter of Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever, a supporter of the Idaho State Police association and a major contributor for Boy Scouts of America. The United Methodist Church is at 450 E. 27th St.

Rupert takes applications for Citizens on Patrol

RUPERT — The Rupert Police Department is accepting applications for its Citizens on Patrol program. The program allows volunteers to work closely with the Rupert Police Department by patrolling city streets.

To volunteer, pick up an application at the police department at the corner of Eighth and H streets.

— compiled from staff reports

Skaggs Furniture founder succumbs to leukemia at 77

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY — A longtime businessman and civic volunteer passed away Wednesday afternoon, surrounded by family at his Burley home.

Charles Elmer "Chuck" Skaggs died following a battle with leukemia. He was 77.

An Illinois native, Skaggs came to Burley in 1952, where he was manager of Greenwald's Furniture and Appliance Store. He began Skaggs Furniture in 1959.

Although his son, Charles Elvis Skaggs, later took over the business, the family joked the elder Skaggs was never able to give up the reins of his successful business.

"He never did retire, his son just said he ought to," said Skaggs' daughter Angela Gloria.

"He was still in charge of the family until about three weeks ago." Though his name is known for his business and his civic contributions, Gloria said her father was also a devoted family man.

"He was a very active and concerned member of the community. But above all the positions and the organizations, he always had a priority of his family," Gloria said. "He was loved and he loved his family more than anything."

One of nine children, Skaggs entered the U.S. Navy following high school, after his siblings were old enough to take care of the farm. He spent six years in the Navy, during which time he married Florence Jones while stationed in New Zealand in 1943.

They later moved to northern Idaho and in 1947, Skaggs was discharged when the base there was decommissioned. Skaggs left as a chief petty officer and was the youngest chief in the Navy at that time.

He later moved to Buhl to work at the Greenwald's store there, where he became assistant manager before moving to Burley.



Charles Skaggs

Skaggs is survived by three children and his wife.

Fellow businessman and friend Jim Roper remembers Skaggs for his great retailing skills and his extensive community involvement.

"He had the same kind of intensity in everything he chose to be involved in," Roper said. "He was the personification of community service. He believed in it and he always delivered."

Skaggs was a member of the Burley Masonic Lodge, Burley Elks Lodge and Burley Lions Club for several years. He was also a member of the Burley First Christian Church and a former associate guardian for Jobs Daughters.

He was past president of the Burley-Rupert Shrine Club and over the years sponsored several children needing medical care at the Shriners Hospital in Salt

Lake City.

Skaggs was also past president of the Idaho Retailers Association and Overland Shopping Center Association. He served 11 years on the Burley Planning and Zoning Commission — nine years as chairman — and nine years on the Cassia County Fair Board.

Skaggs was awarded the Chamber of Commerce Businessman of the Year Award in 1985.

He was also an avid supporter of the Idaho Youth Ranch, as well as the 4-H program, an important part of his life, Gloria said. Skaggs received several awards for his 4-H service in both Minidoka and Cassia counties.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church in Burley, 450 E. 27th St. The Rev. Herb Whitaker of the Burley First Christian Church will be officiating.

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M-C leaders talk business recruitment

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Rural communities in need of an economic windfall are hoping to get a piece of the state commerce department's appropriation for economic development.

The department's 2002 appropriation includes a \$3.9 million increase for various community programs. That increase includes \$3 million for public facility and infrastructure investments that are tied to job-creation projects.

The appropriation includes \$500,000 for a local economic development staff whose purpose

is to attract and retain business and create jobs in rural Idaho, and \$400,000 for Gem Community projects. The money will be available July 1.

"Which communities will benefit from the funds depends on how many jobs a project would create, but selection also depends on the community's enthusiasm."

"Where there's need, where there's creativity, where there's passion," said Gary Mahn, the director of the Idaho Commerce Department, at a meeting of Mini-Cassia leaders Wednesday.

And for outsiders scrutinizing a town's enthusiasm, the task is easy.

"You may not realize it. But those of us outside the community see it," said Jerome resident Con Paulos, who served as co-chair of the Idaho Task Force on Rural Development.

The arrival of Tele-Servicing Innovations is considered by some to be a Burley success story of state and local cooperation. The city helped TSI obtain a community block grant to pay for office renovations to the building. In the last year, the call center of roughly 20 employees has grown to more than 100.

Long-term community goals include developing strategic plans and having the leadership

and infrastructure to lure in outside businesses, Mahn said.

"They're not going to come to your community because you're there," Mahn said.

Michelle McFarland, the Mini-Cassia economic development specialist, said the appropriation is a good start for rural communities, but other states are doing so much more, such as providing businesses with tax abatements.

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Simplot annexation gets pushed back

Heyburn enters mediation period with potato plant

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

HEYBURN — The annexation of J.R. Simplot Co. may take place for at least two more weeks, the City Council was told Wednesday.

The city and potato processing plant recently agreed to have a 14-day mediation period, said Mayor Cleo Cheney. Simplot has previously challenged the city's right to annex the property.

"It has been a busy week,"

Cheney said. Action will be taken at the next meeting — set for April 11 — but no other information is available at this time, Cheney said.

The Heyburn Alumni Association has stated that it wants to give the Heyburn art collection to the city, contingent on several issues, Cheney said.

Currently housed in the Heyburn Elementary School, the art is deteriorating. The alumni association is one of several groups, along with the Minidoka County School District, that has been working to better preserve the paintings.

Keeping the paintings in the area is a high priority for the alumni, Cheney reported.

"The alumni association recommends very highly that the paintings stay in Heyburn," he said.

There are three requirements set by the association if the art is given to the city, Cheney said.

The requirements are:

- The art must stay in Heyburn.
- It must be available to the public.
- If, at some time in the future, the city decides that it wants nothing to do with the art collection, then it will be returned to the alumni association.

An agreement between the city and the alumni association must be drafted, and the council moved to have city attorney Steven Tuft draw up such a document.

• A donation of \$100 will be

made to the Minico High School Senior Celebration.

• Landscaping plans for the corner of 18th Street and J Street are moving ahead, reported Earl Andrew, tree specialist for the city of Heyburn.

A large decorative stone, in the rough shape of Idaho, will be engraved and added to the plot, the council decided.

Total costs for the landscaping are figured at \$24,339.93, said city Grant Administrator Celia Sinding. Of this amount, a pending grant would cover \$20,000 of the project. The city would pick up the balance.

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Ring

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waiters and waitresses who packed skimmers at work, Heidemann said. They could have picked up credit cards from customers at their tables, gotten out of sight and then used the skimmers to scan the card numbers, he said.

"Never surrender your credit card to somebody you don't know."

The credit card numbers were then apparently downloaded into computers and used to make phony cards, which investigators think Yu, Chang and others used to buy expensive items that could easily be resold for cash, Heidemann said.

An affidavit written by Heidemann and filed with court documents alleges that Yu and Chang passed through Twin Falls on Aug. 8, 2000, and used a fake card to buy jewelry — worth more than \$5,000 — at the J.C. Penney store.

Yu and Chang then went to the Twin Falls Fred Meyer store and tried to buy more jewelry, but the Fred Meyer company had recently circulated a warning to its stores about fake credit cards, Heidemann said.

When clerks became suspicious and started asking questions, Yu and Chang fled the store, he said.

They and two other suspected members of the San Francisco crime ring were arrested in Bend, Ore., on Aug. 10, 2000, Heidemann said. Investigators recovered about \$54,000 worth of jewelry, most of it from Boise stores, he said.

But all four suspects soon posted bail and disappeared, he said.

How 'skimming' works

A "skimmer" is a small electronic device — slightly larger than a pack of cigarettes — that can read and store numerous identification numbers from credit cards or similar cards, said Twin Falls police Detective David Heidemann. Skimmers are available on the open market and are used by some thieves as the devices to steal credit card numbers. One popular way is for a waiter or waitress who belongs to a crime ring to take a credit card from a customer at a restaurant table, get out of the customer's sight and then "skim" the card number. The numbers can then be downloaded from the skimmer into a computer, and used to make fake credit cards, Heidemann said.

How to avoid it

Customers:

- Never let your card out of your sight — especially while traveling.
- There's no evidence that there's skimming going on yet in Idaho, but it's become widespread in some major cities, Heidemann said.
- Take your card to the register yourself pay careful attention to everything the cashier does while the card is in his or her possession.

Sales clerks:

- Be wary of people who seem overly eager to purchase expensive items with a credit card. Most people making legitimate major purchases will think long and hard before making a choice, Heidemann said.
- If a person seems to be trying to get out of the store as quickly as possible with a valuable item, that's a good sign something's wrong.
- If you suspect dirty business, ask the customer for more identification. Or stall long enough for a phone call to be made to the credit card company's fraud check hotline or the police.

Still at large

Authorities are seeking a second suspect in an apparent credit card scam that hit Boise and Twin Falls last year.

Min Chen Chang, 24, of San Francisco is described as being of Chinese descent, 5 feet, 7 inches tall with a medium build and brown hair and eyes. A witness also described her as "having bad teeth."

Yu was recently caught again in the San Francisco area, Heidemann said.

Special Agent Gary Loring of the FBI's Bend office said there wasn't any evidence that Yu, Chang and the others were connected with any major organized crime groups. But federal charges

might still be filed against Yu and the others, said Loring.

He declined to comment in detail about the cases.

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Migration

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County saw a net outmigration of 169 people. This is a continuing, but slowing trend, as Minidoka and Cassia counties together lost more than 2,700 people in the 1980s, Twigg said.

In the 1980s, Idaho as a state lost more than 40,000 to net outmigration. But in the 1990s, Idaho's net gain was more than 150,000 people, and only a handful of counties lost more movers than they gained.

Overall, Minidoka County rose in population to a total 4.2 percent from 1990 to 2000, while Cassia rose by 9.6 percent. But those increases also include births.

Mini-Cassia took more of a hit than the rest of the Magic Valley because of its dependence on crop farming, Rogers said. Many other townships in the region have more diversified economies, he said.

Over the past several years, the trend of more people leaving the area than coming into it has been seen by Butch Pfeister, owner of the Burley U-Haul, at 2459 Overland Ave. Of the movers, Pfeister said more young people are leaving the area, while older folks are the ones coming in.

It's only in the season this year, and the coming and going have been pretty even, Pfeister said. But he expects the trend to repeat itself this year because of the lack of employment to keep young people in the area.

"There isn't much going on around here," he said.

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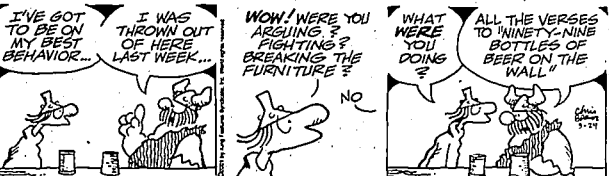
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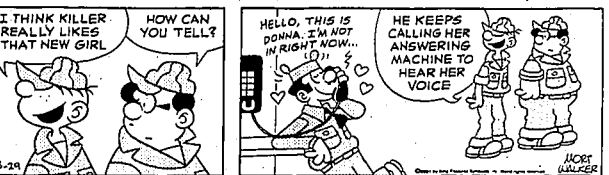
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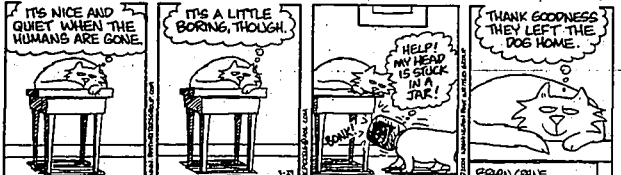
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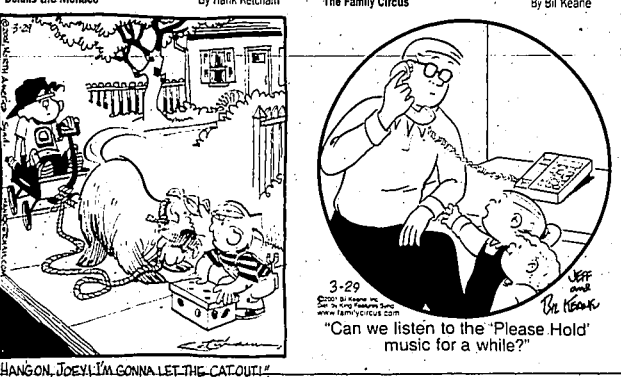


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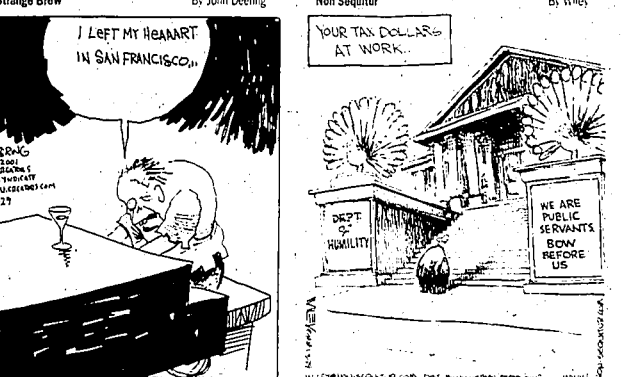


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By John Deering

Non Sequitur

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MORNING BREAK

Gemini will provide some laughs, Virgo.

IF MARCH 29TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are intuitive, inventive and you recall that Einstein said, "Intuition is more important than knowledge." Cancer, Aquarius, Capricorn persons play major roles in your life, could these letters, initials in names: B, K, T. Current cycle relates to business, career, marriage or possible addition to family. September is your most romantic and profitable month of the year.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Get rid of a lingering proposition. Don't carry a burden not rightfully your own. You get recognition in foreign country and eventually your own.

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omarr

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Cycle high. Make new start in different direction. Married or single, emotional spark reignites. Leo, Aquarius persons figure in scenario.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Question concerning marriage looms large. Deep, dark secret will be revealed tonight. Visit individual temporarily confined to home or hospital.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Light touch wins. Laugh at your own foibles. Wishes concerning financial security will be fulfilled. Taurus, Sagittarius play roles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Obstacles will be overcome, including bureaucratic red tape. Turn on Leo charm to win your way. Person you admire exhibits jealous streak. Another Leo, Taurus and Scorpio in picture.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your kind of day. Delicate trends, write and teach about them. Romantic interests heightened. Maintain emotional equilibrium. Gemini provides comedy relief.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You could be the talk of the town. Your home is beautiful, becomes a model. Marital status figures prominently. Artistic ability surfaces. Don't hide it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Define terms and outline boundaries. Whatever you do, have it legally checked. You might be surprised to find that someone desperately wants you to fail.

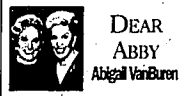
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take care of general health and present ambitious program to a superior. You could start a business of your own. One who provides special service desires a high fee.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look beyond the immediate. Be prepared for a surprise and a dramatic reunion with one you once loved. You will be saying, "Life takes strange turns." Aries represented.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Focus on value of property, sale or purchase. Protect self, an individual wants your entire attention, perhaps money.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Decide in direction, make clear your intentions to Cancer, Capricorn persons. Question of marriage looms large. You will find love at home.

Wife finally sees the light about controlling husband

DEAR
ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

then. Please, Abby, tell "Wife's End" she may be her friend's only link to a new life.

—BEEN THERE IN TEXAS
DEAR BEEN THERE: I'll do better than that. I'll point out that being isolated from friends and family by a partner — male or female — is one sign of a potential abuser. Read on for some other signs (adapted with permission from the Project for Victims of Family Violence in Fayetteville, Ark.).

(1) PUSHES FOR QUICK INVOLVEMENT: Comes on strong, claiming, "I've never felt loved like this by anyone." An abuser pressures the new partner for an exclusive commitment almost immediately.

(2) JEALOUSY: Excessively

possessive; calls constantly or visits unexpectedly; prevents you from going to work because "you might meet someone"; checks the mileage on your car.

(3) CONTROLLING: Interrogates you intensely (especially if you're late) about whom you talked to and where you were; keeps all the money; insists you ask permission to go anywhere or do anything.

(4) UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS: Expects you to be the perfect mate and meet his or her every need.

(5) ISOLATION: Tries to cut you off from family and friends; accuses people who are your supporters of "causing trouble." The abuser may deprive you of a phone or car, or try to prevent you from holding a job.

(6) BLAMES OTHERS FOR PROBLEMS OR MISTAKES: It's always someone else's fault if something goes wrong.

(7) MAKES OTHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OR HER FEELINGS: The abuser says, "You make me angry,"

instead of, "I am angry," or says, "You're hurting me by not doing what I tell you."

(8) HYPERSENSITIVITY: Is easily insulted, claiming hurt feelings when he or she is really mad. Rants about the injustice of things that are just a part of life.

(9) CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AND CHILDREN: Kills or punishes animals brutally. Also, may expect children to do things that are far beyond their ability (whips a 3-year-old for wetting a diaper), or may tease them until they cry. Sixty-five percent of abusers who beat their partner will also abuse children.

(10) "PLAYFUL" USE OF FORCE DURING SEX: Enjoys throwing you down or holding you down against your will during sex; finds the idea of rape exciting.

(11) VERBAL ABUSE: Constantly criticizes or says blatantly cruel, hurtful things; degrades, curses, calls you ugly names. This may also involve sleep deprivation, waking you

up with relentless verbal abuse.

(12) RIGID SEX ROLES: Expects you to serve, obey, remain at home.

(13) SUDDEN MOOD SWINGS: Switches from sweet to violent in minutes.

(14) PAST BATTERING: Admits to hitting a mate in the past, but says the person "made" him (or her) do it.

(15) THREATS OF VIOLENCE: Says things like, "I'll break your neck," or "I'll kill you," and then dismisses them with, "Everybody talks that way," or "I didn't really mean it." If the abuse has gone this far — it's time to get help or get out!

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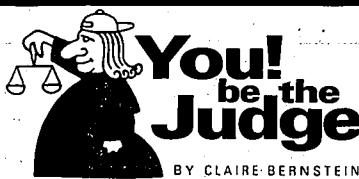
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The Paramedics Almost Killed Me!

"Don, we're skidding, we're going to crash!!!" The van skidded off the wet road and into the ditch. Mary was frantic.

"Turn off the ignition. We don't want to risk a..." Suddenly Mary fainted from the shock. Don slowly got out of the wrecked car. His head was throbbing, his neck was stiff. It was quiet and dark. He reached for his cell phone.

"Police! Send an ambulance. My wife is suffering from shock. And send a tow truck, too." Don made his wife as comfortable as he could, and started pacing on the side of the road. He was still in pain but at least he could walk.

"We're lucky!" Don thought. "Just minor injuries. A chiropractor for me and some hot tea for Mary. And we'll be just fine."

Fifteen minutes later, an ambulance raced onto the scene. For a split second, Mr. Nichols was terrified they would skid right into him.

"That would be just my luck. Killed by the paramedics sent to save us."

The paramedics rushed over. After helping Mary, the paramedics grabbed Don and strapped him to a backboard. "Hey, what the heck are you doing? I'm fine." The paramedics looked up.

"Sorry sir, we're not taking any chances. You've been in a terrible accident. You better not move until a doctor checks you out."

Suddenly the other medic screamed out.

"That car coming down the highway is out of control. He's coming straight at us."

The two paramedics ran for their lives - leaving poor Don in the middle of a wet dark road completely immobilized.

"You can't leave me like this! I'll get killed!" The car headed straight for Don and ran over him. Don sued the paramedics' employer, the City. In court, Don was bawled from head to toe.

"Your Honor, the paramedics strapped me to the board in the middle of a wet roadway. That was ridiculous! Although the city is generally immune from liability, surely this case is an exception. Make them pay."

"The City attorney jumped up."

"Your Honor, the immunity applies in this case. The stretcher itself was not defective. And the paramedics were responding to an emergency. Don wasn't hit by your stretcher, but by someone else's out-of-control car."

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DECISION

"The City is not immune from liability," ruled the judge. "The emergency exception doesn't apply here. Don had been walking around for up to 15 minutes before the paramedics arrived. And yet, they strapped him to the board in the middle of a dark wet road. He was unable to move out of harm's way because of the backboard. The board doesn't have to be defective for it to have contributed to the injury."

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MORNING BREAK

Condor egg-laying breeds hope in release program

PHOENIX (AP) — A California condor laid an egg in the wild for the first time since scientists began rearing, breeding and releasing the endangered birds in 1986.

The egg, found Sunday in a cave on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park, was

cracked and nothing will hatch from it, but scientists called the discovery a major success in the condor release program.

"This tells us that captured birds released to the wild can lay an egg," said Jeff Humphrey, Arizona's condor reintroduction coordinator for the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service. "It's a significant benchmark."

The condor, a vulture-like scavenger, disappeared outside of California by 1924 and was listed as endangered in 1967.

The 6-year-old female that laid the egg was hatched in the San Diego Wild Animal Park. It was

released in 1997 at the Vermilion Cliffs, 30 miles north of Grand Canyon National Park.

"We're terribly excited about this," said Maureen Oltrogge, a spokeswoman for Grand Canyon National Park. "It's the reward for a lot of hard work over the years."

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32/29/01

Comedian Richard Pryor won't get street named in his honor

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — Richard Pryor won't get a street named after him after all.

The city council in Pryor's hometown voted 6-5 on Tuesday against a study of renaming a street for the comedian and actor. Several council members said there was little public support for the idea, and plenty of public opinion against it.

Councilwoman Gale Thetford said several callers told her they objected to honoring Pryor — whose past drug use is well known — regardless of his contributions to the entertainment world.

As depicted in his semi-autobiographical 1986 film, "Jo Jo

Dancer, Your Life is Calling," Pryor spent much of his early years in a brothel run by his grandmother. He dropped out of Peoria Central High School at age 16 and began showcasing his talents at local clubs after his father kicked him out.

After a stint in the Army, Pryor began working at New York clubs, where he formed a comedy style that mixed anger and humor — and lots of foul language.

Pryor suffered near-fatal burns in a 1980 fire linked to cocaine use-basing. He announced in 1991 that he has the degenerative nerve disease multiple sclerosis and now spends most of his time at home in California.

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Zapatistas begin political struggle

Masked rebels take the floor in Mexican congress

MEXICO CITY — Leaving behind their jungle hide-outs and guns — and their controversial leader — 23 ski-masked Zapatista rebels strode onto the floor of congress Wednesday and proclaimed the beginning of a political struggle.

Rebel leader Comandante Esther said the absence of Subcomandante Marcos — the rebels' military leader and media star — was intentional: the rebels' military mission was over, she said.

"Our warriors have done their job. Now it is our time for respect," Esther told hundreds of legislators. "The person speaking to you is not the military leader of a rebel army, but the political leadership of a legitimate movement."

Rebel supporters said the appearance heralded a new stage in the battle over Indian rights in Mexico.

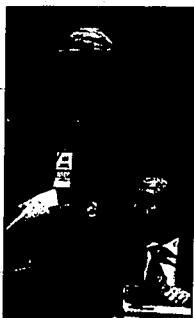
"It could be the start of a new stage of dialogue and peace, or another stage of struggle," said rebel supporter Silvia Mendoza, a 20-year-old economy student, as she waited outside the massive congress building in Mexico City. "It's in the government's hands."

Britain wins authorization for foot-and-mouth vaccination

LONDON — As the army prepared to slaughter thousands of healthy animals, Britain won European Union permission Wednesday to vaccinate up to 180,000 cattle against foot-and-mouth disease in an effort to contain the epidemic.

British Agriculture Minister Nick Brown has said Britain has not yet decided whether to vaccinate as a last resort. But the government wants to have the option because of the scale of the livestock disease outbreak, which has now infected over 700 farms.

EU officials said vaccination would be limited to the hardest hit English counties, Cumbria and Devon. EU governments have resisted calls for a wider immu-



Zapatista Comandante Tacho prepares to address legislators during a special session of the Mexican Congress held in Mexico City Wednesday.

World in brief

nization campaign, warning of disastrous consequences for livestock exporters, who would lose disease-free status on world markets.

Israeli forces blast Palestinian headquarters

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli helicopters rocketed headquarters of Force 17, Yasser Arafat's elite guard, in Gaza and the West-Bank town of Ramallah on Wednesday, retaliating for a wave of bombings, including a suicide attack that killed two Israeli teenagers.

Red flares lit up the night sky over Ramallah, where two people were killed in the assault, and flames leaped from burning buildings and cars as firefighters tried to put out multiple blazes.

Doctors in Ramallah said the dead included a member of Force 17 and a female civilian. Overall, more than two dozen Palestinians were injured in Ramallah and Gaza, several critically, doctors said.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has repeatedly accused Force 17 of involvement in attacks against Israeli civilians.

Putin makes sweeping changes in his cabinet

MOSCOW — With the most sweeping government changes since he was elected president a year ago, Vladimir Putin on Wednesday strengthened his control over Russia and expanded his power base by naming staunch loyalists to the key jobs of defense and interior ministers.

The Cabinet changes, which come amid a chill in relations with the United States, put Sergei Ivanov, Putin's confidant and fellow KGB veteran, in charge of streamlining the bloated and underfunded military. And he put Boris Gryzlov, a newcomer to the political elite, in charge of police and interior forces.

While Putin described the shakeup as an effort to demilitarize Russia's political life, analysts interpreted it as an attempt to consolidate his grip on power and shed the staff and legacy of his predecessor, Boris Yeltsin, who resigned on Dec. 31, 1999.

Western governments had long recommended that Russia follow the practice of putting a civilian in charge of the military, and Putin described the reshuffle as a "deliberate effort to demilitarize Russia's public life."

Protesters clash with police over nuclear waste train

DANNENBERG, Germany — Police cleared protesters with water cannons on Wednesday as a train laden with 60 tons of nuclear waste arrived in this town a day late after being blocked by demonstrators who chained themselves to the tracks.

With seven helicopters hovering overhead, the train entered the northern German town of Dannenberg as night fell, just before 7:30 p.m. Protesters along the route whistled and screamed "Get away!"

Nearly 1.5 hours later, the wagons carrying the waste reached Dannenberg's heavily protected depot, where the six containers are to be tested for radioactivity before being loaded onto flatbed trucks for the last leg of a much-disrupted 375-mile trip from a French reprocessing plant.

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Section D

Big cats Mountain lions are master predators



Sleek, sly and stealthy, mountain lions are master predators.

Photos by STU MURRELL/The Times-News

By Stu Murrell
Times-News correspondent

Mountain lions are famed for their elusive nature, which makes it difficult to know how many are on the loose in southern Idaho. Anecdotal evidence from hunters, coupled with actual harvest data, suggest that local lion numbers peaked three or four years ago — and are now on the decline, says Randy Smith, regional wildlife manager for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in Jerome.

Cougar, puma, panther and catamount are some of the other names for *Felis concolor*, "the cat of a single color." The first written account of this big cat was by Columbus in 1540, when his expedition reported a sighting in Central America. Early settlers encountered cougars from the tip of South America to Canada in all types of habitat, including swamps, deserts and mountains.

With the advent of civilization and replacement of many wild animals with domestic livestock, this large predator was eliminated in much of its former range. Most of the mountain lions in the United States are now concentrated in the mountainous regions of the West, in Texas and an endangered population in Florida.

Mountain lion range is basically controlled by the range of its prey — large herbivores. As deer numbers expand, lion numbers expand likewise; as deer numbers decline, so do lion numbers.

The cougar, like all cats, stalks its prey and then makes its kill with a swift rush and pounce. Therefore, the lion's habitat must provide good cover for the ambush.

Mountain lions are carnivores, which means they eat nothing but meat. They require large amounts of fresh meat regularly and do not eat carrion, as omnivores — such as bears — do. To obtain enough food, mountain lions have a fairly large

range of about 25 square miles per lion. Even with numerous herbivores to stalk, they do not catch every one they attack.

Some people claim lions only take weak, sick and older animals, but this is untrue. As many studies have shown, mountain lions are master opportunists — as are all predators. Research shows that cougars will kill a deer about once a week, or more often if circumstances permit.

them from biting through to the vertebrae.

Mountain lions are basically shy animals, so they are rarely seen by humans — even when their numbers are high. There has never been a "proven" unprovoked attack on a person in Idaho, says Gary Hompland, Fish and Game's regional conservation officer in Jerome.

This is not true in other states and California, in particular, has recorded a number of unprovoked attacks. Hompland attributes this to the complete protection that California has given mountain lions since the 1980s.

Idaho has one of the more liberal hunting seasons for mountain lions, which is why they keep their distance from people here.

The life history of cougars follows that of cats in general. The male is found with the female only during a brief mating period. The female's estrus can occur any time throughout the year.

Two or three spotted kittens are born after a three- to four-month gestation period. They are small, weighing about a pound. Their eyes are closed at birth and open after about 10 days. By the time they are 6 months old, they weigh close to 60 pounds.

The mother will keep kittens with her until they are a year old, teaching them to hunt. It is during this period that kittens must be protected from adult males, which are inclined to kill them. This is presumably done to induce the female into estrus, as shown in studies with African lions.

Adult males weigh 135 to 175 pounds with a big one tipping the scales at 200 pounds. Females are about 40 percent smaller. Color can vary from a light tan to gray in winter. All have a black tip on their tail and darker facial stripes. Overall length is 7 to 8 1/2 feet, including the long tail.



With choppers like these, mountain lions can take disabably nasty bites out of anything they want.

Some lions acquire a taste for domestic livestock and particularly favor horses, sheep and pigs. When young lions are separated from their mothers, they sometimes prowl rural neighborhoods in search of domestic dogs and cats.

The mountain lion is a brilliantly designed killing machine. Like all cats, it has long, retractable claws which are always kept sharp. It sinks these claws into the shoulder of an animal, reaches around and twists the neck as it bites through the cervical vertebrae. With large prey, such as adult elk, some lions have learned to break the neck with this twisting motion, since the strong neck muscles of elk prevent

Cranebow program might result in more, bigger fish for anglers

The Associated Press

SUNRIVER, Ore. — Central Oregon anglers are getting ever nearer the trophy rainbow trout which swims elusively through their dreams. Not because of a new lure, but because of a new fish.

"Cranebows."

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's ambitious cranebow program, now in its fourth year, cleared a big hurdle last month when biologists spawned the first batch of cranebow brood stock at the Fall River Hatchery.

"This will be an important step, if it's successful, as far as meeting our angling

goals," said Steve Marx, a Bend-based biologist with the department.

The brood stock cranebows average 5 pounds with some up to 8 pounds. They are part of the department's long-range plan to replace current hatchery stocks which are not native to the area and are failing to meet the department's expectations with trout that originated in the area.

The hope is that the larger, more robust cranebows will eventually be used to stock all Central Oregon waters where stocking takes place. The cranebow program also meets a department directive to use fish stocks indigenous to the

area, which, it is believed, will be more successful at surviving in the wild than the nonindigenous species currently being stocked.

The result is more and bigger fish for anglers — the goal of the cranebow program.

Cranebows are trout that originated from wild trout in Crane Prairie Reservoir southwest of Bend.

Also, the department wants to find out if the cranebows, once released, will survive in the wild, and if they will come to an angler's offering with some regularity.

"Everything looks good," said Marx. "But a lot of the little wrinkles don't show up until you actually do it."



Tao Berman, world-record holder for plunging over tall waterfalls, launches on another adventure in this scene from STILL TWITCH'N.

Paddle on over

Kayak video airs at Muggers tonight

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Anyone who enjoys kayaking videos will undoubtedly enjoy the show at 6:30 tonight at Muggers Beach.

Eric Link, producer of several heart-stopping kayak videos, will screen his latest creation, "STILL TWITCH'N." The new video features Idaho paddling talent and footage from Canada, Asia and the USA. The show is free and there is no cover charge.

Hungry wolves come a-nibbling at remote ranch

By Elisabeth A. Wright
Associated Press writer

DUBOIS, Wyo. — In some ways, Jon Robinnett has more in common with his ancestors than modern-day ranchers: He has wolves at the door.

Robinnett manages a ranch at the end of a winding road south of Yellowstone National Park, where wolves have established territory since their 1995 federal reintroduction in the park.

Since that time, Robinnett has lost seven family dogs, about 200 cattle and a colt that was attacked inside a corral near the ranch-house.

Many of the killings he believes are the result of wolves, although proving it is difficult because of scavenging wildlife and the elusive nature of wolves.

One of the most annoying problems is the change in lifestyle, he said. Despite the vast beautiful vistas that invite people outdoors on the ranch, his grandchildren are not allowed outside to play on the lawn without adult supervision.



Unschooling in wolf safety themselves, Robinnett and his wife, Debbie, were scolded by a visiting wolf expert for letting a pack of seven or eight wolves follow them as they rode their horses.

"It has totally changed our lifestyle and our lives. We can't go to bed and forget about it," Robinnett said.

The wolves aren't shy. The Robinnetts were watching "The Tonight Show" one night when a black wolf came halfway through the front door and backed two family dogs into a corner of the foyer. Robinnett chased it off with a shotgun.

"Other dogs were not so lucky. Robbie, a beloved herding dog, was gutted about 200 yards from

Jon Robinnett holds a locator device that he uses to determine how close radio-collared wolves are to his ranch, Oct. 17, 2000. In Dubois, Wyo. Robinnett is standing next to the site where one of the seven family dogs was attacked by wolves. The ranch is suing the Interior Department to get it to do more to keep wolves away.

If the Diamond G Ranch is a test of whether ranchers and wolves can coexist, the Robinnetts say the federal government has failed to make the test fair. The owner of the ranch, Stephen Gordon, is suing the Interior Department on grounds it should be doing more to keep wolves away.

"It's the most chronic problem I've ever seen," said Ed Bangs, leader of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's wolf recovery. The agency is a defendant in the lawsuit.

A ruling on Gordon's lawsuit has been pending from U.S. District Judge William Downes in Casper for more than two years. Downes declined to comment on



Debbie Robinnett holds her Great Pyrenees guard dog that is recovering from a wolf attack, Oct. 17, 2000. In Dubois, Wyo. Wolves have attacked and killed cattle, pets and a colt at her Diamond G Ranch since the wolves' reintroduction to Yellowstone National Park.

the case. Meantime, the ranchers and Fish and Wildlife Service continue to work on how the ranch and the wolves can coexist.

If any rancher is suited for Please see WOLVES, Page D2

OUTDOORS

Tours help visitors connect with forest

ALTA, Utah (AP) — "Tour With a Ranger" volunteer Mindy Stevenson stood at the bottom of Alta's Cecret ski lift next to two types of trees.

She used the term "friendly fir" to describe the soft needles on one evergreen. Feeling the sharp needles on the other, she called it a "spiky spruce."

Volunteers wearing bright yellow Tour With a Ranger jackets can be seen each weekend at Alta, Snowbird and Brighton offering 1:30 p.m. tours on beginner runs that explain such things as tree identification.

Talks also might include information on canyon geology, area wildlife or the human history of the Cottonwood Canyons.

"It is up to each individual host to come up with their own program and how they would like to present it," said Stevenson. "We can't discuss everything because

there is not enough time. We keep the stops from 10 to 15 minutes, depending on the interest level and the weather. If it is a sunny day and there are a lot of questions, we spend more time. No two programs are the same."

In addition, the Ski Rangers spend the day riding lifts or standing near lift ticket booths or cafeterias answering questions and helping patrons.

"People now on vacation tend to want to go home with more than a tan," said Alta's Connie Marshall. "There is that idea if you learn a bit more about the area you are in, ownership to that area naturally increases."

Stevenson supervises four other volunteers who offer a program at the bottom of Alta's Cecret lift at 1:30 p.m. each Saturday, Sunday and holiday weekend Mondays. Similar instructional programs are given at the same time at the top of

Brighton's Majestic lift or at Snowbird's Mid-Gad Restaurant. Starting Jan. 6, there will also be a guided 11 a.m. snowshoeing program in Mill Creek Canyon.

The formal program, which seldom has more than 15 participants, takes about 45 minutes. Skiers make four or five stops along a run.



Blind American climber Erik Weißenmeyer, 32, of Golden, Colo., gives an interview in Katmandu, Nepal, Wednesday before leaving for Mount Everest.

Blind climber sets out to conquer Mount Everest

KATMANDU, Nepal — An American who has climbed mountains around the world since losing his sight at the age of 13 set out on Wednesday to become the first blind person to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

Erik Weißenmeyer, 32, of Golden, Colo., will follow the sounds of bells tied to the jackets of his 12 teammates and their Sherpa guides, all of whom can see.

"Because Everest is so famous and you read and hear so much about it, I wanted to try it out," Weißenmeyer said before he and the other mountaineers from the National Federation of Blind Allegra Everest Expedition boarded a helicopter and left Katmandu, Nepal for the mountain.

"I have developed skills with my hands that most people have using their eyes, and I always climb with strong people," Weißenmeyer said.

The climbers hope to reach the

summit in mid-May, when the weather is favorable.

The Ministry of Tourism in Katmandu said he will be the first blind person to attempt to climb Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain at 29,035 feet tall.

A big challenge will be the Khumbu icefall, where climbers use aluminum ladders and ropes as a bridge to cross crevasses. A slip would mean almost certain death.

Like many other climbers, he will use bottled oxygen to supplement his breathing at the highest altitudes.

Weißenmeyer lost his sight through a degenerative eye disorder. Three years later, he took up rock climbing.

Since then he has climbed 20,320-foot Mount McKinley in Alaska; 22,834-foot Mount Aconcagua in Argentina, considered the highest peak outside Asia; and the 19,340-foot Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa.



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Wells Fargo completes First Security acquisition

SALT LAKE CITY — First Security Bank will officially become Wells Fargo Bank Northwest April 21, and First Security customers' personal accounts will automatically become Wells Fargo accounts on the same day.

First Security Corp., which has bank branches throughout the Magic Valley — has been part of Wells Fargo since Oct. 25.

First Security spokeswoman Rita Garry Esposito said April 21 is the day the two computer systems will be merged. Bank signs also will begin changing over to Wells Fargo next month, Esposito said.

Esposito said some jobs will change, but that it is unclear what layoffs there might be.

"We hope to retain as many as we possibly can," she said. "Right now, it's hard to see how the final picture will look."

All First Security customers will be sent notification of the changeover, and customers who have First Security automated teller machine cards will receive new Wells Fargo cards.

For now, most customers can continue to use their First Security checks for checking and money market deposit accounts. Account numbers won't change for e-mail checking and savings accounts.

CDs will be assigned new account numbers, but will keep the same interest rates and terms until they mature.

Wells Fargo bought First Security last April after a long-planned merger of First Security and Zions Bancorp was voted down by Zions shareholders.

Dillard's to purchase four department stores

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Dillard's Inc. said Wednesday it had reached an agreement with The May Department Stores Co. to purchase four ZCMI stores — two in Idaho and two in Utah.

Dillard's said the sale is expected to close April 18, and that the name of the stores will change immediately.

The location and size of the stores that are being purchased:

- Grand Teton Mall, Idaho Falls, 125,000 square feet
- Pine Ridge Mall, Pocatello, 125,000 square feet
- Cache Valley Mall, Logan, Utah, 61,000 square feet
- Red Cliffs Mall, St. George, Utah, 40,000 square feet

Under terms of the agreement, Dillard's will assume the leases on the four locations. Dillard's will purchase the existing inventory, exclusive of merchandise on order, and a separate agreement.

Further details of the purchase were announced.

Historic eastern Idaho theater closes this week

REXBURG — The 430-seat Westwood Theater, a fixture since 1917, will close today.

It was a loss to the community and a sad manager Barry Wilson said. "It's been there forever."

Carmike Theaters, which owns the Westwood, said business has declined too much to justify keeping the theater open.

Managers had just refitted the Westwood Theater with a new screen, seats, Wilson said the facility, projections and other fittings were to be shipped to another Carmike theater.

Reynolds will be left with the four-screen Holiday Theater, the three-screen Paramount and the single-screen Teton-Vu Theatres.

The Westwood's closure seems to be part of a nationwide trend as companies consolidate to save money or try to cope with bankruptcy. Carmike has closed two theaters in Idaho Falls in the past year. Idaho Falls also lost the four-screen Hollywood Theater last year after the Washington state-based Wallace chain shut it down.

Even Edwards Theaters, which owned Idaho Falls movie theaters when it opened its 14-screen complex in 1999, is under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Bank will cut staff at Burley center

By Lorraine Caver
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — While D.L. Evans Bank experienced record asset growth last year, bank officials have decided to downsize staff at the Burley operations center to help the bank operate more efficiently.

Sometime early this summer, five part-time and one full-time operations-center employees will be laid off because the bank will

D.L. Evans to switch to outside data-processing company

use an outside data-processing company, said John Evans Jr., chief executive officer for D.L. Evans.

Evans, a Boise firm, will handle check processing for the bank, Evans Jr. said. He sees this change as positive because the bank was using an outdated check-processing machine, which would have cost \$500,000 to replace.

Every three years the expensive machine becomes outdated, Evans Jr. said.

The change comes on the heels of the bank's largest increase in assets on record, he said. The bank's assets rose \$43 million last year, even though agricultural economy is in a slump.

"One of the things we recognized five years ago was that we were relying so heavily on agri-

culture that we had to diversify," said former Gov. John Evans Sr., president of D.L. Evans. The bank branched out to commercial, consumer and real estate loans.

"That is a healthy diversification for the bank," Evans Sr. said. "We don't have to suffer with the peaks and valleys."

The latest step in the diversification is to change to the outside

company for check processing. The bank has been using the Boise company for other data processing for 15 years, Evans Jr. said.

Several of the employees who will lose their jobs are ready to retire, he said.

Because of the bank's growth, bank officials hope new jobs will be created, Evans Jr. said.

"We have opportunities all the time," he said.

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Keep it coming U.S. taste for beef survives disease outbreaks abroad

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans love their beef.

They spent a record \$52 billion on the red meat in 2000 and ate 70 pounds of it per person. Although concern about livestock diseases in Europe has grown in recent weeks, Americans apparently aren't ready to ignore their cravings for a juicy T-bone just yet.

"I have great faith in the USDA," said Gordon Harvey, 65, of Arlington, Va., who bought some bacon, a pork roast and a steak at the bustling Eastern Market near the U.S. Capitol before heading to the poultry counter.

But, "I wouldn't hesitate to stop buying meat altogether if I thought it was dangerous."

Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said Tuesday there are no signs yet that Americans are shunning beef, although they are confusing foot-and-mouth disease with the much rarer and more dangerous mad cow disease.

Mad cow disease has never been found in the United States, officials say. But inspectors for the U.S. Department of Agriculture seized hundreds of imported sheep from two Vermont farms last week — the first such action against any U.S. farm animals — fearing they may be infected with a version of mad cow.

Foot-and-mouth disease, which is harmless to humans but can be spread by them, was last in the United States in 1929.

Unless one of those diseases hits the United States, consumers are unlikely to change their beef eating habits, some say.

"That fact is, it's not here," said Chuck Levitt, a meat analyst with Alcorn Trading Corp. of Chicago. "The American people by and large still feel we have the safest food supply on the planet and by and large we do."

Farmers fear the economic consequences of foot-and-mouth more than the disease itself, as infected pigs, sheep and cows lose their appetite and stop growing and producing milk.

The fast-spreading disease struck Britain in mid-February and has touched France, the Netherlands and Ireland. Argentina also is contending with a new outbreak.

Britain says it has lost \$240 million and the toll in lost trade and livestock — which are being

destroyed in an effort to contain the spread — could approach \$1 billion.

The United States has banned meat imports from 15 European countries and Argentina until the outbreaks are brought under control. U.S. consumers could face higher beef prices at neighborhood butcher shops, grocery stores and restaurants as a result.

"If England doesn't have any meat, they're going to have to buy it from somewhere," said Tony Heath, owner of Quality Cash Market in Concord, N.H. "They're probably going to buy it from us, and we have just so much, so all prices will rise because of the limited supply."

Chuck Boppell, president and chief executive officer of the Sizzler chain of steakhouse restaurants said, "We're seeing the prices on the futures market just go crazy." Contracts for certain cuts of beef, for future delivery, have risen by half, he said.

This comes as beef consumption has been on the upswing after years of decline.

A record \$52 billion was spent on beef last year, up from \$48.7 billion in 1999, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association says. Americans also ate 69.5 pounds of beef per person last year, reflecting steady but modest increases since 1993, when consumption fell to 65.1 pounds. Even so, Americans ate more chicken last year, 82.1 pounds.

Even the record last year of nearly 3 million pounds of ground beef and beef products because of possible contamination with dangerous E. coli and Histeria bacteria didn't seem to affect a U.S. beef-eating habit, Levitt said.

He predicted the jittery economy and rising fuel prices would influence beef consumption more than the outbreaks of animal disease overseas.

Fewer than half of respondents had expressed concern about the disease in an ABC News-Washington Post poll in mid-January.

The soaring meat prices at the Washington market, Brenda Bunting of Haleiwa, Hawaii, said she'll worry when, or if, the disease is confirmed in the United States.

"Then I will think it's only a matter of time before it reaches me in Hawaii," she said.



Sylvester Copeland of Washington shops at Washington's Eastern Market Thursday. Although concern about mad cow disease in Europe has grown in recent weeks, Americans apparently are not ready to ignore their cravings for a juicy T-bone just yet.

American travelers avoid foot-and-mouth fallout

Knights Ridder News Service

Americans are canceling trips to England because of the highly contagious foot-and-mouth disease spreading to farm animals throughout Europe.

But travel agents say tourists instead should change their specific plans to avoid closed historic sites, farms and off-limit

roads.

"I don't think tourists should cancel," said Nancy Zebrick, vice president of industry relations at Onetravel.com. "Visitors will have to change their itinerary to be more urban."

Major British tourist sites like Stonehenge, the historic rock monument in southwestern England and the 73-mile-long

Hadrian's Wall are closed, along with other national parks, gardens, castles and museums.

Karen Steinhilber, owner of Athena Travel in Laurel, has had several clients cancel their trips to England because of the historic-site closures.

"They're not canceling. Please see TRAVELERS, Page D6

IHFA's mortgage rate drops

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Housing and Finance Association, an affordable-housing promoter with a branch office in Twin Falls, on Wednesday announced its lowest interest rate since 1998 — 6.08 percent — now available through participating lenders statewide.

IHFA officials said they expect the new low-interest mortgages to help more than 400 home buyers announced its lowest interest rate since 1998 — 6.08 percent — now available through participating lenders statewide.

IHFA said its announcement was precipitated by the low mortgage rates in today's marketplace.

In 1998, IHFA's mortgage rate dropped to 5.95 percent, the low-

IHFA helped 3,291 families purchase their first homes, equaling a record homeownership investment of \$257 million in one year.

"Without IHFA's mortgage loan program, hundreds of first-time home buyers would still be making rent payments this month, instead of mortgage payments," said Bob Reed, vice president of real estate lending for IHFA.

"We hope this new rate encourages people to really think about their homeownership opportunities because there's no better time to make an investment in homeownership than now," he said in a statement Wednesday. "This type of investment not only returns equity to the homeowner but has tax benefits when the borrower files their federal tax return."

IHFA offers reduced-rate mortgage loans to qualified Idaho

families through a network of participating lenders throughout the state. Home buyers must meet certain income and sales-price qualifications that vary by county. Since 1978, IHFA has financed more than 40,000 homes for Idaho's first-time home buyers.

For information about IHFA's Residential Loan program, call toll-free 1-800-219-2285 or visit ihfa.org/residential_loans. A current list of participating lenders is on IHFA's website at ihfa.org/residential_loans.

The quasi-governmental entity uses no state-level tax dollars. It was formed by the state in 1972 and has an oversight board whose members the governor appoints, but IHFA must be financially self-sufficient. A small amount of its proceeds from bond sales finances its operation.

U.S. to trim Social Security of those who have debts

Knights Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Hundreds of thousands of older Americans are about to get smaller Social Security checks until their debts to the federal government are paid.

The new — and largely unpublished — initiative is part of an effort to collect some of the \$31.3 billion that individuals owe federal agencies.

The first people to be hit, starting in May, will be 55,000 defaulters on Veterans Affairs mortgage loans and small business, disaster and student loans.

In October, the Treasury Department will garnish the Social Security checks of 232,000 IRS debtors.

It's the first time Social

Security payments have been targeted to repay federal debt. Authority to do so is contained in an obscure section of the 1996 Debt Collection Improvement Act.

Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill has been briefed on the program, said Treasury spokeswoman Melinda Barrett.

Under Treasury's rules, the first \$750 of monthly Social Security payments is off limits. Recipients who receive that amount or less won't be hit no matter how much they owe. Fifteen percent of the amount above the first \$750 will be withheld until debts are repaid. Payments to people with disabilities and others under the Supplemental Security Income program will not be touched.

MONEY

Kmart revives the blue-light special

TROY, Mich. (AP) - Attention, Kmart shoppers: The blue-light special is back.

would go off in the aisles. Those shoppers who reached the product in time got it on sale.

team sees potential in playing off the company's heritage at a time when Kmart's focus has been on its image.

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Increased power rates could trigger inflation

TROY, Mich. (AP) - Attention, Kmart shoppers: The blue-light special is back.

During a blue-light special, customers would hear an announcement of a particular item on sale, and a flashing police-style light

The idea was created in 1965 and retired in the 1990s as a symbol of the past.

team sees potential in playing off the company's heritage at a time when Kmart Corp. has fallen behind Target and Wal-Mart.

"It is something that is still deeply ingrained in America's

culture and can serve as a point of differentiation for Kmart," said Michael Exstein, retail analyst for Credit Suisse First Boston in New York.

Kmart has stores in Twin Falls and Burley.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Soaring electricity rates approved this week for millions of Californians mean customers at Tom Creedon's seafood restaurant will be paying more for their Dungeness cracked crab or steamed clams bordelaise.

Kathleen Connell, who predicted Wednesday that California will face cash-flow problems beginning in October.

Connell said the state has committed to spending more than \$25 billion over the next 18 months to buy power that the cash-strapped utilities can no longer afford. But she said even California doesn't have that kind of money, adding that Tuesday's rate increases, combined with \$12.4 billion the state plans to raise through bond sales, will leave it about \$7.4 billion short.

"Without identifying some other means of financing California will face a cash flow problem by the first of October," Connell said.

A spokesman for Davis Department of Finance disputed that conclusion, saying Connell didn't take into account the administration's efforts to reduce electricity costs by signing long-term purchasing con-

State residents also have been hit with rising natural gas bills, reflecting a nationwide increase in wholesale gas costs.

Business leaders warn they'll have to pass those costs to their customers, leading analysts to warn of inflation woes that could spread beyond the state's borders.

"It is going to be painful," said Jack Kyser, chief economist for the Los Angeles Economic Development Corp.

California's \$1.3 trillion economy accounts for 13 percent of the nation's gross domestic product and 16 percent of U.S. consumer demand.

Stocks slide on profit-taking, earnings

NEW YORK (AP)—Wall Street made an expected retreat Wednesday, sending technology and blue chip stocks sliding on a mix of earnings worries and profit-taking from the Dow Jones Industrials' big three-day rally.

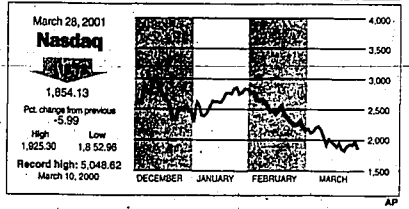
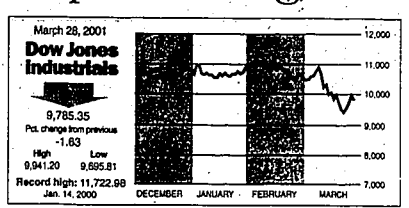
The technology-focused Nasdaq composite index fared the worst, falling 6 percent on a profit warning from Nortel Networks that stoked fears of more problems ahead for networking and telecom stocks.

“We had broad-based selling pressures in technology today,” said Tom Galvin, chief investment officer at Credit Suisse First Boston. “Clearly, some people are still very worried about this sector and how it’s going to perform in the months ahead.”

But some giveback was also to be expected after the market's rally. "You've had a 10 percent run-up in the indexes since last week," Galvin said.

The Dow closed down 162.19 at 9,785.35, a 1.6 percent loss. The decline ended the Dow's three-day, 558-point winning streak, but the blue chips managed to hang on to 70 percent of their gains.

Broader stock indicators also lagged. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 28.88 at 1,153.29, a 2.4 percent loss, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 118.13 to 1,854.13.



The selling was no surprise. The warning from Nortel after regular trading ended Tuesday sent tech stocks down in the market's

Nortel, which also announced another 5,000 job cuts for a total of 15,000 planned this year, fell 16 percent, down \$2.76 at \$14.

The news hurt other networking stocks, including Cisco Systems, which tumbled \$2.38 to \$15.75, a 13 percent drop.

Investors also pummeled Palm, which fell \$7.44 to \$8.06 for a 48 percent loss, after the handheld computer company announced job cuts and reduced its quarterly forecast. News of job cuts at

Disney sent its stock down 84 cents to \$28.36.

Adolph Coors rose \$2.29 to \$65.38, while Merck advanced \$1.54 to \$75.15.

Stocks began recovering late last week from a 10-session slump that included a 1,468-point drop in the Dow. A better-than-expected consumer confidence report

Tuesday, which suggested consumer spending might be able to lift the economy out of its malaise added to buyers' enthusiasm. But by Wednesday pessimism

had reasserted itself on Wall Street, as investors realized weak corporate earnings might continue for a while.

The desperation was last week. Now we're finally getting to the acceptance phase. The casino has closed," said Scott Bleier, chief investment strategist at Paine, Smith & Co. "It's a

—The Russell 2000 index fell

Declining issues led advancers more than 2 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange. Consolidated volume came to nearly 1.52 billion, compared with 1.59 billion Tuesday.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE				AMEX				NASDAQ			
Most Active (\$1 on move)				Most Active (\$1 on move)				Most Active (\$1 on move)			
Name	Vol	(%)	%Chg	Name	Vol	(%)	%Chg	Name	Vol	(%)	%Chg
Agerholm	1300284	28.4	+0.70	Nasdaq(1007760501-3970-35)				Cisco	1331000	15.75	+2.38
Northrup	349993	14.0	-2.70	SPDR	1076051	19.0	-3.27	Palm	187886	8.62	-7.44
General	254411	41.55	+3.80	Smallcap	33464	9.78	+0.30	710569	26.94	-2.44	
United	227608	10.27	+1.43	MatHorn	17411	44.20	+3.50	SunMicro	154515	15.85	+1.56
EMC	199328	32.48	-11.77	NetScout	15653	53.20	-1.65	Accelrys	449291	11.50	+1.55
GAINERS (\$2 on move)				GAINERS (\$2 on move)				GAINERS (\$2 on move)			
Name	Gain	%Chg	%Chg	Name	Gain	%Chg	%Chg	Name	Gain	%Chg	%Chg
Aurac	5.90	+75	+14.80	Palatin	3.55	+85	+8.50	Supr wtd1	4.44	+275	+18.20
Avco	3.60	+182	+22.50	Pharmacia	3.50	+100	+10.00	Avco	4.28	+178	+13.50
Suana	4.55	+42	+0.92	PEGCEH	1.00	+110	+11.00	ScmCnG	4.19	+139	+37.20
Amgen	11.75	+105	+9.80	BioEcyPh	2.42	+24	+10.10	Veranone	3.82	+97	+29.80
Xenox	6.25	+53	+0.93	PGE pty	1.675	+130	+9.70	Intrepid	2.59	+59	+29.70
LOSERS (\$2 on move)				LOSERS (\$2 on move)				LOSERS (\$2 on move)			
Name	Loss	%Chg	%Chg	Name	Loss	%Chg	%Chg	Name	Loss	%Chg	%Chg
Solutia	2.42	-11	-1.10	Helix	3.00	-84	-16.50	Palm	1.80	-47	-4.70
Alcoa	4.60	-115	-20.00	Acacia	2.40	-81	-16.50	EnduroSys	15.50	-50	-34.70
Visteon	2.30	-54	-10.00	ReafCos	3.50	-63	-15.00	AvinCo	2.00	-19	-37.00
Northrup	4.75	-61	-15.50	DigistT	2.95	-53	-15.20	Hedberg	10.88	-51	-24.00
Ally	5.79	-121	-14.10	MSJOSN	8.80	-132	-13.20	Folma	1.56	-156	-30.50
DIARY				DIARY				DIARY			
Advanced	1,064	Advanced	236	Advanced	1,064						
Declined	1,994	Declined	441	Declined	2,697						
Unchanged	20	Unchanged	100	Unchanged	1,850						
Total Issues	3,278	Total Issues	777	Total Issues	4,651						
New Highs	46	New Highs	9	New Highs	11						
New Lows	46	New Lows	9	New Lows	136						
Volume	1,361,306,910	Volume	123,179,665	Volume	2,013,266,100						

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Equi	...	22.86	+28	EsteeLor	1.20	35.50	+46	WAL	2.40	104.83	-56	Sym s	28	26.14	+13
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LanNorth	20.00 -06	GblSpn	21.19 -1.94	P-Com	d1.25 -41		
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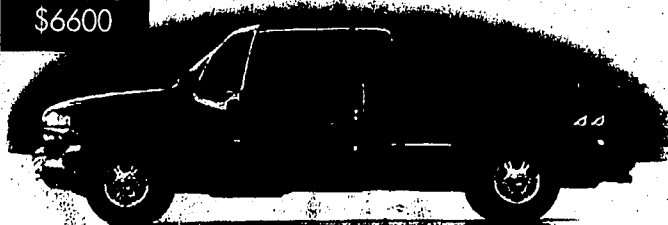
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