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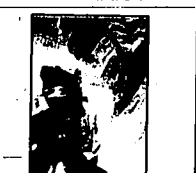


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Tax cut stays in spotlight

GOP maintains economy sparked budget woes

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - To cut or not to cut education budgets during economic downturn is getting the most floor time in debate by lawmakers this legislative session.

And while most of the 90 percent Republican Legislature have made up their minds that cutting budgets makes good

sense, they hear almost daily it's their fault that education is taking some hits.

On Monday, Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, argued again that education is bearing the brunt of last year's decision to cut taxes. She repeatedly called Republicans irresponsible. She and the Legislature's other 11 Democrats maintain \$100 million could have been saved.

But Republicans say the state has to make money in order to tax it, and because Idahoans are making less money, the state's

tax coffers are coming up short. "It's the economy, not the tax cuts," said Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl, who sits on the House Revenue and Taxation Committee.

It is a fact that that the nation's most Republican Legislature voted for an estimated \$114 million in tax cuts last year. And since then, the Legislature's budget chiefs - Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, and Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome - estimate that total package has fallen far below the original figures. The estimate



Rep. Wendy Jaquet

now hovers around \$100 million. Cameron explained that the Democrats' - and the Idaho Education Association's - demand to roll back the tax cuts would be impossible, as people are already filing on those laws.

Jaquet said she realizes it's too late to repeal this year's tax cuts, Please see CUT, Page A2

Fetal protection bill goes to governor

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE - Despite warnings that it goes too far, the Idaho House sent Gov. Dirk Kempthorne a bill on Monday protecting fetuses under state murder, manslaughter and aggravated battery laws.

A 60-10 vote completed legislative action on the Senate-passed measure. It was prompted by last July's beating of a pregnant Nampa teen-ager who later delivered a stillborn baby she named Noah. The attacker could be charged with no more than misdemeanor battery for harming the fetus.

Dubbed "Noah's Law" by sponsors Sen. Hal Burderson, R-Meridian, and Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl, the proposal makes it a crime, separate from whatever violence is done to a pregnant woman, when a "human embryo or fetus" is killed or caused "great bodily harm, permanent disability or permanent disfigurement."

House Democratic Floor Leader Wendy Jaquet of Ketchum argued that elevating the legal status of embryos takes a dangerous step, permanent disability or permanent disfigurement. It's a step that could create a framework for future abortion restrictions, she said.

At the very least, Jaquet said, adopting the bill could lead to criminal investigations of moth-



Rep. Celia Gould

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Filling up with frustration



Registered pharmacist Karen Henry advises a customer at Sav-Mor pharmacy in downtown Twin Falls Monday. Pharmacists in Idaho and several other states are worried about proposals to reduce amounts paid for filling Medicaid prescriptions.

Medicaid cuts worry Idaho pharmacists, doctors

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS - For Medicaid patients, finding doctors to treat them and pharmacists to refill their prescriptions could get even harder. Idaho is one of more than a dozen states considering reducing reimbursement rates under Medicaid, the joint federal-state program that provides health care to 36 million low-income and working poor.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne wants to get a handle on the skyrocketing costs of Medicaid by cutting \$20 million from the Medicaid

budget. Among the Medicaid cuts being considered by the Legislature and the Kempthorne administration:

- Evaluating continued hospitalization after the third rather than fourth day.
- Denying prescription refills until at least 75 percent of the original has been used.
- Equalizing the reimbursement doctors receive from Medicaid with those they get for the same services under the Medicare program for the elderly.
- Making people get prior approval before being allowed to fill more than four prescriptions

a month. The Kempthorne administration estimates the state can save nearly \$9 million in drug costs through prior approval. Ten thousand of the 120,000 Medicaid recipients have more than four prescriptions a month, and officials estimate that two-thirds are unnecessary or inappropriate. But the plan would result in even more red tape and paperwork for pharmacists.

"The problem we see is most people are on more than four prescriptions a month," said Karen Henry, a pharmacist at Sav-Mor in Twin Falls. "Someone who's diabetic could easily have prescriptions for two types of medi-

cine and another for syringes. You'd run over so fast that it's not very realistic from our perspective."

Henry already spends a lot of time on the phone talking to insurance companies getting approval for prescriptions. She'll be spending even more time on the phone if she has to get approval before filling prescriptions for Medicaid patients, who represent 25 to 30 percent of her customer base.

"How are they going to do that? We don't have the time," Henry said. "If Medicaid makes us do that, it's going to be a nightmare." Please see MEDICAID, Page A2

PILLARS OF STRENGTH

Memorial helps fill void where WTC fell

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - To the strains of "America the Beautiful," two pillars of light soared skyward from beside ground zero Monday night, filling a hole torn in the nation's most revered skyline when terrorists brought down the World Trade Center six months ago.

As relatives of some of the thousands killed stood and watched, 12-year-old Valerie Webb activated 88 powerful searchlights arranged to simulate the twin towers. Her father, Port Authority police officer Nathaniel Webb, still hasn't been found in the ruins nearby.

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"The lights will reach up to the skies and into heaven, near where the heroes are now," said Arthur Leahy, holding a picture of his brother James Leahy, a New York police officer who died on Sept. 11.

The ethereal "Tribute in Light" memorial was designed to help lessen the aching loss felt across the country since that day. It will shine each night until April 13.

The lighting capped a day of tributes from Boston, New York and rural Pennsylvania to the nation's capital, where President Bush offered words of resolve at a White House ceremony attended by more than 100 ambassadors as well as victims' relatives and members of Congress.

"History will know that day not only

as a day of tragedy, but as a day of decision when the civilized world was stirred to anger and to action," Bush said, calling on nations to press the fight against terrorism.

At the Pentagon, where 189 people died on Sept. 11, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld met with military leaders from nations in the anti-terrorism coalition. And in Shanksville, Pa., church bells tolled at 10:06 a.m. in memory of the 44 victims aboard United Flight 93, the fourth hijacked jet to crash that day. It went down in the countryside, apparently after some of the passengers fought back.

As the memorial of light slowly gained power, soprano Jessye Norman sang "America the Beautiful" and Mayor Michael Bloomberg said the tribute "reminds us there is much in this world to be hopeful about and

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Two beams of light illuminate the sky Monday above Manhattan from near the site of the World Trade Center in New York. The lights are part of temporary Memorial and will be turned on every evening (M) April 13.

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY



ALMANAC section containing weather statistics for Twin Falls, Idaho, such as temperature records, precipitation, and humidity.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS section with a grid showing weather icons and temperatures for Today through Saturday.

CANADIAN CITIES section with a weather forecast grid for various Canadian cities like Toronto, Vancouver, and Winnipeg.

REGIONAL WEATHER section providing weather updates and forecasts for Southern Idaho, Northern Utah, and Northern Nevada.

REGIONAL EXTREMES section listing high and low temperature extremes for various locations like Dryden, TX and Bismarck, ND.

SUN AND MOON and UV INDEX TODAY sections providing moon phases, moonset/moonrise times, and UV index readings.

WORLD CITIES section with a global weather forecast grid for major international cities.

REGIONAL CITIES section with a detailed weather forecast grid for various regional cities like Boise, Burley, and Coeur d'Alene.

NATIONAL WEATHER section featuring a map of the United States with weather systems and a forecast for selected cities.

Randy Hansen AUTO PLEX section advertising poeline at Blue Lakes North.

Memorial section discussing a memorial for firefighters killed in the 76th Precinct in Brooklyn, NY, including quotes from local officials and community members.

Medicaid section reporting on budget cuts affecting Medicaid services in Idaho, including reduced reimbursement rates and increased copayments for prescriptions.

Cut section discussing proposed tax cuts and budget changes, including the impact on farmers and the potential for increased state revenue.

Continued from A1 section regarding Medicaid, focusing on the impact of budget cuts on low-income families and the role of pharmaceutical companies.

Circulation section providing statistics for the Times-News, including circulation figures for the newspaper and its online presence.

The Times-News Information Line section advertising a 24-hour service for ski, lottery, and weather information, with a phone number 735-3350.

Fetus section reporting on a woman's decision to abort, including details about the procedure and the state's laws regarding fetal tissue disposal.

Times-News telephone directory section listing contact information for various departments and staff members.

The Times-News Information Line section featuring a graphic with three buttons for Ski Information, Lottery Information, and Weather Information.

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'The battle of Shanksville'

Hundreds gather to remember those aboard Flight 93

SHANKSVILLE, Pa. (AP) — Hundreds of people crammed into a small church Monday to honor victims of United Flight 93, the plane that crashed in rural Pennsylvania on Sept. 11 after passengers apparently attempted to regain control of the hijacked aircraft.

A line of people stretched outside the Shanksville United Methodist Church, about two miles from the crash site, on a brilliant and cold morning six months after the community of less than 300 people became part of a national tragedy.

At 10:06 a.m., exactly six months after the crash, churches began sounding their bells, a toll for each of the 40 passengers and crew who died.

The hour-long ceremony, part of a national day of remembrance, attracted hundreds of people, including family members of the victims and representatives of several faiths.

The Rev. Ronald Emery, pastor of the Shanksville church, said the attacks have brought the nation and its people closer



Lillian Nackie, right, mother of United Airlines Flight 93 victim Louis Nackie, is consoled by family and friends after a ceremony Monday, March 11, 2002, held at the site of the Sept. 11 plane crash outside Shanksville, Pa.

together.

"What started as a knot in our stomach as pain and hurt has become the thread that holds us together," Emery said. "Flight 93 is that scarlet thread."

Flight 93 crashed after four hijackers took over the aircraft bound from Newark, N.J., to San Francisco, turning the plane back

as it approached Cleveland and taking a course toward Washington. Calls from people on the plane to loved ones suggested the passengers confronted the hijackers before the crash.

Everyone on board was killed. It was the only one of four hijacked planes on Sept. 11 that did not cause any

deaths on the ground.

Following the service, some 300 people went to the site of the crash, where family members of the victims laid flowers next to a bronze stone put there in memory of the victims.

Some of the family members were overcome with emotion. Marcy Nackie, whose brother-in-law Louis Nackie was a passenger aboard the flight, said the spot should be a national memorial site.

"This is hallowed ground. This is where the first battle in the war on terrorism happened," Nackie said. "It was the battle of Shanksville."

The memorial at the site reads: "This memorial is in memory of the brave men and women who gave their lives to save so many others. Their courage and love of our country will be a source of strength and comfort to our great nation."

U.S. Rep. John Murtha, a Democrat who represents the area, is asking Congress to designate a national memorial in the field.

Thousands of people have visited the site, about 80 miles east of Pittsburgh. The day before the memorial, hundreds of people braved 50-mile-an-hour winds and freezing rain to leave mementos.

Troops prepare for final assault

GADEZ, Afghanistan (AP) — Tanks and trucks carried 1,000 more U.S.-allied Afghan fighters to the remote mountains of eastern Afghanistan on Monday to reinforce American troops closing in on al-Qaida and Taliban holdouts.

In preparation for a final push, high-flying U.S. B-1 bombers pounded remaining enemy positions on a ridgeline known to U.S. troops as "the whale" in the frigid Shah-e-Kot mountains. U.S. spe-

cial forces were seen moving nearby as clouds of dark smoke rose from the impact of the bombs.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, speaking on the steps of the Pentagon, said he hoped allied forces would finish "mopping up" the area by week's end.

Afghan — commander Mohammed Ismail Khan estimated that three-fourths of the enemy force, once said to number about 1,000 fighters, had been killed.

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Television networks bring back images of Sept. 11

NEW YORK (AP) — Television networks marking the six-month anniversary of Sept. 11 brought back horrifying images Monday, one day after CBS' "9/11" documentary drew a large TV audience of 39 million people.

The CBS special with exclusive footage from inside the World Trade Center was watched in nearly half the homes that had their TV sets on Sunday night in New York City, and about one-third of those nationally.

"We felt that it was important that people experience this," CBS President Leslie Moonves said Monday, "and it was good that America felt the same way."

It was the most-watched non-sports program in prime-time television season. The Super Bowl (87 million), the opening ceremonies for the Winter Olympics (45.5 million) and the

"We felt that it was important that people experience this."

— CBS president Leslie Moonves, on airing of network's '9/11' documentary

women's figure skating finals (43 million) drew bigger crowds, according to Nielsen Media Research.

Broadcast and cable news networks set aside regular programming Monday morning to show memorial services. The news networks, particularly CNN, aired frequent video clips of the planes striking the World Trade Center, the buildings burning and the towers' subsequent collapse.

Networks had used those

images sparingly since the days after the attacks out of concern that the repetition was disturbing.

It's still a sensitive issue: Although CBS' "9-11" documentary showed the planes' impact and the towers' collapse, a handful of repeated images of those moments were cut out by producers between the time the film was screened for journalists last week and aired Sunday.

One expert, psychiatry professor Norman Sussman of New York University, said the repeated images on news networks were a form of exploitation.

"What they're doing is terrible," Sussman said.

CNN concentrated on the healing process, spokeswoman Kyrá Frank said. As part of the coverage, the network used footage from that day "on a limited basis," she said.

Some families of attack victims had urged CBS not to air "9-

11," worried that the material and emotions would be too raw. The special was based on footage captured by Jules and Gedeon Naudet, French filmmakers who were working on a documentary about firefighters and caught gripping scenes of the World Trade Center collapse.

While "9-11" contained an unusual amount of profanity and the horrifying sound of bodies hitting the ground, it was relatively gore-free.

"It was television at its very best," said Paul Levinson, a Fordham University communications professor. "It showed us things that we could not see in any other way. Certainly no written description of the events could convey what those images showed us."

Preliminary Nielsen ratings indicated that the audience peaked at about 43 million people shortly after 10 p.m.

Fish

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take roughly two years.

The developers and local governments filed suit, arguing the protections were "excessive, unduly vague, not justified as essential" and "not based upon a required analysis of economic impacts."

Duane Desiderio of the home-builders' association said his group sees value in such habitat protection, but added: "We just want the government to do it right."

Environmentalists say President Bush is going against his campaign promise to help save the endangered fish and that the proposed settlement is

part of a larger campaign to roll back environmental protections enacted under President Clinton.

"It sounds like they are giving the home builders a pass," said Nicole Cordan, policy and legal director for Save Our Wild Salmon.

An environmental group, Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund, has asked to intervene in the case and planned to file an objection to the settlement on behalf of environmental and fishing industry groups.

Critical habitat designations are one of the most controversial provisions of the Endangered Species Act. In some cases, they allow the

National Marine and Fisheries Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service to limit or block activities in the areas if threatened or endangered species may be harmed.

The critical habitat provisions for the salmon and steelhead were issued by the Clinton administration in February 2000. They outlined safeguards for populations of chinook, chum, coho and sockeye salmon and covered a wide swath of land, touching 150 watersheds, river segments, bays and estuaries in Washington, Oregon, California and Idaho, including metropolitan areas like Seattle and Portland.

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Poetry in leather

Men show the finer arts of saddle making

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Father and son Clarence and Darren Sparks know a thing or two about saddles.

Recently, they shared their knowledge with students at a Jerome Recreation District course.

The three people who took the class learned about different parts of a saddle, and how they are attached together.

They also learned about materials, steps involved in building a saddle, and what makes one saddle cost \$4,000, while another

saddle cost \$400. Darren Sparks of Jerome, who learned how to make saddles from his father, Clarence, said he has built a few saddles from scratch, under his father's watchful eye. But he doesn't consider himself a professional saddle maker. He compared saddle making to writing.

"Just because you know how to write doesn't make you a great writer or poet," he said. He reserves the term, "saddle maker" for the great ones, those artists whose saddles are poetry in leather.

Darren grew up in Wendell, where he graduated from high

school. He attended college in Pocatello and worked at Vicker's and Tandy Leather in Pocatello for about 13 years. He recently returned to Magic Valley to live and now makes his home in Jerome.

A follow-up class in March will allow participants to build their own saddle if they wish.

Clarence and Darren Sparks explain saddle making to Rebecca Simpson at a Jerome Recreation District class.

DIXIE THOMAS REALE/The Times-News



Rupert Chapter Order of the Eastern Star Golden Stars honored were, from left to right: Ethel Simmons, Jeanne Crawford, Melba Merkey, Joe Merkey, Veda Shufeldt, Erna McFarland and Martha Klinsk. Olga Fisher is seated.

Rupert Eastern Star chapter honors 'Golden Stars' members

RUPERT - Rupert Chapter 39, Order of the Eastern Star observed Valentine's Day and Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership and honored Golden Stars, who are 50-year members at its Feb. 13 meeting at the Masonic Temple in Rupert.

Associate Matron Peggy Hess and Worthy Patron Clyde Annis presided.

Introduction of special guests included: Past Grand Matron Erna McFarland, Past Grand Patron Virgil Fenton, Grand Conductress Darla Redman and Grand Chaplain Bonnie Fenton, all of E-dah-ho Chapter 77 in Paul. Others included Past Grand Guardian of the International Order of Jobs Daughters and Grand Representative to Ontario, Canada in Idaho Olga Fisher; Worshipful Master of Burley Lodge 68, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and High Priest of Rupert Chapter 22, Royal Arch Masons Keith Brooks; Guardian Burley-Rupert Bethel 18, Jobs Daughters Pamela Day; Grand Escort to Grand Associate Conductress Nancy Ross and

Virgil Fenton, Grand Escort to Grand Chaplain, Lucile Whistler.

Golden Stars attending were Past Grand Matron Erna McFarland, Jeanne Crawford, Martha Klinsk, Ethel Simmons, Olga Fisher, Veda Shufeldt, Melba Merkey, and Joe Merkey. The officers presented a tribute to the "Sweethearts" of the chapter, "The Golden Stars" and sang, "Blest be Our Golden Stars."

The chapter observes Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership in the month of February each year and raises funds for the project. It is established for the purpose of assisting men and women who want to enter the field of religious service such as ministers, directors of church music, religious education and youth leadership. Scholarships are given to college juniors and seniors or students of seminaries who are full time. Applicants need not be of Masonic or Eastern Star affiliation, but must be sponsored by an Eastern Star chapter.

Anyone interested in applying

for this assistance should contact a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

A special event of the evening was presented by Grand Conductress Darla Redman and Grand Chaplain Bonnie Fenton on behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, Janice Hanna, and Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, Andrea Storjohann when they presented an appointment of grand representative to Oklahoma and she is also a dual member of Clinton Chapter 207, Order of the Eastern Star in Oklahoma and Rupert Chapter 39, chapter members said.

The appointment is special from her native State and she is also a dual member of Clinton Chapter 207, Order of the Eastern Star in Oklahoma and Rupert Chapter 39, chapter members said.

A grand representative serves as ambassador of good will between grand jurisdictions. The evening concluded with refreshments with Keith and Mimi Brooks and Martha Keimle assisting.



Louise Becker, president of the Gooding Lions Club, presents a donation of \$500 to Ron Darcy, Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation president, and Jim Henshaw, hospital president/chief executive officer.

Photo courtesy of Gooding County Memorial Hospital

Lions remember longtime member

GOODING - Gooding Lions contributed money to Gooding County Memorial Hospital in the memory of one of its dedicated members.

Louise Becker, president of the Gooding Lions Club, presented to Ron Darcy, Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation president, and Jim Henshaw, hospital president/chief executive officer, a donation of \$500 in the memory of Valma Gray, who died in December.

As a patient at the hospital, Gray spoke highly of the care she had received there, the hospital reports.

Becker says that Gray "would have been very appreciative" of the donation.

Gray, a dedicated member of the Lions Club, worked and shared on many community projects and events, the hospital reports.

During her hospitalization, she worried about not being able to attend the Lions Club meeting.

The Gooding branch of the Lions Club has done many worthwhile projects for the city and community, the hospital reports. Last October, with the help of the local fifth-graders, they collected more than 500 pairs of glasses to be refurbished and sent to third world countries. In fact, the club is best known for its work with sight and hearing projects around the world.

The Lions, which stands for Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety, was founded in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Its motto is "We Serve." In 1925 at an international convention,

Helen Keller challenged the organization to become her "knights-of-the-blind-in-the-crucial-sadness-against-darkness." Since then, the organization's major focus, for which they have been known throughout the world, is service to the blind and visually-impaired, the hospital says.

Lions groups also are involved in a variety of other activities to improve their communities and help people in need, the hospital says. The Gooding Lions' community projects include construction of a volleyball/tennis court and picnic shelters at the city park, repairing Christmas lights for the city, providing sight and hearing clinics at the annual community health fair and collecting of old glasses to be refurbished.

MEETING OLYMPIC GREATS

Presille Vevold of Twin Falls is all smiles after meeting former Olympic gold medal skater Kristi Yamaguchi at the 2002 winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah. Presille and mom, Eileen, attended the opening ceremony, ski jump events and medal ceremony, along with other family members.



Photo courtesy of GLENN WATSON

STORK REPORT

Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

Baylie Courtney Kelley, daughter of Jackie Ann Blair of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002.
Aaliyah Gabriela Gomez, daughter of Kira Suzanne Gomez of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002.
Jordan Robert Albertson, son of Bethann Reeves of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002.
Kaiter Gene Whitten, son of Tiffany Erin Burton of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002.
Tyler Ransomed Greaves, son of Crystal Dorothy and Tristan Ryan Greaves of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002.
Joseph Jack Koonce, son of Ginger L. and Bart L. Koonce of Shoshone, was born Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002.
Yenna thleen Nalder, daughter of Sally Kathleen and James Robert Nalder of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002.
Jasmin Amaya Harvell, daughter of

Angela Marie Bibby and Michael David Harrell of Twin Falls, was born Friday, March 1, 2002.
Tyler D'Anthony Gudenuan, son of Jayme Alayne and Devin D. Gudenuan of Twin Falls, was born Monday, March 4, 2002.
Mercedes Lane Gray, daughter of Bambi Jeane and Eric James Gray of Wendell, was born Monday, March 4, 2002.
Kalleer Marie Nelson, daughter of Stephanie Renee and Joshua Clayton Nelson of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, March 5, 2002.
Anthony Jaxon Hall, son of Janae and Joel Irvin Hall of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, March 5, 2002.
Shawna Lynaye Wassord, daughter of Christilyn Maye and Jacob J. Wassord of Gooding, was born Tuesday, March 5, 2002.
Makenna Mae DeJong, daughter of

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Melissa Morgan - The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83403 Or fax to: 734-5538. Deadline: noon Friday. More information? Call Melissa at 735-3278

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Michelle Ann and Mark/Paul DeJong of Wendell, was born Tuesday, March 5, 2002.
Richard Harold Johnson, son of Robert and Brenda Johnson of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002.
Ashley Fay Gale, daughter of Tracy and Lisa Gale of Jerome, was born Friday, March 1, 2002.
Shastind Snow Driesel, daughter of

Larry and Chanel Driesel of Wendell, was born Saturday, March 2, 2002.
Rosa Angelica Camayo Perez, daughter of Inez Camayo of Jerome, was born Monday, Feb. 4, 2002.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Shianne Nicole Kunder, daughter of Kyle and Tiffany Kunder of Burley, was born Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002.
Cynthia Alanie Cruz, daughter of Severiano Jr. Cruz and Fatima Guerrero of Minidoka, was born Friday, March 1, 2002.
Samuel Shaw Englar, son of Jim and Tiffany Englar of Burley, was born Friday, March 1, 2002.
Jessica Ann German, daughter of Bryan and Tiffany German of Paul, was born Monday, March 4, 2002.
Marah Sue Engel, daughter of Chasidy Engel of Eden, was born Monday, March 4, 2002.
Kasley Jo Koyle, daughter of Val and Valerie Koyle of Burley, was

born Monday, March 4, 2002.
Matthew Paul Evans, son of John and Kelli Evans of Burley, was born Tuesday, March 5, 2002.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Mikel Luis Sanchez-duFont, son of Miren and Juan Sanchez of Sun Valley, was born Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002.
Morjan Jacob Foley, son of Rhea and Michael Foley of Halley, was born Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002.
Eliza Jade McMullin, daughter of Felicia and Kevin McMullin of Shoshone, was born Friday, March 1, 2002.
Abigail Elisabeth Kirk, daughter of Jenica Alexander and Stephen Kirk of Halley, was born Sunday, March 3, 2002.
Tipthaya Chanthasuthombut, daughter of Supaporn Aroonpong and Teveesak Chanthasuthombut of Halley, was born Tuesday, March 5, 2002.

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Idaho Basques, Bush compromise

BOISE (AP) — A compromise was struck between the Bush administration and Idaho Basque leaders on Monday, clearing the way for approval of a nonbinding resolution supporting self-determination for Spain's Basque minority and condemning acts of terrorism.

"We will take it because I think we've gone ahead. It's positive," said Secretary of State Pete Cennarus, the state's most prominent citizen of Basque descent. Idaho has the largest Basque population in North America.

Cennarus said the Bush administration also promised to facilitate a meeting to discuss the possibility of attempting to broker some kind of agreement among France, Spain and the



John Sandy

Basque Autonomous Government. The resolution, introduced by the Senate State Affairs Committee, replaces one that passed the House and raised the ire of a deputy to President Bush's National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice and Javier Ruperez, Spain's ambassador to the United States.

Ruperez complained that the resolution did not specifically condemn ETA, an activist group whose name is a Basque-language acronym for Basque Homeland

and Freedom. The U.S. State Department includes ETA on its list of recognized terrorist groups.

The revised resolution specifically mentions ETA as requested, but Cennarus and other Basques re-emphasized that they have always opposed terrorism by any organization. The new resolution must still pass both the Senate and House.

Roy Elguren, a Boise attorney involved in the negotiations, quoted Scott Kilner, assistant secretary of state for western European affairs, as saying that the administration would drop all opposition to the revised resolution.

Kilner also told Cennarus and others that a discussion of steps to resolve the Basque problems between Idaho leaders and offi-

cials in the Bush administration would be held within 30 to 60 days, Elguren said.

Republican State Sen. John Sandy of Hagerman cited the comments over the weekend ridiculing Idaho's attempt to get involved in international affairs.

"But this is an example of Idaho messing in international affairs and making a difference," Sandy said.

The resolution, known as a joint amendment, is the same legislative procedure the House and Senate have used to call on Congress or the federal government to amend the constitution to allow school prayer and void the required one-man-one-vote doctrine that has made legislative reapportionment so difficult this year.

Lab researcher develops dog collar camera

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Days after the World Trade Center collapsed, Richard Sparks arrived in New York from Sandia National Laboratories with 650 pounds of equipment to fit tiny cameras on rescue dogs sent into the rubble.

Sparks began developing a K-9 collar camera after the 1999 Columbine High School shootings with the idea it could be useful in SWAT situations. He built prototypes and wrote up a proposal, but the cameras weren't in the field.

Still, he said, someone at the National Institutes of Justice which funded his work called to see if the cameras could be sent into the World Trade Center where it was too dangerous to send rescuers.



Richard Sparks of Sandia National Laboratories adjusts a prototype of a K-9 collar camera that is mounted on a stuffed animal, Feb. 5, in Los Alamos, N.M. K-9 collar cameras were used at Ground Zero in New York to recover victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

to New York with a Federal Emergency Management Agency team, Washington Task Force One.

But the collar worried him, since search dogs don't normally wear collars.

"All of a sudden, we put that on him and he gets (stuck) where humans can't get in, you lose the dog and the collar," Frank said.

Frank would like to see a better breakaway collar.

The first couple of collars Sparks made went into use almost immediately. Word spread among rescue crews, and more people came in wanting a collar.

He remained in New York for 22 days, eventually building eight camera collars.

Each incorporated a tiny wireless video camera weighing less than an ounce. The operator outside the rubble used a hand-held video receiver to see what the dog was seeing: The pictures were recorded as well, and there was audio capability.

Frank liked the system's microphone. "So you could speak to the dog and hear what the dog was hearing in the area."

The dog carried only about \$200 to \$300 of the equipment. Sparks told handlers if there was a choice between risking losing a dog or

losing the camera, the equipment should simply be left behind.

"They didn't lose any, either, so it worked out pretty good," he said.

Each unit was powered by batteries with an 11-hour life. Because dogs worked 45 minutes to an hour at a time, each collar was used two to three days before the batteries had to be recharged, Sparks said.

Sparks took everything he thought might be useful in searching for survivors, but had nothing ready-made. He wanted to meet first with the dog handlers and make what they needed on the spot.

"I didn't want to build something that would be rejected by the dog, that he couldn't stand to have it on him, or by the handler because it wouldn't work for him," Sparks said.

He suggested a harness but handlers turned that down, afraid the dogs would get hung up in the debris.

"I said, 'OK, how about a collar?' They liked the idea but it sounded again like something that could get hung up," Sparks said. "These handlers, it's like family with these dogs."

Rancher gets house arrest in dispute

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A Nevada rancher convicted twice for trespassing-cattle-on-national-forest land was sentenced Monday to a halfway house for 30 days and to house arrest for three months.

Cliff Gardner, 63, Ruby Valley, also was ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine and placed on probation for a year for his latest conviction in a feud with the Forest Service over livestock grazing regulations.

After his release from the Reno halfway house, which federal prosecutor described as a "jail-like facility," Gardner will be subject to electronic monitoring during house arrest at his ranch in eastern Nevada.

U.S. District Judge Howard McKibben fined Gardner \$1,000 last year for trespassing on Forest Service lands.

Sparks built a collar that attached with heavy-duty Velcro. Handlers could fit it to their particular dog so it was snug enough to stay on but would still tear loose if it caught on something.

Seattle firefighter A.J. Frank used the system on day on his dog Ohlin, a 72-pound chocolate Labrador.

"It was a neat little gizmo," said Frank, a member of Northwest Disaster Search Dogs, which went

to New York with a Federal Emergency Management Agency team, Washington Task Force One.

But the collar worried him, since search dogs don't normally wear collars.

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Data recovery industry grows

By David Sharp
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine - The hard drive in my laptop computer possesses something truly dear: my entire family photo collection, including my son's first Christmas.

Until the laptop fell, that is. A 2-foot drop from a bench to a hardwood floor and the screen locked up.

My first reaction was disbelief. It couldn't be that bad. Could it?

My pulse raced when the computer didn't restart. In the back of my mind, All those photos, and all the time I procrastinated about copying them onto a Zip drive.

A quick survey revealed that something on the back of the Gateway Solo 2500 had popped out of place. Thinking it was the battery, I gave it a firm pop with the palm of my hand. Satisfied, I tried to reboot. No luck.

Turns out the jettisoned component was not the battery but the hard drive. Not good.

A local professional looked at it. His assessment was the same: Not good at all.

Only one thing left to do: Call in the hardcore professionals who wear surgical garb and disassemble hard drives in "clean rooms", painstakingly attempting to recover data one file at a time.

It's a growing industry. An Internet search found dozens of data recovery specialists. An industry leader, Ontrack, puts the annual worldwide market for data recovery at about \$100 million - half of it in the United States.

Gateway recommended another industry leader, DriveSavers Data Recovery. The Novato, Calif., company has helped celebrities including Sean Connery and Sting, along with IBM, American Express - even NASA and the Pentagon.

DriveSavers has recovered data from a laptop that spent 48 hours in a sunken ship, from another portable run over by a truck. And then there was a PC discovered when it burned-out ruins of a home.

Data was recovered in all those cases.



Technicians wearing surgical garb hold up a damaged hard drive in a 'clean room' at DriveSavers Data Recovery in Novato, Calif.

DriveSavers boasts a 90 percent success rate, so mine should be a piece of cake. Right?

DriveSavers is accustomed to panic-stricken callers. Its primary "data crisis counselor" trains people for suicide hotline.

There's a lot on the line, you see. For me, my photos were priceless. But some people face the prospect of losing jobs.

My data crisis counselor managed to calm me, but more panic was to come. Salvation doesn't come cheap.

First, a primer on hard drives: They consist of a platter with a

magnetic coating that spins at about 7,000 rpm, a head floating over the platter that reads data and an arm that moves the head across the platter.

The least-expensive data recovery involves corrupted files, and can measure in the hundreds of dollars. When the problem is mechanical, the fix could cost thousands.

At DriveSavers, the sliding scale price was based on the size of the hard drive. Mine was rather small: 4.5 gigabytes.

DriveSavers' worst-case scenario for recovering data from a

drive that size is \$1,200. The average cost, they said, was \$700. That turned out to be generous.

I phoned a dozen other companies and was told repairs could easily reach \$3,000 to \$5,000.

There seemed to be little hope. So I sat the hard drive aside last summer in hopes prices would come down.

In February, the pain lingered but wasn't as bad. Many of the pictures I had taken with my trusty one-megapixel digital camera had been e-mailed to family members and could be recovered.

But I wanted them all, and I was ready to try again. I picked up the phone and found hope.

In a recent Technology Service Inc. of Simi Valley, Calif., offered a price much lower than DriveSavers. I put the hard drive in a static-free package, dropped it off at Mailboxes Etc. and crossed my fingers.

But alas, no happy ending here: A technician called a week later with the news.

My hard drive had suffered a "head crash": the head had come into contact with the platter while it was still spinning. Every time the platter turned, the head had gouged the surface.

My hard drive, the technician said, was now a "hockey puck." A week later, it came back in the mail.

Being stubborn, I gave it one more try. I sent the drive to DriveSavers, which says it can sometimes even recover data after a head crash. But no luck.

The magnetic material scraped off the platter when my hard drive crashed was now dust in the drive. The technician took one look at the dust and proclaimed the drive a goner.

In both cases, the evaluations were free. But the lesson was expensive indeed.

All hard drives will fail eventually. So back up your data on a regular basis. I now religiously back up my photos with a CD burner.

But most people remain neglectful.

And that is why data recovery crisis counselors are standing by, awaiting your call.

Getting 'illegal' messages? Reinstall the system

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

Q. My computer is giving me messages while I am in a program. It tells me I have performed an illegal operation. It happens in Word, Outlook and now while I am on the Internet.

I had been getting the dreaded blue-screen freeze-ups for a while, but I took the computer to have it repaired. The guy seems to have got rid of the blue screen, but now I am getting the illegal operation back.

I could not run my defragment program. It stopped in the middle before it finished the other day. So I did the scan disk, and that ran all the way through, and then I went to the defrag, and that finished.

The guy who worked on it says he does not know what else to do. What can be causing this?

A. Your problem offers classic symptoms of a heavily used computer system, where some of the key files needed to work in the background have become corrupted or misplaced. The solution is quite nasty, which is why your computer "guy" didn't raise it, I'll bet.

Computer Q&A

You need to do a complete reinstallation of the operating system, in which the hard drive is erased, reformatted and then restored to its original condition on the day you bought it.

This is terribly inconvenient, I know, Ms. B., but you probably need to do it. First, check your owner's manual to see if the "restore" for your model is done using a CD-ROM or if your machine has the pristine operating system restore code stored in a special partition on the hard drive.

This is serious stuff, since it destroys all the data on your computer and requires you to reinstall all the software you have loaded onto the machine. I wish the fix was easier, but it's not, which is why I suspect that your other computer guy said he doesn't want to proceed. Bummer, eh?

Q. I had to do a Quick Restore on Windows ME - since then I cannot print anything from the folder "My Pictures." I use Image Preview to look at them but cannot print (always could before I reloaded Windows ME). Any thoughts?

-John Hassman, Oshkosh, Wis.

A. I wonder if you didn't just forget the new look and feel that Windows ME brought to the My Pictures folder when it replaced Windows 98. In both ME and now XP, the My Pictures folder uses a small icon depicting a printer.

To print a picture, you select its small thumbnail icon in the folder and then move over to the left-hand side of the window, where the photo gets displayed in a large thumbnail. That miniature photo will have the little printer icon that you need, Mr. H.

While we're at it, let me tell you how to set up any number of special Picture folders with this feature in Windows ME and XP.

In ME, click on the desktop and click on View and then make a New Folder. Open that folder and click on View and then "Customize this folder." A wizard will come up, and you should just click Next for the first two selections. On the third menu, look for a choice of "Image preview" and click that. Then click Next on the last screen, and the computer will make a special picture-viewing folder out of your new folder.

Q. My dad sent me your column in which you touched on problems opening JPEG images. When WebPages with JPEG pictures or backgrounds come up, they are

beyond recognition. I can open JPEGs that are sent to me or that are resident in my hard drive files by using "Open With" and Paint, but the Web page images are not able to be opened.

I'm using Windows 98 SE, and the images do not open with Microsoft Internet Explorer. Any help would be appreciated.

-Dave Mathers-Wynn
A. Your Web browser has been set to not display images. This is meant to speed up the process of viewing graphics-laden Internet sites.

To restore picture displays, click on Tools in the Internet Explorer and pick Internet Options. Pick the Advanced tab on the next display. This will bring up a huge set of commands that let you specify things, like whether to accept "cookie" files from Web sites, whether to play sounds and whether to show pictures. In your case, placing a checkmark in the line for "Show pictures" will fix things up pronto.

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EDITORIAL

Brady provides shot in the arm for Dems

Idaho's gubernatorial race got a little more interesting last week, when Idaho Falls *Post Register* publisher Jerry Brady officially announced his candidacy as a Democrat.

Political mavens who dismiss Brady's candidacy as a futile gesture will have another think coming. Though Brady has no experience in political office, he is a public figure with the character, discipline and intellect of a political veteran. He will represent Democrats well and should be a solid candidate against the incumbent, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

The timing of Brady's announcement, and the Democrats' pursuit of him, say a lot about the party's problems here in Idaho. Brady's decision to throw his hat in the ring came fairly late in the campaign, which suggests the Dems have struggled to find a formidable challenger to Kempthorne.

And Brady, 65, doesn't exactly represent a new generation of Idaho Democrats. He was a close friend of former Gov. Cecil Andrus (who urged Brady to run), and worked with former Democratic Idaho Sen. Frank Church for a number of years in Washington. But when it comes to being decent, civil and straightforward, the Democrats won't find many candidates better than Brady.

As proprietor of the daily newspaper at TV station in his hometown of Idaho Falls, Brady has steered his business through economic highs and lows. The *Post Register's* readership has

remained strong despite labor fluctuations at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, eastern Idaho's major employer. And he has been a leader in his community, supporting economic development and local charities that have helped make the area stronger.

Representing the Idaho Democrats will be easy for Brady. His newspaper has remained left of the political center in a conservative area for many years. He wants more spending for education (an issue that convinced him he should run this year), more jobs in rural areas, and more tax revenue for the state. (Brady's stands on other issues can be seen elsewhere on this page.)

All Idahoans may not agree with all of those ideas, but they will be heartened to know that Brady can be expected to focus on issues and not on personal matters. He has criticized the governor and other Republican leaders on the issues, but he has not criticized their characters.

The campaign for governor will be richer with a good candidate such as Brady. Kempthorne will probably announce his re-election bid in the coming weeks, will not be able to brush off such a challenger. That will make Kempthorne a better candidate for the GOP.

In a state well-known for electing Republican governors, it's a climb against the incumbent. But the 2002 campaign will be a compelling race, that's for sure.

Idahoans may not agree with all of Brady's ideas, but they will be heartened to know he can be expected to run a good campaign.

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LETTERS

Explore alternatives to tech center

Now that the election is over, here is food for thought. Maybe it's a stupid idea and maybe it's not!

Why not build a new elementary school at a new location for the Sawtooth students and then use the Sawtooth building into a vocational center? Then the vocational students could still be a part of the high school and they, as well as all high school students, could take advantage of what is available and of high school life in general. Travel back and forth to another campus, and the liability that it places on parents and possibly taxpayers, would be alleviated.

I don't think that most voters intended the national center issue to die with the election. They just felt that there were alternatives that were either ignored or not explored. It's time for John and Jane Q. Public to put their two cents into the issue and maybe a workable and sensible plan can come.

TOM GRIGGS
Twin Falls

Legislature provided support

Although the ratio of students to teachers has improved significantly in recent years, on Tuesday, March 5, a huge group, mostly teachers from around this state, gathered at the Capitol building to protest this Legislature's actions regarding the public school appropriation and support of Idaho schools. The loud and boisterous chant, "Shame on you, shame on you, shame on you," could be heard for blocks. Those words were directed at this legislator and at this Legislature. However, the facts do not support them. In reality, the Legislature has provided unprecedented fiscal support for the past number of years as the following data will show.

In 1990, the total public school appropriation was \$423,400,000; we enrolled 241,000 students and had 17,000 public school employees. This year, we will

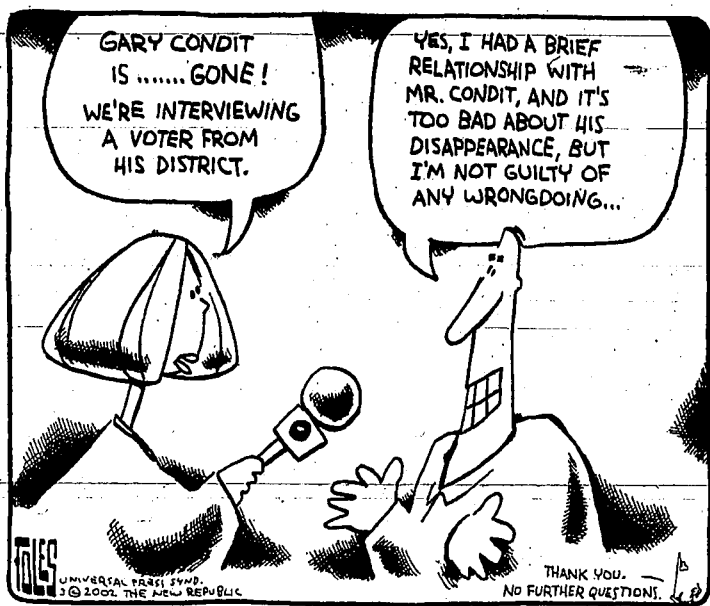
appropriate \$985,500,000 for 246,000 students and employ 24,400 staff. Since 1990, the money has increased 133 percent, the number of staff 44 percent and the number of students 15 percent.

What we have been able to do in public education in that period is significant. The ratio of students to teachers and students to staff has improved dramatically; class size has been reduced. In 1990, our teachers' annual salary was \$29,861 and ranked 46th in the nation. Today, the average teacher salary is just over \$39,000, and we now rank 36th. During that same period, what state has improved its teacher salaries the most? It is not Washington, Oregon, California or 46 others; it is Idaho. Idaho ranks first in the nation in regard to teacher salary improvement. Regionally, in the Rocky Mountain states, only Colorado ranks above Idaho in annual average teacher salaries. How do our teacher salaries compare to the per capita income of this state? In 1990, Idaho ranked 34th; in 2000, we were 12th nationally.

That data leaves little doubt as to whether or not the Idaho Legislature supports its public schools. Further, even in these most difficult economic times, the Legislature has kept public schools at the top of the priority list. The total public school appropriation amounts for last year and for fiscal years '02 and '03 are as follows: FY '01 - \$943,400,000; FY '02 - \$959,500,000; and FY '03 - \$985,513,000.

Finally, we all ought to celebrate the gains we have made and try to accept the economic downturn as the best of it we can, recognizing that there will be better days ahead.

SEN. DARREL DEIDE
Caldwell
Editor's note: Sen. Darrel Deide, R-Caldwell, is the senator for District 10 in Canyon County. He is a retired school superintendent and serves on the finance and transportation committees in the Legislature.



Idaho's kids deserve leadership

With pride in my state and hope for its future, I declare myself a candidate for governor of Idaho. I run for three reasons: kids, jobs and fairness.

If the first obligation of the federal government is to defend our nation, the first obligation of the state, and all its citizens, is to defend and prepare our youth for the future...

In the last decade we made good progress in meeting this responsibility. Fifteen months ago Idaho had a \$300 million surplus. Further progress seemed certain.

Then, to return some of the surplus, the governor proposed a one-time-only tax reduction and a \$40 million permanent tax cut. Three months later, however, he signed a \$98 million tax cut. From that failure of resolve have come the bitter battles of today.

More than \$33 million was taken from this year's school budget. Next year's number will be \$13 million less than what we started with this year.

When the economy rebounds, Idaho will still lack leadership. No compelling vision of the future will have been offered us. United We Stand may apply to the nation but not to this state. In the 21st century we are still stuck in the 20th or, as some complain, the 19th.

The first shared vision from a new governor must come in the form of leadership on behalf of all young people. Education will be my first priority as governor. And good government must do the same. An additional, larger task is to mobilize all of our communities on behalf of kids - to share their contentment into a turned excitement about how good we can and will be...

Without good education our young people cannot compete for good jobs. When good jobs are not available young Idahoans leave the state. We are suffering a brain drain that will now accelerate.

How can this be when Idaho was the



READER COMMENT
Jerry Brady

Jerry Brady, publisher of the Idaho Falls Post Register, announced his Democratic candidacy for Idaho governor last week. These are some excerpts from Brady's comments at the press conference announcing his candidacy.

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in our cities...

In 1993 I founded an economic development organization that has helped create hundreds and hundreds of jobs in eastern Idaho. I know what it takes to create family wage jobs. However, what worked in the last decade may not work in this one. We will need new strategies and fresh thinking.

During this campaign, I will seek out the most hopeful examples of success using models in Idaho or nearby states. We've got to change our thinking. I will provide a steady flow of examples.

Human capital is as important as financial capital. Success begins when people start to work together, when the ideas come from everyone, not just the few...

Little by little, our tax system has become unbalanced and unfair. We allow tens of thousands of Idahoans to evade taxes they legitimately owe. One estimate suggests at least \$90 million is being lost to tax cheats every year...

Allowing some to go free is unfair to everyone who is honest. This must stop and the resulting revenue put to work. Idaho has historically balanced the tax burden with reasonable fairness among sales, income and property taxes. Over time, however, fairness has, it appears, eroded as one tiny tax deduction or tax credit shifts the burden to those without a lobbyist in Boise.

It's time to reexamine whether the tax system is fair and balanced and meets the needs of its citizens. I will do so quickly as is impartial a panel of advisers as it is possible to assemble...

This will be a different campaign. You know what politics and politicians look and sound like. You've seen the commercials and brochures...

In the next eight months, please listen with fresh ears and see with new eyes. This campaign will exemplify how I intend to lead this state: by including everyone, by searching for balance and consensus, by embracing the hopeful and the positive and focusing on the future.

LETTER

M.V. needs Planned Parenthood

Kelly Walton and the Idaho Citizens Alliance fight against Planned Parenthood's arrival in Twin Falls has prompted me to take up my sword and join the battle.

Kelly Walton's March 4 letter characterizing Planned Parenthood's goals as racist is a blatant lie. What happens here in America the beautiful is that so-called minority people, such as Hispanics, are generally the poorest and most in need of assistance from either private or public funds.

Planned Parenthood provides a most valuable service, and to characterize this service as having an evil agenda, viz., culling minorities from our region, reveals the ignorance and bias ingrained in the minds of Mr. Walton's know-it-all-fertal-protection league.

Margaret Sanger was a beacon of light in a time of darkness.

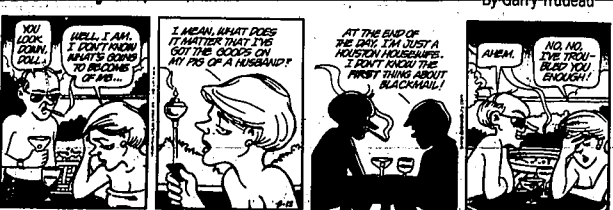
Welcome, Planned Parenthood, to the sometimes Magic Valley. Take care of those hapless females who declared too late from the sex bed, "I don't wanna be pregnant!" Your educational services are sorely needed.

Oh abstinence, sweet abstinence; wherefore art thou, dear abstinence?
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OBITUARIES

TWIN FALLS



William D. Jensen

William D. Jensen, a longtime resident of Twin Falls and a winter resident of Casa Grande, Arizona, died on March 7, 2002, following a long battle with cancer.

He was born on October 1, 1926, in Boyce, Colorado, to Gladys and William C. Jensen. After attending schools in Salt Lake City, Utah, Bill served his country in World War II as a signalman in the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S. Helena. Following the war, he returned to the United States from the Pacific Theater and started working for the Western Union. This experience in the communications field led to a 37-year career with the Mountain Bell Telephone Co. and U.S. West. During those years with the telephone company, he was employed throughout Idaho, and worked his way through the ranks as a lineman to a network systems manager.

Bill married Arrie Hull on February 23, 1950, a union that lasted 51 years. For most of their married life, their home was in Twin Falls, where they raised their four children.

In 1983, he retired and spent many memorable winters in Arizona. He enjoyed the outdoors and sharing his free time with family members and friends. Camping, fishing, hunting, and golfing were some of his favorite activities, but he had a special place in his heart for the mountains of Idaho, and fishing on the Salmon River. Bill was also known for his love of pitching horseshoes, competing in many horseshoe tournaments throughout the West, and even in a World Championship in Gillette, Wyoming in 1996. His pitching accuracy resulted in two state class championships in 1993 and 1995. Community service was also an important part of Bill's life. He was an active member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, and the

president in 1992. In addition, he had a long association with the Masonic Lodge in Twin Falls.

Of all of the things he enjoyed, being a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather was most important. His strong character, graciousness, and gentle touch will always be remembered and cherished by his family. Even in the face of adversity with his declining health, there was never a complaint, but always a smile, good humor, and silent courage.

He is survived by his wife, Arrie, sons James C. (Cathy) Jensen, Ontario, Oregon, Jon Jensen, Twin Falls, Idaho, daughters Shauna (Zoke) Robinson, Twin Falls, Idaho, and LuAnn Jensen-Mavromichalis (Sergios), Reno, Nevada. His five grandsons are Kevin (Jessie) Jensen, Nampa, Idaho, Christopher Jensen, Nampa, Idaho, Bruce Jensen, Twin Falls, Idaho, Constantine Mavromichalis, Reno, Nevada, William Mavromichalis, Reno, Nevada, and his granddaughter is Jenni Robinson, Twin Falls, Idaho. Two sisters, Jean (Robert) Fromm and Paula Weber, both of Spokane, Washington, survive Bill. His parents and his brother, Jerry, preceded him in death.

A memorial service was held in Casa Grande, Arizona, on March 6, 2002 with some of Bill and Arrie's many lifelong friends. On March 16, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., Pastor Jerry Kester of the First Nazarene Church of Twin Falls will conduct a memorial service and celebration of Bill's life at White Mortuary, in lieu of flowers, donations in Bill's memory may be given to the Hospice Visions Home Fund, 308 Shoshone St., E., Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301.

MARIETTA, GA.

Virginia McBride Detweiler

Mrs. Virginia McBride Detweiler, 76, of Marietta, Ga., formerly of Union City, California died Sunday, March 10, 2002.

Funeral Services will be held on

Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of West Cobb Funeral Home in Marietta, Ga. with the Revs. Ken Kulp and Shirley Edward officiating. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, Idaho.

She is survived by: one daughter, Mrs. Tomis Detweiler Cox of Marietta, Ga.; three sons, Mr. Gregg Detweiler of Seattle, Washington, Mr. Kelly Detweiler of Santa Clara, California and Mr. Jodi Detweiler of San Diego, California; two brothers, Mr. Don McBride of Twin Falls, Idaho and Mr. Ray McBride of Twin Falls, Idaho; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The Family will receive friends on Tuesday, March 12, 2002, from 6-9 p.m. at West Cobb Funeral Home, 2480 MacLard Road, Marietta, Ga. 30054 (770) 419-9234.

BURLEY



Hilda McMurray Woodhouse

Hilda Mackey Martin McMurray Woodhouse, a Midvale, Utah, resident, formerly of Burley and Oakley, Idaho, died Friday, March 8, 2002, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

She was born on September 25,

1924 in Oakley, Idaho, the daughter of Andrew Hockinson and Mary Elizabeth Mackey Martin. She received her education in Oakley. While in school, her friends fondly called her "Tilly." Following graduation, she worked at Hill Force Base as a secretary. She married Wayne E. "Stelly" McMurray on December 1, 1944, in Oakley. She earned a degree in Cosmetology in Pocatello, and worked at Harzog Oil. She retired as an Eligibility Examiner with the State of Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in Pocatello.

Hilda was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she served faithfully in various callings. Following

her retirement, she was called to serve in the Arizona Phoenix Mission, an assignment she dearly loved.

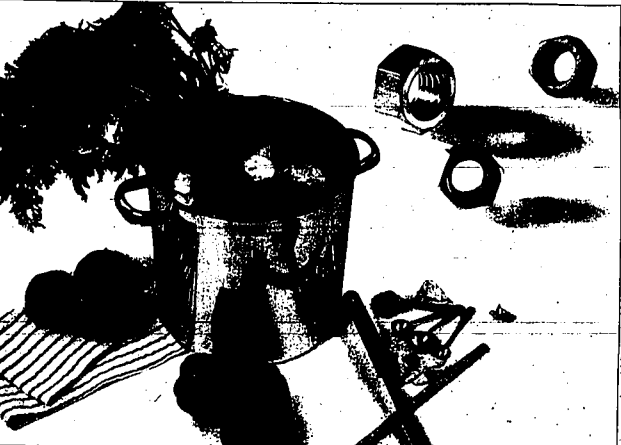
Hilda was loved by all who knew her. She was spiritual and selfless and will be remembered as a giving neighbor and friend. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She will be greatly missed!

She is survived by her children, Gayle McMurray of Orem, Utah, Paulette Bright Peglau of South Jordan, Utah, Launa Coronado of Armon, Idaho, and Pam Brennan of Tempe, Arizona— one brother— Andrew Kay Martin of El Centro, California; 14 grandchildren and

six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Wayne; and a grandson, Daniel Mark Donny.

The funeral will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at the Burley West Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Park Avenue, with Bishop Steven C. Pearson officiating. Interment will follow at the Marlon Cemetery in Oakley.

Friends may call at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, on Tuesday, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m., and at the church on Wednesday, from 10:00 until 10:45 a.m.

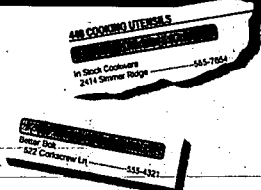


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WORLD

Israel lifts travel ban on Arafat, presses military offensive

JERUSALEM - Israel ended Yasser Arafat's three-month confinement in the West Bank town of Ramallah, but expanded its military offensive Monday with two large-scale raids, rounding up about 1,000 Palestinians for interrogation. Five Palestinians were killed by Israeli fire.

With the United States leading an international effort to reduce Mideast tensions, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Arafat could now move around the Palestinian territories, though he still needs Israeli permission to go abroad.

At the same time, Israel's army pressed ahead with demonstrations of the Palestinians in a town of Qalqilya and a Bethlehem refugee camp, handcuffing and blinding Palestinian men as it searched for militants in the wake of attacks against Israelis.

Palestinians have described Sharon's recent accusations as cosmetic, saying they are intended to deflect criticism from the tough Israeli military actions.

"There are no positive intentions behind this decision," Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo said of the announcement about Arafat.

"What is needed from the Israeli government is to immediately stop its crimes and massacres." Arafat's virtual house arrest was lifted after Palestinian security forces complied with an Israeli demand and arrested five suspects in the October killing of Israeli Tourism Minister Rehavam Zeevi.

Police close polls for Zimbabwe president

HARARE, Zimbabwe - Police fired tear gas to disperse voters Monday at the close of a chaotic, court-ordered third day of polling in the most competitive presidential election in Zimbabwe's history.

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World in brief

developing nuclear weapons, charges Iran has denied. The CIA says Iran probably will have missiles capable of reaching the United States by 2015.

U.S. sends unmanned spy planes to Philippines
ZAMBOANGA, Philippines -

The U.S. military has shipped unmanned spy planes to the Philippines to take part in anti-terrorism training exercises aimed at wiping out a group holding two Americans, officials said Monday. The Gnat UAVs - which are similar to the Predator drones being used in Afghanistan - would give "that extra edge" to the Philippine military, said Maj. Cynthia Teramae, spokeswoman for the U.S. contingent. Teramae said more than one

UAV arrived Sunday and will be stationed at the Philippine air force base in Zamboanga. She declined to give an exact number. The UAVs are for surveillance and intelligence gathering during the six-month exercise in this southern port city and on nearby Basilan island, Teramae said. Thousands of Filipino soldiers and 60 U.S. troops, including 160 from U.S. special forces, will take part, observing front-line troops but not joining combat.

Islamic militant wanted for murder dies in shootout

KARACHI, Pakistan - A Pakistani militant wanted for the murders of 38 people, including a former foreign minister, was killed Monday in a gun battle with police, authorities said. The shootout that killed Shakeel Anwar was part of a wave of violence involving rival Muslim groups. The clashes on Monday

killed six other people - a policeman and five Shiites Muslims. Anwar, leader of the outlawed Sunni extremist group Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, was killed in eastern Punjab province after he fired on a police patrol, officials said. Anwar was wanted in the 1997 fatal shooting of Mohammed Ali Rahimi, director of an Iranian cultural center in Multan.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Man pleads innocent in mother's death

TWIN FALLS - A man charged with involuntary manslaughter in connection with the Dec. 16 death of his mother pleaded innocent before a 5th District Court judge Monday.

A trial for Steven Preckel, 43, is set for July 15, with a pretrial conference on June 24, according to court records.

Preckel and his sister, Stephanie Mitchell, 40, were originally each charged with one count of abandonment of a vulnerable adult in connection with the death of Phillip Jones, 66, in his home. Mitchell was also charged with violation of a no-contact order.

Defense attorneys and relatives of the siblings argued that Jones' death was probably natural and that Mitchell's and Preckel's visit to her house the night before her death was coincidental.

Magistrate Judge Thomas Borresen dismissed the abandonment charges but bound over the manslaughter charge and let the misdemeanor no-contact violation charge against Mitchell stand.

Preckel and Mitchell were both released from the Jerome County Jail after posting bond on Feb. 22.

Judge gives Hansen man 5-10 years for robbery

TWIN FALLS - A Hansen man was sentenced Monday to five to 10 years in the Idaho State Penitentiary for robbing the Oasis Stop 'n' Go store at 2220 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls Nov. 20.

Daniel Smith, who was 19 at the time of the robbery, received the sentence from 5th District Judge Nathan W. Higer. Hansen had pleaded guilty to a robbery charge.

He was also sentenced to restitution that included \$299 to the Oasis Stop 'n' Go.

Witnesses at the store told police that a lone man walked into the store at about 3 a.m. Nov. 20 and demanded money from the clerk before leaving with an undetermined amount of cash, according to police reports.

Capitol restoration license plates go on sale

BOISE - Special limited-edition license plates will generate money to help pay for the Idaho State Capitol restoration. The license plates also include a procession of stars that, like the 43 located on the interior ceiling of the dome, represent Idaho's statehood, as well as birds that signify Idaho's official bird, the mountain bluebird.

The Capitol restoration license plate will only be sold and renewed for five years. Sales started Monday at local Department of Motor Vehicles offices, and both sales and renewals will end in December 2006.

Program fees of \$35 for initial sales, and \$25 for renewals, will be charged for the Capitol restoration license plates, in addition to other required annual registration and license plate fees.

All but \$10 of the program fees will be used to pay for the Idaho State Capitol restoration.

The remaining \$10 will be deposited in the state highway account.

The Idaho State Capitol restoration, which was originally estimated to cost \$64 million, is being financed through a combination of license plate sales, appropriations from the Idaho Legislature, proceeds from state endowment lands, and private contributions.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average*
Upper Snake River	79%
Salmon Falls Creek	98%
Oakley Basin	103%
Blaine and Wood	107%

District prepares to make cuts

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Fall School District's first move to respond to a lean state budget is hithered.

At the School Board meeting Monday, it was announced that the district's community relations director, Linda Baird, will be promoted to the new position as human relations director. Stepping down is longtime district employee Keith Farnsworth as personnel director.

The human relations director

will be a combination of the two positions and go into effect July 1.

"In the education process, we hear about the teachers, but we often don't hear about the people who support the whole system, who are really the foundation of the system," said board member Chad Flater. "Keith is one of those that's in the foundation. He's very much appreciated and going to be missed."

Elimination of the community relations position signals the first of several cuts the district will have to make in the next two months. A handful of

administrators, teachers and other staff will be trimmed to adapt to a state budget that educators see as insufficient.

"You've heard the smoke and mirrors argument about next year's appropriations being larger than this year's appropriations," Superintendent Terrell Donicht said. "That just patently is not true."

Idaho schools were originally appropriated \$992 million, money slated for salaries, textbooks and materials, among other things. But lawmakers then held back \$23 million, leaving \$969 million for schools for

2002. Of that, \$10 million is being placed into next year's appropriations. In 2003, Idaho schools are allocated \$985 million.

Thus, what was originally appropriated is one thing, and what was actually delivered is another, Donicht said. The end result is a decrease, not an increase.

"It's like if I give you five, then take back one, that leaves you with four. Then I give you \$4.50 and you call it a raise," he said.

The district will determine how many employees it can sus-

tain, then the schools' principals will determine which employees to release.

Teachers will be cut based on seniority.

In the past, natural attrition from employees moving on or retiring has limited the number of layoffs.

During the last two years, only two part-time teachers were let go: one art instructor and a voc-ag instructor.

Times-News writer Robert Mayer can be reached at 735-3231 or via e-mail at rmayer@magicvalley.com.

Helping many 'begin again'

Local Head Start administrator receives regional, national honors

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Mary Marshall's desire to make a difference was honored when the National Head Start Association recently named her Idaho's Administrator of the Year.

The annual award is given to region administrators whose services meet or surpass program performance standards. Marshall was nominated for her exemplary administrative performance for South Central Head Start, based in Twin Falls.

Because Head Start receives 80 percent of its funding through the federal government, and must rely on grants and donations of time and service for the other 20 percent, Marshall seeks out sources for local assistance.

"I watch for every opportunity to apply for funding," said Marshall, who was introduced to Head Start by a friend and began working in the program 11 years ago.

There was a definite reason for staying. "I have always wanted to do something that would make a difference," said Marshall, "and the Head Start mission statement struck a cord - 'established to eliminate the effects of poverty.'"

Over the years, Marshall has secured funding sources that have enabled the Head Start program to enhance services to children and their families through grants, including the Head Start Teaching Center Project, Helping Unite Generations, the Access Project, the Hispanic Coalition, and the Childcare Collaboration.

"Maybe I'm a little aggressive about looking for ways to make things better for the parents and their children, but I believe all people deserve good things, and I work hard to make that happen," said the Jerome mother of two.



Mary Marshall, recently honored as Head Start Administrator of the Year, reads to children in the full-year South Central Head Start program in Twin Falls. Marshall will travel to Phoenix in April to accept the award.

Head Start offers a combination of services which involve the health, social and educational aspects of early childhood

development, and Marshall's primary concern is that parents be actively involved in that process.

And according to the numbers, more involvement is apparent.

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Blinken campaigns in Magic Valley

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS - Using the Snake River Canyon as a backdrop, Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Alan Blinken Monday stressed the need for higher-paying jobs in Idaho.

"There's more people in this state per capita with multiple jobs than any other state in the nation," he said. "You've got a tax base that can't pay for anything, particularly schools, in this state."

Twin Falls was just one of the 107 cities in a five-day campaign tour for the businessman and former U.S. ambassador to Belgium. He also stopped in Burley Monday night. Blinken officially stepped into the political arena Monday in a long-shot bid to unseat U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho.

The former Wall Street investment banker chose to

start his campaign from an empty building in Boise that formerly housed an auto parts store.

"There are hundreds of buildings like we're standing in today where you used to hear the sound of workers. Now you hear the sound of silence. It doesn't have to be that way," Blinken said.

Employment will be his campaign's top theme. He made the point that Idaho needs more good-paying jobs at least 12 times during his 20-minute speech to a small crowd of sign-waving supporters in Boise.

Blinken said he watched as

Idaho's economy blossomed in the 1990s but turned sour more recently.

"Good-paying jobs are being replaced with low-wage jobs. The growth in population and jobs in the 1990s looked promising, but these new jobs pay an average today of only \$8.67 an hour. Workers who once would get by with one job now have to hold two, or in many cases three jobs, to make a go of it."

But he's quick to underscore that the Democrat label doesn't mean he's a liberal - far from it, he said. He said he is a conservative businessman who loves to hunt and shoot.

It's his "social conscience" that sets him apart from Republicans, he said.

In an attempt to head off what is sure to be a criticism during his campaign, Blinken acknowledged that he has lived in Idaho only a short time. He

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Twin Falls council OKs another call for sewer bids

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The City Council on Monday gave the city's engineering department the go-ahead to call for more bids on a proposed sewer-line improvement project near South Park Avenue West and Washington Street South.

City Engineer Gary Young told the council the lines under that area have deteriorated to the point of needing to be replaced. The lines sit under some buildings and other complex infrastructure, he said.

However, some area contractors have machinery that could ram new lines into place along the path of the old lines, making excavation of the ground above unnecessary, Young said. About 2,631 feet of line needs to be replaced.

Hospital board hears pitch for new BMX track

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - To the young BMX enthusiast, there's nothing better than a big patch of dirt where you can roll some turns and catch some air.

BMX - or bicycle motocross - is a rapidly growing sport, said Tom Parker, owner of Five Lakes Cycles, and one of the leaders of Canyonside BMX, a local group of about 30 cyclists ages 5 to about 16.

"It's a family event," Parker told Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Hospital Board Monday. "The odds and moms are right in there with the kids."

The Hospital Board agreed to consider leasing some property west of the hospital that it owns with the city of Twin Falls and Twin Falls County to build a new BMX park.

The plan is to build a 1,500- to 2,000-foot race track in a park-like setting.

Materials and labor have been donated, and the track would be sponsored by the American Bicycle Association, a national group made up of 60,000 BMX enthusiasts.

Parker said the plan had already passed muster with the city of Twin Falls and the county Parks and Recreation Department. Now, the group just needs to get the hospital on board.

The lease would be written so the hospital wouldn't be liable for any injuries that occur, Parker said.

"That would leave the deep pockets off to the side," he said. But when it comes to injuries, BMX racing is less dangerous than football, Parker said.

He said all racers would have to wear the necessary safety gear and be supervised at the track.

"It would work only with parent participation and support for the track," Parker said.

Parker said he'll bring a completed lease back to the Hospital Board for its

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Bill uniting border towns advances in Congress

LAS VEGAS (AP) - The cities of Wendover, Utah, and West Wendover, Nev., are inching closer to becoming one. A bill allowing the two states to redraw their boundaries has been approved by a House judiciary panel - making its first step forward in Congress since it was introduced in June. Before an 8-0 vote last week sending it to the full House Judiciary Committee, the committee added an amendment requiring

a referendum in both cities in November. Rep. Robert Barr, R-Ga., chairman of the administrative law subcommittee, said residents should have the chance to weigh in on whether to proceed with redrawing the city and state lines. "Requiring the consent of the citizens from the region themselves, I think, will certainly reflect their wishes," Barr told the Las Vegas Review-Journal. The amendment also gives both states

until November 2004 to draft and approve a final agreement. Rep. James Hansen, R-Utah, introduced the bill in June with Rep. Jim Gibbons, R-Nev. "These communities have a right to decide their own fate, and Congress will not step in their way," Gibbons said in a statement following the committee vote. The two Wendovers are divided not only by a state line, but also by laws and

ordinances. In Nevada, business is booming. In Utah, houses are boarded up. "On the Utah side, they don't have much," Hansen said. "On the other side it's kind of like Paris, France. It's kind of nice." The bill does not make a boundary adjustment. It merely gives congressional consent for the two states to draft an agreement, as required by the U.S. Constitution.

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SPORTSQUOTE

“We’re using our beef inside. Kevin is the flank cut, Marc is the porterhouse and I’m the New York strip.”

—Gary Trent of the Minnesota Timberwolves comparing himself and teammates Kevin Garnett and Marc Jackson to a menu

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who holds the NCAA all-division record for points scored in a basketball game?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school baseball
Wood River at Twin Falls JV (2), 3:30 p.m.
Kimberly at Glens Ferry (2), 3:30 p.m.

High school softball
Kimberly at Glens Ferry (2), 3:30 p.m.
Twin Falls at Filer (2), 3:30 p.m.

High school tennis
Pocatello at Minico, 3:30 p.m.
Jerome at Burley, 3:30 p.m.
Wood River at Twin Falls, 3:30 p.m.

High school golf
Declo, Valley, Wendell, at Kimberly at Pleasant Valley, 2 p.m.
Filer, Shoshone, Gooding, Buhl at Glens Ferry at Carmela Vineyards (9 holes)

IN BRIEF

Weather doesn't dull Larry Malone Pro-Am

TWIN FALLS - Not even patches of snow along the golf course could cool the 28th annual Pepsi Larry Malone Snake River Chapter PGA Scholarship Pro-Am on Monday at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

The team of Craig Jackson, Greg Stevenson, Curtis Hitchcock and Boise club professional Kevin Burton shot 118 to top a field of 25 for the team title. John Weekes, Gary Burkett, Carl Sklavos, and Larry Amen finished second with 122.

In the professional contest, TF Muni club professional Mike Hamblin shot 65 to finish tied with Boise's Jeff Thomson. Burton was second with a 66 and Meridian's Tad Holloway fired a 67 to tie with John Van Vleet of Rupert for third.

In amateur sweeps championship flight play, Amen shot a 69 to top Sklavos' 70 and Burkett's 72 for the gross title. Jackson finished tied with Norm Lancaster at 64 for the net title. Ken Erickson was second with 67.

Paul Holbrook took top gross honors in the first flight with 75. Tom Ashenbrenner was second with 78. Marc Perron won net with 66, followed by Doug Bryson (68), and Bryce Saunders (69).

The 18-hole event raises money for scholarships for student-athletes. It is played in memory of Larry Malone, a Twin Falls golfer who died of cancer at the age of 22 in 1974.

Burley golf course and driving range open

BURLEY - The Burley Golf Course and Driving Range are open for play although carts are not allowed on the course until the ground dries.
Cost is \$13 for 18 holes. Call ahead at 878-9807 for special spring rates, cart availability and reservations.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Ernie Francis of Division II Rio Grande, 113 points against Hilldale on Feb. 2, 1954.

They're drowsy in Dayton as NCAA begins



Let the madness begin
What: NCAA men's tournament play-in game
When: Today, 5 p.m. ESPN
Who: Alcorn State vs. Siena
Why: The winner becomes the 64th team in the tournament and meets East No. 1 seed Maryland on Friday in the opening round

Alcorn State, Siena start Madness

The Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio - C'mon in, Alcorn State and Siena. Lace 'em up and learn firsthand what it's like to play in the only NCAA tournament game that inspires more dread than dreams.

It's the play-in, and it's like nothing else - the all-night travel, the missed meals, the quiet

arena that feels more like a sideshow than center stage.

"It's been real, real strange," sleepy Alcorn State guard Jeff Cammon said Monday after practice.

For the second straight year, the NCAA has its two lowest seeds playing in Dayton for the 64th spot in the tournament. Tuesday's winner will catch another flight to Washington to play No. 1 Maryland on Friday.

The play-in format returned last season when the number of automatic bids expanded to 31. Northwestern State beat Winthrop, and both teams grumbled about the travel hardships. Alcorn State (21-9) and Siena Please see **MADNESS**, Page C4

Duke's No. 1 for fourth straight year

The Associated Press

Duke moved back into the No. 1 spot in the AP college basketball poll Monday, a record fourth straight year the Blue Devils were on top of the final rankings of the season.

Duke (29-3), which won the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament Sunday with a 91-61 victory over North Carolina State, had been tied with UCLA for the most consecutive years as

the final No. 1. The Bruins' run was 1971-72.

This is the sixth final No. 1 ranking for Duke, leaving it one behind UCLA and Kentucky for the most ever.

The unbeaten University of Connecticut Lady Huskies got the nod in the final AP women's basketball poll, the third straight year they have finished on top.

For a complete look at both the men's and women's final Top 25, please see page C3.



Beasts of the East

East sweeps West in M.V. All-Star games

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The East reigns.

Or maybe they just got lucky in the Magic Valley All-Star game at Baum Gymnasium Monday as the boys and girls teams from the east side of the valley took two from their counterparts from the west.

The East girls demolished the West 64-40 behind Wood River Wolverine Laurel Williams' 12 points, while the East boys won a 105-103 thriller with three Minico Spartans - Taylor Duncan (22 points), Ryan Hepworth (16) and John Fennell (11) - scoring in double figures.

"It was a lot of fun," West team member Korey Hall, of Glens Ferry, said while laughing. "But the East got lucky there at the end."

With the East up 105-103 and in possession of the ball with about 30 seconds left, the only boos of the night could be heard as Hepworth started trying to run the clock out for the victory.

Girls game
East 64, West 40

Boys game
East 105, West 103

"I guess they wanted to see some more points," he said.

So the guard passed the ball off and when Kimberly post Cody Gibbons got it, he made the crowd happy and launched a 3-point shot.

"They let posts shoot threes in these games," said Hall, who hit a pair of 3-pointers after being locked in the post all season. "It's fun."

However, Gibbons missed. But the East dodged a bullet when Gooding Senator Seamus Campbell missed all three foul shots with 29 seconds remaining after being fouled during a 3-point.

Twin Falls Bruin Leigh Castillo finished with 19 points to lead the West, while Jerome's Kiel Please see **ALL-STAR**, Page C2



Above, Burley's Eric Berg goes up for a shot during the East vs. West boys Magic Valley All-Star game Monday night at Twin Falls High School. Berg's East team defeated the West, 105-103. Left, Filer's Tesh Denton and Kimberly Child from Minico fight to the floor for a loose ball in the girls Magic Valley All-Star game Monday. Child's East squad beat the West team, 64-40.

Williams faces more charges

The Associated Press

FLEMINGTON, N.J. - Prosecutors filed more charges Monday against Jayson Williams in the shooting death of a limousine driver at his mansion, alleging the former NBA star wiped his own fingerprints off the shotgun and told guests to tell police it was suicide.

Williams, 34, has already been charged with manslaughter in the Feb. 14 shooting of Costa Christofi.

Prosecutors have said the former New Jersey Net was handling the shotgun recklessly. The new charges are hindering apprehension, evidence tampering, witness tampering and conspiracy to obstruct the law, which carry a combined penalty of more than 12 years in prison. Manslaughter carries up to 10 years in prison.

Williams surrendered at the courthouse Monday and posted \$20,000 bail before leaving. His attorney, Joseph Hayden, declined to answer questions about the new charges.

"When we have our day in court, we will address all relevant facts and allegations, and we are confident Mr. Williams will be cleared of all charges," Hayden said.

According to court papers, Williams removed the clothing he was wearing when Christofi was shot and gave investigators other clothes. He also allegedly tried to position the shotgun at an angle to make it seem as if the driver shot himself.

"Williams wiped his fingerprints off the shotgun, then 'attempted to imprint the victim's fingerprints upon the very same shotgun in an effort to convince investigators that the shooting had been self-inflicted,'" prosecutors said.

Several witnesses at Williams' estate 30 miles from Trenton told police Williams told them to lie "in order to convince detectives that the victim's death had been self-inflicted," prosecutors said.

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Relaxed Little takes over Red Sox

The Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. - Grady Little knows enough about the turbulent history of the Red Sox to admit his warm welcome won't last if he doesn't win.

"That was touching," he said Monday, one hour after players applauded at the meeting where he was introduced as their new manager. "We'll see what kind of reception I get when I leave in October."

If it's anything like Boston's last 83 seasons - all completed without a championship - it will be more subdued. But this season is unlikely to end with the turmoil that swept the clubhouse late last season.

Little, bench coach in Boston from 1997 to 1999 and at Cleveland since then, was hired Monday as the team's third manager in a week and fourth in seven months.

Yet his appointment is another



Grady Little

major move in stabilizing the franchise. The make-over began Feb. 27 when John Henry and his partners bought the team. The next day, they fired general manager Dan Duquette, whose aloof style alienated players. Five days later, they dumped manager Joe Kirtigan, who took over last Aug. 16 when Duquette fired Jimmy Williams.

Third-base coach Mike Cuddage became interim manager and interviews for the job along with Little and former Montreal manager Felipe Alou. At about 9 p.m. Sunday, Little learned he got it, then agreed to a two-year contract with club options.

"I laid in the bed with my eyes

closed but I couldn't tell you I was sleeping," he said, describing his excitement.

He's the 43rd manager of a club that last won the World Series in 1918, lost a one-game playoff to the New York Yankees in 1978 when Bucky Dent hit a three-run homer, and lost a chance to win the 1986 World Series in Game 6 on Mike Stanley's wild pitch and Bill Buckner's error against the New York Mets.

Now Cleveland must make up for its loss of Little. It plans to hire a bench coach from within the organization. Little, 55, reached the majors in 1995 as bullpen coach in San Diego where Boston co-owner Tom Werner was an owner and Larry Lucchino was president, his current role with the Red Sox.

Little's folksy manner, keen baseball mind and 16 years of minor-league managing experience in the Atlanta, Baltimore and Please see **LITTLE**, Page C2

Push for Tyson bout reaches public forum

By Micah Pollack
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - It is unclear if the D.C. Boxing and Wrestling Commission will vote today on whether to grant heavyweight Mike Tyson a license to fight here in June, but the commission's vice chairman is certain of one thing: the public comment portion of the meeting will be spiced.

"It's probably going to be pretty wild," Michael Brown said. "We're expecting opposition, but we're also expecting a lot of support."

Tyson's application for a boxing license is the principal item on the agenda for the commission's regular monthly meeting, and the panel is anticipating the



Mike Tyson

public comment portion to consume more than its usual 15 to 20 minutes. In addition to the commissioners, the club's chairman, W. J. Williams Sr., and Strudwick also is expected to be present, and comment on Tyson's physical and psychological exams of last week.

Two deadlines are approaching for the approval of Tyson's title fight against Lennox Lewis, Friday, when the original contract for the bout stipulated a site had to be in place and March 25, Please see **TYSON**, Page C2

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Avalanche get tough on road Pedro can't buy a breaking ball

Colorado skates by the Blues

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Steve Reinprecht had two goals, and Joe Sakic also scored, leading the Colorado Avalanche past the stumbling St. Louis Blues 3-2 Monday night.

Colorado has won six consecutive road games and is 6-0-1 in its last seven away from home. It was the first road game for the Avalanche since Feb. 8.

The Blues converted one of five power-play chances in the third period, snapping a 1-1 tie. Sakic has scored five goals and

recorded seven assists in seven games since the Olympic break.

Rangers 2, Canadiens 2
NEW YORK — Sandy McCarthy scored with 45.5 seconds left to give the New York Rangers a 2-1 win over the Montreal Canadiens over the night in a game where all the goals were scored with less than six minutes remaining.

Montreal's Karl Dykstra tied it with 4:53 remaining. The Canadiens appeared to take a 2-1 lead moments later, but the goal was waved off because the back of the net was lifted up by a Montreal player as the puck slipped over the line.

Hurricanes 3, Flames 3
RALEIGH, N.C. — Craig Conroy scored his second goal of the game with 1:19 left in regulation as Calgary gave Carolina its NHL record sixth straight home tie.

Buffalo Sabres in 1997-98, and numerous teams did it in the past. The Hurricanes, 4-0-2 in their last six overall, moved nine points ahead of Washington in the Southeast Division with 14 games remaining.

Blue Jackets 4, Penguins 2
PITTSBURGH — Ray Whitney and Mike Silinger each scored twice as Columbus dealt Pittsburgh a costly loss in the playoff race.

Jean Francois Labbe, starting only his second NHL game and his first in two years, turned aside 34 shots for his first career victory.

The Associated Press

Boston has a new manager in Ready Little, who knows enough about the turbulent history of the Red Sox to admit his warm welcome won't last if he doesn't win.

Little, bench coach in Boston from 1997-99 and at Cleveland since then, was hired Monday as the team's third manager in a week and fourth in seven months.

"We were well aware of the mini-melodramas that took place at the end of the season," Little said. "We know that Grady Little has the right temperament for this franchise right now."

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against the Texas Rangers. Pedro Martinez breezed through 2 2/3 innings but ran into trouble when he decided to work on his breaking ball.

"They didn't really want me to go out and get the 1-2-3 too easy," Alex Rodriguez doubled in two runs off Martinez, who missed with a fastball, with a deep drive to center.

At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Bobby Valentine went to Lawwood

Regional Medical Center in Fort Pierce with a kidney stone.

The New York City manager was given intravenous fluids, passed the stone and made it to work in time for his team's 5-0 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"Very good — perfect," Valentine said of his health after the game.

Terry Mulholland trailed after two pitches, allowing Timo Perez's infield hit and Roberto Alomar's homer off the screen attached to the left-field foul pole — Alomar's first homer of the spring.

Perez, Alomar, Mike Piazza

and Yohan Pino were a combined 7-for-8 off Mulholland in their first two at-bats.

Mets pitcher Al Leiter, tweaked a right hip flexor muscle while running Monday and will miss his scheduled appearance Tuesday against Kansas City at Haines City.

"I don't want to pitch him with that," Valentine said. "If he's OK, we'll try to get him work Wednesday."

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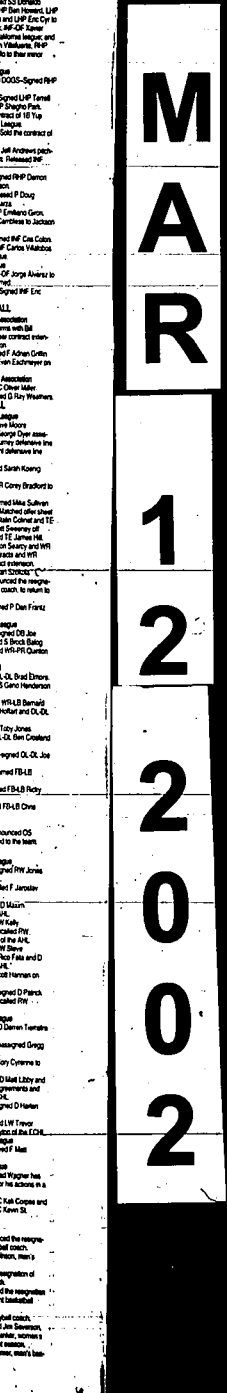
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SPORTS

Majerus takes Utah to tourney Madness

SALT-LAKE-CITY (AP) — With coach Rick Majerus back after a one-year hiatus, and despite losing center Chris Burgess two months into the season, the University of Utah men's basketball team "squeezed" into the NCAA Tournament Sunday.

The Utes were announced as a No. 12 seed in the South Regional and will play the No. 5 seed Indiana on Thursday in Sacramento, Calif.

Under Majerus the University of Utah made it to the NCAA tournament for six straight years from 1995 to 2000.

In 1998, the team made it all the way to the National Championship game, losing to Kentucky.

Last year Majerus took time off to care for his ailing mother and recover from his own health problems.



...the Utes lost to the Memphis Tigers in the first round.

With Majerus returning to coach Burgess, a transfer from Duke University, there were high hopes for the season.

Burgess was the team's leading scorer and rebounder until an ankle injury took him out for the season.

Utah managed a 21-8 season record and went 10-4 in conference play.

The Utes lost the deciding season conference championship game to Wyoming by one point. Utah lost to UNLV in the Mountain West Conference tournament semifinals last week.

Utah was one of the last teams to be selected for the NCAA tournament. No. 12 seed teams are the lowest at-large teams picked for the tournament.

"You know it's interesting once you get in you're just excited to get in," said University of Utah Athletic Director Chris Hill.

"It's great. You never take it for granted, but with Rick being gone last year it was a tough year. It's just a positive from all angles having Rick back at the helm," Hill said.

Under the leadership of Rick Majerus The University of Utah is 8-0 in NCAA tournament first-round games.

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(16-18) found out fast that just getting there is no fun.

The Braves were surprised to learn Sunday night that they—*not* Winthrop—were headed to Dayton to play the only team in the tournament with a losing record.

They stayed up all night packing and planning, then got on a bus at 3 a.m. in Mississippi for a two-hour ride to Baton Rouge, where they caught a plane to Atlanta, where they had a brief delay changing flights to Cincinnati, where they caught another bus for an hour-long ride up Interstate 75 to Dayton.

"Breakfast? Lunch? Sleep? I haven't gotten any sleep," Cammon said.

Neither had the Braves' 72-year-old coach. Davey L. Whitney didn't get to nod off until the team reached its hotel in Dayton; had some roast beef and rice for lunch, then relaxed for a little while before heading to the virtually empty arena practice.

They got to the arena five minutes late for their one-hour workout, the lack of sleep showing in their slow gait.

Whitney's team has played seven games in 14 days and then had to travel overnight — not exactly conducive to a good showing in today's play-in.

"I've only started thinking about it in the last 24 hours," Whitney said.

"Somebody's going to have to look at it because I understand they had the same situation last year. It's not conducive for teams to give their top performances."

Sienna had it a little easier — the Saints' flight didn't leave

New York until 9 a.m. They weren't in position to complain about anything, anyway.

Sienna won four games in four days on its home floor to get the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference's automatic bid. The Saints are the 16th team to make the NCAA tournament with a losing record.

Florida A&M reached the tournament with a 12-18 record in 1999, the last to do so.

Only one of those 16 teams actually won a game — Bradley won two in 1955.

The Saints knew they'd be relegated to the play-in. They had the lowest RPI ranking in the field at 218, while Winthrop was 217 and Alcorn State 182.

"The success is in being here," coach Rob Lanier said. "Everything else is gravy."

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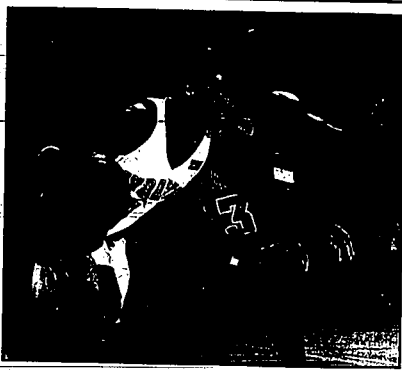
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Orangewomen make headway



Syracuse's Jalme James, left, drives past Rutgers' Nikki Jett in Syracuse, N.Y., last month. The Syracuse Orangewomen have achieved their first winning record since the 1989-90 season and their first in nine years under head coach Marianna Freeman.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Jalme James just can't stop smiling. She's practicing her 3-point shot in March, and finally there's a reason.

"This is a whole bunch of fun and it's very exciting," James said. "It's the first time I've ever been in this position, and I'm a senior."

James is a star guard for the Syracuse Orangewomen, and these are heady times. They're going to the NCAA tournament for the first time in 14 years and only the third time since the program's inception in 1971 — and the men's team is not.

"This is really emotional for me," said James, the school's all-time leader in 3-pointers with 223. "I'm just so happy."

Not long ago, James and her teammates were at the other end of the emotional spectrum. While the men's team was reeling off



20-win seasons with regularity under coach Jim Boheim, the Orangewomen wallowed in losses under Marianna Freeman. In her first six years, her teams were a combined 54-110. When Syracuse finished 10-18 in 1999-2000, James and her teammates took matters into their own hands.

The whole team confronted athletic director Jake Crouthamel in his office. The message: They were tired of the losing.

Freeman was caught off-guard. She did see something positive, though.

"It was the first thing they ever really did together, and that was a good sign," she said.

Still, not much seemed to change. The Orangewomen began last season with a big win over Old Dominion but couldn't sustain the early success and finished 12-15.

"They still had lessons to learn that I really couldn't help them with," Freeman said.

Syracuse, which played the 27th most difficult schedule in the country, never had a winning record in January in Freeman's first eight years. But when the Orangewomen

beat No. 16 Virginia Tech 75-59 late in the month this year, they were over that hump and started believing something special was happening.

"That was huge," said James, from Plymouth, Mass. "It definitely made a mark in Big East play for us because they were undefeated before they came into our house."

The Orangewomen, who will face Drake (23-7) in the first round of the East Regional, probably secured their position in the postseason with a surprising showing in the Big East tournament.

Seeded seventh, Syracuse made it to the semifinals, upsetting defending national champion Notre Dame before losing to No. 20 Boston College.

"This is a big step for us," Freeman said. "These guys have laid the foundation."

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Building

Continued from D1. compared with November 1999, despite more commercial construction in the valley's major city.

In November this time around, Sun Valley, rural Blaine County, Jerome, Shoshone, Twin Falls, Minidoka County and all improved on their year-earlier values for combined construction types.

Only Gooding, Ketchum, Rupert and rural Twin Falls County lost ground in November.

A few parts of the valley are not included in the bank's monthly survey.

And this time, Wells Fargo economists received no report from Halley, so The Times-News' valuations exclude Halley.

In the valley's major city, new

homes, Dell Computer Corp.'s new technical-suiting complex and a healthy round of other Twin Falls commercial projects helped push the city's total construction values up 87.6 percent over November 2000 values.

Here's a sampling of November's activity in the city's commercial sector.

• Dell's renovation of the former Albertson's grocery store at 851 Pole Line Road.

• AmeriCare, LLC's new 15-bed facility for Alzheimer's care, at 1177 Estridge Court.

• Tenant improvements for four retailers - Old Navy, Michaels, Famous Footwear and T.J. Maxx - at real estate developer Neilsen & Co.'s Canyon Park East project.

• IHOP Corp.'s new pancake restaurant in rural Canyon

Park East. • Larger offices for a Twin Falls surgeon and an ear, nose and throat clinic in Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's office building at 630 Addison Ave. W.

In Blaine County, meanwhile, November's commercial construction roster got a boost from a \$2.3 million medical office building, an addition to the St. Luke's Wood-River Medical Center campus south of Ketchum.

Minidoka County that month issued permits for a couple of pieces of Minico High School's expansion: a \$750,000 portion of the main school building's addition, and a \$1.62 million, free-standing multipurpose building.

Here's how the regional home-building scene performed:

The areas of the valley surveyed issued permits for 43 new single-family homes in the month, down slightly from the 45 of November 2000. (Again, Halley has been excluded from both years' November data.)

At the same time, the average estimated value of those Magic Valley homes climbed to \$148,641 in November - 42 percent higher than the \$104,654 average of a year earlier.

The surveyed areas of the valley issued permits for just two new apartments in November (both in Twin Falls) and for five mobile homes (three in Minidoka County, one in Twin Falls and one in Jerome).

Gooding, Ketchum and Rupert had no new residential building permitted in the November, total

construction value for authorized building-permit construction in 57 major Idaho locations for November was \$124.58 million - a decrease of 11.7 percent from November 2000. Wells Fargo economist Kelly K. Matthews said.

He did not adjust year-to-year statewide totals to exclude Halley.

"Idaho's construction industry

continued to record admirable activity levels in November," he said. "Despite minimal new-job creation, favorable mortgage rates have helped maintain a strong residential real-estate sales volume."

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WaMu

Continued from D1. around the gain-on-sale rule is to structure securitizations as financings rather than sales. Relatively few companies do so, because they want to avoid debt to their books. When WaMu securitizes mortgages, it nearly always continues to service them - collecting the payments, paying taxes and insurance premiums and the like.

WaMu does so for the fees, Longbrake said, and because it hopes the monthly mortgage payment will be just the beginning of a long, profitable association.

"What's important to us is the customer relationship," he said. "We're in business to provide financial services - over the long run, if you're only a loan customer, we'd like you to become a checking customer or buy a

mutual fund from us." Accounting rules deem such retained "mortgage-servicing rights" assets that must be reported on a company's balance sheet. But putting a value on servicing rights is tricky because of uncertainties involving future defaults, refinancings and prepayments - to make its estimates WaMu, like other lenders, makes assumptions about the future direction of interest rates and how borrowers will respond.

As of Dec. 31, WaMu valued its servicing rights at \$6.2 billion, out of total assets of \$242.5 billion. The value of the servicing rights more than sextupled in 2001, while total assets rose just 24.5 percent. Servicing rights now account for 2.6 percent of WaMu's assets and 44.4 percent of shareholders' equity, compared with 0.5 percent and

10 percent, respectively, in December 2000.

In the Forbes article, Olstein said WaMu's valuation "seems too optimistic," especially in light of the \$1.75 billion in writedowns WaMu took last year.

Longbrake said the writedowns stem from the steep drop in interest rates last year, as the Federal Reserve cut rates 11 times to try to soften the recession. As rates go down, more borrowers refinance, more borrowers pay off their old loans early; that constricts the flow of future payments, and makes the servicing rights less valuable.

"It happened to be unusually severe in the fourth quarter of last year, when mortgage rates dropped a lot and people came in droves to refinance," he said. WaMu wrote down more than \$1 billion of its servicing-

rights portfolio in the last three months of 2001.

Acquisitions, Longbrake said, fueled much of the growth in the servicing-rights portfolio - 59 percent, according to company figures.

Are the servicing rights valued fairly? According to the Scott-Times analysis, the rights have been capitalized at 3.47 times servicing fees. Kaufman, Friedman, Billings, Ramsey, said that's toward the low end of the normal range in the mortgage-banking industry.

As the servicing-rights issue illustrates, there's a lot more for guesswork and assumptions in financial-institution accounting than other businesses. It's easier to put a price tag on a pile-driver or a warehouse full of shirts than something as abstract as a loan portfolio.

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Kmart

Continued from D1. Conaway is leaving. "You need someone in there right now who's going to be very well versed financially," Beder said. "That's not his skill set. He's not a turnaround guy. He's kind of a buy-and-hold guy not going to happen right now."

When Conaway was named Kmart CEO, analysts said one shortcoming was Conaway's lack of experience in fashion. Kmart has struggled to keep pace with retail chains like Old Navy that offer trend-driven merchandise.

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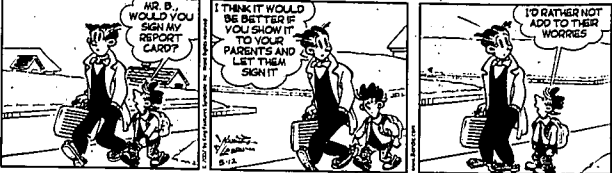
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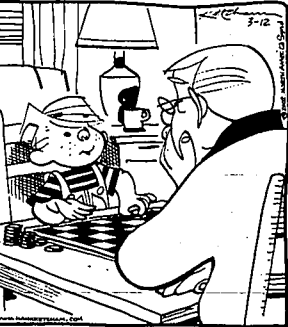
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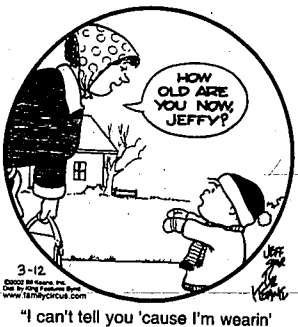
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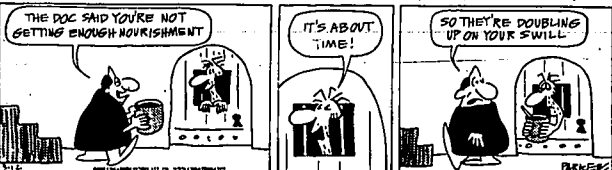
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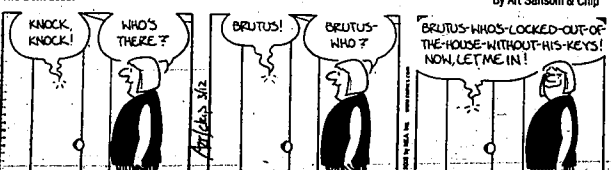
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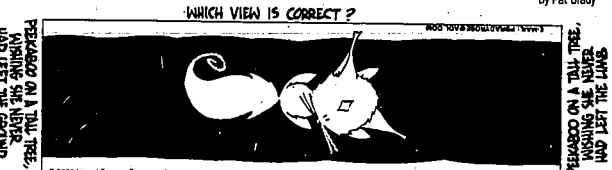
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