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Panel upholds suspension

Former principal faces five-year punishment

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Former Bickel Elementary School Principal Mary Lee Roberts' drug felony can't be separated from her responsibilities as a school administrator, a panel of her peers has concluded.

As a result, the Professional

Standards Commission of Idaho's Department of Education has upheld a five-year suspension of Roberts' teaching certificate.

In a document released Monday, the panel concluded that Roberts' act of mailing herself a pound of marijuana last summer violated the section of its code of ethics that prohibits educators from engaging "in conduct which is offensive to the ordi-



Mary Lee Roberts

nary dignity, decency, and morality of others." Two weeks ago, Roberts testified at an administrative hearing that her guilty plea to a felony drug charge in no way hampered her ability to continue in her education profession. The panel disagreed.

"We think that a five-year suspension... is an appropriate balance of the profession's need to protect the educational services that it provides

to the public and her desire to return to the profession," wrote Tim Gleason, who chaired the panel.

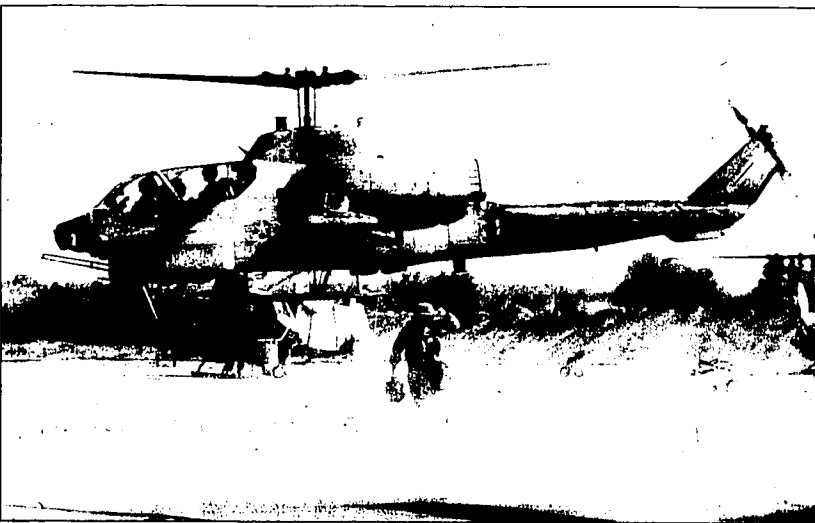
The decision will become permanent in 14 days if Roberts doesn't seek reconsideration. Roberts' attorney, William R. Hollifield, didn't return repeated phone calls Monday.

In her argument, Roberts said that her marijuana possession was a private matter and as such didn't affect her conduct on the

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MAKING THE CASE FOR WAR

U.S. push for votes falls short



A U.S. Marine holds down his hat as a Cobra helicopter lands at a Marine airbase in an undisclosed location near Iraq on Monday. Flights are ongoing as U.S. forces prepare for a potential war with Iraq.

Security Council delays vote on ultimatum for Saddam

The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS - President Bush's urgent phone campaign to world leaders, seeking their support for a tough deadline on Iraq, came up short Monday - forcing a delay of the Security Council's vote and opening the doors to a possible compromise to give Saddam Hussein more time.

The United States had hoped to present the resolution to the council today, setting a March 17 deadline for Iraqi disarmament or war. But the vote was put on hold when it became evident that America and its allies had not yet

won the nine votes they needed for a majority.

But even nine votes wouldn't be enough. French President Jacques Chirac declared that his country would veto any resolution that opened the way to war. The Russians also said they would veto the proposal as it was currently worded.

Both the United States and Britain said they were willing to negotiate both the deadline and other changes to the resolution.

During a closed-door council session late Monday, British Ambassador Jeremy Greenstock

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President Bush gestures while speaking with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi from the Oval Office of the White House Monday. The president spent the day working the phones trying to drum up support for the U.N. resolution that gives Saddam Hussein until March 17 to prove he's disarmed.

Pakistan: Net is closing around bin Laden

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - Pakistani intelligence officials confirmed Monday that a top al-Qaida suspect captured earlier this month met Osama bin Laden in December and has produced information that has helped authorities close in on the terrorist mastermind.

The March 1 arrest of Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, thought to be the No. 3 figure in the terror network, as well as information from other suspected terrorists has brought authorities "significantly closer to Osama," an intelligence official said at a rare briefing.

"We find we appear to be just weeks behind bin (Osama bin Laden),"



One suspect met with Osama in September, and Khalid Shaikh said he met with him in December," the official said on customary condition of anonymity. "We were months behind,

then weeks and now hours behind him."

U.S. forces searching for bin Laden are operating in Afghanistan's southern Helmand province, Muhiuddin Khan, a director at the provincial Governor's House, told The Associated Press. Other operations reportedly were being carried out in Afghanistan's southern Nimroz and along the rugged mountainous border regions between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Murky reports have surfaced about more arrests since Mohammed's capture, including possibly one of bin Laden's sons.

The press conference at the InterServices Intelligence, or ISI, headquarters in Islamabad was the first-ever by the spy agency.

ISI offered a short video of poor quality purportedly of the arrest in nearby Rawalpindi of Mohammed, suspected of being the key planner of the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

T.F. high school principal touts 4-by-4 schedule plan

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The staff of Twin Falls High School has grand dreams in a new student schedule proposal. But what it's hoping to adopt is also drawing great opposition.

If the school is to raise graduation requirements while decreasing student dropout rates, the school must change to the now controversial 4-by-4 schedule, Principal Ben Allen said Monday evening at a Twin Falls School Board meeting.

"It's not a knee-jerk reaction. We put a lot of time and effort into it," he said.

But the naysayers are growing in number, board members said. Both Chad Hafer and Del Traveller said that never has an issue grabbed so much attention in their time on the board.

House approves reduced budget

The Associated Press

BOISE - The Idaho House on Monday passed a \$428 million budget cut that takes more money away from schools and state departments, leaving it to the governor to decide whether he will veto the Legislature's spending plan for the current fiscal year.

Ten Republicans - including Rep. Doug Jones of Filer and Rep. Tim Ridinger of Shoshone - joined all 16 Democrats against the bill, which trims \$9 million from public schools, \$6.6 million from colleges and universities and \$4 million from the Department of

Correction.

The bill cuts another \$21 million on top of the \$20 million Gov. Dick Kemptthorne reduced last summer to balance the budget. But \$16 million of the additional reductions is earmarked for the budget reserve account and the tobacco settlement trust.

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Senate backs business tax break - B3

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Rising cost of uninsured hits economy

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The high cost of health insurance ends up costing all Idahans in the long run.

A person without health insurance is more likely to go without preventive care, he arrives at the emergency room sicker than someone who has insurance. The cost that could have been treated for a few dollars two weeks ago turns into pneumonia, putting the patient in the hospital and resulting in thousands of dollars in health care costs.

Emergency rooms are crowded with uninsured people because they're often the only places they can go to get health care. Shrinking Medicaid and Medicare payments, coupled with rising malpractice insurance premiums, are causing some doctors to avoid high-risk specialties such as obstetrics - or worse, consider leaving the profession altogether - resulting in a shortage of doctors, particularly in rural areas.

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Learn about the plan

- What: Public information session about proposed 4-by-4 block schedule at Twin Falls High School.
- Where: Roper Auditorium, TFHS.
- When: 7 p.m. Wednesday.
- Why: School officials say the schedule change would allow for increased graduation requirements and lower dropout rates. Opponents say it interferes with religious observance and certain classes such as music, advanced placement and athletics.

"I haven't had a single person say 'Yes, this is a good thing,'" Traveller said.

Hafer said the overriding complaint from his constituents is the interruption of "release time" - normally a period of the school day in which students attend off-campus religious classes.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy, brisk and mild with a rain shower possible. Highs in the upper 50s.
Tonight: Continues with a shower possible. Lows in the middle 30s.
Tomorrow: Increasing sunshine and turning warm. A new record high may be set. Highs in the lower to middle 60s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy, brisk and mild with a rain shower possible. Highs in the middle to upper 50s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy and brisk with a shower possible. Lows in the middle to upper 30s.
Tomorrow: Turning mostly sunny, brisk and warm. Highs in the middle 60s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Cloudy and turning milder over the next few days. Occasional rain or snow showers will be possible in the north. Travel conditions will be fine on most paved roads.

BOISE
 Today Highs 38 to 48. Tonight's Lows 25 to 35. Mostly cloudy and brisk with a few showers possible today. Decreasing clouds and warm temperatures are expected on Wednesday and Thursday.

NORTHERN UTAH
 Today Highs/Lows 55 to 61 to 39 to 44. There could be a couple of windy areas but temperatures will be mild over the next few days.

Weather by State Extremes - High: 63 at Hagerman. **Low:** 21 at Kelchum. **FIS** weather key: s=sunny, pc=partly cloudy, mc=mostly cloudy, c=cloudy, b=brisk, dr=drizzle, r=rain, s-z=snow, f=furries, w=wind, m=mixing.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly cloudy, brisk and mild, maybe a shower	Mild, maybe a shower	More sunshine and near record warm	Another new record high possible	Cooler with scattered showers likely	Mostly cloudy and brisk
High 58	Low 38	63 / 38	67 / 41	57 / 34	58 / 36

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure
Yesterday's High: 67 Yesterday's Low: 40 Normal High/Low: 60/29 Record High: 75 in 1972 Record Low: 11 in 1974	Yesterday's: Trace Month to Date: 0.04" Avg. Month to Date: 0.34" Water Year to Date: 3.06" Temperature & Precipitation valid through 6pm yesterday	Yesterday's High: 42% Yesterday's Low: 25% Today's Forecast High: 60% Today's Forecast Low: 35% A winter year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30	5 p.m. Yesterday: 30.04 in Today: 30.04 in

Moon Phases

Mar. 18	Mar. 25	April 1	April 9
Full Moon	Last Qtr.	New Moon	First Qtr.

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Boise	58-61	60-64	60-63
Bonners Ferry	45-57	47-58	53-57
Challis	48-54	49-58	48-58
Coeur d'Alene	48-54	49-58	54-58
Elko, NV	56-63	60-67	59-64
Eugene, OR	56-63	60-67	59-64
Groening	52-58	54-58	57-59
Hagerman	61-67	63-67	70-63
Idaho Falls	50-58	56-64	60-63
Kalispell	49-54	50-57	57-53
Marion	53-60	55-59	60-59
Meridian	53-60	55-59	60-59
Moscow	53-60	55-59	60-59
Mountain View	53-60	55-59	60-59
Payson	53-60	55-59	60-59
Shoshone	53-60	55-59	60-59
Starline	53-60	55-59	60-59
Sun Valley	53-60	55-59	60-59
Twin Falls	53-60	55-59	60-59

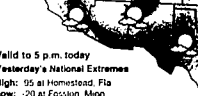
NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Atlanta	62-67	72-53	62-67
Baltimore	42-55	50-31	42-55
Boston	42-55	50-31	42-55
Birmingham	42-55	50-31	42-55
Boston	42-55	50-31	42-55
Charlotte	42-55	50-31	42-55
Chicago	39-50	46-30	39-50
Cleveland	38-49	45-30	38-49
Dallas	59-73	61-39	59-73
Denver	46-53	55-38	46-53
Des Moines	39-50	46-30	39-50
El Paso	72-47	74-43	72-47
Fort Worth	51-61	58-36	51-61
Houston	63-66	74-43	63-66
Indianapolis	45-56	54-32	45-56
Jacksonville	76-53	81-58	76-53
Kansas City	54-61	63-44	54-61
Las Vegas	75-53	78-53	75-53
Los Angeles	66-55	68-52	66-55
Los Angeles	66-55	68-52	66-55
Memphis	63-68	64-52	63-68
Miami	80-71	84-73	80-71
Minneapolis	40-56	40-32	40-56
Nashville	57-43	61-40	57-43
New Orleans	71-57	72-59	71-57
New York	41-36	54-36	41-36
Oakland	61-49	68-49	61-49
Oklahoma City	51-35	55-36	51-35

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Albuquerque	50-58	60-54	50-58
Anchorage	54-43	54-46	54-43
Atlanta	54-43	54-46	54-43
Austin	54-43	54-46	54-43
Baltimore	54-43	54-46	54-43
Birmingham	54-43	54-46	54-43
Boston	54-43	54-46	54-43
Buffalo	54-43	54-46	54-43
Butte	54-43	54-46	54-43
Charlotte	54-43	54-46	54-43
Chicago	54-43	54-46	54-43
Cincinnati	54-43	54-46	54-43
Cleveland	54-43	54-46	54-43
Colorado Springs	54-43	54-46	54-43
Dallas	54-43	54-46	54-43
Denver	54-43	54-46	54-43
Des Moines	54-43	54-46	54-43
Detroit	54-43	54-46	54-43
El Paso	54-43	54-46	54-43
Fort Worth	54-43	54-46	54-43
Houston	54-43	54-46	54-43
Indianapolis	54-43	54-46	54-43
Jacksonville	54-43	54-46	54-43
Kansas City	54-43	54-46	54-43
Las Vegas	54-43	54-46	54-43
Los Angeles	54-43	54-46	54-43
Los Angeles	54-43	54-46	54-43
Memphis	54-43	54-46	54-43
Miami	54-43	54-46	54-43
Minneapolis	54-43	54-46	54-43
Nashville	54-43	54-46	54-43
New Orleans	54-43	54-46	54-43
New York	54-43	54-46	54-43
Oakland	54-43	54-46	54-43
Oklahoma City	54-43	54-46	54-43
Oklahoma City	54-43	54-46	54-43

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Valid to 5 p.m. today

Yesterday's National Extremes

High: 95 at Homestead, Fla.

Low: -20 at Fossum, Minn.

Principal

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 Job. In fact, she said didn't understand what was meant by conduct which is "offensive to the ordinary dignity, decency and morality of others"; that such standards are too vague to be applied punitively. Finally, Roberts said there isn't a connection between her ability to teach and pleading guilty to a drug felony. As such, she argued that she should be allowed to return to the profession she loves.

According to the preliminary order of the hearing panel signed by Gleason, a fourth-grade teacher at Boise's Cynthia Mann Elementary School, the group disagreed with all of Roberts' arguments.

First of all, her arrest wasn't private, the panel concluded. Her guilty plea and references to Drug Court were public records. Students, parents, school staff and the community at large were familiar with the incident.

"She cannot unring the bell and make her possession of a pound of marijuana private and not public," Gleason wrote. "A principal's private life is not cut off from her public responsibilities."

Instead, a principal is viewed as a "well-respected role model" within both the school and the community, particularly in a small community such as Twin Falls.

"A principal's failure to live

up to these expectations disrupts the educational process," Gleason wrote.

Because Roberts admitted guilt to a drug felony, she might find it difficult to administer discipline - a student is likely to challenge her moral authority during those moments, the document states.

"Her successful completion of the Drug Court program simply will not result in a return to business as usual," Gleason wrote. "Common sense and our own experience tell us that a principal's job effectiveness is related to her public image."

Schedule

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 The current six-period day allows the nearly 20 percent of TFFS students who participate to take seminars classes year round. Reducing the load to a four-period day would reduce that opportunity.

Allen acknowledged that drawback.

"That's probably why there

aren't a lot of 4-by-4s in the area," he said.

In fact, he acknowledged all the drawbacks. And indeed, there are drawbacks.

Band, athletics, cheerleading and advance placement classes all would suffer under the proposed schedule. But in today's academic world, the greater class periods are

relevant to the job and eligibility for the certificate.

Federal courts have determined that a community's moral standards are reflected in its laws. As such, teachers and administrators already know that to violate criminal law is to offend ordinary morality.

"It is stunning that Roberts ... claims not to know and makes a legal argument that violation of felony drug laws for possession of marijuana does not offend the ordinary morality of others," Gleason wrote.

If Roberts does ask within 14 days for a reconsideration, then

the hearing panel can either agree to reconsider it, taking whatever time it needs; or do nothing, and then it becomes an official denial of the request to reconsider.

After that, within 21 days, she can ask the entire commission to review it. If the commission chooses to do so, it must issue an order within 55 days of receiving a request to review it or after it has heard oral or written argument.

Roberts must complete Drug Court if she is to be eligible in five years for certification reinstatement.

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CORRECTIONS

There was no meeting about Craters on Monday
 An item in Monday's paper included some confusing information about planning for Craters of the Moon National Monument.

There was no open house on Monday, but people may submit comments on management of the monument through Friday. Comments should be sent to Craters of the Moon National Monument Planning Team, Bureau of Land Management, Shoshone Field Office, P.O. Box 2-8, Shoshone, 83352-1522.

The Times-News regrets the error.

CSI Wind Ensemble performs at 7:30 p.m. today
 Thursday's and Monday's papers gave the incorrect time for a concert by the College of Southern Idaho Wind Ensemble.

The group presents its March Madness concert at 7:30 p.m. today in the Fine Arts Center auditorium.

The Times-News regrets the error.

essential, to a point, Allen said. At the same time, he doesn't want to overwhelm students, either.

There are different types of block schedules. Several Magic Valley high schools have gone with the A/B block schedule, which has eight different classes, taught in alternating four-period days. But it has its down side. More classes mean a much greater demand on students, a jump from six classes a semester to eight.

While most students can handle the extra rigor, Allen figures about 20 percent would struggle and possibly drop out.

The dropout rate is "way too high" as it is, Allen said. In fact, along with increased graduation rates, the biggest reason to adopt the new schedule is to reduce dropouts.

Of the average sophomore class of 600, maybe 480 will end up graduating, he said.

"Someone has to be a voice for the 20 percent who are challenged," Allen said.

In fact, with the federal No Child Left Behind Act, that 20 per-

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Scientists lay plans to combat 'dirty bombs'

VIENNA, Austria - Scientists, police commanders and government officials from more than 100 countries are converging on Vienna for the world's first "dirty bomb" conference, searching for ways to head off the threat of simple weapons that spread radiation and chaos.

Governments are concerned. A recent U.S. experts' report concludes that tens of thousands of the most dangerous radiation sources worldwide - used to treat cancer, find oil deposits, disinfect food - may be insufficiently protected.

A so-called dirty bomb - conventional explosives combined with radioactive material - has yet to be detonated anywhere. But the al-Qaida network is reported to have been interested in trying such a terror weapon.

Scientists develop first aid for peanut allergies

Researchers have developed the first drug that can protect the 1.5 million Americans who are allergic to peanuts - the leading cause of all allergy deaths.

The monthly shots are not a cure. But doctors believe the still-experimental drug should let people

Nation/World brief

ple avoid severe complications if they unknowingly eat one or two peanuts, the typical accidental exposure.

"Basically, we would not be seeing people in the emergency room or the morgue from peanut accidents," said Dr. S. Allan Bock, an allergist from Boulder, Colo., who was not part of the study.

Toddler wanders away after crash that killed parents

HIXTON, Wis. - A 2-year-old girl who survived a car crash that killed her parents wandered across a freeway and was found in a grove of trees three hours later by authorities who tracked her footprints in the snow.

The girl, Anita Kayachith, was at home with relatives in Minnesota on Monday, three days after the wreck.

"She is doing great. She is wonderful," said Houmpheng Phongsavath, an uncle of one of the victims.

The car was struck by a tractor-trailer that slid on ice and crossed

the median of Interstate 94 early Friday, the Wisconsin State Patrol said. The car slid under the truck. The girl's parents, who were from Brooklyn Park, Minn., were killed.

Palestinians approve position of prime minister

RAMALLAH, West Bank - The Palestinian parliament approved the appointment of a prime minister Monday but vetoed the new position with only limited powers, making the reform fall short of U.S. and Israeli hopes of sidelining Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Still, the move did amount to the first formal curbing of Arafat's sweeping powers, and the planned appointment of Mahmud Abbas - a moderate who has spoken out against armed conflict with Israel - seemed to offer hope of at least easing the deadly violence of the past 20 months.

"Enough of putting our destiny in the hands... of one person," said legislator Jibril Rajoub, who was fired by Arafat as West Bank security chief last year. Abbas' expected appointment, said Rajoub, meant "it's time to end

the patriarchal regime which we were suffering from."

Spanish government files complaint against Basques

MADRID, Spain - The government Monday filed a complaint against four Basque newspaper executives who had accused police of torturing them, saying the allegations were made on instructions from armed separatists.

Interior Minister Angel Acebes denied the torture allegations and showed reporters what he said was a manual from the armed Basque group ETA that instructed supporters to claim they had been tortured after any arrest.

He said the four executives from the Basque-language daily Egunkaria, among 10 arrested last month after the paper was shut down on court order, had followed those instructions "to the letter."

Five of the 10 detainees spent five days in the custody of the Civil Guard in Madrid, and four later accused that paramilitary police force of torturing them. The force is part of the Interior Ministry.

- compiled from wire reports

Uninsured

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Many small businesses simply can't afford to offer their employees health care insurance, making it difficult to recruit workers.

The problems of the uninsured have grown so serious that Gov. Dirk Kempthorne Monday joined other senators on the nation to proclaim this week "Cover the Uninsured Week," a national effort sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in partnership with a group of national sponsors to raise awareness of the problem of America's uninsured.

Activities to draw attention to the problems of the uninsured got started Monday morning with a panel discussion held in Boise and broadcast to Twin Falls and six other Idaho communities.

Kempthorne called the current Medicaid and Medicare system "too large and cumbersome" and advocated allowing states to redesign their own packages.

Kempthorne called Medicare and Medicaid "dinosaurs."

"It's time to rebuild a crumbling system," he said.

The crisis is even worse in rural areas of the state.

"Many people in rural areas rely on Medicaid to keep their doors open," Kempthorne said.

The state spends nearly \$1 billion a year to provide medical care for about 150,000 Idahoans. And the problem doesn't look like it will get any better anytime soon.

The Idaho Legislature is expected to trim 7.1 percent of the Department of Health and Welfare budget next year.

"About 20,000 individuals will see their services dramatically cut or completely eliminated," the governor said.

The situation could hit the Magic Valley especially hard.

"When you consider that many providers in rural areas rely on Medicaid to keep their doors open, you will likely see tens of thousands more lose services because the providers have closed shop," he said.

What's the answer? First of all, Kempthorne said more needs to be done to improve flexibility so states can cover more people.

"Central to Medicaid reform is the ability of states to keep the federal money it saves through

- Recent census data indicate that 5 percent of Idaho's population has no medical insurance, higher than the 14.5 percent national average.
- About 220,000 Idahoans out of a total population of 1.3 million are uninsured.
- Nearly eight out of 10 of uninsured Idahoans are working or members of working families.
- The costs of treating the uninsured are passed on to the insured through higher premiums and hospital costs. The average annual health insurance

Uninsured in Idaho

- premium in the private sector in 2000 was \$2,655 for single coverage, \$6,772 for family coverage, increases of 33.3 percent and 36.7 percent, respectively, since 1996.
- The weakening economy has increased the number of unemployed, and thereby, uninsured.
- Small businesses in particular have difficulty offering their employees insurance, and the majority of Idaho's businesses are small businesses.

Source: Idaho State Planning Grant

efficiencies and better plan designs," Kempthorne said. "Under the current system, for every three dollars we save, we send two back to the federal government. There is no incentive to be innovative."

Kempthorne and National Governors Association Chairman Gov. Paul Patton of Kentucky are heading up a bipartisan task force to study Medicaid and Medicare and make recommendations to the federal government.

Dr. Ted Epperly, chairman and program director for the Family Practice Residency of Idaho who participated in Monday's panel discussion, sees the real people behind the numbers every day.

"There's no question patients without insurance live sicker and die quicker," Epperly said.

And by the time they do get treatment, their illnesses have progressed and cost much more to treat. The uninsured are more likely to be diagnosed with late-stage cancer, and uninsured people with colon or breast cancer face up to a 50 percent greater chance of dying than patients with private coverage, according to the National Academy of Sciences.

Most businesses would like to offer their employees health insurance, but many of them can't afford it, said Kent Just, president of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. Just said business owners have been talking with hospital and insurance company officials to see if they can work together to make it easier for small businesses to offer health insurance.

"There's not an easy solution," Just said. "Everyone has to work

together to make it work." Among the policies recommended by the Idaho State Planning Grant - a project conducted by

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WORK HARD

Hagerman students find support during illnesses

Benefit dinner is scheduled

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times News correspondent

HAGERMAN - The competitive spirit and determination of two Hagerman High School students, along with support from throughout the valley, is helping them be survivors.

Hannah Bates, 15, the daughter of Kent Bates and Sandy Bates, will have her right foot amputated on March 31. She has ewing sarcoma, a fast-spreading cancer of the bones. Tim Jay, 15, the son of Terry Warluff and Greg Jay, recently underwent surgery to remove a benign tumor from his lung.

"We want everyone to know how deeply appreciative we are for their love and support to Hannah," Sandy Bates said. "Her recovery has a lot to do with the love and support she has received. We get cards every day about how people are praying."

Hannah has undergone extensive chemotherapy to prevent the cancer from spreading. The treatments leave her violently ill, and then her immune system hits bottom.

"We're in isolation for 14 to 15 days, and then she can go to school for a couple of days," her mother said. "She gets to be around her friends, and that's what carries her on to the next treatment."

At first, everyone thought Hannah had sprained her ankle, and was re-injuring it before it could heal. The doctors did a CAT scan and discovered the tumor, which has separated the soft tissue from the bone, damaging the ankle and foot.

Prior to the surgery will be more chemotherapy.

"The more it shrinks, the better chance she has of surviving," Bates said. "If the tumor is shrinking, then it means cancer cells are being killed by the chemo."

Hannah will remain hospitalized for about a month after surgery, and then must have another seven months of aggressive chemotherapy.

"As a parent, you worry about your children being in a car wreck, or someone kidnapping them," Bates said. "I never



Hagerman students and community members have rallied in support of students Tim Jay and Hannah Bates, who are on the sidelines temporarily because of serious illnesses. A dinner and auction will be held Saturday to help with their medical expenses.

SANDRA WISECAVER/
The Times News

Benefit dinner and auction
Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Hagerman Legion Hall. The suggested donation is \$5 per plate or \$20 per family. The auction starts at 6:30 p.m. Items include horses, services, mer-

chandise, overnight stays, dinners and quilts.

For more information, call Troy Eastday at Hagerman High School, 837-4572 or Nancy Knott at the Hagerman Elementary School, 837-4777.

An X-ray, Tim was transferred to the Mountain States Tumor Institute in Boise.

"When they did the biopsy, they discovered the tumor was in his bronchial tube and he had pneumonia," Warluff said. "The pneumonia collapsed the upper lobe of the lung."

The surgical procedure to remove the tumor, which had almost closed off the left bronchial tube, lasted 15 hours.

"He has stitches inside his body," his mother said. "He has to be careful. If it doesn't heal right, they will have to go back in and fix it surgically."

He's a straight A student, and would love to play professional sports some day, Warluff said. "He wanted to be in the playoffs with his team, but that was not to be. It drove him crazy ... He went to games, but he couldn't do anything. I said to him 'Can you imagine, Tim. You get through all this and become a professional ball player. What a story that would be.'"

"I missed playing, but I will next year," Tim said.



Miss Kimberly pageant set for this weekend

KIMBERLY - Twelve young women from Kimberly High School will compete in the Miss Kimberly Pageant on Saturday. Scholarship money, College of Southern Idaho Presidential scholarships and a Spirit of Miss Kimberly scholarship from the Kimberly Lion's Club will be awarded.

The pageant will be held at 7 p.m. at the Kimberly High School old gymnasium. The cost is \$5 per person, including children.

The theme is "Somewhere in Time," and includes the annual revue, featuring Kimberly students singing and dancing.

Also this year, the pageant will have a Miss Kimberly Queen for a Day mentor program. Local organizations have selected young girls from elementary and junior high schools to be paired with a pageant contestant.

Contestants are:

Rachael Bulcher, daughter of Bruce and Kathy Bulcher, is a senior, student body president and member of the National Honor Society.

LaRae Roper, daughter of Dave and Shanna Roper, plans to attend Brigham Young University Idaho and major in

Want more information?

Call Chris Barrett at 423-4729, Treva Fullmer at 423-6233 or Pam Hammond at 423-4001.

interior design.

Sarah Sargeant, daughter of Steve and Vicki Sargeant, is a member of Business Professionals of America and National Honor Society and Key Club president.

Stacey Budden, daughter of Glen and Adeline Budden, is a junior, and enjoys singing. Shawntelle Bringham, daughter of John and Diane Bringham, is a junior, an active member of 4-H, and received awards in modeling. She plans to obtain a degree in floral design and cosmetology.

Karl Vawser, daughter of Richard and Donna Vawser, is a junior, active in bowling and Outstanding Academic Excellence award recipient. She plans to attend CSU.

Lauren Allen, daughter of David and Brenda Allen, is active in debate, softball and National Honor Society. She will pursue a degree in music with a specialty in harp performance and pedag-

ogy at the University of Arizona.

Heather Jones, daughter of Wyly and Amy Jones, is a junior, has received numerous academic awards and in Who's Who Among American High School Students. She plans to study child counseling.

Lindsey Williams, daughter of Lenny and Teresa Williams, is a junior, and plans to attend art college. She has been awarded Student of the Year in information and technology.

Becky Jones, daughter of Mike and Penny Jones, is a senior class president and in National Honor Society. She has studied piano for the last six years, and volunteers at the Pregnancy Crisis Center.

Elizabeth Albright, daughter of Doug and Theresa Albright, is a senior, and involved in dance and judo.

Holly Owings, daughter of Keith and Vicki Owings, will attend the University of Idaho, majoring in animal behavior and training or elementary education. She has earned the University of Idaho Top Scholar award, American Top Scholar award and Presidential Academic Award.



Mystery unfolds on Buhl stage

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - Another mystery is on tap for Phantom Pig Productions on Buhl.

The curtain goes up on "The Pen is Deadlier" by Fred Carmichael at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at the Buhl Middle School auditorium, 216 Seventh Ave. N.

The play is directed by Tiffany Cramer and produced by David

Blaskiewicz.

The three-act play is about Horton, a ghost writer doing an autobiography for Clair Carendon, an ex-actress intent on destroying other's lives.

The story takes place in 1950's Hollywood, Calif. Carendon starts receiving postcards with no message and phone calls with no voice, so she decides to host a party to tell everyone to quit harassing her, but the party turns up two murders.

Caleb Thom will portray

Horton, and Rebecca Lawrence is Clair Carendon.

Carendon's daughter, Phyllis Johnson is played by Lara Welch, and Lt. Maples is portrayed by Kara Davidson.

Other cast members are Mrs. Griggs: Kaitlin Banickille; Jeff: Jeff; Greg: Greg; Isabelle: Isabelle; Michele: Michele; George: George; Andrew: Andrew; Hutchins: Wilma Hood; Dawn: Dawn; and Virginia: Morrow; Jaime: Nicholson.

STORK REPORT

Magick Valley Regional Medical Center

Brey Smith Yore, son of Mini Lee and Peter John Yore of Rupert, was born Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Ryn Cody Severe, son of Daric and Amanda Severe of Oakley, was born Friday, Feb. 28, 2003.

Marco Antonio Larios, son of Billie Jo and Salvador Larios of Burley, was born Friday, Feb. 28, 2003.

Brook Elaine McFarland, daughter of Jennifer and Darrell McFarland of Burley, was born Saturday, March 1, 2003.

Dakota Cole Ziegler, son of Megan Ziegler of Burley, was born Sunday, March 2, 2003.

Breyden Allen Fairchild, son of Desiree Ann and Corey

To announce a birth
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More information?
Call Melissa at 735-3278

James Fairchild of Burley, was born Saturday, March 1, 2003.

Ethan Ramon Bernad, son of Antonio and Trina Bernad of Burley, was born Saturday, March 1, 2003.

Dakota Cole Ziegler, son of Megan Ziegler of Burley, was born Sunday, March 2, 2003.

Mya Noell, daughter of John

Dunlap and Eric Noell of Burley, was born Tuesday, March 4, 2003.

Stanley James Haney, son of Lorie and Shawn Haney of Burley, was born Tuesday, March 4, 2003.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Kenndy Estrella Alvarez, daughter of Edith Alvarez and Ramon Llamas of Ketchum, was born Sunday, Feb. 23, 2003.

Jessica Rose Costanza, daughter of Cynthia and Jason Costanza of Fairfield, was born Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2003.

Jessica Jane Burks and Azme Marie Elizabeth Burks, twin daughters of Megan and William "Beau" Burks of Halley, were born Friday, Feb. 28, 2003.

By Corren Hart
Times-News correspondent

PAUL - In a meeting room at Paul City Hall, a dozen people pored over unusual coins wrapped in clear plastic. They were learning the art of grading coins. They are the faithful members of the Empty Pockets Coin and Currency Club.

The club has made a quantity buy of 2003 silver Eagles - one ounce solid-silver dollars that nobody really buys for a dollar because they cost much more. They decided the member price would be \$7.25. They sell coins to non-members at a higher price.

Peering through jeweler's, loupes, they examined each coin for wear, damage and discoloration. Terms like marks, strike, luster and eye appeal got bandied around. Was this a place where the die was polished too hard or a dent made by mishandling? Maybe, it was just a poor strike.

The members, who did not want their names published to

Want more information?

Anyone 18 years of age or older may apply for membership.

Regular membership fees are \$10 for adults, \$5 for junior members and \$15 for families who reside in the same household.

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month.

For more information, call 678-3938 and leave a message.

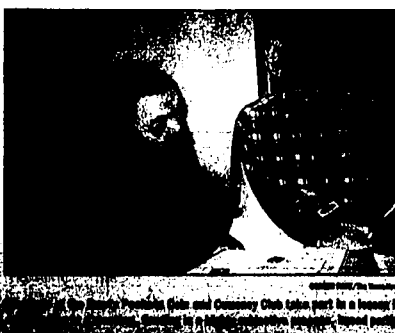
protect their valuable collections, say there is a lot to know about coins and only a handful of experts, so they help each other at sessions like this grading practice.

With the aid of a grading guide, they compared coin quality. They met in groups of three to try to arrive at a consensus. Should this one be an MS-63 (Mint State choice not circulated)? Or is it an AU-58 (About Uncirculated grade choice)?

Discolorations don't hurt a coin's value so long as they are naturally acquired, members say. Coins are handled as little as possible, and always by the edges, maybe wearing cotton gloves. Oils from your skin can eventually etch the metal, leaving a fingerprint.

Members say the process is part expertise and part intuition. They debate how their valuations would compare with an expert's evaluation.

Times-News' correspondent Corren Hart can be reached at 436-1186 or online at jim@timesnews.com.



TWIN FALLS COMMUNITY

Kimberly HS wins trial contest

TWIN FALLS — Eight teams from five area high schools competed in this year's Idaho Law Foundation High School Competition, with Kimberly High School team going on to the state semifinals of the mock trial competition.

For the third year in a row and the sixth year in eight years, Kimberly High School's A team placed first with 470 points, and will travel to Boise to compete at the state level. Lori Clements was the team's teacher. The semifinals and state championship competition will be held in Boise March 19-19.

The Kimberly High School's B team, with 463 points, captured second place and the right to compete at the semifinals competition.

Kimberly's B team teacher is Jim Stauffer. Both Kimberly teams were assisted by local attorney Tom High.

In third place with 438 points was Valley High School. Wood River High School's A team took fourth place with 422 points.

The students were presented the case of "The State of Idaho vs. Syd Parker." The defendant,

a fictitious character from the imaginary Idaho town of Mountainville, stood trial for arson.

Throughout the evening and in eight separate trials, Parker was variously acquitted or convicted of belonging to an eco-terrorist group and causing more than \$1 million damage to a ski lodge thillans was expanding into nearby wilderness.

Each team had to play the role of both prosecution and defense during the competition. Local judges, attorneys and community volunteers acted as judges.

KIMBERLY MIDDLE SCHOOL PERFORMS 'ANNIE'



Kimberly Middle School will perform the musical, 'Annie' at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 6:30 p.m. Friday in the school's gym, 141 Center St. W. Tickets for the Wednesday and Thursday performance will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for children age 14 and under and \$15 per family. The Friday showing is a dinner theater, and costs \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Only 100 tickets will be sold for this showing. Tickets are available at the school or Riddle's in Kimberly. For more information, call the school at 423-4170.

Photo courtesy of Kimberly Middle School

THINGS TO DO

Music

Snake River Plate Barbershop Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at 123 E. St. Rupert. Men of all ages invited, call 436-6647.

Snake River Plate Barbershop Quartet - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E. Men of all ages invited, call 736-4637.

Dance

Snake River Valley Square Dance Club - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Methodist Church at 211 S. Buchanan St. in Jerome; call Vera at 734-6647 or Tom at 124-4440. Couples welcome.

Bingo

Silver and Gold Senior Center - 7:30-9:30 p.m. 201 Main St. Elgin. Doors open and snack bar opens at 6:30 p.m. Must be over 18, call 425-5642.

Golden Years Senior Citizens Center - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 218 N. Rail St. W. Shoshone; Must be over 18, call 806-2369.

Agile Senior Center - 7 p.m. Tuesdays on Main Street in Kimberly. Anyone over age 18 is welcome, call 424-4338.

Golden Heritage Senior Center - 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays in 2421 Overland Ave. in Burley; age 18 and older, call 674-6664.

Middlesex County Senior Center - 7 p.m. Fridays, 702 11th St. in Rupert; age 18 and over, call 310-0707.

American Legion Hall in Wendell - 7:30 p.m. Fridays, 447 Seaview St. Dunsen; open at 6:30 p.m. Must be over 18, call 736-1729.

Jerome Senior Center - 6:45-9 p.m. Thursdays, 212 5th Ave. E. in Jerome; snack bar opens at 6 p.m., early bird at 6:45 p.m., regular bird at 7 p.m. Must be over age 18, call 336-5642.

American Legion Hall in Wendell - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 610 W. Main; Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Must be over 18, call 336-5642.

Twin Falls Senior Center - 11 a.m. the second and fourth Thursdays at 734-5084.

Verona of Foreign Wars Hall in Burley - 7 p.m. Saturdays; Call Alice at 679-5881.

To add a listing, please send a notice with: Name of the organization or club; Time, day and place of the activity; Telephone number of a contact person.

Send to: Pat Macartano, TheTimesNews, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83403.

Or fax to 734-5538.

Or e-mail to: patm@magvalley.com.

For more information, call Pat Macartano at 735-2388.

80/90 Newcomers welcome.

Snake River Elks 2007 - 7:15 p.m. Mondays at lodge, 406 E. 200S. Jerome; Call 324-0200.

West End Senior Center - at 7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at the center in Hault.

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SAYING THANKS



The Castleford FFA Chapter hosted a Community Breakfast as part of the National FFA Week observance. Tessa Burkhardt and Ed Kinyon, left, were among those served by chapter officers, on the right, Jorie Schorman, Danielle Hootland and Heidi Wiseman. The breakfast was free in appreciation of the support the community gives to the chapter, said FFA adviser Roger Wells.

SAORAH WISSELAVER/For The Times-News

Expert guides search for family pasts

HAILEY — "Family History: How Do I Begin?" is Gene F. Williams' presentation topic at 3 p.m. Saturday at Hailey Public Library, 7 Crow W. The program is free. For more information, call 788-2036.

Her presentation will include an introduction to the "Family Pedigree," how to begin record keeping by searching home sources, and then broaden to the many types of records available. Williams also will address basic and Internet searching, and include tips for displaying the information already collected. Plenty of time will be allowed for questions.

Her visit is made possible by a grant from the Idaho Humanities Council and Boise Cascade Corporation.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Local teen polishes leadership skills in D.C.

Lindsay Fiscus of Carey attended the National Youth Leaders Conference, Feb. 25 through March 2 in Washington, D.C.

The leadership development program invites high school students —

based on scholastic merit, community involvement and leadership contributions — to interact with national leaders.

By participating, students like Lindsay will become better equipped to address the challenges facing communities around the world, said Michael Lasday, executive director

of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, which sponsors the conference. The council is a non-profit, nonpartisan leadership education organization.

Students toured the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. Fiscus also had the opportunity to interact with a panel of nationally-

known journalists, including Ceci Connolly with The Washington Post, and Pam Hess with United Press International, and ask questions regarding Congress, national and international events, journalistic ethics and news prioritization, as well as advice and perspectives on how to start a career in journalism.

TFHS student participates in national honor orchestra

Angela Miller, a Twin Falls High School Student, was accepted to participate in the National High School Honor Orchestra at the American String Teachers Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Agile Valley Chess Club meets today

TWIN FALLS — The Agile Valley Chess Club is reorganizing and will begin meeting every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Salvation Army building, 348 Fourth Ave. N. in Twin Falls. The first scheduled meeting will be held at 6 p.m. today.

The cost is \$1 per person, and all proceeds will go to the Salvation Army.

For more information, call Julian Catana at 733-8720 or Barry Eacker at 733-6186.

American Legion Auxiliary holds dinner meeting

TWIN FALLS — The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 7 will hold a dinner meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the post home, 447 Seaview St. in Twin Falls.

The hostesses will be Norma Berkley and Phyllis Gerber. Members are reminded to bring a sandwich to share.

The auxiliary will discuss plans for the 5th District American Legion Spring Convention on April 11 in Post Falls.

Distribution assistance also is needed for Poppy Days on May 16-17.

For more information, call Helen at 734-1435 or Veeta at 736-1762.

Jerome Optimist Club holds carnival, auction

JEROME — The Jerome Optimist Club will hold its 5th annual carnival and fund-raising auction from noon to 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the Messersmith Building at the Jerome County Fairgrounds.

The carnival games include a prize wheel, basketball toss, dart throwing, bean bag toss, shell games and more. There also will be pizza and pop available.

Funny money, which can be purchased at the door or in advance, can be used to bid on prizes. Those who purchase funny money in advance will receive \$500 extra and a raffle

Silver Sage Grotto guides caving trip in April

TWIN FALLS — The Silver Sage Grotto will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Sage Room of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

The group will discuss a CSI Outdoor Program caving trip, which will be guided by the group on the first Saturday in April. There also will be a brief business meeting, and then a video presentation on the best of the 1999 Salon. Individuals and families interested in caves and caving are invited.

Local artist presents workshop for watercolor

TWIN FALLS — Local artist Jeanine Lee Sharp will present a six-part workshop for beginners in watercolor painting.

Basic techniques in color mixing, value and composition will be explored.

The class meets from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, April 3 through May 8 at the Twin Falls Creative Arts Center, 249 Main Ave. W. The cost is \$72.

Call 737-9111 to reserve a space.

Art Guild accepts applications for festival

TWIN FALLS — The Art Guild of Magic Valley is accepting applications for its 44th annual Summer Fine Arts Festival, formerly named Art in the Park, on July 26-27 in the Twin Falls City Park.

Any medium may be used. All entries will be screened for artistic merit and originality. No work will be accepted that is copied or based on commercial patterns, kits, molds or casts.

The Art Guild holds this annual show to help promote participation and interest in the arts

throughout the Magic Valley. All artists are welcome to apply.

For more information, call Dianne VanDaele at 733-8484.

Idaho Motorcycle Club holds Shamrock Ride

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Chapter of the Idaho Motorcycle Club will hold a shamrock ride Sunday.

Registration will be held from 10-11 a.m. at Action Cycles in Shoshone, 2540 Edison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. The fee is \$8 and includes ride pin and meal. All riders are invited.

For more information, call Art Fairbanks at 324-4695 or Bob Blair at 733-6863.

Woman celebrates 90th birthday with open house

TWIN FALLS — Helen Kniep will celebrate her 90th birthday



Helen Kniep

with an open house from 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday in the Fireside Room at the I m m a n u e l u s h e r e n Church, 2055 Filer Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Kniep was employed by Agrow Seed in Filer for many years. She is a long member of the Lutheran Church.

Former T.F. resident celebrates birthday

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. — Amber Fern (Cordie) Ash celebrated her birthday March 9 in Middletown, Conn.

Ash was born March 10, 1913 in Princeton, Mo., to Frank and

Bessie (Branam) Cordie. She married Alonzo Boyd Ash on Aug. 19, 1929, in Broken Bow, Neb. Ash is formerly of Twin Falls and has friends and family in Twin Falls.

Ash attends the Day Club, and enjoys playing checkers. Prior to her blindness, she wrote poetry that received national recognition.

She had five children. Those living are: Vaughn (Nancy) Duane Ash of Homedale, Sharon Dee Ann Jensen of Middletown and Alonzo Boyd Ash Jr. of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. She also has seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

West End Senior Center serves breakfast

BUHL — The West End Senior Center will serve an all-you-can-eat community breakfast from 8-10 a.m. the third Saturday of each month at the center, 1010

Main St. in Buhl.

The meal will include sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy and scones for \$3.

The thrift store is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, call 543-4577.

Pet vaccination clinic offered this Saturday

HANSEN — A pet vaccination clinic will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Hansen Fire Station, 357 Main St.

Dr. Tom Sanders Jr. will be the veterinarian. Dog shots offered include rabies, parvo, distemper and corona. For cats, there will be leukemia, rabies, distemper and FIP vaccinations. Shots are \$5 each or \$15 for all of them.

For more information, call Hansen City Hall at 423-5158.

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EDITORIAL

Magic Valley stands to lose with college regions

A new proposal to settle the territorial grudge match among Idaho's universities may relieve some nasty politics, but it could impede higher education progress in the Magic Valley.

The State Board of Education is considering a policy to designate a portion of the state as each institution's primary service area.

Under the proposal, colleges in the north (North Idaho College, University of Idaho, Lewis & Clark College) would be the primary institutions from Riggins on up to the Panhandle. Boise State University's area would be the southwest, from New Meadows to Glenns Ferry. Idaho State University and the College of Southern Idaho would be responsible for the southeastern portion.

Any colleges that want to begin a program outside its own area would need permission from the region's primary institution.

The main motivation for this plan is the continuing spat between BSU and U of I, over sharing the growing population in Boise and the Treasure Valley.

But while Idaho's two biggest schools go to the mat over one region, the less-populated Magic Valley is short on higher education opportunities.

The Magic Valley remains a desert Idaho in a state otherwise awash with four-year degree programs. If the State Board approves the new plan, that isolation could worsen.

Our view: A proposal to create primary service areas for Idaho colleges won't expand educational offerings in the Magic Valley. We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

A southeastern region, served by ISU and CSI, would not meet the Magic Valley's higher education needs. ISU has increased the number of classes it offers at CSI in recent years: Five bachelor's degree programs, four master's degree programs and even one doctoral program are available. But considering the wide range of studies and degrees that local students need, southern Idaho remains underserved.

It's time Magic Valley legislators realized the importance of bringing those educational opportunities to the area.

Residents of southern Idaho counties need more outreach programs that lead to bachelor's degrees.

This important economic issue for our valley, and especially for local women. This area's greatest demand for four-year college opportunities is among women with families or jobs, who cannot travel to campuses in Pocatello and Boise.

CSI isn't aiming to become a four-year institution, and the state can't afford another one anyway. Even so, local residents shouldn't be forced to take two-hour treks to complete their degrees.

For the Magic Valley to have those opportunities, the area will need the assistance and offerings of all the state universities – not just one. If the State Board passes a plan that authorizes only one four-year university to oversee our educational needs, the Magic Valley will lose out in the long run.

'Bushspeak' fails to win war of words

I used to chuckle at "Bushspeak," that peculiar way with the English language that some say makes the president sound like a down-home fella.

When he'd make up words – such as "misunderestimate" or leave out words altogether – "I know how hard it is for you to put food on your family," no one made much of a fuss.

Now that the nation is on the verge of war, I am not so amused anymore. These are times that call for an articulate president, if not an eloquent one. Bushspeak just doesn't cut it.

COURTLAND MILLROY

"The war on terror involves Saddam Hussein, the history of Saddam Hussein and his willingness to terrorize himself," the president said last month to an audience in Grand Rapids, Mich.

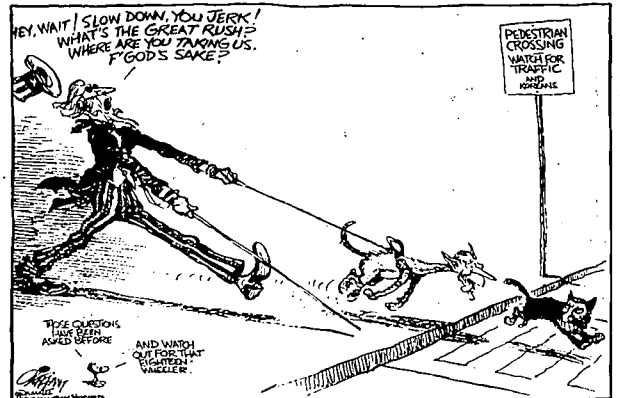
Expressing his resolve to "smoke out" terrorists, Bush told a gathering in Oklahoma City last year, "There's no cave deep enough for America, or dark enough to hide."

Of course, I get his drift – the same as I do when my teenage son mumbles. But Bush is not just somebody's kid. He is commander in chief. And his lack of command of English raises questions about the brain that is supposed to be in charge of his words.

"There's an old saying in Tennessee – I know it's in Texas, probably in Tennessee – that says, 'Fool me once, shame on you; Fool me twice, shame on me.' You can't get fooled again," Bush said in Nashville last year.

If, say, Secretary of State Colin Powell mused up words that way, he'd be fired on the spot, not that he would have been fired in the first place.

During his televised news conference Thursday, Bush told the



nation: "We're still in the final stages of diplomacy. I'm spending a lot of time on the phone talking to fellow leaders." But not long after that, he said, "For those who urge more diplomacy, I would simply say that diplomacy hasn't worked."

The next day, I asked Oretta Harris, head of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Howard University, to shed some light on what might be going on inside Bush's head.

"From a theoretical perspective, there are some speech patterns that are characteristic of neurological disorders and some that are not," she said, adding that her observations were about speech patterns and not necessarily about Bush.

Pausing at length while making off-the-cuff remarks, as Bush did frequently during the news conference, may simply show a lack of confidence in public speaking, Harris said, but not a

lack of confidence in what is being said.

Other unusual styles may be "learned articulation patterns" picked up from parents or regional ways of speaking.

Nevertheless, Bush seems to be right up there with Dan Quayle when it comes to verbal garble. Among recent presidents, he is certainly without peer when it comes to blowing a thought.

Before an audience in Manchester, N.H., Bush spoke of how determined America was to take down Saddam. He said: "I was proud the other day when both Republicans and Democrats stood with me in the Rose Garden to announce their support of a clear statement of purpose: You disarm, or we will."

People who communicate ineffectively, regardless of the cause, tend not to be persuasive, Harris said. So the results of a USA Today/CNN Gallup poll published in February should not

have come as a surprise: When asked whether they trust Bush or Powell more when it comes to U.S. policy on Iraq, 24 percent of the respondents said Bush, and 63 percent said Powell.

Of course, the trust poll was taken before most people learned that Powell had unwittingly used fake documents in making his case for war before the United Nations.

Speaking recently at a Boys and Girls Club in Washington, Bush noted the presence of Alma Powell, wife of the secretary of state, by saying, "and most importantly, Alma Powell, secretary of Colin Powell, is with us." It's been said by U.S. military officials that their bombs will leave Iraq in a state of "shock and awe" soon after the war starts. Bush's words have already done that to me.

Courtland Millroy is a columnist for The Washington Post.

LETTERS

Assess church taxes

To increase state revenue

Does the state of Idaho really want to increase its revenue? Sure it does. I'll give you a plan. Politicians, be bold! Be brave! Tax the churches. Oh God! Not the sky will fall. Why not tax them, I say? Peter the Great and other great world leaders in history have taxed the churches, and guess what? The sky did not fall. God did not burst from the heavens in anger. He may have even smiled a bit. After all, Menckens wrote: Religion in America "is used as a club and a cloak by both politicians and moralists, all of them lustful for power and most of them palpable frauds."

Such assertions should not be wasted, so why keep the churches off the hook? Tax them, tax them hard, and get their syndicate money away from government's back door and bring it in through the front door as hard cash. Let's see some of that separation of church and state; something America has never had.

And with this money, if you dare, take it one more step. Show some guts and push for a benefit every first world country has except, of course, the United States – national health care. With such a plan, we might actually help people instead of finding more and more expensive ways to milk them for every dime they have before we burn them at the stake.

Religion – it isn't all bad though. I can readily admit that a small amount is a good thing as long as it stays in the "little brown church in the valley," but no one in 1789 envisaged these diminutive bastions of Puritanism would become leviathans and breed some of the most powerful lobbyists in the world; and their proper-

ties in the year 2003 would sit on some of the most valuable real estate in the planet.

If the average working stiff, be it Joe or Jane, must bite the bullet during tough times, or anytime, shouldn't everyone, indeed everything, do the same – even those smug religious entities? There's the plan, simple and direct, now nail those preying mantises to the cross. Give the average taxpayer a break. Allow the churches to pay their share and save something besides souls – something they don't do very well anyway.

MARK SCHUCKERT

Twin Falls

Lawmakers receive farm subsidies for own interests

For your information, here is the Web site that lists all the Farm Subsidy Recipients in the United States: <http://www.ewg.org/farm>. Click on Idaho and see how many of our state lawmakers and county officials are receiving these welfare checks.

If you don't think this means anything to you, you should reconsider. It could be stated that they (lawmakers and county officials) are self-serving. What do you think?

KENNEY YOUNG

Twin Falls

Fish and Game editorial decouples use of taxes

The Times-News editorial of March 4 misrepresents an ongoing initiative which is intended to depoliticize the operations of Idaho's Fish and Game Department. Editors mislead the public by stating that an attempt to transfer funding authority from the state Legislature to Fish and Game commissioners would "just keep raising taxes 'til everybody's

happy." The Fish and Game budget is independent of Idaho's taxes. The department is funded by sales of hunting and fishing licenses, distribution of federal taxes collected on sales of hunting and fishing gear, contributions of conservation-related organizations and federal and some other funds dedicated to specific projects like mitigation of habitat damage caused by dams. Idaho's Legislature does not raise funds for Fish and Game but merely tells Fish and Game how to spend some of the funds provided by these sources. The impact of this initiative on your taxes is nil.

After deceiving its readership about the threat of increased taxes, the Times-News editorial staff tries to inflame our emotions with accusations of initiative organizers "hijacking control of Fish and Game for themselves," "stripping away the Legislature's budgeting authority" and "crushing the governor's power." The simple facts are that sportsmen are trying to provide for the needs of our state's wildlife, and they realize that our state government is a major impediment. Idaho's wildlife is suffering greatly. Elk and deer herds are down, bighorn sheep herds have been drastically reduced, antelope numbers are down, pheasants are all but gone and salmon recovery is a political phrase – not a reality. With our fish and wildlife resources in trouble, the emphasis should be on recovery. However, our recent governors have ensured the continuation of disarray by appointing a majority of Fish and Game commissioners who recognize a primary obligation to politicians instead of to the needs of our wildlife.

Our professional wildlife managers need to be totally engrossed in the long-term solution of exist-

ing fish and wildlife problems. That level of involvement is impossible to achieve with political whims causing regular changes of Fish and Game directors and with commissioners scrapping scientific wildlife management in lieu of politically popular alternatives. This initiative is needed to ensure that wildlife concerns receive attention and that wildlife is no longer treated as though it were merely an impediment to progress.

BOB FENNEY

Twin Falls

Initiative's goal is to promote less politics

I read your editorial dated March 4 concerning the WHIP Initiative. Yes, we do want to make the Fish and Game Commission less political. That is our goal. As to the system now "works" the governor picks whomever he chooses. The sportsmen of this state have no voice in selecting who is to manage the wildlife.

Yes, we would like to transform the Fish and Game into a wildlife advocacy group. What a novel concept! The 1938 initiative that created the commission stated just that!

The state attorney general's office did spot a possible flaw in the Initiative and that section will be removed.

You referenced taxes. There are no taxes involved in the Fish and Game's budget. None. Every state and federal dollar is contributed by sportsmen.

In future editorials, may I suggest more facts and less rhetoric? LARRY VELVICK

(Editor's note: Larry Velvick is the president of the Idaho State Bowhunters.)

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suggested a two-phase approach to the resolution, in which Saddam Hussein would have 10 days to make a "strategic decision," to disarm, council diplomats said.

The inspectors would then have a brief window to verify whether Iraq was carrying out a set of tests — or "benchmarks," as they are called — before the decision to wage war was made. The council was planning to hold an open debate today on the Iraq crisis.

Some of the uncommitted countries were talking about delaying the deadline by as much as a month, until April 17 — though it was clear that such a proposal stood no chance with the United States, as hundreds of thousands of American soldiers awaited their orders in the Persian Gulf.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said a vote on the resolution would not come today. He said consultations were ongoing and a vote could come anytime later in the week.

"The vote will be the day we get nine or 10 votes, and I think we're getting close," said Spanish Ambassador Innocencio Arias, whose country is co-sponsoring the resolution with the United States and Britain.

But on the surface, at least, Monday was not a good day for the coalition's efforts.

Pakistan's prime minister said for the first time publicly that his country, a key swing vote on the council, wouldn't support war with Iraq. And Chile, another vote which Washington is after, suggested it is not prepared to embrace the resolution without changes.

The resolution — which authorizes war anytime after March 17 unless Iraq proves before then that it has disarmed — requires nine "yes" votes. Approval also requires that France, Russia and China withhold their vetoes — either by abstaining or voting in favor.

The United States is assured the support of Britain, Spain and Bulgaria, with Cameroon and Mexico leaning heavily toward the U.S. position.

But with Germany, Syria and now Pakistan preparing abstentions or "no" votes, Washington is left trying to canvass the support of China, Angola and Guinea. But France and Russia seemed undeterred, saying Monday they would oppose the U.S.-backed resolution.

"No matter what the circum-

Iraq developments

Developments in the Iraq crisis:

- Secretary of State Colin Powell voiced alarm over the U.N. inspector's report that Iraq has unannounced aircraft capable of dispersing chemical weapons. Chief U.N. weapons inspectors Hans Blix later told the council that the drone did not constitute a "smoking gun." Blix said it should have been included in the country's December weapons declaration, but added that there was no indication yet that the unmanned vehicle was illegal.
- U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan warned the United States it would be in violation of the United Nations charter if it attacked Iraq without Security Council approval.
- Chief U.N. nuclear inspector Mohammed ElBaradei said he would send an Arab delegation with a message to Saddam this week, suggesting several changes in attitude to avert a war. "The next two weeks will be decisive and the ball is still in the Iraqi court," he told a Saudi-owned newspaper.

stances, France will vote "no," Chirac said in a televised interview in France Monday. "There is no excuse for war to achieve the objective that we fixed — the disarmament of Iraq."

His foreign minister was meeting top Angolan officials Monday at the start of a quick trip to lobby the undecided African members of the council.

In Moscow, Russia's foreign minister said: "Russia will vote against this resolution."

Facing the veto threats, Bush made an urgent round of phone calls to eight world leaders trying to salvage the resolution. Among those who received calls was Chinese President Jiang Zemin who told Bush that weapons inspections should continue and the standoff should be settled peacefully, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. Jiang was also called by British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Meanwhile, Blair struggled to head off a growing revolt within his own party unhappy with his Iraq policy. A third of the Labor Party lawmakers are already on record opposing Blair's pro-U.S. stance, and on Monday his International Development secretary, Clare Short, threatened to quit over the issue.

Noting the pressure at home and at the United Nations, Blair said he was open to a compromise.

Budget

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as a hedge against any further economic deterioration.

Republican House Appropriations Committee Chairman Maxine Baile of Jerome said the cuts, which apply to spending in the year that ends this June 30, allow the state to begin setting budgets for the coming year.

"War is pending, the drought is continuing, the economy is sliding. It just seems like it goes on and on," Baile said. "I have no doubt in my mind, there will be casualties."

Two weeks ago, the Senate killed a House-passed bill that added a 2 percent across-the-board cut on top of the one Kempthorne imposed. It cut more from public schools but less from the colleges. It totaled \$59 million.

Kempthorne has said he will not stand for further cuts in education, but there was no indication Monday from his office whether he intended to accept or reject the bill.

Democrats argued against it, saying the bill did nothing to raise revenues to keep the state's core responsibilities and services intact.

"If we're going to find our way out of our economic troubles, the way to do it is not to continue to cut away at our education system," Boise Democrat Ken Robinson said.

Republican Fred Tilman of

How they voted

Here is the 44-26 roll call vote by which the state House on Monday approved \$42.8 million in cuts in current state spending. A "yes" vote was a vote for the cuts.

- **Republicans for (44)** — Barracough, Barrett, Bauer, Bodke, Bell, Black, Black, Boltz, Bradford, Carmon, Clark, Collins, Crow, Deal, Denny, Elsworth, Eskridge, Field (18), Field (23), Gagner, Garrett, Harwood, Kellogg, Lake, Langford, McGeechin, McKague, Meyer, Miller, Moyle, Nielsen, Raybould, Ring, Roberts, Rydatch, Sall, Schaefer, Skoppen, Smith (24), Stevenson, Tilman, Willis, Wood, Newcomb.
- **Democrats for** — None.
- **Republicans against (20)** — Campbell, Eberle, Edmondson, Jones, Kulczyk, Rindler, Smiley, Smylie, Snodgrass, Trail.
- **Democrats against (16)** — Anderson, Bieler, Boe, Cuddy, Douglas, Henbest, Jaquet, Langhorst, Martinez, Mitchell, Naccararo, Ringo, Robison, Saylor, Shepherd, Smith.

Boise, the House Education Committee chairman, said these are "defining times" for the Legislature.

"I think it's time that people involved in public education step up to the plate and become part of the solution," Tilman said. "We have to start having a conversation not about how much money we are spending on public education, but how we are spending that money."

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When hard drives break, so can hearts.

"We've had people sobbing and crying in the lobby," said Bill Margeson, president of CBI Data Recovery Technologies (cbittech.com). "It's really sad. People are devastated."

As computers have insinuated themselves into every corner of our lives, so have the chances that hardware failure can cripple our activities. But a growing number of companies are springing to our rescue.

And data recovery specialists such as Margeson of Toronto and Dallas-based Data Recovery Services Inc. have a message for anyone who has crucial data stored on an apparently busted hard drive — or any other storage medium: Most of the time, your files can be reconstituted. And the cost — \$99 and up — may be more affordable than you think.

Tom Kapurch, vice president of Data Recovery Services (data recovery.net), says companies such as his are fielding more service requests from home users.

A University of Texas coed's father, for example, recently raced up to his office with his daughter's hard drive and a distressed expression. The drive had crashed as his daughter was preparing for final exams.

What's inside a hard drive

The typical hard drive works in a similar fashion to a record player.

Head actuator
Powers movement of head arms, at head arms, attached to it

Chassis
Contains hard disk components, logic board (outside chassis), controls movements of internal parts and of data into and out of drive via ribbon cable

Head arm
Holds read/write heads, moves them across platters, can move from hub to edge of platter up to 50 times per second

Platters
Thin disks that store data, typically made of aluminum, glass or ceramic, coated with magnetic media, most drives have at least two platters

Spindle and spindle motor
Turn platters in unison, motor built into spindle or mounted directly below it, spins platters at constant rate ranging from 3,600 to 7,200 rpm

Read/write heads
Read/write heads, usually one head per platter side, each head is attached to a single shaft so heads move in unison, only one head is active at a given time

What can go wrong?

• Head
• Platter
• Spindle
• Read/write head

"He waited an hour, and we had it all back for around \$100," Kapurch recalled.

The electronic components inside most hard drives — the circuitry — shouldn't be trusted to last more than two years, recovery services say. But the interior platters on which data is stored can hold your files for 60 years or more.

"Once it's there, it's generally there unless you scratch it off or bust it," said Kapurch.

In general, not even fires, salt-water flooding or plane crashes can harm the data stored on those platters. Operating systems may fail, but even reformatting disks retain old files that can be recovered, the experts say.

Of course, there are ways to

avoid using disaster recovery experts.

"People think that if it's on the computer, it's there forever," said Margeson. "They don't do simple maintenance. They don't do defragmenting of their hard drives; they don't do backups. There's a malaise they fall into."

Said Kapurch: "It's like 9-1-1. You don't see the disaster until it smacks you in the face. Computers have gotten so good and can do so much, we just think they're going to run forever."

Many of the drives brought to recovery specialists today were put into service in the mid-1990s. That's too long to expect hardware to function properly, they say.

And when drives start to self-

destruct, they usually give plenty of warning.

"They make strange noises. It's a grinding sound or clicks or whistles or whirrs," said Margeson. "If there's any new noise, that's a bad flag."

Many times, it starts with a clicking sound. Hard drives are sort of high-tech versions of phonograph records. That clicking means the data-reading head is returning to its parked position because it has lost contact with some data.

When the sounds start, it's time to shut down.

"There's no sense in repeatedly beating up the hardware," Margeson said. "That's only making matters worse."

Ideally, home users should back up their data every week, experts say. But that alone is no guarantee. Kapurch has seen corporations lose both hard drives and tape backups in fires because backups were stored in the same room.

Margeson has handled numerous cases where people thought they had good backup copies, only to learn they had been backing up an empty directory. In other cases, they attempted to back up files that were open on their desktops, and the backup program couldn't access that data.

Beyond storing backups in secure locations away from the computer, users would be wise to run tests on the backups.

Data stored on floppy disks, CD-Rs, Zip drives and other media can also often be recovered — no matter what the information technology people or the retail clerk at the big-box electronics store tells you.

PCTV records TV shows on your computer's hard disk

By Doug Bedell
The Dallas Morning News

Pinnacle's PCTV Deluxe demands a high-end Windows computer, but what it returns in value at \$200 is impressive.

Like the similarly priced WinTV-PVR from Hauppauge and Creative Lab's VideoBlaster MovieMaker, PCTV Deluxe turns your computer into a TV-like personal video recorder. You can schedule, record and watch as much television programming as your hard drive will hold.

Unlike its competitors, this software and hardware package includes a well-designed remote control and an ease of installation that puts the others to shame.

Pinnacle has created a multi-function, attractive stand-alone unit that can sit anywhere in the room within reach of its USB cable. There's no need to rip into the computer case to install anything.

On a modern computer equipped with USB 2.0, video can be transferred to the screen or hard drive at an impressive 480

megabits per second. Although PCTV Deluxe will function on older USB 1.1 systems, performance glitches arise. The video stream simply can't keep pace with the processor as it compresses images for PVR features such as instant replay and pausing live shows.

Therefore, despite the minimum system requirements printed in the manual, it's best to use this product on a Windows machine with at least 1 gigahertz in processor speed and USB 2.0.

None of the competitors offers the fast data rate transfer found in Pinnacle's PCTV Deluxe. And the design makes it easy to hook up a digital video camera to transfer home movies to your hard drive for editing and storage.

The software package is designed to help you burn CDs and DVDs with any video content, whether home movies or television programming. A full archive of all the "Sopranos" episodes, for example, can be scheduled and burned to a DVD-rewritable disk without a lot of clicking and fidgeting.

E-mail address should be kept close to the vest

By James Costas
Chicago Tribune

Q. I am one of many who is increasingly frustrated by the amount and increasing vulgarity of spam that shows up in my mailbox.

A. Today, I received an e-mail that was soliciting my business's Web site for a free listing on a "yellow pages" site. At the end of the message, there was a link to click if you did not want to receive future messages. That link took me to a Web site, www.spam.org, that "promised the following: 'If you wish your e-mail address to be removed' just enter it below and it will automatically be disseminated to all known spammers together with a threat of legal reprisals if they do not stop sending you unsolicited e-mail."

Why does it seem that this would be a really, really dumb thing to do? I didn't enter my e-mail address. Is this group legit, or is this another ploy to provide spammers with e-mail addresses?

A. After checking that address and following the links it offers, I must say that I don't know much more than you do about this particular Web site — whose sponsors are not listed. I can foot around clicking on such dubious links because I happen to have a stand-alone test computer stocked with more virus antidotes than Abbott Laboratories.

I found this Web site to be a ploy to sell some kind of anti-spam service but so laden with bogus information and transparent trickery as to raise major suspicions. But the point isn't really about this particular outfit.

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The point is that most of the miseries that spammers, hackers and other Internet low-lives inflict upon ordinary people is done by getting the victims to pull the trigger on themselves, such as sending one's e-mail address to unknown parties.

Sometimes it's opening an infected e-mail attachment such as the famous LOVEYOU virus. Sometimes it's an e-mail from a friend persuading victims to delete something from their hard drives, such as the prank where folks are tricked into searching out a teddy bear icon in the Windows system folder and deleting it.

Since the site you asked about lists no identifiable sponsors and sets off all kinds of other alarms, one should worry, at the very least, that responding would put one on some e-mail bombing target list. And one might expect that folks who display their vulnerability by replying to such a ploy will be prime candidates for other scams, such as spyware or even identity theft.

Your instincts are right on the mark, Ms. F. When dealing with e-mail it's a good idea to take some advice traditionally given to beginning reporters at Chicago newspapers, which might be paraphrased as, "If you mother sends

an e-mail that says ILOVEYOU, toss it out."

Q. I'd like to delete small icons for hidden programs that appear when I open folders in Windows XP. Also how do I know if the hidden programs are doing anything?

A. William Cooney, Erie, Pa.

A. Whooa, Mr. C. Be very careful about deleting any of those hidden files. They can handle everything from controlling the way your computer displays the information in a given folder to providing essential instructions for the computer's operating system.

By default you should not be seeing these hidden files at all in Windows XP. That's because

deleting or moving them can cause major problems.

To find the toggle for showing or hiding these key parts of the operating system, click on the My Computer icon and then select Tools and Folder Options. This brings up a box with dozens of commands for changing the way your computer works, including displaying hidden files. If you check the box next to the "Do not show hidden files and folders" option these pesky displays will stop.

You can then rest easy knowing that the operating system will warn you if some command you issue will delete these hidden files.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Motorcycle crash kills Jerome boy

JEROME - A 10-year-old Jerome boy died late Monday after suffering neck injuries in a motorcycle crash in Jerome County, an Idaho State Police dispatcher said.

The boy's name was not released Monday.

An ISP trooper at about 5 p.m. was called to 990 South, 2352 East, and was told by witnesses that the boy had been riding a motorcycle in a dirt lot there, the dispatcher said. The boy apparently hit a chain hanging between two posts.

Witnesses said the chain struck the boy at neck level and he was thrown from the motorcycle, according to reports.

The boy was taken by air ambulance to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead, the dispatcher said.

Deputies continue to investigate brief standoff

JEROME - Jerome County sheriff's deputies on Monday were still seeking information in connection with an apparent aggravated assault Friday in which a woman says she was threatened and shot at with a gun.

Jeffrey B. Jensen, 45, of Jerome was arrested late Friday on charges of aggravated assault and aggravated battery, according to the sheriff's office.

Deputies on Friday afternoon were called to a home at 150 E., 500 S., after a woman reported she had been shot at during a confrontation with a man, according to reports.

The woman, 42, told investigators the man held a gun to her head and fired one shot, according to reports.

She told deputies she then fled to a neighboring house and called for help.

The sheriff's department on Monday did not release the woman's name.

Deputies sealed off the area, and a SWAT team was called in. The suspect was talked into surrendering a short time later.

Anybody with information about the case should call Capt. Gerald Brant or Lt. Jim Dunsberger at the Jerome County Sheriff's Office investigations division, 324-8845.

Investigators change conclusion on fire cause

BUHL - Firefighters have changed their assessment of the cause of a fire that damaged a house at 1624 Maple St. in Buhl Saturday.

After further investigation, the Buhl Fire Department determined that the fire at the home of Sharon Howe resulted from combustible materials being too close to the back of the fireplace - not from the breaking of glass covering the front of the fireplace, Assistant Chief Earl Tyree said.

The fire did an estimated \$10,000 in structural damage and \$5,000 in damages to the contents of the home.

House said Monday she is staying with friends until it's determined whether she can return to the home.

St. Patrick's Day parade organizers seek entries

TWIN FALLS - The 17th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place at noon Monday in downtown Twin Falls.

The call for entries is on, and interested individuals, organizations and civic groups of all kinds are invited to participate.

The organizing committee announced the parade will follow the same route as in previous years - beginning at the Middlekauff (formerly Theisen Motors) area of Main Avenue East and continuing along Main, crossing Shoshone Street and continuing along Main Avenue North, ending in the area near AmeriTrade Lane.

Any individuals or groups interested in participating should call Stan Thomas at Rock Creek Restaurant, 734-4154, or Frank Day at Dunkin', 733-8114.

Compiled from staff reports

School District head vies for Washington job



Terrell Donich
Reached finals for superintendent job

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Terrell Donich, who has led the Twin Falls School District since 1989, is one of three finalists to become superintendent of schools in Clarkston, Wash.

Donich's candidacy for the job was announced by officials in Clarkston last week, according to the Lewiston Morning Tribune.

Following Monday night's Twin Falls School Board meeting, Donich confirmed he's a finalist for the job and said he's pursuing the position to be closer to his wife, Candis, who is superintendent of schools in Moscow - just 28 miles from Clarkston.

Asked about the prospect of leaving Twin Falls, Donich said the idea feels "awful" to him.

Twin Falls School Board members said that they were aware of Donich's possible departure.

"We don't want him to go, but we understand why he's leaving," Chairwoman Vera Redman said. "It's a family issue."

The current superintendent of the Clarkston district, Scott

W. Mutchie, has announced he plans to resign at the end of the school year, the Lewiston newspaper reported. His salary is \$104,900.

Donich makes \$91,886 as superintendent in Twin Falls.

The other two finalists are Steve Gubb of Florence, Mont., and Pete B. Lewis of Spokane, according to the Lewiston newspaper.

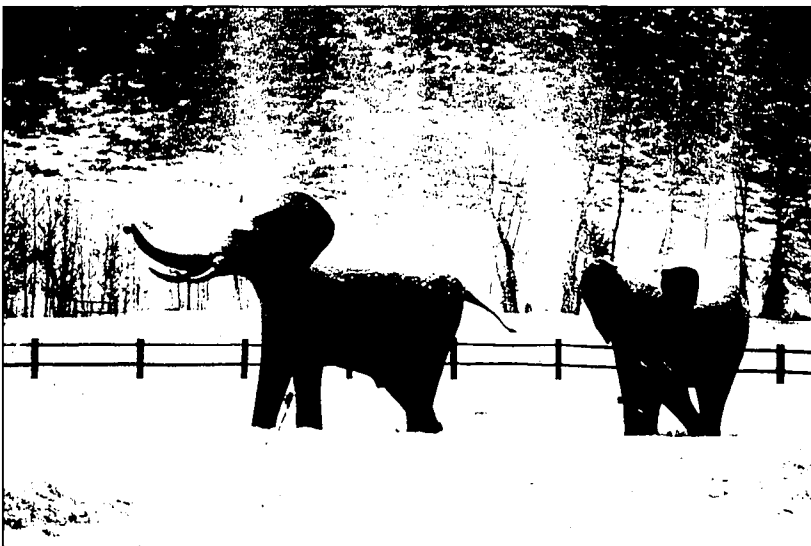
The three finalists are scheduled to meet with Clarkston district employees and members of the community Thursday and Friday, then be interviewed by the school board on Saturday.

Members of the Clarkston board plan to travel to Twin Falls to conduct a background check on Donich.

The board expects to announce its final selection by the end of March.

For a number of years, Candis Donich served as superintendent of the Salmon School District, and Terrell Donich made the four-hour commute from Twin Falls to that community on weekends. Since his wife took the job in Moscow last year, Donich has faced a weekly drive twice that distance.

SNOWFLAKES AS DAINTY AS AN ELEPHANT?



RAIN ROSS/CH/The Times-News

Sun Valley's resident elephants learned what Punsawatney Phil already knew - that there's still a bit of winter left - as snow flurries reminded them that they're far from the African savannah. The elephants, which inhabit a pasture along Sun Valley Road, are among the Peter Woytuk sculptures offered by Anne Reed Gallery. Bald Mountain got just shy of 10 inches of snow over the past few days. In Magic Valley, meanwhile, temperatures soared to near 60 Monday, and the relatively balmy weather is expected to continue through the week.

For-profit hospital execs discuss pros, cons

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - One of the biggest advantages of working at a for-profit hospital is having access to corporate services, said two chief executive officers of for-profit hospitals in Caldwell and Idaho Falls.

"Because we're part of a large system, we get the benefit of utilizing everyone's best thinking," said Doug Crabtree, chief executive officer of the Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls, a 300-bed hospital owned by the for-profit giant HCA.

Crabtree and his colleagues have access to the corporation's legal department, quality department and a number of other services.

Mark Adams, chief executive officer of West Valley Medical Center, a 150-bed hospital in Caldwell and another one of almost 200 hospitals owned by

HCA, agreed that one of the benefits of being part of a large corporation is access to an abundance of resources.

"I feel I have the best experts at my fingertips," Adams said. "I just pick up the phone and talk to them."

Crabtree and Adams, along with Edith Irving, chief nursing officer at Eastern Idaho Regional, spoke Monday with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Hospital Board about the pros and cons of being owned by a for-profit corporation.

Last year, Twin Falls County commissioners and Hospital Board members agreed to educate themselves on the how other county hospitals, as well as non-profit and for-profit hospitals, operate. Representatives from a number of hospitals will be speaking to the board in coming months.

Other benefits of being a for-profit hospital include:

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Commanders say call center frees up police

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A non-emergency call center in the Twin Falls police station and other measures have freed up more of street officers' time for active crime prevention, some police brass told the City Council Monday.

And one way to take advantage of the extra time might be to put it toward rooting out more drugs and drug-related crime, said Twin Falls police Sgt. Matt Hicks.

Hicks and police Capt. Jim Munn were among city officials who gave the council updates on progress related to some of the city's strategic goals - which included more proactive law enforcement.

Since the police station's call center went into full swing with a "311" non-emergency number late last year, community service officers at the center have been

siphoning much of the report-taking and paperwork away from street officers, Munn said. It's estimated that in the first three months of this year, the call center's CSOs took 45 percent of the department's entire report load, he said.

There was no exact measurement of how street officers' time has been affected, Munn said. But officers in recent months have been ordered to keep log books while on duty. Those logs indicate that the officers are free and available an average of 48 percent of the time they're out on patrol, Munn said.

One way the department plans to take advantage of that time is to direct street officers toward more aggressive narcotics detection enforcement, Hicks said. The department's exact tactics for that are still in the works, but the hope is to have a plan in place by June, he told the council.

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County, state reach an agreement about exit 208

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Idaho Department of Fish and Game personnel agree with Minidoka County commissioners that any improvements at Interstate 84's exit 208 could be removed if the county sells the property.

At their Monday meeting, commissioners read a letter from Fish and Game officials which was in response to a letter commissioners sent earlier outlining their concerns about proposed improvements by Fish and Game.

Fish and Game officials have proposed building three parking areas with room for a total of

about 15 cars, two outhouses, two fishing docks and many walking trails at the site. Fences would be put up to keep vehicles on roads.

Fish and Game Regional Supervisor David Parrish wrote that placing paths, docks, parking lots or fences on the property will not expand the Fish and Game easement on the property.

Fish and Game owns an easement along the water on the property which allows people access to the pond to go fishing. Fish and Game officials would want 30 days' notice to remove any improvements they make.

The letter requests Minidoka County pay 50 percent of the

cost to remove any improvements and assures commissioners Fish and Game officials make no decisions about wetland designation on the property. Fish and Game personnel review applications made to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers about wetlands, but the corps makes decisions about wetland designations.

Commissioner Marvin Bingham said there is possible change in the wetland designation on the county-owned property. A U.S. Supreme Court decision in January 2001 said the Corps and Environmental Protection Agency exceeded their authority when claiming jurisdiction over non-navigable

isolated wetlands.

Bingham said he would research the topic more and commissioners could discuss the issue at their next meeting on March 24.

Other commission business included:

- Public defender change - The number of felony court cases in Mini-Cassia is increasing. Public Defender Doug Whipple told commissioners. Because of the increase, Whipple wants to change the way the public defender's office operates in Rupert.

A full-time public defender's office operates in Rupert. Whipple wants it to become a half-time office, based out of a

Changes are in the wind for burning, odor bills

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - Three controversial bills that would take away the right of people to sue because of field burning and agricultural odors were in limbo as of Monday.

An attorney general's opinion has the sponsors reconsidering the intent and wording of the legislation. That could include restricting the legislation to field burning only.

One bill is based upon the idea that field burning smoke and strong odors crossing onto someone's property are not part of Idaho's trespassing law.

Another bill prohibits people from suing on the basis that field burning and strong odors are nuisances.

A third says no one can sue if a farmer is following "accepted" and common sense practices and rules.

House Agriculture Affairs Chairman Doug Jones, R-Filer, met with the legislation's sponsors from the Farm Bureau Federation and the Idaho Grain Growers Association in the governor's office to discuss the findings of the attorney general.

Specifically, Jones had asked the attorney general's office to address the constitutionality of the legislation.

Deputy Attorney General Steven Strack said if the bills become law, they would be considered constitutional until a court case proves otherwise. But he also noted that historically intangible intrusions such as noise, smoke and odor have been treated as nuisances, not trespass cases.

Another aspect of constitutionality that Strack addressed was that of abolishing people's right to sue. That issue was a common criticism of many people who came from around the state last Friday to comment on

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Doug Jones
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SERVICES

Richard Jack of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. today at the Heyburn 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 530 Villa Drive; burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Beatrice Bertha Hille of Rupert, service at 2 p.m. today at the Trinity Lutheran Church; friends may call one hour before the service today at the church (Hansen

Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Kenneth Max Durak of Hillsboro, Ore., and formerly of Mullanburg, service at 2 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Theo Lamont Tibbitts of Paul, service at 2 p.m. today at the Paul 3rd and 4th Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 300 S. 500 W.; Heyburn burial will be at Paul Cemetery; friends may call from 1:45 p.m. Tuesday at the church (Ras-

mussen Funeral Home, Burley).

William Ross Lewin of Mankato, Minn., and formerly of Shoshone and Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Shoshone Assembly of God Church, 120 W. Fourth St., Shoshone; interment at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Rupert Cemetery (Demaray Funeral Chapel, Shoshone).

Virginia Viola (Stout) Shaub of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Farmer Funeral

Chapel in Burley; graveside service will follow at West End Cemetery.

Catherine Mildred Watson Blom Burks of Paul, celebration of life at 11 a.m. March 22 at the Paul United Methodist Church; interment at 10 a.m. March 24 at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Wilfred 'Bill' Ficus of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

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TWIN FALLS

GOODING



Leona Ruth Wallace

On Saturday, March 8th, at the age of 73, Leona Wallace's life on earth ended and her eternal life began. She died at the Twin Falls Care Center, where she had been receiving care following a recent stroke.

Leona was born as the eighth of nine children to Ruth and Clarence Campbell on January 21, 1930, in Portia, Kansas. She moved to Idaho with her family at the age of 7 and lived in the Twin Falls area for more than 60 years.

By her family she will always be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother and sister who enjoyed cooking for them, caring for them, and always being there whenever possible. Crocheted afghans, potholders and embroidered pillowcases adorn their homes as mementos of her love. She will be remembered by friends as a true friend who would do whatever she could to keep in contact and bring encouragement. She will be remembered by several generations of children as her nurturing "Nanna" who had a heart of gold, but who also knew how to make the mind.

By others, she will be remembered as a cheerful hardworking waitress, or as the whistling housekeeper who kept their houses sparkling clean, or as the pet sister who kept their pets contented while they were away. She will be remembered by all as a woman who cared deeply for all people, worked hard, had a gift of gab, and could get along with almost everyone.

Leona graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1948, and kept lifelong contact with most of her friends from school. Shortly after high school she married Roy McMurdie, but they were later divorced. From this marriage came one son, Duane. She was also a mother to her two stepsons Donald and Gary McMurdie.

She married George Wallace in 1960 and they were together until George's death in 2000. From this union came Eugene and Martha. She also birthed twins who died at birth.

Some of her greatest passions besides taking care of all people's children were cooking and canning, camping, bowling, growing flowers, nurturing pets, and frequenting yard sales. She was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene for many years, but later joined the United Brethren Church and taught the youth for several years. Leona also served as chaplain in the Women's auxiliary of the American Legion. Leona was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, by both sons, by two baby twins, and by a sibling.

She is survived by three children, Duane McMurdie of Boise, Eugene Wallace of Twin Falls, and Martha McMurdie of Logansport, Indiana, two stepsons, Don and Gary McMurdie of Boise; three sisters, Opal Stover of Blackfoot, Pauline Stover of Edinburg, Washington, and Maxine Davidson of San Diego, California, one brother, Maynard Campbell of Modesto, California, six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family would like to thank every one of the many friends who visited our mom, especially while she was ill of late, and for all the health care providers who labored to give her a quality life until the very end.

A memorial service will be held at White Mortuary, 136 4th Ave. E. in Twin Falls, on Wednesday, March 12, 2003, at 3:15 p.m. The Rev. Lloyd Baker will officiate. Burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. There will be a viewing for family and friends on Tuesday evening from 6-8 p.m. Memorial services may be given to the Valley House, 507 Addison Ave., in Twin Falls, ID 83401.



Mary Ann Hagen

Mary Ann Hagen, 68, a resident of Gooding, Idaho, died Saturday, March 8, 2003, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Mary Ann was born in Longmont, Colorado, December 12, 1934, the daughter of H. L. (Henry) and Loraine Dietrich. Mary Ann graduated from Greeley High School, Greeley, Colorado, in 1952 and attended University of Northern Colorado. From 1975 to 1986 Mary Ann was the editor of the Lincoln County Journal in Shoshone. From 1986 to present she served as the editor of the Gooding County Leader. She married Alfred Hagen June 12, 1970, in Jerome, Idaho.

She is survived by her sons, Al Hagen of Gooding, Idaho, Kevin (Lynn) Rowlett of Corvallis, California, and Kent (Sandy) Rowlett of Grenbra, California; stepson Eric Hagen of Portland, Oregon; stepdaughter Remona (Skate) Rominger of Vancouver, Washington; sisters Margaret Patterson of Loveland, Colorado, and Shirley Merrill of Seattle, Washington; and 4 grandchildren. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, March 12, at 2 p.m. at Demaray's Gooding Chapel with the Rev. Andy Morris officiating. Cremation arrangements will follow the services. Interment will take place on a later date in the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon. Memorials may be made to the Gooding County Hospital Auxiliary, the Arbor Day Foundation or the Audubon Society.

Family members and friends may call today (Tuesday) from 1-7 p.m. at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

HAZELTON

Edwin W. (Bill) Stigile

Edwin W. (Bill) Stigile, 92, of Hazelton, Idaho, died March 8, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Bill was born October 5, 1910, in Homestead, Nebraska. He and Edwin and Sadie (Hughes) Stigile. He attended school in Lusk, Wyoming, often riding a horse seven miles to high school. After graduating in 1928, he worked at various jobs in the community until October 1940, when he entered the Air Force. He was stationed in the Lake County, Utah, and Sioux City, Iowa. He was an Aircraft Maintenance Crew Chief. He met Lida Gaskins in Sioux City. They were married September 6, 1942. They had four children, Terry, Linda, Jeannette and Kelly.

He was discharged from the Air Force in 1945 and they moved to Anameth, NE. In 1948, he drew a homestead at the Hunt Project in Jerome County, Idaho. The homestead was located east of Hazelton, in the Greenwood area. He and Lida farmed there all of his life. He milked cows and raised beef for many years. The homestead is now being farmed

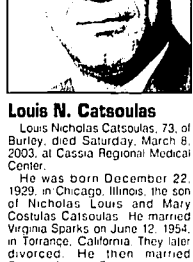
by his son, Kelly.

Bill was a member of the Eden American Legion and the Valley Presbyterian Church. Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Lida, one daughter, Linda (Kevin) Lords of Kennewick, WA, two sons, Terry (Sally) Stigile of Twin Falls, and Kelly (Valerie) Stigile of Hazelton, ten grandchildren, Gary and Suzy Lords, Kevin Stigile, Shelley Montgomery and Leo Stigile, Justin, Tyler and Christy DeVinaspre, Alanna and Austin Stigile, 6 great-grandsons, and two sisters, Norma Rae Patterson and Helen Blackmore of Texas.

His parents, one daughter, Jeannette Stigile DeVinaspre, one brother, Robert and one sister, Marna, preceded him in death. Memorial services for Bill will be held Wednesday, March 12, 2003, at 2 p.m. at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Interment will be held following services at the Hazelton Cemetery in Hazelton, Idaho.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, March 11, 2003, from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes memorials be sent to Susan B. Komar Breast Cancer Research, c/o Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho 83401.



Louis N. Catsoulas

Louis Nicholas Catsoulas, 73, of Burley, died Saturday, March 8, 2003, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

He was born December 22, 1929, in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Nicholas Louis and Mary Costas Catsoulas. He married Virginia Spaulding on June 12, 1954, in Torrance, California. They later divorced. He then married Carlene Lucille Ericson on June 15, 1963, in Lynwood, California. Following their marriage, they lived in South Gate and Huntington Park, California, prior to moving to Simi Valley in 1968.

Lou worked for Sears & Roebuck Company, retiring in 1985, following 26 years of service. He and Carlene then moved to the Teton Valley in Idaho, where they lived until moving to Burley, three years ago.

Throughout his life, Lou was active in community service. While living in California, he served as President of the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Association of America for the tri-county area that included Ventura, Santa Barbara, and Kern counties. He was an avid reader, pinocchio player, and a movie buff.

He is survived by his loving wife, Carlene L. Catsoulas of Burley; three children, Diana Lee Catsoulas of Elkhart, Texas, Michael D. Catsoulas and Catherine L. Catsoulas of Winnemucca, California; and two grandchildren, Steve Cochran and Heather Chaplin.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Betty L. Cecilio and Alyce S. Fulmer.

A burial service there will be no formal service. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley.

DEATH

NOTICES

Matilda 'Tillie' Larson

TWIN FALLS - Matilda "Tillie" Larson, 81, of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, died Friday, March 7, 2003, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

A family gathering and memorial service will be held at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, 2003, in the assisted living day room at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel and Cremation Service in Jerome.

Paul W. Stewart

CARSON CITY, Nev. - Paul W. Stewart, 75, of Carson City, Nev., and formerly of Paul, died Dec. 18, 2002.

The graveside service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Paul Cemetery. A gathering for family and friends will follow at Connor's Cafe.

Ruth W. Heiner

BURLEY - Ruth Wilcox Heiner, 83, of Burley died Monday, March 10, 2003, at the Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly.

Arrangements will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

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Senate backs business tax break

BOISE (AP) — Three days after voting for a multimillion-dollar cut in education and other state programs, the Idaho Senate on Monday initially approved a huge tax break for business.

At the same time, the Senate Democrats' attempt to do away with the 2001 personal income tax reduction was defeated on a party-line vote.

Although many have blamed the tax cut for contributing to the current budget crisis, Republicans have gone out of their way to protect it, arguing that the economic slide would have been even worse without it.

The business tax break was rejected by both the GOP-dominated House and Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, primarily because it will cost the state \$70 million over three years.

Advocates say that failing to



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adopt the break developed by President Bush for federal taxpayers buying equipment after the 2001 terror attacks would impose undue hardship on Idaho's small businesses.

Critics, including the governor, said the state just can't afford losing more revenue as the state cuts education funding.

Most states have not adopted the bonus depreciation provision because of its cost. A final Senate vote is still needed on that tax break before it is sent back to the House for consideration.

Critics say the tax break rewards businesses for investments they would have made

anyway, while others say its value is limited since the bonus depreciation helps only companies with tax liabilities.

Only hours earlier, the Senate overwhelmingly approved the first pieces of a conservative budget plan for 2003-04 that erases the estimated \$160 million deficit by cutting all state spending more than 7 percent.

The three initial bills involve relatively small agencies — the lieutenant governor's office, the Finance and Insurance departments.

But they represent the commitment to cut budgets even more than the \$200 million in new and basic spending that has been cut in the past 18 months to avoid deficits.

Ultimately, that approach requires returning education funding to the levels of the 1999-2000 school year.

Neighbors' messes irk Cassia residents

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Kay Hansen knew something had to change when she began telling first-time visitors to her house to look for the rotting deer hide on the way.

Hansen, Frank White and Gail White asked the Cassia County Commission if the people living in the Starfish Ferry area, four miles west of Burley, were breaking any laws by leaving

refrigerators, rusting vehicles and stacks of cow hides in their yards.

At one point someone stretched a deer hide, with the head attached, to a fence, Hansen said.

No one ever removed the hide, and it slowly decomposed. The hide became a landmark due to its visibility.

"That's how we told people to get to our house," Hansen said. "If it's legal to have all that

stuff, that's fine and dandy," White said. "If it's not, let's get it cleaned up."

Redge Peterson, who lives on one of the properties the neighbors complained about, declined to comment. Neither Hansen nor the Whites have spoken to any of the neighbors whose property they find unattractive.

Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus said he would "see if it's something we can address."

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The department has also made progress toward reducing the number of traffic collisions in the county by enforcing a uniform speed limit for school zones, Hicks said.

Even so, the council voted to remove the 20 mph speed limit from the school zone in front of Twin Falls Christian Academy. Eastland Drive. The council decided to restore that stretch of Eastland to a speed limit of 35 mph — while keeping the school zone signs and crosswalks there in place.

That decision was made on the recommendation of the city's traffic safety commission, of which Hicks is a member. The commission has in recent months received numerous comments and letters from people who thought the speed limit was unnecessary in that school zone.

The commission looked into the matter, Hicks said. With the help and blessing of the academy's principal and staff, it was decided that few, if any, students actually cross or go near Eastland on any given school day. Instead, most children at the academy are dropped off and picked up in the parking lot by their parents.

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profit are having access to more capital and the best technology.

"We get tremendous resource support," Adams said. But so do hospitals that belong to large nonprofit chains, Crabtree said.

"Some large nonprofit systems have access to the same things we have," he said.

Living worked for the nonprofit Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise before going to work for Eastern Idaho Regional.

"To be honest, I haven't seen much of a difference," he said. But when it comes to being a for-profit hospital, there are some drawbacks as well. For instance, for-profit hospitals must answer to stockholders who don't live in the communities they serve.

"The trade-off is sometimes you give up some autonomy and local control in exchange for corporate support," Adams said.

One of the most important things a hospital — any kind of hospital — can do is to have a good relationship with its physicians, both Crabtree and Adams said. That means including them in the decision making. More than half of the board of Eastern Idaho Regional is made up of doctors, Crabtree said. And he himself makes it a point to touch

base with physicians regularly. Adams agreed.

"We have to figure out how to work with physicians, not against them," he said.

Board member Carl Snow asked about the hospital's relationships with their local media. Magic Valley Regional is a county-owned hospital, and its meetings are open to the press and the general public. Nonprofit hospital boards meet in closed sessions and exclude the media.

Crabtree said trust is the secret to a good relationship with local news organizations.

"We're open and honest," Crabtree said, adding that the hospital expected the same courtesy from the media.

Other Hospital Board business included:

- Complaint policy — The board approved a policy on service recovery for patient concerns, complaints or grievances.

- Employee turnover — The board was told that the hospital's worker turnover rate is expected to be 12.33 percent this year, the lowest turnover in more than 10 years.

- Safety goals — The board heard a report on 2003 national patient safety goals of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare organizations. Magic Valley Regional and other JCAHO hospitals are improving

grant money, and the Twin Falls Rural Fire Protection District has agreed to cover some of the remaining balance.

Utilities — The council agreed to gain table a proposed ordinance requiring city sewer and water service for all new subdivisions. The ordinance was first tabled in June of last year. The issue came up again last week. The council then turned down a zoning change request from Neil Larsen for property near Kimberly Road — partly because of general concerns over water quality in the city's area of impact. The council also voted to reconsider Larsen's request.

Animal shelter — The council appointed Stephanie Hillius and Carrie Shelton as alternate members for the city's animal shelter advisory commission. They will have voting powers only when filling in for absent full members of that board. The animal shelter advisory commission will have its first meeting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in the City Council chambers at 305 Third Ave. E.

Golf board — The council appointed Mike Redman and Mike McMasters to the city's golf advisory board.

That falls in line with recent criticisms that the Environmental Protection Agency leveled at Idaho's smoke management program. In response, Jones has crafted some legislation that would create enforcement procedures. His legislation would put the state Department of Environmental Quality in charge of field burning. The penalties would include taking away farmers' rights to burn and assign fines up to \$10,000 for violations.

That doesn't mean Jones is necessarily backing down on the bills. "I have some problems with the wording," Jones said.

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Sisters face charges of child endangerment

The Times-News

BURLEY — Two Burley sisters face charges for leaving their children alone for at least four hours at night while the two women went to a Burley bar.

The women were bound over to 5th District Court in Cassia County after waiving their Feb. 27 preliminary hearings in magistrate court.

Graciela Herrera, 31, faces five counts of felony injury to a child. Raquel Lara, 27, faces two charges of felony injury to a child.

Officials plan emergency services building

The Times-News

BURLEY — A planned emergency services building south of Elba is scheduled to speak today at a hearing featuring the chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

Alfred Maguire, who has participated in both Idaho and national Senior Citizens Association events, will be part of the hearing in the nation's capital, said U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, chairman of the Special Committee on Aging.

Among the others taking part is National Football League Hall of Famer Lynn Swann, who now serves as chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

The hearing is scheduled to be aired on ESPN 1 today.

Odor

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And Jones said he wants to bring the bill that would block lawsuits based upon smoke or odor before a subcommittee of the House Judiciary and Rules Committee to his committee.

As of late Monday, Jones said the sponsors were conferring with their attorneys.

As for odor, Dan Oberlander of Grain Growers said his group and the Farm Bureau have pretty much agreed that issue should not be part of the package, Jones

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CSI students plan Venezuela seminar

TWIN FALLS — A Latin American seminar, "Venezuela in Crisis," will be held at 7 p.m. today in Aspen 108 at the College of Southern Idaho.

The seminar is presented by Russ Tremayne, CSI history professor, and Latin American history students and is sponsored by CSI's Phi Theta Kappa students.

Tremayne will give the keynote address, "Thicker Than Blood: Oil Politics and U.S. Venezuelan Relations." Students will provide music and visual aids to illustrate the message of the contemporary crisis in Venezuela.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

Twin Falls man will take part in D.C. hearing

WASHINGTON — A senior Olympic swimmer from Twin Falls is scheduled to speak today at a hearing featuring the chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

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Magic Valley in brief

The hearing will examine the importance of fitness and nutrition on the aging process.

M.V. hospital offers classes for new parents

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is offering a new program for new parents.

NuParent is an eight-week parent development program that balances a focus on the needs of children with a focus on the needs of adults, according to a hospital news release. Each session includes time for a parent/child activity, a knowledge-building exercise and a parent support group.

Parents of babies and toddlers are encouraged to participate in NuParent. Topics to be covered include health and safety, parenting styles, nurturing, playing and nurturing your baby, and infant massage.

"NuParent is designed to meet the needs of parents who voluntarily seek to be the best parent they can be through the support of parent education resources," instructor Susan Beck said.

The classes will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays beginning March 12 at Magic Valley Regional's downtown location at 660 Shoshone St. E. Registration is required. To sign up, call 737-2102.

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INEEL will test cleanup methods

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory officials will spend the next few months testing four ways to clean up one million gallons of radioactive waste.

The waste — generated when crews cleaned what is now the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center — is scheduled to be shipped out of Idaho by 2012. It is one of the largest cleanup projects under way at the laboratory.

Officials are considering using a calcine process or a steam reforming process, both of which would heat the waste and leave solid matter behind.

They are also considering using a chemical process to extract cesium, the most highly radioactive element in the waste, as well as an evaporation process, which is untested on radioactive waste.

The alternatives were listed in the final environmental impact statement released

by the Department of Energy late last year.

But critics say the department is gambling on untried technologies instead of sticking with methods that have worked elsewhere, such as vitrification, which would turn the waste into glass.

The state of Idaho prefers vitrification because it has been tested at other Department of Energy sites and the glass is accepted at any of the nation's nuclear waste dumps.

"It's important that we get a clearer picture sooner rather than later," said Kathleen Trever, head of the Idaho INEEL Oversight Office.

"We are willing to consider options, but in terms of making a decision, it makes the most sense to have one technology, one option."

INEEL officials said their approach would save money, allowing researchers to troubleshoot during the testing process.

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Idaho Travel Council will meet in M.V.

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Travel Council will meet in Magic Valley this week to talk about efforts to bring visitors and their dollars to Idaho.

The council, which includes Chairman Woody Anderson of Albion and Jack Sibbach of Sun Valley, is set to meet in the Cedar and Juniper rooms of the Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs (formerly WestCoast Twin Falls Hotel). Wednesday's meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. at the hotel on Blue Lakes Boulevard North, and Thursday's meeting will be held at the Pomerelle Ski Area near Albion.

Agenda items include: Idaho's winter marketing program; the Governor's Conference on Recreation and Tourism; Lewis and Clark bicentennial commemoration; advertising agency and Webmaster requests for proposal; and a group tour marketing program.

For more information, visit the Idaho Department of Commerce's Web site at www.idoc.state.id.us.

S.V. chamber, visitors bureau honor citizens

SUN VALLEY - The Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber & Visitors Bureau announced its Community Awards winners, all of whom will be honored at the 6th Annual Community Awards night at 7 p.m. April 4 at the River Run Lodge.

Honorees include Citizen of the Year Jeanne Cassell, past president of Advocates for Survivors of Domestic Violence, and Sun Valley Center for the Arts.

Two businesses share Business of the Year honors: Paul Kenny's Ski & Sports, which donates gear for the English as a Second Language ski program, among other things, and the Red Elephant Saloon, which has been heavily involved in raising money for groups such as Camp Rainbow Gold, a summer camp for children battling cancer.

Glenn Janss, who was instrumental in creating the Sun Valley Center for the Arts, is the Arts Advocate of the Year. Abbey Christensen, president of the Blaine County Teen Advisory Council, is Youth Citizen of the Year. Ron Brans, who has served as parade marshal for the Ketchum Wagon Days celebration the past two years, is Chamber & Visitors Bureau Volunteer of the Year.

Pete Cantor of Ketchum Automotive was honored in a new category - Environmental Advocate of the Year - for the effort he makes to dispose of and recycle toxic materials. And David Stone, who helped start the new Rotary Club Interact service club at Wood River High School, is Youth Advocate of the Year.

Tickets for the dinner are \$40 per person. For reservations, call 725-2103.

High court will decide phone carrier suit issue

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide whether major regional phone carriers can be sued by consumers and competitors under antitrust laws for providing inadequate access to their networks.

The case springs from a 1996 law requiring Baby Bells to make their vast networks available to rivals. The lawsuit, filed by a New York AT&T customer, claims Verizon Communications provided AT&T with poor and delayed access to its network, which caused phone outages at the customer's office.

If the high court will decide whether federal antitrust laws let providers and their customers sue the Baby Bells, or whether, as Verizon contends, customers can't sue using the laws.

If the court decides the case can go forward, it could make the Baby Bells - regional phone companies formed from the breakup of the Bell system - vulnerable to millions of dollars in consumer claims.

Quest Communications International is the Baby Bell which provides local-phone service to much of Magic Valley.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Wood products company lays off 700

The Times-News and
The Associated Press

BURLEY - The sluggish economy combined with high pension and energy costs has forced Boise Cascade Corp. to lay off 700 workers, or 2.9 percent of its work force, Chairman George Harad said Monday.

But the Boise-based company wasn't ready to say whether any of those cuts will hit its corrugated-container plant in Burley.

"I can't tell you how it will affect any particular location at the moment," Ralph Poore, media relations manager, said Monday afternoon. "I realize this creates uncertainty among employees, but we're

committed to implementing this process as quickly as possible, and communicating the process to employees."

Poore said: "These have been difficult measures to take, but they're necessary to sustain the long-term economic health of the company. We regret the impact these measures have on our employees and their families. Our employees have worked

hard to control the costs that they can, but costs beyond our control are rising."

Harad said the layoffs will cause a per-share loss of between 28 and 38 cents for the first quarter when the January-March earnings report is released next month. Wall Street analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call anticipated only a 7-cent loss.

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GOING DOWN



Workers on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange watch the monitors Monday. Wall Street's downward trend reasserted itself Monday as nagging fears about the war with Iraq sent stocks falling sharply.

War jitters drop Dow more than 170 points

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks tumbled Monday, pulling the Dow Jones industrial down more than 170 points, after France said it was prepared to vote against a U.N. resolution on Iraq.

For investors, the French announcement raised the prospect of the United States going to war with Iraq without support from its allies.

"It is just a very gloomy picture," said Peter Cardillo, president and chief strategist of Global

Partner Securities Inc. "Certainly the attitude, the psychology, the mood on Wall Street is one of gloom and doom, and that is continuing."

The declines were in keeping with the steep sell-offs the market has suffered all year due to uncertainty about war and the impact it would have on the already shaky economy. Trading volume was very light, another sign that investors refuse to make major commitments.

"The irrational despair seems to imply that there is no floor to

stock prices. The public without question has retreated psychologically and monetarily. The risk aversion is quite dominant," said Ned Riley, chief investment strategist at State Street Global Advisors.

With all 30 of its stocks falling, the Dow closed down 171.85, or 2.2 percent, at 7,568.18. The losses added to last week's decline of 1.9 percent, although the Dow finished higher on Friday. The broader market also pulled back. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 2.6 percent to 807.48.

The Nasdaq composite index fell 26.92, or 2.1 percent, to 1,278.37. Monday marked the three-year anniversary of the Nasdaq's all-time closing high of 5,048.62. Since then, the Nasdaq, down 74.7 percent from that peak, and the rest of the market have suffered brutal declines.

"Usually when you get to these depths of pessimism something happens, a catalyst comes along and reverses market psychology. But what that catalyst may be is anyone's guess, still part of the guessing game," Cardillo said.

COURT FILINGS

The Times-News

BOISE - Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Jon Richards and Shannon Bucklin, also known as Shannon Richards, 1123 Imperial St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets not indicated, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40308.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Jeff William Copenberger, 299 N. 300 W., Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40328.

Rose Adelaide Evans, 321 16th St., Heyburn, individual, nonbusiness,

Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40296.

Brenda R. Fouts, also known as Brenda Burgeyne, 2011 Palace Place, Heyburn, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40302.

Barren G. Baker, 531 Bailey Drive, Heyburn, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40304.

Mary Louise Linn, also known as Mary L. Linn, 156 Maurice St. N., No. 206, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness,

Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40307.

Joel B. Garcia and Maura M. Garcia, 41 W. Harrison Ave., Glenns Ferry, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40366.

Delbert L. Clawson, 3719 N. E. 2500 E., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40342.

Michael Claude Mayer, also known

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Credit score changes can cause confusion for professionals

Question: I pulled my Equifax FICO credit score today and it's gone up 41 points. Great, right? Well, it would be, but I couldn't find any changes in my report that would have caused it. I shouldn't complain but I'm astounded by the capriciousness of it. What if I had applied for a loan last week and been denied? Is this new, higher FICO score, which might have gotten me approved, actually my correct score?

Answer: Your confusion about credit score changes is shared by many, including some lending professionals. Mortgage brokers regularly complain to Fair, Isaac & Co., the company that developed the FICO credit score, that clients' scores have dropped or



seared seemingly without any changes in the underlying credit reports. (Credit scores, which are used by lenders to determine creditworthiness, are three-digit numbers computed from your credit history information.)

"When we get the brokers to fax us the before and after credit reports," says Fair Isaac spokesman Craig Watts, "we usually find that factors such as

account balances have changed. The brokers didn't notice the changes because they didn't expect those elements to be a factor."

Credit account balances can affect a score in a variety of ways. Typically, the bigger the balance you carry on your credit cards and other loans, or the more you charge in a given month, the more points are subtracted from your score.

Account balances are not the only details that change. Your credit file ages every day, and in the world of credit scoring, that's usually a good thing.

The FICO score factors how long you've had each account, the average age of all your accounts and the age of any delinquencies

or other negative information. The FICO formula adds points when you consistently pay your bills on time and subtracts fewer points as your old delinquencies get older. The longer you've had credit and the longer it has been since you've had any problems, the better your score.

The best way to make sure you have the most "accurate" score is to make sure the information in your underlying credit reports is correct.

It's smart to request your credit reports from the three major bureaus - Equifax Inc., Experian and TransUnion - at least once a year. The bureaus provide forms so you can challenge any errors or information that should be removed, such as late payments

that date more than seven years or a bankruptcy filing that's older than 10 years.

And the most reliable way of making sure you have the best score is to handle credit wisely: Pay your bills on time, don't apply for credit you don't need, don't max out your credit cards, pay down your debts.

Over time, your responsible use of credit will help you achieve a score that will make any lender happy to do business with you.

Questions can be sent to Liz Pulliam Weston at lpulliam@weston.com or mailed to her in care of Money Talk, Business Section, Los Angeles Times, 202 W. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Agency will boost renovation project

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A renovation project at downtown's central intersection will get a \$200,000 boost from the city's Urban Renewal Agency.

Agency members Monday voted to spend the \$200,000 to help Perrine Partnership LLC, a group of local business people who are directors of Magic Valley Bank, renovate the former Wells Fargo building at 111 Main Ave. W. Perrine Partnership rents more than half of the structure to Magic Valley Bank, which is moving various operations to that location.

The partnership and the bank are remodeling the structure inside and outside, and they asked Urban Renewal to foot a portion of the bill.

Perrine Partnership hoped to get \$50,000 or \$60,000 from Urban Renewal, agency member Richard Stevens said. But that large an expenditure isn't prudent in Urban Renewal's still cash-strapped state, several agency members said.

By July 1, Urban Renewal will have only about \$85,000 in its coffers that isn't already committed to projects or existing debt, Gary Evans, the city's financial director, said before Monday's spending decision. The vote drops that figure to \$65,000.

The agency's rule of thumb over the years has been to contribute up to 10 percent of a landowner's new property-taxable investment for renovations in Twin Falls' urban renewal area.

But landowners who come asking might not always be able to give that level, member Dexter Ball said.

"Sometimes we've been floundering, other times we're not," he said.

Magic Valley Bank presented Urban Renewal with a breakdown of costs estimated at \$1.8 million for renovation, Dave McAlindin, City Hall's economic development director, said earlier.

Monday's decision to give \$200,000 falls short of the 10 percent rule of thumb. But it breaks from tradition in another way, too - by giving money before renovation work is finished.

When Perrine Partnership finishes the renovation and knows exactly how big the bill is, it can ask for more from Urban Renewal. The agency later can discuss increasing its contribution, members Dave Woodhead and Dan Brans said Monday.

On a couple of recent projects by other landowners in the city's urban renewal area, the agency made its contribution based on actual change in assessed property value, Evans said.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE				AMEX				NASDAQ				
Most Active (\$1 on or more)				Most Active (\$1 on or more)				Most Active (\$1 on or more)				
Stock	Vol	Last	Chg	Stock	Vol	Last	Chg	Stock	Vol	Last	Chg	
AMERX	29,872	8.52	+1.4	AMERX	51,323	24.01	53	AMERX	15,536	15.36	-1.0	
AMERX	20,713	8.52	+1.4	AMERX	39,408	24.01	53	AMERX	15,536	15.36	-1.0	
AMERX	21,977	8.52	+1.4	AMERX	71,553	75.78	-1.77	AMERX	15,536	15.36	-1.0	
AMERX	20,732	58.13	+4.35	AMERX	26,622	21.97	-4.4	AMERX	15,536	15.36	-1.0	
AMERX	19,666	23.62	+1.56	AMERX	1,07	0.01	0.01	AMERX	15,536	15.36	-1.0	
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AMERX	4.90	7.07	+1.67	AMERX	2.40	+4.0	+2.5	AMERX	2.35	+5.0	+2.0	
AMERX	6.73	+2.9	+1.4	AMERX	4.00	+2.4	+6.4	AMERX	2.81	+5.0	+2.5	
AMERX	8.63	+2.2	+1.1	AMERX	4.00	+2.4	+6.4	AMERX	2.45	+5.0	+2.5	
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AMERX	4.90	7.07	+1.67	AMERX	4.90	7.07	+1.67	AMERX	2.16	+3.5	+1.9	
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AMERX	8.00	-4.61	-36.6	AMERX	4.00	-1.15	-20.7	AMERX	5.70	-2.50	-30.5	
AMERX	18.65	-3.82	-30.2	AMERX	0.00	-8.9	-19.8	AMERX	1.15	-2.54	-30.1	
AMERX	16.44	-3.59	-28.0	AMERX	1.00	-4.0	-12.4	AMERX	2.18	-3.50	-30.1	
AMERX	14.24	-3.59	-28.0	AMERX	1.00	-4.0	-12.4	AMERX	1.15	-2.54	-30.1	
AMERX	15.65	-3.65	-18.9	AMERX	2.00	-2.1	-8.0	AMERX	1.64	-3.28	-15.0	
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AMERX	151	Unchanged	95	AMERX	55	Unchanged	3,698	AMERX	1,501	Advanced	501	
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“I imagine that this is as bad as it gets.”

—Georgia athletic director Vince Dooley

IN BRIEF

Northside releases all-conference team

SHOSHONE — The Northside Conference announced its all-conference boys basketball teams Monday. Shawn Hennefer of Carey; Shoshone's Tony Periera and Mike Fitzgerald; Carey's Destry Simpson and The Community School's John Hayes were named to the first team.

Second team members were Flint Dill of Dietrich; Carey's Ty Simmons; The Community School's Jim Fairchild and Dylan Melhenny and Victor Vasquez of Richfield.

Honorable mention went to Phil Royal, Shoshone; Paul Ward, Richfield; Blake Surcus, Carey; Travis Kramer, Camas County; Ethan Weston, The Community School; John Sall, Carey; Jeff Norstebon and Sam Bray, both of Bliss and Dietrich's Tyler Brown.

The coach of the year is Dick Simpson of Carey.

SCIC announces all-conference honorees

DECO — The Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference announced its girls and boys basketball all-conference teams. The girls' team includes Brittanee Toone, Gooding; Jennica Mecham, Filer; Whitney Anderson, Declo; Ashley Peterson, Declo; Rachel Bulcher, Kimberly; Natalie Green, Wood River; Jessica King, Wood River; Sherry King, Buhl; Niki Peterson, Filer; Lacy Miller, Filer; Melissa Webb, Declo; Emily Smith, Wood River; and Krystel Averil, Buhl.

Kim Remus of Filer was named coach of the year while Buhl's Dani Kippes earned honorable mention.

The boys team included Tim Bournier of Buhl; Declo's Marc Christensen, Spencer Glenn, Trae Jones and Billy Alphin; Filer's Luke Gerrish, Justin Mecham, Jason Garner and Paul McLaughlin; Gooding's Jake Garcia and Kimberly's Aaron Osborne and Chance Askew.

Honorable mention went to Declo's Jordan Bagwell and Terry Darrington; Gooding's Levi Novis and Angel Aguilar; Kimberly's Ricky Zdrov and Refugio Regalado of Wood River.

Jerome Recreational District meets tonight

JEROME — The Jerome Recreational District and the Jerome Softball Association will be holding a league organizational meeting at the recreational center at 7:30 tonight.

Babe Ruth holds team registration today

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Babe Ruth Baseball will be holding registration at the Harmon Park Recreation Building today and Wednesday.

The registration is open to boys ages 13 and 14 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. A fee of \$60 is required at the time of registration, as well as a copy of the player's birth certificate and a release form signed by a parent. For further information call Gary Leavitt at 733-5532 or Linda Brittain at 734-2633 or 733-4600.

ASA umpires meeting set for Wednesday

JEROME — Anyone interested in becoming an umpire for ASA adult softball in Jerome need to attend an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Jerome Recreation District conference room. All interested umpires must be certified. Call 324-3389 during normal business hours for more information.

Clipping from staff reports



Salve Regina's Damian Costantino swings toward the ball for the NCAA-record breaking single Monday.

D-III player snaps NCAA hit record

By Mark Pratt
Associated Press writer

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Damian Costantino's name now represents for college baseball what Joe DiMaggio's means in the big leagues.

Costantino, who plays for Division III Salve Regina, broke New York Yankees third baseman Robin Ventura's NCAA record for consecutive games with a hit on Monday, singling against Mount Union (Ohio) to extend his run to 59.

Costantino, a 24-year-old outfielder from Warwick, R.I., hit an RBI single over the second base bag with one out in the third inning.

His teammates rushed the field to mob him as the play ended.

"As soon as the ball went over the pitcher's head, I knew it," Costantino said. "There is no emotion right now. I

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think the emotion will come when I tell my dad. It hasn't sunk in yet."

His father, Gary Costantino, has stomach cancer and could not make the trip to see his son break the record. Damian Costantino said he called him nightly.

"I know how it makes him feel," he said. "I can almost see him smiling over the phone. It's a warm feeling inside."

The hit came on a 2-1 count with one out and cut Mount Union's lead to 5-1. Mount Union went on to win the game 13-2. Costantino had lined out to second in his first at-bat. He tied the record the record Sunday with hits in both games of a doubleheader against Wesley (Md.) College.

Ventura, an All-Star who also played for the New York Mets and Chicago

White Sox, set the old college mark when he hit in 58 straight games for Division I Oklahoma State in 1987.

He didn't even know his record was in jeopardy until this weekend.

"I know his name now," Ventura said Sunday. "I hope he does it. I just know how hard it is."

Costantino almost had his streak snapped in the first game of Sunday's doubleheader, striking out in his first three at-bats. But he lined an 0-1 pitch just inside the first-base line for a one-out double in the seventh inning, extending his run to 57 games.

The major league record is held by DiMaggio, who hit safely in 56 consecutive games for the Yankees in 1941.

Costantino's streak began April 1, 2001, against Rhode Island College. He had one hit in each of the Seahawks' first eight games that season.

Bulldogs drop out

Georgia suspends Harrick, withdraws from postseason play

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia suspended coach Jim Harrick with pay and withdrew from the SEC and NCAA tournaments Monday after an internal investigation showed three players took a phony class taught by his son.

Harrick's future is unclear while the school and NCAA look into allegations brought two weeks ago by a former player.

"The evidence and the findings presented to us indicated there was academic fraud," athletic director Vince Dooley said. "There's no evidence at all that Coach Harrick knew about what took place."

Georgia, ranked 21st in Monday's AP Top 25, was a lock to receive a first straight invitation to the NCAA tournament, which would have been the longest such streak in school history.

The Bulldogs (19-8, 11-5 Southeastern Conference) were to play Arkansas on Thursday in the league tournament in New Orleans.

The news caps a recent spate of scandals in men's college basketball, including suspensions of 12 players for using a school access code to make phone calls at Villanova, forfeits of six wins and boycotts of two other games at St. Bonaventure, and claims by a former student that he wrote papers for players for payment at Fresno State.

Georgia president Michael Adams said a decision on Harrick's fate would be made after the investigation.

"Sports is really a very nice — usually — sideline to our main function here," he said.

"The main issue to me ... is to



Georgia's Chris Daniels, left, and Kentucky's Chuck Hayes dive for possession during a recent college basketball game.

ensure you deal with the academic integrity of the place. Deal with the one course where there is questionable activity, correct it, and move forward."

Tony Cole — kicked off the Bulldogs last year — accused Harrick and his son, an assistant coach, of breaking NCAA rules.

Cole said Jim Harrick Jr. paid his bills, did schoolwork and taught a sham class on coaching. Harrick Jr. was fired Wednesday.

Cole said he never attended the class, but received an A.

Two other players — starters Chris Daniels and Rashad Wright — were also in the class.

Dooley and Adams decided to drop out of the postseason because of the serious nature of the academic fraud allegations.

"I imagine that this is as bad as it gets," Dooley said.



Georgia coach Jim Harrick listens to a question during a recent press conference.

Jordan lambasts Wizards effort

By Joseph White
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Michael Jordan is upset with his teammates. Twice in three days, he's accused them of not making the extra effort to get him to the playoffs one last time.

It's an amazing accusation. Surely these guys would jump through fire to see one of the all-time greats go out on top.

Not so, thinks Jordan, who says his self-recruited Washington Wizards twentysomethings don't match the desire of a 40-year-old man when it comes to "diving for loose balls, busting his chin and doing everything he can to get his team into the playoffs."

"It's not reciprocated from the other players on the team," Jordan said after scoring an under-supported 39 points in Sunday's 97-96 loss to the New York Knicks.

Commentary

The obvious question is why. Other than an occasional moment of inspiration — such as when Larry Hughes worked double-time to recover from an injury because Jordan did the same — why hasn't the Jordan intensity and work ethic permeated a team starving for success?

The most obvious answer lies in the awkward relationship Jordan has with the players. He's not only a superstar with a magnified presence, but also runs the team and will return to the front office next season.

As a result, he has teammates who admire and respect him, but they've never really bonded with him. Without their less of

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Losses pile up for Piniella, Tampa Bay

The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Lou Piniella despises losing, something he'll have to get used to with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Just don't expect him to say so. "It's going to be difficult. I understand that. But do I have to

accept it? No, I don't have to accept it," Piniella said Sunday, when his current team faced one of his former clubs, the win-at-all-costs New York Yankees.

"If the manager accepts it, the team's going to accept it," Piniella is one of just five managers who have taken over three or more teams and posted a winning record in their first full season with each.

He did it with the Yankees, Cincinnati Reds and Seattle Mariners but will be hard-pressed to do the same with Tampa Bay.

Despite Sunday's 8-3 victory over the Yankees, the Devil Rays are 7-7 in their opening 14 games, figures to get worse when the



Tampa Bay's Lou Piniella blows a bubble as he watches from the dugout.

regular season starts, considering the team has the youngest roster and lowest payroll in the major leagues.

"Who really cares," Piniella said, shrugging off the slow spring start.

"The thing about it is, we've been competitive in every game. I've seen some positive things from our veteran players. We haven't been able to put it together yet to start winning some baseball games, but we will."

Piniella has won more games than any manager in the 2000s, winning exactly 300 the past three seasons in Seattle. But he longed for an opportunity to work closer to his hometown of Tampa.

So he happily walked away from the final year of his contract with the Mariners to accept the challenge of turning around a franchise that lost 206 games the last two years.

With an average age of 25.5.

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Another media giant looks to shed teams

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — For news and entertainment companies, owning a sports franchise can help build interest in other divisions, particularly fledgling cable channels. Once achieved, analysts say, there's not much reason to hold on to the teams.

Such is the case for AOL Time Warner Inc., the latest industry giant to seek a buyer for its sports teams. The company says it wants to sell the Atlanta Braves, Hawks and Thrashers to help pay down its \$25.8 billion debt.

A handful of individuals and investment groups have expressed interest in buying the teams in the past two months. The interest has been described as serious, but there is no specific timetable for a deal, according to two people familiar with the discussions who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The company won't reveal the names of those interested in the teams or how much it wants, but

analysts say the teams together are worth about \$750 million. Selling them individually could raise more cash, analysts say. The price tag could go even higher if the buyer takes over the company's operating agreements for Philips Arena and Turner Field.

The possible sale of the Atlanta sports teams is part of a trend at large media and entertainment companies. Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. has expressed interest in selling the Los Angeles Dodgers and The Walt Disney Co., which owns ABC and ESPN, wants to sell the Anaheim Angels and Mighty Ducks.

Profitability is especially important for AOL Time Warner because it has said it wants to focus on paying down its debt.

The company reported a staggered \$4.9 billion loss in the fourth quarter. Following the news, the management shakeup at the company intensified, with Turner resigning as vice chairman and Jamie Kellner stepping down as chief of Turner Broadcasting.

SPORTS

Rangers playoff drive stalls

NEW YORK (AP) - Viktor Kozlov scored two goals and Roberto Luongo made 40 saves Monday night to lead the Florida Panthers to a 2-1 victory that dealt a blow to the New York Rangers' late playoff drive.

The Rangers are four points behind the New York Islanders, who hold the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. The Islanders have played three fewer games than the Rangers. New York was on a season-high five game unbeaten streak, a four-game unbeaten streak at home, and a six-game winning streak against the Panthers.

Sandy McCarthy scored the New York goal.

Kozlov snapped a 1-1 tie on the power play at 3:32 of the third period.

Capitals 2, Flyers 1, OT

WASHINGTON - Peter Bondra scored a power-play goal 21 seconds into overtime as Washington rallied to beat puncheon Philadelphia.

Robert Lang's power-play goal with 12:51 left in regulation tied it for Washington. The Capitals have earned at least one point in eight straight games (5-0-2).

It was the first time this season that Philadelphia lost when taking a lead into the third period (2-2-3).

Shortly before the game, the Flyers sought to improve their depleted attack by obtaining Tony Amonte in a trade with the Phoenix Coyotes. Philadelphia has just three goals the past three games (0-1-0-2).

Hurricanes 6, Blue Jackets 8

RALEIGH, N.C. - Craig Adams and Kevin Adams scored in the opening 7:12 and Brad DeFauw added two goals in his NHL debut as Carolina held off Columbus.

The Hurricanes have a three-game winning streak for the first time since Nov. 29-Dec. 3. The Blue Jackets lost their sixth straight road game.

Carolina, the defending



Florida's Viktor Kozlov scores on New York Rangers goalie Mike Dunham during the first period Monday in New York.

Eastern Conference champions, was 3-22-4-3 in its previous 32 games before registering its third three-game winning streak.

Hurricanes goalie Kevin Weekes, coming off a pair of shutouts, had his career-best scoreless streak ended at 155 minutes, 47 seconds.

Canadiens 3, Predators 1

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Donald Audette scored two goals and Jose Theodore stopped 36 shots and had an assist as the Montreal Canadiens snapped a nine-game winless skid Monday night by beating Nashville 2-1.

The loss snapped an eight-game unbeaten streak at home

for the Predators, who desperately needed the victory in their attempt to qualify for the playoffs for the first time.

Montreal outshot the Predators 14-5 in the first period, and Doug Gilmour, possibly playing his last game with Montreal before Tuesday's trade deadline, scored at 4:51 off a rebound of Mike Ribeiro's shot near the right post.

Audette made it 2-0 with his sixth of the season by tapping in a rebound of Patrice Brisebois' miss from the left side at 8:47.

The Predators rallied and outshot Montreal 33-14 the rest of the game, and Oleg Petrov ended the shutout at 8:41 of the third with his first goal since being traded by Montreal to the

Predators.

Greg Johnson sent a shot across the crease from the right circle, and the puck went off Vitali Yachmenev's stick.

Petrov poked the puck back toward the crease, and it went off Theodore's right skate and the left post to pull Nashville within 2-1.

That would be it as Theodore stopped Vladimir Orszagh in front of the crease with 1:50 to go, and he smothered a shot from Scott Walker 26 seconds later.

He helped clinch the victory when he fed the puck to Audette who scored his second goal with 54.5 seconds left with a shot from near the red line that hit the middle of the empty net.

Trades pick up as deadline nears

The Associated Press

The Philadelphia Flyers' sputtering offense got a big boost Monday when Tony Amonte was acquired from the Phoenix Coyotes on the eve of the NHL's trading deadline.

Goals have been scarce for the Flyers, who have been coping with the lengthy absences of injured forwards John LeClair, Simon Gagne and Justin Williams.

Philadelphia general manager Bob Clarke made the deal that cost the Flyers left wing Guillaume Lefebvre, their second-round draft pick in the 2004 draft, and Atlanta's third-round pick this season, which the Flyers got in a trade last year.

Amonte was in the first year of a deal with the Coyotes that will pay the three-time 40-goal scorer \$24 million over four years. He was signed as a free agent last summer away from the Chicago Blackhawks, with whom Amonte spent 8.5 seasons. He was disappointing in his short stay in Phoenix with 13 goals and 23 assists.

The deadline is Tuesday at 1 p.m. MST, but many teams were

active Monday when seven trades were completed. The New Jersey Devils and Dallas Stars, the Western Conference leader, each made two trades, as did the NHL points leaders, the Ottawa Senators, and their bankrupt brethren, the Buffalo Sabres.

The Atlantic Division-leading Devils acquired defenseman D. Richard Smelik and a conditional pick in next year's draft from the Atlanta Thrashers for a fourth-round selection in this year's draft. New Jersey also obtained right wing Grant Marshall from Columbus for another conditional draft pick next year.

Forward Stu Barnes also obtained right wing Ray, both Sabres fixtures, were dealt away from Buffalo's team that has the third-fewest points in the NHL and faces a very uncertain future. Barnes, the Sabres' captain, was sent to Dallas for center Mike Ryan and Dallas' second-round selection in the 2003 draft.

In other moves, Chicago traded defenseman Lyle Odelein to Dallas for defenseman Sami Helenius and a conditional draft pick, and Ottawa acquired center C Bob Wren from Nashville for future considerations.

Hoch wins Doral title

Golf

MIAMI (AP) - Scott Hoch made the wait worthwhile Monday, holing two birdie putts to defeat Jim Furyk on the third playoff hole and win the Ford Championship at Doral.

"I guarantee I wouldn't have done that last night," Hoch said.

Hoch had a 9-foot birdie on the second playoff hole Sunday evening when he decided to stop playing, saying it was too dark to read the green. The suspension angered thousands of fans, who chanted and booed as Hoch and Furyk left the course.

Hoch played his ball just inside the left edge, hit it softly and it

curled in the right side for a birdie on the par-5 first hole.

"I wouldn't have read that right," he said to his caddy.

Furyk made his 6-footer for birdie to extend the playoff, as about 300 fans trampled through the dew-covered rough and followed along. Hoch made sure it wasn't a long day.

He hit his approach into 10 feet on No. 18, the most difficult hole on the Blue Monster, and pumped his fist when it dropped in the middle.

Piniella

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Tampa Bay is the greenest 40-man roster in the majors for the second straight spring. That means Piniella will have to be patient - which he didn't appear to be in a dugout tirade caught on film by a television crew last week. The 58-year-old manager insists, though, that he will be understanding while working to develop promising talent like Carl Crawford and Rocco

Baldelli. Yankees manager Joe Torre is among those who expect Piniella to succeed in Tampa Bay. And Torre figures he has a pretty good idea of what his counterpart is going through.

"You know what your job is. You know what you need to do. In Lou's case, he's such a passionate person in what he does. I'm sure he wants to instill in their players that to win," Torre said.

Piniella said that's all he's ever done.

"That's not going to change. I've had success my way. I believe in being fair. I believe in being honest. I believe in being open. I believe in demanding from the players," Piniella said.

"If you don't expect from players, you're not going to receive. We are going to expect, and part of that expectation is to win our fair share of ballgames."

Jordan

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an instinct to fight for him at crunch time, whether it's diving for that extra loose ball or hustling down the court to slow down a fast break.

"You can't help but look at him differently," center Brendan Haywood said. "You're not playing with a regular player. This is a guy who's going to be signing checks and deciding if we're going to be here next year."

Hughes said he's been surprised by the efforts Jordan has made to be one of the guys. Jordan will sit, talk, play cards and try to make everyone comfortable, but it's still not a normal locker room.

"It's definitely different," Hughes said. "It's a not situation a lot of guys have been through. There's not a set way to handle it. He's the guy on the team, so whatever he says or does basically goes. As professional guys, we roll with it. I personally look at it as a learning experience."

But "learning experience" are the last words Jordan needs to hear with just 19 regular season games left in his basketball life. He needs players who, in his words, are "going down with no bullets."

"I'm trying to do everything I can to verbalize and physically show what it takes to win," Jordan said after Sunday's loss. "It's up to them to see that and do the extra work and do the necessary things. We have too many players making the same mistakes in March as they made in October."

The Wizards are in trouble. They have lost four of five and sit two games behind Milwaukee for final Eastern Conference seed. They have just five games remaining and a chance to make the playoffs still

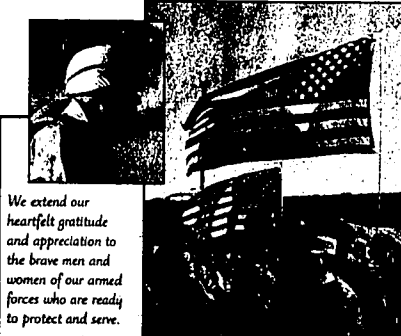
to come. The Bucks beat them Friday to win the season tiebreaker between the two teams, prompting Jordan's first swipe at his teammates.

There's also a subplot involving leading scorer Jerry Stackhouse, who complained after Sunday's game that he wasn't getting the ball enough and implied that the Collins was to blame. On Monday, Stackhouse said his comments came out stronger than he intended, but his point was still the same.

The words from Jordan and Stackhouse combined with the losses to make for a quiet practice Monday. There was none of the usual joking around on the court. Some players refused to discuss Jordan's comments with reporters, while others said they felt everybody was trying hard.

Jordan did not speak to reporters at all. Collins refused to discuss Stackhouse's comments. The coach let Jordan's words stand on their own.

"I don't know what else I need to add to that," Collins said. "I just think his sense of urgency is greater. He's counting down the number of games he has left. I think his words are far greater than anything I could say."



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SPORTS

Temperers flare in spring games

By The Associated Press

The beanball brawl has started, and it's only getting started. Vladimir Guerrero was ejected in the first inning Monday for starting a bench-clearing fight during the Montreal Expos' 7-4 win over the Florida Marlins.

Brad Penny's second pitch to Guerrero grazed the Montreal slugger's uniform. Still holding his bat in his left hand, Guerrero said a few words to Penny as catcher Matt Treanor tried to restrain the batter.

After Penny got closer, Guerrero swung his right fist

around the catcher at the pitcher, missing. Penny retaliated with a punch that missed, and the dugouts emptied.

"I'm not trying to hit a guy in spring training, especially not in the first inning," Penny said. "I'm out trying to throw inside. I thought he didn't like it. I wanted to throw it down. Then, I barely touched his shirt. He came out. If I wanted to hit him, I would have thrown a two-seam fastball."

The Mariners and Diamondbacks got into a bench-

clearing shoving match in Tucson, Ariz., after All-Star Bret Boone and Luis Gonzalez were hit by pitches.

Arizona right-hander Miguel Batista hit Boone in the left arm with a pitch in the top of the sixth.

In the bottom half, Jeff Nelson hit Gonzalez in the back with the first pitch.

Both dugouts and bullpens emptied, but no punches were thrown. Boone and Gonzalez came out for pinch-runners, but

neither was injured.

"It's just a spring training game," Gonzalez said. "By no means are we trying to hit Boone. He's one of their stars, one of the marquee guys on the team. All of us in here are big fans of him. He plays in the other league. I just thought it was stupid what he (Nelson) did."

Mariners reliever Arthur Rhodes was ejected, even though he never played. Melvin said Rhodes, scheduled to pitch later in the game, was thrown out because of remarks an umpire said he made as he walked back to the bullpen.

Buffalo, Washington are busy in free agency

By The Associated Press

Laveranues Coles may be the newest Washington Redskins in a makeover that hit double-digits less than two weeks into the NFL's free-agency period.

Also pretty active are the Buffalo Bills, who officially added linebacker Taken Sapp to what was one of the NFL's worst defenses last season.

Coles, who caught 89 passes for the New York Jets last season, signed an offer sheet with Washington on Monday. It was the fourth Jet signed by the Skins, who also have an offer sheet pending with kick returner Chad Morton, and have signed former guard Randy Thomas and kicker John Elia from the AFC East champions.

"I think it's more coincidence than anything else," Jets general manager Brett Broadway said Monday.

The Jets have a week to decide on the \$35 million, seven-year, \$13 million signing bonus. They have until Thursday to decide if they'll match the offer to Morton for five years and \$8 million.

The Redskins have, by far, been the busiest team in free agency, signing nine players, acquiring another by trade and trading five years for restricted free agents.

The Cincinnati Bengals, meanwhile, made a quick decision on Spikes, who they designated their transition player.

Washington made an offer sheet with the Bills on Friday and the Bengals waited just two days before letting him move on. In the interim, they signed linebacker Kevin Hardy from Dallas to replace him.

The Bengals also signed cornerback Tory James on Monday.

James, who started for Oakland in the Super Bowl after a rod stabilizing a broken leg, was released by Oakland in a salary cap move.

"I wish him well with his career in football," new Bengals coach Marvin Lewis said of Spikes, who made it clear he was tired of losing Cincinnati, which finished 1-14 last season and hasn't had a winning record since 1990.

"Today is the beginning of a new day in the Bengal organization, and in the shaping of the football team under my direction."

The Panthers released defensive tackle Sean Gilbert, ending a disappointing stint in Carolina for the 10-year veteran.

Gilbert started 56 games in five seasons with the Panthers. His last two years were shortened by injury.

Gilbert spent four seasons with the Rams before being traded to the Redskins.

He sat out the 1997 season in a contract dispute, and came to Carolina in 1998 as a free agent — a move that cost the Panthers two first-round draft picks in compensation after the Redskins made Gilbert a franchise player.

Tampa Bay continued to revamp its offensive line by signing center John Wade, who played five years for Jacksonville.

He started all 16 games for the Jaguars last season and has started 34 of the 54 NFL games he has played.

Wade replaced three-time Pro Bowl center Jeff Christy, who was released last month.

Tight end Dan Campbell signed a three-year contract with the Dallas Cowboys on Monday. The 26-year-old Campbell spent the last four seasons with the New York Giants.



BASEBALL

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Toronto	7	3	.700
Cleveland	8	5	.615
Oakland	8	5	.615
Kansas City	7	5	.583
Seattle	7	5	.583
Minnesota	8	8	.538
Chicago	7	6	.538
Baltimore	8	6	.569
Texas	6	6	.500
Boston	6	7	.462
Atlanta	4	8	.333
Tampa Bay	3	7	.300
Detroit	3	8	.273
New York	3	8	.273

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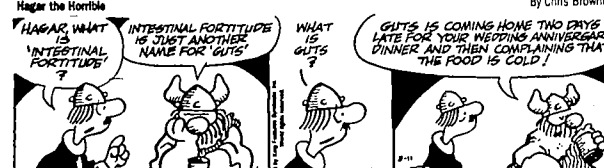
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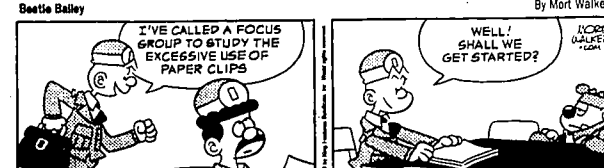
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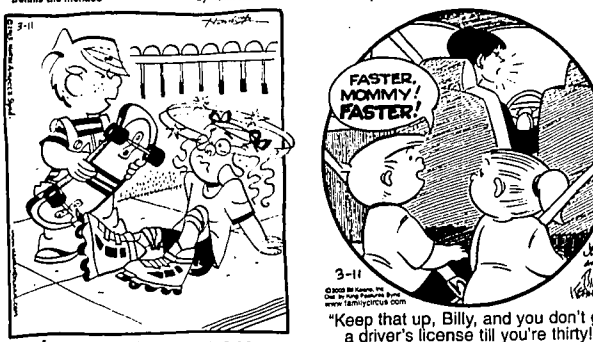


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The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



Rose Is Rose

By Pat Brady



Zits

By Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



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Strange Brew

By John Deering

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By Wiley

