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## Twist of fate, turn of plane lead to lost snowmobiler

### Searchers locate Rupert man

By Kent McCleary  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — When a helicopter picked up Scott Laib of Rupert from a ridgetop late Sunday afternoon, searchers had spent 25 hours combing the South Hills for him.

Laib wasn't even near the area that was searched, though, and the pilots who spotted him say they were drawn to him as if guided there.

At about 3:30 p.m. Saturday, the Cassia County Sheriff's Department

launched the search for Laib, who had lost his snowmobile in a canyon.

Search and rescue teams from the Mini-Cassia area and Twin Falls County had more than 30 snowmobiles out, but the weather, badly hampered the effort. Conditions also put a tetcher on an aerial search by the Twin Falls unit of the Civil Air Patrol.

"It was pretty lousy. Wind, snow, and cold," said Cassia County Sheriff's Lt. Jim Hignens.

Even so, teams and volunteers pressed the search by snowmobile through the night and into Sunday morning, Hignens said.

Through Saturday night and Sunday morning, Laib had one advantage, besides warm snowmobile clothes: a cellular phone.

"We had been in phone contact with him until early Sunday morning, up to 2 or 2:30. He was trying to give us directions to where he was. Unfortunately, he was off several miles," Hignens said.

CAP mission pilot Gary Thietten, 49, was waiting at the Twin Falls airport for a break in the weather. A pilot since 1969, Thietten first volunteered for the group about eight years ago and had already found two lost people with his airplane.

"It's an auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, so there's a lot of paperwork, and it's partly military. But it's the best decision I've ever made," Thietten said.

The only pay is an hourly rate for airborne missions, to cover fuel. Please see **LOST**, Page A2



Jim Davidson, left, and Gary Thietten spotted stranded snowmobiler Scott Laib from the air Sunday.

## Schools wrestle with rejoining lawsuit

### At issue is question of providing funds for districts to repair buildings

By Liz Wright  
Times-News writer

**RICHFIELD** — Politics and the weather have been unkind this past winter to Larry Tinker, superintendent of Richfield School District's only school.

Fluctuating temperatures cracked Richfield School's roof, the 44-year-old boiler broke down and students missed three days of classes while workmen restored heat to the school's coal furnace.

Meanwhile in September 1995, taxpayers rejected a \$885,000 bond election that included a request for new classrooms and a science laboratory. Fifty-one percent of voters approved the bond issue, but not the two-thirds majority needed.

Richfield is one of several Magic Valley school districts mulling over whether to join a lawsuit against the state over a lack of money to provide thorough education.

The Richfield district can't ask voters for more than \$1.5 million in school improvements because the town's total assessed property value is low. Both repairs and new additions to the school would cost more than \$1.5 million, Tinker said.

"\$1.5 million hardly buys anything anymore," Tinker said. The suit contends local districts should not have to rely on override taxes for basic funding. It also seeks state support for a building and maintenance backlog that some officials say is between \$700 mil-

lion and \$1 billion. Tinker said he has no position on the issue and will wait for the Richfield School Board to decide. He said he can understand why struggling farmers are reluctant to part with their money.

"They have to be really careful and conservative in what they do and sometimes you

*"It's a form of double taxation. The more money we raise, the less we get from the state."*

— Jack Hill, Moscow school superintendent

don't have a consensus on what are our true educational needs," Tinker said. At issue is whether the state should be in the business of giving money to schools whose buildings are in disrepair.

Some districts also can request more money from voters because the market value of property in their area is higher. They say the state should give every school a basic level of funding, and let voters buy the extras, if they want to. Among the suit's contentions is that it is too tough to get two-thirds of voters to pass a bond election — a hurdle most states have abandoned.

"It's a form of double taxation. The more money we raise, the less we get from the state, it's not fair," said Moscow School District superintendent

Jack Hill, the group's secretary.

"If students are entitled to a thorough education, it should not depend upon whether voters pass a special levy or not," said Robert Huntley, a former Idaho Supreme Court justice who is representing the lawsuit's backers.

The Idaho Constitution offers no real definition of a thorough education — and it is mentioned in one sentence in Idaho Code. And the attempts to define it are changing; some people define thorough to include technology and up-to-the-minute building and safety requirements, which increases the amount of money schools must ask for.

The lawsuit, filed six years ago by an group called the Idaho Schools for Equal Educational Opportunities, has changed its focus twice. Magic Valley school districts have joined and dropped out for numerous reasons, but mostly because voters started passing bond elections.

The lawsuit was dropped in 1991 when the Legislature pumped money into staffing. Schools benefited because they could hire more and better teachers.

But the lawsuit has regained popularity because lawmakers, like voters in Richfield, have not been in the mood to spend money to improve facilities.

Mike Gilmore, deputy attorney general for the Idaho Attorney General's Office, is defending the state. He asserts the state funding formulas are equal and the Legislature has

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## Tribes cite gaming economics



Margery Zarate of the Coeur d'Alene tribal council and Claudio Bronchoa, vice chairman of the Shoshone-Bannock tribe, were among those attending the hearing on tribal gaming in Boise Monday.

### Legislation aimed at curbing casinos

The Associated Press

**BOISE** — Tribal leaders put a human face on the success of their gambling operations Monday in their campaign to block legislation aimed at curtailing the casino activity.

"All we're asking is that we have a chance to grow economically," Nez Perce Tribal Council Chairman Sam Penney told the Senate State Affairs Committee. But after the first of what is expected to be two days of hearings, Committee Chairman John Hansen, R-Idaho Falls, predicted that the bill outlawing the electronic pull-tab machines that are making the reservation operations profitable will pass despite increasing public support for the tribal position.

Hansen also said, however, that he expected the entire issue to be submitted to a special legislative panel over the summer — a prospect Gov. Phil Batt raised last week when he seemed to moderate his stand for cracking down on the gaming operations.

Batt said passing the bill would not impact the tribal casinos since it still must be enforced by the U.S. Attorney's office, which has taken no significant action in the past three years to end operation of what state officials and the courts have said are illegal machines. And the governor said on Monday that



possibly the legislative assessment could come up with a way to keep much of the existing operation legal while opening the door for even greater expansion of reservation gambling against the state policy.

Batt has conceded the vast majority of voter contact he has had on the issue backs the tribes, and he agrees that gambling profits have greatly improved the depressed reservation economies.

Citing the millions of dollars gambling has generated for education and other programs on his reservation, Coeur d'Alene Tribal Chairman Ernest Stensgar maintained that the electronic machines could be used by the State Lottery under existing law and are no different than the State Lottery.

"I look at this and see the hypocrisy in it," Stensgar told the committee. "How can something that is so wrong for one group of people be so right for another?"

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## Yogurt to sub for lunch beef

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — Kids who have a beef with their school menu are getting a new alternative to the government's blessings: yogurt for lunch.

Over strenuous objections of the cattle industry, the Agriculture Department has decided to allow yogurt as a meat substitute in the nation's school lunchrooms.

Child-care providers and the food industry have been clamoring for the change for at least 15 years. School officials predict yogurt will be a hit with kids.

"They love it," said Katie Wilson, who runs the school lunch program in West Salem, Wis. "The little kids we have now grew up with yogurt."

Yogurt is low in fat and will offer a needed alternative for children who cannot or don't eat meat, said Mary Ann Keefe, USDA's acting undersecretary for food, nutrition and consumer services.

The department already allows schools to substitute cheese, beans, eggs and peanut butter for meat. Yogurt will be added to the approved list of substitutes by the end of this week, Keefe said Monday.

Many schools already offer yogurt at salad bars or as an à la carte item, sometimes even as a dessert.

Now schools will be allowed to serve it as a main lunch item.

# WEATHER

### IDAHO Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, March 4.

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## FORECAST

**Magic Valley**  
Patchy morning low clouds and fog today otherwise partly cloudy with a slight chance of snow or rain. Highs 35 to 40. Northwind 10 to 20 mph. Tonight partly cloudy with a slight chance of snow. Lows in the 20s. Wednesday mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow or rain. Highs around 40.

The ultraviolet index forecast is 2, a minimal exposure level.

**Extended regional forecast**  
Thursday through Saturday mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs in the 40s to 50s. Lows in the 20s east and upper 20s to the mid-30s west. Highs in the 40s east and mid-40s to the lower 50s west.

**Camas Prairie, Wood River Valley**  
Patchy morning low clouds and fog today otherwise partly cloudy with a slight chance of snow. Highs in the 30s. Tonight partly cloudy with a slight chance of snow. Lows in the 10s. Wednesday cloudy with a chance of snow. Highs around 35.

**Treasure Valley**  
Patchy morning low clouds and fog today otherwise partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s. Light wind becoming west 10 to 15 mph. Tonight partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. Wednesday mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain or snow. Highs in the mid 40s.

**Sawtooth Mountains**  
Patchy morning low clouds and fog today otherwise partly cloudy. Highs around 30. Tonight partly cloudy. Lows zero to around 15 above. Wednesday mostly cloudy with a chance of snow. Highs 30 to 35.

**Eastern Idaho**  
Mostly cloudy today. Isolated snow showers. Highs mid to upper 30s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Today night partly cloudy. Lows 20 to 25. Wednesday mostly cloudy. Highs 35 to 40.

**Northern Idaho**  
Patchy morning low clouds and fog today otherwise partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain or snow showers. Highs around 40. Light southeast wind becoming west 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon. Tonight partly cloudy with scattered snow showers. Lows 25 to 35.

**Northern Nevada**  
Partly cloudy and not as cold today. Light wind. Highs 35-40. Tonight mostly clear. Lows near 15. Wednesday partly cloudy and warmer. A slight chance of afternoon showers. Highs near 45.

**Northern Utah**  
Partly cloudy today. Highs near 40. Tonight partly cloudy. Lows 20-25. Wednesday mostly sunny and warmer. Highs upper 40s.

The ultraviolet index forecast is 3, a low exposure level.

### IDAHO WEATHER SUMMARY

A weather disturbance moved through the Gem state Monday, keeping Idaho cool and showery. Satellite imagery and surface observations indicated parts of the southwest cleared out for mostly to partly sunny conditions in the afternoon.

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Snow sweeps across northern Plains as heavy rain drenches East

**The Associated Press**  
Rain fell across the Ohio Valley and the Northeast Monday, adding to flooding problems, and snow fell from the Pacific Northwest to the northern Plains. A strong area of low pressure produced locally heavy rainfall in the Ohio Valley and the Appalachians into the Northeast.

A cold air meeting the rain produced snow in North Carolina, New Jersey and the New York City area. One to 4 inches of snow was expected overnight across interior sections of New England.

The rain began abating during the afternoon in much of the Ohio Valley, but many streams were still rising and thousands of people were forced from their homes.

One to 4 inches of rain had fallen since Friday from Mississippi across the Tennessee Valley into Ohio and West Virginia, with 10 inches in parts of southern Ohio and 12 inches around Louisville, Ky.

During the early morning, the same weather system also produced strong thunderstorms across Mississippi, Tennessee, and Alabama, with reports of winds gusting to as high as 65 mph.

Snow showers were scattered across the northern tier of states from the Pacific Northwest to the northern Plains.

In the Dakotas, where a cold front was pressing southward, gusting wind and heavy snow reduced visibility to near zero around Rapid City, S.D.

Monday's lowest wind chill was 29 below zero at Minor, N.D.

### NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, March 4.

TEMPERATURES

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	66	33	.....
Atlanta	77	67	.05
Boston	39	34	.....
Chicago	38	29	.....
Dallas	74	34	.....
Denver	45	30	.....
Des Moines	44	29	.....
Detroit	39	30	.....
Houston	76	40	.....
Indianapolis	39	33	.03
Kansas City	53	30	.....
Las Vegas	70	39	.....
Los Angeles	59	50	.....
Memphis	44	28	.....
Miami Beach	89	73	.....
Milwaukee	36	27	.....
Minneapolis	33	23	.15
New Orleans	74	31	.07
New York	41	39	.35
OKlahoma City	74	28	.....
Omaha	49	31	.....
Phoenix	72	45	.....
Pittsburgh	35	32	.15
Portland, Me.	37	29	.....
Portland, Ore.	45	38	.24
Reno	43	29	.....
St. Louis	52	33	.....
Salt Lake City	39	23	.30
San Francisco	55	45	.07
San Jose	44	30	.....
Spokane	40	28	.....
Washington	41	41	1.02

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 PRELUDE: H L  
 HIGH LOW SHOWERS RAIN T-STORMS FLURRIES SNOW ICE  
 SUNNY PT CLOUDY CLOUDY

Highs & Lows: Idaho: High, 47 at Weiser and Payette. Low, 7 at Stanley and Sun Valley. Nation: High, 88 at Naples, Fla. Low, 2 below zero at Gunnison, Colo.

### ALMANAC

**Idaho**

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	43	26	.02
Burley	35	28	.02
Fairfield	26	11	.06
Gooding	42	27	.03
Hagerman	44	28	.08
Idaho Falls	30	22	.01
Jerome	37	22	.03
Lewiston	44	31	.05
Molad	m	18	.....
Matta	m	m	.....
McCall	27	7	.....
Pocatello	34	27	.03
Salmom	34	21	.....
Stanley	32	7	.....
Sun Valley	30	7	.....

**Twin Falls**

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Yesterday	46	35	.....
Last year	46	35	.....
Normal	47	26	.03

**Precipitation**  
 Month to date: .11  
 Normal mo. to date: .12  
 Water year to date: 9.58  
 Normal year to date: 5.19

**Comfort factors**  
 Humidity at noon: 69 pct.  
 Barometer at noon: 29.92 S  
 Pollen count: Reports ended until next season.

**Other**  
 Coolest: Arizona and Albany, Idaho.

### SKYWATCH

Sunset today 6:31 p.m.  
 Sunrise tomorrow 7:08 a.m.  
 Lunar phase: Last quarter, March 2, new, March 8; first quarter, March 15; full, March 23.  
 Visible planets: Morning: Mars.  
 Evening: Saturn, Uranus, Comet Hale-Bopp visible: NE, 3:30 a.m.-6:30 a.m.; NV, 7:45 a.m.

## Schools

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 moved toward more equity, not less.

"I think schools can provide what is constitutionally required with the funding sources available to them," Gilmore said.

The lawsuit went to the Idaho Supreme Court, where it was remanded back to 4th District Court. There are three issues at hand: facilities, transportation and quality of education.

"I think we can prove the (students) are getting good instruction and good textbooks," Gilmore said.

Some lawmakers contend that

just because a school doesn't have technology and wheelchair ramps, that doesn't mean the state should take over the burden of all facilities costs.

"If it is safe and healthy and there is room for teachers to teach and kids to learn, that is all that is necessary," said Sen. Darrel Deide, R-Caldwell, who sits on the Senate Education Committee. "The Legislature thinks that has all been met."

Meanwhile, the Legislature is in no mood to open the public's wallet again.

Said Deide: "We've got an economy that is a little

depressed. I just got the news that Simplot is downsizing in my own community and that will have tremendous impact on the economy and I don't think there is any sentiment at all to talk about a tax increase, period."

In the Magic Valley, emotions about the lawsuit run the gamut from support to distaste. Magic Valley schools' support for the lawsuit has ebbed and waned.

Minidoka School District superintendent Nick Hallett said he will recommend his School Board vote to join the lawsuit. He has a laundry list of repairs that he says the district can't afford. The

more modern buildings nearby. The board hasn't yet decided whether to join the lawsuit or not.

"There is something wrong with the right hand suing the left hand, in concept," said John Garner, superintendent of the Kimberly district.

Originally, the lawsuit addressed the uniformity issue. At first it was an argument over the disparities in funding between small and big schools. Some schools dropped out of the suit when the Legislature poured money into staffing.

"It's an honor thing, I guess," said Phil Homer, Blaine County district superintendent.

Other districts, such as Twin Falls, dropped out of the lawsuit because voters in their areas approved bond elections.

Terrill Donich, Twin Falls' superintendent, still supports the lawsuit in theory.

"If there is no pressure on the Legislature, they will not address

## Lost

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 and maintenance.

Before takeoff, Thietzen asked his assigned spotter to switch with Jim Davidson, 47, of Buhl, a pilot for 28 years and CAP veteran. With the high winds and bad weather, Thietzen reasoned, a copilot would make the mission safer.

About 3:20 p.m. Sunday, the weather cleared, and they took off for the search area. They knew the weather and the oncoming night would limit their air time.

Thietzen made his priority flying over the area snowblowers had been covering.

"In a two- or three-hour window, you're not going to search very far out of the primary search area. I wouldn't even have planned on flying over that area (Laib's location). Maybe the next day, you would expand your search," Thietzen said.

The primary air search covered an area ranging from a mile south of Fisher & Sons campground, to seven miles north of Bostetter Ranger Station, and between the Third Fork of Rock Creek and several miles east of Bostetter.

Laib was actually about 6 miles west of Bostetter Ranger Station, northeast of the Pike Mountain lookout, Thietzen said — a mile to two miles west of the search area.

The best clues the pilots had was that Laib was on a ridge top, and had been walking a fence-line.

From the information Laib had given, Davidson was convinced Laib was farther west than he should be.

Laib saw the airplane, far off to the east, Hignis said, and signaled to call dispatchers once more on his dying phone battery. He said the plane should turn into life sun, Thietzen said.

Thietzen only learned about that message Monday. "We were never told that," Thietzen said. "We had radio silence for 10 or 15 minutes."

Said Davidson suddenly pointing to the west, asking for help. Davidson said he was following ridges.

"The area he was indicating was more than a mile west of the search area, and in an area off-limits to snowblowers, Thietzen said.

"I was thinking, 'That's clear

over on the other side of the (Third Fork) canyon, he's not sure to be out there,'" Thietzen said. "I did not know Jim to make sure that's what he wanted."

Trusting his spotter, Thietzen banked his Beechcraft Bonanza 45 degrees to the left. "A mile ahead, there he was," Thietzen said. "We flew right over the top of him."

Contact made, Thietzen and Davidson directed Dick Reeder, flying his helicopter, to the site to evacuate Laib to the Diamondfield Jack parking lot.

Laib was taken by ambulance to Cassia Memorial Hospital, and was in "remarkably good condition," Hignis said.

"A lot of credit should go to the people out on the ground. It was not a fun place to be," Davidson said. "We did the easy part. We did a nice warm airplane."

"I don't know why he wanted me to turn left. Call it luck, or call it guidance. (Laib's) wife told me, 'The message must not have gotten to the dispatcher, but it got to the big dispatcher,'" Thietzen said. "It's the nearest thing that's ever happened to me flying."

the issue and that is why I think some districts are litigating," Donich said.

Meanwhile, a recent state law forbids anyone to sue the Legislature, except for this lawsuit, which falls under the grandfather clause. For backers of the suit, they see it as their last chance to help the schools.

It frustrates lawmakers on the Senate Education Committee, as education consumes a growing part of the budget, but other demands such as prisons are causing strain.

"I don't know if you will ever be treated fair, I think every one of us thinks we want more, I think that is the nature of the beast," said Arlyn Bodily, superintendent of Valley School District, which dropped out of the original suit.

Said Sen. Shawn Keough, R-5742; Highways 747-215; Utah 801-964-6000; the Elka, Nev., area, 702-738-8888.

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### LOTTERY UPDATE

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Dirk Rozald of Blackfoot won \$1,000 on the Instant Cash Safari game. Dirk purchased the winning ticket at the Short Stop in Blackfoot.

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 POWERBALL NUMBER 12

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 NUMBERS  
**LOTTO**  
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### LOTTERY UPDATE

Interstate 86 — Dry, high winds.

Interstate 15 — Utah line/Main Pass, dry, wet, snowing; Pocatello/Idaho Falls, wet, snowing, drifts, high winds; Idaho Falls/Dubois, dry, icy spots; Monday Pass, snow, snowing.

Interstate 30 — McCammon/Montpelier-Wyoming line, wet, snowing, drifts, high winds.

**CORRECTION**

A caption Monday incorrectly identified a carpenter pictured doing construction work on a Burley home. Randy Wright of the South Central Community Action Agency was pictured in a photo which accompanied a story on a weatherization program for low-income families.

The Times-News regrets the error.

### LOTTERY UPDATE

Interstate 90 — Fourth of July Canyon/Lowell Pass, wet, snowing; U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Orfino, wet; Orofino/Lowell, wet, rain, fog, snow; Lowell/Lowe Pass, wet, broken snow floor, fog, snow.

Interstate 84 — Oregon line/Burley, dry; Burley-Utah line, icy spots, snowing.

Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend/Dannely, dry, wet, snowing; Coeur d'Alene-Canadian border, dry, wet; Riggins-Whitebird Hill, dry; Grandeville-Moscow, wet; Weiser-New Meadows, dry, broken snow floor, snowing; Marsing-Oregon line, dry, wet, snowing.

Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho Falls, dry, wet, snowing, drifts, high winds; Idaho Falls/Lowman, icy spots, broken snow floor, snowing; Lowman-Banner Summit, closed by slides.

Idaho 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, dry; Fairfield-Carey, icy spots, heavy drifts; Arco-Idaho Falls, wet, icy spots, broken snow floor, snow, drifts; Idaho Falls-Ashton,

# Gore made fund-raising calls from office, won't anymore



Al Gore

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Al Gore, under fire for his aggressive role in campaign fund raising, acknowledged Monday he made solicitation calls from his White House office but denied any wrongdoing.

"Everything I did, I understood to be lawful," Gore said. Yet, he added that he had decided never to make such fund-raising calls from his office again. "I never did anything I thought was wrong," the vice president said.

Gore defended his actions in a high-stakes White House news conference, markedly different from his occasional appearances on behalf of administration initiatives. This time, Gore was trying to protect his political honor as looks ahead to the presidential race in 2000.

Gore said, "On a few occasions, I made some telephonic calls from my office using a DNC credit card" — a reference to the Democratic National Committee. He said that as vice president, he was exempt from laws that generally prohibit people from fund raising in public buildings.

Insisting that he did not cross the line of legality, Gore said he never asked any federal employee or anyone who was on federal property for a donation.

"I never did anything that I felt was wrong, much less illegal," the vice president said.

Asked why he was changing his policy to preclude solicitations from his office, Gore said, "Because it's (caused) a great deal of concern and comment and it's not something I want to continue if it's going to raise ... concerns."

"If I had realized in advance that this would cause such concern I wouldn't have done it in the first place," he said.

As for criticism that he straggled potential contributors, Gore said, "I never said or did anything that would have given me a feeling like that on the part of someone who was asked to support our campaign. I never did that and I never will do that."

He brushed off questions about whether the controversy had hurt his chances for running in 2000. "I've told you before I'm not focused on any political campaign in the future."

Gore said Clinton never asked him to make telephonic calls but was aware he was helping to raise campaign money. He insisted that only a small part of the money he raised came from White House telephone calls. Most came from traditional fund-raising events, he said.

Some donors reportedly complained that Gore's direct solicitations were heavy-handed. Even within the Democratic Party, Gore's role was called inappropriate by Sens. Paul Wellstone of Minnesota and Robert Torricelli of New Jersey.

Gore's deep involvement in raising money was the latest twist in the controversy about the fund-raising tactics of the Democratic National Committee and of Clinton, who approved White House coffees and sleepovers for big-money donors.



A child's stuffed toy lies on the remains of a tree that had been cleared from a Benton, Ark., home Monday. Gov. Mike Huckabee said Arkansas had 14 tornadoes in a five-hour period Saturday.

# Arkansas disaster trip very painful for Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton has seen the worst that nature can deliver: crushed homes, flooded farms, grieving and stunned victims.

But this time it's painfully personal. This time, he's going home. Tornadoes ripped across Arkansas Saturday, killing at least 24 people and jolting lives along a 260-mile path of destruction. Clinton, a former Arkansas governor, flies to Little Rock Tuesday to survey the damage and comfort the survivors — some of whom he will know by name.

"It's a bad situation," the president said Monday. Since he left Arkansas four years ago, the president has toured countless disaster sites. Hugs, hand-holding, back-patting, shared tears, whispered words and solemn pledges of federal aid helped people dry out from Midwest floods, dig out from a California earthquake and come to grips with the national horror of the Oklahoma City bombing.

But he's never had it cut this close. "There's a personal interest in this that the president hasn't had before," said Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., shouting above cellular telephone static. "He's never experienced it at this level."

Bumpers was speeding down a Little Rock highway in a van also

carrying Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater and James Lee Witt, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Slater and Witt moved to Washington with Clinton.

The trio had just toured the rubble at College Station, a neighborhood near Little Rock. They were en route to Arkadelphia, a college town of 10,000 hard hit by the storms.

Worried about some friends living in the area, Slater had already made a trip to Arkadelphia. On a hunch, he stopped by their church. "Thank God, they were there," he said. In College Station, Bumpers kept his eyes open for Austin Porter, a former employee and old friend whose uncle died in the storms. He wanted to console Porter. "I didn't see him. But there were so many," Bumpers said, his voice trailing.

Slater and Witt have accompanied Clinton on past disaster trips, bringing promises of federal assistance across the country. "Here, we'll just do the same," Slater said. "But this time, we will do it for people who we know by name — and who we've worshipped with."

"It's like many disasters we've seen," Witt said. "Except this hits home."

At least Witt, Slater and Clinton can do something for

their home state. Most Arkansas natives inside the administration had nothing to do but worry. "We had an open line to Clark County all day on Saturday," said Trey Schroeder, a lawyer in the White House counsel's office. His wife, Megan DeLamar Schroeder, is from Arkadelphia.

"I think everybody from Arkansas, particularly Arkadelphia, had their hearts hurting for our little town, our little state," said Mrs. Schroeder, who works at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Mack McLarty, counselor to the president, is from Clinton's hometown of Hope, which is just 45 miles down U.S. 67 from Arkadelphia. "I've driven that highway many times and seen black clouds gather in the sky," McLarty said.

Neighbors called Monday night to tell McLarty that his homes in Hope and Little Rock were spared. "This (trip) will be very personal for the president," he said.

White House political director Craig Smith, also from Arkansas, was compiling a list of Clinton friends who were touched by the tornadoes, including state Rep. Percy Malone of Arkadelphia. Malone, a longtime political ally of the former governor, owned a pharmacy that was destroyed by the killer winds.

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# Study: Correcting levels of peptide may help HIV fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — AIDS patients may live longer if their medicines include a drug that is routinely used to fight overdoses of the pain reliever acetaminophen, a study suggests.

Some experts, however, are skeptical. Researchers at Stanford University Medical School said that AIDS patients treated with a drug called N-acetylcysteine, or NAC, tended to survive longer than patients who did not receive the drug.

A report on the study is to be published Tuesday in the Journal of the National Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Leonore A. Herzenberg of Stanford said that NAC restores normal blood levels of glutathione, a natural peptide that plays a key role in the function of cells. Patients infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, tend

to be deficient in glutathione, or GSH, she said, and this deficiency may play a role in progress of the disease.

"People who have low glutathione levels don't survive as well," said Herzenberg. "If they take NAC, their survival may increase."

NAC is routinely used in hospital emergency rooms to treat patients who have overdosed on acetaminophen, a pain reliever that reduces the level of glutathione in the body. Acetaminophen is the active ingredient in Tylenol and similar over-the-counter pain relievers.

Herzenberg emphasized that the survival study was only preliminary and that a larger and longer trial would be required to prove the effect of NAC on survival among HIV patients.

# Pentagon's IG takes over probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon shifted an investigation of missing Persian Gulf War logs to its inspection general's office Monday.

Deputy Defense Secretary John White announced the new investigation into logs that tracked chemical weapons reports during the Gulf conflict. A team reporting to White had been investigating the logs and filed a preliminary report last week indicating that more than three-quarters of the records are missing. Even though multiple copies had been stored in safes at U.S. military bases after the war.

"While our study is incomplete and will not be continued by the I.G., I have seen no evidence to suggest that anyone intentionally destroyed the log," said Dr. Bernard Rostker, the Pentagon official whose team conducted the preliminary investigation.

# Court allows sex bias suit against store

WASHINGTON (AP) — A sex-bias lawsuit accusing Home Depot, the home-improvement retailer, of discriminating against women in 10 Western states survived a Supreme Court challenge Monday.

The court, without comment, let stand rulings that force Home Depot to defend itself in a two-stage litigation against accusations of illegal job bias.

A first trial will determine whether the retailer discriminated in virtually every aspect of its employment decision-making — including hiring, initial job placement, training, promotions and compensation.

If any discrimination is found, a second trial would focus on individual compensation and relief for individual plaintiffs.

Lawyers for Home Depot contended that the lawsuit wrongly was certified as a class action encom-

passing some 217,000 women — 17,000 current and former employees and about 200,000 applicants.

In other matters Monday, the court:

- Sidestepped a divisive debate swirling around English-only measures by ruling that an Arizona dispute over efforts to make English the official state language never should have reached the nation's highest court.
- Ruled in a New Mexico case that the five years in prison federal

defendants get for using guns to commit their crimes should not be added to sentences they are serving for state crimes.

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NATION

Newspaper report on McVeigh based on stolen files, lawyer asserts



Timothy McVeigh

DENVER (AP) — Timothy McVeigh's attorney Monday accused The Dallas Morning News of breaking into his computer and stealing files that were the basis for a story containing a purported confession by the Oklahoma City bombing defendant.

that they had stolen documents," Jones said. "They knew or should have known they had no authorized release from Tim McVeigh, Judge Matsch or myself."

Jones' charges. The Morning News used "lawful newsgathering techniques," attorney Paul Watter said later in an afternoon news conference in Dallas. "We did not break any laws."

that Morning News lawyers obtained about 25,000 FBI memoranda and interviews with witnesses. By breaking into the defense's computer files, Jones said, the newspaper obtained hundreds of documents for McVeigh and co-defendant Terry Nichols. Jones said the newspaper may have committed "fraud, deception, misrepresentation and theft."

respond to a court questionnaire — the newspaper cited one defense memorandum that said McVeigh admitted to driving the explosives-laden truck that demolished the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in April 1995. It said he chose a daytime attack to ensure a "body count."

NATION

Clinton sides with Palestinians in Jerusalem housing project dispute



Yasser Arafat

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton chided Israel Monday for deciding to build a new Jewish neighborhood in Jerusalem.

with the merits of Israel's claim to the city and its outskirts as the eternal capital of the Jewish people. But his stance conflicted directly with Netanyahu's view that Israel can take unilateral actions altering the character of the city before negotiating with Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

barren area that was part of the West Bank before Israel expanded its capital. Netanyahu has offered to build new homes for Arabs in the city, as well, to accelerate an Israeli withdrawal from rural areas on the West Bank.

Asked if Arafat had warned of bloodshed, McCurry credited the Palestinian leader with being "very careful about that." Indeed, McCurry said, "his restraint is admirable."

Clinton called the decision to build a new Jewish neighborhood in Jerusalem "a mistake" and "the president understood the basis of that emotion."

Former CIA official admits to espionage

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Harold J. Nicholson, the highest-ranking CIA official ever to be charged with espionage, pleaded guilty Monday to selling secrets to the Russians.



Harold Nicholson

could receive up to life in prison and a \$250,000 fine, but that could be reduced as part of the plea agreement, which also calls for him to forfeit any assets he derives as a result of his illegal activity.

The entire proceeding was over in 14 minutes with Nicholson, clad in a khaki "Alexandria Jail" jumpsuit, speaking only to enter his guilty plea and to answer questions with "yes" or "no."

Nicholson's defense lawyer, Jonathan Shapiro, refused to answer questions about the plea agreement. But, he said without elaboration: "Jim Nicholson is a patriot, was raised by patriots, served his country for 20 years, and put his life on the line in ways the public will never even hear about."

Nicholson's plea followed a similar plea bargain Friday in the same federal court, when former FBI supervisor Earl Pitts admitted that he had spied for Russia since 1987.

Nicholson, like Pitts, sought to avoid a life sentence by agreeing to plead guilty and cooperate with authorities, attorneys and government officials said.

Judge James G. Cochrane set June 5 for sentencing Nicholson.

Meter feeder gets \$500 fine

CINCINNATI (AP) — A woman convicted of obstructing a police officer by putting coins into strangers' expired parking meters was sentenced Monday to pay a \$500 fine. She could have been sent to jail.

Hamilton County Municipal Judge John West rejected the defense's request that he throw out Sylvia Stayton's misdemeanor conviction on the charge of obstructing official business. The judge then fined Mrs. Stayton \$500.

She could have been sentenced to 30 days in jail and a \$750 fine. Mrs. Stayton insisted again today that she had not done anything wrong.

"I stand on that," she said after sentencing. "That's why I didn't plea-bargain. I wouldn't offer an apology because, in my own heart, I know I didn't do anything wrong."

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Clinton calls for everyone to help kids

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton urged Americans Monday to volunteer to work with children, saying everyone has a responsibility to help young people navigate their way past temptations.

The president unveiled public service announcements in which he and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton appeal for volunteers to be a tutor, mentor or a generally concerned presence in a child's life, in order to augment what they learn at home from their parents.

"We know we're going to be better off for doing it," Clinton said. "We'll get more out of it than we give."

A TV ad begins with interspersing Clinton's images with those of the first lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Washington, as Clinton says in a voice-over: "Every day, I try my best to meet the challenges that come with doing the toughest job in the world. If I fail, the consequences could be serious. That job isn't being president; it's being a parent."

At that point, it comes a shot of the Clintons strolling across the White House lawn with their teenage daughter, Chelsea. The Mrs. Clinton says, "With drugs and all the other pressures facing our children, it's tougher than ever to be a good parent. It's a job that none of us can do alone."

The campaign, which also includes designing to "remind every American that there are children out there who need our support."

"Just think of what would happen in this country if every single child who needs a mentor had one," Clinton said. "We know that being a parent is the most difficult and important job in the world. And we know that everyone has to help."

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The self-adhesive 32-cent stamps featuring Merian's botanical prints were premiered at the National Museum of Women in the Arts, which has a collection of Merian's work.

The new postage stamps feature a citron with moth, larva, pupa and beetle in the pineapple being investigated by two varieties of cockroach.

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## EDITORIAL

### For Magic Valley travelers, all is not dark on the horizon

Horizon Air is leaving Twin Falls in April, victim not so much of competition from other airlines as from another airport.

No matter how attractive the Seattle-based carrier made its thrice-daily connector flights to Boise, the truth is that it could never overcome the appeal of Boise's airport to Magic Valley travelers.

The 128-mile drive from the intersection of Interstate 84 and U.S. Highway 93 to the Boise airport now requires just an hour and three-quarters at 75 mph. Once you arrive, it takes only \$4 a day to park your car, a cost that can often be recouped from the discounted fares that airlines frequently offer from Boise to cities on the Pacific Coast and the Southwest.

In Horizon's case, even in a vibrant economy, those savings trumped convenience among local passengers.

That's not unusual at small regional airports in this era of airline deregulation. The Pocatello Municipal Airport is struggling in its battle for passengers with the better-served Idaho Falls airport, 45 miles to the north, and with Salt Lake International Airport, two and one-half hours to the south.

That doesn't mean there's no future

for airports such as Twin Falls and Pocatello. It just means they'll have to live with economic realities.

In our case, that means SkyWest Airlines, which runs five flights a day to Salt Lake City as part of Delta Airlines' hub system.

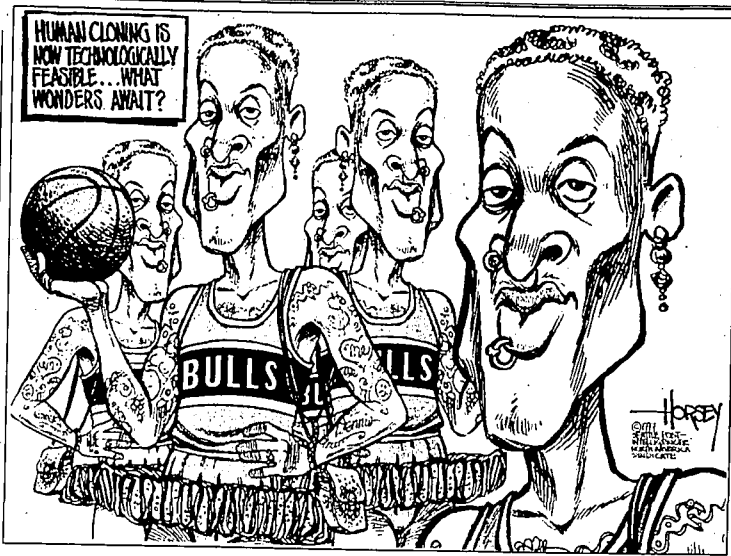
By all accounts, SkyWest's Twin Falls business is brisk; the airline will add a sixth flight to Salt Lake in April.

In short term, Twin Falls passengers aren't badly served, even if Horizon isn't replaced. For a city of 35,000 located between two airline hubs, it's remarkably easy and reasonably cheap to get anywhere.

But this is probably a one-carrier town, and likely to remain so until the Magic Valley grows considerably bigger.

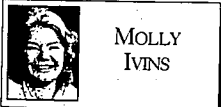
To its credit, Horizon gave Twin Falls every opportunity to prove otherwise. Maybe Magic Valley Regional Airport manager Ron Madsen will succeed in recruiting another airline as a replacement.

But if he doesn't, Horizon's departure represents an inconvenience, not a hardship. Travelers will still find their way to and from Twin Falls, and airlines that can make money by bringing them here will stick around.



### Is another conspiracy of fools upon us?

A perfect political Rorschach test for our time: "Military loses Gulf War records: 75 percent of chemical weapons logs are missing..."



"Pentagon reveals it lost most logs on chemical arms; Logs missing from two sites; Gulf War veterans now raise questions of cover-up or criminal incompetence."

The first requirement for taking this test is that you know no more about the situation than is covered in the headlines, which is about the same amount you learned from watching TV news.

- A. A cover-up. B. A foul-up. C. Dangled peculiar. Your choice means you are: A. Paranoid. B. A chump. C. A sensible person and nobody's fool.

the government? Or a big corporation? Or a doctor? Or a lawyer? Or a minister? Or a Boy Scout leader?

HELLO, we're surrounded by soundbells, knives and liars, you can't trust anyone, like was a commie, U.N. troops in black helicopters are planning to impose a New World Order, and the Bayesian Illuminati will get us all in the end.

On still another hand, Richard Nixon, among others, would have told you with his dying breath that Watergate was not a conspiracy, it was just a deadly combination of bad luck, bad timing and bad judgment. Plus some lying.

Bad luck, bad timing, bad judgment and, I am sorry to say, lying are also as common as dirt. And more common than all of them put together are simple and compound human stupidity. "Criminal incompetence" is a swell phrase. A person studying history could come to believe in criminal incompetence, either misdemeanor or felonious, the way most people believe in water. It's real. Consider also that we are speaking of the Pentagon, an organization that not long ago confessed that it had mislaid \$15 billion. Fifteen billion. Just mislaid. It can't find a trace. Had no idea. Sort of a giant "oops."

According to The New York Times, "The gaps in the logs include the period

from March 4 to March 10, 1991, when American troops blew up an Iraqi ammunition depot that is now thought to have contained tons of nerve gas and other chemical weapons... Today's report does add to the growing body of evidence that Defense Department officials mishandled - may even have destroyed - evidence that would have indicated that the exposures did occur. After years of denials, the Pentagon acknowledged only last June that some American soldiers might have been exposed to nerve gas and other chemical weapons, and it has since conceded that more than 20,000 troops may have been exposed."

Warnings from the CIA were apparently ignored, and American commanders received and disregarded several reports of chemical detections during the war.

So, what do they think they're hiding, assuming they are, and why are they hiding it? Monetary claims from soldiers whose health was damaged? That would certainly merit to the millions, even billions, ever \$15 billion. To protect the military's reputation for having achieved a brilliant victory in the Gulf War, a reputation carefully built and burnished by the military itself, in part to make up for its long period in the national doghouse after Vietnam?

That American soldiers might have been impaired by fiendish weapons made by the arch-villain Saddam Hussein wouldn't have fazed Americans one bit. The same our military might have lied about same to save either money or reputation would be truly devastating to the public trust.

In other words, if there's a conspiracy here, it's a conspiracy of fools. As usual.

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## LETTERS

### What reforms do Idahoans want?

The other night, I attended a trade dinner and sat next to a gentleman who happened to be in management at a large Idaho corporation. He began to ask me about the influence of Idaho corporations on legislative decision-making. As we talked, I realized once again that there is a disconnect among Idahoans about the influence of money on politics.

To the credit of my fellow legislators, the disconnect is caused more by what has become so apparent at the federal level. I suspect that we at the Idaho state legislature are being lumped together with the folks in Washington, D.C. It's not that our constituents think we are "crooks"; it's more guilt by association - we're all elected officials.

This is why I welcome Sen. Shelia Sorenson's effort to put Gov. Ben's ideas into a new campaign reform bill. However, I don't think the Senate bill goes far enough. Sen. Clint Stennett will be introducing amendments this week and the House Democrats will add the following elements in new House legislation:

- 1. For local and legislative offices, limit the maximum contribution to the primary and general election to \$250 each; Senate Bill 1228 allows \$1,000 each.
- 2. For statewide races make the maximum contribution \$1,000 each; Senate Bill 1228 allows \$5,000 each.
- 3. Lower the amount of contributions from \$1,000 to \$500, which must be reported within 48 hours to the secretary of state between the last filing period and election day; not in SB 1228.
- 4. Do not allow transfers of campaign funds from candidate to candidate, and if the candidate loses or dies and has funds in his/her treasury, allow the funds to be transferred to a party campaign account or a not-for-profit organization. SB 1228 transfers but does address dispersal of excess funds. SB 1228 permits transfers between candidates and only prohibits the conversion of excess funds for personal use.
- 5. Do not allow retiring legislators to register as lobbyists for two years; not in SB 1228.
- 6. Do not allow campaign contributions to be accepted for two months after the election or during the legislative session; not in SB 1228.

I would like to hear from you. What elements make sense to you? Do you support this campaign reform effort to expand the Senate bill?

Please take the time to call me or your legislator at 334-2000 or 1-800-626-6171. I would like to craft a bill which addresses your concerns. Thank you.  
REP. WENDY JAQUET  
Ketchum

### An INE(E)L by any other name...

What's in a name, a label? In my college marketing classes, we used to laugh at the fact that you could change the color of the box, print "New" and "Improved" on it, leave the product the same and even put less of it in the box and sales would go up. So the Department of Energy/Lockheed's marketing professionals are trying that time-tested scam. INE(E)L, Idaho's Never Ending Lie, has been changed to INEEL, Idaho's Never Ever Ending Lie. Same old product. Never.

Now the good ol' boys and girls in the Party of Greed (POG) might like to say "I (K)NEEL, genuflect or bend over for the nuclear money god," whatever it takes to please their masters, but I'd just like a full, honest and open debate on all aspects of the nuclear issue. No more marketing fluff and back room deals. Doesn't seem like too much to ask.

Well, if honor and integrity won't sell, then I might suggest some other name changes. Idaho, the stupid state, our flag could be a red-bellied rabbit with the words "run over me" underneath. Our license plates in thermo-nuclear green with black letters could read, "Famous Nuke Waste Dump." Or better yet, we could be the Potato Republic of Idaho with Phil Batt named as dictator. Our motto could be "In Greed We Trust."

Just think of all the money to be made having the Air Force bomb us, the Department of Energy dump on us, the Forest Service finish clear cutting us and the Department of Interior overseeing the extraction of any remaining mineral resources. All, of course, in partnership with private industry; it's the POG way. They way say to throw in a little local color, so I say we rename the Mid Snake River region Manure Valley, Bovine Lactation Capital (plan intended) of the world. Instead of a chicken in every pot, we should go for a mega-dairy on every corner. Statewide, we can top each other. A government of, for and by the money should perish from the earth, and the sooner the better, I say.  
BILL CHISHOLM  
Buhl

### Questions will always remain

I'm writing in response to a letter from Fred Loper on Feb. 18. I don't think anyone is questioning the entire Schroeder family. I certainly have not.

Doesn't Idaho law state that killing is justified if done only to protect oneself or others in imminent danger?

Karl tells me that Charlie never fired a shot.

At the inquest, Dan Mort testified there were no empty 9mm casings found at the property.

In Mr. Bauer's letter he stated, "When two people are shooting at you and one then turns and runs, he can find cover and shoot back." I don't know where this information came from.

The information I remember from the inquest was: Shots were fired. The car then started to drive away. Charlie was running. Glenn Schroeder thought he had already shot Charlie once, he was limping and holding onto his pants.

## LETTERS

Schroeder aimed and fired again. At this point, Charlie was in a field approximately 30 yards away from Schroeder, trying to get to the car. The bullet struck the back of Charlie's head and he fell. The back window was shot out of the car. The boys that were in the car said Glenn Schroeder was shooting at their heads and missed.

Schroeder was standing in front of his house, just a short distance to a phone. I don't think anyone asked how many shots Schroeder fired.

I still don't know how all the skin got peeled off the side of Charlie's face.

Charlie had no history of violence. I believe the answers to questions I have will be surfacing in the near future.

There is not one day that goes by that I don't long to touch Charlie or hear the sound of his voice.

It will be a while before I can put things in perspective.

GINNIE COOPER  
(Mother of Charlie Loper Jr.)  
Twin Falls

### School has nothing against clowns

To "Mr. Clown": This is a letter to set the facts straight about the happenings at Twin Falls High School on Valentine's Day. Yes, an ensemble from the College of Southern Idaho did come to the front office during one of the class periods that day.

They requested permission to serenade a student and were advised they could not disturb the class. The performers understood and would serenade in the front office after class. A note was sent to the student's teacher and he was sent up at the end of the period.

No. Mr. Clown, we do not discriminate against clowns, we just ask them to follow our rules like everyone else.

SUE LANGDON  
THERESA ROEMER  
High School Secretaries  
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WORLD

# Official Iran quake toll rises to 965

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—The official death toll from an earthquake that struck northwestern Iran hit 965 on Monday, including up to 40 women crushed in one house while visiting a woman and her newborn daughter.

The 20-year-old woman gave birth in the town of Shiran hours before the tremor struck Friday, and neighbors crowded the house to see the child.

"The mother didn't even have time to name the baby," said Gol Jan, a 30-year-old neighbor who was the only person to escape from the house. She identified the mother only by her first name, Sarool.

All of the others, including Sarool and her baby, remained buried in the rubble. The baby's father was not home; he is a soldier stationed in Tehran.

With workers pulling bodies from collapsed houses in dozens of towns and villages in northwestern Ardebil province, Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency raised the official death toll from about 500 to 965. Aid workers and other officials have estimated more than 3,000 people died.

The news agency said the magnitude-6.1 quake injured 2,600 people and left 40,000 homeless in more than 80 villages.

Reporters who toured the stricken area 365 miles north of Tehran said an aftershock Sunday of magnitude 5.1 destroyed even more mud huts in the mountain villages.

Interior Minister Ali Mohamed Beshari visited victims in a hospital in the provincial capital, Ardebil.

"The depth of the catastrophe is extremely great," he said, wiping away tears after meeting a man who lost all six of his children.

The homeless had to contend with below-zero temperatures and snow-clogged roads.

IRNA quoted Seifollah Dasgerdi, head of Iran's Red Crescent Society,

as saying 8,700 tents, 21,800 blankets, 15,300 heaters and lanterns, and 80 tons of bread have been distributed to victims. The Red Crescent is the Islamic equivalent of the Red Cross.

In Shiran, the town 15 miles southwest of Ardebil where the house full of women died, homes are made of brick but still could not withstand the quake.

The women of the town, a prosperous farming community of about 1,000 residents, started a carpet factory and earned enough money to buy forklifts and tractors to ease work in the fields.

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## WORLD IN BRIEF

**Refugees: Thais returning boys to Burma**

PU NAM RAWN, Thailand — With the Burmese army closing in on her village, Daphne Tunbaw, a 75-year-old school teacher, took most of her students and fled to Thailand.

Now, all the boys in the class are gone.

Shortly after she arrived at the refugee camp here, Tunbaw says, Thai soldiers rounded up all ethnic Karen boys age 13 and older and sent them back to Burma.

Thailand's generals say that never happened. Stung by international criticism, they insist they never forced back any of the 15,000 refugees who escaped a Burmese military campaign designed to wipe out resistance by the Karen minority to the government in Rangoon.

But the 2,300 refugees at Pu Nam Rawn, Thai villagers and even some Thai soldiers insist hundreds of boys were sent back.

**Train derailment kills 125 in Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Rescue workers carved through the twisted wreckage of a train with blow torches Monday, trying to reach scores of injured screaming for help.

At least 125 people — including 24 children — died in the crash, hospital workers said.

Another 450 passengers were injured, 50 of them seriously, when the brakes failed on the express train and it derailed early Monday morning, Pakistan's state-run news agency said. The accident occurred in eastern Punjab just outside Khanawal, 240 miles south-east of Islamabad.

**Anti-smoking law takes effect in Toronto**

TORONTO — Canada's toughest anti-smoking law took effect Monday in Toronto, infuriating bar and restaurant owners who fear customers will flee to smoker-friendly havens in the suburbs.

The law prohibits smoking at all 4,500 bars and restaurants in Canada's largest city unless owners create sealed, separately ventilated smoking rooms. Only two establishments have applied for building permits to comply with that provision.

"It is wrong to punish us. They should go after cigarette manufacturers," said Eddy Tabar, owner of Regions Bar and Cafe near Toronto's Chinatown.

He said 70 percent of his regular patrons smoke, and many failed to show up Monday for their customary coffee and cigarette.

**Embassy staff relatives leave Tajikistan**

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan — The five dependents of U.S. Embassy staff members in Tajikistan have left the unstable nation where two embassy guards were killed last month, the Interfax news agency said Monday.

The State Department ordered dependents on Feb. 21 to leave. Three days earlier, the uniformed guards — both ethnic Russians — were shot dead at a bus stop in the Tajik capital.

Twelve U.S. officials are in Tajikistan. They are among 65 Americans living in the former Soviet republic. The hard-line government and Islamic rebels have been fighting for four years. They signed a cease-fire in December, but sporadic clashes continue.

**Yeltsin, EU chiefs talk economics, NATO**


MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin and a top-level European Union delegation met Monday for talks on economic cooperation and Russia's opposition to NATO's planned expansion.

Russia believes the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's enlargement — NATO is expected to offer membership to former Soviet bloc members like Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic this summer — threatens its security and will divide Europe.

Yeltsin welcomed European Commission President Jacques Santer and Dutch Prime Minister Wim Kok, the current EU chairman, to the Kremlin by saying: "I'm very glad that we and the European Union ... are developing a good dialogue."

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**Avalanche kills guards**

YEREVAN, Armenia (AP) — An avalanche buried a small border-guard station in Armenia's southwestern mountains, killing three servicemen, the defense ministry said in a statement Monday.

The seven other guards in the station near Armenia's border with the Azerbaijani enclave of Nakhichevan all were injured in Sunday night's avalanche, the ministry said.

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# U.S. modified plane in effort to rescue hostages

LONDON (AP)—The U.S. military modified a large transport plane with rockets to land like a helicopter so it could attempt a second rescue of 53 American hostages in Iran in 1980, Jane's Defense Weekly disclosed Monday.

The work was done after a helicopter collided with a C-130 military transport in the Iranian desert, killing eight American servicemen, in a first attempt to rescue the hostages held in Tehran.

Jane's said a second rescue attempt never

went ahead because the modified C-130 Hercules transport crashed on the runway after a rocket fired prematurely on a test flight, ripping off the plane's right wing.

While a second C-130 — also modified as a short takeoff and landing aircraft — was being prepared, Iran announced that it planned to release the hostages, Jane's said.

Gary Sick, national security adviser under President Carter, said a second rescue mission was never authorized.

"There certainly was contingency planning for a second rescue mission. That plan was never formally presented to the president and never attempted," Sick said by telephone from New York City.

According to Jane's, after the first disaster the Air Force launched a \$30 million program to land an aircraft in a space the size of a football field with a 33-foot-high obstacle at either end.

Jane's did not say where the modified plane was to have landed in Tehran.



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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Slick roads linked to 19 local accidents Friday

**TWIN FALLS** - The number is in, and slick roads contributed to at least 19 car wrecks in Twin Falls Friday morning - out of a total of 26 accidents reported within the city on the day.  
Snowfall early Friday morning left city streets white, and soon slick from compacted snow. Between 7:10 and 10:30 a.m., Twin Falls police recorded an even 20 car wrecks. One of those, in which a mini-van ran into a house, was not attributed to the snow.  
Police estimate \$13,700 in vehicle damage in nine of the more major crashes. Police took another nine reports for minor accidents, each involving less than \$750 damage.

### Farmers National Bank opens 2nd Twin Falls branch

**TWIN FALLS** - Many of the faces are the same, but the name has changed as Farmers National Bank Monday opened a second branch in Twin Falls.

On Feb. 28, the Buhl-based bank completed its purchase of the Blue Lakes office of Home Federal Savings & Loan at 1977 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. and moved in Saturday. The sale price was not disclosed but included the property, building and about \$6 million in branch deposits.

The new branch manager is Alan Pierce, a Farmers' employee since 1992. The new owners retained three of the four former Home Federal employees.

Deposit accounts were automatically transferred from Home Federal to Farmers National Bank. But Home Federal loan payments will still be made to its name.

The new office provides a full range of banking services. The new owners have plans to add an automatic-teller machine and safety deposit boxes.

Hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday. Drive-up banking opens at 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

### Bank fund established for family with health problems

**TWIN FALLS** - A bank fund has been started for a Filer family experiencing a string of serious health problems.

The fund for Marvin and Connie Garner and their family has been started at U.S. Bank and donations may be made at any branch, said MaryAnn Stokesberry, the customer service supervisor at the Filer office.

Connie Garner had breast cancer surgery last fall and discovered last month she had brain cancer, Stokesberry said. Marvin Garner had surgery last month on one of his legs, injured at his warehouse job.  
Call Stokesberry at 326-4348.

### Shoshone City Council schedules work session

**SHOSHONE** - A work session and City Council meeting for the city of Shoshone will be held Tuesday at the Shoshone City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W.

The work session to discuss medical insurance begins at 7 p.m., followed by the regular City Council meeting at 8 p.m.

Items on the council's agenda include claims, an ordinance to sell land, insurance and employment, a petition for South Greenwood LID, a meeting for zoning changes and the softball diamond.

A closed executive session to discuss personnel is set for 10:55 p.m.

### Barnes Bridge work to be completed by end of March

**TWIN FALLS** - The \$236,000 replacement of the old Barnes Bridge on the Twin Falls Main Canal, three miles north and 2.5 miles west of Murrough, should be complete by the end of March, the Idaho Transportation Department says.

Idaho Construction Co. Inc. of Kimberly has replaced the old wooden trestle bridge with a new, 125-foot, three-span concrete structure. During the last month of the project, crews will install a guardrail and work on approaches to the bridge. The replacement will allow for heavy trucks to carry loads. The old bridge required heavy trucks to take a five-mile detour around the site because of load restrictions.

Replacing worn-out, restricted and outdated bridges is one of the department's highest priorities.

### Times-News seeks readers to talk about comp time

**TWIN FALLS** - Would you rather have the comp time?  
The Times-News is preparing a story about a proposal before Congress that would allow hourly workers to take compensatory time instead of overtime, in order to spend time with their families.

If you're an employee of a company that offers comp time as part of a flexible schedule, or a worker who would like to be able to exchange overtime for comp time, we'd like to hear from you. Call Steve Crump at 733-0931 or 1-800-658-3883, Ext. 223.

Compiled from staff reports

# Senate approves finance reform

By Karen Tolkin  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** - The Idaho Senate approved campaign finance reform legislation on Monday, over Democrats' objections that it unfairly targets labor unions.  
The legislation, Senate Bill 1228, is a response to constituent concerns that campaigns last too long, are too open to influence and aren't clear about their funding sources, said co-sponsor Sen. Sheila Sorenson, R-Boise.  
"A hybrid of ideas from Gov. Phil Batt, Sorenson and Sen. Ewan Frasure, R-Pocorello, the bill would impose cam-



aign contribution caps of \$5,000 for statewide offices such as governor, attorney general and controller, and \$1,000 caps on legislative, judicial, county and city races.  
As well, it would cap the Democrats' and Republicans' state central commit-

tee donations at \$10,000 for statewide candidates and \$2,000 to other candidates. It would prohibit the personal use of campaign funds and require those independently working for or against initiative to file sunning reports with the state.  
The most controversial section would force political action committees that receive contributions automatically - such as unions - to receive annual written permission from their contributors - such as union members.  
"It's the only part of this bill that is political," said maverick Republican Sen. Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow.

"Blatantly political."  
That's true, said Mark Briggs, director of the committee on political education for the Idaho AFL-CIO.  
"It will cause a lot of legwork for us and it will hamper our ability to raise money," Briggs said in a phone interview after the vote. "It's not like you go to one building and say, 'Can you give us four re-signs?'"  
Major Idaho unions - the Idaho Education Association, the Firefighters Union, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the United Transportation Union - all take union

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## Plant malfunctions as Hailey pushes for sewer hookups

By Kristan Kennedy  
Times-News correspondent

**HAILEY** - A recent mishap at Hailey's sewer lift station, diverting 32,000 gallons of raw sewage into the Riverside treatment plant, could jeopardize federal approval of 250 additional hookups to the city.

Hailey Mayor Steve Kearns said last week the hookups would be available this spring. But he said he was unaware of the malfunction at that time.  
"This is the first I've heard about it," Kearns said Monday.

Sill, Kearns hopes the Environmental Protection Agency will approve the hookups.  
EPA region 10 water director Philip Milliam in Seattle was in meetings Monday, but his assistant confirmed no action had been taken on Hailey's request.

Mike McMasters, district engineer for the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality, said his agency is concerned additional hookups, would increase the risk of a major spill at the Riverside site.  
"The potential for damaging water

quality increases dramatically with 250 hookups," said McMasters. "The danger of that is real. I'm sure the EPA will be looking at that."

Kearns' announcement came after a six-month analysis of the city system of two plants. One is the Riverside plant.

The EPA slipped a moratorium on the Riverside facility last fall after finding excessive waste levels were discharged into the Big Wood River. But city officials - stopped - all sewer hookups at the time, including the Woodside plant not tagged by the EPA.

Meanwhile, some say Kearns' announcement was premature and ill-timed, and sends the wrong impression - the sewer crisis has passed. Some say it could doom a sewer bond election officials hope to present to voters in May.  
Kearns said it would be "unethical" to suppress

results of a six-month sewer audit, which could allow for 250 hookups into the Woodside plant.  
In no way does this eliminate the

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As Hailey city officials struggle for a solution to the city's sewer problems, Hailey Riverside sewer plant manager Kevin Lenano says the Riverside plant is in bad shape. It's one of the city's two sewer plants.

## County hospital may seek private partnerships

By Pat Marcantonio  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The public hospital could be taking on some private partners.

The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center board agreed Monday evening the county-owned hospital should investigate joint ventures with private physician groups.  
Such partnerships could be a way to bring needed services to the area, save costs and avoid duplications, Hospital Administrator John Bingham said. One example would be a dialysis unit or an outpatient clinic.

One of the first orders of business is to determine if the hospital should seek a court ruling on this new flexibility, allowed by a constitutional amendment passed last fall.  
Under the amendment, public hospitals could in effect become a partner with private businesses, as long as no tax dollars are used. For example, public hospitals would be allowed to own

interest in private partnerships and corporations and own, construct, install and equip facilities to be financed for, leased or sold to private businesses.

A court ruling would ensure the public that any ventures are a legitimate way to proceed, Bingham says. But board members urged Bingham to first determine if other counties had already taken that step and if so, if it could save the hospital time and expense.

The board also formed a task force to work with doctors to select a consultant for directing the business ventures and the county hospital staff members will start talking with doctor groups. Board Chairman Dr. Craig Bennett said it was important to include as many potential private partners as possible.  
"It will be impossible to please everybody," he said.

Earlier in the meeting, Earl D. Olson of Twin Falls said he couldn't see the merit of the money Magic Valley Regional spends on advertising.

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## Jerome deputy entitled to unemployment insurance

By Mark Holze  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** - The Week Ruled Industrial Commission last week ruled a former Jerome County sheriff's deputy is entitled to unemployment insurance.

The former deputy, Wayne Childers, said the ruling is vindication, two years after he left his job over filing a complaint with the FBI over operations in the county sheriff's office.  
Childers has said he was fired in March 1995, in retaliation over a complaint he filed with the FBI against former Sheriff George Silver III and others in the department.

In 1994, Childers claimed Silver had allowed county jail inmates to do paid auto repair work for him, and that Silver's father was allowed to buy a vehicle at a sheriff's auction, according to the labor commission's document.  
Childers' allegations led to misdemeanor charges against Silver, later acquitted in federal court.

"They probably gave him the unemployment insurance this time because I was more than unemployed insurance - it was a chance to clear his name."  
"I got exactly what I asked for, and that is vindication," he said. "I did what I had to do for the benefit of the county."  
Silver said Monday that while he was in office, he denied other unemployment insurance claims filed by Childers. Silver said he still stands by the decision to fire Childers.

"I voluntarily left his job without good cause to do so.

Childers claimed that during an October 1994 meeting with Silver and sheriff's detectives, he was told "he was doing a good job," the commission document states. Childers also gave Silver a letter informing him of the complaint filed by the FBI during the meeting.

Childers claimed that three hours after the meeting, he was put on administrative leave.

Childers was later demoted and suspended without pay, records state.

Childers filed a grievance with the Jerome County Commission, which held a hearing Dec. 19, 1994. The county commission overturned the suspension and ruled to reinstate Childers' rank and pay. But the county commission also ruled that there was no evidence to indicate that Silver and his staff were retaliating against Childers for reporting to the FBI.

Childers went on sick leave in December 1994 and was released by his doctor to return to work in January 1995. But Childers refused to return to work, claiming "it would be dangerous to go back to work. They followed no rules, no regulations," according to the industrial commission's document.

During a predisciplinary hearing in March 1995, Childers said he would not go back to work, because he feared retaliation.

In May 1995, the Jerome County Commission ruled that Childers' refusal to return to work was not reasonable, and that he should be fired.  
Childers later filed a civil suit against Silver, former Chief Deputy Bill Reid and the county. In July 1996, a jury ruled that the county had violated state and federal laws protecting "whistleblowers," but hadn't violated Childers' civil rights.

Times-News writer Mark Heinz can be reached in Jerome at 324-6962.

## Service says Goose Creek should leak more this month

By Jennifer Bunch  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - Water being released from Goose Creek Reservoir is about equal to the amount of runoff flowing into it, but talk is under way about letting more out this month.

Terry Bingham, Cassia County emergency services coordinator, told county commissioners on Monday the latest recommendation from the Natural Resources Conservation Service is to

release more water between now and April 1.

The conservation service recommends releasing 300 cubic feet of water per second for 30 days to draw the reservoir down, Bingham said.

One cubic foot of water per second, or one cfs, equals 449 gallons of water a minute. Releasing that much water for a month would lower the reservoir by an estimated 18,000 acre feet, Bingham said.

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# Committee kills proposed constitutional amendment

BOISE (AP) — After questions were raised about its impact, a House committee has killed a proposal to amend the state Constitution to make it clear that only the Fish and Game Commission could set big game seasons and methods of taking.

In essence, that would have precluded initiatives such as Proposition 2, which would have banned certain types of bear hunting. Voters rejected the initiative 291,407-181,892 in the last general election.

Members of the House Resources and Conservation Committee voted Monday afternoon to hold the proposal, usually a killing motion.

Members contended that as it was written, the proposed constitutional amendment could have kept the Legislature from passing rules on game seasons, fines and methods of hunting.

Don Clower, Meridian, was chairman of the Sportsman Heritage Defense Fund, a coalition of 140 groups which opposed the bear initiative in the last election.

He called the proposed constitutional amendment "a far-reaching issue. Who do we want to



manage wildlife in this state?" Clower said voters answered that in the last election when they rejected the bear initiative.

"Do we want to vote every two years on the opening date of the elk season?" he asked.

Mike Medberry of the Idaho Conservation League, said if the Legislature asks the voters to forbid initiatives on one subject, they might do it for others.

"What's it going to be next year, nuclear waste or human rights?" he asked.

Medberry called it a crazy proposal.

"This is our opportunity to participate in government, we shouldn't give it up lightly," he said.

Medberry said the fact that voters considered Proposition 2, then defeated it, shows the system works and doesn't need to be changed.

### The Associated Press

- For Monday, March 3:**
  - Signed by Governor HB91 (Revenue and Taxation) — Requires Tax Commission to deposit money into Permanent Building Fund when income tax returns are processed.
  - HB95 (Revenue and Taxation) — Excludes income of a disabled veteran from household income for purposes of determining eligibility for and amount of property tax relief.
  - HB160 (Appropriations) — Supplemental appropriation current budget of \$333,800 to Department of Law Enforcement for police services.
  - Confirmed by Senate Monte McClure, Boise, to the Transportation Board.
  - Killed by House HB239 (State Affairs) — Requires a statement of fiscal impact, prepared by a state agency or department, to accompany initiative proposals.
  - Sent to Governor SB1102 (Resources and Environment) — Provides that all applications to lease or renew existing lease of state lands administered by Department of Lands shall be filed by 30th day of April preceding date of expiration.
  - SB1183 (Education) — Provides that Board of Education shall adopt standards which allow completion of classroom requirements for driver training through a correspondence course.
  - SB1077 (State Affairs) — Provides procedure by which claimant on a crop lien may amend his notice of claim or may reassign his claim.
  - SB1146 (Agricultural Affairs) — Specifies who is entitled to vote in a referendum conducted by Idaho Horse Board on the collection of a mandatory fee on each horse.
  - SB1047 (Health and Welfare) — Deletes obsolete reference in Social Security Act on work programs which have been eliminated.
  - SB1048 (Health and Welfare) — Updates language on public assistance by eliminating reference to "need standard" and replacing it with "eligibility standards."
  - SB1049 (Health and Welfare) — Amends criteria of Title XVI of Social Security Act to determine eligibility for assistance.
  - SB1049 (Health and Welfare) — Includes individuals of all ages who have developmental disabilities within statutes providing family support and in-home assistance services.
  - SB1055 (Health and Welfare) — Extends sunset clause by two years on authority to adopt guidelines governing child support.
  - SB1231 (Finance) — Appropriates \$3.9 million to Public Utilities Commission for fiscal year 1998.
  - SB1232 (Finance) — Supplemental appropriation of \$30,600 for Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors in current budget.
  - SB1131 (Resources and Environment) — Extends Grizzly Bear Management Oversight Committee to 1999.
  - SB1137 (Resources and Environment) — Ratifies Comprehensive State Water Plan with amendments on Snake River minimum flows and tailing pond reclamation.
  - SB1023 (Judiciary and Rules) — Establishes Idaho Statewide Trial Court Automated Records-System Technology Fund, provides for collection of \$5 fee on all criminal and in-fraction cases and other court matters.
  - Introduced in Senate SCR119 (State Affairs) — Expresses legislative support for Gov. Phil Batt's efforts to pre-

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serve low-cost power in Idaho. SB1251 (State Affairs) — Designates as outstanding resource waters the Selway River, the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, White Cap Creek, Bear Creek and Running Creek.

SB1252 (State Affairs) — Makes 1997 taxable wage base for unemployment compensation \$21,000.

Introduced in House HJ17 (Ways and Means) — Expresses objections to Environmental Protection Agency over new air quality standards.

HC23 (Ways and Means) — Sets out guidelines for special license plate programs.

HB370 (Revenue and Taxation) — Defines cogenerators and specifically excludes them from the definition of "public utility" in Idaho Tax Code.

SB371 (Ways and Means) — Allows bonds appropriated in 1995 for water reclamation used also for planning, facilitating and coordinating recharge efforts.

HB372 (Ways and Means) — Continues state agency rules in effect until July 1, 1998, except rules that have been rejected by concurrent resolution.

## TIGHT TOUR



Cassia County Clerk Danell Roskelley, second from right, gave members of the county's Judicial Facility Committee a tour of the courthouse Monday. The committee toured the recorder's office, where courthouse patrons must line up along a narrow path for help. Elsewhere in the courthouse, the committee saw claustrophobic quarters, files kept in the basement supply room and standing room only in the jury room where jurors can spend a week during trials. The committee is charged with putting together design plans for a new judicial building the county will ask voters to approve, possibly in May 1998.

## Kaczynski defense asks to throw out Unabomber evidence

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Defense lawyers for Theodore Kaczynski asked a judge Monday to throw out all evidence from the Unabomber suspect's Montana cabin, claiming the FBI twisted statements from his family to get the search warrant.

Federal defenders cited statements from David Kaczynski, the suspect's brother, and Wanda Kaczynski, their mother, contending that federal agents distorted their comments in order to justify the search.

It was David Kaczynski who, through an attorney, first alerted investigators that his brother could be involved in the Unabomber case.

But in statements given to defense lawyers and appended to Monday's motion, David Kaczynski says federal agents



Theodore Kaczynski

wrongly characterized his suspicions about his brother.

"I told the agents that at that time (December 1994) I had a passing thought that Ted could be involved," he said. The agents' characterization that "his belief was certain" does not fit the tone or spirit of what I told the FBI."

Wanda Kaczynski says the FBI affidavit "is misleading where it states that I needed to fit a description of the 'Unabomber' and that I believed he must be stopped."

## Cassia cops confiscate contraband

BURLEY — Called to break up a domestic dispute, two Cassia County sheriff's deputies Friday found a small marijuana growing operation in the bedroom of a home in an east side neighborhood.

Li Alan Smith said deputies William Marsh and Tony Bernad seized a small amount of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and other items related to growing and using marijuana. An arrest warrant will be served this week on the occupants of the home, Smith said.

The names and the address were omitted from the record because no arrests were made Friday. The law allows for the seizure of contraband in plain view when officers are called in to deal with an unrelated situation, as was the case Friday, Smith said.

According to the report the deputies spoke with a man and a woman at the home at about 6:30 p.m. The woman told Bernad the man hit and kicked her that day and that she was moving out.

The discussion took place in the bedroom of the home where Marsh saw the marijuana and other items. The woman said she was unsure of the report said.

The deputies confiscated the marijuana and paraphernalia that was in plain view and left the residence. No charges were filed in connection with the domestic dispute.

## Creek

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An acre foot is enough to cover a person in one foot of water.

The snowpack's water content is between 30 percent and 35 percent, Bingham said. The snow in the Goose Creek drainage area gets even deeper farther south, he said.

Bingham and Ron Abramovich, a hydrologist in Boise for the Conservation Service, measured the snowpack in local drainages Saturday.

Abramovich said the snowpack for Goose Creek drainage is 163 percent of average. The Raft River drainage that flows through Malita is 160 percent of average, he said.

Marsh and Goose Creek Reservoir for irrigation while at the same time moving enough water out to prevent flooding is a balancing act this year, Abramovich said. Changes in temperature and precipitation, especially with one more month of the snow season left, leave forecasters to deal with several unknowns, he said.

"We don't know the timing of the runoff," he said.

The plan to draw the reservoir down by 18,000 acre feet by April

1 looks like a realistic way to mitigate the problem, Abramovich said.

The reservoir's capacity is 77,000 acre feet, and it's holding about 33,000 acre feet now.

Daren Critchfield, chairman of the Oakley Canal Co.'s board of directors, said Monday the decision had not yet been made to increase the water flow. About 50 cfs daily has been released through Goose Creek Dam for the past week, which is about the same as the amount of water flowing into the reservoir, Critchfield said. The water is being released into the 19-mile channel between the dam and Murrugh Lake.

No water from Goose Creek actually has made it downstream yet, Critchfield said. It only flows about five miles downstream from the dam before seeping into the ground, he said. The Murrugh Lake was ripped before last week's water release to allow the water to permeate the soil, he said.

Times-News staff writer Jennifer Bunch can be reached in Burley at 677-0442.

## Winter weighs heavily on Silver Valley landmarks

GEM (AP) — The landmarks of the Silver Valley's mining heyday are showing their age this winter.

Three historic buildings and three barns have either collapsed or been heavily damaged

under the weight of snow and ice during one of the area's roughest winters on record. No one has been injured.

The latest to fall was a century-old former grocery store in Gem, a community of about 50 people

that was a mining boom town in the 1890s and 1900s.

The structure collapsed last Wednesday, leaving a pile of jagged timbers and red bricks buried beneath a shroud of snow.

## Hospital

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"To me, you're just wasting your money with KMYT and The Times-News," he told the hospital board Monday evening.

Hospital marketing manager Monie Smith said the county hospital paid almost \$68,000 for advertising in the newspaper and the television during the first five months of the budget year that started Oct. 1, 1996.

Its marketing budget amounted to \$393,000 for the 1995 budget year. That included \$260,000 for advertising, which were in line with hospital spending nationwide.

Community residents and board members raised questions

about the advertising budget. At the Monday meeting, however, the board just listened and took no action.

The hospital mostly advertises to let the public know about its services and programs, such as home health or a heart clinic, Smith said.

"With current expenses of health care, that should be looked at," Olson said. He couldn't recall anything the hospital had advertised and asked how the hospital could tell if its messages were effective.

"What did it do for (the public)? What did it tell them?" he said. "I see the county jail doesn't have an advertising budget.

Everybody knows the hospital is here."

Board member Ray Stroberg says the number of people attending the hospital's various clinics and programs shows the effectiveness of the paid advertisement.

"I think those are numbers that are quite phenomenal," he said.

Hospital-commissioned surveys showed more than 60 percent of area residents gained information about the hospital from The Times-News and KMYT, Smith said.

Times-News staff writer Pat Marcantonio can be reached at 773-0931, Ext. 242.

## Finance

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dues out of workers' payroll, Driggs said. Part of those dues fund political activity: \$24,000 in 1996.

Members can ask for a refund of the portion that funds political activity whenever they want, he said.

However, Frasure called the refund process a "long, laborious process" that sometimes takes months.

Supporters of the legislation said it would target all political action committees, including business PACs.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Burport, said it would target the life insurance underwriter's association, which he belongs to, which withdraws money from his bank account.

"However, union groups have a lot more members, about 35,000 spread across the state, than other PACs, Driggs said. It will therefore be a greater hardship on unions, he said.

Democrats and Schroeder sought to strike the controversial

section from the bill. Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, and Sen. John Hansen, R-Idaho Falls, also voted for the motion.

But Republican leadership accused them of trying to kill the legislation.

"I will tell you folks who want to do this, you are ending campaign finance reform this year," said Senate President Pro-Tem Jerry Twigg of Blackfoot.

The American Civil Liberties Union, the business community and education representatives have asked for changes in the bill, he said.

"Everybody would like to tweak this bill a little bit and they could live with this," he said. "We could tweak and tweak and tweak and kill the bill."

Supporters said the measure would create openness in campaigns.

"I think we have struck a balance for what can reform our process as we have it now, but sunshine in some areas where we don't have sunshine and overall make our campaign

laws a little better," Sorenson said.

Driggs conceded that many union members don't know what their dues go for.

"The ones that are good members that really care and come to union meetings, yes," he said. "But the ones that just pay their dues and don't care, no... The less you participate, the less you know."

Of the Magic Valley delegation, Republican Sen. Noh, Cameron, Denton Darrington of Declo and John Sandy of Hagerman were the campaign finance reform legislation. Democratic Sen. Clint Stennett of Ketchum voted against it.

The bill passed 29-6. Its next step is the House, which has already passed campaign finance reform legislation. It is considering other campaign reforms.

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## Sewer

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town's need for a new sewer system, Kearns said.

Council-Member-Rep Rick Davis said he can't tell whether Kearns' move could doom a bond election, but he defended a decision to allow minimal building in what is now a frozen economy.

"The town's economy has slowed to such a snail's pace now, it all has to weigh. I'm waiting for some more information, Davis said.

The lift station which malfunctioned was built in 1976 and approved by the DEQ to divert raw sewage from the Riverside plant, which has an approved capacity of

375,000 gallons per day.

On Feb. 22, an electrical malfunction kicked off the diversion process and 32,000 gallons of raw sewage went into the Riverside plant instead of the Woodside facility. It wasn't an EPA violation, but it forced staff to exceed chlorine levels under its permit to treat the extra sewage, said Hailey water and wastewater manager Ray Hyde.

Further complicating the equation is developer Chuck Grubb's lawsuit, contending the Woodside facility should be used for Woodside development only.

Grubb's attorney Gary Slette said Monday he wasn't aware of

the recent mishap, but said Kearns' announcement last week comes as no surprise.

"Woodside should never have ever been subject to the sewer moratorium," Slette said Monday.

A final city open house will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. in the upstairs courthouse meeting room. So far, the highly publicized meetings have drawn fewer than 50 people in three weeks. An ad hoc committee meets Thursday to finalize an option.

On Monday, the City Council will decide whether to present voters with a bond issue election in May.



WEST

SAFETY FIRST



A Security Enforcement Officer checks anything suspicious under a car entering the parking garage beneath the Federal Courthouse in Spokane on Monday as part of extra security for the trial of three men accused of federal bombing and bank robbery charges in Spokane. Jury selection is in progress.

Hearing begins to close weapons incinerator

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — U.S. District Judge Tena Campbell rejected an Army motion Monday to dismiss environmental and veterans' groups' request that she shut down the Desert Chemical Depot because of safety concerns. Campbell allowed little discussion on the motion before dismissing it. This is the second time the Chemical Weapons Working Group, Sierra Club and a Vietnam veterans group has asked the judge to shut down the depot, which began burning 435 percent of the nation's chemical weapons stockpile last August. They filed a second motion for a preliminary injunction in January, represented by Greenlaw. Campbell rejected the first bid last August but agreed to hear new arguments after the incinerator had six temporary shutdowns, the former plant manager for EG&G Defense Materials raised safety questions, and a former employee filed a complaint

with the Department of Labor. EG&G Defense Materials operates the plant for the Army. Bob Guild, a Columbia, S.C. attorney representing the environmental groups and the Vietnam Vets of America Foundation, told the judge Monday that the Army seriously misled the public and her during the July hearing. "The Army said they found and fixed all serious deficiencies and they insisted that the facility was ready to operate safely," he said in opening arguments. The six shutdowns and a lengthy letter last fall by former plant manager Gary Miller suggest the Army was misleading, Guild said. Miller said EG&G employees were cavalier about safety. "Senior management at the facility has asserted explicitly that there is a serious risk of a catastrophic accident," Guild said. Miller, in his letter to EG&G's chief executive officer, said an accident on the scale of Three Mile Island or the space shuttle Challenger could occur at the plant. Guild also mentioned the labor department complaint filed by John Hall of Gransville, alleging he was harassed and fired for pointing out safety issues.

Spud Expo hopes for QVC air time

BLACKFOOT (AP) — Managers of the Idaho Potato Expo are competing against other Idaho businesses for a chance to sell their products on QVC. As part of their "Quest for America's Best - QVC's 50 in 50 tour," QVC is touring the 50 states to find products that are made and sold in each state. QVC will select 20 products from Idaho to be featured to be sold during a June television broadcast. "If our product is accepted by QVC we might be able to reach our goal of becoming self-sufficient," said Grace Lee, manager of the Expo. QVC boasts an audience of 60 million homes. Lee and Expo assistant manager Sonia Thyberg will show two items to the QVC selection committee in Boise Tuesday. One is a gift box of six Idaho baking quality potatoes with a bottle of Lost River Valley Seasoning made in Mackay. The other item is dehydrated hash browns.

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Synanon founder dies of organ failure

VISALIA, Calif. (AP) — Charles Dederich Sr., founder of the Synanon drug rehabilitation group that turned into a cultlike religion implicated in a failed murder plot, has died at the age of 83. Dederich died Friday of heart and lung failure. He began Synanon in Santa Monica in the late 1950s. It later moved to the San Francisco Bay Area and later to the Sierra Nevada in Tulare County during the 1970s.



Charles Dederich Sr.

In its early years, the group won widespread publicity and praise for its approach to helping addicts.

A 1962 New York Post profile, headlined "Addict's Friend," said Dederich had "the battered face of a professional wrestler, the soul of a philosopher and the command presence of a combat general" and said he had "probably done as much as any man to make dope addicts into 'something else.'"

Synanon members lived together in a communelike arrangement, dealing with addiction under Dederich's tough-love leadership. Dederich said he himself did not use drugs but had learned his approach while conquering his own alcoholism.

"I feel too that we had to be tough in therapy," he said. "We needed an autocratic family structure for discipline — with a democratic content." — Charles Dederich Sr.

but had to spend nearly a week in the hospital. Morantz later said Synanon members intimidated and beat numerous people during a "reign of terror from 1975 to 1978."

In 1979, a California weekly, the Point Reyes, Calif., Light, won the Pulitzer Prize for public service for its articles critical of Synanon. Dederich and two assistants pleaded no contest in 1980 to charges that they solicited an assault and conspiracy to murder Morantz.

As part of the plea bargain, Dederich gave up control of Synanon. He served no jail time. His prominence and that of Synanon declined after that.

In a 1977 interview with The Associated Press, Dederich denied that he dictated lifestyle changes such as his decision earlier that year to tell all Synanon couples would divorce, and a "love match" with another partner. "I can't demand anything," Dederich said. "All they have to do is walk out."

Dederich talked of Synanon's attempt to achieve material wealth through its businesses while swearing off alcohol, drugs, tobacco — even sugar.

"Lots of people in the U.S. don't eat sugar," Dederich said. "But we do a terribly frightening thing. We don't eat sugar in concert." In 1984, a federal judge dismissed a Synanon suit, ruling that the government had acted correctly in revoking Synanon's tax-exempt status. The judge cited Synanon's "willful, systematic and extensive destruction and alteration of documents and tapes relevant to the termination of its tax-exempt status."

Things changed by the mid-70s. Dederich proclaimed Synanon a religion and was criticized for allegedly controlling the actions and thoughts of his hundreds of adherents.

In 1978, a Los Angeles lawyer who had won a judgment against Synanon by some defectors from the group was bitten by a 4-foot rattlesnake in his mailbox. The lawyer, Paul Morantz, survived

Utah advances welfare bill, limits educational assistance

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A bill outlining the state's plan to implement sweeping federal welfare reforms drew heated debate in the Utah Senate on Monday over how government should best help families. Sen. Nathan Tanner, R-Ogden, the bill's Senate sponsor, said the goal is to help 12,000 state welfare recipients become employed within the next three years. "I believe we all understand the urgency of welfare reform," said Tanner. "Utah has plans to move this forward and take care of — not punish — those who need help." But several legislators said the bill needed more flexibility, and proposed amendments that were struck down. The bill eventually advanced,

24-3, and is expected to come up for final passage in the Senate on Tuesday. It already has cleared the House.

Under the federal reforms, signed by President Clinton last August, welfare benefits are restricted to five years over a lifetime, and recipients are required to find a job in two years.

The bill before the Utah Legislature proposes stricter time limits. Welfare benefits would be limited to three years, although some exemptions would be allowed, and educational assistance would be limited to two years.

Sen. Howard Nielson, R-Provo, proposed amending the bill to allow the state's employment director to give welfare recipients six months more of educational assistance on a case-by-case basis.

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FAMILY LIFE

# Crushes on adults can be healthy, normal part of child's school years

The Orlando Sentinel

MAITLAND, Fla. — Chemistry. Fate. Kismet. Call it what you will. Whatever it was, Jonathan Knudsen could sense the air was thick with it the moment he padded into the room and laid goo-goo eyes on her.

A tall, slender mademoiselle, Auburn hair free-falling down her back, stood a few scant feet before him, filling every centimeter of his widening sapphire eyes. Jonathan was smitten. If only he could approach her. Extract her name. Propose.

With his blond locks, twinkling baby blues and a Cheshire cat grin born to charm the ladies, he figured it best to dispense with chance and come to the point: "I want to marry you."

Caught off guard, Tara Maitzel smiled, squeezed him some affection and helped him to his seat in his preschool class at the Jewish Community Center in Maitland.

It's a sitcom standby: Kid's grades dip when comely teacher makes his heart skip a beat. Childhood crushes on grown-ups can be a healthy, normal part of a child's school years.

Crushes on adults are "natural in terms of it happening frequently," said Leslie Paige, a nationally recognized school psychologist in Hayes, Kan. "Kids start off idolizing their parents, then sometime in (puberty) they will turn off to Mom and Dad and then turn to someone else, often an older person to idolize."

Jonathan may be a tad precocious. Romantic crushes are more closely associated with adolescence, said Lisa Early, director of the Arnold Palmer Center for Children and Families in Orlando, Fla. There is no research to confirm this, but experts wager that more boys than girls develop crushes because female teachers outnumber their male counterparts.

Crushes often sprout from a

child's attraction to authority, she said. Kids, like grown-ups, look up to people in authority, and a crush may develop "especially when that person possesses other attributes that the child thinks are important."

Enter the hunky science teacher.

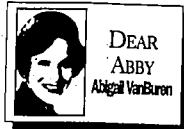
Smitten students often hoist the object of their affection onto a pedestal as "some sort of ideal," said Kathleen Leighton, a Pinellas County, Fla., school psychologist. "They respect an ideal that is not attainable."

Although these crushes usually lack a romantic or sexual component, they often come with bits and pieces of the same feelings and emotions adults experience — although the child may be unable to put those emotions into words.

Ask Jonathan. Miss Maitzel is pretty, he'll admit. But if you ask him why he loves her and wants to marry her, he draws a blank: "I dunno," offered the 4-year-old.

# 'Foreplay' begins in the morning

DEAR ABBY: When I saw the letter from the angry husband who signed his letter "Just Say No, My Foot," I had to write. Men seem to think that a woman, after working a full day, dealing with the kids, fixing meals, doing housework and rarely receiving a kind word, gesture or kiss from her mate, will somehow be sexually excited the minute they hop into bed and will want to attack her husband with those uncontrollable desires. I'm afraid the opposite is true.



DEAR ABBY  
Abby Cadabby

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-OVER 35 WITH SATISFIED HUSBANDS

DEAR OVER 35: Thank you for your profound observations. The letter from the cynical husband has struck nerves all over the country.

My husband had no idea that foreplay begins in the morning and lasts all day. Of course, we had to talk about the definition of foreplay — which I described as helping me out around the house, with the kids, the laundry, the housework. I also let receive compliments like he used to give when we were courting and first married. Along with that needs to go some kind of physical contact like hugs and kisses, which I know I need to let me know that he still cares. All of these things begin to get us in the mood so that when the opportunity arises, we are as willing as they are.

Some nights I'm just not sexually motivated, but if my husband has made the effort to make me feel wanted and cared for, then I'll do the same for him.

I have a car that's 20 years old and I have to start it 10 minutes before I get ready to leave because the engine needs to warm up. After it's warm, it runs great. If I try to drive it cold, I don't get far. Well, the same goes for me in reference to intimacy and sex.

Men need to be reminded to treat their wives the way they did when they first met them and

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# Flattery will get you everywhere

Los Angeles Times

If a co-worker flattering the boss punches your gag reflex faster than you can say, "Nice tie," consider yourself normal. The conservative boss oiler is universally despised by peers, who rally at the water cooler, hissing: "What a brown noser!"

We may loathe suck-ups but — admit it or not — we all do it, psychologists say. And rare is the person who isn't charmed by a little gratuitous stroking.

Even Shakespeare's Julius Caesar was a sap for it: "But when I tell him that he hates flatterers..." Decius says, "he says he does, being then most flattered."

Now comes a review of 40 years of studies on "strategic ingratiation" (defined as tactical moves to increase likability or to get a raise, promotion or positive evaluation). The review confirms our worst fears: Kissing up to the boss, who often sees through it, pays off.

"It is not so much just being a

good political animal ... but ingratiation shrewdly employed will get you ahead," says Randall A. Gordon, a University of Minnesota psychologist who recently reviewed 69 studies on ingratiation. "If you have two people who are both competent at what they do, but one is really good at schmoozing ... the one likely to get the raise is the schmoozer. It gives you the edge."

How much of an edge? Ronald Deluga, a psychology professor at Bryant College in Smithfield, R.I., studied 152 sets of supervisors and employees, who admitted trying to make the boss feel important by noting that he or she has brains, talent and experience; by looking for opportunities to show respect; by expressing values the boss holds; and by acting humble. Deluga concluded that suck-ups gained a 5 percent edge over nonsuck-ups in getting positive evaluations and high marks for future promise.

Why are we such suckers for

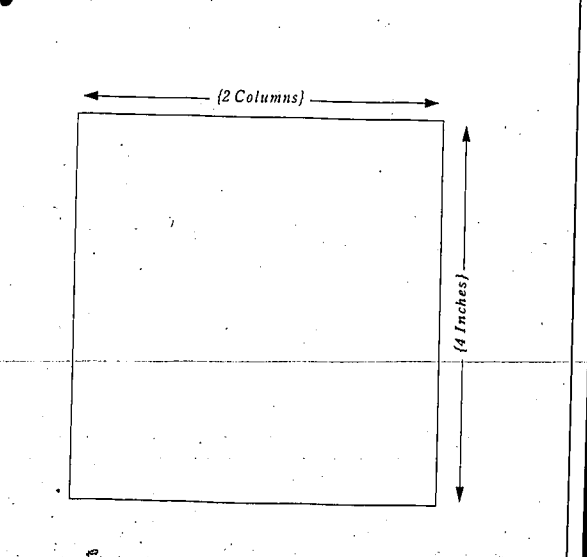
suck-ups? Because few of us can resist flattery or refrain from liking someone who likes us (a powerful dynamic called social reciprocity).

"Even if people see through it, they are momentarily blinded by it," says Andrew DuBria, a professor of management at Rochester Institute of Technology. "Take a 70-year-old man sitting at a bar. A beautiful young woman comes in and says, 'You are really stylish. ... I like distinguished-looking men.' He is taken in by her, even if it is clear she has an ulterior motive."

Of course, there's a downside. Plagued by the "ingratiator's dilemma," or what might be called Eddie Haskell Syndrome, the apple polisher's conundrum is to avoid revealing insincerity. After all, Jane Cleaver was never taken in by Haskell's gee-you-sure-look-pretty compliments — in part because of his smarmy smile.

"If it is too blatant, the person will actually think less of you," Deluga says.

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## Consumer spending, industrial activity rise

WASHINGTON — Corporate executives reported stronger-than-expected manufacturing growth and higher prices in February.

Consumer spending and construction outlays in January also exceeded forecasts.

The robust reports Monday renewed concerns on Wall Street that Federal Reserve policy-makers may boost interest rates soon to brake the economy and forestall a new round of inflationary pressures.

costs and put pressure on profits. And bond investors don't like strong economic growth because of the threat of inflation, which would erode the value of their fixed-income securities.

The National Association of Purchasing Management reported Monday that its index of industrial activity rose to 53.1 percent in February from 52 percent a month earlier. Many analysts had expected a much smaller gain.

Department said consumers boosted their spending by 0.7 percent in January after an anemic 0.2 percent increase in

spending in January rose 0.4 percent after falling 0.9 percent in December, when winter storms kept carpenters and bricklayers away from job sites in much of the West.

In the incomes report, the Commerce Department said the 0.3 percent increase compared with gains of 0.7 percent in November and December and 0.6 percent in October, and was the smallest since incomes edged up at a 0.1 percent in October.

"The economy's hot," observed economist Stephen S. Roach of Morgan Stanley & Co. in New York. "This is the stuff that will get the Fed off the fence and start moving interest rates up, perhaps by March 25."

Many of the corporate executives also reported higher prices for materials going into their products. Although many businesses have absorbed higher prices for their supplies, Roach predicted they're getting close to the point where they will pass along to consumers."

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Residential spending, including home improvements, increased 0.4 percent, the third straight increase, but with cutbacks for apartments and condominiums gained 1.5 percent, spending on single-family homes was unchanged.

After the strongest year in nearly a decade, housing activity is expected to level off in 1997 but continue at a robust pace.

Nonresidential spending advanced 2.9 percent, regaining most of the 3 percent loss a month earlier. Government spending, after falling 2.6 percent in December, managed to edge up 0.1 percent.

In fact, private wages and salaries, the most closely watched component of income, fell \$9.5 billion after jumping \$4.6 billion in December.

Disposable income — income after taxes — rose 0.6 percent, slower than the 0.7 percent a month earlier.

### DOW-JONES

NEW YORK (AP) — Final Dow-Jones averages for Monday, Mar 3

30 Ind	6,568.58	5,557.91	5,724.48	5,818.92	+11.10
NYSE	3,284.29	2,779.18	2,823.11	2,873.11	+53.93
30 Ind	2,283.29	1,778.73	2,901.37	2,945.81	+44.44
30 Ind	2,117.87	2,143.08	2,225.68	2,272.99	+47.31
NYSE	1,063.00	1,063.00	1,063.00	1,063.00	0.00
NYSE	527.10	527.10	527.10	527.10	0.00
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### DOW-JONES ACTIVES

NEW YORK (AP) — Sales, closing prices and net change of the 15 most active New York Stock Exchange issues, trading normally at market 5:15 p.m.

Name	Volume	High	Low	Open	Change
IBM	1,243,134	116 3/8	116 1/8	116 1/8	+1/8
Microsoft	4,533,100	17 1/4	17 1/8	17 1/8	+1/8
Intel	4,533,100	17 1/4	17 1/8	17 1/8	+1/8
Verizon	4,533,100	17 1/4	17 1/8	17 1/8	+1/8
Amgen	4,533,100	17 1/4	17 1/8	17 1/8	+1/8
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### CLOSING FUTURES

Outquotes from Edward Jones

Mon	Commodity	High	Low	Close	Change
Mar	Crude Oil	19 3/8	19 1/8	19 1/8	+1/8
Mar	Gold	328 1/2	328 1/2	328 1/2	0.00
Mar	Silver	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	0.00
Mar	Wheat	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	0.00
Mar	Wheat	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	0.00
Mar	Wheat	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	0.00

### MARKETS

NEW YORK (AP) — Futures trading on the NYSE

Open	High	Low	Close	Change
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Verizon	4,533,100	17 1/4	17 1/8	17 1/8	+1/8
Amgen	4,533,100	17 1/4	17 1/8	17 1/8	+1/8

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MUTUAL FUNDS

Table listing various mutual funds with columns for fund name, ticker symbol, and other financial data. The table is organized into multiple columns and rows, providing a comprehensive overview of the market.

Mutuals

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Table listing various mutual funds with columns for fund name, ticker symbol, and performance metrics.

Albertson's

continues to add stores 4th-quarter earnings up by only \$200,000 from previous year

BOISE (AP) — Albertson's Inc., the nation's fourth largest retail food-drug chain, reported fourth-quarter earnings increased by only about \$200,000 from the year before as more stores are added nationwide.

Profits for fiscal 1996 rose 6.2 percent. The Boise-based chain said it continues to sink income at the more stores, including 17 in the fourth quarter and 70 for the year.

The first store in Ridgeland, Miss., expands Albertson's operating area to 20 states. At the end of January, it had 826 outlets.

"We are continuing to invest in programs that will create value in the future," Senior Vice President A. Craig Olson said Monday.

"During 1996, we expanded our store base and remodeled existing stores for a net square footage increase of 9.6 percent. We also implemented aggressive programs to increase sales in all stores, with special emphasis on stores open less than two years."

The company also bought and retired 913,000 shares of its common stock during the fourth quarter.

A total of 1.6 million shares were bought back during fiscal 1996.

Earnings for the quarter ended Jan. 30 were \$154.3 million, compared with \$154.1 million the year before. Earnings per share were 61 cents, the same as fourth quarter 1995.

Sales for that time hit \$3.6 billion, an increase of 9.1 percent over a million in the same period last year.

Net earnings for 1996 were \$494 million, compared with \$465 million the year before, or 6.2 percent.

Sales reached \$13.8 billion, a rise of 9.5 percent over 1995.

Earnings per share improved 6.5 percent from \$1.84 to \$1.96.

Albertson's net earnings in the third quarter were up barely a percentage point from to \$106.4 million from \$105.4 million.

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Blue chips driving up S&P 500, instead of vice versa

By Jerry Morgan Newsway

Are stock index funds, which have had a great two-year run, pushing up the price of blue-chip stocks? Or are the largest companies simply outperforming everything else, and in doing so, driving up the prices of their shares and, as a result, the performance of index funds?

The answer appears to be the latter. The top 50 stocks on the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index seem to be pulling the train, with maybe a little push from index mutual funds that have to buy them. Consider that the 500 S&P stocks have a total market capitalization of about \$5.7 trillion, according to S&P officials, while the index fund, pension and other money tied to the index totals about 8 percent of that, or \$475 billion. That may be enough to give a little goose to the index, some say, but not enough to move it.

The index funds that track the S&P 500 have to buy all the stocks in proportion to the weight those stocks carry in the index, based on their market capitalization. For example, General Electric is 2.85 percent of the index. Intel, 2.17, and Coca Cola, 2.43. But those weightings change daily as stock prices change.

Also, companies are dropped from the index and others are added as mergers, acquisitions and bankruptcies occur. Last year, 24 companies joined the 500. The



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index funds are always buying or selling the 500 stocks to maintain the correct proportions.

Even so, index funds alone couldn't have done the job of moving the index, said Gus Sauter, who heads The Vanguard Group's index stock funds, including the \$33 billion Vanguard 500 Index Portfolio, which investors have made the second-largest equity fund.

"About \$20 billion (in new cash) went into all equity funds last year, and only about 10 percent of it went into index funds," he said. Index funds aren't the only ones that buy the blue-chip stocks, of course. Some of the top stocks are held by thousands of equity funds, because they are very good stocks to own.

Still, the torrent of money doesn't explain why the 50 largest S&P stocks outperformed the rest of the index. If it was only cash flow, "there should be exactly the same

impact on all stocks in the index," Sauter said. But that didn't happen. The top 50 S&P stocks rose 78 percent in 1995 and 1996; the bottom 50, 54 percent. "Those stocks clubbed over the rest," Sauter said.

"My observation is that a lot of money is pushing the price of some of the indexed stocks, but there are also a lot of 500 stocks that are not performing as well," said Larry Puglia, who runs T. Rowe Price's Blue Chip Growth Fund, which is not an index fund. "The Intels and Mercks and Microsofts and Johnson and Johnsons are moving on strong fundamentals."

But there is one area where index funds do play a part in pushing up the price of some stocks, at least temporarily. When new stocks are added to the S&P index, they must be bought by the index funds and those funds that tie their performance to the index. S&P normally announces new additions five business days before they go on the index, a company official said.

Anthony Young, an assistant professor of finance at NYU's Stern School of Business, and colleague Richard Mendenthal at Notre Dame tracked the price performance of those stocks.

"Basically, stocks that moved into the index, to replace companies going off, saw a run-up of about 7 percent in their prices in the week before they were on," Young said. "Prices usually drop off about 1 or 2 percent soon after they are on the index."

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When the Celtics can bring back a guy like Alton Lister at 38 — and his best days were not very good — I wouldn't see a problem playing 10, 15, 20 minutes a game and getting 10 or 15 rebounds.

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—60-year-old Wilt Chamberlain when asked whether he could still play in the NBA today

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## IN BRIEF

**Registration today for freestyle wrestling**  
RUPERT — Freestyle-wrestling registration for Minidoka County students will take place at 6 p.m. today in the Minico High School gymnasium.  
Athletes need to bring a birth certificate and the \$25 registration fee. A parent must be present.  
For more information, call Brad Cooper at 436-1318.

**Former CSI player grabs share of Big Sky honor**  
OGDEN, Utah — Rob Preston of Idaho State will share the Big Sky Conference Player of the Week honor with Alex Fisher of Weber State, the conference announced Monday.

Preston, a 6-8, 220-pound senior from Searle who played for two seasons at the College of Southern Idaho, scored 41 points, hauled in 14 rebounds and added three blocked shots in the Bengals' two conference road games last week. On Saturday, Idaho State beat Cal State Northridge 73-67.  
In that game, Preston was near-perfect, hitting 7-of-8 of his shots from the field and 11-of-12 of his free throws, including two with 28 left on the clock to ice the win.

He was a perfect 1-1 in 3-pointers and passed for six assists to go along with his three blocks, six rebounds and two steals on the defensive end.  
In the 78-72 loss at Eastern Washington, Preston scored 15 points and hauled in eight rebounds.

**Inaugural 6th District rodeo of 1997 set for Saturday**  
TWIN FALLS — The first 6th District high school rodeo of 1997 is slated for Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center.  
Barrel racing and pole bending slack will go at 1 p.m., with the main performance coming at 7 p.m.  
Tickets will be available at the door.

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# Eagles fly north for title shot

## CSI will battle Eastern Utah in opening round

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS — The good news for the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team is that it won't be playing the home team in the opening round of the Scenic West Athletic Conference tournament Wednesday.  
That's also bad news. After a wild weekend to end the regular season, host North Idaho College fell out of first place, giving College of Eastern Utah the conference championship and a first-round date with eighth-seeded CSI.  
"I felt like we matched up well with North Idaho," CSI coach Jim Thrash said Monday. "I was kinda hoping we would play them."

### Coming tomorrow

A complete first-round preview, plus the women's tournament bracket.

But, he added, "either way, we still have to go up there and play three good games."  
CSI lost both regular-season matchups with Eastern Utah, falling 64-55 in Price last month and dropping a 53-46 decision at home in December.

CSI lost to North Idaho in overtime when the teams met in Coeur d'Alene in January, and beat the Cardinals in Twin Falls last month.  
The Golden Eagles were within a bucket until the final minutes at Eastern Utah, however, and have been vastly improved since then, winning six of their final seven games with an average score of 87.75.  
They finished the regular season 8-10 in the Scenic West, 18-12 overall.  
CSI will tip off against Eastern Utah at 7 p.m. MST,

with the winner advancing to the semifinals against fourth-seeded Ricks or fifth-seeded Snow College.  
The champion of the eight-team, single-elimination tournament advances to the National Junior College Athletic Association championships in Hutchinson, Kan., March 17-22.  
Eastern Utah captured its first ever Scenic West Athletic Conference championship after posting two lopsided victories on the road. Snow (21-9, 9-9) fell 94-66 on Friday, and Dixie (16-14, 9-9) followed on Saturday, 92-72.  
North Idaho (24-4, 14-4) fell 91-78 at Utah Valley (23-7, 12-6) Saturday after having slipped by Salt Lake (21-9, 9-9) Friday in overtime, 87-84. The Cardinals will be the No. 2 tournament seed.  
Utah Valley lost 92-76 to Ricks (24-6, 12-6) on Friday, but still will be the tournament's No. 3 seed. Ricks, which beat Salt Lake 88-79 Saturday, is fourth.

## Scenic West men's basketball championship

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## Celtics finally snap losing streak

The Associated Press

TORONTO — No cigars were handed out inside the Boston Celtics locker room. M.L. Carr barely cracked a smile. Mary Conlon was concerned about benched plays in the fourth quarter.  
All the Celtics did with their 107-103 victory Monday over the Toronto Raptors was avoid a 14-game losing streak, which would have been the longest in the team's storied, 50-year history.  
"The win was hardly cause for celebration. Not even for a day."  
"It was no big deal," said Carr, the Celtics coach and general manager and a former player during the glory days in the 1980s. "We don't celebrate anything but championships in Boston. And we haven't been able to celebrate in a while."

Reserve Todd Day scored 27 points for the Celtics, who won for the first time since Feb. 3, when they beat Toronto on the road. Boston's 13 consecutive losses tied the team record set in 1993-94.  
The Celtics, whose 16 championships are the most in NBA history, improved to 12-46 this season, but are still on pace to break their record for losses in a season with 53. Boston also has the worst record in the Eastern Conference.  
Day scored 16 points in the fourth quarter. He helped put the Celtics, who used only eight players because of injuries, ahead 92-82 when he followed up a missed shot and made a reverse layup with 5:10 remaining.  
"A win is a win when you're a Boston Celtic right now," Day said. "At this time, we take anything. A forfeit will do."

Antoine Walker had 21 points and 10 rebounds, and Rick Fox had 13 points and 10 assists for the Celtics. Eric Williams added 20 points for Boston.  
Carlos Rogers had 17 points to lead Toronto. Walt Williams added 16, and Damon Stoudamire had 11 points and 17 assists.  
The Celtics actually would help themselves by losing at this time of the year because it would give them a better chance for the No. 1 pick in the draft. They also have Dallas' first-round choice, which also could be a lottery pick.



Celtics guard David Wesley, left, loses control of the ball as he passes Raptors guard Shawn Roper (31) on his way to the hoop in the first quarter Monday.

## Jordan leads Bulls to win

### Moves to No. 7 all time

The Associated Press

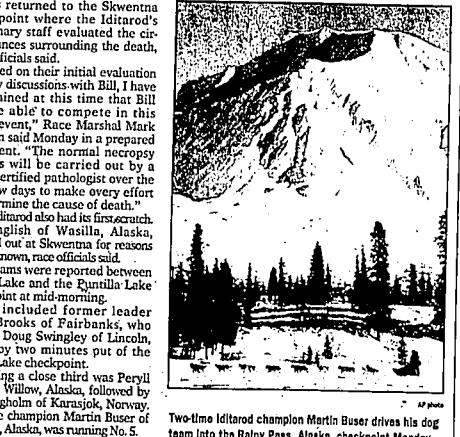
CHICAGO — Michael Jordan became the No. 7 scorer in NBA history, getting 31 points Monday night in leading the Chicago Bulls to a 108-90 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks.  
Jordan has 26,277 points — 19 more than San Antonio's Dominique Wilkins, who is injured.  
Averaging 30.8 points as he guns for an unprecedented ninth scoring title, Jordan is on pace to break into the top five by season's end. He's 118 points behind John Havlicek and 433 behind Oscar Robertson.

Jordan, whose career scoring average of 31.9 is the league's best ever, almost certainly would be ahead of Havlicek and Robertson — as well as Elvin Hayes and Moses Malone — had he not missed nearly two seasons before coming out of retirement in March 1995.  
While Jordan dominated Monday's game with 24 points, Scottie Pippen scored 21 of his 25 points in the third quarter as the Bulls pulled away. The defending champions improved to 51-7 overall and 28-1 at the United Center with their 21st consecutive home victory.  
Glenn Robinson had 23 points for the Bucks, whose season-high losing streak reached six games. Milwaukee fell 7 1/2 games behind Cleveland in the race for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot.  
Chicago's Dennis Rodman and Milwaukee's Joe Wolf scuffled after the two battled on consecutive third-quarter possessions, with Rodman taking a swing at Wolf the first trip and Wolf getting Rodman into a headlock on the next.  
The Bulls won without top reserve Toni Kukoc, who went on the injured list with tendinitis in his right foot. He will miss at least five games and probably won't be at full strength again until next season.

## Mitch Seavey takes lead in Iditarod

The Associated Press

PUNTILLA LAKE, Alaska — Mitch Seavey took over the lead Monday in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, outdistancing a half-dozen teams to make it first into this Alaska Range checkpoint.  
Seavey was sixth out of Finger Lake early Monday but outran the leaders as they moved quickly across several drainages and into an area of icy-covered swamps and sparse timber.  
Seavey, of Seward, Alaska, checked in at 8:31 a.m. local time. He is the son of Dan Seavey, one of the Iditarod's original 1973 mushers who also is making the silver anniversary run this year.  
Overnight lows ran ranged from 5 below to 10 below, but strong gusts pushed wind chills to 52 below at Rainy Pass, which is the next obstacle facing mushers after leaving Rainy Lake. It also is the highest point on the 1,100-mile trail from Anchorage to Nome, at 3,160 feet.  
The Iditarod, meanwhile, logged its first dog death of the race.  
A 2-year-old dog in a team driven by Bill Bass of Anchorage died around 7:30 a.m. a few miles north of Skwentna.  
Bass returned to the Skwentna checkpoint where the Iditarod's veterinary staff evaluated the circumstances surrounding the death, race officials said.  
"Based on their initial evaluation and my discussions with Bill, I have determined at this time that Bill will be able to compete in this year's event," Race Marshal Mark Norman said Monday in a prepared statement. "The normal necropsy process will be carried out by a board-certified pathologist over the next few days to make every effort to determine the cause of death."  
The Iditarod also had its first scratch. Ted English of Wasilla, Alaska, dropped out at Skwentna for reasons not yet known, race officials said.  
Six teams were reported between Finger Lake and the Puntilla Lake checkpoint at mid-morning.  
That included former leader Remy Brooks of Fairbanks, who had led Doug Swingley of Lincoln, Mont., by two minutes out of the Finger Lake checkpoint.  
Running a close third was Peryll Kyrer of Willow, Alaska, followed by Sven Ingvald of Karasjok, Norway.  
Two-time champion Kasper Buser of Big Lake, Alaska, was running No. 5.



Two-time Iditarod champion Martin Buser drives his dog team into the Rainy Pass, Alaska, checkpoint Monday.

## Be a good sport: It's Sportsmanship Day

The Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — A player spits on an umpire. Angry parents demand more playing time for their children. College football players invade a fraternity and assault three men.  
Aggression that should be unleashed on the field too often is being unlearned at referees, coaches and fans, and many young athletes are learning the wrong lessons, many sports officials believe.  
To address the issue, the Institute For International Sport at the University of Rhode Island has organized its seventh annual National Sportsmanship Day today. About 8,000 schools in 75 countries are expected to participate to raise awareness about the ethical demands of sports.  
"When you're playing a sport you get caught up in the emotion, the heat of the moment," said David Brennan, national coordinator for the event. "The adrenaline is running hard. But you've got to remember you're representing your team, your school, not just yourself."  
Sportsmanship Day grew out of efforts by Dan Doyle, a former basketball player at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., who in 1986 founded the institute to promote international peace through sports.

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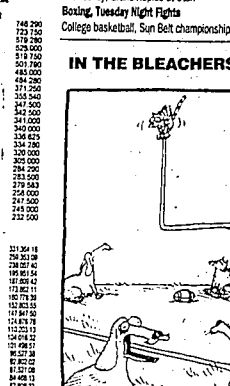
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SPORTS

Vols drop out of Top 10 for 1st time since 1986

The Associated Press

For 11 straight years, Tennessee has been a constant presence in the Associated Press Top 10 for women's basketball...

Tennessee dropped from eighth to 11th in the next-to-last poll of the season, ending a streak of 167 consecutive weeks in the Top 10...

The lone time Tennessee was out of the Top 10 was the final poll of the 1985-86 season, when the Lady Vols were 15th.

Connecticut, Old Dominion and Stanford held the top three places Monday for the 11th straight week...

Tulane (24th) and Southeastern Conference were ranked in turn (19th) returned to the Top 25 after being ranked earlier...

Cochair Pat Summitt took it all in stride — even giving her players three days off to rest before they start preparing for the NCAA tournament.

"The national ranking is nice, but what I really take more pride in is the end result," Summitt said. "That's our focus every year, not so much where we're ranked in the polls...

"If you had told me in January that our team would win 23 basketball games, I would have told you that you had your head examined," Summitt said.

"Our players have really hung tough and now anything can happen. I know this team. They've made a lot of improvement...

Kansas still tops; Georgia returns

The Associated Press

Kansas, the only team to get through the regular season with just one loss, remained No. 1 in the Associated Press college basketball poll...

The Jayhawks (29-1) have been on top for 14 straight weeks, with last week the final poll of the season.

Utah (23-3) moved up one spot to third to match its highest ranking of the season. The Utes were followed by South Carolina (23-6)...

The Tar Heels never dropped out of the poll, but they have moved up in each of the last four polls from 20th to 16th, 12th, eighth and this week's No. 5.

Knoxville with its highest ranking of the season, was at No. 11 and followed by Arizona, Clemson, New Mexico, Illinois, Iowa State, College of Charleston and Louisville.

Georgia (21-7) was the only new comer this week, replacing Michigan (17-11) which dropped from 24th after its fifth straight loss.

No. 4 North Carolina and No. 5 Louisiana Tech each climbed up one spot while Florida dropped four places to sixth after receiving three SEC finals.

Montana State (19-10, 11-5) led 40-24 at the midpoint and rolled to a 65-47 victory over Montana State (16-13, 10-6) in Bozeman.

"I can't say enough about these kids after the 0-3 start in Big Sky play this year," Montana coach Blaine Taylor said.

"We accomplished more than anyone thought we would" Branswell said. "Nothing matters at this point except for winning our next three games."

Men's Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 2, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking.

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Other receiving votes: Tulsa 11, Princeton 79, Iowa St. 59, Wake Forest 48, Georgetown 30, Texas 12, Wisconsin 17, NC Central 15, Mississippi 13, Massachusetts 12, New Orleans 11, Fresno St. 10, Pacific 10, Illinois 8, South Alabama 8, Boston College 7, Rhode Island 7, California 5, Hawaii 5, Michigan 5, Syracuse 4, SW Missouri St. 3, Boston 3, Purdue 2, Southern 2, California 2, St. Mary's, Col. 2, UNLV 2, Virginia 2, Long Island U. 1, Navy 1, Oklahoma 1, Vanderbilt 1.



St. Joseph's center Jana Lichnerova, right, tangles with George Washington forward Tajma Abraham during the first half Monday.

UConn women roll into Big East finals

STORRS, Conn. (AP) Nykeshia Sales had 18 points and six steals as No. 1 Connecticut routed Iowa State 81-61 Monday night in the Big East tournament semifinals.

UConn (29-0), the top seed and three-time defending Big East champion, advanced to the final against the winner of the other semifinal between No. 2 seed Georgetown and No. 3 seed and 14th-ranked Notre Dame.

Sales finished 6-for-12 from the field and also had five assists. Three of her steals came during a first-half run that helped keep UConn's transition game in high gear.

Shea Ralph added 14 points for the Huskies, who shot 61 percent on the day and had five assists. Three of the Hurricanes for the eighth straight game. The teams had met only once before in a tournament game, when Miami won the 1992 final.

Desha Thomas led Miami (15-14) with 25 points before fouling out with 4:37 remaining and the game well out of reach.

No. 19 Auburn 52, No. 6 Florida 47

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — No. 19 Auburn got 22 points from Laticia Morris in a gritty defensive effort from everybody to upset No. 6 Florida 52-47 Monday for the Southeastern Conference tournament championship.

The ninth-seeded Tigers (21-9) became the lowest seeded team ever to win the tournament by beating Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee and the Georays to beating the Auburn during the regular season.

No. 13 Notre Dame 83, Georgetown 43

STORRS, Conn. — Katelyna Gaiher scored 22 of her 26 points in the first half as No. 13 Notre Dame cruised to a 83-43 win over Georgetown and advanced to its second straight Big East final.

Gaiher finished 12-for-16 and set a school record for points in a season with her last baskets before half time. She now has 632, surpassing the record of 626 set last year by teammate Beth Morgan.

The 40-point margin was the largest in a Big East tournament game. Connecticut beat opponents by 36 points twice, in 1994 and 1995.

Iowa 63, No. 18 Illinois 56

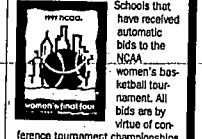
INDIANAPOLIS — Just when No. 18 Illinois appeared in control, Iowa came along and grabbed the Big Ten's berth in the NCAA tournament.

Kristen Reichling hit a buzzer-beating to give the Illini a 30-26 halftime lead and, apparently, the momentum. But Iowa's Angela Hamblin scored the first six points in the second half to propel the Hawkeyes on a 13-0 run. Amy Herring's two free throws with 1:58 remaining made it 39-30 and Iowa made late free throw accuracy pay off. Tongisha Smith had 15 points and Hamblin 14.

St. Joseph's 59, No. 18 G. Washington 56

WASHINGTON — St. Joseph's rallied from an 11-point halftime deficit and Megan Campin made six straight free throws before leading the stretch in a 59-56 victory over No. 19 George Washington on Monday.

NCAA automatic bids



Schools that have received automatic bids to the NCAA women's basketball tournament. All bids are by conference.

- List of conference tournament championships including Eastern Kentucky, Ohio Valley, St. Joseph's, Atlantic 10, etc.

College basketball

night for the Hawks' first Atlantic 10 championship.

The upset spoiled George Washington's bid for a perfect A-10 season. The Colonials (25-5) had dominated the conference, winning their 18 regular-season and tournament games by an average of 27 points.

No. 24 Tulane 76, Marquette 53

RICHMOND, Va. — Mary Lowry scored 16 points and Tulane connected on 9-of-18 3-point attempts to coast past Marquette 76-53 for the championship of the Conference USA women's tournament Monday night.

The No. 24 Green Wave (27-4) shot .643 from 3-point range in the first half as five players hit from beyond the arc.

Men

Old Dominion 62, James Madison 58, OT

HODGE'S LAKE, Va. — Odell Hodge jumped, threw himself in the air and then took off, jumping over the press table and running down the aisle.

Monmouth 73, Fairleigh Dickinson 72, 2 OT

ALBANY, N.J. — Corey Albano hit two free throws in the eighth seconds left in double overtime and Monmouth staged another sensational rally in the Northeast Conference tournament semifinals, beating Fairleigh Dickinson 73-72 Monday night.

Big Sky champ N. Arizona cruises into tourney

The Associated Press

For Northern Arizona coach Ben Howland, a 99-62 rout of struggling Cal State-Sacramento was the perfect regular season finale for the Big Sky Conference tournament-host Lumberjacks.

NAU (21-4 overall, 14-2 Big Sky) is on a roll as it prepares for the tourney's start next Thursday, having also topped Cal State-Northridge 76-74 in Flagstaff last week.

"I think we're playing well right now," Howland said. "We have adjusted to the (personnel) losses. (Freshman guard) Rod Hutchings is becoming more comfortable and is making the right decision every trip down the floor."

Against Sacramento (3-23, 2-14) Saturday night, Andre Davis and Mike McNair each had 19 points, while Ross Land added 15.



Hutchings had seven assists to go with 3 points.

NAU led 44-26 at halftime, and was never threatened. The performance left Howland feeling great about next week's challenge.

"It's a new season. We are excited about the tournament, but I think it is in Flagstaff," the coach said.

Meantime, what was supposed to be the Big Sky's signature game of the week turned out to be a dud. Montana (19-10, 11-5) led 40-24 at the midpoint and rolled to a 65-47 victory over Montana State (16-13, 10-6) in Bozeman.

"The Grizzlies locked down second place — and a first-round tourney bye." "I can't say enough about these kids after the 0-3 start in Big Sky play this year," Montana coach Blaine Taylor said.

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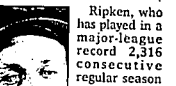
Survey: Women athletes are still playing catch-up

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Although most college students are women, most Division I athletes still are men, despite the efforts of Title IX sponsors to even the score, a survey by USA Today shows.

Cal Ripken out with groin strain

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — If it happened during the regular season, the news would have been shocking: Cal Ripken was scratched from the Baltimore Orioles' starting lineup Monday because of an injury.

Ripken strained his left groin, hours before the Baltimore Orioles' exhibition game against the Atlanta Braves. He aggravated the injury during infield practice and was removed from the starting lineup and replaced at third base by Willis Otanez.



Cal Ripken

Penguins do Johnston-Patrick shuffle again

CANONSBURG, Pa. (AP) — With the Pittsburgh Penguins slumping and Mario Lemieux's influence fading, Eddie Johnston is out again as coach, and general manager Craig Patrick is in again as interim coach.

Ripken, who has played in a major-league record 2,316 consecutive regular season games, is expected to sit out the Orioles' exhibition game against the Atlanta Braves on Tuesday.

The Penguins fired Johnston on Monday, and Patrick will coach the last 20 games of the season and the playoffs. He intends to turn around a team that has lost eight out of nine games despite a glut of talent.

The Penguins are second to Buffalo in the Northeast Division. Johnston, who is 23-22-60 in 6 1/2 seasons in two separate stints with the Penguins, will work as Patrick's assistant in the general manager's office.



SPORTS

# Umpires strike back, vow get-tough policy

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Don't look for many arguments at the ballpark this year. Managers and players may get tossed before they finish their first sentences.

Tolerance in baseball is leading to total anarchy, "umpires Jerry Crawford and Don Denkinger said in a statement Monday. "The rules of the game will be rigidly enforced."

Umpires are still angry over the Roberto Alomar incident. Baltimore's All-Star second baseman received a five-game suspension for spitting at umpire John Hirschbeck last September and will serve it this April — with pay. Umpires wanted a longer suspension, wanted it be without pay and wanted him to serve it during the postseason.

"Umpires will no longer bend over backwards to keep players in the game," umpires union head Richie Phillips said from his office in Media, Pa.

"The umpires, who have been criticized for being too confrontational, will engage in less arguments on the field. Players who engage in aberrant behavior can expect an immediate ejection and little conversation, so that should lessen confrontation.

"If players get out of line, they

will be ejected. Arguing with the umpires at any time is grounds for ejection."

Baseball officials were angered by Phillips' remarks.

"We expect they will not make a travesty of the game," acting commissioner Bud Selig said in a statement. "If they do, appropriate action will be taken."

"This is not a time for divisive statements. Rather, it is a time for umpires and players to come together in the best interests of the game."

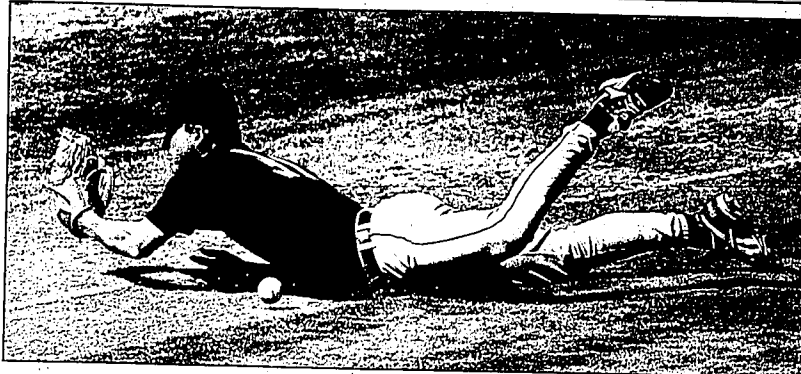
Gene Orza, the No. 2 official of the players' association, did not appear concerned.

"How confrontational and flamboyant statements serve the long-term interests of the umpires themselves is something, I guess, only the umpires can explain," Orza said in New York.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's just another press release."

Phillips said umpires decided in their meeting 10 days ago that they would not require ejection, allow ejection for even the slightest violation, Phillips said.

"The umpires feel they've been too tolerant."



Brewers pitcher Tim VanEgmond falls to catch a bunt popped up by the Anaheim Angels' Gary Disarcina during the second inning Monday.

# Key out-duels Maddux; L.A. wins

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Jimmy Key outpitched Greg Maddux in their first matchup since the decisive game of the 1996 World Series, and the Baltimore Orioles went on to defeat the Atlanta Braves 16-2 Monday.

Pete Incauglia hit a grand slam for the Orioles, and Eric Davis, Danny Clyburn and Wady Almonte also homered for Baltimore.



Ritchie and Mark Rodman. Mike Aldred went 3-for-4 for Toronto.

Royals 17, Pirates 14  
BRADENTON, Fla. — Joe Vitello hit two long home runs and drove in seven runs as the Kansas City Royals overcame Mark Johnson's two homers and nine RBIs and beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 17-14.

Johnson took advantage of a 25 mph wind blowing to straightaway center to hit a three-run homer, a two-run homer, a two-run double and a two-run single, all in five innings. Vitello hit a pair of three-run homers and nine RBIs and drove in Sergio Mendez added a two-run homer for Pittsburgh.

Eduardo Jimenez homered as the Mexico City Red Devils defeated the New York Mets 6-4 in a split-squad game.

Robert Ramirez limited the Mets to two hits over the first four innings.

The Mets outhit the Red Devils 11-8 but left 15 runners on base.

Twins (ss) 9, Rangers 5  
FORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Pedro Castellano's two-run single highlighted a five-run sixth inning, leading a split squad of Minnesota Twins to a 9-5 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Scott Stahovick drove in two runs with a single and home run for the Twins.

Chuck Knoblauch singled on the first pitch of the game by Roger Pavlik to start a three-run first. Consecutive doubles by Paul Molitor and Eric Anthony scored two runs and Stahovick's single scored Anthony.

Indians 7, Reds 4  
WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Jim Thome and Matt Williams hit consecutive homers during a four-run fifth inning as the unbeaten Cleveland Indians collected 15 hits and won their fourth game, 7-4 over Cincinnati.

Pokie Reese drove in all the Reds' runs with a grand slam.

Mike Busch had an RBI single in the second inning, and Manny Ramirez scored on a double play in the fourth, giving Cleveland a 2-0 lead. The Indians took command in the fifth. Chad Cordero pitched the fifth. Tony Fernandez doubled and then Thome Fernandez walked, then Thome blasted a three-run homer over the left-centerfield fence and Williams homered off the scoreboard in right-center.

Dodgers 4, Expos 3  
WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Hideo Nomo allowed only one hit in three off a wild-card inning and the Los Angeles Dodgers scored four runs off a wild Derek Aicoin in the seventh inning for a 4-3 victory over the Montreal Expos.

A single by Eric Karros, a hit batsman, two walks and two wild pitches accounted for the first two Dodgers runs. After Steve Faltisek relieved Aicoin, William Pennyfeather singled in a run and eventually scored on a grounder.

Jim Bullinger pitched three hitless innings for the Expos and Shane Andrews hit a two-run single.

Cubs 7, Rockies 3  
TUCSON, Ariz. — Sammy Sosa hit his third homer in three games and drove in four runs, leading the Chicago Cubs over the Colorado Rockies.

Sosa raised his RBI total to seven this spring with a two-run single in the third inning and a two-run homer in the fifth.

In his other at-bat, Sosa walked in the second and, after Dave Clark's double, scored on a ground out.

Colorado starter Bill Swift, who pitched only 18 1/3 innings last season because of shoulder problems, had a solid first outing of the spring despite taking the loss. In two innings, he allowed one hit and one run.

Marlins 8, Mets 0  
MELBOURNE, Fla. — The Florida Marlins won their fourth straight exhibition game under new manager, Jim Leyland, as Jeff Conine hit a two-run double and Bob Natal smacked a two-run homer in an 8-0 win over the New York Mets.

Alex Fernandez made his debut for the Marlins and gave up two infield singles in two innings. Mark Hutton struck out three in two hitless innings, as six Florida pitchers combined on a five-hitter.

Conine broke a scoreless tie with his double in the seventh off Takashi Kashiwada. The Marlins scored six runs in the eighth off Derek Wallace.

Red Sox 8, Phillies 6  
FORT MYERS, Fla. — Tim Lincecum and Rudy Pemberton homered on consecutive pitches as the unbeaten Boston Red Sox won their third game, beating the Philadelphia Phillies 8-6.

Mark Lieberthal had three hits, including a three-run homer, and Bobby Estelle had a solo homer for Philadelphia.

Mark Portugal retired the first five Boston batters. Then Wil Cordero singled and scored on Mike Stanley's double. Spehr and Pemberton then homered for a 4-2 lead after two innings.

Scott Hartsberg's RBI double broke a 5-5 tie in a three-run sixth.

Mexico City 6, Mets (ss) 4  
PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Former major league Ty Gainey and

Padres 7, Athletics 3  
PHOENIX — Tony Gwynn hit a three-run homer to cap a six-run outburst by the Padres in the seventh inning as San Diego defeated Oakland.

Gwynn, who also singled and scored in the first inning, homered off Bill Taylor.

Eric Young hit a solo homer for the A's and Jose Canseco got his first hit of spring training, a double. Canseco struck out in his other two at-bats.

Damon Mashore had a two-run double in the eighth for the A's.

Wally Joyner had a run-scoring double in the first for the Padres.

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Brewers 13, Angels 5  
TEMPE, Ariz. — Mark Loretta had three hits and drove in four runs, leading the Milwaukee Brewers over Anaheim.

Loretta had a two-run double in the second inning as Milwaukee overcame a 3-0 deficit. He added a two-run single in the third and a double in the fifth.

Randy Velarde had a solo homer and Tim Salmon drove in two runs for the Angels.

# Hasegawa makes pitch for spot with Anaheim

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Hideo Nomo is the introvert. Shigetoshi Hasegawa is the extrovert.

Nomo says little about himself, in English or Japanese. Hasegawa already is interrupting his translator to yuck it up.

"Your English is good," the 28-year-old right-hander told translator Kent Haslam after his first spring training start, bringing laughter from the dozen people standing in the Anaheim Angels' clubhouse.



Shigetoshi Hasegawa

keep track of him and Mac Suzuki, trying to make the Seattle Mariners' staff for the second straight spring.

Hasegawa's wife, Eire, comes to the exhibition games. Japanese fans and others mob him for autographs as he walks from the practice field to the main diamond at Tempe Diablo Stadium.

"Obviously, he was excited," Angels pitching coach Marcel Lachemann said after the debut in nearby Scottsdale. "I thought except for two batters in a row when he made a couple of bad pitches, he was good. I was pleased with the fastballs he threw in on the left-handers."

Hasegawa, who is 5-foot-11, doesn't throw as hard as Nomo, his speed appearing to top out in the mid-80s. He rated his effort against the Giants at 60-70 percent.

"The fact that he has very high standards is good," Lachemann said. "The fact that he wasn't pleased is good."

Already, Hasegawa learned that baseball in the major leagues is different from that in Japan. After he moistened his hand by going to his mouth on the mound several times, plate umpire Dana DeMuth went out and told him to stop. In Japan, pitchers can go to their mouths and long as they wipe the moisture on their uniforms.

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"I'm not so satisfied," Hasegawa said in center in an "I'm so good."

Hasegawa, the Pacific League Rookie of the Year in 1991, was 57-45 with a 3.25 ERA in six seasons with the Orix Blue Wave, who won the Japan Series last season. He was 4-6 with a 5.34 ERA last year, and Orix allowed him to sign with the Angels for \$300,000 plus a \$325,000 club option in 1998.

Wherever Hasegawa goes during spring training, he is followed by Japanese camera crews and about 20 Japanese reporters, in Arizona to

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Sprinter eager for Johnson to take on Bailey  
NEW YORK (AP) — Ato Boldon, the 1996 Olympic bronze medalist in the 100 and 200 meters, also is a track and field fan, and in that respect is anxiously awaiting the sprint showdown between Michael Johnson and Donovan Bailey.

"I think it's going to be absolutely fantastic," Boldon said via telephone at the New York Track Writers' luncheon Monday.

The match race between Johnson, the record-smashing winner of the 200 and 400 meters at the Atlanta Games, and Bailey, the track and field world record in the 100 at the Olympics, will be held over 150 meters at Toronto's SkyDome June 1.

"I disregard the people who say that 150 meters is not the right distance," Boldon said. "This race is good for the sport."

"Michael Johnson also is very good for the sport. After the Olympic Games, nobody would mind what he would be doing. Boldon said people, especially in his native Trinidad & Tobago, have inquired why he, and possibly Frankie Fredericks of Namibia, the 200-meter silver medalist, are not in the race.

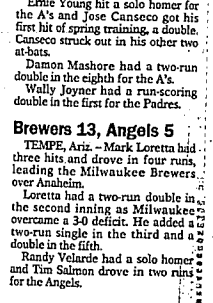
"You'd be surprised about how much this race is being talked about. It improves the visibility of the sport," Boldon said. "People are not talking about Michael and Donovan anymore, talking about Frankie and me."

Golden Gloves boxer dies of head injury  
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Golden Gloves boxer who was knocked unconscious in the ring died of a head injury, according to autopsy results released Monday.

The death of 19-year-old Dylan Baker of Round Rock was ruled an accident, said Frank Tovar, an investigator with the Bexar County Medical Examiner's Office.

Baker, a freshman at Southwestern University in Georgetown, was pronounced dead at 10 p.m. Saturday at University Hospital in San Antonio, a day after he was injured.

Packed House  
A slew of Seattle Seahawks fans waits for hearings to begin in Olympia, Wash., Monday. Lawmakers are beginning a series of hearings on a financing plan for a new Seahawks stadium.



# SPORTS IN BRIEF

**Boise State names final football assistant**  
BOISE — Bill Keopple, a former assistant football coach at the University of Central Arkansas, has been named Boise State coach Houston Nutt's final assistant coach in defense.

Following a 13-year run at Central Arkansas, Keopple was athletic director and head football coach at Newport High School in Newport, Ark. Last year, he guided the team to an 8-3 record and a trip to the state playoffs.

At Central Arkansas, from 1983 to 1995, he served in several capacities, including offensive coordinator. During those years, the university won three NAIA Division I national championships, 10 Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference championships and nine postseason playoff appearances.

Defensive line coach Dan Fidler will move to linebackers.

**Moon scheduled to pay visit to Chargers**  
SAN DIEGO — Warren Moon, released by the Minnesota Vikings last month, will pay a visit Tuesday to one of his former offensive coordinators, Kevin Gilbride, now the San Diego Chargers' coach.

General manager Bobby Beathard said Stan Humphries would remain his starter.

"This is not to replace Stan, and Kevin made it clear to Warren," Beathard said. "They'll talk anyway and see what happens."

Gilbride and Moon spent several years together in Houston.

**Korda advances in ABN tennis tourney**  
ROTTERDAM, Netherlands — Petr Korda, seeded eighth, cruised into the second round of the ABN AMRO indoor tennis tournament with a 6-3, 7-5 win over Karim Alami of Morocco on Monday.

The only other seeded player to see action on Monday, fifth-seeded Alex Corretja of Spain, was beaten by Remo Furlan of Italy 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

In other matches, Olivier Delaune of France beat Jacco Eltingh of the Netherlands 4-6, 6-3. Dennis van Scheppingen, also of the Netherlands, beat Richard Fromberg of Austria 2-6, 6-4.

On Tuesday, crowd favorite Richard Krajicek plays his first round match against Czech Marian Damm, while top-seeded and defending champion Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia plays his first match Wednesday.

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By Charles M. Schulz

WHAT'S GOING ON?  
THIS IS THE FIRST MATCH. SNOOPY'S PLAYING "CRYBABY BOOBIE."

WHOSE SERVE IS IT? I CAN'T SERVE IN THE SUN! I'LL RECEIVE! THE NET LOOKS TOO HIGH! MY KNEE HURTS! MY EARS HURT!

I THINK I'LL KICK HER. DOGS ARE ALLOWED TO KICK PEOPLE.

**For Better or For Worse**  
YOU'VE MET GARY BEFORE. GARY'S THE LIVING AT THE CHURCH!

SHE'S GOING TO STAY IN THE REC ROOM UNTIL WE'VE ALVIN - BECAUSE HER APPOINTMENT IS BEING POSTPONED AND SHE NEEDS A PLACE TO STAY!

DADDY, HOW LONG WILL YOU BE GONE? CAN COME - WILL YOU BE BACK SOONER? I DON'T WANT YOU TO GO!

NOW I KNOW WHY THEY ALWAYS SAY SHE'S HEAVY!

By Lynn Johnston

**Ratbert the Consultant**  
"WAL-MART'S" BUSINESS STRATEGY WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL. YOU CAN LEARN FROM THEIR EXAMPLE.

DOES THEIR STRATEGY INVOLVE SITTING AROUND AND MAKING IRRELEVANT COMPARISONS TO OTHER COMPANIES?

ALL I KNOW FOR SURE IS THAT THEY DON'T LET RATS TRY ON ALL THE PANTHOSE IN THE STORE.

GOOD STRATEGY.

By Scott Adams

**Blondie**  
WHAT'S DAG DOING?  
HE'S CLEANING HIS FISHING ROD AND POLISHING HIS BOWLING BALL.

BOY, WHAT A WASTE OF TIME!

LAST YEAR HE DIDN'T GET A STRIKE WITH EITHER OF 'EM!

By Dean Young & Stan Drake

**B.C.**  
NO FLY ZONE

A DESIGNATED AREA WHERE EVERYONE IS REQUIRED TO WEAR SWEAT PANTS

By Johnny Hart

**Pickles**  
SALVA - HELP!! THE ANACONDA GOT ME IN ITS COILS!

WHAT SHOULD I DO? WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

GRAB HIS TAIL AND UNWRAP HIM FROM ME!!

WASNT THERE SOMETHING I COULD DO INVOLVING TOUCHING THE SNAKE?!

By Brian Crane

**Garfield**  
NOW THAT I'VE PUT ALUMINUM SIDING ON OPIE, WE WON'T HAVE TO PAINT HIM!

By Jim Davis

**Dennis the Menace**  
FUNNY THING... MY GRANDPA SAYS IT'S EASY TO GET ORDER, AND IF I DON'T TAKE ANY TIME AT ALL!

By Hank Ketchum

**Hi and Lois**  
Spring Training Now in Progress

By Chance Brown

**The Family Circus**  
There's so much empty space here, I decided it was a good place for an island.

By Bil Keane

**The Wizard of Id**  
A MESSAGE FROM SIR KOPNEY AT THE FRONT, SIRE!  
READ IT!

SWORN BY THE ENEMY... FACE CERTAIN ANNIHILATION!

WHO DELIVERED THIS?

SIR KOPNEY

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

**Hagar the Horrible**  
GOSH, IT'S NOT A FIT NIGHT! OUT FOR MAN NOR BEAST!

HAGAR, DID YOU LOCK THE DOOR?

YEAH

ARE YOU SURE?

By Chris Browne

**Spejko Bailey**  
I PUT SARGE ON A NEW DIET I THINK WILL WORK

LET'S HOPE GO, WHAT'S THIS ONE CALLED?

THE DUCT TAPE DIET

By Mort Walker

**Frank and Ernest**  
PERSONNEL

YOU'RE NOT THE TYPE TO LEAVE A JOB HALF-DONE, ARE YOU?

OH, NO. I RARELY GET THAT FAR!

By Bob Thaves

**The Born Loser**  
HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BECOMING A VEGETARIAN, CHIEF?

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS...

I DIDN'T ACHIEVE MY POSITION AS KING OF THE JUNGLE BY BEHAVING LIKE A BUNNY RABBIT!

By Art Sansom & Chip

**North Carolina socks it to us**  
Most common crimes committed by big-city police officers are said to be: 1. Accepting money from business people; 2. Assault on citizens; and 3. Shakedown of individuals accused of sexual misdeeds. Or so university studies indicate. Drinking on duty is a departmental violation, not a crime. It's even money your socks came from North Carolina. Half the socks nationwide do.

Crime was alcoholics generally don't have much hair on their chests. A seasoned physician explains: "Chronic alcoholism is a common cause of cirrhosis of the liver. A cirrhotic liver does not fully metabolize feminizing estrogenic hormones present in small amounts by males. Their accumulation in the body leads to some degree of demasculinization, including loss of chest hair."

Q. What was the Inca wedding ceremony like?  
A. The bride and groom took off their sandals and handed same to each other. If the historians have it right, that was all there was to it.

Q. Wasn't the Confederate commander Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson killed at the Civil War's Battle of Chancellorsville?  
A. As he returned to camp at night after scouting enemy positions, he was wounded by gunfire from his own men. Then weakened by the amputation of an arm, he died eight days later of pneumonia.

Credit Nebraska with more kinds of grass than any other state.

As a time when people of some social standing placed notices in newspaper classifieds to tell friends and acquaintances when they'd become visitors. The occasion was called "At-Home-Day."

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**Yesterday's Puzzle solved:**

8	Measures of land
9	Talks back to
10	Caricature
11	Archer
12	"I cannot tell"
13	Neighbor or laughing
14	Sharp favor
15	Picture border
16	Tender
17	Kind of daisy
18	O.T. judge
19	Summery, for short
20	Equivalplus outer
21	Arctic
22	Seinous
23	Join activity
24	Wrestler
25	Tense quality
26	McNire the singer
27	Announcement
28	Feather scarf
29	Antitoxins
30	Waxons
31	Rabbit
32	Rain
33	Anto
34	Bom

**HOROSCOPE**  
Sydney Omarr

**IF MARCH 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:**  
You draw to you Taurus. Leo. Scorpio persons - you are creative, appreciate the arts, had unique family situation, could be only child or separated early from one or both parents. Current cycle relates to you live, style, panache, ability to be easily surprised. Change of residence featured along with relationship that begins mid, becomes lion's head result in change of marital status. September and November most memorable for you in 1997.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Take your time by playing waiting game, you receive the offer. Do not appear overly anxious. What was secret becomes public knowledge - you benefit as result. Places plays role.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Say what you mean and mean business. Lunar phase highlights perspective on future, what to do about it. Be sure of time, accept challenge of deadline. Capricorn plays dynamic role.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Long distance communication verifies views, brings ambitions into clear focus. You'll know where you are going and why. Hiding place discovered, involves money kept out of your sight.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Bright light shines on area, previously obscured. Take cold plunge into future. Highlight fresh start, let go of tired methods. Focus on partnership, cooperative efforts, marriage.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Obtain hint from Cancer message - make first start, emphasize creativity, sex appeal. Aquarian talks of getting together. Make sure meanings are crystal clear - specifics, not speculation.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 21):** Moon position emphasizes sensuality, ability to maneuver into areas of power. Intuitive nature prevails as getting together. Vigorous Gemini should be told where to go, in direct manner.

**LIBRA (Sept. 22-Oct. 22):** Rewrite, review, revise, build on solid structure. Lunar position emphasizes ability to transform base metals into gold. It is your personal kind of alchemy Taurus. Scorpio persons play roles.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't say no until you have heard story. You'll gain information previously censored. Sagittarius will win you over in charm, sexual attraction. Gemini, Virgo persons also featured.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You've repaid for special services - scenario highlights home, family, music, material success. Libra, let go of tired dreams into realities. Show gratitude without being obsequious.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Surprise! What seemed lost will be recovered in dramatic fashion. Swoosh of Janus comes. You will be free to travel, to participate in pioneering. Project Leo, Aquarius dominates scenario.

**AQUARIUS (Feb. 19-March 20):** Scorpio Capricorn message for valuable information. You could meet true love. Be open to adventure with you over the horizon. Impertinent one style. Don't follow others no matter what temptation.

**PISCES (March 21-April 19):** Long-range prospects featured - individual who through you were left behind awakens start. Emphasis on achievement, production, gymnasium, making others aware of your presence.

