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Jerome sheriff seeks 8 deputies

By Mark Heitz Times-News writer

JEROME - There isn't enough money to boost the Jerome County Sheriff's Department's patrol force by a third, county commissioners said Monday.

But Sheriff Jim Weaver said just such an increase is needed to curb an exploding local drug trade.

"These guys have literally been working themselves to death," Weaver said of his staff of eight patrol deputies and 17 jailers. Weaver said he needs four more patrol

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deputies, a vehicle for each new deputy and four more storage yards for evidence. Four more jail deputies are also needed, he said.

That would cost about \$248,000, Weaver said.

"We have a budget in place, and that's it," Commissioner John Toolson said. "If the money was there, I'd give it to you. You guys are doing a fantastic job."

The rate of reported serious crimes near-

ly doubled between 1996 and 1997, Weaver said. Deputies logged 153 adult arrests and six juveniles arrests in 1996, while 1997 saw 324 adult arrests and 47 juvenile arrests.

Most of the new crime stems from drugs, especially methamphetamine, Weaver said.

"Not just Jerome County, but the whole Magic Valley is facing a meth epidemic," he said. "And 98 percent of the crime can be traced back to narcotics."

Sheriff's detectives made 33 narcotics-related arrests last year, Weaver said.

Twenty-one of the 28 arrests made so far this year were on drug charges.

The crime wave has strained the county jail, Weaver said.

"We're having to ship prisoners to Gooding, Twin Falls, Cassia County, wherever we can find space," he said.

With the jail staff spread thin, safety has become a concern, Sheriff's Detective Dan Chatterton told the commission.

"Almost every week we're finding homemade weapons and contraband of some

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Gooding woman clings to hope

One year later, son remains missing

By Karma M. Fitzgerald Times-News correspondent

GOODING - One year ago Roseanna Mireles dropped her 2-year-old son Ruben Felix off at a relative's house and went to work. She has never seen her son since.

For Mireles, the last year has been filled with dashed hopes and sleepless nights.

Her sorrow over the loss of her son is matched only by the anger she feels toward investigators she says didn't do their job.

Mireles left her son at around 4:30 p.m. Feb. 23, 1997, at a family gathering at a remote home along the Little Wood River on Tenupa Ranch, west of Shoshone near the Lincoln-Gooding County border.

The child played there with other children until he was noticed missing at around 6:30 that night. Investigators searched farm buildings, fields and along the river for several weeks; their only clue was a tiny footprint left in ice along the river's edge. Search dogs traced his scent to the river, but no other sign was ever found.

Felix would be three now. His mother suspects he is even more embittered and ornery than he was the last time she saw him. She doubts he died in the icy waters of the Little Wood River and believes in her heart he is alive.

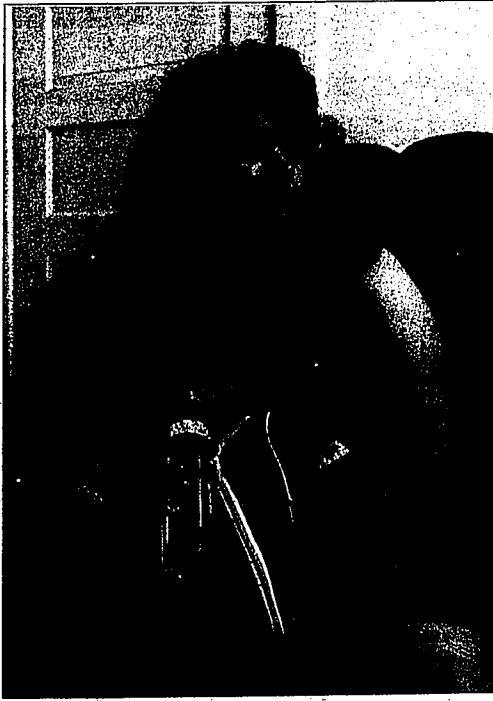
Mireles thinks she would have more answers to her son's whereabouts if the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department had done a proper search. She said the department has focused too much attention on the footprint, and not enough on other possibilities.

"(Lincoln County Sheriff Steven Southwick) is stuck on the river. I feel I don't know, but I don't think he's in that river," she said.

Lincoln County Chief Sheriff's Deputy Kevin Ellis said the department was focused on the river, but that's only because state and federal agencies were following other leads.

"We did everything we could do," Ellis said. "We investigated everyone involved, interviewed anybody that had access to the house. We followed out every lead to its end. Basically they've got to blame someone and we're the ones that are going to

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Roseanna Mireles holds her 1-year-old son Omar as she remembers the events that changed her life one year ago when her older son Ruben was lost near the Lincoln-Gooding County border and is yet to be found.

TF adopts truancy ordinance

Daytime curfew gone; nighttime one remains

By William Brock Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Stripped of a controversial daytime curfew, a beefed-up truancy and nighttime-curfew ordinance was unanimously approved by the City Council Monday.

Three people emerged from the sparse crowd to oppose the new ordinance, which is aimed at holding parents responsible for their children's actions.

"Even communist countries don't have curfews unless there's a war going on," said Twin Falls resident Mark Livingston.

"I really have to see our constitutional rights being taken down to the toilet like this."

"We're trying to raise our children as best we can, and we don't need harassment," added Myrna Andreassen, who hails from Heyburn.

Before voting to approve the ordinance, Councilman Chris Talkington said he's heard enough doom-and-gloom predictions of Twin Falls spiraling into a police state.

"The pendulum has swung too far," Talkington said. "We're increasingly hearing about abuse of power and harassment."

The ordinance is intended to protect the homes, vehicles and businesses of law-abiding citizens, Talkington said. "It's an ordinance whose time has come."

As a practical matter, the ordinance would impose misdemeanor penalties on parents who have an "in-care state" about their wayward children, said City Attorney Fritz Wunderlich. Parents who work with authorities to keep their children

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Florida tornadoes kill 38

Los Angeles Times

KISSIMMEE, Fla. - A line of ferocious thunderstorms reared out of the Gulf and across central Florida in the pre-dawn darkness Monday, spawning up to 10 tornadoes that killed 38 people in what authorities called the deadliest outbreak of twisters in the state's history.

The El Nino-related storm, one of a series to strike the state this winter, struck with the most fatalities were in bed. Hundreds of homes, many of them trailer homes, were leveled. Cars were tossed into living rooms.

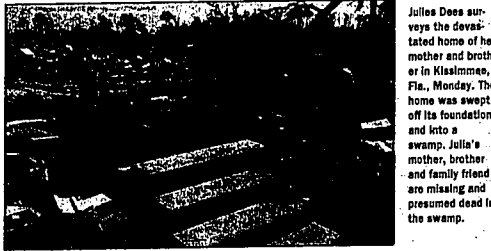
In Osceola County, south of Orlando, an

18-month-old toddler was ripped from his father's arms by the winds and disappeared. The child "got sucked out into the tornado," said Osceola County Fire Chief Jeff Hall. His body was found Monday afternoon.

More than 250 people were reported injured by the twisters and power was knocked out to some 135,000 customers.

"Many of those who survived were badly frightened. You could feel the wind and the suction coming through and I just told the kids, 'Hang on, hang on,'" said Ann Graulich, who took refuge in a closet after the roof of her house blew away.

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AP Photo

Julia Dees surveys the devastated home of her mother and brother in Kissimmee, Fla., Monday. The home was swept off its foundation, and into a swamp. Julia's mother, brother, boyfriend and a family friend are missing and presumed dead in the swamp.

New welfare reform study ranks Idaho policies dead last

The Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. - Two-thirds of the states have adopted welfare reform policies that threaten to drop the poor farther into poverty, a new study has concluded.

Only 14 states led by Vermont, have reformed their welfare systems in a way that is likely to improve the financial condition of the poor, according to a study due to be released today in Washington. Idaho's policies were ranked the most likely to threaten welfare recipients' economic security.

Idaho officials have been feeling pressure on Gov. Phil Batt's reform program because it does not provide a lifetime limit of two years on cash benefits. They have expressed some concern about a precipitous drop in the state's welfare caseload - about 75 percent



Linda Caballero

from nearly 8,000 a year ago to under 2,000 now. And officials in the Health and Welfare Department have been tracking those cases as best as they can to determine just what happened to the families involved.

But Health and Welfare Director Linda Caballero also said disconcerted lawmakers earlier this month that the administration has realized in the past year that using policies to push people into the labor force does not end the state's responsibility. Caballero indicated that savings from a

reduced welfare caseload need to be reinvested in health care, child care and other services to support those families so they can remain off the welfare roles even in low-paying jobs.

Without that assistance, she emphasized, families can be devastated by one child illness or simply run out of the work force by modest pay checks. The result is they wind up back on welfare, creating an even larger financial responsibility for the state, she said.

Tulsi University's Center on Hunger and Poverty surveyed all 50 states about how they implemented the new federal welfare law. Its primary conclusion: "The majority are failing and failing badly."

Researchers came to that conclusion after

evaluating 34 policy decisions that the federal government left to the states under welfare reform. Those areas include providing child care, expanding health coverage, and offering education and job training.

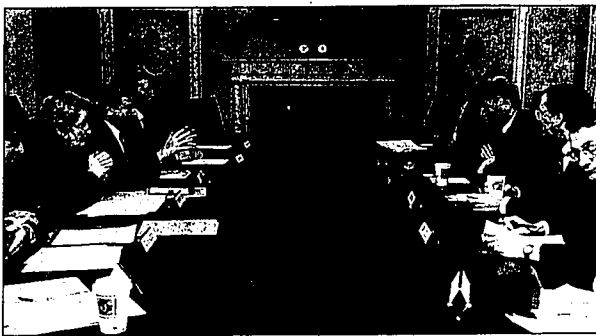
The majority of states adopted policies that, on the whole, make it more difficult for people collecting welfare to rise above poverty and support themselves.

"It is a sobering fact," said John T. Cook, Tulsi's research director. "I think a part of what we hope the report will accomplish is to send a wake-up call to the nation, to those states ... who have the inclination to look that they are not in fact using the new prerogatives that they were given to actually accomplish the central promise of welfare reform and that is to improve the lives of poor people."



# Clinton accepts agreement with Hussein

But large numbers of troops will remain in Gulf



President Clinton meets with his national security team in the Cabinet Room of the White House Monday to discuss the tentative United Nations agreement with Iraq.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton gave cautious approval to a U.N. agreement with Saddam Hussein for monitoring suspect weapons sites in Iraq, stepping back from the immediate threat of a U.S. military attack. Clinton said he would keep a potent force in the Persian Gulf.

The president said that if Iraq reneged on a commitment to make possible chemical and biological weapons sites subject to inspection, the consequences would be "very, very serious."

"What really matters ... is not what Iraq says but what it does," the president said in the White House Oval Office.

Although Clinton did not mention U.N. economic sanctions that have wreaked havoc on the Iraqi economy, it was learned the agreement holds out the promise they would be eased or lifted if Iraq complied totally with U.N. inspections.

Another gesture to Iraq in the accord, which U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan reached Sunday in Baghdad with Saddam, was that the inspectors would be supplemented with a diplomatic contingent. Iraq has contended that American inspectors are spies.

The diplomats would accompany inspectors to presidential complexes, which Saddam has vigorously declared were his pri-

## Saddam's long standoff with the world's greatest superpower earns Arab sympathy

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Saddam Hussein has blinked, but the Iraqi crisis is far from over.

In cutting a deal that averted bombing raids on his country, Saddam left the United States in the same box — using threats and diplomacy against an entrenched dictator with a habit of ignoring both.

"We've probably got 30 to 60 days before we hit another rough spot," said retired Army Gen. William Nash, a brigade commander in the 1991 war with Iraq.

The breathing room offers an opportunity to overhaul of U.S. policy toward Iraq, but even Clinton's toughest critics concede there are no easy alternatives to the current policy of containment.

"We have been down this road before," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., reflecting widespread skepticism the deal will hold. "Time and again, Saddam has shown only the credible threat of

force restrains him."

Saddam's agreement with U.N. Secretary Kofi Annan, endorsed by President Clinton Monday, commits Iraq to permit unrestricted inspections at facilities suspected of housing biological or chemical weapons. The last-minute deal came as U.S. military planners prepared for intensive air strikes to force Saddam's compliance with the international inspection program.

Saddam has made similar promises in the past. The Iraqi leader defused a confrontation last fall by reversing his decision to bar Americans from the U.N. inspection teams. And Saddam played a cat-and-mouse game with the inspectors for months over the question of access to presidential palaces and other sites under his direct control.

Now, he's promised full and unfettered access to the sites, but no one doubts trouble will come again. The least painful option, a palace coup against Saddam, seems unlikely. Despite the pun-

ishment inflicted on Iraq in the Persian Gulf war, Saddam has crushed all attempts to topple him. Potential opposition leaders in Iraq's dissatisfied Kurdish and Shiite Muslim communities have failed to forge strong alliances.

The possibility of a coup also raises concerns among some U.S. allies in the region who are wary about replacing the devil they know with an unpredictable new regime.

"There's no reason to believe what would follow Saddam would be that much better. We need to be careful about supporting the dissidents," said Nash, who teaches at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Experts said the only sure way to oust Saddam would be to send in U.S. troops. But public opinion polls indicate most Americans have little stomach for committing hundreds of thousands of American troops to another Persian Gulf war. And such action would make enemies around the globe.

Tarqi Aziz, who signed the accord with Annan, said in Baghdad, "It was diplomacy — wise, balanced United Nations, world diplomacy — that enabled us to reach this agreement."

But Annan, in comments more in line with the American view, said the deal was worked out with "diplomacy backed by firmness and force."

With obvious relief, Clinton said, "All Americans should have a positive reaction to the fact that we have a commitment to open all these sites."

If Iraq fails to abide by the

agreement, he said he was confident a forceful U.S. action would have widespread support around the world.

"I believe if it does not keep its word this time, everyone would understand," he said, alluding to the reservations Russia, France and several other nations had registered about bombing the sites during the crisis.

Before making the statement, Clinton conferred with other world leaders as his foreign policy advisers flypecked the document signed by Annan and Saddam to avert a U.S. military strike.

## Prosecutors seek life sentence for Nichols

DENVER (AP) — Federal prosecutors urged a judge Monday to sentence Terry Nichols to life behind bars for his role in the Oklahoma City bombing, calling a defense motion seeking a four-year prison sentence "absurd."

Prosecutor Sean Connolly petitioned U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch to hand Nichols the harshest possible penalty, not a sentence that would be more appropriate in a minor drug crime.

"Defense counsel make the absurd claim that Terry Nichols should be punished less harshly than if he simply possessed six grams of cocaine base for personal use," Connolly wrote.

Connolly's brief came in response to a motion by Nichols' attorneys that he should serve four to six years in prison for the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people and injured hundreds more.

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NATION IN BRIEF

High court rejects sex offenders' arguments

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court rejected a double-judicially challenge Monday to Megan's Law, the New Jersey measure that requires authorities to tell communities the whereabouts of convicted sex offenders.

Although the action did not directly affect similar laws adopted in 36 other states, it was welcomed as a major victory for proponents of such measures.

The court, without comment, turned away arguments by sex offenders that the law's notification provisions violate their Fifth Amendment's protection against being punished twice for the same crime. They argued that the notification and the public reaction it generates amount to punishment.

FDA approves asthma drug for children

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration approved an alternative in asthma cure for children Monday: Singulair, the first once-a-day pill to help prevent asthma attacks in children as young as 6.

The drug, manufactured by Merck & Co., also is intended for adults.

It does not treat asthma attacks — patients must still carry their quick-relief medicines. Instead, Singulair is a non-steroid drug that blocks leukotrienes, substances associated with asthma's inflammatory problems. There are other medicines that block leukotrienes or help prevent asthma attacks, but Singulair is the first once-a-day pill for children.

Protein injection grows new blood vessels

DALLAS — Scientists have made human hearts grow tiny new blood vessels by injecting proteins, raising hopes that the procedure may one day be used to treat people with clogged heart arteries.

The patients received an injection of the protein, a human growth factor known as FGF, directly into areas of their hearts where blood flow was reduced by clogged arteries. The injections were delivered while the patients were undergoing bypass surgery because of blockages.

In all 20 of the patients, new networks of blood vessels began growing as early as four days after the procedure, said Dr. Thomas-Joseph Stegmann, one of the researchers.

Growing new vessels, or angiogenesis, "has huge possibilities," said Dr. Ronald Crystal, who is pursuing a somewhat different method. "I think that it is going to be a major strategy in parallel with bypass surgery and angioplasty."

Study: Most chickens tainted with bacteria

YONKERS, N.Y. — A germ that kills hundreds of people a year and sickens millions was found on two-thirds of the chickens bought at stores around the country for a study by Consumer Reports.

The bacterium — campylobacter — was found four times as often as salmonella, yet the government does not require that chickens be tested for it, said Edward Groth, director of technical policy for Consumers Union, which publishes the magazine.

Campylobacter "is the most widespread cause of food poisoning in the United States," he said Monday. "We're talking up to 1,000 deaths and many millions of cases of indigestion and diarrhea, and it really is not something that should be overlooked."

Industry spokesmen called the article alarmist, saying that not all cases of campylobacteriosis come from chickens and that it would be impossible or too expensive to eliminate all contaminated chickens.

Tax revenue creates surplus for government

WASHINGTON — Rising tax revenue helped the government record a \$25.4 billion surplus in January and put it on track to register a surplus for the full fiscal year for the first time in nearly three decades.

In fact, for the 12 months ended in January, the cumulative surplus totaled \$9.6 billion — the most in at least 28 years. Just two months earlier, a \$2.4 billion surplus in the 12 months ended in November was the first for any 12-month period since 1970.

The January surplus, swelled by quarterly income tax payments, was about \$2.5 billion bigger than analysts predicted. The surplus was the difference between \$162.6 billion in receipts and spending of \$137.2 billion.

Firefighters holst fat man from house

CLEVELAND — It took a fire department crew seven hours to pull an 800-pound man from the basement of his home and get him to a hospital.

Rescuers were called early Saturday to the home of George Tomaselli, 47, after he complained of chest pains.

Firefighters built a wooden ramp on stairs leading to the basement and placed a board under his mattress. A rope hoist was used to drag the mattress up the stairs and a motorized lift hoisted the mattress onto a flatbed truck.

Tomaselli was conscious and talking to firefighters. A doctor and a nurse were on the scene to provide advice. He was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center, where doctors were trying to determine the source of his chest pain.

Antarctic ice shelves continue to retreat

For years, Antarctic scientists have kept a nervous watch on what some have called the Big Thaw: the breakup of giant floating ice shelves on the continent's Antarctic Peninsula. Warmer temperatures in recent years have forced a retreat in the ice that could eventually affect global sea levels.

The significance for U.S. coastal cities remains far from clear, but a new report predicts that the melting will continue. Antarctic researchers who studied the sudden collapse of one 500-square-mile ice shelf three years ago have discovered signs of strain in a larger ice shelf nearby.

Compiled from wire reports

Violence intrudes on writer's life

Husband kills himself as police storm house

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Police in Kentucky didn't know Gail Jones was an acclaimed writer whose recently released novel ended more than a decade of public silence.

They knew her husband, though. For months, Bob Jones had written rambling, increasingly threatening letters alleging all sorts of racist conspiracies about his mother-in-law's death from cancer last March.

The campaign ended Friday with the black couple barricading themselves in their home for three hours and Jones slitting his throat as police stormed in. He died later at a hospital.

Ms. Jones was taken to a state mental hospital because authorities feared she, too, would harm herself.

Ms. Jones, 48, could be released from the hospital this week or, if medical personnel believe she remains a danger, she could be committed involuntarily for up to a year.

The standoff began when police came to the house to serve a 14-year-old warrant on Jones — also known as Bob Higgins — for a Michigan weapons charge.

Jones, 51, had threatened to kill himself and his wife, and the house was filled with natural gas when police went in.

Gail Jones burst upon the literary scene in 1975 with her first novel, "Corregidora," a sexually explicit story of a black blues singer. Two years later, a series of short stories titled "White Run" brought critical acclaim from Maya Angelou and John Updike.

Under the guidance of Nobel laureate Toni Morrison, Ms. Jones earned a doctoral degree from Brown University and began teaching at the University of Michigan, where she met her husband.

There, he got into an argument with a marcher at a gay rights rally and was charged with assault after he returned with a shotgun. Ms. Jones resigned, claiming racism, and the couple moved to Paris. Her husband was convicted of assault in absentia in 1994.

Newsweek said that in 1983, "when she seemed poised to become a major voice in American fiction, she disappeared, moving to Europe in self-imposed exile."

In 1988, the couple quietly moved to Lexington, where she had been born in 1949, to care for her mother, Lucille Jones.

After Mrs. Jones died last year, the saga took a disturbing turn. The couple started the Lucille Jones Foundation, which was founded on the notion that the Markey Cancer Center at the University of Kentucky had kidnapped the woman and killed her.

Jones began accusing officials around Lexington of a vast conspiracy. Police investigated and found no wrongdoing.

Despite her husband's letters, Ms. Jones remained a literary recluse. The publication of "The Healing" changed that.

Newsweek last week hailed the story of a young woman who discovers she has a gift for healing as "a major literary event." But the magazine's article also mentioned her husband's conviction in Michigan.

An assistant in prosecutor Margaret Kannensobol's office saw the article, and a computer check of criminal records turned up the outstanding warrant. Police then went to the house, and the standoff began.

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# Residents flee as El Niño-charged rains pound sodden California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The season's most potent El Niño-charged storm brought inch-an-hour downpours Monday that sent hillside slumping, mud oozing and floodwaters raging. Californians fortified defenses in an unrelenting battle to save homes.

In addition to the rain, waves up to 17 feet high were expected along some west-facing beaches. And up to 2 feet of snow was expected in the mountains before the sky clears Tuesday, bringing a 5- to 10-day drying out period.

Storm damage has been estimated at \$475 million, with 35 of 58 counties declaring states of emergency.



An Orange County Fire Authority official helps Josh Hockett, age 5, get out of a helicopter as his mom Debbie Hockett, behind him, prepares to exit the chopper in Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif., Sunday.

In Northern California, the rain-swollen waters of Clear Lake reached their highest levels since 1909 and began flooding parts of downtown Lakeport, 30 miles north of San Francisco. Some 500 homes have been evacuated around the lake since the series of El Niño storms hit the state.

The water was still rising, said Susan Stout of the Lake County Office of Emergency Services.

"The area is so inundated right now most of the houses are now starting to get flooded," said Clearlake Oaks Fire Chief James Burton.

"The fight to save homes was over in some areas of the Golden State.

"Storm-tossed seas gnawed at pilings beneath homes nestled in Pacifica, four Hollywood Hills homes were in danger of sliding down a slope into a fifth and a muddy battering inland homes in Ventura County's coastal hamlet of La Conchita. An apartment house in Ventura was also evacuated.

Just south of San Francisco, heavy surf swept away sea walls and eroded the base of Pacifica bluffs, forcing evacuation of sever-

al homes that are now hanging precariously over the Pacific Ocean.

"The power of the ocean is just awesome — we haven't seen anything like this," Pacifica Fire Marshal Steven Brandvold said.

At noon, a National Weather Service spotter reported nearly 2 inches of rain in an hour in the Santa Monica Mountains above Malibu and a flash flood warning was issued for eastern Ventura County and Los Angeles County

coastal areas.

A spotter northwest of Fresno reported a strong thunderstorm with 50 mph-plus winds, rain, hail and lightning.

During the 24 hours up to 10 a.m., 5.14 inches of rain fell at Mount Wilson, just northeast of downtown Los Angeles.

Impressive rainfall amounts also included 4.96 inches at Matilija Dam in Santa Barbara County and 2.37 inches in Santa Barbara.

# Federal safety agency investigates air bags of over 1 million GM, Chrysler cars

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government safety agency is investigating the air bag systems on nearly 800,000 General Motors cars and about 400,000 Chrysler vehicles after close to 200 complaints the safety devices opened inadvertently.

Officials at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration have received 194 complaints from consumers that the air bags deployed while motorists were simply driving or were triggered when a car tire hit a pothole, debris or a curb, according to a government report released Monday.

The cars under investigation are some 780,000 Chevrolet Cavaliers and Pontiac Sunfires built by GM in the 1996 and 1997 model years and about 375,000

Dodge and Plymouth Neons built by Chrysler in model year 1995.

"We're cooperating fully with the investigation," said GM spokeswoman Mia Kelly.

The report cited 98 consumer complaints the Neon air bags deployed unnecessarily, allegedly causing 13 crashes in which 28 people were injured. It reported 96 complaints the Cavalier and Sunfire air bags inadvertently deployed, causing 10 crashes and 53 injuries.

In the vast majority of the cases involving Cavaliers and Sunfires, the report said the cars "were being driven normally over paved roads at various speeds when the air bags deployed."

In May 1997, GM made two modifications in a diagnostic

module, which receives information from the cars' crash sensors on the velocity and energy of a crash and determines whether or not to trigger an air bag deployment. In the six months after making the changes, GM received no complaints on inadvertent air bag deployment in the Cavaliers and Sunfires, the report said.

In the Neons, 43 of the reported incidents involved simply driving, while in 55 cases, the vehicle hit a curb, a pothole, debris or a road bump.

The agency is carrying on other investigations into complaints of air bags deploying without being triggered by a crash involving several models of Subaru, Mazda and Volvo, as well as other GM cars and some Chrysler minivans.

# Judge jails, fines Schwarzenegger-chasing paparazzi

Los Angeles Times

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — In a case that has highlighted the ongoing war between celebrities and the paparazzi, two photographers who chased Hollywood action star Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver as they drove their son to preschool were given jail terms and each fined \$500 Monday.

In handing down the sentences, Superior Court Judge Robert T. Altman said he was "offended" by the photographers' conduct, noting that Schwarzenegger had been recovering from heart surgery, his wife was five months pregnant and their 3-year-old was in the back seat of the car when the pursuit took place last May 1.

"What troubles me the most about this is that Mr. Schwarzenegger had just gotten out of the hospital after undergoing heart surgery and the defen-

dants knew it," Altman said, calling the defendants' actions "morally wrong."

Not only did the photographers put Schwarzenegger's life at risk, the judge pointed out, but also his wife and child and "all other motorists."

With that, Altman handed down a 90-day jail term to still photographer Andrew O'Brien and ordered video cameraman Giles Harrison

to spend 60 days behind bars. The judge also placed the defendants on "informal" probation for two years but allowed them to remain free pending appeal — if they each post bail by Wednesday.

O'Brien, 31, and Harrison, 29, were convicted earlier this month on misdemeanor false-imprisonment charges after a two-day, non-jury trial. Harrison also was convicted of reckless driving.

# Prosecutors withdraw biological weapons charges; new charges rise

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Two men arrested in an anthrax scare were cleared Monday of all biological weapon charges, but one still faced new allegations of plotting to buy bubonic plague bacteria by mail.

Federal prosecutors withdrew felony charges against William Leavitt Jr. and Larry Wayne Harris, who each had faced counts of conspiracy to possess and possessing a biological material for use as a weapon.

"It's over. It's done. I want to get in with my life," Leavitt, 47, told a news conference before entering the downtown federal court building.

Judge Roger L. Hunt signed papers clearing Harris; similar papers for Leavitt were being drawn up.

Harris' attorney, Michael Kennedy, said, "He feels elated."

Leavitt, who has no criminal record, was a free man. But Harris, 46, remained jailed on a new charge filed in Ohio that he violated terms of his probation for a 1995 conviction on illegally ordering bubonic plague bacteria by mail.

Harris was scheduled to return to federal court in Las Vegas Tuesday for a hearing on the new charges.

It was unknown whether prosecutors would file reduced charges against Harris, as an FBI agent in Ohio had said would probably be done.

"I can't read their minds, but it doesn't sound like what a U.S. attorney would do," Kennedy said.

Neither the defense attorney for Leavitt nor Harris said they believed the FBI overreacted, given the evidence agents thought they had.

"It would be the last person to say there should be anything cast upon them," said Kennedy. "I don't think they overreacted. ... They had to act quickly."

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## Bombing of Protestant town deals blow to peace talks

PORTADOWN, Northern Ireland (AP) — A powerful car bomb devastated the center of Northern Ireland's most fiercely Protestant town Monday, fueling sectarian hatred at a critical time in peace negotiations.

Portadown is a militant bastion of pro-British and anti-Catholic sentiment in Northern Ireland. Local Catholic politician Brid Rodgers said the bombers' choice of target was "like throwing a stick of dynamite into the negotiating room."

Police received telephone warnings in time to evacuate downtown Portadown minutes before the bomb went off, leveling two buildings, starting a fire in another and damaging roofs and windows across town. There were no injuries.

The attack came about an hour after negotiations resumed in Belfast without the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, which was newly excluded because of two recent killings blamed on the Irish Republican Army. Sinn Fein is to

be readmitted into the talks March 9, barring more accusations of violence. No group claimed responsibility for the bomb. Police said they suspected a shadowy group of anti-British extremists who oppose the IRA's 7-month-old truce and call themselves Continuity IRA.

Protestant leaders blamed the IRA itself, arguing it uses fictional cover names when it doesn't want to acknowledge an attack that might damage the IRA politically. They also blame the IRA for a car bomb on Friday that injured 11 people in Moira, another mainly Protestant town.

"The IRA weren't getting what they wanted out of the talks. This is their response," said David Trimble, leader of Northern Ireland's biggest party, the Ulster Unionists.

Trimble, who represents Portadown in the British Parliament, said the attack made it impossible for Sinn Fein to be readmitted to negotiations, which

are supposed to conclude by May. "That possibility has now been exploded — literally," he said.

But Trimble was heckled by more militant Protestants as he appealed that no more Catholics be killed in retaliation. They also shouted insults at Britain's security minister for Northern Ireland, Adam Ingram, as he toured devastated Edward Street.

"When you hit Portadown, you strike at the very heart of Ulster," said Eileen Donaldson, a Protestant with two young children in a stroller.

"The IRA must want to bring trouble on their people. They're going to get it!"

Businessmen huddled at police lines, restrained from inspecting damage because of fire and the fear that buildings might collapse. Edward Street was recently rebuilt after an IRA car bomb there five years ago.

Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam condemned the "cowardly terror tactics" at Portadown.

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**The Times-News**

## Train bombing kills 18; Algeria's main gas pipeline bombed

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — A bomb exploded Monday under a passing train outside the capital, killing 18 people and injuring 25 others, state radio reported. Bombs elsewhere damaged a vital gas pipeline in the petroleum-rich North African nation.

The latest bomb, placed on the train tracks, was planted near the town of El Afroune, 10 miles south of Algiers, the radio said. There was no claim of responsibility, but the area is known for attacks by the militant Armed Islamic Group.

The attack followed the weekend bombing of the nation's biggest gas pipeline, located in

western Algeria, an industry source confirmed Monday. The blast was the most serious attack on a petroleum installation — the government's main source of foreign income — of the entire 6-year-old Islamic insurgency.

In other attacks in recent days, militants reportedly slashed to death 18 shepherds in western Algeria. They also ambushed two transport trucks in eastern Algeria, killing 27 soldiers and 19 civilians according to residents and hospital sources.

Two bombs late Saturday damaged the pipeline connecting gas fields in the Hassi Mel region.

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# New breed of trafficker replaces drug cartel

The Washington Post

**BOGOTA, Colombia** — With such unlikely names as Nelson and "the Smail," Colombia's top drug traffickers today are far removed from the notoriety of such legendary kingpins as Pablo Escobar and the Cali cartel bosses. They export smaller drug loads and operate less-sophisticated cartels, Colombian and U.S. law-enforcement officials say. And, unlike Escobar, they haven't taken over the state.

Today, with Escobar dead and the Cali cartel leaders in prison, scores of enterprising traffickers have filled the void, some inventing to create new organizations, others operating in small groups. Unlike the days when their powerful predecessors employed large jet planes and tight control of transport routes to send tons of

cocaine to the United States, drug-related terrorism has declined, and cocaine shipments weighing more than a ton are less common, police say.

But Colombia's narcotics trade is as robust as ever, according to law-enforcement officials: New traffickers are crowding the market; a record crop of coca, the plant from which cocaine is derived, was reported last year; and dozens of Colombian politicians are accused of being on drug traffickers' payrolls.

Analysts say Colombia's continuing troubles, coupled with Washington's deep distrust of President Ernesto Samper because of his alleged ties to traffickers, make it unlikely that President Clinton will certify that Colombia is cooperating in the international war on drugs. But rather than fully withhold certification, as the United

States has done for two years, Clinton may issue a national-security waiver that, while not certifying Colombia as an ally, would not cut off counter-narcotics aid to the military nor economic aid.

Clinton must rule by March 1 on certification for all countries with which the United States cooperates in anti-drug efforts.

Colombian leaders received some good news last week when police arrested Jose Nelson Urrego, leader of the Northern Valley trafficking group and the most-wanted man in Colombia. Urrego, 44, was captured in a raid on a luxury estate near Medellin, where he was holed up with two teen-age girls, police said.

Samper said the arrest of Urrego, whom police pursued for at least two years, "closes the chapter on the fight that we began

more than three years ago against the Cali cartel."

However, U.S. law-enforcement officials say the optimism is premature because a host of new traffickers already are stepping into the breach. Many of the new drug bosses have years of experience as mid-level managers of the Cali organizations and are running their own structures in the North Cauca Valley and the North Coast regions.

Colombian and U.S. officials also say the traditional leaders who are in prison, such as brothers Iván and Julio Fabio Urdinola, continue to run their organizations virtually unimpeded. Many of the new leaders are simply exercising greater independence and charging more for their services while still working for the more-traditional groups.



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## Light far down city's dark tunnel

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)** — Crews worked around the clock Monday to repair a 4-day-old power outage in New Zealand's largest city that has shut down shopping malls and hotels and caused small mountains of food to spoil.

The crisis in Auckland could continue for 10 more days, Mayor Les Mills said Monday after urgent meetings with power company officials.

The blackout was caused by four power supply cables that broke down, cutting electricity to the city's business and financial center and to more than 5,000 apartment dwellers.

On Monday, several over-worked generators providing power for emergency buses to flames. Garbage crews cleaned up piles of food and other perishables dumped on streets after they spoiled in defrosted refrigerators and freezers.

About 20 percent of the normal power supply was reaching the city, and was being used for emergency services, such as hospitals, said Richard Gibbons of the power company Mercury Energy.

Hotels, restaurants, banks, shopping malls and office towers were empty Monday, as some workers were moved to temporary offices outside the area, or worked from their homes.

## Wildfire smoke closes Borneo airport

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)** — Wildfires have charred 34,600 acres of drought-affected forest on the Indonesian section of Borneo island, covering parts with thick smoke Monday.

The haze forced Samarinda's Temindung airport, 745 miles northeast of Jakarta, to close for about seven hours Monday because of poor visibility.

The airport has been closed 16 times since fires were first reported in the area in January.

East Kalimantan provincial Gov. H.M. Ardans blamed the fires mainly on logging and plantation operators wanting to clear land cheaply, the official Antara news agency reported.

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# Court lets lawsuit against federal agents stand

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday refused to shield federal law enforcement agents from a civil rights lawsuit growing out of a deadly siege at a white separatist Randy Weaver's cabin on Ruby Ridge.

The justices, without comment, rejected an appeal filed on behalf of nine FBI and U.S. Marshal employees being sued by Kevin Harris, who was wounded.

Harris' attorney, David Nevin of Boise, said he was pleased by the ruling, but conceded it is early in the legal process.

"We have resolved what we'll have for breakfast," he said. "We won't know the results until we go to bed tonight."

Harris is suing 13 federal agents in all, alleging that they conspired to violate his constitutional protection against unreasonable seizures.

"Dozens of federal agents in August 1992 converged at Weaver's isolated cabin in the

Idaho Panhandle. The agents were there to arrest Weaver on a charge of possessing illegal weapons.

Weaver's 14-year-old son, Sam, and deputy U.S. Marshal William Degan of Quincy, Mass., were killed in a gunfight that touched off the 11-day siege. Weaver's wife, Vicki, was fatally shot by FBI sharpshooter Lon Horiuchi on the second day.

Horiuchi is scheduled to stand trial in federal court beginning next month on a charge of manslaughter stemming from Mrs. Weaver's death. Justice Department lawyers are seeking to have the charge dismissed and the criminal trial aborted.

Harris and Weaver were acquitted in 1993 of federal murder and other charges stemming

from the Ruby Ridge siege.

Weaver was convicted on a charge of failing to appear in court to face an illegal-weapons charge — the

*"We have resolved what we'll have for breakfast. We won't know the results until we go to bed tonight."*

— David Nevin, attorney

charge that had prompted the efforts to arrest him.

Harris' lawsuit alleges that he was struck in the upper arm and chest by the same bullet that killed Mrs.

Weaver. He remained in the cabin for nine more days, repeatedly asking Weaver and others to kill him to end his suffering, before surrendering, the lawsuit says.

Weaver was hospitalized and underwent surgery for his wound.

The agents he sued claimed qualified immunity — a legal shield for those government officials who acted in a good-faith belief that they were not acting

illegally — and sought to have the lawsuit dismissed.

But U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill of Boise ruled the lawsuit should proceed to the pretrial exchange of information — known as discovery. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld that ruling last September.

In the appeal acted on Monday, lawyers for nine of the agents argued, "Qualified immunity is intended to shield government officials from the burdens of defending against vague and unparticularized claims. But the defense means little, if anything, if a plaintiff may defeat it with no more than conclusory, non-specific allegations of a conspiracy."

The agents had the right to appeal based on qualified immunity, Nevin said. But he urged the justices to reject it, based on the fact that both Winmill and the circuit court concluded the complaint was sufficient to escape a dismissal.

# Parents, teachers may open school this fall as a result of charter bill

BOISE (AP) — Teachers and parents might open their own public school in Boise as soon as this fall using a charter schools proposal that is moving quickly through the Legislature.

A dozen people have spent the last 18 months designing a curriculum around putting children of several ages in a single classroom and pairing students with the same teacher for more than a single school year.

They are waiting for approval of the legislation so they can start negotiating with the Boise School Board, which must sign off on any local charter schools.

The legislation has been approved by the House of Representatives and is scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Tuesday.

The charter schools bill allows people to start their own school, complete with a separate board

of directors and curriculum. The school would be free from state education regulations and would be paid for by taxpayers.

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# Committee rejects phonics bill, backs reading study

BOISE (AP) — State Schools Superintendent Anne Fox has failed in her effort to require more teaching of phonics in Idaho public schools.

The House Education Committee on Monday voted 12-5 to kill Fox's bill requiring education majors to take several more college hours devoted to phonics. On Friday, the same panel defeated her plan to require public schools to teach phonics at least 45 minutes daily in the early grades.

Instead, education officials and legislators announced a new study on the teaching of reading in kindergarten through the third grade.

The new proposal will be made up of six lawmakers, a representative of the state Board of Education and someone from Fox's office.

Fox said she plans to personally serve on the panel.

"I'm disappointed," she said after the committee vote. "The good news is that it will be an even broader study. The bad news is that it will take longer."

Fox wanted to impose the phonics requirements at the start of next year. She said parents have been complaining about how children are taught reading in the early grades and want changes now. Fox said that with a new study, it will be a year or two before any major reform can occur.

Rep. Diana Richman, R-Sugar City, said, "The fact that we have remedial reading all the way up to college is a disgrace. We need something done and we need it now."

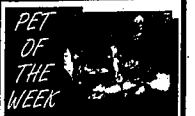
"We need to give the state Board of Education a message to get them going," added Rep. Wayne Meyer, R-Rathdrum.

But the state board's new executive director, Greg Fitch, said the board already has understood the message, and is getting going.

"They share your frustration with reading," Fitch said. "I can assure you the state Board of Education is taking action in this area."

He urged lawmakers not to dictate what must be taught in the education colleges but to cooperate with educators to improve the system.

Rep. Lee Gagner, R-Idaho Falls, who met with the Board of Education last week to discuss reading, said improvements will require "a fairly strong change in the process."



Anne Fox

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#### SPORTSQUOTE

“It’s the only sport in which dead people can compete.”

—Scott Oster of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, on the luge

#### TODAY’S SCHEDULE

**Boys' high school basketball**  
A-1, Region III championship  
• Highland at Procella, 7 p.m.  
A-2, District 4 tournament at Jerome  
• Wood River vs. Buhl at Jerome (loser out), 7:30 p.m.  
District 4 tournament at Gooding  
• Wendell vs. Kimberly, 7 p.m. (loser out)

#### SCOREBOARD

**Boys' high school basketball**  
Declo 67 . . . . . Kimberly 62  
Wendell 71 . . . . . Filer 55  
Camas County 48 . . . . . Ketchum 31

#### IN BRIEF

##### Local youth basketball teams conduct tryouts

**JEROME** — The Southern Idaho Basketball Club, formerly the Magic Valley A.A.U. 17-and-under basketball team, will be having tryouts March 11-12, 6-8 p.m. at Jerome High School.  
The first tournament is March 20-22 in Nampa. For more information, contact Steve Ayers at 734-4352 or leave a message.

##### Ketchum's Hogue wins cross country ski race

**HAYWARD, Wis.** — Morgan Hogue, a 19-year-old from Ketchum, placed first Saturday in the Kortolapper at the annual Birkbeiter cross-country ski race.  
Usually there are two different races — one of 25 kilometers and one of 50 kilometers. Because of a shortage of snow, everyone raced the same course. The groups were still divided though between the 50-kilometer group and the 25-kilometer group. Hogue won the women's race in the 25-kilometer group in a time of one hour and two minutes, just six minutes behind the winner of the other group.  
Last year, Hogue won the junior girls Kortolapper. She is currently training at the Olympic training center in Marquette, Mich.

##### Auction benefits Idaho Special Olympics athletes

**RUPERT** — Members of the Mt. Rainier Snowmobile Club will auction items Saturday to raise money for the athletes of Idaho Special Olympics.  
A preview of the benefit auction will begin at 5 p.m. with bidding at 6:30 p.m. at the Rupert Elk Lodge at 200 W. 85 S., in Rupert. Members will auction off everything from a sturdy storage shed to whimsical weekend get-aways.  
There will be homemade chili and fresh cinnamon rolls for a small price. Money raised from the auction will go to ISO for training and transportation of athletes.

##### Women's softball group to meet in March

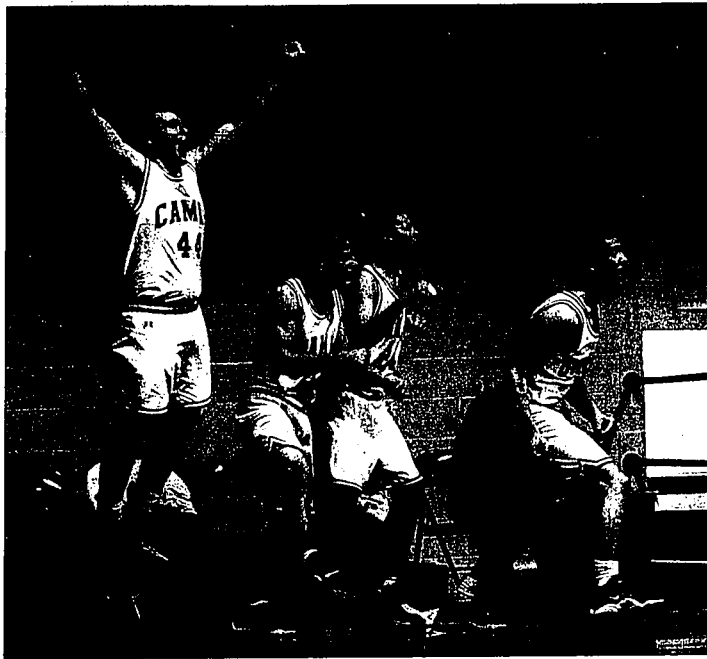
**TWIN FALLS** — There will be a general organizational meeting of the Magic Valley Women's Softball Association Wednesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at the Obenchain Community Room, 264 S. Main St. The league is open to women ages 16 and older or those who have finished the ninth grade. For more information, contact Danette Brown in Buhl at 324-4419 between 4-7 p.m.

##### Twin Falls men's softball players call meetings

**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls Men's Softball Association has announced the major events for the 1998 season:  
Feb. 25, March 18 and April 15 — Meeting at 7 p.m. in the O'Leary Junior High School gym, Room B15. Fees due no later than April 15.  
May 3-13 — Ice Breaker Tournament (entry fee: \$100).  
May 11 — League starts.  
May 30-31 — Western Days Tournament.  
July 1-4 — 48-Score games.  
August 1 — End-of-year Tournament (date to be announced).

Compiled from staff and wire reports

### WE WIN!!



DARRY ORLANDO/The Times-News

Camas County players explode off the bench as they win the Northside Conference sub-district championship game Monday night at Shoshone High. The Musers defeated Ketchum 48-31. Both teams advance to the state tournament next week.

## Camas sinks Ketchum Defense leads Camas County to title

By John Derr  
Times-News writer

**SHOSHONE** — Nick Smith scored 22 points, including eight straight during a pivotal stretch in the fourth period, to lead Camas County to its first Northside Conference boys' basketball championship since 1979 with a 48-31 victory.

The Musers outscored the Ketchum/Sun Valley Community School Cutthroats 23-6 in the second half to secure the top seed from the conference in the intradistrict playoff Thursday.

The pairings are now set for the playoffs in Wendell. The battles begin with Oakley taking on Carey for a single berth to the

state tournament at 4:30 p.m. KSV meets Murtagh at 6 p.m. for the third and fourth seeds while Hagerman and Camas County tangle for the top two spots at 7:30 p.m. It will be the first trip to state for the Musers since 1989.

"We came out and played hard and played with intensity," said Smith, who also provided a solid defensive effort on the Cutthroats. "We have a good group of people, but we are not done yet."

The teams played to 25-25 at the break. The Musers used a mix of spreading the floor and outside shooting, while KSV

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DARRY ORLANDO/The Times-News

Dusty Blodgett of Camas County tries to keep Ketchum's David Hayes from passing the ball in the Northside Conference championship game.

## Salt Lake City celebrates, Nagano reflects Utah readies for 2002 Olympics

The Associated Press

**SALT LAKE CITY** — Only 1,446 more days.  
That's how much longer Utah will wait for the Winter Games.

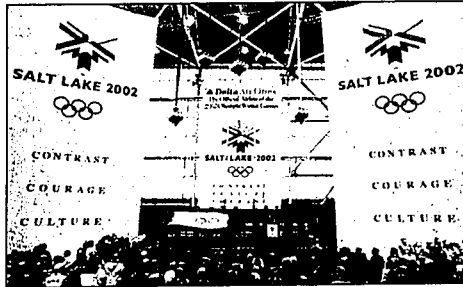
But Olympic boosters did not delay their celebration. It began with the closing ceremonies in Nagano, Japan, on Sunday and culminated Monday afternoon as the Olympic flag arrived in Salt Lake City, host for the next Winter Olympics in 2002.

Cannons shot water in Olympic colors over the jet carrying the flag as it taxied to a stop and the sounds of the University of Utah marching band and cheers of 1,500 people echoed off the walls of the Delta hangar. Fireworks went off after an honor guard unfurled the white Olympic flag with five interlocking rings.

The flag arrived via Delta Flight 2002, a special charter flight, just after its scheduled 3:30 p.m. MST arrival.

"We're about to witness history," said master of ceremonies Steve Young, the San Francisco 49ers quarterback and a graduate of Brigham Young in Provo, Utah. "For the first time on Utah soil, the Winter Olympic flag."

"What more can one say than wow!"



The official flag of the Winter Olympic Games, bottom left, is unveiled by nine members of the Utah Air National Guard at the Salt Lake City International Airport Monday.

said Salt Lake City Mayor Deedee Corradini, who was presented with the Olympic flag during the closing ceremonies and carried it home.

"The eyes of the world now turn from Nagano to Salt Lake City," she said.  
"What an exciting moment for all Utahns," said Lt. Gov. Olene Walker. "This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone in the state of Utah."  
A motorcade carried the flag to the

City and County Building, where a Salt Lake 2002 flag will be flown while the real thing goes into a bank vault for safekeeping until 2002.

The procession included Eric Bergoust, an Olympic gold medalist in freestyle aerials; Shelley Looney, a member of the gold-medal winning hockey team; and Bill Demong and Johnny Spillane, members of the Olympic Men's Nordic Combined team.

## Hornets slip by Bulldogs

By Matt Pamber  
Times-News writer

**GOODING** — Things went as expected in the Class A-3, District 4 tournament Monday.

Wendell, ranked No. 2 in the state defeated Filer 71-55 and top-ranked Declo defeated No. 4 Kimberly 67-62. The loss smothered any state berth hopes the Wildcats had and ended their season.

The Trojans and Bulldogs play a loser-out game today at 7 p.m. to determine who will get to face the Hornets in the championship match.

Both Declo and the winner of the Wendell/Kimberly game qualify for state.

### Declo 67, Kimberly 62

The Davys almost dethroned Declo, but the Hornets managed to pull out a win in the fourth quarter to remain undefeated and get a berth at state.

The Bulldogs started the game on fire. Within the first three minutes, Kimberly had built an eight-point lead on Declo. The Bulldogs hit 8 of their first 10 field goals and gained the momentum. Kimberly would ride that momentum for the next 16 minutes.

When the buzzer sounded to end the first quarter, Kimberly led by three.

In the second quarter, the Bulldogs expanded their lead to five with the help of Rich Arrossa, who made 10 of Kimberly's 12 points.

Kimberly came out hot in the third, advancing its lead to 10, but then the Hornets got hot.

Mike Christensen hit three treys in the last 3:30 of the quarter and led his team to a tie at 42. But Bulldog Scott Plew was not willing to relinquish the lead so easily. Plew scored six points in the third and helped Kimberly maintain a one-point advantage going into the fourth.

But the Bulldogs couldn't control the ball. Kimberly gave up five turnovers which the Hornets converted into nine points.

Then Hornet Mike Christensen reached down deep and pulled out a little something extra. Christensen came up with 16 points in the fourth, including two threes and a perfectly tally from the free-throw line to give his team the five-point win.

Declo 67, Kimberly 62  
Wendell 71, Filer 55  
Filer didn't want its season to end, and it showed. But it's not easy to compete when you come out of the toughest district in the state.

The Wildcats did compete, however. Filer sent the first round to the wire with a four-point advantage behind Wildcat Brian Lawley's eight points.

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## 16-day event came and went

The Associated Press

**NAGANO, Japan** — The games are over and the athletes have scattered. Still, many Nagano residents haven't gotten over the idea that the Olympics actually came to this mountain-ringed city.

For Fumitake Takemura, the Olympics seemed to touch everyone he knew.

His daughter was one of more than 36,000 people who worked as volunteers in the employment of the city's official bank. Virtually all his friends were involved in some way or other.

And now that an Olympic exodus has begun, the city is beginning to feel that post-party mix of joy, sadness and relief.  
"I never imagined that a place like this out on the countryside would ever be the focus of such excitement," he said. "We all were so caught up in it. It will be hard to see it all quiet down here again like it was before."

Nagano's transformation to the quiet town it was before the games, which ended Sunday, is already well under way.

The main train station, which had become a gathering place both for thousands of fans and for the media, is already well under way.

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SCORES AND STATS

Bruin bowlers take district over Jerome

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NBA standings table with columns for team, W, L, Pct, GB, and Home/Away records.

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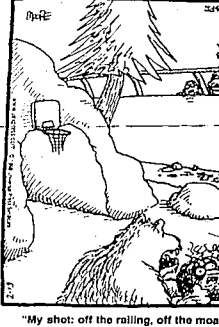
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College basketball schedule table listing games, networks, and times.

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Western Conference basketball standings table.

IN THE BLEACHERS



By Steve Moore. 'My shot... off the railing, off the moat, off the boulder, off the tree, off the cave, nothing but net.'

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Stafford, Martin score upsets at Advanta

Article about tennis players Stafford and Martin scoring upsets at Advanta.

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President's Cup points

Table listing President's Cup points for various players.

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Table listing world golf rankings for various players.

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# Pollsters tab Duke as No. 1

The Associated Press

Being No. 1 is old news for Duke. The Blue Devils moved into the top spot for the third time this season Monday. The jump from second to No. 1 came following a 120-84 victory over then-No. 12 UCLA on Sunday and then No. 1 North Carolina's 86-72 loss to North Carolina State on Saturday.

You'll have to forgive Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski if he wasn't thrilled by the move to the top of the AP college basketball poll. After all, the previous two stints ended with losses to Michigan and North Carolina.

"We still haven't gotten a trophy for the last two times," Krzyzewski said. "We're still waiting for it. All you do at No. 1 is eventually you get beat. That's how little consequence right now."

The first game as No. 1 this time will be on Wednesday against Georgia Tech. Then comes the rematch with North Carolina on Saturday.

Duke (25-2) was No. 1 for two weeks before losing to Michigan and then three weeks before falling to North Carolina. The Blue Devils received 42 first-place votes and 1,708 points from a national media panel.

Arizona (24-3), the only team other than Duke and North Carolina to be No. 1 this season, moved from third to second after extending the nation's longest winning streak to 17. The Wildcats were No. 1 on 19 ballots.

# CSI outcome at Dixie determines SWAC title

The Associated Press

With just one week to play, the battle for the Scenic West Athletic Conference basketball title is still undecided.

Dixie College (13-3 SWAC, 25-3 overall) and Southern Idaho (13-3, 25-3) are tied for the top spot, and will face each other in a showdown at Dixie this Friday.

Southern Idaho will also face a tough foe Saturday at Snow College (8-8, 19-9).

Dixie hosts last place Treasure Valley (2-14, 11-17) the same day.

Dixie defeated Snow 82-73 last week, while Southern Idaho was getting by Utah Valley 101-70 and Salt Lake 83-74. Salt Lake (12-4, 22-6) slipped a game behind in the title race after the loss to Southern Idaho, but grabbed an 85-56 win over Treasure Valley.

The Bruins have an outside chance at a tie for the title, but need Dixie and Southern Idaho to both lose at least once.

Ricks College (12-5, 22-7) won two road games, beating Colorado Northwestern 86-71 and Eastern Utah 82-58.

The Vikings will host next month's Region 18 Tournament by virtue of their women's team winning the SWAC title. The top eight SWAC teams will play in the tourney.

Ricks has clinched at least a fourth seed, but could move up a notch or two if Dixie,



### SWAC standings

Dixie	13-3, 25-3
S. Idaho	13-3, 25-3
Salt Lake	12-4, 22-6
Ricks	12-5, 22-7
Utah Vly	9-7, 20-8
Snow	8-8, 19-9
N. Idaho	6-11, 14-12
E. Utah	4-12, 14-14
Treasure Vly	2-14, 11-17
Colo NW	2-14, 7-20

Last week's scores:

N. Idaho 87, E. Utah 83
Ricks 88, Colo NW 73
S. Idaho 101, Utah Vly 70
Salt Lake 85, Treasure Vly 56
Colo NW 82, Snow 73
Utah Vly 82, N. Idaho 87
Utah Vly 72, Treasure Vly 57
Ricks 82, E. Utah 56
S. Idaho 85, Salt Lake 74

This week's games:

Friday - Treasure Vly/Snow, S. Idaho/Dixie, Colo NW/Salt Lake, E. Utah/Utah Vly
Saturday - N. Idaho/Ricks, S. Idaho/Snow, Treasure Vly/Dixie, Colo NW/Utah Vly, E. Utah/Salt Lake

Southern Idaho, or Salt Lake should lose twice this week.

In other SWAC action, Utah Valley (9-7, 20-8) beat Treasure Valley 73-57. NC (6-11, 16-12) split two games, beating Eastern Utah 87-83 before losing to Colorado Northwestern 83-87.

# Bulls extend streak; Pistons, Hornets win

CHICAGO (AP)

Michael Jordan scored 17 points and the Chicago Bulls stayed unbeaten in eight games since the All-Star break, routing the listless Cleveland Cavaliers 97-75 Monday night.

The winning streak equals the Bulls' longest of the season.

Luc Longley added 16 points and Scottie Pippen, who rested on the bench with Jordan in the fourth quarter, had 13.

Cleveland shot only 33 percent and had 19 turnovers. Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored 15 and Shawn Kemp 13 for Cleveland, which lost for the eighth time in 10 games.



Brian Williams added 19 points for Detroit, which led by 31 points in the fourth quarter.

Mitch Richmond and Terry Dehere led the Kings with 14 apiece. Former Piston Otis Thorpe added 12 points off the bench.

### Hornets 118, Nuggets 98

DENVER - Glen Rice continued his torrid scoring spree with 31 points, including 5-for-6 on pointers, as Charlotte handed Denver its eighth straight defeat.

Rice, averaging 27 points his last seven games, hit 11 of 16 shots from the field. Charlotte shot 55 percent and hit 10-of-15 from 3-point range in beating the Nuggets for the sixth straight time.

Matt Geiger had 22 points and 11 rebounds for Charlotte. LaPhonso Ellis led Denver with 23 points and 12 rebounds.

# Callaway sues Spalding over 'consumer confusion'

By Ron Slink

The lawsuit announced Monday by Callaway Golf Co. against Spalding Sports Worldwide, Inc., was filed in U.S. District Court in Santa Ana, Calif., and asks for a court order stopping Spalding from using Callaway trademarks and images on its packaging.

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# Lady Vols finish where they began

The Associated Press

The first unbeaten season in school history keeps Tennessee a unanimous No. 1 Monday.

The Associated Press women's basketball poll, which had the same top six as last week and one new comer.

Iowa, riding a late season surge that carried the Hawkeyes to the Big Ten title, joined the poll at No. 25 - its first Top 25 appearance since late November.

Tennessee (30-0) swept the 39 first-place votes from a nationwide media panel after beating LSU 58-50 top off a regular season in which the Lady Vols were almost always dominating and often breathtaking.

Although Tennessee has won five NCAA titles, it had never done so through the regular season without losing. The Lady Vols will try to maintain their perfect record in the always tough Southeastern Conference tournament, which begins Thursday.

Connecticut (27-2) remained second, 55 points behind Tennessee, but suffered a costly loss that could impact the Huskies' chances of advancing into the late rounds of the NCAA tournament.

Senior Nykesha Sales, a preseason All-American, ruptured the Achilles tendon in right foot in a victory over Notre Dame on Saturday and is lost for the rest of the season.

With Sales, the Huskies might have been able to challenge Tennessee on a neutral court in NCAA play. Tennessee beat



Connecticut's Nykesha Sales writhes in pain after rupturing her Achilles tendon Saturday during the Huskies' win over Notre Dame. Sales will miss the remainder of the season.

Connecticut 84-69 in Knoxville on Jan. 3.

Connecticut held a 20-point lead over No. 3 Old Dominion, which was followed by Louisiana Tech, Stanford and Texas Tech. Arizona climbed one spot to seventh and Duke jumped three places to eighth, its highest ranking ever. North Carolina State and North Carolina completed the Top Ten.

Florida International also achieved its highest ranking with a jump of two spots to 11th. Then it was Florida, Illinois and Vanderbilt, followed by Virginia, Clemson, Western Kentucky, Utah, Hawaii and Alabama.

Stephen F. Austin, Iowa State, Washington, Wisconsin and Iowa held the final five places.

### No. 11 Fla. International 113, Cent. Florida 59

MIAMI - Zuzanna Michalchova hit 10-of-12 shots from the field and scored a career-high 27 points as No. 11 Florida International beat Central Florida 113-59 Monday for its 13th consecutive victory.

The 113 points was the most scored by Florida International since 1982, when it scored 119 against Palm Beach Atlantic.

The Golden Panthers started off with a 13-0 run and increased their lead to 20-2 with 14:18 remaining in the first half.

Gergana Branzova added 17 points for FIU (24-1, 14-1 TAAAC), while Donna Carrell had 13 and Dalma Ivarny 12.

# Connecticut handles Providence

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)

Randy Hilliard scored 20 points and Khalid El-Amin added 19 as No. 6 Connecticut overcame a sluggish start and pulled away late in the second half to win 77-58 in overtime on Monday night.

Jake Voskuhl added 15 points and had 13 boards for the Huskies (25-4, 14-3 Big East), who are guaranteed at least a share of the regular-season Nye and one of their first-round byes in next month's conference tournament.

Jamel Thomas scored 22 points and Justin Vanley added 19 for the Friars (11-15, 6-11), who dominated the first half, leading by five

the final minutes after he took charge of the game. He is a pre-season All-American along with senior Reef LaFrentz, and may opt to enter the NBA draft.

The Jayhawks (30-3, 14-1 Big 12), who clinched the Big 12 championship on Saturday, ran their unbeaten home streak to a school-record 60 games.

Seniors LaFrentz, Billy Thomas and C.B. McGrath never lost at Allen Fieldhouse, and posted back-to-back 30-win seasons for the first time in Kansas history.

Oklahoma (19-9, 10-5) got 15 points apiece from Evan Wiley and Cory Brewer.

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# County law enforcement officials don't feel truancy proposal is needed

By Kurt Friedemann  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY**—Neither the public defender nor the sheriff think Cassia County needs a truancy ordinance.

Defender Doug Whipple and Sheriff Billy Crystal met with county commissioners late Monday afternoon to discuss Twin Falls County's truancy ordinance and using it as a model to modify Cassia County's curfew ordinance.

Neither Whipple nor Crystal liked the ordinance, which includes a daytime curfew.

"This is a scary document," Whipple said. "I don't think there is an epidemic of juvenile crime here, I don't think it's significant to warrant something like this."

## What's next?

The Cassia County Commission will hold a public forum at 2 p.m. Monday at the county courthouse to hear more public comment on the possibility of adopting a truancy ordinance, including a daytime curfew.

Whipple and Crystal cited conflicts with the Cassia County School District's existing truancy policy—including Burley High School's open campus, which covers students attending seminary, dance lessons, dentist's appointments and home school.

"You are looking at prior restraint here," Whipple said. "The state has to have a compelling reason to limit an open forum and restrict First Amendment rights."

Crystal said he wouldn't have the manpower to enforce such a law.

"I think in some respects this can be seen as an epidemic of juvenile crime out there, I don't think it's significant to warrant something like this."

Prosecutor Stephen Bywater said Twin Falls County's ordinance tried to do create parental responsibility and set a daytime curfew.

"I think there's a lot of problems in this ordinance," he said.

"I don't think you can enforce parents but a daytime curfew could be a workable concept."

But Commission Chairman John Adams said he didn't like a daytime curfew.

"What we are doing here is not going through with the probation system we got," he said. "Why are we making a law if these kids suffer for a few bad apples?"

Times-News staff writer Kurt Friedemann can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

# Buhl officials discuss curfew, juvenile policy

By Mary Lou Potts  
Times-News correspondent

## Act II

The curfew and status offender ordinance will be discussed at the Buhl City Council meeting March 9.

Twin Falls County has the daytime curfew in effect, but it's up to cities to decide whether to approve the curfew.

"The ordinance says Buhl has experienced an "explosive increase" in the number of juveniles involved in vandalism, noisy and rowdy behavior, burglary, break-ins, public drinking and littering, gun-related offenses and gang activity.

According to language in the ordinance, the proposal is designed to be a tool for law enforcement, but a way to "deal with the serious problem of juvenile crime in the city."

Times-News correspondent Mary Lou Potts can be reached in Buhl at 543-8854.

# Increased security tops Rupert agenda

By Penelope Reedy  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT**—Six days after a bomb scare shut down county business and caused a visiting judge to postpone a trial, security will be high on the Minidoka County Commissioners' agenda Monday.

Off-duty and reserve officers were called to bolster security in the Judicial Building so the trial could resume, Sheriff Paul Fries said.

The bomb turned out to be a fake, but the incident has raised security issues in the courthouse.

"We still have a gentleman who comes in and lays his holstered gun on the counter when he purchases his licenses," County Assessor Max Vaughn said. "It makes the employees nervous. I don't think the courthouse is the place to bring a gun."

## Minidoka officials request safer buildings

In several instances some "very unhappy people" have come in to discuss their taxes and other issues, Vaughn said.

When courthouse employees tested their "panic buttons," only half of them worked, said Paul Aston, director of county planning and zoning. He's asked Project Mutual to check them every six months.

The county's security committee held consider options, such as restricting the public to one entrance, Aston said. And with a computerized "key" systems, a lost of stolen key could be degraded from the system, he said.

County Treasurer Laura Twiss said she'd like courthouse employees to develop a reliable notification process. She and others didn't know about the bomb threat right away.

The bomb—a four road flares wrapped in tape with a clock on it—has been sent to a steel lab for tests, Fries said. He told the commissioners it would take at least three weeks to get a report back.

"Someone told me the FBI lab is backed up for three months," he said. "So, we sent it to the state."

Fries said his officers have interviewed a few people regarding the bomb, but they have no suspects.

George Falkner, director of DisASTER Services for Minidoka County, said his state office wanted to know if a terrorist group had claimed responsibility for the bomb.

"They were concerned this might be something statewide, happening in other courthouses," he said. There's no evidence yet that it was anything but an isolated incident, he said.

Fries said he's sending his bailiffs to classes in Ontario, Ore., to bring them up-to-date on courthouse security.

Members of the Minidoka County Security Committee are meeting today to discuss the direction they want to take.

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# February felonies double for Cassia County

By Kurt Friedemann  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY**—This month, Cassia County has logged 22 felony arrests, exactly double last year's February total, according to reports from the public defender's office.

"The increase can also be seen in the year-to-date total, which outpaces 1997's by 38 felonies."

County Prosecutor Stephen Bywater said he thought the numbers might be on the rise for the month because the county discovered some good drug informants.

"More serious crimes have come on the rise," he said. "We haven't seen that yet."

But Bywater said felonies and misdemeanors seem to run in cycles.

"The last two or three years felonies have been dropping," he

said. "But now they are going up."

Public Defender Doug Whipple said his office wasn't sure why felonies were increasing, but he thought law enforcement might have a hand in it.

"They will go out and investigate and know when they make numerous arrests all at once."

That doesn't account for every felony, he said.

"Things are always kind of fluctuating," Whipple said. "But crime has been on the increase through the years."

Compared to February 1997, Whipple said, the defender's office has seen six more new clients, 11 more felonies and 13 more misdemeanors.

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## Sheriff talks about rural crime

By Leandra Reuble  
Times-News correspondent

**CASTLEFORD**—Castleford may be a small community in remote area, but residents are concerned about crime and traffic accidents.

Officers invited Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey to speak to the Castleford Mens Club Monday afternoon.

"The biggest issue for the community is self safety. The school and community have launched an effort to encourage young people to slow down and buckle up."

"Tousey said his officers are trying to support the efforts."

School resource officer Brent Hillard, recently started a junior deputies program in the elementary school. Students sign an agreement to wear their seat belts and to encourage everyone in the vehicle to wear one.

Parents also sign the agreement with the additional provision that if their child catches them without a seat belt, they have to pay a 25-cent fine to their child.

So far the program has gotten a positive response, Tousey said.

Twin Falls County, at Tousey's urging, recently set the limit at 50 mph on county roads unless otherwise posted. Tousey said his officers are patrolling the roads, hoping the speed reduction will save lives.

Residents also are concerned about theft and vandalism.

A Farm Watch Program encourages people to protect their tools and equipment, Tousey said. It's easy for someone to drive up to a shop when no one is home and help themselves to whatever they find. People should not assume that living in rural areas makes them immune to thieves.

Tousey blamed the rising number of thefts on the rising use of methamphetamine in Magic Valley. Someone looking to make some fast money to feed their habit can grab a few tools and pawn them in town.

Though officers monitor pawn shops for stolen items, it's hard to spot them unless they have identifying marks.

# Sho-Bans invited to join suit over trust funds

**FORT HALL (AP)**—An attorney for Native American Rights' Fund is interweaving Shoshone-Bannock land owners on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation as possible plaintiffs in a class-action suit alleging federal mismanagement of trust money.

Attorney Keith Harper of Washington, D.C., said the lawsuit represents about 500,000 individual Indians with money accounts in the U.S. Treasury. It was filed in June 1996 by his group and attorneys for individual tribal members.

The lawsuit was served because the U.S. Department of the Interior has not followed a congressional mandate to account for and return billions of dollars missing from the trust accounts of American Indians, Harper said.

"We didn't want to file the lawsuit, but we were pushed into it," he said.

The suit charges Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, former Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Ada Deer and Treasury Secretary Bruce Rubin with illegal conduct.

The amount of missing money could be as high as \$5 billion, Harper said.

The Interior Department and its Bureau of Indian Affairs, have not only failed to return the money, but an adequate accounts-receivable system has not been established, he said. That means Indian dollars continue to be lost, since about \$250 million flows through the individual accounts annually.

Harper said the trust funds are made up of money generated through income from land owned by individual Indians, such as through farming, grazing and mining. There also are royalties on such materials as the phosphate mined on the Fort Hall reservation for decades.

# VALLEY IN BRIEF

**Assault case against Jerome teacher delayed**  
JEROME—A pretrial conference scheduled Monday for a Jerome High School teacher suspected of slapping a student during a class has been pushed back to March 5.

The hearing was delayed because Magistrate Judge Thomas Borresen disqualified himself from the case involving a misdemeanor battery charge against Robert M. Miller, 45, of Jerome, court records say.

The case has been assigned to Lincoln County Magistrate Judge John Melanson.

Witnesses say Miller struck Christopher Michael Kline, 13, of Jerome in the side of the head with a single, open-handed slap, according to an affidavit written by Jerome Police officer David Markus and filed with court documents.

**Challenger announces bid for coroner**  
TWIN FALLS—Deputy Coroner Kim Hernandez Monday announced her candidacy for Twin Falls County coroner in the GOP primary May 26.

Hernandez has been deputy coroner for the past 14 months. She was appointed interim coroner July 1, while Coroner Gene Turley was out of town on a leave of absence.

"The people of Twin Falls County have the right to expect timely responses to emergency situations and inquiries. I plan to provide that service," Hernandez said. "I have demonstrated the ability to be cooperative, and have established a good working relationship with those I serve."

**TF school board to look over test scores**  
TWIN FALLS—A review of standardized test scores is scheduled for the Twin Falls School Board's meeting at 7 p.m. tonight.

Third-through 11th-grade students take the tests.

The board meets at the district office, 201 Main Ave. W. For more information call 733-6900.

**Annexation ordinance on tap at Wendell**  
WENDELL—The Wendell City Council will hear the first reading of a proposed ordinance to annex the planned Ambrose development west of town into the city at tonight's council meeting.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at City Hall and the public is invited.

Other meeting agenda items include discussions about off-street parking and a citywide cleanup, and an update on the water project.

**Sun Valley planners meet today at City Hall**  
SUN VALLEY—The Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission will begin its meeting at 8:30 a.m. today at City Hall by updating supplementary regulations, conditional use permits and variance sections of the city zoning ordinance.

The commission at 10 a.m. will consider a request for a residential addition at 108 Palm Brush.

The commission also is scheduled to hold a public hearing over a request for a 5-foot encroachment into a setback at 101 Parker Gulch for a garage addition.

The commission will consider requests for new residence construction at 29 Hibbard Drive and 3 Lane Ranch Road W.

In other business, the commission will elect officers.

**Police arrest woman on several charges**  
BURLEY—A woman caught with stolen property from J.C. Penney's in Burley was arrested Friday and charged with burglary, a Cassia County sheriff's report said.

Cindy Jackson, 36, was seen removing two comforters from J.C. Penney's. Later on the same day, she was arrested at them for a refund. When officers stopped her white Chrysler New Yorker they found the stolen items in the car.

Jackson did not provide officers with identification, and a driver's check revealed she had an Oregon license that was suspended. A search of her purse turned up a bottle containing a substance that tested positive for marijuana, and a pipe.

She was charged with burglary, driving while suspended, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, the report said.

# PUC

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retail customers—such as farmers with irrigation pumps—is not as profitable as selling to concentrated residential customers or to large industrial users.

The PUC wants regulation, retail customers would be able to buy power from any generator. But they still would have to pay for transmitting that power and for distribution over the wires connected to their houses. That could make

cheap power from a distant source as expensive as more expensive local power.

But rates in California are more than twice the rates in Idaho—and more than three times as much in some areas.

The PUC wants to protect Idaho's low power rates, Hansen said. Some industries moved here because of low rates, and Idaho may lose some of its competitive advantage under deregulation.

Some other states—such as Montana and California—have deregulated and allowed utilities to write off large outstanding debts. The taxpayers in those states would pick up the tab while lowering the power rates to be more attractive to industry, Hansen said.

Meyerhoeffer said.

Riedesel's plans include additional conveniences on Falls Avenue and North College Road and expanded parking near the dorm, Eagle Hall, and the Evergreen Building. He encouraged the college to consider making campus

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# Bill

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would increase 18 percent from \$67,000 to \$81,000. The part-time lieutenant governor's pay would increase to \$23,000 to \$26,550.

The House is taking a more dose-distributed approach, backing 3 percent annual raises.

The Senate bill raises State Tax Commission salaries from \$55,000 to \$65,000, Public Utilities Commission salaries from \$70,000 to \$75,000 and Industrial Commission

salaries from \$66,800 to \$73,000.

The House has no proposal on the commissions.

Leaders expect some kind of compromise. Without one, salaries for elected officials would remain unchanged for another four years.

Times-News staff writer Liz Wright can be reached in Boise at 345-5198. The Associated Press contributed to this report.

# CSI

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did not object to the increase.

Other business:

- Trustees approved \$30,000 for earnest money on an apartment building next door to the college.
- The college is considering buying Northview Manor on

Washington Street North for marriage and housing.

- Engineer Dale Riedesel reported a five-year infrastructure improvement plan.
- The college has received about \$200,000 annually from the state for such improvements,

Meyerhoeffer said.

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more "pedestrian friendly" by adding sidewalks and bike paths to encourage walking or biking to campus.

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Compiled from staff reports





COMICS

**Peanuts** By Charles M. Schulz

WHAT ARE YOU PAINTING? THIS IS GOING TO BE MY GREATEST WORK.

I'M PAINTING A HUGE LANDSCAPE WITH TWO MIGHTY ARMIES FACING EACH OTHER ACROSS AN ENORMOUS VALLEY BENEATH A WIDE SKY WITH DARK STORM CLOUDS GATHERING IN THE DISTANCE.

IT LOOKS MORE LIKE A DUCK LANDING ON THE WATER. I CALL IT... 'DUCK LANDING ON THE WATER'.

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

I'VE BEEN HIRED TO FIND THE GULLIBLE FOOL WHO CONTINUES TO SEND ANONYMOUS CHAIN LETTERS TO EVERYONE.

I PLACE THE 'CURSE OF DOGBERT' ON ALL PAST AND FUTURE SENDERS OF CHAIN LETTERS.

I THINK I SAW WALLY FLINCH.

**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

I'M TEACHING GREG GRAMMAR.

WHAT'S 'GREG GRAMMAR'?

DANGLING PARTICLE!

**Garfield** By Jim Davis

POOR GARFIELD! HE DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST ME.

FOR I HAVE THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE.

HE'LL KNOW WHAT HIT HIM!

**Hi and Lois** By Chance Browne

FIGHTING 40 THE WARNING SIGNS OF MIDDLE AGE

I'M LOOKING FOR A BEATLES ALBUM

"EASY LISTENING" SECTION CHANGE BROWNE

**The Wizard of Id** By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

I'LL HAVE THE BUSINESSMAN'S LUNCH

DO YOU HAVE SOME IDENTIFICATION?

WHY DO I NEED THAT?

HOW DO I KNOW IF YOU'RE REAL? BUSINESSMAN?

**Hagar the Horrible** By Chris Browne

HELGA! I'M BACK FROM FRANCE

OH GOODY! WHAT DID YOU BRING HOME?

OH, A LITTLE SOMETHING I PICKED UP IN PARIS.

...AND A LITTLE SOMETHING I PICKED UP LEAVING PARIS

**Boetle Bailey** By Mort Walker

STICK OF GUM, OTTO?

I THOUGHT OTTO BIT YOU

HE DID

OF THE MANY THINGS DOGS DON'T UNDERSTAND GUM RANKS RIGHT UP THERE

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

HOW TO POLISH UP YOUR RESUME

REMEMBER, YOU DON'T WANT TO POLISH IT TO THE POINT YOU CAN ACTUALLY SEE YOURSELF IN IT.

**The Born Loser** By Art Sanson & Chip

WHY CAN'T WE BUY A CORDLESS PHONE?

WE HAVE A PERFECTLY GOOD PHONE ALREADY!

WE COULD SELL IT!

OH, SURE! AND WHAT'LL BE NEXT? I'LL SELL OUR ANSWERING MACHINE WHEN YOU WANT A CORDLESS ONE OF THOSE?

**For Better or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston

APRIL DON'T KICK OFF HER BOOTS WHEN YOU COME IN BY THE DOOR!

STOP TELLING ME WHAT YOU'RE NOT YOUR MOM.

NO!

FINE-TEN I'M GONNA TELL DAD YOUR COMICS HOME!

SO TELL HIM YOU WELLED AT!

WELL I'M IN CHARGE LIKE SHE'S AWAY, SO MOVE BOOTS!

AND TO THINK I ONCE SCOFFED AT PEOPLE WHO PREFER PETS TO CHILDREN

**Blondie** By Dick Cunniff & Stan Freck

EACH MORNING YOU GET TO HAVE A FRESH START.

YOU HAVE TO FORGET WHAT'S PAST... YESTERDAY IS TOTALLY FORGOTTEN

OR MAYBE IT ISN'T!

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

IS THIS THAT 'GROSS' SIVIA? A REAL LOOKER.

YEAH, THAT'S PAUL.

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE THINKING IS HE THE ONE?

I DON'T KNOW. I WISH THERE WERE A LOT MORE TO BE SURE.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST IMPORTANT QUALITY TO LOOK FOR IN A HUSBAND... INTELLIGENCE OR FINANCIAL STABILITY OR APPEARANCE?

OH, APPEARANCE. THAT'S ALL. AND THE SOONER THE BETTER.

**Dennis the Menace** By Hank Ketchum

"CAN I SIT IN ANOTHER CORNER? I'M GETTING BORED LOOKING AT THE SAME OLD WALLPAPER."

**The Family Circus** By B. Keane

"We're docking at the space station."

## Salads don't have to be soggy

It's a good bet, statistically, you'll survive longer. If you live close to where you grew up.

Under your tongue is a fold of soft skin. You can see it on those numerous occasions at the mirror when you try to touch your nose with the tip of your tongue. The skin fold is called a "frenum."

Snowmobiles make reindeer herding easier. So numerous Lapps sold off reindeer to buy snowmobiles, and so off more to fuel and repair their machines, and sold off still more to get bigger faster models. How compelling those vehicles! With them, history records, some reindeer herders have driven themselves out of business, and others almost.

Any British seaman who worked the docks was called a "ducky." In the 16th century, this. That evolved to "duddy." When she lost her looks, she became a "lame duck." That appellation was then also attached to borrowers who defaulted, and finally to politicians serving their last.

**WHAT'S WHAT?**  
L.M. Boyd

terms. So says one phrase tracer. If you like old houses, you might want to visit Ipswich, Mass. Claim is it has more 17th century homes still standing than any other town in America.

To keep a vegetable salad from getting soggy when you make it in advance, set a saucer upside down in the bowl bottom before putting in the salad. Extra moisture will run below the saucer. The salad above will stay crisp and fresh.

Q. How long does it take to cross America by train?  
A. Three days almost - 64 hours.

Q. What was New York City's Times Square called before the New York Times built on that piece of real estate in 1904?  
A. Longacre Square.

## HOROSCOPE

Sydney Omar

**IF FEBRUARY 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** Much goes on in April, lively and social. Current events reflect a pressure of added responsibility, legitimate chance to hit financial jackpot. Focus also on an important business transaction, marital status. Taurus, Libra, Scorpio in various play fascinating roles in your life. You have unusual voice, can be diplomatic when it counts, but forceful when needed. Be warm, trusting, if not enough. September memorable.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You will be pulling strings of destiny - for others. People are drawn to you, confide their most intimate problems. Reunion with loved one. Be warm, trusting, if not enough. September memorable.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Break free from savory situation; get rid of emotional dead weight. Independence, creativity. People take note. "You so vibrant tonight." Leo will play fantasist role.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You get OK on project involving travel, recording. Focus on direct, practical, training, earning potential. Question of marriage looms large. Gender neutral.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Obtain hint from Gemini message. Burden lifted. Entertainment pushes away from. Highlight diversity, versatility, set fashion trend. Sagittarius figures in scene.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You'll be asked to name celebrities of your sign: Mae West, Madonna, Aldous Huxley. Agreement firm up; you'll have creative control. Scorpio individual presents. "But I love you."

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Make inquiries, respect superficial responses. You'll find where you fit in connection with romance. Inform key person. "Don't play games with the truth!" Aries: love is involved.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Play the most Spotlight on creativity, style, appreciation of fine arts, including literature, music. Enticing proposal could be made. Brief "partnership, marriage will be involved."

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Check. You possess the positive that terms are clearly defined - what you give and get. Value of property involved in dispute. You'll find peace between opposing partners. Celebrate!

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Power being peace between. Returned machinations rival Machiavellian intrigues. Financial pressure eases. Friends of trust in ride with you. Capricorn featured.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Refuse to be limited. Arise will play fascinating role.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Circumstances are turning in your favor - imprint style, react initiative. Proposals received, partially accepted and marriage. Designate where action will be. Lighthearted scenario.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You will feel as if released from restrictions. Be reticent, fight for property rights. Ignore individual who may play fascinate role of everything, value of nothing. Cancer native play top role.

**ACROSS**

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**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Assisted Living Support Group will hold its monthly meeting at 2 p.m. today in the Bridgeway Estates Great Room.

TWIN FALLS - A meeting of the Desert Sage Quilters Guild will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the KMTV Community Room.

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Archaeological Society Snake River Chapter will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Health and Welfare Building on Pole Line Road.

TWIN FALLS - A Mountain Bluebirds informational and orientation meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in Room 106 of the Shields Building on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

BUHL - The 90th Annual Buhl Fireman's Ball is set for 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. March 7 at the Old Merc Building, 11th and Main.

EDEN - The Buttons and Bows Square Dance Club is hosting a Plus Dance for area dancers from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday at Anderson Campground.

GOODING - History interpreter Mary Inman will present "The Oregon Trail According to Grandma Maude Miller" at 7 p.m. Friday in the IOOF Hall on Third Avenue West.

JEROME - The Jerome Elks Lodge No. 1785 will hold its annual fish fry from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday. Donation is \$5.

JEROME - The annual Health and Safety Fair is set for 7 p.m. Friday at St. Jerome's Catholic Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E. For more information, call 324-2385.

STANLEY - The Salmon River Snowmobile Club will sponsor two days of snowmobile races at Woolley Ranch. Sign-up time each day is 10 to 11 a.m. only. Races start at noon. For more information, call Brett or Tracy at 774-2208.

GOODING - The Gooding Jaycees Volleyball Tournament (A and B Co-ed) is set for 9:30 p.m. March 7 at Gooding High School. Register by Thursday to Kenny Anderson, 536-6273.

RUPERT - The Gene-to-the-Dogs Obedience Club will meet 7 p.m. today in the Antique Building at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds, 75 E. Baseline.

RUPERT - Ron Tanner will be honored at an open house celebrating his retirement from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday at Project Mutual Telephone, 507 G St.

PAUL - A pinocchio card party sponsored by the Paul Eastern Star Chapter will begin with pie and coffee at 7 p.m. and cards at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Paul Masonic Hall, 113 E. Idaho St.

RUPERT - A Beginning Experience Support Group coping program will begin Tuesday and conclude April 7 at St. Nicholas Hall, F and Ninth streets.

BURLEY - The Mini-Cassia Singles will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday at Perkins Family Restaurant, 800 N. Overland Ave.

Life-saving knowledge

CPR could save the life of someone you know

By Joan Bean Times-News correspondent

EDEN - It was a frightening experience for Doris Kaserman. On Dec. 3 her husband, Clyde, suddenly went into cardiac arrest after they returned home from an evening out. She said the quick action by their neighbor, Shirley Schutte, that saved his life, made her think she and everyone else should learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). "I wouldn't have known how to do anything and I don't know how many people really do," Kaserman said. "I think anybody should learn - fathers and mothers - anybody. You never know."

When people stop breathing or their hearts stop, chances of survival are very slim if someone trained in CPR is not close at hand, said Gordon Prisbrey, the health and safety director of the American Red Cross. "One of the missions of the Red Cross is to train as many people in CPR and first aid that we can, primarily because the citizen that's out there is the one that responds to the initial emergency. And them being trained in CPR and first aid many times will be what saves the person's life."

Gordon Prisbrey, health and safety director at the American Red Cross

"One of the missions of the Red Cross is to train as many people in CPR and first aid that we can, primarily because the citizen that's out there is the one that responds to the initial emergency," Prisbrey said. "And them being trained in CPR and first aid many times will be what saves the person's life."

The Red Cross offers two types of classes. One is a standard first aid class, which is adult CPR and first aid. The second is a community first aid safety class, which is CPR for adults, children and infants. Classes alternate on a weekly basis. They are open to the public. To request a class, call the Red Cross at 733-6464.

By Joan Bean Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - On a cold December night, Shirley Schutte saved the life of her friend and neighbor, Clyde Kaserman.

Gordon Prisbrey, the health and safety director at the Sawtooth Chapter of the American Red Cross, said he wants her to receive the recognition she deserves. "We've applied to the Red Cross for an order of merit, which is an award that is signed by the president of the United States, and issued to her for her meritorious duty or her reaction to the incident," Prisbrey said.



For more on CPR and first aid, visit The Times-News Online at http://www.magicvalley.com and click on NewsLinks.

Prisbrey said that according to his knowledge, the Sawtooth Chapter has never attempted to obtain this award for one of its people. Prisbrey said the process probably would take three to six months and that Schutte stands a good chance.

On Dec. 3, 1997, upon returning home from dinner out and playing bridge, Clyde Kaserman, 78, got out of his car, took a few steps and then collapsed. His wife, Doris, 74, couldn't get him to respond. Immediately, she called 911 and then Schutte, who lives about 1/2 mile away.

"It was just plain frightening," Doris Kaserman said. "It was cold and I didn't know what to do. He was just completely out on the floor of the garage."

Schutte, who received the phone call from Doris Kaserman at about 11 p.m., said she knew if he was in cardiac arrest there was only a certain amount of time in which he could be revived. For that reason, Schutte did not take time to put on a coat. She took along 20-year-old Dan Pereira Jr., who lives with her family.

Arriving on the scene, she found Kaserman was in cardiac arrest. He had no pulse, was not breathing and his color was blue. Immediately, Schutte showed Pereira how to do chest compressions.

"I did two cycles of CPR and his heart started coming back," Schutte said. "But I still had to do about eight to 10 breaths to get him to start breathing on his own."

Kaserman had fallen backward onto the concrete floor, and so it was necessary for Schutte to stabilize his neck (hold onto it so he couldn't move around) in case he had sustained an injury to his spine. Doris Kaserman held a light for her.

"I just shook," Kaserman said. "I tried to hold the light for Shirley and I was shaking so bad I could hardly keep it there."

Schutte, it was a matter of knowing what had to be done, and doing it. In the past 20 years, she has served as a teacher for the American Red Cross. She



Clyde Kaserman says he is grateful for his neighbor, Shirley Schutte, who saved his life one evening after he suffered a heart attack. Schutte, an instructor for the Sawtooth Chapter of the American Red Cross, said her training helped her administer to Kaserman.

was an emergency medical technician-intermediate, volunteering on an ambulance for 18 years, and she worked several years on a paid ambulance service. "All you think about is 'what do I do? I've got to do this, this and this,'" she said. "My thinking that I've had helped me do that, because when you have to do that on somebody that you know real well it's harder to deal with than with somebody who's a stranger to you." Schutte was out in the Kasermans' garage for almost an hour, and the temperature was 26 degrees. Prisbrey said because Schutte was not wearing a coat, she almost suffered hypothermia. When Schutte got home, she had to bundle up in blankets in front of the fireplace to get warm. But, Prisbrey said the cold tempera-

ture was probably what allowed Kaserman to survive. In the hospital, Kaserman was checked for brain wave activity, because he had been unconscious so long and not breathing. "He did have brain waves, because the cold weather did that for him," Prisbrey said. "Cold slows down the process of dying, and in this case it helped." After five days in the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Kaserman was taken by ambulance to St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise where he had no problems since. And, of course, he is grateful to his friend of 30 years. "What she did for me," he said. "If it hadn't been for her, I wouldn't be here."

Jerome teacher builds more than just facilities

By H. R. Welkel Times-News correspondent

JEROME - For 25 years, Terry Gibbons has watched his students learn woodworking and computer technology skills. Then, as he watches them graduate, he is confident the young people have gained the ability to succeed in their chosen careers.

"What Gibbons teaches best is how to work hard, how to do the extra needed to succeed on any project and how to really have a good time while loving to work," said Carol Matthews, Jerome High School principal. The veteran teacher spent his Christmas vacation building eight tables and some wall benches for the Jerome High School technology classroom. The furnishings had marble tops, hemlock strips bordering each table top and fir legs with beveled edges, displaying the skills Gibbons has used throughout his teaching career.

Gibbons has a long record of doing volunteer work to improve classrooms and buildings in the Jerome School District. In 1976, when a quonset building behind the Central Elementary School burned to the ground, the insurance company made it possible for the district to rebuild. Insurance funds were adequate to erect a 100-foot by 50-foot building on the high school grounds with only the outside walls, insulation and sheetrocking. Gibbons and his students studied together as they built classroom partitions, put in the ceiling and electrical requirements with the assistance of license I professionals, built cabinets, installed an exhaust system for the woodworking equipment and fastened the machinery to the floor.

When technology grants became available, Gibbons and other teachers wrote and were granted funds for computers and other high tech equipment. The School District was chosen as a pilot program for introduction to technology and drafting. Today, Gibbons teaches his students computer technology, drafting, networking, graphic design, how to handle software problems, computer repair and maintenance and woodworking. Scanners, copying machines,



Terry Gibbons, Jerome High School technology teacher, volunteers hours of personal time and uses his skills to make improvements to the high school's facilities.

drafting equipment and printers supplement the computer systems at the high school. His students do most of the printing and graphic designing required by the School District. In 1995, he was selected to attend the National Graphics and Arts Educators seminar. Gibbons also teaches two nights a week at the Northwest Alternative High School and assists Tom Clifton in the agricultural early morning class.

"You just make time when you're doing what you like to do," Gibbons said. After two years at Ricks College, Gibbons obtained a degree in industrial arts from the University of Idaho. He is currently working on his master's degree in industrial technology. Gibbons and his wife Sheryl are the parents of Shawn, Lisa, Paul, Peter, James and Julie.

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## Taking the family in tow when plying new waters

### The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—Ahh, mates! That's the call from the U.S. Coast Guard when the service has to transfer one of its employees. It's directed not at sailors, but rather their husbands or wives, and it's the Coast Guard's way of letting these "trailing spouses" know they're not forgotten.

The Coast Guard goes to great lengths to try to provide assistance and support to the more than 125,000 family members who could be affected by its constant transfers.

And it's doing a good job of it, according to one group of workplace watchdogs. Earlier this month, the Alliance of Work/Life Professionals gave the Coast Guard its third annual "Innovative Excellence" award, in large part for its trailing-spouse program. Other winners were AT&T Corp. and the city and county of Honolulu.

"The issue of how to deal with spouses is particularly important," said Mary Ellen Gormik, president of the alliance. "It's a difficult issue to address, and they did. Their program is very complete."

The uprooting of a spouse by a promotion, transfer or new job always has been a concern for couples, but the growing

presence of women in the workplace, families' increasing dependence on dual incomes and a tight labor market have made it a major concern for public and private employers.

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When one half of a couple is transferred, options are limited: The couple can try a long-distance marriage, the trailing spouse can try to get a job in the new town, the transferee can turn down

the move — at potentially great career expense — or the couple can simply split up.

Traditionally, employers have regarded these choices as a personal and professional decision for workers to make. But they need to start helping employees make their choices, experts say, or risk losing skilled workers in a tight labor market.

What's more, employees are asking for their help.

In a survey of 802 dual-career couples released last month by Catalyst Inc., an advocacy group that tracks the progress of women in the work world, 46 percent of respondents said they want their companies to offer spouses relocation assistance. In addition, 13 percent of the workers said they've turned down transfers because of the impact on their spouses.

Spouses aren't just looking for a place to get their hair done, they're looking for a job" when they have to move to a new town, Lawrence said. So companies need to pay more attention to them for recruiting and retention purposes, he said.

The sheer size of this segment of the work force also makes it hard to ignore. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics,

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## Tech stocks drive Nasdaq to first record in 4 months

### Market in brief

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### The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bellwether technology shares drove the Nasdaq market to its first new high in four months Monday, but with most stock prices already trading at record levels, the broad market posted a mixed performance.

The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 3.74 to 8,410.20 despite a big gain from Merck, with oil-related shares sliding sharply as the tentative U.N. truce with Iraq sent oil prices falling from already depressed levels.

Broad-based stock measures rose modestly, but enough for the Standard & Poor's 500 index to set a record high for the 10th time in 15 sessions.

The Nasdaq composite index, dominated by a technology group that suffered the heaviest damage in late October's selloff, posted the biggest gain on Monday to catch up with Wall Street's recovery.

Despite the small decline in the Dow and the marginal buying outside the technology group, analysts remained encouraged by the market's resilience.

"It's as simple as the market digesting the phenomenal gains it's had from January to present. The market's doing a great job, they can barely sell it off," said Ralph Block, chief market analyst at Raymond James & Associates of St. Paul, Minn., calling the Nasdaq record a key development.

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Albertson's offers to buy Buttrely stock

BOISE (AP) - Albertson's, Inc. is extending its tender offer for all outstanding shares of common stock of Buttrely Inc. through April 30.

The Boise-based grocery store chain said Monday that all terms and conditions of its tender offer remain in effect, including the purchase price of \$15.50 per share.

Buttrely is headquartered in Great Falls, Mont., and is a supermarket and pharmacy retailer operating 43 stores in Montana, North Dakota and Wyoming.

The tender offer was scheduled to expire Monday, but in a deposit of the offer, ChaseMellon Shareholder Services, has advised Albertson's that at the close of business Monday, there are still 1.8 million shares of Buttrely common stock.

Family

Continued from D3 working couple make up 45 percent of the U.S. work force. Business are starting to take note. "Companies are realizing it's not just a labor shortage, so they're trying to get in gear."

At the Coast Guard, though, they're already in overdrive because the natural gas shortage has forced the agency to recruit a constant shifting of employees to meet shifting needs.

Each year one-third of the Coast Guard's active-duty members relocate, and more than 70 percent of those people have working spouses, said Rear Adm. Gordon G. Piche, the service's director of personnel management.

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