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# Trout firm snags catch

## Blue Lakes sends fish to Clear Springs; workers wonder about future

By Pat Marcantonio  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — With quick, sure strokes, Laura Salas dished out fish at the Blue Lakes Trout Farm processing plant where she has worked for eight years.

The 19-year-old Salas and 44 other employees learned they would be out of work in April. The company will shut the plant and send its rainbow trout to the larger Clear Springs Foods plant for processing. Managers say the move will make their companies stronger and more competitive.

"It's tough," Salas said, cutting as she talked. "I don't want to start over."

"These are good people," said Julienne Kirk, who has worked at the plant for 20 years. "They treat us more like family."

"It was a move we just have to make," said Michael Greene, Blue Lakes Trout's president and general manager. "It was very difficult for me to do."

Clear Springs Foods of Burli will not add more workers with the arrangement, but has promised to help Blue Lakes' workers.

"We're going to make every effort on our part to give these people timely employment with us as it occurs, and help them find other employment," said Larry Cope, Clear Springs president.

Starting April 1, the Blue Lakes Trout Farm and Magic Springs Farm, owned by Fices Investments of Hagerman, will supply their fish to Clear Springs Foods Inc.

With the move, the two smaller companies will concentrate on what they do best: growing trout — and Clear Springs will remain competitive, said Greene, also a partner in Fices Investments.

"For Blue Lakes and Fices Investments, it will give us an opportunity to be more profitable," he said. "The Clear Springs people are more well-versed in marketing and processing and distribution. They'll be able to do this better than we'll be able to do ourselves."

The Blue Lakes plant, which also processes the Magic Springs trout, is getting old. Greene said the farm and processing operation were established in 1955 by Greene's father in the Snake River Canyon near the Blue Lakes Country Club. After the firm sold the Blue Lakes farm and Magic Springs operation near Hagerman will each keep 12 to 15 employees, he said.

Clear Springs, which employs about 400 people, produces about 20 million pounds of fish annually. The arrangement with



Laura Salas, an employee of Blue Lakes Trout Farm, boxes a garment trout in the company's processing facility.



Michael Greene, president and general manager of Clear Springs Foods Inc., stands in front of a trout processing line after a deal with Clear Springs Foods Inc.

Blue Lakes Trout and Magic Springs Farm will increase that number by 20 percent, and is needed to remain competitive on a global scale.

"We must compete with seafood products produced from all parts of the world," Cope said.

Blue Lakes Trout plans to remodel the trout-raising operations to make it cleaner and more efficient, and will up into Clear Springs' technical base.

"By this joint alliance it's really a win-win situation. Unfortunately, the people who don't win are the people who will be displaced," Cope said.

When plant workers learned Tuesday of the closing, tears were shed, said Lila Campbell, a 32-year veteran.

"You kind of grew up with this place," she added. "It's become home."

"It's sad because you can't work for better people," said Tammi Nichols, a 14-year employee.

Kirk wasn't bitter about the business decision.

"That's just life," she said. "Nothing lasts forever."

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# Young Burley boys face citizens' panel following arrests

By Penelope Reedy  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — Three boys, ages 7, 8, and 9, arrested including a neighbor, Saturday, will probably face a citizens' committee.

Such committees, in place for 17 years, routinely deal with juvenile offenders. But this case is unusual because the age of the children, charged with malicious injury to property. And that poses unique challenges for the committee and for prosecutors.

"The younger the child, however, the more case-by-case these things become," said Deputy Prosecutor Howard Snyder. "At what age does he really know if he's doing something wrong?"

Snyder said he has prosecuted very young children, but not very often.

"It's difficult to tell if a 6-year-old who swipes a piece of candy in a store and eats it in the aisle knows what he's doing is

wrong," Snyder said. "A 9-year-old who sets a mattress on fire with gasoline and marches probably knows better."

The three suspects in this case will go before the Mini-Casita Juvenile Conference Committee, made up of Department of Health and Welfare staff, community volunteers and law enforcement officials. It decides whether young juvenile offenders will come before a

Photo see BURLEY, Page A2

# Tougher alcohol limits doesn't guarantee fewer road deaths

The Associated Press

It sounds like a no-brainer: Lower the legal blood-alcohol limit, keep more drunken drivers off American highways, save lives.

That's the theory in the 15 states that lowered their thresholds from 0.10 percent to 0.08 percent, in Washington state, where the governor is expected to sign the Legislature's newly-passed 0.08 limit and in 14 other states where lawmakers are pushing for the lower limit.

And last week, the Senate voted overwhelmingly to withhold federal highway money from states that don't follow suit. The House will take up the matter when the Senate finishes



work on the \$173 billion highway bill. But does the lower limit actually lessen highway carnage?

In some of the states with 0.08 laws, the raw number of deaths in drunken driving accidents, unadjusted for population

change, fell with the new standard. In some, the number rose. In some, it's gone up and down since the law changed.

However obvious the benefits of the lower alcohol limit might seem, it's a tricky business to measure the effect on traffic fatalities.

For starters, reducing the amount of alcohol a driver may legally drink is just one preventive measure in operation. More cars are now equipped with airbags, more drivers buckle their seat belts, more roads are designed more safely and more states are striping bad drivers of their licenses.

Additionally, many states record their data differently, even from year to year, making

comparisons almost impossible. A drop in fatalities attributed to drunken driving could be effected by the number of troopers making highway stops or the refusal of some crash survivors to take breath or blood-alcohol tests. A jump in the number of deaths could be caused by the greater number of drivers and cars in a state, or trends such as longer commutes or work shifts that end later.

The upper limit of the drive is made 0.08 because the federal blood-alcohol limit cited complex research that does indicate clear drops in drunken driving fatalities. The studies differ from state data by figuring in the likelihood of underreporting and by comparing alcohol-related crimes to all accidents.

# Abortion bills head for Senate vote

## Magic Valley lawmakers divided in their views

By Liz Wright  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** — Three Magic Valley senators have split views on two abortion-limiting bills approved Wednesday for a vote before the full Senate.

Sen. Clint Summers, D-Ketchikan, didn't join Sens. John Smyke, R-Hagerman, and Denton Heccegum, R-Bozeman, in their support for two abortion bills. Smyke agreed to recommend the full Senate make changes to a proposal supporters say would better enforce current abortion restrictions and require parental consent for minors who want abortions.

Summers also opposed a proposed ban on partial-birth abortions, which Sandy and Denton also supported.

Summers said he couldn't support the parental consent legislation because children unable to seek consent from their parents would be forced to sue to get a judicial appeal, as called for House Bill 630. But Summers voted for the bill anyway, so it could be changed on the Senate floor.

The Senate State Affairs Committee sent the bill to the full Senate for amendments on a 5-4 vote.

The courts are confusing, and some children cannot get parents because their pregnancies stem from sexual abuse at home, Summers said.

"This is going way too far," he said. "Some laws are meant to make the bill work and supports parental consent, but fish some of the bill's wording needs to be cleaned up. And the isn't certain of a need for additional reporting requirements for doctors and additional penalties for not reporting."

Photo see ABORTION, Page A2

# Taco Bell ad upsets Idaho Hispanic leader

The Associated Press

**KAMPA** — Le gusta el Chihuahua? Do you like the Chihuahua?

Not everyone does.

Hispanic groups in Florida and California dislike the Spanish-speaking Chihuahuas that promote themselves as authentic and constantly asks for Taco Bell. Protesters like the commercials, in which Dinky the Chihuahua declares, "Yo quiero Bell (I want Taco Bell)," to a hate crime.

Major Hispanic leaders are divided on the issue.

"I don't think it is derogatory," said Ray Veloz, president of the Hispanic Business Association. "It's kind of cute."

Veloz said those who oppose the commercial are making something out of nothing.

What is really harmful, he said, are incidents like the hate crimes in Nampa last summer where Hispanic children and adults were called names and arrested.

"There is no comparison with the two," he said.

Idaho Migration Council Director Kathleen Fuentes disagrees.

"On the surface it looks innocent," Fuentes said. "But it doesn't feel right."

Fuentes complained the Taco Bell ads to a 1370s-Frise-Live commercial featuring Dinky the Chihuahua. He said her commercial depicted an Hispanic stereotype: a bandit with a large mustache and sombrero. Frise-Live pulled the ad.

# THE REGION

### Camas Prairie

High: 47 Low: 18  
Puffy fog early today then sunny and warmer. Clear tonight. Some clouds Friday with highs in the 50s.

### Treasure Valley

High: 68 Low: 44  
Sunny today and warmer. Clear tonight. Some clouds Friday with chance of afternoon showers and highs in the lower 60s.

### Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 49 Low: 22  
Puffy fog early today then sunny and warmer. Clear tonight. Some clouds Friday with highs in the 40s and 50s.

### Eastern Idaho

High: 57 Low: 28  
Sunny today and warmer. Clear tonight. Some clouds Friday some clouds late with highs in the mid-50s.

### Northern Idaho

High: 55 Low: 41  
Puffy fog early today then sunny and warmer. Clear tonight. Some clouds Friday with highs around 50.

### Northern Utah

High: 58 Low: 35  
Sunny and warmer today. Clear tonight. Increasing clouds Friday but continued warm with highs near 60.

### Northern Nevada

High: 67 Low: 35  
Sunny today and warmer. Clear tonight. Some clouds Friday some clouds late with highs in the 60s.

# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High: 64 Low: 36 Puffy early then sunny and warmer.	High: 64 Low: 38 Increasing clouds with chance of showers late.	High: 66 Low: 30s Partly sunny with chance of showers.	High: 60s Low: 30s Mostly sunny.	High: 50s Low: 30s Cooler with a chance of rain.

### IDAHO Weather

Forecast for the state of Idaho, including maps for various regions like Coeur D'Alene, Lewiston, Boise, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, and Twin Falls.

### NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, March 12. Includes a map of the United States showing weather patterns and a list of cities with their respective weather conditions.

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Index: 3 (Low)  
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### SKYWATCH

Sunset today 6:41 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 6:54 a.m.  
Lunar phase: First quarter, March 5; full, March 13; last quarter, March 19; new, March 28.

### ACROSS THE NATION

IdahoWest: High pressure dominating north-west Idaho brought another fair and mild late winter day to the Gem state. Skies were mostly sunny from border to border with only a few clouds indicated by satellite over the northern panhandle. Much of the West continued to see fair and mild conditions.

# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday: 59-35	Yesterday in Twin Falls: .00
Normal to date: 51-27	Month to date: .45
Normal year to date: 51-27	Normal mo. to date: .240
Normal year to date: 51-27	Water year to date: 6.30
Normal year to date: 51-27	Normal year to date: 5.43

### Idaho Highs/Lows

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High	66	degrees at Hagerman
Boise	60	35	.....	Low: 16	degrees at	
Burley	59	28	.....	McCall	Nation: High	
Fairfield	41	13	.....	80 at Thermal	Call	
Hagerman	66	31	.....	N.D.		
Idaho Falls	47	28	.....			
Jerome	56	30	.....			
London	53	31	.....			
Malad	53	28	.....			
Malta	41	36	.....			
McCall	44	16	.....			
Pocatello	53	31	.....			
Salmon	48	30	.....			
Stanley	45	19	.....			
Sun Valley	46	19	.....			

### The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	57	21	.....
Astoria	43	21	.....
Boston	32	22	.....
Chicago	32	14	.....
Dallas	52	30	.....
Denver	41	13	.....
Des Moines	51	3	.....
Detroit	24	19	.....
Honolulu	83	70	.....
Houston	63	30	.....
Indianapolis	42	30	.....
Kansas City	44	14	.....
Las Vegas	73	45	.....
Las Vegas	67	45	.....
Memphis	38	23	.....
Miami Beach	68	49	.....
Minneapolis	42	22	.....
New Orleans	63	44	.....
New York	32	25	.....
New York	32	25	.....
Oklahoma City	34	23	.....
Phoenix	53	31	.....
Pittsburgh	21	21	.....
Portland, Me.	65	47	.....
Portland, Ore.	51	27	.....
San Antonio	41	17	.....
St. Louis	28	17	.....
Salt Lake City	46	31	.....
San Francisco	70	49	.....
Seattle	62	46	.....
Spokane	43	24	.....
Washington	34	24	.....

### Canadian Cities

City	High	Low
Calgary	5	2
Montreal	41	5
Toronto	41	5
Vancouver	50	44

## Batt successor may face new money problems

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Looming financial problems awaiting retiring Gov. Phil Batt's successor multiplied on Wednesday when the Senate budget writers cleared the way for final legislative action on making huge annual diversions of general tax receipts to the state's savings account.

The Finance Committee unanimously forwarded to the full Senate a House plan that requires over \$15 million to be stripped from spendable tax revenues before Batt's heir-apparent, U.S. Sen. Dirk Kempthorne, writes his first state budget for the 1999-2000 spending year.

The scheme is part of a long-range plan to build the reserve against emergencies and revenue shortages to 5 percent of total general tax spending. That reserve, financed in recent years

only from cash surpluses generated when revenue exceeded the projection used to set the budget, totals \$6 billion, or 2.3 percent of the budget that takes effect July 1.

Chairman Atwell Farry, R-Melba, has been a longtime advocate of beefing up the reserve. But while supporting the bill for automatic diversions, he admitted not only his own concern about the financial hole being dug for Kempthorne but expressions of similar concern from Batt.

"We're going to have to do something about that, but I don't know what," Farry said.

and group, a Juvenile Conference Committee or head into the court system.

A child with a prior record heads for court. Conference committees deal almost exclusively with first offenders.

"It's scary to them," said Vickie Taylor, who has been coordinating the committees for 14 years. "They get a taste of the system."

Conference committee members talk to teachers and others close to the child, then consider the juvenile's age, crime, and family problems before making a recommendation.

"Right now our conference committees are made up of volunteer retired teachers, an eye doctor, court personnel and business people," Taylor said.

The committee can impose sentences, but cannot impose detention time, she said.

Usually, said Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff, parents are ordered to pay restitution or a child is ordered to get counseling. Sometimes the committee recommends parents take a parenting class, he said.

Lisa Kamache, chief probation officer for Mini-Cassia Juvenile Corrections, believes parenting is one of the most important issues surrounding juvenile offenses.

"What's happening now to our youth is the result of the last 30 years of societal influences," she said. "Because of a shift in society toward instant gratification, many parents have not been willing or able to take on the role of custodian of their children's behaviors."

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## House panel trims earlier pay raise for Idaho officials

BOISE (AP) — A six-figure public servant was too much for a House panel Wednesday, so it killed a Senate-passed bill to raise the governor's salary to \$103,000 a year.

Instead, the State Affairs Committee sent the full House its own plan increasing the pay for the governor and the state's other top elected officials 3 percent annually through 2002.

That would cut the governor's salary at \$95,668. "A 12-percent raise over four years is more than fair," Democratic state Rep. Steve Stoffel of Sandpoint said.

"You could deduct \$10,000 from each of their salaries and they'd still run again."

Gov. Phil Batt's decision not to seek reelection has at least in part prompted the effort to

raise salaries that only can be changed every four years, U.S. Sen. Dirk Kempthorne said in the Senate favorite to succeed his fellow Republican as governor, but he faces a cut in pay from almost \$136,700 to \$85,000 in returning to Idaho.

"If we're going to draw quality people to fill these positions, then the salaries have to be higher than mid-management some of our companies," GOP state Rep. W.W. "Bill" Deal of Nampa said.

He supported Boise Republican Rep. Paul Stender's effort to set a higher base for the House pay raise before the annual 3-percent raises were applied. That would have resulted in a nearly \$101,500 salary for governor in 2002.

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## The Idaho abortion bills

### House Bill 610

The measure would require anyone under 18 to obtain consent from parent or guardian before seeking an abortion, or seek a judge's OK not to obtain consent. It would require doctors to tell patients of their options and the brain are removed, detailed information about every abortion and have a second doctor present in case an abortion lasts more than 20 weeks old survivors. The bill will go to the full Senate, where it is open for changes during debates.

### House Bill 576

The measure would ban "partial-birth" abortions — in which the baby typically in the second or third trimester of pregnancy is pulled partly out of the vaginal canal, the head is penetrated with a sharp instrument and the brain are removed by suction. Exceptions to the ban include when the mother's life or health is at risk. The bill will go to the full Senate, with a recommendation it be approved without changes.

Supported by Idaho Family Forum. Sponsors include Rep. Mark E. R. Farris, and Rep. Bill Selt, R-Meridian.

Supported by Idaho Right to Life. Sponsors include Rep. Dan Mackler, R-Coonewa.

Note: A third abortion bill proposed this session was dropped by its sponsor.

## Abortion

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leader, said it wasn't true. He later said he was taking criticism in stride but the brain are removed, detailed information about every abortion and have a second doctor present in case an abortion lasts more than 20 weeks old survivors. The bill will go to the full Senate, where it is open for changes during debates.

"I have no problem when they get in my face, that's their right," Sandy said.

Darrington supported both bills, without recommending any changes. He later said he wants Idaho to send a message that it would tolerate abortions.

"I think the public sentiment in my area is very strong in support of the bill supporting parental consent," Darrington said.

The partial-birth abortion ban is necessary, despite concerns that it will be tied up with court challenges, he said.

"I think it's such a deplorable thing for it to happen, the state needs to make a statement," Darrington said.

Stennett said a ban isn't needed in Idaho, and the movement to push it through the Legislature is coming from out-of-state interests and political posturing.

Stennett's comments brought boos and hisses from ban proponents.

"I've asked everyone I know who is involved in this and no one in Idaho does abortions past 16 weeks. No one," Stennett said.

Sponsor Rep. Mark Stubbs, R-Twin Falls, argued in support of House Bill 610. He said Idaho residents want to protect unborn children. Constitutionally it is certain to pass muster, he said.

"Our state policy is very clear, we are a pro-life state and our policy is to prohibit abortion as much as the law will allow," Stubbs said.

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WEDNESDAY MARCH 11 MEMBERS

TWO OF HEARTS  
 9 10 11 16 22

Two lucky players took a Double Dog Dare and won! Justin Jefferson from West Valley, Utah, and another player from Wallace both matched two like amounts and the dog symbol and won \$2,000 a piece. The winning tickets were purchased at The County Store in Salmon and Exxon Foods in Wallace.

A Boise player scored big with Weekly Grand, winning \$2,000. She purchased her winning ticket at Fearless Farris Skiing Station at Fearless Farris Skiing Station in Boise.

# Clinton mum on testimony

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr was seeking President Clinton's testimony in the Monica Lewinsky matter for more than a month, but lawyers for the president so far have declined to say whether Clinton will testify, sources familiar with the investigation said Wednesday.

Starr's office has made several requests in writing to the president's lawyers, the sources said. Starr is seeking Clinton's testimony in the ongoing grand jury investigation voluntarily.

Clinton declined to comment Wednesday on whether he would testify. "I've got to do the work that the people of this country hired me to do," the president said at a photo opportunity with U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan. "I'm not going to discuss that." The question was prompted by a New York Times report that his lawyers and Starr had recently opened discussions about arranging for his testimony, but sources said no substantive talks have taken place.

Clinton, as a likely target of the investigation into whether he had a sexual relationship with Lewinsky and urged her to lie under oath, cannot be compelled to testify. Under Justice Department guidelines, targets are generally invited — not subpoenaed — to appear before grand juries. They are free to decline, effectively invoking the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.



Chop Evans examines peach blossoms at his farm near Fort Valley, Ga., Wednesday for evidence of damage from unusually cold weather.

# Southern farmers watch thermometers plunge

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Farmers hiked through their orchards Wednesday nervously looking for signs that a late freeze following an El Nino warm spell had damaged their already flowering fruit trees.

A cold wave that swept across the Plains sent temperatures below freezing as far south as the Gulf Coast and northern Florida early Wednesday, and several more cold nights were forecast.

"We're going to have some nervous nights," said Al Pearson, who farms in Georgia's Crawford and Peach counties.

Peach growers may have to wait until next week before they can determine the full extent of damage to fragile buds that were coated into early bloom by the mild, wet winter. They need warmer weather to cut into the blooms to see if the tiny fruit buds inside have turned black.

Eldon Zehar said he already knew that the frost had destroyed 90 percent of the blossoms on his six acres of peach trees near Clinton, S.C. But he said his trees still had many unopened buds. "I don't think I'm too bad off. I'm concerned about the next few nights."

Peach blossoms begin to die when the temperature drops to 28 degrees and buds can die at 25, said Dale Livall, an agricultural meteorologist — at Clemson University.

South Carolina is the second-largest peach-producing state after California, with 20,000 acres of peaches worth an estimated \$35 million.

El Nino, the Pacific warming phenomenon that disrupts weather patterns worldwide, had produced a mild if wet February across the Southeast, starting many plants blooming early.

# Coming soon to TV: The 'v-chip'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Regulators are about to take the final step toward making available TV sets that let viewers block unwanted shows based on ratings.

The Federal Communications Commission, carrying out the wishes of Congress and the Clinton administration, is expected Thursday to adopt technical standards for equipping sets with the "v-chip" blocking technology.

A 1996 telecommunications law requires that televisions sold

in the United States with screens 13 inches and larger must eventually have the blocking technology built in. Roughly 23 million sets are sold each year in the United States.

The v-chip will work with TV ratings for sex, violence and language content aired on broadcast and cable programs. New detailed ratings began Oct. 1 on ABC, CBS, Fox and major cable networks. NBC will continue using the less-specific ratings now aired and that the rest of the

industry previously used.

Lawmakers are pressuring NBC to join the rest of the industry.

The FCC also is expected to approve the detailed ratings system now in use. The 1996 law requires the FCC to review the system's effectiveness.

NBC officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they don't foresee anything in the FCC's upcoming actions that would prevent the network from continuing to use its rating system.

# Plan to raise disaster loan rates hits wall

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers are promising to kill a Clinton administration proposal to increase interest rates on government loans to disaster victims.

"Over my dead body," Rep. Jim Talent, chairman of the House Small Business Committee, told officials of the Small Business Administration.

"It's a dagger in the heart of these disaster victims. It's a demoralizing and discouraging message to be sending to people."

The idea met with disgust from the appropriations panel, with authority over SBA finances. Its chairman, Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Ky., cut short a hearing by ordering agency officials not to return without ditching the proposal to raise the cap on interest rates from 4 percent to 6 percent.



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# Pilot flying too low in ski tram tragedy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Marines involved in the cable car accident at an Italian ski resort that killed 20 people will face disciplinary action, Pentagon officials said Wednesday.

A Marine Corps investigation found that the pilot of the EA-6B Prowler was flying too low and held the four-man crew responsible, said two officials familiar with the inquiry. Results of the study are to be made public Thursday in Italy.

The jet severed a cable on a ski lift in northern Italy on Feb.

3, plunging a cable car containing 20 people into the valley below.

Major Gen. Michael DeLong, president of the accident investigation board and deputy commander of the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Atlantic, will announce the findings at the U.S. air base in Aviano, Italy.

One official said that at one point the aircraft was found to have been only 300 feet above the ground, when it should have been flying at 1,000 feet.

"We expect they will refer the matter for disciplinary action,"

the official said, adding that the final decision will be up to the commander of Marine forces in the Atlantic region based in Norfolk, Va., Lt. Gen. Peter Pace.

A second official said it was possible that more than one individual could be disciplined in the matter, but Pace will have to decide exactly what disciplinary process might be followed.

That could include an Article 32 hearing, a preliminary action in the event of a court-martial.

The Pentagon officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

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# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

### Camas Prairie

High: 47 Low: 18  
Puffy fog early today then sunny and warmer. Clear tonight. Some clouds Friday with highs in the 50s.

### Treasure Valley

High: 68 Low: 44  
Sunny today and warmer. Clear tonight. Some clouds Friday with chance of afternoon showers and highs in the lower 60s.

### Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 49 Low: 22  
Puffy fog early today then sunny and warmer. Clear tonight. Some clouds Friday as the clouds late with highs in the 40s and 50s.

### Eastern Idaho

High: 57 Low: 28  
Sunny today and warmer. Clear tonight. Some clouds Friday as the clouds late with highs in the mid-50s.

### Northern Idaho

High: 55 Low: 41  
Puffy fog early today then sunny and warmer. Clear tonight. Increasing clouds Friday with highs around 50.

### Northern Utah

High: 58 Low: 35  
Sunny and warmer today. Clear tonight. Increasing clouds Friday but continuing to be warm with highs near 60.

### Northern Nevada

High: 67 Low: 35  
Sunny today and warmer. Clear tonight. Some clouds Friday as the clouds late with highs in the 60s.

### Today

High: 64 Low: 36  
Puffy fog early then sunny and warmer.

### Friday

High: 64 Low: 38  
Increasing clouds with chance of showers late.

### Saturday

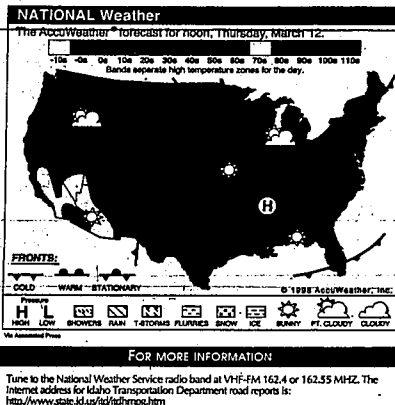
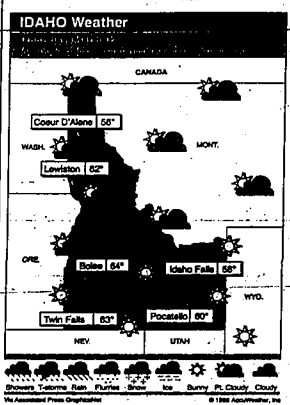
High: 60s Low: 30s  
Partly sunny with chance of showers.

### Sunday

High: 60s Low: 30s  
Mostly sunny.

### Monday

High: 50s Low: 30s  
Cooler with a chance of rain.



Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday: 59	Yesterday in Twin Falls: .00
Last year: 59	(Month to date): .45
Normal: 51	Normal mo. to date: .70
	Water year to date: 6.30
	Normal year to date: 5.43

Idaho	Highs/Lows
Boise	Max: 60 Min: 35 Pcp: .00
Burley	Max: 59 Min: 28 Pcp: .00
Lewiston	Max: 61 Min: 32 Pcp: .00
Idaho Falls	Max: 47 Min: 28 Pcp: .00
Jerome	Max: 56 Min: 30 Pcp: .00
Blackfoot	Max: 63 Min: 34 Pcp: .00
Malad	Max: 53 Min: 28 Pcp: .00
Malta	Max: 41 Min: 36 Pcp: .00
McCall	Max: 44 Min: 16 Pcp: .00
Payson	Max: 53 Min: 31 Pcp: .00
Salmon	Max: 48 Min: 30 Pcp: .00
Stanley	Max: 45 Min: 19 Pcp: .00
Sun Valley	Max: 46 Min: 19 Pcp: .00

### The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	57	32	0
Atlanta	43	21	0
Boston	42	22	0
Chicago	22	14	0
Dallas	52	30	0
Denver	31	13	0
Des Moines	11	3	0
Detroit	32	13	0
Honolulu	83	70	0
Houston	63	28	0
Indianapolis	34	15	0
Kansas City	14	16	0
Las Vegas	57	34	0
Los Angeles	67	58	0
Memphis	38	23	0
Miami Beach	81	69	0
Milwaukee	21	10	0
Minneapolis	34	15	0
New Orleans	53	35	0
New York	32	25	0
Oakland	54	34	0
Omaha	9	-1	0
Phoenix	63	33	0
Pittsburgh	23	12	0
Portland, Me.	31	21	0
Portland, Ore.	63	31	0
Reno	65	35	0
St. Louis	28	17	0
Salt Lake City	48	31	0
San Francisco	79	49	0
Seattle	48	31	0
Spokane	54	24	0
Washington	34	24	0

### Canadain Cities

Calgary	41	27	0
Edmonton	41	27	0
Toronto	23	7	0
Vancouver	50	44	0

### UV INDEX

Index: 3  
Sunburn time: 45 minutes

### ROAD INFORMATION

Boise: 376-8028  
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### ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho/West: High pressure dominating northwest Idaho brought another fair and mild, late winter day to the Gem state. Skies were mostly sunny from border with only a few clouds indicated by satellite over the northern panhandle. Much of the West continued to see fair and mild conditions.

Midwest: The Plains posted record low temperatures for a second straight day as a cold spell that broadened its reach to the eastern two-thirds of the nation Wednesday.

South: The Southeast wasn't even immune to the cold. Nashville, Tenn., dipped one degree lower than the 20 mark posted in 1996.

The cold snap was accompanied by less snow than in the past few days. Light snow dropped over the Ohio Valley while heavier snow fell over the Great Lake states thanks to the lake-effect.

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### SKYWATCH

Sunset today 6:41 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 6:54 a.m.  
Lunar phases: First quarter, March 15; Full, March 19; Last quarter, March 23; New, March 28.  
Visible planets: Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn; Mars, Saturn.

## Batt successor may face new money problems

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Looming financial problems awaiting retiring Gov. Phil Batt's successor multiplied on Wednesday when Senate budget writers blocked the way for legislative action on making huge annual diversions of general tax receipts to the state's savings account.

The Finance Committee unanimously forwarded to the full Senate a House-passed bill requiring over \$15 million to be stripped from spendable tax revenues before Batt's heir-apparent, U.S. Sen. Dirk Kempthorne, writes his first state budget for the 1999-2000 spending year.

The scheme is part of a long-range plan to build the reserve against emergency state revenue shortages to 5 percent of total general tax spending. That reserve, financed in recent years

only from cash surpluses generated when revenue exceeds the projection used to write the budget, totals \$36 million, or 2.1 percent of the budget that takes effect July 1.

Chairman Arvell Parry, R-Melba, has been a longtime advocate of beefing up the reserve. But while supporting the bill for automatic diversions, he admitted not only his own concern about the financial hole being dug for Kempthorne but expressions of similar concern from Batt.

"We're going to have to do something about that, but I don't know what," Parry said.

## House panel trims earlier pay raise for Idaho officials

BOISE (AP) — A six-figure public servant was too much for a House panel Wednesday. It has killed a Senate-passed bill to raise the governor's salary to \$103,000 a year.

Instead, the State Affairs Committee sent the full House its own plan increasing the pay for the governor and the state's other top elected officials 3 percent annually through 2001.

That would top out the governor's salary at \$95,668. "A 12-percent raise over four years is more than reasonable," said House Rep. Jim Stoucheff of Sandpoint said. "You could deduct \$10,000 from each of their salaries and they'd still run again."

But Gov. Phil Batt's decision not to seek re-election has at least in part prompted the effort to

raise salaries that only can be changed every four years. U.S. Sen. Dirk Kempthorne is the run-away favorite to succeed his fellow Republican as governor, but he faces a cut in pay from almost \$136,700 to \$85,000 in returning to Idaho.

"If we're going to draw quality people to fill these positions, then the salaries have to be higher than what you can get in other companies," GOP state Rep. W.W. "Bill" Deal of Nampa said.

He supported Boise Republican Rep. Paul Kjellander's attempt to set a higher base for the House pay raise plan before the annual 3-percent raises were applied. That would have resulted in a nearly \$101,500 salary for governor in 2002.

## Burley

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and group, a Juvenile Conference Committee or head into the court system.

A child with a prior record heads for court. Conference committees deal almost exclusively with first offenders.

"It's not to them," said Vickie Taylor, who has been coordinating the committees for 14 years. "They get a taste of the system."

Conference committee members talk to teachers and others close to the child, then consider the juvenile's age, crime, and family problems before making a recommendation.

"Right now our conference committees are made up of volunteer retired teachers, an eye doctor, court personnel and business people," Taylor said.

The committee can impose sentences, but cannot impose detention time, she said.

Usually, said Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff, parents are ordered to pay restitution or a child is ordered to get counseling. Sometimes the committee recommends parents take a parenting class, he added.

Lisa Kamuche, chief probation officer for Mini-Cassia Juvenile Corrections, believes parenting is one of the most important issues surrounding juvenile offenses.

"What's happening now to our youth is the result of the last 30 years of societal influences," she said. "Because of a shift in society toward instant gratification, many parents have not been willing or able to take on the role of guardian of their children's boundaries."

Times-News staff writer Pamela Reilly can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

## Nasdaq, Amex may merge

NEW YORK (AP) — In a move to challenge the mighty New York Stock Exchange, America's two other main stock markets are discussing a possible merger. The New York Times reported.

A merger between the Nasdaq

## The Idaho abortion bills

### House Bill 610

The measure would require anyone under 18 to obtain consent from parents before seeking an abortion, or seek a judge's OK not to obtain consent. It would require doctors to tell patients of the risks involved with abortions, report more detailed information about every abortion, and have a second doctor present in case an abortion of fetus more than 20 weeks old survives. The bill will go to the full Senate, where it is open for changes during debate.

### House Bill 576

The measure would ban "partial-birth" abortions — in which the baby typically in the second or third trimester of pregnancy is pulled partly out of the vaginal canal, the head is penetrated with a sharp instrument and the brains are removed by suction. Exceptions to the ban include when the mother's life or health is at risk. The bill will go to the full Senate, with a recommendation it be approved without changes.

Supported by Idaho Family Forum. Sponsors include Rep. Mark Stubbs, R-Twin Falls, and Rep. Bill Sall, R-Hamilton.

Supported by Idaho Right to Life. Sponsors include Rep. Dan MacIver, R-Greene.

Note: A third abortion bill proposed this session was dropped by its sponsor.

## Abortion

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The partial-birth abortion bill was sent to the Senate on a 6-3 committee vote.

During Wednesday's hearing before senate State Affairs, Sandy noted conflicting testimony from supporters.

"I've been told recently from people working on some of these bills, 'We're excited because Idaho is the only state in the nation doing this,'" Sandy said. Others have told him many other states are taking similar moves. "It just goes to show some of the information we're being fed."

After the hearing, a small group of abortion foes gathered around him and accused GOP leadership of trying to kill the bill. Sandy, assistant majority

leader, said it wasn't true. He later said he was taking criticism in stride.

"I have no problem when they get in my face, that's their right," Sandy said.

Darrington supported both bills, without recommending any changes. He later said he wants Idaho to send a message that he won't tolerate abortions.

The partial-birth abortion ban in my area is very strong in support of the bill supporting parental consent," Darrington said.

The partial-birth abortion ban is necessary, despite concerns that it will be used up with court challenges, he said.

"I think the public sentiment here for it to happen, the state needs to make a statement," Darrington said.

Stemmer said a ban isn't needed in Idaho, and the movement to push it through the Legislature is coming from out-of-state interests and political posturing.

Stemmer's comments brought boos and hisses from ban proponents.

"I've asked everyone I know who is involved in this and no one in Idaho does abortions past 16 weeks," McQueen's spokeswoman said.

Sponsor Rep. Mark Stubbs, R-Twin Falls, argued in support of House Bill 610. He said Idaho residents want to protect unborn children. Constitutionally, it is certain to pass, he said.

"Our state policy is very clear, we are a pro-life state and our policy is to prohibit abortion as much as the law will allow," Stubbs said.

Stock Market and the American Stock Exchange would have great benefits for both exchanges, both of which have been struggling to compete with their more prestigious and influential rival.

The Times reported the talks, citing

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WEDNESDAY MARCH 11 RESULTS

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A Boies player scored big with Weekly Grand, winning \$2,000. She purchased her winning ticket at Fearless Farms Sticker Station in Boise.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 11 RESULTS

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# Clinton mum on testimony

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr has been seeking President Clinton's testimony in the Monica Lewinsky matter for more than a month, but lawyers for the president so far have declined to say whether Clinton will testify, sources familiar with the investigation said Wednesday.

Starr's office has made several requests in writing to the president's lawyers, the sources said. Starr is seeking Clinton's testimony in the ongoing grand jury investigation voluntarily. Clinton declined to comment Wednesday on whether he would testify. "We got to do the work that the people of this country hired me to do," the president said at a photo opportunity with U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan. "I'm not prepared to discuss that." The question was prompted by a New York Times report that his lawyers and Starr had recently opened discussions about arranging for his testimony, but sources said no substantive talks have taken place.

Clinton, as a likely target of the investigation into whether he had a sexual relationship with Lewinsky and urged her to lie under oath about it, cannot be compelled to testify. Under Justice Department guidelines, targets are generally invited rather than subpoenaed — to appear before grand juries. They are free to decline, effectively invoking the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.



Chop Evans examines peach blossoms at his farm near Fort Valley, Ga., Wednesday for evidence of damage from unusually cold weather.

# Southern farmers watch thermometers plunge

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Farmers hiked through their orchards Wednesday nervously looking for signs that a late freeze following an El Niño warm spell had damaged their already flowering fruit trees.

A cold wave that swept across the Plains sent temperatures below freezing as far south as the Gulf Coast and northern Florida early Wednesday, and several more cold nights were forecast.

"We're going to have some nervous nights," said Al Peterson, who farms in Georgia's Crawford and Peach counties. Peach growers may have to wait until next week before they can determine the full extent of damage to fragile buds that were coaxed into early bloom by the mild, wet winter. They need warmer weather to cut into the bloom to see if the tiny fruit buds inside have turned black.

Eldon Zehar said he already knew that the frost had destroyed 50 percent of the blossoms on his six acres of peach trees near Clemson, S.C. But he said his trees still had many unopened buds. "I don't think I'm too bad off. I'm concerned about the next few nights."

Peach blossoms begin to die when the temperature drops to 28 degrees and buds can die at 23, said Dale Linzell, an agricultural meteorologist at Clemson University.

South Carolina is the second-largest peach producer in the United States, with 20,000 acres of peaches worth an estimated \$35 million.

El Niño, the Pacific warming phenomenon that disrupts weather patterns worldwide, had produced a mild if wet February across the Southeast, starting many plants blooming early.

# Coming soon to TV: The 'v-chip'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Regulators are about to take the final step toward making available TV sets that let viewers block out unwanted shows based on ratings.

The Federal Communications Commission, carrying out the wishes of Congress and the Clinton administration, is expected Thursday to adopt technical standards for equipping sets with the "v-chip" blocking technology. A 1996 telecommunications law requires that televisions sold

in the United States with screens 13 inches and larger must eventually have the blocking technology built in. Roughly 23 million sets are sold each year in the United States.

The v-chip will work with TV ratings for sex, violent and language content aired on broadcast and cable programs. New detailed ratings began Oct. 1 on ABC, CBS, Fox and major cable networks. NBC will continue using the less-specific ratings it now airs and that the rest of the

industry previously used. Lawmakers are pressuring NBC to join the rest of the industry. The FCC also is expected to approve the detailed ratings system now in use. The 1996 law requires the FCC to review the system's effectiveness. NBC officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they don't foresee ending its use. The FCC's upcoming action should prevent the networks from continuing to use its rating system.

# Plan to raise disaster loan rates hits wall

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers are promising to kill a Clinton administration proposal to increase interest rates on government loans to disaster victims.

"Over my dead body," Rep. Jim Talent, chairman of the House Small Business Committee, told officials of the Small Business Administration.

"It's a dagger in the heart of these disaster victims. It's a demoralizing and discouraging message to be sending to people."

The idea met with disgust from the appropriations panel, with authority over SBA finances. Its chairman, Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Ky., cut short a hearing by ordering agency officials not to return without ditching the proposal to raise the cap on interest rates from 4 percent to 6 percent.

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# Pilot flying too low in ski tram tragedy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Marines involved in the cable car accident at an Italian ski resort that killed 20 people will face disciplinary action, Pentagon officials said Wednesday.

A Marine Corps investigation found that the pilot of the EA-6B Prowler was flying too low and held the low-speed, slow response rate. The jet reversed a cable on a ski lift in northern Italy on Feb.

3, plunging a cable car containing 20 people into the valley below.

Maj. Gen. Michael DeLong, president of the accident investigation board and deputy commander of the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Atlantic, will announce the findings at the U.S. air base in Aviano, Italy.

One official said that at one point the aircraft was found to have been only 300 feet above the ground, when it should have been flying at 1,000 feet. "We expect they will refer the matter for disciplinary action,"

the official said, adding that the final decision will be up to the commander of Marine forces in the Atlantic region based in Norfolk, Va., Lt. Gen. Peter Pace.

A second official said it was possible that more than one individual could be disciplined in the matter, but Pace will have to decide exactly what disciplinary process might be followed.

That could include an Article 32 hearing, a preliminary action in the form of a court martial. The Pentagon officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

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# Measure would allow lawsuits against tribes

WASHINGTON (AP)—One of Dennis Love's truck stops lost \$5,000 in 1985. But it been owned by one of the American Indian tribes that competes with a Chickasaw bus business would have turned a profit of nearly \$1 million, he says.

Tribes have refused to agree to call their state taxes from non-Indian customers, which gives tribally owned businesses an advantage over non-tribe competitors. Love told the Senate Indian Affairs Committee on Wednesday, "It was impossible for our company to compete directly with Native American stations," he said.

Such concerns are fueling a drive in Congress to strip tribes of their immunity to lawsuits.

Legislation sponsored by Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., would subject tribes to a variety of lawsuits, including actions by states to enforce the collection of taxes and suits by people who think they've been harmed by tribal governments or businesses.

In the House, Rep. Ray Leland, R-Ill., is proposing to bar tribes from getting federal highway funds unless they collect full taxes from non-Indians.

Immunity from lawsuits gives tribes "the



Michael Harris of Tahlequah, Okla., right, testifies before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Wednesday on Capitol Hill.

right to wrong other people," said Gorton, a member of the Senate committee.

"This bill would ask no more and no less

than that Indian tribes be subjected to the same kind of responsibility that others are," he said.

Defeating the legislation is the top congressional priority for tribes this year. Gorton withdrew a similar measure last fall after a furious lobbying effort by tribes, who have the Clinton administration's backing.

Losing immunity would erode the authority of tribes, make it impossible for them to regulate health and safety, and potentially force them into bankruptcy to pay court awards, they argue.

"We'll be out there fighting you," Philip Martin, chief of the Mississippi Choctaws, told Gorton. "We value our right to self-determination."

Critics say the lawsuit immunity prevents states from getting tax revenue from tribes without making significant concessions to them and also allows tribes to violate the rights of both Indians and non-Indians on their reservations.

The Supreme Court has ruled that tribes must collect state taxes from non-Indian customers, but state officials say there is no way for them to enforce that. Sales to tribal members are exempt from state taxes.

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# Measure would allow lawsuits against tribes

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Such concerns are fueling a drive in Congress to strip tribes of their immunity to lawsuits.

Legislation sponsored by Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., would subject tribes to a variety of lawsuits, including actions by states to force the collection of taxes and suits by people who think they've been harmed by tribal governments or businesses.

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Michael Harris of Tahlequah, Okla., right, testifies before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Wednesday on Capitol Hill.

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Defeating the legislation is the top congressional priority for tribes this year. Gorton withdrew a similar measure last fall after a furious lobbying effort by tribes, who have the Clinton administration's backing.

Losing immunity would erode the authority of tribes, make it impossible for them to regulate health and safety, and potentially force them into bankruptcy to pay court awards, they argue.

"We'll be out there fighting you," Philip Martin, chief of the Mississippi Choctaws, told Gorton. "We value our right to self-determination."

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## EDITORIAL

### Proposed cigarette law deals harshly with store owners

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Cigarette vending machines would be banned by January 2000. Retailers that sell tobacco would have to keep those products behind the counter and require identification of buyers under the age of 27, and the state Department of Health and Welfare would conduct two spot checks a year at every store that sells tobacco.

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Are such draconian measures necessary? Well, consider that 1.3 million packs of cigarettes are sold illegally to Idaho kids each year, according to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. Random, unannounced inspections conducted during the last six months of 1997 showed that half of retailers checked peddled tobacco to minors.

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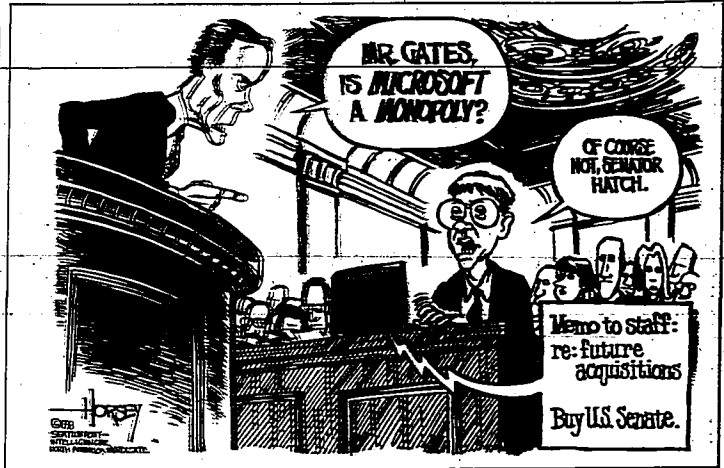
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### Officer plan came after evaluation

Thank you for your support for the Twin Falls Police Department's plan to add 10 additional police officers to the department. I really appreciate it and do all of the officers and employees who have worked very hard to make this safe community to live in.

I wanted to let you know that this request was made after more than 1 1/2 years of evaluating the Department, the community and the issues. We began by first looking at how we were doing as a police department and whether we were using the resources given to us efficiently and effectively. As a result of that evaluation, we made several changes in the way we operate. These included changes in the case assignment process in the investigation division based on an ability factor and better manage the case load, an adjustment of patrol schedules to provide better coverage during the hours of greatest demand, restructuring of the department's three districts division of responsibility to more efficiently accomplish our goals.

I take your endorsement of this request very seriously, as I do your responsibility to this community and as a manager you that these additional personnel will be used as effectively as possible to address the issues we are facing. This contin-

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prohibiting gambling, gaming, and other activities in the city in its restrictive way, in addition to the traditional licensing approach.

WILLIAM W. WATSON, Mayor, Twin Falls

### Earth needs better management

Editor: It is the heavenly pleasure to read your article in God. Earth's God is shaking for taking my call. There's a static, but my prayer is that you can hear it. How's that? No, there's nothing wrong with Earth. It's just that you're not seeing it. You know, when all of your images are...

Well, I know you are busy pushing options and papers around, but I want to tell you. Everything has gone terribly wrong. What's so wrong — the signals aren't coming through? It's human beings. You know, fighting out, doing crazy things like...

Now, God really — right now there are 6 billion humans on planet Earth, and there's one more coming aboard every four seconds. It's the human of God and the human of man, there's gonna be 6 billion humans, and there's gonna be 6 billion humans on planet Earth, in my not-so-distant future.

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### Our children are worth better school

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Voting will take place at each school, the recreation center, and at Billy Emerson's house between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. If you are not a registered voter, you can register on the day of the polls.

Show your love, please in your community and show our kids you care. Vote yes! **NO AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN** James

### Women support freedom of choice

I was writing in response to the letters of William Locker and Wendy Boon. First I would like to say the telephone number is 733-0931. The only reason "Why men should stay out of abortion" was great. I have forwarded the response to our state representatives. I did receive 37 phone calls in four days. 33 were local women who support the freedom of choice, one elderly woman who opposed and three men who didn't have the intellect to be their shoes.

There are two types of men who shoot the doctors and bomb the clinics, all in the name of the Lord.

To Wendy Boon: I am glad you wrote an opposing view because so many women are afraid to write. You brave women people demanding their rights. I served this country in a war. I did not completely believe in it. I feel that I have earned my rights and have defended the rights and freedoms of others. Only those who have never earned their rights are so willing to take rights and freedoms from others. I would bet you got your rights by welfare. Off the fence, when it comes to the many who fought for them. Debate or attack the issue with intellect and facts. Not the messenger with religious rhetoric and opinions.

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## The Times-News

Members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Stephen Hartzog, Clark Walworth, Steve Crump, Kevin Richard and Gregory Hahn.

## LETTERS

### Abortion makes poor platform

Politicians who build a political platform on the reproductive organs of women are the least interesting men.

If Mr. Walton and those of like thought would give the feminine gender an alternative like compulsory vasectomy for the man who helped impregnate the woman, then I would say away with all abortion clinics.

I wonder how many unwanted and abused children these men are supporting on the current minimum wage? Can they not legislate ideas that would benefit all citizens of the state? EDNA BYERS Rupert

### I don't TF parks a priority

I grew up a block and a half from City Park. Going to the park was another everyday gift in an otherwise glorious childhood. Speaking from this experience, I have neighborhood parks. This is why I was excited to learn that Twin Falls has a "park land acquisition fund" (Times-News, March 3). Certainly it is wise planning for a growing Twin Falls as it stretches its legs farther and farther from our existing parks.

I was discouraged, however, to read that City Council will use \$50,000 from this important park land fund to help cover the \$140,000 needed in start-up costs for six new police officers. Instead, let's please use this money for what it was intended and look elsewhere to increase the police budget.

We all want a safe community, so let's remember that a thriving park system is an excellent community asset. Supporting the pleasant sides of Twin Falls is an effective and certainly more proactive crime deterrent than increasing police force at the expense of these programs.

With this in mind, I wonder where the

### Truck proposal draws questions

I continue to be surprised by our state legislators. They may want Idaho taxpayers to pay more to keep our highways in good repair, or could this great plan of raising truck weights be a plan to get more federal highway money? We might be able to repair the highways, but where does the money come from to fix the county and city roads? I can remember Boise and Idaho, most of the way, the car just followed the trucks left by heavy traffic.

I don't think it was many years ago that Twin Falls County thought about letting some more county roads go back to gravel because they would lower cost in repairs. They talk about Idaho being a through-way from Canada to Mexico, where is the great benefit for Idaho taxpayers? Isn't that what the legislators are working for, Idaho taxpayers? BILL SHROPSHIRE Twin Falls

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The Times-News welcomes letters from readers on subjects of public interest. Here are a few guidelines:

- Please limit letters to 400 words. Longer letters will be shortened. The Times-News reserves the right to edit all letters.
- Include your signature, mailing address and telephone number.
- Letters may be mailed to our Twin Falls orbury office; mailed to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303; faxed to (208) 734-5538; or e-mailed to [twnews@micron.net](mailto:twnews@micron.net)

We look forward to hearing from you!

### Doonesbury



### By Garry Trudeau



### Mailbox Fillmore



### By Bruce Tinsley



LETTERS

**Sandy's work appreciated**

"Found" our missing senator. On reading your editorial on March 6, I was appalled but not surprised by your remarks about Sen. John Sandy. Which compelled me to write to your paper for the first time.

I would like to know who all you talked about this because I live in Twin Falls and I am a legislator. I have seen him on a continual basis for several years. I have doubts about where he lives, why don't you look at his last name and all the improvements and hard work he has put into it in the last few years. I can assure you he is there a good majority of the time because of how many hours we have spent talking politics and issues concerning our area.

I don't always agree with the legislation he proposes and have told him so on several occasions. One morning, I saw his father, I asked and asked him to be. Sandy had a bone to pick with him about a piece of legislation he had sponsored. He drove by a few days later and saw me driving towards work in the field. He stopped and we talked for at least an hour about how my view was different from his. He listened and truly listened to my opinion.

In regard to putting forth legislation, maybe he did listen to a constituent about this. I had discussed many times with Sen. Sandy that I felt legislation for the state legislature is not always good, and every time they come up with something new it always costs the taxpayers more money. He has never stated anything about the legislative office in me but maybe he should. It would be good to have more honest people fighting for our state and personal rights. You never know when they could be violated.

Possibly more research should be done before you attack someone. Or do you possibly just have another agenda that you would like to promote?

It's too bad we don't have the right to elect the editorial staff of our local paper, maybe it is time for a change!

**BUTCH VEENSTRA**  
Eggenstein

**Sandy an asset to District 22**

Soor grapes! I couldn't help but notice your article in the Times-News. You must be talking about another John Sandy. The one I know is very hard-working, cares about his district, is willing to help and listen to anyone in the district. He is an excellent legislator, hard working and dedicated to the people of Idaho.

Maybe you didn't know that when you are elected, not only in your district, but you are dedicated to help all of the people in Idaho. You see, all the bills that are passed affect the whole state, and not just District 22.

Did you know that when a legislator receives "outstanding award" it means they are one of the hardest-working legislators?

When legislators attend legislative conferences, they are learning from other legislators on different situations that might be a concern to our state and your district. These legislative conferences handle pretty hot issues, and they feel when they can bring a group of legislators together about these issues, these problems were handled in other areas and save the taxpayers money.

Your senator has been diligent, seeing that your products are represented in good marketplaces. Did you forget how much the schools have benefited from Sen. Sandy being on the Education Committee?

District 22, you have an excellent senator in John Sandy; someone you can be proud of.

**MARY E. HARVEY**  
Boise

**Take this abortion quiz**

I didn't have to use my March letter on William and Shanna Lockers, but as Kelly Walton will undoubtedly not reply to my prodding (he never has in almost four years of letter writing), I will save my March letter for April. Walton is what Margaret Thatcher called "... a hit-and-run demagogue." He makes his assertions and chooses not to face the music!

The Lockers have shown a poverty of intellect and an ability to misconstrue. They also exhibit a paucity of truth. At no point have

I ever said, "... a woman's true freedom and individuality are dependent upon her ability to kill her unborn baby." Nor have I ever said, "... that abortion is a woman's truest and greatest freedom." Nor can those ideas be inferred from anything I have said.

I do believe that women have the right to abortion on demand up to a certain point in pregnancy. I believe the Lockers would deny all abortions and that their understanding of human life is religion-based. Because of religion, they are unable or unwilling to accept the advances of medicine and science regarding brains not yet functioning and brains which have ceased to function. Also, because the Lockers chose to only attack my humorous questions on spiritual limbs shows they don't have answers to my other questions.

As if my questions are too difficult for the Lockers, perhaps the following will be easier for them.

There are two infants, Mary and Jane. As a fetus, Mary wishes to be greatly deformed. The specialist said that if Mary went on term, she would be a complete vegetable and may live one year. Mary goes to term and she is exactly as the specialist said she would be.

Jane, on the other hand, understands English, she communicates "bilingually," she has a sign-language vocabulary of more than 1,000 words and she stands in front of a mirror and engages in self-directed behaviors which

show self-awareness. She has scored 86 on the Stanford-Binet Intelligence Test. She is warm and affectionate, and she can identify. If medicine was available to save one infant, which would you choose and why?

Oh! That'll tell you what even though Jane's IQ is 86-6 percent better, she is the one you'd choose and why?

My thanks to Peter Singer of Melbourne, Australia, for Mary and Jane.

**JUDITH WALTON**  
Boise

**Conway issue boils up**

A familiar saying came alive Tuesday night, March 2, at the Jerome City Council meeting. The bill was passed, sending money to the state. The bill was passed, sending money to the state. The bill was passed, sending money to the state. The bill was passed, sending money to the state.

their sides. The citizens turned out in force, and the newly elected mayor allowed those who wanted to add their 2 cents worth the chance to do so.

In case you don't know where I'm coming from, a petition circulated wanting to bring down Chief of Police Jim Dahl and his cabinet, speaker choosing officer Stan Conway. Seems as though there's been a lot of noise lately on what some folks refer to as the Jerome speed trap brought on by Officer Conway doing his duty. It was said Chief Dahl had hired Conway as a police officer and then turned him loose with a patrol car and a radar gun to bring down the speeding traffic within the city, mostly Lincoln and Main Street.

Whether or not Officer Conway became overzealous in doing his job depended on whose testimony was heard. For one thing, he may have had the most backs at the meeting, but it is still to be considered — there were more than 500 names signatures on the petition presented. Maybe it was a good

thing the days of the Cal Frontier and the Winchester 38 were missing. Some there got pretty hot under the collar, about the whole situation.

I really don't think there is anyone who won't agree that the traffic situation on the tight inner streets of the city has been and still is out-of-hand, even with all the attention drawn to the area by the activities of Officer Conway. You might think that the efforts of Officer Conway are good police work or good law enforcement. Well! You had better take another guess. What has been taking place in and on the streets of the city of Jerome these past how many months could develop into a very volatile situation.

Scanning these last night listening to the testimonies being given, I had to wonder and think to myself what about it if the shoe was on the other foot — those who had gotten citations and those who hadn't?

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WORLD

Chilean senators try to stop a fight Wednesday between Sen. Jorge Soria, a leftist legislator, second from right, and Sergio Correa, right, of the Democratic Union, a right-wing party, on the floor of the Chilean Senate before Augusto Pinochet assumed his post as senator in Valparaiso, Chile.



Protests erupt as leader gets lifetime post

VALPARAISO, Chile (AP)—A smiling Gen. Augusto Pinochet was sworn in Wednesday as a senator for life—an event that prompted protests in the street and in the senate, where angry colleagues displayed photos of dissidents killed during Pinochet's 17-year dictatorship.

As the 82-year-old retired army commander cast his first vote in his new job, a man shouted, "Assassin!" from the Senate stands.

Pinochet appeared unmoved, occasionally smiling and his arms crossed, even as he saw lawmakers from the ruling coalition enter the Senate floor carrying the black-and-white photographs.

More than 3,000 people were killed for political reasons during Pinochet's 1973-90 rule. While photos of victims

have long been used in anti-Pinochet demonstrations, never before has he been known to be so close to such displays.

As all congress members, Pinochet has some immunity from prosecution, as he did as army chief. He also is covered by a 1978 amnesty law and a decree he issued shortly before stepping down from power, which prevents actions by his government's top ranking officials — himself included — from even being investigated.

Pinochet's usual heavy security detail was not allowed inside the Senate, but several right-wing legislators assumed that job, surrounding him as tensions grew Wednesday on the floor and in the stands.

One of them, Sen. Julio Lagos, explained later that "we feared for the

general's security."

The campaign against him in recent days sought to assassinate his image. The next step may be trying to assassinate him," Lagos said.

Outside the Congress building in this port city near Santiago, police used water cannons and tear gas to scatter hundreds of demonstrators protesting Pinochet's new position. There were some arrests and injuries, but police gave no figures on either.

Among those injured were Gladys Marin, head of the Communist Party and Sola Sierra, president of a group of relatives of victims of the Pinochet regime. Marin, her head bleeding, told The Associated Press a riot officer gave her "a brutal blow."

Streets clashes occurred in Santiago as well.

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Section B

## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

“Feerick no doubt would have judged John Hirschbeck at fault for allowing his face to interfere with the natural flow of Roberto Alomar’s saliva.”

—*Bob Verdi in the Chicago Tribune on arbitrator John Feerick, who reduced the punishment in the Larrall Spewell case*

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school track**  
Buhl/Moer
- High school baseball**  
Glebus Ferry at Ratauck

### SCOREBOARD

- High school baseball**  
Boise High 9, Twin Falls 5  
Boise High 10, Twin Falls 10

### IN BRIEF

**Gooding Golf Course records hole-in-one**  
GOODING — Barry Ogden, a Fairfax, Va., native, used a seven iron on Gooding's 147-yard fifth hole to record an ace on the scorecard Wednesday.  
It was Ogden's second career hole-in-one. Chris Kitey and Bill Sproule witnessed the feat.

**East meets West in District 4 basketball battle**  
TWIN FALLS — More high school all-star basketball action hits the Magic Valley Monday when representatives from the eastern and western parts of District 4 battle at Twin Falls High School.  
Tip-off will be at 6 p.m. for the girls' game, with the boys' game immediately following.

**Ponderosa course golfer cards hole-in-one on the 8th**  
BURLEY — Del Rasmussen recently aced the 160-yard, eighth hole at the Ponderosa Golf Course using a 3-wood.  
Cal Merrill witnessed the shot.  
Rasmussen received a dinner for two at George K's East Restaurant. The new management at the course will provide the "hole-in-one dinner" or two at a local restaurant until a hole-in-one has been made on each hole.

**State racquetball touney planned for March 20-22**  
BURLEY — The State Racquetball Tournament will be held March 20-22 at the Racqueters Health and Fitness Club, 113 E. 1st.  
More than 120 people participated in the 1997 state tournament in Boise.  
Play will begin at 3 p.m. on Friday, 8 racquetball and 9 a.m. on Sunday. The games will continue each day until the brackets are finished.  
The cost is \$20 for the first event and \$16 for additional divisions. Divisions include A, B, C, D and novice and age groups are under-19 and divisions from 19- to 65-plus. Prize money will be awarded for first to third place in each division.  
The registration fee covers a T-shirt, towel, meals each day and drinks for participants.  
Participants must pre-register before 6 p.m. on Monday, March 16, at any participating Idaho racquetball club. Competitors must belong to the United States Racquetball Association and non-members can join for \$20.  
For more information, call the club at 678-5011 or Roy at 678-8693.

**Compiled from staff and wire reports**

# Journey plots thicken

The Associated Press

Bob Knight will pay his \$10,000 fine, Princeton is finally a favorite and North Carolina is doing quite nicely without Dean Smith. And more plot lines are certain to emerge when the NCAA's 64-team showcase begins today.

A top seed has never lost to a 16th seed, but plenty have struggled in shaking the butterflies.  
"We were riding high last year, and we were playing a team named Fairfield, and all of the sudden they were giving us a run for our money," Antawn Jamison of top-ranked North Carolina says of last year's opener, an 82-74 win. "This time we sort of have a lot to prove."

The Tar Heels (30-3) are now coached by Bill Guthridge, the retired Smith's longtime assistant.  
They get to prove their point against Navy (19-10), which shocked Syracuse a decade ago when David Robinson was the team's centerpiece. There's no Robinson this time, only a hard-working team that won the Patriot League tournament.

The Middies and Tar heels tip off the tournament at Hartford Center, at 12:20 a.m. EST today, five minutes before Xavier (22-7) takes on the University of Washington (18-9) in Washington, D.C.  
Knight and Indiana (19-11) will be in Washington to play Oklahoma (22-10) in an early evening game. Knight agreed Wednesday to pay a \$10,000 fine levied by the Big Ten for his barbs at referee Ted Vardine.

For Princeton, it's a new feeling. The Tigers (26-1) used to be the low seed nobody wanted to play, losing by a point to Georgetown and knocking off UCLA in first-round games.

Now the Tigers are the fifth seed in the East, taking on Nevada-Las Vegas (20-12) in Hartford. This is a true reversal of fortune.  
"It's not a top seed, made it to the tournament only by winning the Western Athletic Conference tournament."

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University of North Carolina star Antawn Jamison goes up for a dunk during practice Wednesday at the Hartford Civic Center in Hartford, Connecticut, in preparation for his game against Navy in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

# Coach: Bearcats won't overlook Lumberjacks

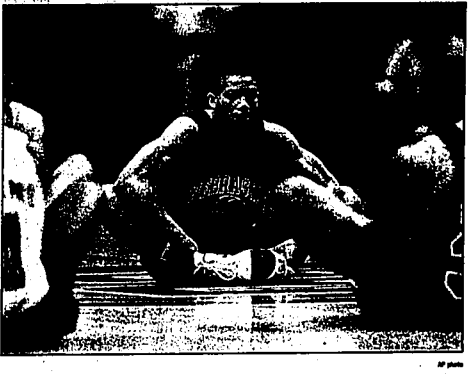
The Associated Press

BOISE — Their star player missed 14 games because of an NCAA rule violation. Two others out three games for a lesser NCAA infraction. And their point guard missed the final three games of the regular season for breaking team rules.  
Cincinnati's checkered resume is not exactly what you'd expect from a No. 2 seed in the NCAA tournament. But these Bearcats are ready to roll.

"It might be the hottest team of everybody in the country coming into the tournament," said Ben Howland, whose Northern Arizona team faces Cincinnati in the first round Thursday.  
The Bearcats, who didn't crack the top 25 until Jan. 19, have won nine in a row, including victories by 14, 15 and 20 points in the Conference USA tournament. The strong finish vaulted them to No. 9 in the rankings and earned a surprise No. 2 seed in the West.

The top half of the West Region tips off at 10:40 a.m. MST at the BSU Pavilion on the Boise State campus with Temple, the No. 7 seed, playing 10th seed Wichita State in the first round. The Cincinnati-Northern Arizona game. The second half of the West Region tips off at 10:40 a.m. MST at the BSU Pavilion on the Boise State campus with Temple, the No. 7 seed, playing 10th seed Wichita State in the first round. The Cincinnati-Northern Arizona game.

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Nebraska's Tyson Liu stretches before shooting drills during a practice session Wednesday in Boise. Nebraska plays Arkansas in first-round NCAA Tournament action today.

# Auburn wins NIT opener for 1st post-season victory since '88

The Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. — Two days after his first major loss, Mervyn N'diaye honored him by playing the best game of his career.

The sophomore center scored a career-high 15 points Wednesday to lead Auburn to a 77-62 victory over Southern Mississippi in the first round of the NIT.

It snapped a five-game losing streak for the Tigers (16-5) and marked their first win in four appearances. It was the first postseason victory of any sort for Auburn since the first round of the 1988 NCAA tournament.  
But it was more important than that for N'diaye — a native of Dakar, Senegal — who received the news about his 65-year-old father's death from coach Cliff Ellis on Monday night in his dormitory room.  
"One of the things I wanted to accomplish while I was here was to have the chance for him to see me play," N'diaye said. "It never happened, but I know he was looking down watching tonight."

N'diaye shot 8-for-11, grabbed five rebounds and was a consistent offensive presence, finishing with two blocked shots and a number of others altered.  
Scott Pohlman had 14 points and Doc Robinson added 13 as Auburn won for the first time since Feb. 14, 1994.

Kelly McCarty had 16 points to lead the Golden Eagles, who shot 56 percent

in the first half for a 36-34 halftime lead.  
**Georgia Tech 88, Seton Hall 77**  
ATLANTA — Freshman Dion Glover scored a season-high 33 points and Georgia Tech started the second half with a 20-5 run en route to its victory.  
The Yellow Jackets (18-13) had a season-best 15 3-pointers, one short of the school record.

**N. Caro. St. 69, Kansas St. 39**  
RALEIGH, N.C. — C.C. Harrison had four second-half 3-pointers in a 20-point performance for the Wolfpack.  
Kennedy Inge added 25 points and 11 rebounds for N.C. State (17-14), which advanced to second round for the second straight season. Ty Sims led Kansas State (17-12) with 11 points.

**Penn State 82, Rider 68**  
STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Pete Lidsky scored 20 points, and Jarrett Stephens added 19 points for Rider State (16-12).  
Ken Lacey led Penn (18-10) with 15 points.

**Minnesota 77, Colo. St. 65**  
MINNEAPOLIS — Sam Jacobson scored 20 points as Minnesota ran away from Colorado State in the second half.  
Eric Harris added 19 points for the Gophers (16-15). Ryan Chilton led the

Rams (20-9) with 22 points.  
**Alabama-Birm. 93, Missour 86**  
COLUMBIA, Mo. — Fred Williams scored a career-high 23 points for Alabama-Birmingham.  
Cedric Dixon added 19 points for the Blazers (21-0), and Torrey Ward had 15 points and 11 rebounds. John Woods had a career-high 25 points for Missouri (17-15), which lost for just the second time on its home court.

**Memphis 90, Ball State 67**  
MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Keldrick Bradford scored a career-high 27 points and Omar Sneed added 25 points and 17 rebounds for Memphis, which held Ball State scoring star Bonzi Wells to a season-low nine points.

**Georgetown 71, Florida 69**  
GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Sherman Long hit a layup as time expired to lift the Hoyas. Long led Georgetown (16-14) with 28 points. Kenyan Weeks led the Gators (14-15) with 22 points, including a 3-pointer with 47 seconds left that tied it at 69.

**Vanderbilt 73, St. Bonaventure 61**  
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Dan Laughlin scored 16 points as Vanderbilt held off

# NCAA plays geography, miffs teams

The Associated Press

Don't look for that "happy to be here" line from North Carolina and Florida International.

Oh sure, they welcome the chance to play in the NCAA women's tournament, just like the 62 others in the field. But they're not especially enamored with where they are.

North Carolina is the No. 2 seed in the Midwest and will play Marquette to reach the Final Four, they'd probably have to beat Tennessee in the regional finals in Nashville, the next best thing to a home game for the top-ranked and unbeaten Lady Vols.  
"I don't understand why it was done the way it was," North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell said. "We had a couple of other coaches call me and tell me it would have been better if we hadn't won the ACC tournament." The Duke game, North Carolina (24-6) won the ACC tournament after finishing third in the regular season while Tennessee won the regular-season and SEC championships. The SEC and ACC were the two highest-ranked leagues in the country.  
Florida International of the Trans America Conference is the No. 7 seed in the Midwest and will play Miami (19-6) in the subregional at North Carolina on Friday. The Golden Panthers felt they deserved a No. 4 seed, which would have put them at home for the first two rounds, because of their 28-1 record and No. 13 RPI ranking, one spot behind North Carolina.

North Carolina, led by All-American Tracy Reid, meets Howard in the first round Friday.  
Duke and North Carolina State also have subregionals this week.  
In the East subregional at North Carolina State on Friday, it'll be Memphis (22-7) against Youngstown State (27-2) and North Carolina State (21-6) meeting Maine (15-8). The Duke games, part of the West Region, are Saturday: Utah (21-5) vs. Louisville (19-11) and Duke (21-5) against Middle Tennessee State (19-11).

The top four seeds in each region are host schools for the subregionals. Clemson (24-7), seeded sixth in the Midwest, will play Miami (19-6) at Louisiana Tech on Saturday. Louisiana Tech (26-3) plays Holy Cross (21-9).  
Tennessee (33-0) begins its quest for a third consecutive national title in Knoxville on Saturday against Liberty (28-0). Western Kentucky (25-8) plays Stephen F. Austin (25-3) in the other game there.

Old Dominion (27-2), the No. 1 seed in the East, plays host to St. Francis (22-7) on Friday. The Midwest's top seed, Texas Tech (25-4), will be at home against Grambling (26-6) on Friday.  
The other No. 1 seeds: Stanford (21-5) in the West, takes on visiting Harvard (22-2) on Saturday, a tall order for the Crimson and national scoring leader Andy Cramer, who averages 28.2 points a game.

St. Bonaventure after nearly blowing a 13-point lead. Drew Madson added 15 points and seven assists for the Commodores (19-12). David Capers led the Bonnies (17-15) with 16 points.

**Dayton 95, Long Island U. 92**  
DAYTON, Ohio — Ryan Ferryman had 18 points and 23 rebounds as Dayton withstood a 45-point night by Long Island's Charles Jones.  
Jones, the nation's top scorer with a 28.4-point average coming into the game, was 18-for-38 from the field for the Blackbirds (21-11). Andy Metzler led Dayton (22-11) with 19 points.

**Gonzaga 69, Wyoming 55**  
LARAMIE, Wyo. — Quentin Hill hit four consecutive 3-pointers in a 16-0 run that sparked Gonzaga to a 69-55 win over Wyoming in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament.

**Marquette 80, Creighton 68**  
MILWAUKEE — Aaron Huchins had 19 points and seven assists to lead Marquette past Creighton 80-68 in the first round of the NIT Wednesday night.  
Marquette (19-10) beat an opponent with a winning record for the first time since Jan. 29. The Golden Eagles will meet Auburn on Monday or Tuesday in the second round.

SPORTS

Bruins drop 2 in baseball opener

Boise High 9, TF 3
BOISE — The Bruins lost both games in their opening doubleheader against the Boise Braves Wednesday.

three more points.
Both the Bruins and the Braves were scoreless for the rest of the game.

Leading by seven, Boise scored three in the sixth, giving the Hill a ten-run lead victory.
Boise's pitching dominated our hitters and their hitters dominated our pitchers.

Hill, Pistons outpace Indiana

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Greg Hill had 23 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Detroit Pistons to a surprising 122-91 rout of the Indiana Pacers on Wednesday night.

Pro basketball
ninth in their last 11 overall.
Williamson scored 14 in the third quarter on 7-for-8 shooting.

best injury-riddled Milwaukee.
The Cavs snapped a two-game losing streak, won their fourth straight home game and evened the season series with Milwaukee at 2-2.

Plots

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Soil and are a 12th seed.
Still, there are questions about Princeton, which lost North Carolina State, Wake Forest, Texas and Rutgers and just won 50-42 to North Carolina.

Oklahoma; and Connecticut (29-4) vs. Fairleigh Dickinson (23-6).
Defending champion Arizona (27-4), the top seed in the West, opens with Nicholls State in the final game today at Sacramento, Calif.

game is a revival of an Atlantic 10 rivalry that ended when the Mountaineers moved to the Big East.
But that was five years ago.

Jazz 110, Kings 95
SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone scored 25 points and John Stockton added 16, reaching 15,000 for his career, as the Utah Jazz routed the Sacramento Kings for the first time in three tries this season, 110-95 Wednesday night.

Hawks 110, Celtics 105
BOSTON — Steve Smith scored 26 points and Atlanta, despite squandering two big leads, won its fourth consecutive game.

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson had 32 points and Shaquille O'Neal missed a tying 3-pointer with 1.9 seconds remaining as Philadelphia held on.

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Nobility's asking us how we're going to match up with this guy or that guy on UNLV.

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The experience factor is going to help us a great deal," says Earl Boykins, the 5-foot-5 star of Eastern.

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There are 16 more games in the Atlantic 10 before West Virginia and Duke-Norfolk.

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Indiana Agassi, on a mission to climb back to the top, continued his quest for the Slam with a quick 6-2, 6-4 victory over Sergi Bruguera.

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Venus Williams rolled to a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Justine Kruger.

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a comeback. Showing no signs of the knee operation she had last month ago, Graf has breezed through her first three Evert Cup matches, losing just eight games.

Bearcats

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Evening session begins with No. 3 seed UNLV playing 14th-seeded San Francisco at 5:55 p.m., followed by sixth seed Arkansas against No. 11 seed Nebraska.

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"it's not ever going to be a matter of this team losing because they've overlooked somebody," Huggins said.

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West Virginia coach Gale Catlett is familiar with the perplexing matchup one defense after another.

Will Courier join him?

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — Andre Agassi, on a mission to climb back to the top, continued his quest for the Slam with a quick 6-2, 6-4 victory over Sergi Bruguera.

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Baseball

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When Patterson returned, the Bearcats were 12-2. They went on to a 26-6 record and did it mainly with defense, holding their opponents to a .365 shooting percentage.

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A lot of people aren't giving us a chance... but we don't mind that. Maybe we can crank up on them. They're not thinking much of us."

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West Virginia, which starts five seniors, has lost three in a row and five of its last eight, including a 72-66 loss to Rutgers in the opening round of the Big East tournament.

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SCORES AND STATS

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SPORTS

A look at the 64 teams that comprise the field for the 1995 National Championship... Alabama Crimson Tide (22-0) Coach: Rick Wood...

No. 5 seed Coach: Lane Bluder... North Carolina (1987) Conference: Mountain Valley... Coach: Dick Wood...

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1995 NCAA Final Four bracket listing 64 teams and their respective coaches and records.

Continuation of the 1995 NCAA Final Four bracket listing 64 teams and their respective coaches and records.

## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Parent, student meeting set for technical program

TWIN FALLS - High school juniors and their parents can attend an informational meeting at 7 tonight at the College of Southern Idaho to learn about classes available through a new regional technical program.

School districts participating in the Advanced Regional Technical Education Center, ARTEC, are Buhl, Camfield, Erling, Gooding, Klamath, Murghoff, Jerome, Shoshone, Teton Falls, Valley, Jerome, Minidoka, Hagerman, Wendell, Hiale and Hansen.

Students can earn credit at CSI near year by taking classes through ARTEC. The courses will count toward high school graduation, too.

The meeting will be held on the second floor of the Taylor Building in rooms 276 and 277. To find out more about ARTEC, call 733-9554, Ext. 2580, or talk to a school counselor.

Programs available are in agriculture, air conditioning, refrigeration and heating, allied health, auto body, business computer applications, cabinet making and wood working, child development, diesel technology, fisheries technology, general office practice, medical assistant and welding. Costs vary depending on supplies needed.

### County planners to hear conditional use requests

TWIN FALLS - County planners will hear four requests for conditional uses in Twin Falls County this evening.

Gary and Lloyd Seaman want to split an existing 1.4-acre homestead and two other parcels as future homesites, one 4.7 acres and the other 7.3 acres, from 123 acres in the agricultural zone south of Erley, Mober, Midler, some to split one acre with an existing house from 24.7 acres southeast of Murghoff.

Al Tomkins wants to split two acres with an existing house and outbuildings from 80 acres in the agricultural zone south of Hansen.

Ken Fisher wants to build an essential accessory building on 1.6 acres in the agricultural zone north of Buhl.

Public hearings on these requests start at 7 p.m. in the meeting room at the Twin Falls County Office Building, 246 Third Ave. E.

### Kimberly patrons look into bettering school district

KIMBERLY - A group of residents met with the Kimberly School Board to determine how best to fill the school district's needs.

There is need for additional classroom space, especially in the high school. The gymnasium is no longer adequate for many other school functions.

The debt on the elementary building was paid off last year, which gives the district the capacity for a \$3 million bond issue without raising taxes, school officials said. After this initial meeting, committees will research options to determine how to solve the school's problems, for discussion at future meetings.

### Craig needs Senate page for spring 1998 session

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Republican Sen. Larry Craig is looking for a Senate page for the spring 1998 congressional session. The Senate page program is an opportunity for young people to experience the legislative branch, gain firsthand knowledge of our nation's government, and play an important role in the day-to-day operations of the Senate, Craig said in a statement.

Eligibility is limited to high school juniors who will be 18 or over before their date of appointment. Application deadline is Feb. 15.

Students can obtain applications and more details from their high schools, or contact Craig's Twin Falls office at 734-6780.

### Officers to train merchants on avoiding bad checks

BUEH - Bad checks are booming around Buhl, and the police department wants to train merchants to avoid getting hit.

Businesses are reporting increasing numbers of checks that bounce. Chief Deputy Tyrone said. Most of the checks have been for either insufficient funds or closed-account checks, he said.

To help businesses defend themselves against such crimes, the department is hosting a training session from 6 to 8 p.m. March 25. The focus of the session will be spotting bad checks, stolen checks, forged checks and counterfeit checks.

The course will be in the Buhl City Hall training room, 203 N. Broadway. Call the Buhl Police Department at 543-1809 if you're interested in attending.

Compiled from staff reports

# AF didn't listen, critics say

By N.S. Rubenstein  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Air Force didn't listen.

That's what critics say of a proposed boundary and economic chamber range-complex in eastern Owyhee County. "The public repeatedly has said they don't want the range there," said Kent Laszary, executive director of the Idaho Wildlife Federation.

Laszary and others in southern Idaho Wednesday reacted with disappointment - but not surprise - to the Air Force's Tuesday decision to pursue the range-complex.

"We know the Air Force would approve its own bombing range," said

John McCarthy of the Idaho Conservation League.

The current plan is the fourth range proposal in 10 years. Earlier efforts were shot down by opposition from Shoshone-Paiutes, environmentalists, ranchers, hunters and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

The Air Force and the Idaho congressional delegation said the public played a critical role in shaping the proposal. But Latha Johnson of The Wilderness Society's Boise office said the proposal was designed for a back room with only token public involvement.

The Air Force plan outlined in the decision document hasn't changed substantially from the plan proposed two years ago, she said. The decision ignores public comments in support of protect-



For more information about the Mountain Home Air Force Base and range proposal visit *The Times-News Online*.  
Go to <http://www.magicvalley.com> and click on NewsLinks.

ing wildlife, vegetation, recreation and wilderness.

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# Irrigators are against DEQ plan

By Liz Wright  
Times-News writer

BOISE - A proposal to give the governor direct control over the state's water-quality monitoring agency faces opposition from irrigators, primarily from above Milner Dam on the Snake River.

Irrigators met with Gov. Phil Batt Tuesday - offering

changes aimed at placating fears of a more powerful agency that may one day impose excessive environmental regulations on water users.

The proposal would make the state Division of Environmental Quality its own agency. Currently, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare oversees its operations.

Batt will include language saying the new department could not interfere with water rights. The House Environmental Affairs Committee will discuss the bill, House Bill 772, sometime this afternoon.

Batt wants to bring more accountability to the division, but irrigators worry future governors might use the proposed department to start up a new agency. An advisory group representing irrigators above Milner Dam - known as the Committee of Nine - still opposes the bill.

"They have significant concerns this is creating a superagency that will be essentially above control, and what we are really creating is some kind of monster you just wouldn't be able to do anything except what they wanted," said Sheri Chapman, lobbyist for the Idaho Water Users Association. "They would essentially be a *tabula rasa*."

Sixty percent of the money that operates DEQ is from the federal government, which has pushed for mandated cleanup regulations instead of voluntary ones as favored by farmers, said Lynn Tominga, lobbyist for Idaho Water Users.

Separate, more powerful water quality agency funded mostly by the federal government could often fight with the agency that monitors water quantity, the Idaho Department of Water Resources, Tominga said. The proposal ultimately could lead to court battles over water quality, and irrigators want to keep the issue away from there.

There is national pressure to manage both water quality and quantity through the Clean Water Act, Tominga said. "Because you never know how the courts are going to rule."

"Because the bill was changed with respect to water rights, the association is neutral, Tominga said. Some irrigators are still concerned, however.

"We're not thinking about the present governor, but once you create (a department), it's hard to change," Tominga said.

Batt is comfortable with the bill as it is written, said Batt spokesman Lindsay Nothorn. It remains a high priority for Batt, who mentioned it in his speech to lawmakers at the beginning of the session.

As for fears that the proposed department would run over irrigators, Nothorn said, the governor would be held accountable for its actions.

"The people elect the governor, and for those who would like to participate but are not called, a written survey will be available March 19 and 20 at all district schools.

"We are not going to not have a dress code," Aker said. "We will probably change the use of the word 'survey' to know what parents are thinking."

Times-News staff writer Liz Wright can be reached in Boise at 345-5198.

## CHANGE OF MESSAGE



Paul Armstrong climbs down off a billboard on the corner of Hite Lakes Boulevard and Kimberly Road. Armstrong is a subcontractor for Idaho Outdoor - the owner of the sign - and replaced the message on the two top signs.

# Jerome cop says he's weathered storm

## 'Getting people to slow down and be safer is right'

By Mark Heltzer  
Times-News writer

JEROME - Jerome policeman Stan Conway says critics haven't denied his contention for traffic duty.

"I think it's the right thing to do," Conway said Wednesday of his controversial tactics. "Getting people to slow down and be safer is right."

Still, about 450 people seized to disagree. They signed a petition calling on Const Conway and Jerome Police

Chief Jim Dahl. Scattered in the margins throughout the petition are comments such as, "Conway needs an attitude adjustment," and "The law says to serve and protect, not to seek and destroy."

The petition was handed over to the Jerome City Council March 3, when many in the packed council chambers spoke in favor of Conway.

Conway said he's been getting more compliments than complaints all along.

"Many of the people that are signing the petitions were probably friends and relatives of those who were most vocal against law enforcement," he said. Some of the criticism probably also

resulted from human nature, Conway said.

"Some people probably thought, 'Increased traffic enforcement is great, but I'll never be one of those who will be pulled over,'" he said. "I can't play favorites with traffic stops and have a clear conscience."

A petition bearing 27 signatures in favor of Conway - which sponsor Jeanne Vandiver said hit the streets just hours before the meeting - was also signed over to the council.

Both petitions will be considered during a forthcoming performance audit of the police department, Jerome Mayor

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# BBB representative praises Wendell participation

By Steve Hamilton  
Times-News contributor

WENDELL - Thirteen Wendell business joined the Better Business Bureau's regular membership last year.

"It's significant in that there are a lot of progressive people there," Dan Woodworth of the Better Business Bureau office in Twin Falls told the Wendell Chamber of Commerce Wednesday. "If you describe us as the average, you'll never know it."

The bureau is a nonprofit private corporation supported by ethical business concerns, Woodworth said after the meeting.

"It's not a government agency," he said, "but we work closely with government."



"We got over 1,000 calls per month from people inquiring about Magic Valley businesses," he said.

Conway said he's been getting more compliments than complaints all along.

The student council will spend Tuesday and Wednesday making phone calls.



For more information on the Wendell Chamber of Commerce or the southwest Idaho office of the Better Business Bureau visit *The Times-News Online*.  
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ments for higher education, regardless of age or sex.

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# Minico student council to query county on dress code

By Mark Fritschman  
Times-News writer

JEROME - Twelve members of Minico High School's student council will spend some days next week calling all over Minico on dress code.

They want to know what people think of an optional dress code for the high school, and how far it should be taken.

Student body leader Jared Barclay said students will ask four questions, including how far the current dress

code should remain unchanged, to whether all students should wear a specific uniform.

The debate was sparked by a September incident, when a Minico High School student wore a T-shirt to school bearing the logo of the shock-rock band Marilyn Manson. The student was asked to turn the shirt inside out, and the school formed a citizen's committee to look at the dress code issue.

The student council will spend Tuesday and Wednesday making phone calls.

"Our main theme this year is involvement," Barclay said. "So we decided to get into it."

"The committee had decided to arrange a mass mailing to question parents, but that turned out to be too expensive."

"We wanted to be careful how we spent taxpayers' money," said Vice Principal Valerie Aker. "Besides, this way we will get a more representative sample."

The phone survey will be conducted

in English and Spanish, Aker said, and for those who would like to participate but are not called, a written survey will be available March 19 and 20 at all district schools.

"We are not going to not have a dress code," Aker said. "We will probably change the use of the word 'survey' to know what parents are thinking."

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OBITUARIES

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BUHL

James W. Dye

James Walter Dye, 84, of Buhl, passed away Tuesday, March 10, 1998, at his home. He was born March 22, 1913, in Pleasant, Ariz., and resided in Chandler, Ariz., in 1953, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps, where he was awarded the National Defense and Good Conduct Medals. He was honorably discharged in 1956 with the rank of corporal. Upon his release from the Marines, he was employed by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. In 1962, he married Wanda Morgan of Ontario, Calif., and in 1964 he took a job with San Bernardino County, Department of Airports as maintenance supervisor. He later moved up to manager of Chino Airport in Chino, Calif., and held this position until his retirement in 1983. James Dye worked for Paul Welch as heavy equipment operator at the Buhl landfill, and also for Clark's Rock Crushing until June of 1985.

Jim belonged to the Chino Valley Producers Club for 20 years and loved camping, fishing and duno-buggies. He was a craftsman in wood working and owned a wood furniture. He was also an avid fan of backyard barbecues.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda of Buhl; a sister, Betty Martins of California; his children, James Dye, Patricia McDowell, Ron Dye, Neil Dye and James Dye Jr., all of California, Rick Shearer of Texas, Sherry Laybourne of Buhl, Jane Martinez of Nevada, and Gene and Tincell (Ray) Don't's, 11 great-grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; an aunt; numerous nieces and nephews; his granddaughters and several brothers-in-law. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Jim loved life and will be greatly missed by his family and all who know him.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 14, 1998, at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. Burial will follow at the West End Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the chapel.

base in California, his job responsibilities took him to such places as Manila, the Philippines and Taiwan.

Following his honorable discharge in 1966, Don attended the University of Idaho where he earned a certificate in computer programming and maintenance. Utilizing his computer training, he worked at Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, Calif., for a year before returning to the Magic Valley. On March 27, 1967, Don married Linda Olson. The couple has resided in Hansen since their marriage. In 1972, Don entered the Carpenter's Union apprenticeship program and began a 25-year career as a journeyman carpenter. He retired in 1996 as his health began to fail, but continued to actively pursue small projects as he was able.

Don is survived by his wife of 29 years, two daughters, Tammy Medley of Kimberly, Krista Medley of Hansen and Dayna Medley of Hansen; his granddaughters, Clara Medley and Josephine Medley; his grandson, Zachary Medley; his mother, Chris Medley of Kimberly; his brother, Dennis (Pam) Medley of Medford, Ore.; his brother, Konard (Eleanor) Medley of Pocatello and sister, (Ralph) Milton of Twin Falls. He was preceded in death by his father, Ross Medley, and by his niece, Cindy Miller.

In the words of Apostle Paul, 2 Timothy 5:7, "Don has fought a good fight, he has finished his course and kept the faith. And although we will miss his physical presence, his kindness, his humor, his talents and his love, we can rejoice knowing that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." Burial will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 13, 1998, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 255 S. Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Burial will be held following the service at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today, March 12, 1998, at the mortuary. Those wishing to make donations may do so to the American Cancer Society, in care of Heart Way, 359 Orchard Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83401.

passed away Saturday, March 7, 1998, at the Bannock Regional Medical Center in Pocatello following emergency surgery.

He was born April 17, 1917, in Shoshone, son of Charles and Katharine Cook. Alexander attended school in Shoshone and graduated from Shoshone High School.

On May 20, 1939, he married Mary Margaret Studebaker in Shoshone. They resided in Shoshone their entire lives and reared two sons, James and Jero. He served 3 1/2 years in the United States Navy during World War II, and achieved rank of chief petty officer. In 1947, he became the Shoshone volunteer fire chief, a position he held until 1984. He was an active member of the Masonic Lodge and a longtime member of the Little Fellows. He enjoyed hunting with his sons and brother, Zane. He was also an avid gardener.

He was employed many years as shop foreman for the Big Wood American Falls Canal Company and also worked as shop foreman and mechanic for Lows Sand and Gravel.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Mary, two brothers, and four sisters. His survivors include two sons and their wives, James V. Alexander (Sonia) and Jero C. Alexander (Molly); six grandchildren, Joey Alexander of Pocatello, Daniel and husband, Michael Harvie of Challis, Scott Alexander of Pocatello, Jennifer and husband, Brett Thompson of Newport News, Va., Jonathan Alexander of Moscow, Idaho, and Jessica Alexander of Pocatello; and great-grandson, Tyler James Harvie of Challis.

A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 14, 1998, at the First Baptist Church in Shoshone with Pastor Larry Sparks officiating. Burial services will be provided by the Fairfield American Legion Post 119 Honor and Guard. Arrangements are under the direction of Downtown Hansen Funeral Home, 241 N. Garfield, in Pocatello. The families invite all friends and neighbors to join them for dinner immediately following the service.

HAZELTON

Dean Fife, 72, of Hazelton, passed away Wednesday, March 11, 1998, at his home with his family.

He was born in Preston, Idaho, in December of 1925. His family moved to Filer when he was 14. He graduated from Filer High School. He joined the Navy in December of 1943, serving in the Pacific Theater and was honorably discharged in June of 1946. He married Kathleen Tachanin in June of 1948. He farmed and ranched in Jerome County until 1974 when he retired from farming. He then worked for both Jerome Implement and Gem Equipment selling farm machinery until 1983.

Dean was active in numerous organizations including the Republican Party as a proctor, a committeeman, Jerome County Fair Board, Sugar Loaf Grange, Eden American Legion as past commander, Magic Valley Cattlemen's Association as vice president, Hazelton Country Club and was in Magic Valley Dialects, and a charter member of the Valley Rowdies.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen (Bill) (Lamo) of Doylestown, Pa.; and son, Nick (Judy) of Filer; five grandchildren, Brian, Kaitlin, Megan, Bradley and Jeremy; two brothers, Clere Fife of Jerome and Dale Fife of Burley; and three sisters, Myrna Tordy of Buhl, Ollie Johnson of Henderson, Nev., and Sharon Johnson of Fruit Heights, Utah.

Dean is known to be a very fun loving person. He took great enjoyment in his family, his horses and golf. The funeral for Dean Fife will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, March 13, 1998, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls with the Rev. Kevin Anderson officiating. Burial services at the Hazelton Cemetery with military rites by Eden American Legion. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary. Those wishing that instead of flowers, a donation be made to the Silver and Gold Senior Citizens Center in Eden.

SHOSHONE

James "Boyd" Alexander

James "Boyd" Alexander, 80, a lifetime resident of Shoshone,

RUPERT

Sophia A. Williams

After a battle of almost six months, little Sophia Alexander died Tuesday, March 10, 1998. Born on Sept. 16, 1997, three months premature, she spent her short life at St. Luke's NICU. Like her twin brother, she was an angel among us.

Sophia is survived by her parents, Dean and Veronika Williams; and her three brothers, Dominque, Damian and Payne of Rupert. Her grandparents are Harry and Sharon Blackmon of Rupert; a grandfather, Lee Williams; and great-grandmother, Eunice Simpson of Burley. She is also survived by several aunts, uncles and cousins; Galia Shepherd of Magna, Utah, and her family; Calvert Egbert of Rupert and family, Mary Sue Blackmon of Rupert and family; Jacky Lorcher of Palm Springs, Calif., and family; Sharon Lorcher (Wondall) and family; and Coran Blackmon of Rupert and family; and two uncles, Les and Martin of 29 Palms, Calif. Sophia was predeceased in death by her twin brother, CaluBobb.

God saw that she was getting tired, and a cure was not to be, so He placed her around her twin brother, "Come home with me." With tearful eyes we watched her suffer, and saw her fade away. Although we loved her dearly, we could not make her stay. A golden heart stopped beating, a determined spirit was at rest. God took her home to us. He only takes the best.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, 1998, at Hansen Mortuary Rupter Chapel. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. The public is invited. A viewing will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, 1998, and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupter Chapel. The family requests that donations be made to a donation account at U.S. Bank instead of flowers.

GOODING

Joseph A. Stachowicz

Joseph Anthony Stachowicz, 9, a Gooding resident, died Thursday, March 5, 1998, after injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Joey was born Feb. 6, 1989, in Farmer, Alaska, the son of Elizabeth and Joseph Wayne Stachowicz. He was educated in Wasilla, Alaska, and Emmett, Idaho, and was currently a third grader at Gooding Elementary School. Joey loved riding his bike, playing football, and enjoyed camping and fishing with his family.

Joey was very much loved and will be missed by all who know him. He is survived by his parents, Elizabeth and Joseph Wayne Stachowicz; his brother, Vincent Paul Dwyer; his sisters, Sharon Marie Stachowicz and Amanda Christine Stachowicz; grandmothers, Ann Marie and James Paradis of Wasilla, Alaska, and Jojo and Sharon Stachowicz of Gooding; and aunt, James Stachowicz of Boise and

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John Stachowicz of Gooding; and aunts, Jamie Fidler of Wasilla, Alaska, Johanna Paradis of Starford, Conn., and Susan Cline of Boise. He was preceded in death by an aunt, Mary Stachowicz in Detroit, Mich.

A graveside service will be held at noon Saturday, March 14, 1998, at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Arrangements under the direction of Lenora's Gooding Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Security Bank for the Joseph Wayne Stachowicz Benefit Fund.

DEATH NOTICES

Mavis Hanks

BURLEY - Mavis Hanks, 71, of Burley, died Tuesday, March 10, 1998, at the home of her daughter in Alpine, Utah.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley 5th and 7th Ward LDS Chapel, 2200 Oakley. Burial will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel and one hour before the funeral at the church.

Ernest W. Suesz Jr.

GOODING - Ernest W. Suesz Jr., infant son of William and Patricia Suesz, died Wednesday, March 11, 1998, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church in Gooding with Pastor Dave Breen officiating. Inurnment will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery.

at the Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Deanna's Gooding Chapel.

Ross L. Greenwell

HEYBURN - Ross Lee

Greenwell, 84, of Heyburn, died Wednesday, March 11, 1998, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise from complications during heart surgery. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Services

Elvin Taylor of Rupert and formerly of Almo, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Paul Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

John W. Anderson of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

Wanda J. Ballard of Rupert, 2 p.m. today at the Rupert Methodist Church; friends may call one hour before the service

at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Violet E. Herrick of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Lilah Arlene Teater of Kimberly, 1 p.m. Saturday at the Kimberly Methodist Church; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted

Patricia Hollibaugh of Filer; and Filmon Miranda S. of Twin Falls.

Released

Fred Peterson of Jerome.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted

Key Kawamoto, Alena Jensen, Jackie Nelson and Gregory Poole, all of Burley; Kellie Hilling of Heyburn; Brent Stauffer of Albion; Abby Whitesides of Rupert; and Tracy Schenk of American Falls.

Released

Agnes Short and Lloyd Mothershead, both of Rupert; Wallace Taylor of Almo; and Robert Vaneck of Heyburn.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted

Paula Sue Nelson and Sandy Murphy, both of Rupert.

Released

Agnes Short and Lloyd Mothershead, both of Rupert; Wallace Taylor of Almo; and Robert Vaneck of Heyburn.

Gooding scholarship fund makes strides

By Laura Savage

Times-News writer

GOODING - The Gooding scholarship fund grew by \$3,500 in the past 10 days.

One hundred parents paid \$35 each to have their names engraved on the brick wall. The bricks were rescued from the Frahm school building demolition and are now part of a wall at the new school.

In other Gooding schools business the district reported this week: Superintendent Henry Kilmer said a survey has been done that measures the 40 assets a community should have to keep children and teen-agers off drugs. It measures such things as parental support, police support, support from churches and other supports in a community. The board requested time to study the survey.

Teacher Darrell Muck received permission to take four students to San Antonio to compete in the Business Professionals of America national competition. These four students qualified at the state level: Levi Faulkner, who placed second; Brad Rogers, who placed third; Whiskey Pezzeno, who placed fourth; and Michael McHargue, an officer.

The board accepted with regret the resignation of teacher Annette Stuckert.

Wrestling coaches Bob McHargue and Tom Bingham are retiring from coaching. Parent Dennis Rogers spoke to the School Board about finding new wrestling coaches.

The board approved hiring a paid coordination adviser who would be responsible for the con-

cession stand anytime it is opened.

At an upcoming School Board election, Martha Oberle's position in Zone 4 will be up for grabs.

The board approved sending seven or eight staff members to a "Management of Change" conference in Atlanta to study model schools.

A Dollars for Scholars Dance will be held March 21. Students may attend if their parents do.

Bids will be opened at 2 p.m. March 26 for construction of four new classrooms at the high school.

New textbooks will be ordered to coordinate with the new student services curriculum.

Times-News correspondent Laura Savage can be reached in Gooding at 594-4263.

Gooding district seeks school input

The Times-News

GOODING - The Gooding School District wants input from its residents about how it can improve student education. A community meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at Gooding Elementary School, 1045 7th Ave. W.

The district is participating in a state project called "Management of Change." The J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation provides training and materials at no cost to the districts.

In a letter to residents in the district, Superintendent Henry Kilmer said Gooding needs to tailor its program to prepare students for the changing needs needed in the labor force. Gooding has a college prep program but many students need other types of training.

Gooding's improvement plan must be finished by October. Any changes could begin then, possibly the following school year.



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GOODING

Zelma N. Davis

Zelma N. Davis, 86, of Gooding, passed away Tuesday, March 10, 1998, at Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital.

She was born Feb. 27, 1912, in Cleveland, Okla., to Charles D. and Margaret Alma Gardner York. She married to James W. Wood in Texas; she preceded him in death in 1971. She married John H. Davis on Aug. 20, 1975, in Gooding. Zelma was a member of the Southern Baptist Church in Gooding.

Survivors include her spouse, John H. Davis of Gooding; her son, James Wiley Wood Jr. of Huntsville, Ala., and Arthur Wayne Wood of Carrollton, Texas; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Wilma Gilbreath, Margie Bonson, Dorothy Burks and Cecile Brown.

A private family service will be held with the Rev. Kon Barrington officiating. Inurnment will be held at the Paul Cemetery in Twin Falls.

HANSEN

Donald L. Medley

Donald L. Medley, our beloved died at the age of 55, on Monday, March 9, 1998, after a courageous seven-year battle with cancer. Just as his life was a model of devotion and love for his family, so was his struggle with pain, a testimony in dignity, determination and personal courage.

Don was born in Bushnall, Neb., on March 27, 1942, the unexpected "bonus" twin to parents, Ross and Chris Medley. He was blessed by growing up in a loving, nurturing family where he shared a special bond with his twin brother, and where he was greatly cherished by his parents, his older brother and sister. The family moved to Kimberly in 1947. Don graduated in 1960. He attended Idaho State University for one year before enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1961, where he served for 4 1/2 years in ordnance maintenance. While stationed at El Toro Marine

# Bill creating defense fund reaches Batt

**BOISE (AP)** — The Senate has unanimously approved legislation creating a state-local system managed at the state level as the next frontier for challenging the constitutionality of death sentences — the cost.

It was discussed on Wednesday, the Senate sent Gov. Phil Batt legislation creating a county-financed Capital Crimes Defense Fund to finance trial costs in capital cases and a state-financed Appellate Public Defender to handle criminal defense appeals.

The combination is intended to reduce the huge costs that counties, especially rural ones, incur in financing the legally required public defender for indigent criminal defendants. The effect is to shift the cost of appellate work from the property tax to general state taxes.

To access the appellate public defender's services, counties must contribute to the defense fund that covers trial costs in murder cases where a death penalty is possible.

The scheme is intended to halt counties officials from considering the huge costs of pursuing capital punishment when they decide whether to press for trial or plea-bargain with accused murderers.

There has been an increase in recent years of plea bargains that preclude the death penalty for heinous murders that have occurred in small counties, creating the prospect that the penalty is not applied equitably because of economics.

# No secrets: Batt rejects bill limiting access to IPC actions

**BOISE** — Gov. Phil Batt has said he will not sign a bill that would limit the time this year. The governor late Wednesday rejected legislation that critics warn will severely restrict public access to enforcement actions by the Idaho Potato Commission.

Passed with only four dissenting votes in each chamber, the bill adds a new exemption to the open meetings law for commission deliberations on cases enforcing Idaho's trademark and closed investigative

records, trademark usage and other confidential information obtained for those cases and working papers generated by the commission during its administrative decision-making process.

The commission wanted the secrecy statute so it would not have to spend money in court defending its claim that under current law the information is secret.

Officials maintained that record secrecy must be assured

to convince out-of-state businesses that government information kept their records confidential, to cooperate in investigations.

But critics, led by the media, argued that the combination of closed records and closed deliberations created star chamber proceedings that would never be known to anyone, including the growers the commission serves.

In vetoing the bill, Batt simply said, "No secrets from us."

# Anglers await steelhead decision

**RANCHO CORDOVA, Calif. (AP)** — It is lunch hour on the first truly dazzling, spring-like day of the year.

Bright orange poppies blanket the steep grassy slopes above the American River, and Mike Bonneau eagerly wades in, fishing rod poised, hopes up.

If he's still and lucky, the 29-year-old manager of a warehouse store will do battle with the fish that first snagged his heart when he was 10 years old — the silvery, mysterious steelhead trout.



Mike Bonneau fishes for steelhead trout Tuesday below the Nimbus Dam in Rancho Cordova, Calif.

He calls it "the fightingest fish on earth."

"Oh, once you hook one, you're hooked," he explains. "They jump and spin, flip and flop, run down the river and fight some time."

When Bonneau was a teenager, he'd come to this same stretch of river and catch two steelhead in a day. Today, if he's lucky, he might get just one. If he's lucky enough to reel it in, though, he'll throw it right back in the river. The steelhead population has so diminished that most anglers, like Bonneau, want to spare even the ones they catch.

On Friday, federal officials must either list the steelhead populations in California's Central Valley and North Coast and Oregon's southwestern corner as "threatened" or "endangered" — or explain why they should not be listed.

State officials concede the Central Valley population are so troubled they should not be listed. But the state is angling to have the Central Valley fish listed merely as "threatened." California and Oregon want to avoid any listing at all for fish in what they call the Klamath Mountain Province, which straddles the border.

Steelhead are anadromous rainbow trout — born in freshwater streams, they migrate to sea then return inland to spawn. Like their cousins, the salmon, they have suffered from decades of human tampering with their environment.

Unlike salmon, they can spawn more than once.

# IDAHO ROAD REPORT

- BOISE (AP)** — Here are Wednesday evening's road conditions from the Idaho Department of Transportation.
- Interstate 84 — Dry.
  - Interstate 86 — Dry.
  - Interstate 15 — Dry.
  - Interstate 30 — Washington line-Coeur d'Alene, dry; 4th of July Pass, wet; Cataldo-Wallace, dry; Wallace-Lookout Pass, wet.
  - Idaho 55 — Boise-Grasshopper Bend, dry, rocks; Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly, dry, rocks; Donnelly-McCall, wet.
  - Idaho 95 — Oregon line-Cambridge, dry; Cambridge-New Meadows-Riggins, wet; Riggins-Bonewah County line, dry, wet; Newwah County line-Canadian border, dry.
  - Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, dry, icy spots, rocks; deer; Idaho City-Lowman, dry, wet, icy spots, rocks; Lowman-Banner Summit, icy spots, broken snow floor, avalanche warnings, rocks; Banner Summit-Stanley, icy spots.
  - U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Lowell, dry; Lowell-Loft Pass, wet.
  - U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Ashton, dry; Ashton-Montana line, dry, icy spots.
  - Idaho 78 — Shoshone-Ketchikan, dry; Ketchikan-Clayton, icy spots, rocks; Clayton-Challis, dry.
  - U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Salmon, dry; Salmon-Loon Trail Pass, icy spots, broken snow floor, avalanche floor.
  - U.S. 91 — Dry.
  - U.S. 92 — Dry.
  - U.S. 26 — Dry.
  - Idaho 51 — Dry.
  - Idaho 28 — Dry.

# Salt Lake City Airport won't bail out Wendover

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — The Salt Lake City Airport Authority has said it won't cough up \$3 million for the Wendover Airport to save the western Utah town from financial ruin and possible disincorporation.

"I don't think the Salt Lake City Airport Authority is the solution to the problem," said Airport Authority Executive Director Russ Widmar, who met with Wendover officials last week.

"We told the mayor we would provide him with some advice, and we're in the process of talking with the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) about what options exist."

On Tuesday, FAA officials indicated that they're not in a position to offer further assistance, either.

But city and county officials still hope they can come up with the \$3 million to complete the \$8.8 million expansion of its

municipal airport. If they can't, the city could be sued by the contractor, a move that would likely force the city into insolvency.

Supporters believe an expanded Wendover Airport could serve as a backup to the Salt Lake International Airport.

But Widmar said the Ogden Airport, which is 80 miles closer to Salt Lake City, is already certified to receive passenger jets and has been used as a backup by Delta Air Lines.

"We think an aviation plan with the Wasatch Front Regional Council, said that, while Ogden can accept most aircraft, the proposed Wendover runway could handle larger aircraft that the Ogden airport can't accommodate."

The Wendover runway is partially completed, but the city cannot receive some \$5 million in FAA grants without signing a contract with a commercial air carrier.

# Police

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Dennis Moore said...

City officials have planned an audit since controversy broke out in December 1997 over whether to consolidate some police operations with the Jerome County Sheriff's Department. Tempers flared again that month when Moore announced he would not reappoint Dahl as chief.

Moore later reversed his decision.

Moore said the long-promised audit might get away next month, although the city still hasn't contracted an agency to perform it.

City Council member Joe Skaug — who has been vocally at odds with Moore over most police department issues, including Conway's performance — backs Moore on the audit.

Dahl and Conway said they think the department has weathered the controversy.

"The thing with Conway is over," Dahl said. "Obviously he is not the one that some people

made him out to be."

Even so, the feelings that drove so many to sign petitions and speak up shouldn't be dismissed too quickly, Skaug said.

"The real issue is that one personality has drawn tremendous attention to the community and the police department," he said.

Moore and council member Ralph Peters recently asked Dahl to put police on a rotating duty so no one officer is in the traffic control hot seat full time.

Conway said that is already in effect.

"I've been on general patrol duty since December, when we lost some people," he said.

Only a radar trailer, on loan from the Twin Falls Police Department, is assigned to full-time traffic duty, Moore said.

"It's a non-intrusive opportunity for people to check their speed," he said.

Times-News staff writer Mark Heinz can be reached in Jerome at 324-0962.

# Range

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"I don't see where they've given an inch to anyone," said Brian Goller of the Idaho Conservation League.

Col. Billy Richey of the Mountain Home Air Force Base said public concerns resulted in the addition of Juniper Butte as a potential site for the proposed 12,000-acre conventional practice bombing range — the chosen site.

The range proposal includes the practice area for the proposed Juniper Butte, one 640-acre and four five-acre simulated bomb target areas. It also includes an electronic combat range over 1,000 acres and increased operations over 3 million acres of Owyhee County.

"The Air Force says they've listened to the concerns of the public, but the concessions they've made are minimal," Lavery said. "The real issue is not the impact on the 12,000-acre target zone at Juniper Butte, but rather

the impact of a high-tech supersonic battlefield over 3 million acres of southwestern Idaho."

Not everyone rejected the Air Force's decision.

Fish and Game's support for the current proposal was contingent on provisions to protect bighorn sheep and other wildlife and improve firefighting and rehabilitation.

"The Air Force has met all four conditions sought by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission in its decision," said a Fish and Game news release.

But some critics disagree.

"I think they're asleep at the switch," said Bob DiGrazia of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep.

Fish and Game is risking a resource that belongs to everyone by not getting in writing specific requirements to avoid bighorn sheep lambing areas, DiGrazia said.

DiGrazia and longtime range critic Herb Meyer of Mountain

Home also say the Air Force should not pass off the responsibility for rapid-response firefighting, one of Fish and Game's requirements.

The Bureau of Land Management said the potential for fires would be minimal, and it would work with the Bureau of Land Management on a fire-suppression plan.

"It's Fish and Game's job to protect habitat and wildlife, but the agency signed off on a hope and a prayer," DiGrazia said.

The Bureau of Land Management, which administers the land the Air Force needs for its installations, also has reservations about the Air Force plan.

The BLM still is not comfortable with the expansion of military airspace over the Little Jacks Creek area, which includes key wildlife and recreational val-

ues, nor with the Air Force's seasonal restriction over canyons, Foster said.

The agency will pass its recommendations on to the secretary of Interior. But the final decision to lock up 12,000 acres of public land for the proposed range lies with Congress.

The Federal Aviation Administration must approve the proposed changes in the military airspace.

But Little Jacks Creek under the proposed airspace expansion is one of the last areas with bighorn sheep not overflown by military jets. No one knows whether the sheep will abandon their habitat — how other wildlife will be affected, Lavery said.

"History might tell us we lost much of our wildlife to an unneeded bombing range," he said.

Times-News staff writer N.S. Noykrist can be reached at 733-9031, Ext. 237.

# BBB

**Continued from C1**

Grimm's work will include solidifying Magic Valley businesses to donate prizes that will be offered through a raffle. All the proceeds are given away as scholarships.

"It's a critical position," said

chamber President Karen Osman.


"It is a lot of work."

Times-News correspondent Steve Koehler can be reached in Wendell at 536-2545.


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# Silence: Kimberly horn won't sound at noon

By Margaret Jones  
Times-News correspondent

**KIMBERLY**—Soon, Kimberly residents will no longer hear the noon siren.

The City Council voted to discontinue using the \$400-month telephone service needed to power the siren on the water tower. Council members said they could install an alarm that would connect to a fire station closer to City Hall.

The siren has sounded at noon for as long as people can remember. It also served to daily check the system that called volunteer firefighters to the firehouse when there was a fire. Firefighters now are summoned by a pager system.

In other Kimberly business: • The council voted to let seventh-grade teacher George McAdams have a city government day sometime in April, teaching students about city services.

Mayor Jim Sorenson said final work for the acquisition of property on the north side of town is nearly complete. This

land will be held in the event that future city growth requires water-system expansion.

• The council discussed various properties that need cleaning up, and various cleaning projects. It was announced that Idaho Equipment Salvage will pick up unwanted vehicles at no charge, and unused kitchen appliances can be taken to Pacific Steel and Salvage.

• Police Chief Pat Bermington said police made eight drunken-driving arrests in February and had only 20 for the whole year of 1997. He had no explanation for the increase.

• There are still people pursuing acquisition of the water tower.

• There will be an environmental survey made on property on the canyon rim north of the city that is used as a firing range.

• The city's 2001 will research annexation of properties adjacent to the city limits that are receiving city services.

Times-News correspondent Margaret Jones can be reached in Kimberly at 423-5430.

# Group hopes to find home with grant's help

By Nicole Gilbert  
Times-News correspondent

**MURTAUGH**—East End Providers is looking for a home, but it needs help, member Cecile Griffith said.

Griffith appeared with Joyce Scott before the Murtaugh City Council this week, asking for the city's support.

"We moved five times last year," Griffith said.

Now the organization is working to apply for a state grant designed to fund community centers. Saying Murtaugh residents always have contributed gener-

ously to the group, Griffith said now it needs people to sit on a grant committee.

The council was happy to support the organization, said City Clerk Jeanine Bennett, and promised to provide the committee with a Murtaugh member.

Griffith said current committee members include Kimberly City Clerk Johnny Andrews and Hansen council members Jerry Lockwood and Laura Nelson. East End Providers needs more people "to get this grant on its feet," she said.

The nonprofit East End Providers helps needy families in

the Kimberly, Hansen and Murtaugh areas. Last year it helped 157 families by giving away food baskets, toys and clothing.

Under Murtaugh council business:

• The council discussed adoption of the county's new status offenders policy which would exempt trampoline losses. The policy was tabled, however, until next month. Bennett said the Murtaugh council's intention is to follow Twin Falls city's lead.

The city of Twin Falls has rejected a daytime curfew, but adopted the rest of the amend-

ments Twin Falls County made to its status offender ordinance.

A J-U-B Engineers representative was on hand to present results of the company's water master plan. The final estimate for implementing the plan, which features digging a new city well, is \$760,000. The council now will begin discussing ways to fund the project.

• Council members have discussed the possibility of putting crosswalks by the city's stop signs. They also discussed the increasing need for a citywide leash law. Both matters were tabled until the next meeting.

# Senate sends charter school legislation to Bat's desk

**BOISE (AP)**—The state Senate sent Gov. Phil Batt legislation Wednesday authorizing an experiment in charter public schools, shifting the long-running debate over whether they are a good idea to whether they will work.

"This type of public school is

going to be focused on results," said Republican Sen. Darrell Diehl, the former school superintendent in Caldwell. "And the difference between this type of public school and other public schools is that charter schools are going to be allowed to fail."

Democrat Marguerite

McLaughlin of Orofino was the lone dissenter, complaining that the bill does nothing to improve education in Idaho's public-school classrooms.

Batt has endorsed what amounts to an experiment with the concept. It allows up to 12 existing or newly created public

schools a year to be turned into charter schools for each of the next five years. Only one charter per district is authorized.

As public schools, the charters will get state school aid and be required to use certified teachers, have open enrollment and meet special education requirements.

# LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

Wednesday, March 11

SB1292 (Education) — Clarifies requirements for educational opportunities for disabled prison inmates.  
SB1293 (Education) — Allows education rights for disabled students to be transferred from parents to guardians.  
SB1399 (Agricultural Affairs) — Clarifies items Potato Commission inspectors have access to in assessment checks.

Voted by Governor

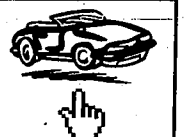
SB1393 (State Affairs) — Closes Executive Session of the Potato Commission in trademark violation proceedings.  
Sent to Governor  
HB324 (Revenue and Taxation) — Sets up procedures for the State Tax Commission to collect sales tax from out-of-state retailers doing business in Idaho if negotiations produce a compact with them to do so.  
HB689 (Ways and Means) — Defers property taxes bill to Ada County's two hospitals for a year while officials determine whether they still qualify as exempt nonprofit entities.  
HB452 (Slumpson) — Directs the Board of Medicine to set the examinations for physical therapy applicants.  
HB661 (Health and Welfare) — Raises the compensation for members of the Board of Medicine.  
HB517 (Education) — Authorizes a five-year experiment with charter public schools.  
HB477 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Sets up a county-financed Capital Crimes Defense Fund to finance death penalty trials and a state-financed

Appellate Public Defender to handle criminal defense appeals.  
SB1520 (Finance) — Appropriates \$20.9 million for 1999 operations of the Tax Commission.  
SB1526 (Finance) — Appropriates \$23.9 million for 1999 operations of the Department of Commerce.  
SB1527 (Finance) — Appropriates \$5.1 million for 1999 operations of the Department of Insurance.

Introduced in Senate

SJ1101 (State Affairs) — Commits the city of Star on its incorporation.

SB1514 (Finance) — Appropriates \$4.3 million for 1999 operations of the special programs of the Board of Education.  
SB1545 (Finance) — Appropriates \$25.8 million for 1999 operations of Agricultural Research and Extension Service.  
SB1546 (Finance) — Appropriates \$1.3 million to the Board of Education for technology in learning programs.  
Introduced in House  
HB812 (Appropriations) — Appropriates \$3.5 million for 1999 operations of the State Library Board.



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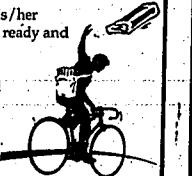
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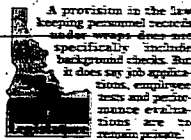
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Measure would keep teacher checks secret

BOISE (AP) — Parents would not be able to find out if their child's teacher abused children or committed other crimes under a bill passed without dissent by the state Senate.



A provision in the law keeping personal records safe and secure doesn't specifically include background checks.

House endorses tobacco bill changes

BOISE (AP) — After hours of intense debate, the House has endorsed changes to a Senate-passed bill aimed at keeping tobacco out of the hands of minors.

Under current law, some background checks on teachers have been discontinued.

Owners would have until January 2000 to get rid of the cars.



Inmates Tyrone Sears, left, and Anthony Parks put together a deck Tuesday in the wood shop at the Northern Nevada Correctional Center in Carson City, Nev.

Making more than just license plates

Prison expands inmate work programs

CARSON CITY (AP) — In a nondescript building at the Nevada State Prison, you'll find one of the oldest prison stereotypes: inmates stamping out license plates.

Skolnik says there are waiting lists for most prison industry programs.

New regulations outrage jet boaters

LEWISTON (AP) — Jet boaters reacted angrily to the U.S. Forest Service's plan to periodically ban the vessels and other powerboats from Halls Canyon beginning this summer.

Forest Service officials plan to ban powerboats from 21 miles of the canyon for three-day periods.

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# COMICS

**Parents**  
I'VE BEEN THINKING OF TAKING A SPECIAL COURSE IN FRENCH...

MAYBE EVEN A LITTLE LATIN AND SOME SPANISH... WHAT DO YOU THINK?

By Charles M. Schulz  
"D-MINUS" SPOKEN HERE.

For Better or For Worse  
I'M THINKING ABOUT THAT...

By Lynn Johnston  
AT SOME POINT, WE'VE GONNA HAVE TO BUILD ANOTHER BRAY!

WHAT MANGES YOU THINK WE'VE HANDED THE BRAYZ?

**Blondie**  
ELEPHANT FACTORY TOUR  
THIS IS THE SWEAT SHOP WHERE WE MAKE YOUR PRODUCT.

WE ATTACH HUGE CLAMPS TO EACH EMPLOYEE'S HEAD.

By Scott Adams  
WE TRIED CUBICLES BUT IT DAMAGED MORALE.

**Blonde**  
DOWOOD I HEAR A NOISE DOWNSTAIRS!

I WON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU GO DOWN AND LOOK.

By Dean Young & Stan Drake  
THEN AGAIN, MURDER NOT.

**E.C.**  
COULD LOSE COUCH, BUT JUST REMEMBER: IT'S NOT MESSY! YOU WIN OR LOSE - IT'S HOW YOU PLAY "THE GAME"!

By Johnny Hart  
HOW TO PLAY BAGELBALL

By Jim Davis  
I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING FOR US TO DO

**Pickles**  
GOD, WHAT DO YOU GAN SYMBA? WILL YOU MARRY ME? I PROMISE I'LL DO MY BEST TO MAKE YOU HAPPY.

DON'T WORRY ME, I'M JUST HAVING A LITTLE DUSTING.

By Brian Crim  
YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO LIVE HERE TOGETHER, WOULD YOU?  
YES! YES! OH, YES!

**Garfield**  
I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING FOR US TO DO

SMACK

By Jim Davis  
I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING FOR ME TO DO

**Dennis the Menace**  
By Hank Ketchum

**The Family Circus**  
By Bil Keane

I like this well, Daddy! It makes me a lot older.

**Hi and Lois**  
AND THE SPECIAL EFFECTS ARE JUST COOL!

DID YOU SUPPOSE TO GIVE A BOOK REPORT?

By Chance Browne  
...NOT A REVIEW OF THE VIDEO GAME BASED ON THE MOVIE INSPIRED BY THE BOOK!

**What are happy-husband traits?**  
L.M. Boyd

**HOROSCOPE**  
Sydney O'Carroll

IF MARCH 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... You have delicious sense of humor...

**The Wizard of Id**  
WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT THE DWARF IN BOY'S SHIRT?

I'M NOT SURE!

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart  
WHAT'S THE FORTUNE DU JOUR?  
TODAY!  
Some hens lay eggs shaped like cucumbers.

**Q.** On which side did Iraq fight in World War II?  
A. Iraqi military leaders wanted Iraq to join Adolf Hitler's Axis, but British troops moved quickly to run them out of the country. Iraq then declared war against the Axis in 1941.

**Q.** Didn't Christopher Columbus on his trip to the New World take some women with him?  
A. On his third trip, thirty women. The law of Italy prohibits a wife from resting her head on her husband's shoulder while he's driving.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Enjoy an excellent time riding with your partner. Be optimistic on physical attraction, sensuality, sex appeal. Consider features: children, change, variety, promise of love.

**Hagar the Horrible**  
AFTER OUR ARGUMENT, I WANTED OUR NEIGHBORS NEVER TO SET FOOT ON OUR PROPERTY AGAIN!!

WHAT DID HE SAY?

By Chris Browne  
HE PROMISED HE WOULDN'T!

**ACROSS**  
1. Chosen actors  
2. Old World  
3. Brand  
4. Four mentions...  
5. Tell that old boy on the tractor that "clown" once meant "farmer".  
6. Some hens lay eggs shaped like cucumbers.  
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**DOWN**  
1. Train unit  
2. Franchise  
3. Sun rooms  
4. Of 60-odd groups  
5. Preliminary work  
6. Show on TV  
7. Sticky stuff  
8. Afternoon  
9. Actress Sorvino  
10. Official exams  
11. Sl. Sl.  
12. Naples  
13. Unable to act  
14. Naps  
15. Ethers  
16. Ears  
17. Segment of history  
18. Nautilid crane  
19. Surrounding  
20. Middle  
21. 60's  
22. Main's life  
23. Musical  
24. The Stranger  
25. Author  
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27. Musical  
28. Instrument  
29. Port's top  
30. Payment along a shore  
31. Franchise  
32. Resident table  
33. Unleash (paraphrase)  
34. Shooting at eye targets  
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**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** People talk to you, you might be surrounded by controversy. Key is to stand tall, be confident, be in control. Do not let anyone be looking you. You will be successful.

**Maude Bailey**  
WHAT'S THIS UNDER MY PIZZA?

A TICKET YOU WON THE FREE DANCE CONTEST!

By Mort Walker  
BUT I DON'T LIKE TO DANCE

**Frank and Ernest**  
I'M SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING GETTING MYSELF A PLACE IN THE SUBURBS.

**Frank and Ernest**  
MAY I HELP YOU?  
I'M LOOKING FOR A JOGGING SUIT!

**Frank and Ernest**  
TRY "ACTIVE WEAK"

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By Art Sansom & Chip  
ACTUALLY, I NEED SOMETHING TO LOUNGE AROUND IN, NOT FOR WORKING OUT!

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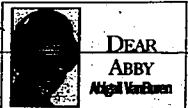
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FAMILY LIFE

Lonely retirees should get out there and mix with others

DEAR ABBY: You asked readers to respond to "Lonely in New Mexico," who retired to a new community and regrets how it turned out.
Our accountant advised us to rent first in the area to which we were contemplating moving. He had seen too many cases of people buying new homes, finding they were unhappy and returning to their original communities. We followed his advice and lucked out. We rented a nice ranch-style house, shopped in the market, visited our landlord's church and were accepted. It grew from there. Six months later, we bought a lot and started construction. A year later we had an open house with 62 guests - mostly church members and neighbors.
-30-YEAR-PLUS READER



DEAR ABBY Night Watchman

beautiful, wholesome activity. I dare anyone to take a few square dance lessons and remain lonely.
-JERRY C. MCCREW, M.D., GARLAND, TEXAS

DEAR DR. MCCREW: I know that's good advice. It's an excellent way for people of every age to socialize. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: This is for "Lonely in New Mexico." My husband and I moved to Florida 3 1/2 years ago. We don't mind the snow and ice we left behind one bit. Yes, it's hard to pick up and move to a new area where you know no one. The key is to get out there and meet as many new people as you can. Don't just sit at home or in church and wait for people to invite you over.

Within three months of moving, I volunteered to be on the Welcoming Committee to welcome other newcomers to our area. My husband (a retired police major) volunteered to take over the Neighborhood Watch program. I joined the garden club and have been their treasurer for three years.

I also joined a volunteer group that raises money to send good, used children's clothes, blankets and sweaters for the elderly to Native Americans in reservations. Last year I packed and shipped more than 200 boxes. I'm secretary for our homeowners association and I volunteer at our neighborhood police substation to free our police officers for more important work out on the town.
Busy? You bet. We're busier now than we were before we retired. We love it!

I've met many interesting and dedicated people, and we have many new friends with whom to socialize, travel, play poker and pinocle, and attend the theater as well.
-VOLUNTEER FROM VERO

DEAR VOLUNTEER: Talk about food for thought - your letter is a banquet of terrific suggestions about how to get involved. May I add the following: Don't expect to replace lifelong friends in six months or a year. Seek out other new arrivals who will identify with you, and if there isn't a special-interest club in your new community that features your hobby, consider placing an ad in the paper and starting one.

Thank you to all the kind-hearted readers who took the time to share their experiences and offer suggestions.

Woman celebrates crown of crone

Knight Rider News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Dicie Brown's friends call her a crone. But that doesn't mean they think she's a withered old lady, ready to spend her final years in obscurity. A crone, Brown says, is really just a woman in the third stage of life, and it should be celebrated and revered.

"We have gathered a dignity," said Brown, who part of a growing movement among volunteer women nationwide to call themselves crones - celebrating and honoring the older woman as a wise and powerful force in society.

At 61, Brown has helped form a Kansas City area crone group, reads crone books and magazines, and has officially been crowned a crone at a "crowning ceremony."
Croning is becoming so popular with older women, there's even a nationwide crone festival scheduled for Oct. 22-25 in Salt Lake City. The festival, in its sixth year, will include workshops, celebrations, storytelling and women sharing their experiences on life and aging. And of course, crones have their own Web site.

"Our society barely celebrates motherhood, and of course crone" is just horrifying," said Ann Kreilkamp of Kelly, Wyo., publisher of Crone Chronicle: A Journal of Conscious Aging.
Her quarterly magazine, which

began eight years ago in Wyoming, has been a wake-up call for older women such as Brown to start celebrating their third stage of life. According to ancient belief, Kreilkamp said, crone is the last phase of the ancient triple goddess: maiden, mother, crone.
"We have to revalue the meaning of that word and what goes along with it," she said.

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DEAR READER: You received wise counsel from my correspondent. My mail has been filled with suggestions for "Lonely in New Mexico." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Lonely in New Mexico" can enjoy a host of new friends by taking square dance lessons. It's amazing how many nice folk they'll meet that way.
The local Chamber of Commerce can help people locate a club that offers lessons, and so can the senior citizens center or even the western clothing store. The lessons are fun, economical, and a guaranteed route to establishing some dancing and friendships with some of the finest people they'll ever know. The best new square dance club members come as retired couples looking for a little fun and a

ENGAGEMENT WRIGHT-MALONE



JEROME - Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Wright of Woodbury, N.J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacy Beth Wright, to Steven Phillip Malone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick A. Malone of Jerome.

Wright is a graduate of Woodbury High School in Woodbury, N.J., and is currently employed at CH2M Hill in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Malone is a graduate of Jerome High School and Salt Lake Community College in Salt Lake City. He is employed by Key Bank in Salt Lake City.
The wedding is planned for Saturday at the Washington D.C. Temple in Kensington, Md. They will be honored at an open house in Woodbury and a reception from 7 to 9 p.m. March 21 at the White House in Twin Falls.
The couple will reside in Salt Lake City.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE SAMPLES

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Ted Samples of Twin Falls will be honored today for their 52nd wedding anniversary by the community.
Samples and Julia Vagle were married March 12, 1946, in Twin Falls.

They have lived in Twin Falls their entire marriage.
He worked at Twin Falls Feed & Ice and Kreggels Hardware.
They have three children, Dan Samples of Portland, Ore., Dennis Samples of Sandy, Ore., and Eric Samples of Wells, Nev. The couple has five grandchildren.

THE ERWINS



PAUL - Mr. and Mrs. Richard Erwin of Paul will be honored at an open house Sunday for their 50th wedding anniversary.
Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Rupert First Christian Church, 1110 Eighth St. They request no gifts.

Erwin and Ramona Rebecca Romig were married by the Rev. Ernest Stutzberry on March 9, 1948, in the Baptist Church parsonage in Rupert.
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## Opening one's eyes to the show that never ends

Wearing a hat outdoors can be a little annoying. The brim might shade my face, but I often get the feeling it's restricting my view of the world.

When I'm outside, I want all of my senses opened as wide as possible.

I want to see, hear and feel everything. The best part of getting outdoors is how easily a simple jaunt can reveal nature's grandeur — be it hills and sky, shorelines and water, or trees and wind.

The southern Idaho desert has something to do with that. It kind of snakes up on me as I travel around in it. All of a sudden I look up and the majesty of my surroundings overwhelm me.



A recent cross-country ski outing reinforced that sensation. I decided to shuffle up the Rogerson Road from the Magic Mountain ski area, maybe three miles up to the ridge, then drop over the other side.

I skied under skies as clear and blue as only the desert can produce, under sun warm enough to burn me.

It was so warm that I was overdressed in a sweater and running tights over polypro longjohns. Sweat swiftly beaded my face, and I could feel it spreading across my back.

The warmth hadn't gotten into the snow, though there were some places where it clotted under my skis. I wasn't moving fast enough to shake it off, so it clutched at my skis and held me back.

I thought I heard the snow whispering, "Stay here, rest in the cold with me. Stop, look around."

I often exercise as much for love of movement as from a physical need to get my blood pumping. Cross-country skiing fills both bills — with as much physical exertion as I choose and corresponding sweat that requires balance and finesse to harness.

It's a smooth flow when everything is focused, and a cold crash when it's not.

The snow on the road was packed, with a fresh shift dusting the top. The lower reaches of the road had been groomed by a snow-cat, while the path over the ridge was worn hard and level by snowmobiles.

I stepped into a skating stride when I hit the firmer snow.

My skate technique leaves a lot to be desired, but I don't care. I don't have extra-long poles, or skate skis, but I love it anyway. There's a rhythm to the motion — the push and glide, the transfer of weight to the leading ski, and finding the center of balance through the rocking glide.

On top of that, I had the boost of a slight downhill, which makes anyone a good skier.

Climbing the hill on my return, it was interesting to watch the long herringbone strides left in my wake. The entire story of my passage was written in the snow.

I could see where the skis rotated from flat glide to grip edge for the next push off, and the rounded mark left by the tip. A long arrow marked the direction of each ski as it glided, carried me for a moment, then rotated, lifted, and left the snow.

It was difficult to judge the distance I actually traveled. Four miles? Six? I was out for three hours or more, moving almost all the time. Maybe I went 12 miles each way.

I don't know, and it didn't matter.

As a speck moving across the open, empty hills, I was buried in a sea of nature's beauty. Skiing over those sparkling white hills, with a brilliant sun and deep blue sky overhead, I could have gone on to Rogerson without noticing.

I was alone, climbing the back of the ridge, looking out over snow fields and leafless aspen forests. To the south, the brown and golden landscape stretched away to infinity.

The loudest sounds were the squeak of my left boot, the hiss of my skis as they grabbed the snow, and the beating of my heart.

It was a time to celebrate the sensation of movement, the flow of my skis, and the rhythm of my breathing. It was exhilarating. I was convinced I could ski that road every day and enjoy every outing as much as the last.

And I think I could see and feel, just for a moment, everything that nature presented.

Times-News staff writer Kent McCleary still hopes for enough snow to ski to work.

# Chill out

## Catching fish in cool water requires subtle adjustments



It's not as fun as fishing on the Fourth of July, but Travis Dellaha manages to keep a tight line in this chilly scene. The key to cool-weather fishing is to find slow-moving, or relatively warm water.

By James J. Krunich  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — If you're angling to catch fish at this time of year, you'll need to do more than simply wear a warm hat and long underwear.

The adjustments for late winter and early spring fishing are subtle, not substantial. After all, the stream is still trout, and the trout are still trout.

The essential difference is that they're cooler trout. The chilly water has slowed their metabolisms, so their feeding habits and holding locations are affected.

To counter the effects of cold water, trout will seek the warmest locations. To conserve energy, they'll seek areas with weaker currents.

The upshot is they typically won't be in the same riffles that they occupied in summer and fall.

Generally speaking, slower water is found in the deeper levels of a given hole — and that's where to look for trout at this time of year. If you find deep water with large rocks and sunken logs, you've found a sure-fire holding spot for rainbows and browns.

Logs and rocks slow the current even more, thus creating a slow-water sanctuary that's perfect for big tuns.

Nymphs, lead and indicators are the best tools for probing deeper sections of moving streams. Common patterns, such as hare's ear, pheasant tail and prince nymphs, to name just a few, are standard fare for this time of year.

Casting with a weight and indicator isn't much fun, but it is effective.

Try working the tailout areas of likely pools if you want a break from the lead-and-jug casting required of nymphs. Trout often move into shallow tail areas on sunny, calm days in early spring.

Once again, this movement into the shallows is triggered by metabolism. Mr. Golden Sun can warm shallow water by as much as four degrees, creating a magnet for cold, sluggish trout.

Warmer areas also are productive because that's where rain and blue-winged olives hatch. As water temperatures rise, Mother



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*Fishing on sunny days in late winter and early spring can be highly rewarding, but don't forget to be crafty and cunning. With fish commonly holding in shallow water, they are leery and easily spooked.*

Nature begins to respond. During prolific midge and blue-wing hatches, rainbows and browns can be found skirting insects from the surface in tailout areas.

Be prepared to use light leaders and tiny flies if you plan to match the hatch. The fishing can be spectacular, but leaders will be in the four- to 24-range and flies will range from 1/16 down to the 20s.

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Under these conditions, anglers can't afford to make mistakes with shadows, abrupt movements, poor casts or awkward wading. Doing so will send the fish scudding to the safety of deeper water.

Though it's March and the season opener is still a ways off, mild late winter and early spring days can be a great run-up for outstanding dry-fly fishing this summer.

# Iditarod mushers take 24-hour break

## Jonrowe takes over the lead in her 16th race

The Associated Press

**OPHIR, Alaska** — Frontrunners in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race got a chance to kick back, camp out and relax Wednesday as they took their mandatory 24-hour layovers in the 1,100-mile race from Anchorage to Nome.

Dee Dee Jonrowe of Willow, Alaska broke from the pack and raced ahead, taking her break at Ophir, a ghost town nestled amid the spruce and birch-covered hills in the heart of gold-mining country. Jonrowe, a top 10 finisher in 10 consecutive Iditarods, reached Ophir at 2:25 a.m.

It remained to be seen if she would hold onto that lead when the well-rested teams 38 miles behind her at Tokatona got back on the trail.

The trick for the top drivers is to take the dogs as fast as possible along the route to Nome — without overtaking them before taking their mandatory rest.

Teams can bounce back strongly after a 24-hour break from the trail and can start a charge for the Bering Sea coast, and Nome. Teams that are pushed just a little too hard, however, will begin a slow but steady decline that will only continue as the race



Dee Dee Jonrowe starts in the third position as she drives her dog team down the shoot toward Nome at the re-start of the 26th Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Willow, Alaska, Sunday. This is Jonrowe's 16th Iditarod. She took the lead Wednesday, racing ahead of others before stopping for the mandatory 24-hour break.

moves into its second half. Most of the top teams were taking their break in Tokatona, a small village that puts out the biggest welcome along the trail. The mushers chomped down on a breakfast of pancakes, bacon and eggs cooked at the community hall.

The accommodations are second to none, "three-time champion Martin Buser told the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner. "If you look at the statistics, most people who have won have taken their 24 (hour break) here."

Montana musher Doug Swingley agreed, calling it "the best spot for all creature comforts." The heat of the day is dictating that we have to run in the evening. It's so hot and sunny in the daytime that no one wants to drive," Swingley told the News-Miner.

So the mushers who spent Wednesday in Tokatona, were pampered with hot meals. Even before breakfast was done, residents brought cakes and pies for to the community hall.

At most checkpoints, the mushers Please see BREAK, Page D2

OUTDOORS

# Eagle restocking plan increases numbers in Pennsylvania valley

Knight Ridder News Service

EQUINUNK, Pa. — Now this does something to your point of view, Frank Dooley and George Snyder were saying as their four-wheel-drive truck inched up the ice-laced dirt road, the upper Delaware River tumbling three 300 feet beneath them and clear enough to count the rocks on the bottom.

"I don't know how many times I've said it," said Dooley, 48, a wildlife conservation officer with the Pennsylvania Game Commission. "If God has a better job than this, then He kept it for Himself." Dooley cannot help but rejoice. In ever-increasing numbers, the most majestic wild migrants of the far North — bald eagles — have come back to this valley that separates Pennsylvania from New York. Some year soon, Dooley is sure,

many of them will not be leaving come March to rear their young elsewhere.

Given isolation and a steady food supply, eagles will often return to nest within several miles of where they were raised. And because eagles — primarily fish-eaters — are not too proud to dine on left-overs, for the last four years Dooley has placed road-killed deer on private property near here in hopes of establishing a year-round population. When the eagles settle, the project will stop.

This is the start of the nest-building season for eagles. Though they have not found evidence of a nest yet, Dooley and Snyder have found more eagles than ever — 31, in fact, just the other day, all within several miles of the deer carcasses.

That pales in comparison with the 1,500 to 2,000 eagles that winter around the Chesapeake Bay, the highest number

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— Frank Dooley, wildlife conservation officer

in the mid-Atlantic region. But given the rampant development of that area, biologists are not sure how much more that number will grow. Locales like this one, they say, may hold the key to a population boost over a larger territory — and one that doesn't arrive in December and depart before spring.

Quietly, several land-trust groups are working with private-property owners to keep this side of the river — the New York

side is largely state forest — from being swallowed by the booming overlying Pike and Monroe Counties to the south.

Prevention was on the mind of Dooley and Snyder, too, as the truck's tires spun free. Last Feb. 26, when ice locked the river and hillsides, Dooley was taking roadkill to the eagles when his all-terrain vehicle did, bucked and overturned, leaving his left arm in a bunch of places. He was hospitalized for five days as doctors worked the arm back together with steel plates and pins.

Two days after his release, he was back checking on his eagles. The reason was obvious.

"Even if you've spent your life working with wildlife," he said, both hands on the wheel, "you can't help but be awestruck every time you see an eagle in flight."

And on this day, the eagles were rarely

baronial, their seven-to-eight-foot wingspans wedges in the wind as they circled their way through a sharp and cloudless sky. It was then that Dooley and Snyder decided to walk the rest of the way to the river to another vantage point.

"This story, they decided, should have a happy ending."

"And when we get back to the truck," Snyder advised, "do try to favor the high side."

Thirty-five years ago, the story of the eagles had all the makings of a tragedy.

The cause has been well-documented DDT and other pesticides that came into widespread use after World War II. The poisons were absorbed by fish, which make up 60 percent to 90 percent of an eagle's diet, and they blocked the eagle's ability to develop strong shells for its eggs.

## TAGGING ALONG



Matthew Bommer of Grenoble, France, walks his Nikolai, Alaska, with his dog, Schtampi, Tuesday on his way to McGrath, about 48 miles away. Bommer left Kink, about 413 miles away, on March 5, and has been following the Iditarod Trail.

## Break

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have to haul their own hot water to mix dog food and lug bags of straw to make beds for the dogs. But in Takoma, the residents pitch in to help.

By midday Wednesday 18 mushers were resting in Takoma.

Two-time champion Jeff King would be the first musher allowed to leave the checkpoint. He arrived at 11:27 p.m. Tuesday. Buser was three minutes behind him and Swingle arrived three minutes behind Buser.

Five-time champion Rick Swenson arrived in Takoma at 11:34 p.m. John Barron of Montana Creek followed at 11:53 p.m., Vern Halter at 12:06 a.m. and Charlie Boulding at 12:17 a.m.

By Wednesday morning, Jonrowe was joined in Ophir by Bill Cotter of Nenana who arrived at 7:42 a.m. and John Baker of Ketchikan who reached the checkpoint at 11:31 a.m.

The race had its first scratch Wednesday. Rookie Suzan Amundsen of Fairbanks dropped out after arriving in Nikolai at 5:10 a.m. with a leg that was badly swollen and discolored. Musher Steve Carrick, a rookie from Girdle Hill, Alaska, helped her as she traveled through the rugged flat land beyond the Alaska range.

Musher Cindy Callahan, a nurse practitioner from Seelye Lake, Mont. and Harry Caldwell, a respiratory care practitioner from Eagle, Mont. arrived at Nikolai when Amundsen arrived. They examined the leg and recommended that she scratch and return to Anchorage for treatment, race officials said. It was not known how she injured her leg.

The mushers were setting a



Lincoln Wood, musher and 2,905-lb-rated champion Doug Swingle carries gear, one of his sled dogs, to the drop lot in Nikolai, Alaska, Tuesday, during the third day of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Mushers can start the 1,049-mile race with a maximum of 18 dogs and can drop all but 5 dogs by the time the race ends.

fast pace. If the weather holds out, the winner could cross the finish line in Nome sometime Tuesday to collect the \$50,000 prize.

## Stumps rising from the surf reveal Oregon coast's catastrophic past

NESKOWIN, Ore. (AP) — Like gnarled fingers rising from the surf, hundreds of stumps from an ancient forest that has been entombed since the time of Jesus are being slowly unearthed by El Nino's pounding waves.

It's a dumbfounding sight for people who have been making almost a religious pilgrimage to the rugged coastline to see the more than 200 stumps poking up from beach.

"When I look at these, I'm just in awe to think that this was a forest when Jesus Christ was on the Earth," said retiree Jane Seeborg.

For geologists and other scientists, the reappearance of the ancient forest is further proof not only of the severity of this year's El Nino, but of the powerful earthquakes that once devastated Oregon's coast — and which could strike again.

"Something had to kill those trees, and the evidence suggests it was earthquake related," said Mark Duronio, a geologist with the state division of emergency management.

The prevailing theory is that a powerful offshore earthquake 2,000 years ago dropped the coastline by as much as 7 feet and submerged the sitka, spruce and cedar trees bordering the ocean.

Major offshore earthquakes are believed to occur off Oregon's coast once every 350 to 500 years. The last one, in 1700, drowned coastal forests and sent tsunami waves across the Pacific so powerful that they destroyed Japanese fishing villages.

The ancient stumps at Neskowin have been visible since mid-February, the product of weeks of El Nino-driven storms that have scoured about 10 feet of sand from the beach.

Since then, the stumps have become a tourist attraction along this stretch of the ocean.

On a recent day, dozens of cars were parked along U.S. 101, about a mile's walk from the site of the ancient stumps. Hundreds of people took pictures and bent over for a closer look at the hardened, 2- to 3-foot-tall stumps.



Stumps from a 2,000-year-old forest have emerged from the beach one-half mile south of the state park at Neskowin on the Oregon Coast. Winter storms have exposed the formerly buried remnants of the ancient woodland.

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— Jane Seeborg, retiree

"It was a total surprise," said Reino Tarkenton, who owns a vacation home here. "For years I've been walking on this beach and I've never seen anything like this."

"It's really eerie," added 16-year-old Calvin Lotz, 16, of Milwaukie. "All I can say is it must have been one hell of an earthquake."

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OUTDOORS

# Rio Grande thrills rafters — but at a gentler pace

Knight Ridder News Service

**LAJITAS, Texas** — The roar of white-water rapids is deafening as the raft crashes into a "wall shot" and sprays nervous passengers, pumped with adrenalin, with cold water.

Well, maybe. But not today. After all, most rafters don't shoot the Rio Grande. They float it.

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Which makes the Rio Grande ideal for beginning rafters. "It's usually," says Ed Allen, manager of Big Bend River Tours in Lajitas. "It's one of the best rivers anywhere for beginners."

"So it is more of a scenic float than anything else, but that doesn't mean we can't get into white-water conditions when we get into a flood."

The most popularity is the 13-mile stretch through Santa Elena Canyon, putting in about a quarter-mile west of Lajitas and taking out one mile downstream of the canyon mouth.

During, flooding in the early morning, the water is low, the

current mild, the scenery spectacular. There's some fishing for catfish and carp, and most river runners enjoy the scenery whether they're interested in geology, birds, history, etc.

The canyon slides up first up are the Maradero Rapids. Next, rafters experience a "wall shot" — where the current takes the boat into a wall of flat surfaces. But these are only minor rapids. The biggest test is just ahead.

"At the mouth of Santa Elena Canyon, you're in bright sunshine heading into an ominous opening that's shaded," says Wally Cox, a river enthusiast from Dallas.

Just inside the canyon is the Rock Slide. Rapids are caused by a gradient change, obstruction or

a combination. At the Rock Slide, huge rocks have peeled away from the towering canyon wall and fallen into the canyon gorge. In high water, maneuvering through the chutes is tough and, sometimes, deadly.

And when the water's low, there's another problem. The raft wedges itself between two massive boulders and stops.

Getting unstuck is a matter of shoving the raft through the cramped passageway, pressing feet against the slippery boulders and shoving, rocking, inching the raft past the rocks.

Once through the slide, the hard work is over. High cliffs with tilted strata create an optical illusion that the river is begin-

ning a sharp descent, but the mel-

low flow tells the truth. "It's almost like an amusement ride," Cox says.

The wind is still. Silence embraces the canyon except for soft-rippling water and a bird singing. Maybe you can spot a peregrine falcon or golden eagle. Arch and Fern canyons enter from the Mexican side. The next sight is a large cavern on the Mexican side called Saugger's Cave.

The limestone wall shoots up 1,500 feet, its maximum height above the river at the end of the canyon. The raft floats gently past Terlingua Creek to the take-out point, where rafters load up and pack it in.

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OUTDOORS

# Snakeman hunts rattlers in their dens

**CLINES CORNERS, N.M. (AP)** — The worlds are stammered in faded black slippers on a worn high-top boot just east of Miami.

**SNAKE PIT.**  
The adjacent buildings are in disrepair, weeds crisscrossing courtyard among remnants of the quiet days of tourism slump.

They are from a time when offring gas, ice cream and Italian curries was not enough to bring in the droves of travelers needed to make a business successful. Now, these highwayman mangled grime, something to bite traces in their morbid curiosities and make the little hog to pull over to the side of the road to look at something fascinating.

But the supply of two-hundred calves has always been limited, so resourceful entrepreneurs found another item of the West's open spaces to do the deed.

**SNAKE PIT.**  
"Nothing in the world gets your attention quicker than a snake," says Dave Phillips. He drives his black Ford Bronco past the landmark on the table-top plains near Miami. "Boy, that brings back old memories," he says of the old pit.

Phillips, 59, a salesman at American Warehouse Plus, has had a lengthy and difficult partnership. As a kid he was introduced to them when his family would drive this way from Colorado to their home in Burlington, Texas.

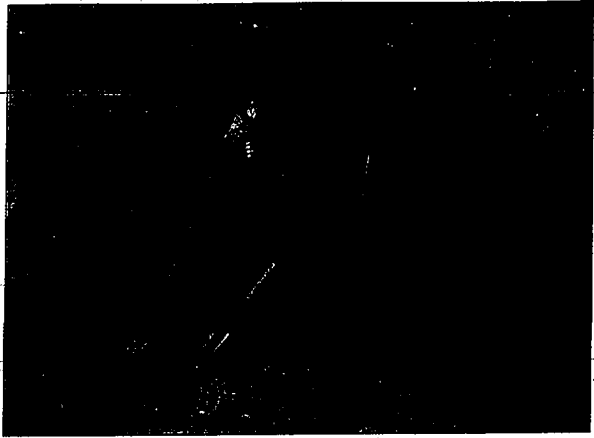
When the attended Odessa Junior College on a track scholarship, and had to run through the starving desert, he discovered he could see snakes when his tomatoes could run.

And as his fascination for the reptiles grew he eventually became a "snakehead," one of those dirty, some might say crazy, individuals who once kept the highest concentration of rattlers in the 1970s and '80s filled with the coiled, amplexus-like creatures.

For about 30 years now Phillips has been a snake hunter, going out in the spring just before the rattlers leave their winter dens. He has caught snakes with sticks and pulps and carried them in nothing more than thin cloth sacks. He has used snake-proof chaps and rattlesnake hushpuppy and has always tried to see the enormous scorpions before they see him. And he has spent a lot of time looking for them with cowboy-whisper-catchers.

These days, snake hunting still lingers in some parts of the country, but it is generally discouraged by biologists, environmentalists and others who believe rattlesnakes belong in the wild eating rodents rather than in boxes along the highways.

Even Phillips agrees. He gave up on commercial snake pits when the tourists weren't satisfied with just looking at the rattlers.



Above, Dave 'Snakeman' Phillips of Albuquerque, N.M., moves a prairie rattlesnake out of the way as he makes his way down an abandoned copper mine south of Cline Corners, N.M., in February. Phillips uses a tennis racket to ward off snake strikes. At left, prairie rattlesnakes are shown wintering together in a crevice in an abandoned copper mine.

*"When you are born and raised out in the country, your parents instill in you an innate fear of snakes. ... You hear a grasshopper or anything rattle, and you jump and ask questions later."*

— Dave 'Snakeman' Phillips

but felt it necessary to either kill them or seal them.

However, the exhilaration of invading rattlesnake dens filled with as many as 200 diamond-backs or prairies can be addicting. It's a fear that keeps you on your toes, and keeps you coming back.

"There's not a bigger thrill in the world than finding a den like this," Phillips says. On the other side of the coin is rancher Leland Haral.

"When you are born and raised out in the country, your parents instill in you an innate fear of snakes," Haral says. "They're always telling you to watch for snakes. You hear a grasshopper or anything rattle, and you jump and ask questions later."

small cart on metal tracks to help haul out ore. Pieces of the tracks are still trapped by the rubble inside the mine shaft, which in addition to the snakes provides a winter home for the occasional porcupine.

The snakes here are prairie rattlers, an aggressive species according to both Haral and Phillips.

"These little sand rattlers," the rancher calls them, "they'd as soon bite you as not."

Through the years Haral and Phillips have seen the old mine loaded with snakes. The numbers vary — 100, 200. Sometimes the snakes are outside the den and just stepping out of a vehicle makes one vulnerable to a bite. At times the arrival of humans sends the snakes slithering back down into the mine. "It's like you're pulling a rope," Haral says.

**SNAKE PIT.**  
In the spring, when the snakes are more active, it would be a chore to venture down into this den. But on this wintry day only one of the cold-blooded creatures tries to defend his home from intruders. The rest are content to

stay coiled up together on ledges and in holes as the Snakeman and the rancher venture down 100 feet or so into the bowels of the mine.

Phillips carries a flashlight, a snake-catcher and a tennis racket. The racket is the perfect tool for blocking strikes — you can see through it and it protects a large area, Phillips says.

"Twenty feet or so from the bottom of the shaft the exclamations become intense."

"Oh man!"  
"Whoa! Look at that!"

The snakes have abandoned the low-level cranial for a giant crevice that cuts through the rock. They are balled up, clinging to the nearly vertical surfaces of the crack. The flashlights illuminate their bodies, hanging like progs for an Indiana Jones-style movie.

"You wouldn't have thought about those crevices being in there," Haral says when he's back out of the ground. "I guess they got a more-efficient use of the heat up there."

Haral is surprised that his curiosity even drew him into the mine. "I never thought I'd go down in there," he says. "These snakes go to rattlin' like a little nervous." For Phillips, who says he has wanted to descend into that mine for 20 years, it's a great way to spend a day.

"I like living on the edge," he says. **SNAKE PIT.**



## States, tribes pool money to secure winter range

**SODA SPRINGS (AP)** — A key part of one of southeastern Idaho's most important mule deer winter ranges is now protected from development.

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and the Idaho Fish and Game Department pooled federal Bonneville Power Administration money to buy about 2,800 acres in Idaho Canyon. It is in the Soda Springs Hills about six miles northwest of here.

Fish and Game studies indicate that before a recent slump in numbers, the 32,000 acres comprising the Soda hills served as sanctuary for the highest density of deer in the state.

"It's real desirable winter range," wildlife biologist Bill Davidson said. "Deer have been

coming here for years and years."

Its southwest slopes soak up sun, so they don't build up a lot of snow and make browse available. Juniper forms wind breaks that minimize wind chill.

BPA money for the acquisition is to mitigate fish and wildlife habitat lost when Palisades Reservoir was built on the Snake River decades ago.

"The primary reason for acquiring this was to keep homes from being built on it," Davidson said.

But because Soda Springs is a growing community, now was the time to protect the tract from real estate development, said Davidson and Shoshone-Bannock fisheries biologist Chad Colter said.

Ranchers Don Kightly and Ted Cannon are being paid about \$500 an acre for the land.

"It wouldn't have happened without the landowners' cooperation and our talking into it in a speculative venture," Davidson said.

Under a cooperative plan BLM, the tribes and Fish and Game will decide, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management will manage the land primarily to maintain deer winter range. Livestock grazing will still be allowed as long as it supports the browse deer need in the winter, Davidson said.

"We're in a firm now, my grandkids will be able to stand on that small cover there and see that this land will still be like it is now."

## Biologist discusses failure to save Snake salmon and steelhead runs

**LEWISTON (AP)** — Scientific evidence strongly suggests gold-plating Snake River dams with expensive fish bypass projects or expanding the fleet of barges on the river is the best technology will not save dwindling salmon and steelhead runs, a state expert says.

Steve Pettit, a Lewiston-based Idaho Fish and Game Department fisheries staff biologist, points out that about 80 percent of the young fish migrating through the dams perish and a fifth of the larger, stronger adults returning to spawning streams are claimed by the four lower Snake River dams.

During a forum in Lewiston on Monday, Pettit said the role of the dams in the demise of the runs was long foreseen, and today

all of the river's salmon and steelhead runs are protected under the Endangered Species Act.

While the lower Snake River dams were being built in the 1960s, some biologists openly predicted the fish would last about 30 years, he said.

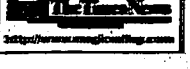
A comparison of the Snake's salmon runs with those downstream in the Columbia River basin more clearly illustrated the dam's effects, Pettit maintained.

The 2,000 or so fall chinook in the Snake are a shadow of the 60,000-fish run from the 1960s. Yet the fall chinook of the Columbia's Hanford Reach, fish that must migrate across only four dams on the lower Columbia, have remained one of the brightest successes in the Northwest, he said.

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## Tews Ranch offers practice shoot

**SHOSHONE** — Tews Ranch will hold a practice shoot for sporting clays on Saturday. The event begins at 1 p.m. The ranch is northwest of Shoshone, so follow Highway 75 to mile marker 80 and follow signs from there.

For more information, call Rusty Tews at 886-2100.

## Basemasters host tournament

**TWIN FALLS** — If you're hunting for a bass-fishing tournament this weekend, you're in luck because the Magic Valley Basemasters are hosting one Saturday at Burnside Reservoir.

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Top chipmaker launches computer help center

Will deal with any hardware or software problem

The Associated Press

HILLSBORO, Ore. — Intel is launching a one-stop user service to help computer users solve problems with any hardware or software, no matter who makes it.

The world's top computer chipmaker decided to move into the help business because it has the research and development resources to handle the most complex problems that users face. . . . Go to http://www.magiclevel.com and click on the NewsLink icon.



Intel vice president Jim Johnson shows off the company's new member services department, still under construction in Hillsboro, Ore., last week. Intel is launching a new service to give users a one-stop-shopping help line for problems they encounter with any hardware or software, no matter who makes it.

ple can dial a toll-free number and get their questions answered by a technician within minutes. The basic service will cost about \$55 a month, with higher prices for additional service levels. Intel will encourage people to use its special software that dials up the help center Internet site,

where customers can pose their problems directly or browse a library of frequently asked questions. The software also will automatically diagnose the customer's computer, provide data backup and virus protection. Saraiza Clara, Calif.-based Intel found that 70 percent of the calls

to help lines at other companies were questions about how to use hardware or software, with only a fraction asking how to fix true bugs in the equipment or programs.

A leading analyst says the move likely will further solidify consumer reliance on the Intel

brand name while helping generate more demand for computers and software.

"The use of use has always been issue with them," said Kevin Fisher of International Data Corp. in Mountain View, Calif. "Anything they can do to help demand in general, and further more increase demand for higher-end systems, is beneficial to them. It looks altruistic, and in a way it is, but anything they do to raise demand helps them more than anybody else."

Johnson said the most popular editions of several leading computer magazines are the so-called "tip editions" that offer ways to solve common problems. People will spend hours browsing through hundreds or even thousands of tips just to find one or two that may solve a nagging question, experts say.

Michelle Lebedins of Estero, Fla., who took part in early tests of the service, said she had used computers at work for years, but learned only what she needed to know to do her job as an insurance claims manager.

"I didn't even know what 'download' meant," she said. The first time she used her machine from home, she dialed into the service center's Internet site, and a technician called her back within a few minutes with an answer.

"It was so nice that you could ask a question and have them respond in so short a time. It was really amazing. They knew exactly what I needed," she said.

Small stocks set 1st high since October

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Smaller-company stocks completed a sluggish five-month recovery Wednesday, highlighting another record-setting day in Wall Street's rebound from late October's selloff.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 32.83 to 8,675.75, its second consecutive record high.

Broader stock indicators also posted a modest advance, but it was enough to lift the S&P 500 to 2000 index of smaller companies to its first record since Oct. 13.

With no major companies stepping forward with bad news for the second straight day, concern about last week's string of profit warnings from Intel, Motorola and Compaq Computer continued to fade.

"Today is just another day in a boring bull market," said John Shaughnessy, chief investment strategist at Advent Inc. in Hartford, Conn. "It's a waning of concerns about (the economic crisis in Asia), and the reality that (the U.S.) economy has proven to be stronger than expected."

After falling more than 4 percent in the early days of January, the Dow has also risen nearly 1700 points, or about 24 percent, from the bottom of October's slide.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various NYSE stocks including AAPL, AMZN, and others with columns for name, price, change, volume, and bid/ask.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table showing NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ indices with columns for name, price, change, volume, and bid/ask.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table listing various NASDAQ stocks including AOL, MSFT, and others with columns for name, price, change, volume, and bid/ask.

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Table showing major market indices like S&P 500, NYSE, and NASDAQ with price and change.

SPECTAS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local market activity with columns for name, price, change, volume, and bid/ask.

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Market report commentary and analysis, including a section titled 'Ask' with related data.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various American Stock Exchange stocks with columns for name, price, change, volume, and bid/ask.

MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

COMMODITY FUTURE TRADING ON THE CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE

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NEW YORK (AP) - Key currency exchange rates

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FOSSIL FUELS

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More homeowners fall behind on mortgages

WASHINGTON (AP) - The number of Americans behind on their mortgage payments increased at the end of 1997 to the highest level in nearly two years. Mortgage delinquencies rose to a seasonally adjusted 4.36 percent in the October-December quarter, the Mortgage Bankers Association of America said Wednesday. Delinquencies increased in all regions of the country in the fourth quarter from 5.01 percent to 5.21 percent in the West, from 4.07 percent to 4.17 percent in the Northeast, from 3.65 percent to 3.70 percent in the Midwest, and from 3.80 percent to 3.83 percent in the South. The delinquency rate is the proportion of mortgages with payments 30 or more days overdue. David Lereah, the association's chief economist, said the increase was concentrated among adjustable-rate mortgages, which account for roughly one-fifth of all mortgages. Many adjustable-rate mortgages improved in the last half of 1996 had their first adjustment during the last quarter. In some cases, the adjustment was as much as 2 percent points, resulting in quite a payment shock, Lereah said. Last year, the industry saw the largest number of refinancings in four months to some of the lowest fixed rates in 30 years, should help temper any further increases in the delinquency rate.

State's demand for electricity last year falls short of records

BOISE (AP) - In spite of record customer growth last year, Idaho Power Co. failed to set any new marks for peak electrical demand. The utility's summer peak of 2,545 megawatts on July 8 was well below the peak demand of 2,661 set on July 9, 1996. The declining peak demand, which occurs when irrigation pumping and air conditioning use are at their highest. The winter peak in 1997 was set for all basins. The company's record occurred in 1989 when peak usage rose to 2,327. With improving precipitation, the utility's hydrologists expect inflow into Brownlee Reservoir in Healy Canyon during the period from April through July to be 5.2 million acre-feet of water. That is slightly above last month's projection of 5.1 million and the 70-year median inflow of 4.8 million acre-feet. Inflows into Brownlee in March are expected to average 24,000 cubic feet per second, reflecting a demand that typically occurs when irrigation pumping and air conditioning use are at their highest. In February, inflows averaged 23,262 cubic feet per second, with 20,357 cfs in January. Snowpack in the mountains above the Snake River are nearly normal for all basins. They range from 84 percent of average for the Fayette Basin to 126 percent of normal in the Malheur Basin.

Stocks

Confined from 1 5/8 to 99 1/8 and AT&T rose 1 1/2 to 64 3/16 as the Dow's two biggest gainers. Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 7-to-5 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, which closed 100.55 points higher in shares, up from 635.57 on Tuesday. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose 4.22 to 1,068.47. The Russell 2000 rose 2.50 to 467.12, topping Oct. 13's record of 465. The small-company-dominated American Stock Exchange composite index rose 1.25 to 713.94, but still sits at eight points shy of its 1929 peak. The NYSE's Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 10.88 to 6,355.70, again showing no sign of regaining the momentum that preceded last week's spate of profit warnings. The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index rose 8.34 to 1,756.85, but still sits about 83 points below record territory.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table listing various mutual funds with columns for Name, \$Bil, Growth, and other metrics.

TECHNOLOGY AGE



Con Paulus Chevrolet-Portillo-GMC recently donated a T-1000 Techline computer to the College of Southern Idaho. The Automotive Service Excellence Program at CSI is among the best in the nation. Con Paulus is currently sponsoring four students and has sponsored the ASEB program for the past 17 years. The team also donated a 4.3 liter fuel-injected engine to help students learn about the engine. Pictured are, from left, Gary Haskill, CSI ASEB Instructor; Chris Hosman, Con Paulus Chevrolet, Inc. service manager; Del Harper, CSI ASEB GM training manager; Chuck Hosman, CSI ASEB Instructor; and John Clifford, Con Paulus Chevrolet, Inc. parts manager.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Performers on stage at Java today

TWIN FALLS - Be Who You Be, Lynch Mob and Nadir, will perform at 8 p.m. today at Java on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

Magic Valley Sci-Fi club meets Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Sci-Fi Club will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Prime Cut Meat Market Restaurant, 611 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

St. Patrick's Day dinner scheduled

TWIN FALLS - St. Edward's Parish is hosting an old-fashioned St. Patrick's Day dinner from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Antique collectibles showing in Fliler

FLILER - An antique and collectible show and sale is planned for 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.

Group joins in prayer for children

EDEN - A Grandmothers In Touch group meets from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Thursdays.

Letters of THANKS

Acequia school carnival a success

Acequia Elementary School would like to thank our community for the fantastic support shown at the school carnival. Thank you to those parents who gave time and effort to toward the planning of the carnival and sale. Thank you to the following. We really appreciate your support.

United Way makes delivery possible

On behalf of the Twin Falls Senior Citizen Federation, the Congregate and the Senior Board, we would like to thank the United Way for its contribution to the home-delivered meals. Without this service, many shut-ins would not have a warm, nutritious meal to enjoy.

Acquila school carnival a success

Acquila Elementary School would like to thank our community for the fantastic support shown at the school carnival. Thank you to those parents who gave time and effort to toward the planning of the carnival and sale. Thank you to the following. We really appreciate your support.

Whiteside Dairy, Dairy Queen, TCBY, PineTree Sports, Cycle City, Price's Cafe, Rupert Bowl, Knapp, Racquetball Club, Jensen Jewelry, Rock's Cycling, Dickson Oil, Finish Line, Walmart, Bob's Tire Shop, Rupert Book Store, Lee Hardware, Rocky Mountain Realty,

CLUB CALENDAR

CIVIC

Blue Lakes Rotary Club Meets at 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Weston Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Twin Falls. For more information, call President Bruce Bacon at 734-9397 or President Elect Bob Mungerson at 733-5791. Bull Rotary Club Meets at noon Thursdays at Bull's Restaurant, downtown Bull. For more information, call President George Nye at 543-9239 or Secretary Robert E. Bailey at 543-5506.

Burley Lions Club Meets at noon Fridays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave. For more information, call Secretary Larry Goussouth at (208) 678-3653 or President Sam Yoshida at 678-4783. Burley Rotary Club Meets at noon Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center. For more information, call President Dave Westfall at 678-0466 or Secretary Jon Anderson at 678-0212.

Civil Air Patrol Meets at 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Burley National Guard Armory. Anyone age 12 and older is invited to join. For more information, call Pete Schultz at 677-2559 or James Fletcher at 436-6861. Kiwanis Club of Bull Meets at noon Tuesdays at Melina's Restaurant, 113 Broadway Ave. S. For more information, call President Chuck Geska at (208) 543-4624 or Secretary Tamara Tober at 543-8229.

Kiwanis Club of Fliler Meets at noon Tuesdays at the Fliler Civic Center. For more information, call Secretary Shirley Gallely at (208) 326-4530, business phone or home at (208) 326-4051. Kiwanis Club of Twin Falls Meets at noon Thursdays at the Turf Club for lunch. For more information, call Mark Melni, president, at 736-4276 or Marvin Chantrelain, secretary at 734-4244.

Magic Valley Optimist Club of Twin Falls Meets at 6:30 p.m. Mondays at the Redside Restaurant, Twin Falls. For more information, call Tom Revel at 734-1948, or Donna Bohm at 733-2276. Twin Falls Lions Club Meets at noon Wednesdays at the Mandarin House. For more information, call Brian Welch, president at 736-4350, or Ray Strobel, membership chairman at 734-6644.

Twin Falls Optimist Club Meets at noon Thursdays at the Mandarin House. For more information, call Wayne Bohm, president, or Archie Goodman, membership chairman, at 733-2043. Twin Falls Rotary Club Meets at noon Wednesdays at the Turf Club in Twin Falls. For more information, call Roger Burdick, president, at 736-4023, or Bob Cook, secretary, at 734-6549.

Writers Support Group Meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Newkirk's (in Haley) 120 N. Main. For more information, call John at (208) 788-4003. Gooding Business and Professional Women Meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Lincoln Inn. For more information, call Karen Uria at 934-8452 or 934-8265. Idaho Rebekah Lodge #96 Wendell

Meets at 8 p.m. Mondays. For more information, call Alice McCord at 538-2029 or Laraine Miller at 538-2029. Fliler Chamber of Commerce Meets at noon today at city hall. For more information, call Shirley Gallely at 326-4530 or Linda Gwyn at 326-4336.

Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club Will hold a St. Patrick's Day Dance at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday at St. Jerome's Parish Hall. No lessons will be offered, just fun dancing. All dances, new and old, welcome. For more information, call Jane Coster at 733-9235.

Will sponsor a workshop today at the Jerome American Legion. The workshop will start at 10 a.m. For more information, call Jane Coster at 733-9235. Brittons and Bows Square Dance Club Will hold a workshop Monday at the Jerome American Legion Hall. Experienced dancers will be teaching. For more information, call Jane Coster at 733-9235.

Magic Valley Chess Club Meets from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturdays at Barnes and Noble Booksellers in Twin Falls. For more information, call Betsy Ecker at 733-8186. Magic Valley Pinball Club Meets at 2:00 p.m. Wednesdays at Disabled American Veterans Hall on Harrison Street and Shoop Avenue, Twin Falls. Open to the public. \$2 donation. Pinball. Meets at 1 p.m. Mondays at Magic Valley Bridge House, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls. For more information, call 733-8699. Newcomers welcome.

Valley Vista Retirement Center Pinball Club Meets Tuesdays and Saturdays in the community center at 653 Rose St. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call Jean Giesler at 636-6571 or Billie Park at 436-4886. Bridge Club Meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the War Memorial Hall in Gooding. Cost is \$1.25. Participants must be over 18. B & J Duplicate Bridge Meets at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the

Rupert Elks Lodge, 200 W. 85 S. Empty Pockets Coin Club Meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Elks Lodge, 109 E. Idaho. New members are welcome. Miss Cassia Singles Meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays for a roundtable discussion at ISU W. St. in Heyburn. This club is not affiliated with any church organization. Singles ages 20 and older are invited to attend. For more information, call 678-5238 or 678-5407.

Weight Loss Barclay TOPS ID No. 256 (a weight loss support group) Meets from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays, with weigh in at 5:30 p.m., at the Heyburn School lunch room. Gooding TOPS Chapter No. 251 (a weight loss support group) Meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Gooding Senior Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave. For more information, call 678-4648. Jerome TOPS Chapter No. 48 Meets at 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the public library. For more information, call 324-2246. Twin Falls TOPS Club ID No. 3 Meets at 12:30 p.m. Mondays at Our Senior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. (corner of Heyburn and Main). For more information, call 733-3304.

Twin Falls TOPS Chapter No. 389 Meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 455 Cassell Ave. W. in the recreation center. For more information, call 734-5132 or 736-3291. Overeaters Anonymous Meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at First Baptist Church on Shoshone Street (go through side doors) in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-4547. Overeaters Anonymous Meets at 10 a.m. Saturdays at the First Baptist Church, 510 Shoshone St. (center at the ninth avenue corner) in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-4547.

Overeaters Anonymous Meets at 12:30 p.m. Mondays at First Baptist Church, Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-4547. AA (for college of Southern Idaho students) Meets at noon Thursdays at the Center for New Directions, Room 118. For more information, call Keith at 733-9554 Ext. 2680. Al-Anon (for relatives and close friends of problem drinkers) For more information, call meeting times and places, call Al-Anon Hotline at 736-3555. Alkates Meets from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Walker Center Outreach, Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls. The meeting is for young people affected by someone else's drinking. For more information, call Elex at 734-0554.

Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families Meets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Walker Center, 263 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls. Each meeting is counselor facilitated and cost free. For more information, call Susan at 734-4200. New Life Fellowship (a 12-step recovery group and bible study) Meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays at the First Baptist Church of Nuzume, 1231 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call Mike at 736-9292 or Tom at 734-6714.

Brotherhood Anonymous Meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call 736-8446, 734-0590 or 733-7897. Breath Easy Club & Magic Valley Brethren Church of Idaho (a group of people with lung disease and their family and friends.) For more information, call 345-5864. Christian 12-Step Support Group For more information, call Susan at 734-7201. Cocaine Anonymous For more information, call 734-7242. DivorceCare Will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays at the First Church of Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call 733-6610. DivorceCare Will meet from 8 to 10 p.m. Thursdays at the College of Southern Idaho Shields Building, room 110. For more information, call 734-7930 or 326-4620. Help to Quit Smoking Will meet at 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the College of Southern Idaho Shields Building, room 112. For more information, call Barbara at 734-7467.

Magic Valley Brain Injury Support Group For more information, call Cassandra Blenkins at (208) 326-4080 or Sonia Blakey-Hunter at 733-0824. Moms in Touch Meets at various times throughout the week. MITI is a group of Christian moms who meet one hour each week to pray for their children and people with troubled teachers. For more information, call Lori at 825-9604. Narcotics Anonymous Meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Southern Idaho Region 736-1160 or 1-800-328-5257. Overcomers Outreach Christ-centered 12-Step Support Group (for addictive and compulsive behavior) Meets at 7 p.m. on Mondays at First Baptist Church, 2262 Hilland Ave. For more information, call Mitch or Rita at (208) 678-3678. Parents of Down Syndrome Children For more information, call Danielle Groves at 733-8869, or leave a message. Post Polio Support Group For more information, call Nancy Howell at 678-2571. Recovery Inc. (a self-help mental health group) Meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Magic Valley Clinic, 450 E. 27th St. in Burley. For more information, call Rhonda at 678-8180. Substance Abuse Volunteer Efforts (S.A.V.E.) For more information, call (208) 436-9460. Mental Health Support Group Meets at 7 p.m. Monday in the waiting room at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital. For more information, call 1-800-572-9940. Cancer Support Group Meets 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. today in the cancer center reception area at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. For more information, call Chae, Beulah Davis at 737-2800 or Leonard Ward at 736-2455.

THE CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

to the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory Invites you to learn about the Board's concerns related to the Department of Energy's Draft Accelerated Cleanup and the Work Plan for Pit 9

Tuesday, March 17, 1998 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, 1998 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Quality Inn

Castellon, L. The Citizens Advisory Board addresses issues related to Department of Energy activities at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. The CAB will hold its March meetings in person, Idaho and Idaho just by email. The Department of Energy will provide information on the CAB's activities to Idaho. Public comment session Tuesday, March 17, 8 a.m. and Wednesday, March 18, 1-6 p.m. For additional agenda or to register for public comment, please call the CAB support staff at (208) 832-3928 or e-mail: nca@idn.gov. http://www.idn.gov/nca

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The Junior Club of Twin Falls held its 1997 Holiday Home Tour in December. The club was able to give \$3,000.82 each to Children at Risk, Evanston Services and Neighbors in Need from the event. The Junior Club wishes to thank the home tour participants: Tom and Barbara Smith, Ray and Janet Goffin, John and Susan Gamba, Kenneth and June Edwards, Craig and Cindy Orndall, Larry and Ginny McCombs, and Bill and Ann Hoffmann. The success of the event was due to their willing and caring participation and hard work. I like, thank you again, Magic Valley, for always supporting our causes and events to help the organizations within our community that we hold dear to our heart. GUNNIE A. HANCOCK Twin Falls



WORLD

Evidence of atrocities found in killings of ethnic Albanians

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KOSOVKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia — Artillery burst through the walls just before dawn, and Driza Jashari dove down and took cover...



Ethnic Albanian girls light candles on a tree during their protest in the Kosovo capital of Pristina Wednesday. Several hundred women protested against violence in the northern Kosovo province.

They zigzagged through the fighting, found a dirt road, and fled on a tractor. Two of Jashari's other brothers were killed in the attack, and her mother and two other sisters are missing...

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15 women, 18 young men, seven elderly men and 12 children. On Tuesday, the bodies had been gouged out and his arm severed, Bernai said. Four of the victims appeared to have been in the back of the hearse and the body of one 12-year-old girl had only two teeth, indicating she had been beaten...

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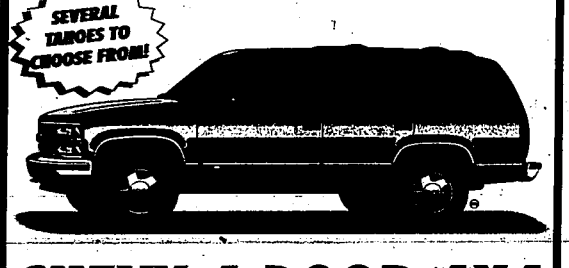


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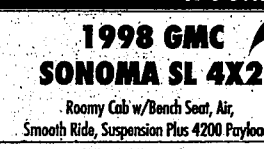
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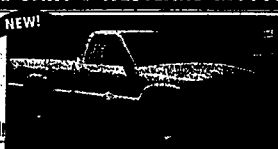
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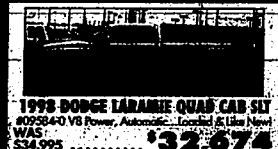
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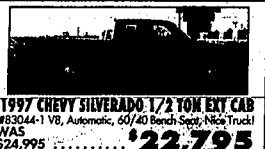
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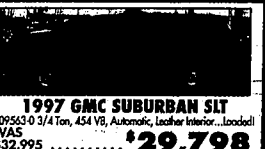
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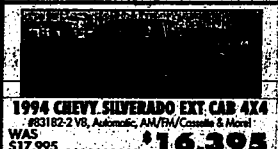
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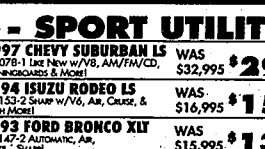
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LATLERS

# The news really can be hilarious

It might seem like the real thing, but it isn't.

With guests such as Jerry Falwell and G. Gordon Liddy portraying themselves, welcome to the world of "Lateline," a TV-created and coproduced by "Saturday Night Live" veteran Al Franken, who also plays one of the correspondents, the NBC satire about a fictional TV news program premieres Tuesday (7:30 p.m. MT).

Based in Washington, D.C., the show within the show is a topical, nightly news program that keeps its workers on their toes. The anchor is a

Al Franken

helped by Robert Foxworth. It is a notorious womanizer, to the chagrin of his assistant (Catherine Lloyd Burns), while the demanding senior correspondent (Franken) often comes close to firing his producer (Megan Price) crazy.

The most obvious target of "Lateline" is ABC's "Nightline" and Franken has had full cooperation from that show's staff. "We're spot a lot of time there," he says. "We wanted to reward the accessibility they gave us by doing justice to their workplace, and the characters here are not the people you find there. Ted Koppel isn't anything like [Lateline]

## Cover story

anchor) Piero McKenna." Television news was picked for parody by Franken because, he explains, "it's an area I'm very interested in. This is actually came from Kerry McChugge, the head of TV at Paramount, and I thought it was a good one. When we had to stop production at the end of the first six episodes, it felt really bizarre. We had just gotten our rhythm."

"Even more than being a satire of the news, this is a sitcom. The spice of it is the real people and issues that we use. The characters were really growing into characters when we stopped, and the cast is one of the things I'm most proud of."

Also the man behind "Saturday Night Live's" post-1984 writing team, Smalley, Franken always wanted to be a star of "Lateline" as well as its principal creative force. "I just didn't know who I was going to play," he reflects. "I flirted with playing the anchor, but not for long. I tried to pay attention to the dynamics of the 'Nightline' staff, and all the producers. And I had stories about high-maintenance correspondents."

# USA lowers its oars for Moby Dick

It has been a classic for generations, and a new miniseries version proves it's still a whale of a tale.

The Herman Melville story "Moby Dick" gets fresh treatment in a USA Network presentation Sunday and Monday (6 p.m. MT each night). Patrick Stewart trades his "Star Trek: The Next Generation" image as Capt. Jean-Luc Picard to play another famous captain: Ahab, who involves the crew of his ship Pequot in his obsessive hunt for the fearsome whale that cost him one of his legs.

Henry Thomas portrays Ishmael, the ex-teacher who gets much more than he expected as he samples life at sea, and Ted Levine is seen as the first mate Starbuck. Appearing in a cameo is veteran actor Gregory Peck, who played Ahab in the 1956-movie version.

Reflecting on Ahab, Stewart says, "Who could resist this role? He is a giant figure in 19th-century literature, a man whose obsession has fascinated people for over a hundred years. I don't think the other of that role comes more than once in an actor's lifetime, so it was an opportunity I simply could not pass up. Ahab is a kind of grand, complex, passionate individual I enjoy playing."

Largely because of that,



Patrick Stewart stars as Captain Ahab in the new USA Network miniseries version of Herman Melville's classic "Moby Dick," Sunday and Monday.

Stewart was "never before as well-equipped" as when production on "Moby Dick" began. "I had been thinking about it for nine months, and it's still rare that an actor gets that long. I not only read the novel, but I researched Melville. I also spent time in Nantucket—which was one of the great whaling centers on the East Coast—and went to Mystic, Conn., which has the only surviving 19th-century whaler in the United States."

Stewart spoke with Peck about playing Ahab, "although he was only with us for the last week of filming in Australia. He had very graciously agreed to talk with me just over a year ago, when I was first starting to think conceptually about the role and how it was fascinating and his understanding of Ahab."

"It's marvelous to hear another actor talk about his approach to something. I wasn't anxious to steal any of his ideas. I simply wanted to know what his experience had been like. I look upon it as a great personal honor to have spoken with him, and it was a huge benediction on our production that he wanted to be in it."

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# Celebrity gossip

Q: I saw a Dorco commercial recently that was amazing. This gorgeous woman does acrobatic splits while eating Dorco. Who is she?

A: The spot in question, which first aired during the Super Bowl and takes place in a lamnarium, stars 24-year-old Ali Landry, a former Miss USA, who's obviously a Dorco. She has been taking dance lessons for 15 years.

Clearly, a number of casting agents noticed Landry's ability to catch chips while contorting her body into various positions; numerous TV offers came in after the Super Bowl spot aired.

Q: I watched the Olympics and thought Lisa Kulik, the gold medal winner for men's figure skating, was great. Will he tour this country? —T.R.C.

A: Indeed, Kulik was under contract

to a high-powered Hollywood agent at the famous William Morris agency for a year before his Olympic triumph, and he's getting busy.

Besides going on national tour with other top competitors, such as silver medalist Michelle Kwan, Kulik may have movies in his future. The 20-year-old resident of Marlborough, Mass., certainly has the looks, and he also speaks excellent English.

Q: I'm wondering why Tootie Spelling dyed her hair brown. And Aaron Spelling has had grampas or neither? —J.L.

A: Tootie, 24, darkened her blonde hair for a role in the movie "The House of Yes." The director, Mark Waters, thought the less glamorous color would fit her part of a woman who works in a doughnut shop.

And Aaron, 63, is her father.

Q: Will the entire "Seinfeld" series be packaged after the program concludes this season? If so, how soon, and where will I be able to buy it? —P.R.C.

A: A spokesman for the show is sure

that some commemorative video package will result after the hit sitcom leaves the air in May, but details haven't been discussed yet.

Q: I read from time to time that Elizabeth Taylor is going to return to acting, but then nothing happens. Will she? —J.L.

A: Given the precarious state of the star's health, particularly her most recent surgery for removal of a brain tumor, it's been hard to predict anything. But Taylor, 66, seems to be showing the remarkable stamina and strength that have enabled her to rebound throughout her illness-plagued life. She now seems to be seriously considering a return to acting via a TV special.

Reportedly the vehicle in question is "The Visit," in which she would play a millionaire who offers a huge sum to the homewoman if someone there will call a former lover.

Got a question? Write to Robin Adams, Sloan in care of this newspaper, or by e-mail: adsl@earthlink.com.







**ALL IN Y CHILDREN**

Jake returned to his hospital duties. Adam discovered a copy of Joe's obituary. The Mystery Woman told Tad her name is Camille, and then revealed shocking information about Adam and her mother. Phoebe found the bag Jim planted at Brooke's house. Next Week: Liz told Marian exactly what she thought about Jim. Next Week: Liz looks the cause of her miscarriage.

**THE MARRIAGE**

After finding a possible link between Wally and the dead left at Cass' house, Carl reported by phone. "It's all going according to plan." Pauline fled with Dante before Joe could tell her he now believed her story about the fire. At Sherry's grave, Liz crested Vicki's vow to tell Jake she'd been with Shane the night he died. Gary tested his brother when he denied parole. Meanwhile, Jodie continued to hide her secret from him. Next Week: Matt is increasingly uneasy about Lib's pregnancy.

**AS THE WORLD TURNS**

Aware she had only one more day to live, Carl urged Hank to take her home from the hospital to start their honeymoon. Lucinda seethed when David let James go after he promised to help David destroy her. Jack and Rick rescued Holden and Sen. David threatened to sue when Jessica said Lily won't give him the money for "helping" to snail James. Next Week: James comes up with a new plan.

**BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL**

After knocking out Jonny, Ruth pretended to be him when Lauren telephoned. Ridge asked Brooke if she'd faked her pregnancy to keep him from learning he was the father of Taylor's baby. Taylor told Ridge her fear she might miscarry affected the decisions she made while she was pregnant. Macy wondered what it'd do about Thorne's phone number. Amber asked Rick and C.J. to accompany her when she performs for John Quincy, the record producer. Next Week: Brooke gets devastating news about Rick.

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES**

While Edmund and "Susan" (actually Kristen) were telling Sister Mary Moira about their engagement, the real Susan was forced to perform a belly dance for the team. The show was shaken up when he saw her unveiled face. Meanwhile, Celeste predicted something terrible would happen at Kristen's funeral. Marlene was told when Roman rushed into a

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burning building to save a woman and a little girl. Just as Jonsey was about to tell Vivian the truth about his wealth, he fell on top of her and died. Next Week: Celeste's prediction comes true.

"Publish Matt's story" about the tragedy in Canton. Max and Blair searched for the crucial videotape. Next Week: Todd challenges Andrew to serve his soul.

**GENERAL HOSPITAL**

Helen approached Robin after learning of her growing closeness to Nikolas. Jason refused to believe Edward was involved in Michael's kidnapping. After digging into Nikolas' accusations, Jason learned that Lucky decided to leave home. Next Week: Carly for Mitchell's kidnapping. Amy found

Alan passed out from an overdose of pills. Desperate to find Michael, Jason allowed the police to tap his phones. Mac and Felicia were sure Jax was involved in Tess' plot. Next Week: Luke issues a warning to Nikolas.

**GUIDING LIGHT**

Joel was unable to stop Mitchell's experiment, and later began his journey to bring a cloned Reva back to the family, unaware that Reva was still alive. Beth was summoned to learn Harley was investigating Jax. Holly had decided to choose Roger, Fletcher left town with little Meg. Rick and Abby cling to each other as she faced the reality of going to jail. Next Week: Joshua faces a new dilemma.

**ONE LIFE TO LIVE**

Recalling his own lost love, Sam urged Todd to fight for Tess. Later, Sam and Nora reminisced about their past romance. Doree and a new business venture. Wiki refused to

**PORT CHARLES**

Lucy recalled the herbal pills Rex had painted, but later learned she was the target of an upcoming class action lawsuit. Unaware that Bobby was tapping the phone, Matt called the federal marshal with a plan to trap him. Bobby later disguised himself as the murdered marshal, and appeared at Ellen's door. Mitch to Kevin's dismay, Lucy decided the best way to ruin her company was to marry Joe, Karen, and Jake saw the results of their cell regeneration compound. Next Week: Matt finds a disturbing call.

**SUNSET BEACH**

Annie worried that Olivia would remember that Annie had taken her baby from her. Ben told Meg he suffered with one of his teethes at the time Maria died. Sean became suspicious of the timing of the stillborn birth of Olivia's child and the successful birth of Caitlin's son. Madame Carren had a message for Gabi about Meg's impending danger. Virginia planted the skin rash formula into Vanessa's skin. Next Week: Annie and Ricardo reveal their mother's identity.

**YOUNG AND RESTLESS**

Chris warned Grace she had to tell Cassie that Sharon is her mother. Nikki threatened to fire Sarah (Veronica) after she broke a sentimental gift from Victor. Later, Nikki crashed Diane's birthday party for Victor and announced she and Josh planned to have a baby. Cole suggested Nina write a novel about her life. Ryan asked Nina to stay friendly after the divorce for Phillip's sake as well as their own. Malcolm tried to excite Nell's ardor for Du by showing him some photos of her. Paul asked Chris if they still have a marriage. Meanwhile, Danny told Kay that Chris was having a affair with a man. Next Week: Sharon faces a crisis about Cassie.

**Beth Chamberlin: Could Jane Austen write a soap?**

**Soap stars**  
Soil Groves

Just when it seemed as if "Guiding Light's" Mark Goodson and Phillip Spaulding (Beth Ehlers and Grant Aleksander) were going to have a happy future together, a spin-off fact: that such soap relationships are as rare as Parisian's apology for laughing at your high school French, his estranged with Beth Raines Spaulding, re-emerged in Springfield with an agenda calculated to turn Harley's fans into emotional road-kill.

For the fans, this appeared to be a very different Beth from the one they remembered. But Beth Chamberlin, who returned to the show several months ago to reprise her role, respectfully disagreed. "I wouldn't say this is a different Beth," says Chamberlin. "To say it's Beth in a new situation."

"She's really despise," Chamberlin continues. "She feels she not only needs Phillip to make her happy, but she also needs him so she can live as a first person. And there's also—her daughter, Lizzie, to consider."

Yet, women can lead full lives without having to depend on men to help them sustain their self-esteem. So, if Beth Chamberlin were actually Beth Raines, would instead of her portrayal, what would she tell her?

"I would tell her in fact like a whole person on her own. First, and then, if a relationship comes into her life, she can have that on her own terms."

But Chamberlin notes that such advice would probably be ignored.

"Keep in mind," she says, "that Beth has had a horrendous childhood. So many terrible things happened to her. She'd been beaten. Her stepfather raped her. She also endured some difficult situations in Arizona in the last two years. All of this is coming into play now. She's terrified to be on her own, and terrified to



Beth Chamberlin  
Beth on "GL"

raise Lizzie on her own. This is why she doesn't want just any man; she wants Phillip to protect her."

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Many Chamberlin agrees soap can encourage positive public responses to social problems. Noting that "soaps have a unique way of bringing up issues," Chamberlin cited the example of how "GL," for one, helped teach people how to avoid contracting AIDS without either becoming celibate or sacrificing the romance in a relationship.

"Every time there was a love scene," Chamberlin says, "we would talk about protection. What she did was help our viewers—including college students and young women looking for a relationship—learn that you could take care of yourself and still keep the romance in the moment, and that you weren't be ashamed of taking care of yourself."









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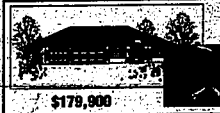
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