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# Batt vetoes abortion measure

The Associated Press and The Times-News

BOISE — Convinced it could do more harm than good, Gov. Phil Batt Monday vetoed a requirement that minors obtain parental consent or judicial approval before obtaining an abortion.

"I do not know how many abortions would be prevented in Idaho by this bill," the retiring Republican chief executive said, citing constitutional questions raised about the bill.

"I believe the number of women dissuaded would be small and those young women would be among the least prepared for motherhood and that the children would likely receive woefully inadequate parenting," he said.

House Speaker and 2nd Congressional District candidate Mike Simpson, campaigning in

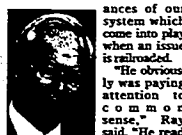
Twin Falls Monday, said he is disappointed by Batt's decision.

"I still believe in parental consent, to me that was a good bill," said Simpson, R-Blackfoot. "What (the veto) probably ensured is there will be hot debate on it next year, while we probably could have put it to bed."

Batt's action came two weeks after he proved his underdoged his own opposition to abortion by approving a legally challenged abortion procedure ban.

Abortion-rights advocates were angry. The anti-abortion movement threatened retaliation at the polls.

Jen Ray of the Idaho Women's Network said Batt's decision underscored the "checks and bal-



Gov. Phil Batt

ances of our system which come into play when an issue is readdressed. "He obviously was paying attention to common sense," Ray said. "He read the bill."

enough in checking adolescent abortions while Senate leaders, aggravated by the demanding tactics of the proponents, wanted to strip away the most objectionable provisions of the proposal pushed through the House.

Dennis Mansfield, founder of the Idaho Family Forum, said Batt's action vindicates the validity of the original bill as organization drafted and convinced the House to pass.

While chaining any veto of an anti-abortion bill marks a sad day, Mansfield said the blame "clearly falls at the feet of the Senate."

"This now becomes an issue that will not quietly go into a sunset for 1999," he declared in a veiled threat of retaliation at the polls.

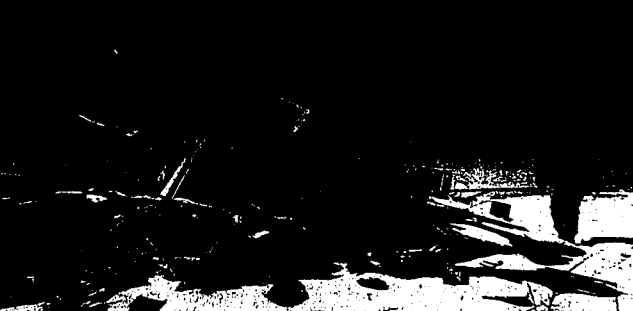


For more on why Gov. Phil Batt vetoed the abortion bill, visit The Times-News Online at http://www.magicvalley.com and click on NewsLinks.

founded Idaho Chooses Life PAC came right to the point.

"Such a lack of faithfulness to the Republican Party's pro-life platform will mean trouble for the party and its candidates in coming months," he said. "Pro-life voters, who have taken Republicans at their word, will surely express their disapproval in an appropriate manner."

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People in town expect a wood pile at the Twin Falls County Health Ministry for metal debris that might damage a cleanup. The city of Twin Falls will debut its own wood waste diversion center Saturday.

## Don't dump old wood — recycle it

By William Brock Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Good news for everyone preparing to throw out an old Christmas tree. The city's "wood-waste diversion center" will debut from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. The center is located at 967 Rose Street, a month's drive from South Park Avenue behind the municipal golf course.

Even if you don't have an old Yule tree, the center will accept all manner of wood wastes, including:

- Shrub
- Cedar shingles (no tar paper, please).
- Clean lumber.
- Wooden pallets.
- Stumps less than 32 inches in diameter.
- Tree limbs less than eight feet long.

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## Twin Falls Council trims falls fee hikes

Hearing will be scheduled on proposal for scenic sites

By William Brock Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Repeat visitors were spared, but single-entry visitors to Shoshone Falls and Dierkes Lake parks still face the prospect of higher entrance fees in the wake of Monday's City Council meeting.

The council will hold a public hearing on boosting the motor vehicle entry fee from \$2 to \$3; tour buses face an increase from \$10 to \$20.

No date for the hearing has been set. The council scuttled several other recommendations from the city's Parks and Recreation Commission, including:

- Boosting motor-vehicle fees to \$4.
- Hiking season-pass fees from \$25 to \$30.
- Raising the cost of coupon books from \$30 to \$50; each coupon book contains 20 entry tickets.



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pursue the original recommendations.

"We have not had a fee increase in eight years," Dane said. Many day-visit visitors are families with four or more people per car, he said, so doubling the entry fee "would be almost negligible."

Not everyone shared Dane's enthusiasm.

"If it's \$4 to go down, there, I'm never going to get there again," said Mark Livingston, who emerged from the crowd. "I've already seen it and most of the locals have seen it too."

"It really upset me and made me mad," added Kimberly resident Mary Lou Becker. "I've been"

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## Police post information on abduction

By Gregory Hahn Times-News writer

BURLEY — Authorities are still withholding the names of a couple who reported their 1-month-old boy kidnapped Sunday, but the Cassia County Sheriff's Department released a description of the man the couple says took the baby from the Wal-Mart parking lot.

"We have a real serious concern for the safety of the baby and his parents," said Lt. Jim Higgins.

The couple, who Higgins said have lived in Cassia County in the past,



described the abductor as a Hispanic male, aged 30 to 35, between 5 feet 5 inches and 5 feet 9 inches tall and 150 pounds. They said he has very

short hair, brown eyes and a tuxedo of a teardrop under his left eye. He was wearing a dark brown jacket and a pair of jeans.

The man approached the family in the parking lot, they said, showed them he had a gun in his waistband and told them he wanted the baby. He left with another man in a 1982-92 Ford minivan with a black top, a wide silver or gray strip through the middle, and a black bottom; the driver's side fender is faded, a sheriff's department press release said.

Higgins said the couple told

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## Wealthy dodge paying income taxes

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Many wealthy Americans achieve what millions of taxpayers and armies of accountants dream about this time of year: They don't pay a cent in federal income tax.

Despite a law aimed at making sure everyone pays at least some minimum tax, the number of rich tax avoiders — people making more than \$200,000 — totaled 1,137 in 1994, the IRS says.

The figures are contained in an Internal Revenue Service study of 1994 tax returns, released last week, which examines the unreported information taxpayers report to the IRS.

"You're still looking at the reality that 99.9 percent of returns still pay

tax," said IRS spokesman Don Roberts. Non-payers represented 0.102 percent of all wealthy tax returns, down from the peak 0.225 in 1983. The decline is due to a crackdown on tax shelters and other legal tax avoidance schemes.

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## UTE REBOUND



Utah's Michael Dubois (21) captures a rebound over Kentucky's Matt Smith (11) in the first half of the NCAA men's basketball championship game Monday night. Kentucky won, 78-69. For details, see Page B1 in Sports.

# THE REGION

### Camas Prairie

High: 42 Low: 19  
Partly cloudy and slightly warmer. Increasing clouds tonight. Mostly cloudy on Wednesday.

### Treasure Valley

High: 55 Low: 35  
Partly cloudy with southeast wind 5-15 mph. Mostly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Slightly warmer.

### Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 41 Low: 20  
Partly cloudy with increasing clouds tonight. Mostly cloudy Wednesday.

### Eastern Idaho

High: 53 Low: 28  
Partly sunny and warmer with increasing clouds and chance of snow showers tonight and Wednesday. Snow level 6000 feet.

### Northern Idaho

High: 53 Low: 33  
Partly cloudy with light winds and a chance of rain. Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday.

### Northern Utah

High: 52 Low: 36  
Light cloudy with increasing rain or snow tonight. Rain likely Wednesday possibly mixed with snow. Breezy south winds.

### Northern Nevada

High: 46 Low: 27  
Chance of rain or snow with snow showers tonight and Wednesday.

# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High: 48 Low: 29 Partly cloudy; south to southwest wind 5-15 mph.	High: 46 Low: 27 Chance of morning snow, afternoon rain showers.	High: 55 Low: 32 Mostly sunny west. Increasing clouds east.	High: 56 Low: 30 Partly cloudy.	High: 51 Low: 27 Chance of valley rain. Mountain snow.

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### NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, March 31.

FRONTS: COLD, WARM, STATIONARY

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# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Area	High	Low	Precipitation
Boise	48	26	0.00
Idaho Falls	42	30	0.00
Meridian	57	37	0.00
Twin Falls	48	26	0.00
Wendover	48	26	0.00
Yellowstone	48	26	0.00

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Index: 3  
Sun time: 11:15 to 4:24  
45 minutes

**SKYWATCH**  
Sunset today 7:03 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 6:21 a.m.  
Lunar phase: New, March 28; first quarter, April 3; full, April 11; last quarter, April 19.  
Visible planets: Morning: Venus, Jupiter, Evening: None. Daylight time set clocks ahead April 5.

### ACROSS THE NATION

**Midlands:** Rain fell from Wisconsin and Michigan into Texas and New Mexico. There were thunderstorms in parts of Kansas and Nebraska. Rocky Mountains: Cold air mass produced snow showers from the Dakotas into Wyoming, Colorado and the higher elevations of New Mexico. In Utah's Salt Lake Valley, a northwesterly wind flow created late-effect snow showers of the Great Salt Lake. Up to 4 inches of snow fell in the mountain valleys, snarling the morning commute. East Coast: A summer-like high pressure area in the Atlantic brought warm and humid conditions to much of the Southeast and mid-Atlantic region.

**Temperatures were in the 70s and 80s over the region. Skies were clear to partly cloudy.**  
West: Good weather with some high clouds prevailed. The Pacific Northwest had an increase in light showers, with light rain coming in the west and Washington and Oregon.  
Midwest: Heavy and cool weather spread across the region, with heavy rain in the afternoon and evening to increase and spread overnight. Afternoon showers were reported from 24 degrees at Miller, Missouri, at Lowell, Wis., ranging from 5 to 15 mph. Another snow shower over the Midwest.

## Jury starts work in initial Freeman trial

**BILLINGS, Mont. (AP)** — Jurors began deciding Monday whether "an avalanche of evidence" proved six Montana Freeman were accomplices in a criminal gang, as prosecutors contended, or victims of circumstance as defense lawyers argued.

"All the Freeman had was fake, phony documents, a twisted

interpretation of the law and the financial system ... and our Constitution," federal prosecutor George Z. Toscos told the federal court jury in closing arguments.

The Freeman may claim to be sovereign and above the law, he said, but "what kind of government is organized by a gang of criminals ... uses threats, creates its own courts, and on top of it all,

prints its own funny money?" Court-appointed lawyers for the six defendants painted them Monday as victims of circumstance who turned to the Freeman in desperation.

But Toscos said "an avalanche of evidence" seized after the standoff showed beyond any doubt that all six helped keep the FBI at bay.

## Water rose too fast to save trapped 6

**PHOENIX (AP)** — They couldn't wait for search-and-rescue teams — the water was rising too fast around the four Boy Scouts and two parents trapped atop a truck in a flooded valley.

Six deputies did what they could with what they had. They threw ropes and lifejackets, then tried to secure the vehicle against the 6-foot flow. But the truck rolled, and only three people were saved.

Leaders thought rain and flooding made it too dangerous for Troop 286 to stay in the moun-

tains. Sixteen-year-old Ben Franklin said he vaguely remembers a reminder of how responsibility clearly divided the scene.

"Until you've been there you can't understand how quickly the water can rise when it rains normally," he said. "I was in the back of the truck, and I was the only one who was not wearing a life jacket. I was the only one who was not wearing a life jacket."

Franklin arrived at the hospital

after the Ford Explorer rolled and two scouts and a parent were pulled to safety. They had hung on for more than two hours.

The incident occurred in the vicinity of the Explorer, which stalled on Highway 191. Frank said the water level rose from 5 feet to 15 feet in 10 minutes, almost covering the truck.

Rescuers searched through the night from the early morning hours until they were able to rescue the three victims.

## Wood

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"This is not a compost facility," so grass clipping will not be accepted, said Sherry Jeff, utility services director for the city.

The idea is to keep wood out of landfills, Jeff said.

"We definitely think it's a good idea," said Tom Miller, an environmental engineer with the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District. Wood is an inert waste, so it doesn't take up space in an expensive, lined landfill.

As things stand, landfill employees spend a lot of money to separate wood wastes from

other garbage that deserves a spot in the landfills.

"If you look at it as a resource, it can be taken out of the waste stream and ground up, then used in things like cattle bedding," Miller said.

Wood wastes will be stored at

the city site and an itinerant wood-chipper will swing by three or four times a year to grind it up.

The wood chips will then be available on a first-come, first-served basis, Jeff said.

The center is open — free of charge — to all residential households that have city garbage service. To prove you are a city garbage patron, bring your water bill to the center, Jeff said.

## Skeptics wrinkle nose at prospect of plastic money

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The familiar phrase "paying with plastic" may take on an entirely new meaning.

The government is testing new materials for the nation's folding money — including a tough but flexible plastic.

Advocates say plastic, especially high-tech polymer paper, are more difficult to counterfeit and don't get all soiled and worn as traditionally made paper. They also are more resistant to fire and water damage.

But critics say the new money will be more expensive to produce and may not last as long as traditional paper money.

Some people worry the public would be confused by the new money, especially if it looks like the old money. They also worry about the environmental impact of the new money.

## Kidnap

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deputies the child was taken at 10 a.m. Sunday, but the abductor misled them to be in the parking lot at noon to meet with someone else if they didn't want the baby kidnapped.

"The couple came to the police at 4:50 p.m. Sunday. They said they waited in the parking lot and no one came.

Investigators do not think the kidnapping was related to a domestic situation, Higgins said, nor do they think the kidnappers plan to sell the child.

The motive, though, is still unclear.

Cassia County officers are working with the state Criminal Investigations Bureau and the FBI, Higgins said.

"The crime took place in North Butley, a part of Minidoka County, controlled by the Cassia County Sheriff's Department.

In that section of town, misdemeanors are prosecuted in Cassia County and felonies in Minidoka County, said Minidoka County Prosecutor Rick Ballou.

Local Wal-Mart Manager Jeff Heston was only \$3.50 per week Monday, but Sharon Weber, a spokeswoman from the corporation's headquarters in Bentonville, Ark., said the store was closed whatever we can work with local authorities."

The organization may be powerful, though, because the incident took place in the parking lot inside the building, the store has a plan.

It's called a "Code Adam," any-

time a parent loses a child and lets a store employee know, a Code Adam is called, Weber said.

All the employees but the checkers stop what they are doing and start to look for the missing child. Managers are posted at every exit.

"If after 10 minutes we still haven't found them," she said, "we call the authorities in."

Most of the time, she said, associates find the children near the toys or in the pet department, but the chance that the child didn't simply walk away is never taken lightly.

Gregory Hahn is The Times-News' Mini-Cassia bureau chief and can be reached in Butley at 677-4042.

## Falls

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doing a slow burn at \$2."

Becker said Shoshone Falls Park was decided to the city by Frank and Martha Adams in 1912 "for the free enjoyment of all people."

Entry is free, Mike said, noting that anyone can walk or bicycle into the park. Money collected at the toll booth is motor-vehicle fees.

A vigorous advocate for local parks and recreation, Mike said, was on the short end of several 1-1 votes as the council whittled down the original recommendations.

"The increases are not outrageous," Mike said. "I don't think this is a large increase for anybody."

Part of the motivation behind fee increases is a desire to maximize a dollar-for-dollar match offered by the Idaho Power Co. The match would fund improve-

ments at Shoshone Falls, which probably will be done.

The city is in the process of reviewing the park's future. Frank and Martha Adams intended to make the falls into a park, but they were not able to do so. The falls were left to the state.

Annual operating costs at Shoshone Falls are about \$1 million, but the city is not able to cover the costs.

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Urban Renewal Agency projects because of increasing public concern. The housing has been mostly built in the 1940s.

Blair said the speed limit on Main Street, north of Falls Avenue, to 35 mph. That section of Main Street had been a 25 mph zone, but the higher speed limit is justified, said City Engineer Gary Wynn.

Agreement is being reached with the state on the new money. The state is providing the money for the new money.

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-DEALING WITH DEVASTATION-



The Mass family digs through the rubble for family valuables, Monday, after a tornado destroyed their home in St. Peter, Minn., Sunday. Powerful tornadoes cut a ragged swath of destruction across southern Minnesota, killing a six-year-old boy and carrying debris up to 85 miles away.

Abortion

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Barr said, however, that despite his veto the GOP has historically been linked to the anti-abortion view and "I really don't see it being very injurious to the party at this point if at all."

Critics of the bill in any form, promoting a court challenge, claimed it failed to protect victims of incest in rural areas and homeless teen-agers and was drafted behind closed doors without adequate expert medical advice.

While advocates said it was important to get parents involved in such a major decision, opponents pointed out that 95 percent of minors seeking abortions are already accompanied by parents so that the bill simply imposes an undue burden on what they call the most vulnerable 5 percent of troubled young women.

Barr cited the fact that Idaho's teen pregnancy rate is half the national average and the state's teen abortion rate is barely a quarter of the rate nationwide. "We are not perfect, but we are doing a good job of preventing both of these situations," he said. "If you believe further restrictions on young women caught up in desperate circumstances would materially affect our declining abortion rate, we would like to be the best friend of Idaho."

The compromise allows doctors to perform abortions on minors if their health — as well as their life — is in serious jeopardy. The Family Forum and other groups wanted that emergency exception limited to a threat to the girl's life. It limits seeking a judge's

approval when parental consent is not feasible to the judicial district the minor lives in. The Senate had pushed for allowing any judge in the state to handle those cases.

It adds two more reporting requirements for doctors performing abortions. Anti-abortion forces wanted substantially more detailed reporting mandates. The Senate wanted nothing added to existing requirements.

Barr's veto followed an order issued last week by U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Wynn blocking enforcement of the law that backers claim bans only a late-term procedure called partial-birth abortion but that courts in 13 other states have blocked or voided as so broad it unconstitutionally bans nearly all abortions after the 13th week of pregnancy. Wynn said he may defer further action until a federal appellate court rules on a similar law in Arizona.

The governor signed that bill within an hour of receiving it from lawmakers. His explanation — that the so-called partial-birth abortion procedure was so abhorrent there was no question it should be banned — reflected how well the anti-abortion movement had captured the debate on the issue.

Critics have repeatedly said that while groups like the Christian Coalition and Family Forum focus the public debate on the partial-birth procedure even they admit has never been performed in Idaho, the bill they pushed through the Legislature bans nearly all abortions.

Tobacco bill limits companies' liability

WASHINGTON (AP) — Negotiators on the Senate's main tobacco bill announced terms Monday that would include a \$6.5 billion yearly cap on the damages tobacco companies could be forced to pay.

The figure was a compromise between those who believe such a limit is necessary for making a national policy work and those who say the industry should get no protection at all.

The question of limits and other sticking points had kept round-the-clock negotiations from wrapping up over the weekend. Commerce Committee Chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., declared those parts of the bill "a solid foundation for the debate that lies ahead."

McCain has scheduled formal committee consideration for Wednesday, hoping to vote out the bill by Friday and send it to the full Senate for a vote sometime before June 1.

According to a draft McCain released Sunday, the bill would charge the tobacco industry \$138 billion more and impose harsher

restrictions than the settlement that companies and states reached in June.

Negotiators also approved giving the Food and Drug Administration broad authority to regulate nicotine products, a victory for the health community and the White House.

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Census Bureau says no to internet

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Census Bureau, which pioneered development of modern computers, has decided it isn't ready to let people use them to respond to its national, head count via the Internet.

It was at the Census Bureau that Herman Hollerith developed the punch-card system and the first mechanical computer, used to help tabulate the 1890 count. And the agency provides much of its data to users worldwide.

But officials say security concerns prompted their decision not to have people send in their forms via the Internet.

Any perception of a security problem is likely to have the Americans — reduce their response rate, he says, said Judith W. Waldrop, a Census Bureau official.

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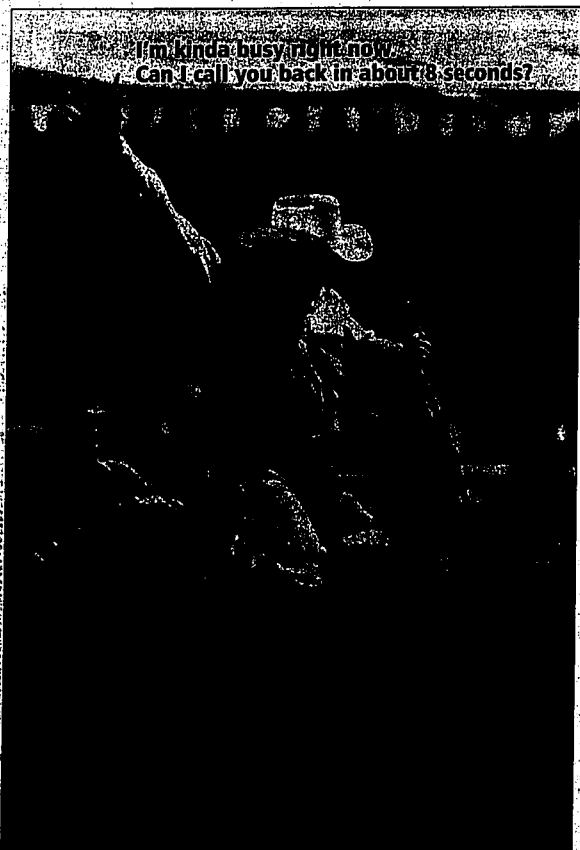
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IDAHO IN BRIEF

Tax receipts plunge in February

BOISE — The big cash surplus the state had at the end of January evaporated in February, but Batt administration analysts said Monday there was no reason for policy makers to panic.

The Division of Financial Management reported flagging individual income and corporate tax collections more than wiped out the \$9.8 million cash cushion on Jan. 31 and created a \$1.2 million cash shortfall at the end of February.

But, administration chief economist Michael Ferguson said, "an examination of the factors that caused this weakness suggests it is primarily a matter of timing, and it does not represent a fundamental change in Idaho's economic or revenue outlook."

Environmentalists criticize forest study

COEUR D'ALENE — Eight Idaho environmental groups want the congressional General Accounting Office to investigate a U.S. Forest Service study of hundreds of landslides in the Clearwater Forest during the past two winters.

Idaho's congressional delegation is being asked to initiate the assessment by the investigative arm of Congress in a letter from groups that include the Idaho Conservation League, the Ecology Center and Friends of the Clearwater.

The Forest Service did not dig deep enough into the causes of the slides, came up with faulty conclusions and used people with conflicts of interest to analyze the landslides, the groups contend.

NIC worker resigns during investigation

COBUR 'ALENE — A North Idaho College employee has resigned after police began investigating a report that child pornography was found on his office computer.

School officials said the 29-year-old man has not been arrested or charged with a crime. They did not identify him nor disclose what position he held other than to say he was not a professor.

Police began investigating after school technicians conducting routine maintenance on the computer discovered pornographic material stored on it, said Steve Schenk, the dean of college relations.

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IDAHO LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

- For Monday, March 30:
- HB610 (State Affairs) — Vetoes by Governor
- HB850 (Appropriations) — Requires parental consent to judicial authorization before a minor can obtain an abortion.
- HB850 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$58,000 for the Spokane Valley-Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer program.
- SB1457 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Bans cigarette vending machines and subjects tobacco retailers to permitting and twice-a-year surprise inspections.
- SB1466 (State Affairs) — Bans cigarette vending machines and subjects tobacco retailers to permitting and twice-a-year surprise inspections.
- SB1468 (Revenue and Taxation) — Makes giving a false identity to a law enforcement officer during an investigation a misdemeanor.
- SB1748 (Resources and Conservation) — Subjects use of natural waterways to measurement,

- regulation and reporting.
- SB1403 (Judiciary and Rules) — Makes domestic assault inflicting traumatic injury a felony and no traumatic injury a misdemeanor.
- SB1408 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Allows the Bureau of Occupational Licensing to formulate rules for recovering investigative costs involving occupations it oversees.
- SB1457 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Prohibits managed care providers from requiring patient payments beyond those specified for covered services.
- SB1459 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Repeals Blue Cross's right to pay a medical provider the lowest rate it has negotiated with any insurer.
- SB1463 (Judiciary and Rules) — Revises requirements to be met by motorists convicted for the first time of failing to maintain liability insurance.

Batt gives tribes economic advice



PHIL BATT

BOISE (AP) — Acknowledging the peculiar problems Idaho's Indian tribes face in growing employment opportunities for their members, Gov. Phil Batt advised tribal leaders Monday to work with legislators allies on economic incentives for reservation development.

"You may find that the Legislature might be receptive to some well-thought-out plans for tax breaks," the retiring chief executive said. "They're interested."

The need for job creation, especially in the middle of welfare reform that essentially demands all able-bodied people work, diminished much of the governor's monthly summit meeting with Indian leaders.

While the reservation nations that have been a state asset for Batt during his administration

have bolstered severely depressed tribal economies, the welfare-to-work mandate only aggravates the employment problems that face not only the tribes but all of rural Idaho.

A lack of skills for many tribal members combined with inadequate transportation to job centers off the isolated reservation and inefficient child care work to keep tribal employment excitement high, Indian leaders said, and the problem is only aggravated by racism and low self-esteem.

"It's unrealistic for our people

to travel off the reservation for a minimum-wage job," Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council Member Marjorie Zarate said. "It would cost them more to get there than they'd make."

Administration officials laid out the campaign they have been waging for years to attract new, good-paying jobs to Idaho. But while they have been successful with annual employment growing at one of the fastest rates in the nation, they admitted that none of those new jobs are landing on the reservations.

"To make the transition from welfare to work, we have to have people trained for jobs and we have to have the jobs," Batt conceded. "It's a lot easier said than done."

Nex Perce Tribal Chairman Sam Penney called for some kind of enterprise zone that provides economic incentives to lure new businesses onto the reservations.

Lawmakers, encouraged by many non-Indian businessmen, have repeatedly rejected proposals making it easier for tribes to open businesses. But Batt suggested that incentives for non-tribal members could be acceptable.

Teton County's growing population slows down

BOISE (AP) — The population surge that put Teton County on the top 10 list of the nation's fastest growing counties appears to have slowed.

Statistics released last week by the U.S. Census Bureau show the growth rate in the rural, high-mountain county falling from a mid-'90s high of nearly 20 percent in a single year to roughly three percent from 1996 to 1997.

The latest count shows the previous year's slight dip in growth rates may be part of a trend. However, Teton Valley remains at the corner of an Idaho hot spot at the top of all Idaho counties for this decade.

The population has grown by more than half, from 3,462 in 1990 to 5,310 in 1997; the highest estimated, making it the 10th fastest-growing county in the nation.

The brief slowdown comes as welcome news to some reefing from the growing traffic, proposed subdivisions and golf courses.

"I'm really glad things leveled out, but it sure isn't time for optimism," said Deb Paala, a board member of Citizens for Teton Valley. The local organization has sought several high profile development projects in recent years.

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# 'Titanic' mastermind chastises Los Angeles Times film critic

LOS ANGELES (AP) — He's won the Oscar, has the highest-grossing film in Hollywood history and stands to collect a \$100 million bonus.

And yet "Titanic" writer-director James Cameron isn't completely at peace: He has launched a counterstrike against one of the movie's most persistent critics, the lead Los Angeles Times film reviewer.

In a letter the Times published on the front page of Saturday's arts section, Cameron wrote that critic Kenneth Turan's open dislike of "Titanic" amounts to a condemnation of all of show business.

"It's not that he doesn't like some movies, as is a critic's prerogative," Cameron wrote. "It's that he doesn't like all movies. Simmering in his own bile, year after year, he has become further and further removed from the simple, joyful experience of movie-watching, which, ironically, probably attracted him to the job in the first place."

Turan has criticized "Titanic" since its December opening, particularly Cameron's script. He called the screenplay a "laborious, completely derivative copy of old Hollywood romances, a movie that reeks of phobias and minimal originality."

"Worse than that," the critic said, many of the characters "are clichés of such purity they ought to be exhibited in film museums as examples of how not to write for the screen."

When Academy Award nominations were announced in February and "Titanic" collected a record-breaking 14, Turan noted the movie was not nominated for "original screenplay" by the Academy's



Director James Cameron takes a sip of water as he holds his Oscar for Best Director for the film, "Titanic," at the 70th annual Academy Awards.

screenwriters. "It's not just that the writers did the same thing by denying a nomination to James Cameron and his cobbled-together "Titanic" script; any child would have no trouble pointing out that piece's flaws (and some of my acquaintances in fact have)," he wrote.

A few days before the Oscar ceremony, Turan called "Titanic" a "wilderness counterpoint of Hollywood's Golden Age." When it won 11 Oscars, including best

picture and director, Turan said Cameron "sneaked through it all with the graceless of an old-time politician on a Sunday visit to his favorite ward."

From all too much for Cameron, "Turan's critical sensibility is the worst kind of egg-driven criticism," Cameron wrote. "Peter King, the man himself, writes some worse copy in the wilderness wilderness but not headed by the blind and dumb 'great unsundered' crowd that cannot be a great burden to be carried with such clear vision when your misguided back has just won, like lemmings, unsundered."

Noting that his script was nominated by the Writers Guild of America, Cameron also wrote of Turan: "He has lost touch... with his membership, and no longer serves a useful purpose... I thought about Cameron — how do we know Cameron? — but do we know Kenneth Turan?"

Through his spokesman, Cameron declined to comment further, saying he knew Turan's criticism "is not immediately seen as a call for comment."

"The Times' newspaper film editor, Anne Hinkle, said she regrets his belated call to Turan on the treatment of "Titanic," and said she published many other letters critical of Turan but did not immediately return a call for comment.

"As for Turan himself," she said, "he won't be impacted."

# Navajo nation reassures french fry plant partners

SEBASTOPOLIS, N.M. (AP) — The Navajo Nation is trying to reassure its out-of-state partners in a french fry plant that the tribe's sudden change in leaders will not affect the \$20-million venture.

Navajo President Thomas Sherry and Executive Bases of the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry spent two days this

month in Park Rapids, Minn., with Lamb-Weston Co. and RDO Inc., the partners whose commitment is vital to bringing in the plant.

Bates said NAPI and RDO talk at least twice a month on the progress of the project. The special meeting, initiated by NAPI, had all three players in one room. The Minnesota meetings did not

discuss former President Albert Hale's Feb. 19 resignation and the succession of Aicity, Bates said.

"There was some concern right at the beginning not so much with the president, but with the progress that needed to be made to stay within the timelines," Bates said.

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**Utah residents keep watch on rising rivers**  
LOGAN, Utah — Residents along the Logan and Blacksmith Fork rivers are keeping a close eye on the water levels, hoping the rivers won't jump their banks and cause serious flooding like they did last spring.

The rivers were swollen by heavy runoff last April and May, threatening several homes and forcing residents to fill sandbags to shore up the Blacksmith Fork River banks. Several summer homes in Logan Canyon were also flooded by the Logan River.

"Snowpack this year is only about 65 percent of last year," said Brian McInerney, a hydrologist with the National Weather Service Salt Lake's office, said a wet spring caused by El Niño could complicate matters.

**Layton policemen go on leave after shooting**  
LAYTON, Utah — Two police officers have been placed on customary administrative leave after shooting a 28-year-old man, who was jailed after being treated for minor injuries.

Scott Goodfellow was shot three times after he refused to drop his large caliber handgun when ordered to by the officers, police said. The shooting occurred after the officers responded to a call from the man's 27-year-old estranged wife. Shortly after their arrival, the man drove up to the Layton home. Police said the woman had a protective order barring him from her home.

**Bad pipes force people to boil, import water**  
LOGAN, Utah — A leaky pipe has forced residents of the northern Utah town of Amalga to boil their drinking water and import water from other cities.

Amalga Mayor David Wood said Monday steps are being taken to pipe water from Benson into Amalga. Crews began digging a line to Benson Monday and water should be flowing to Amalga by tonight, he said.

Residents learned last week the pipe to the Amalga reservoir was broken. Since then they have had to boil or chlorinate their water to avoid contamination. The pipe runs under the Bear River and officials worried contaminated water from the river was leaking into the water system.

**Study supports dam construction project**  
SALT LAKE CITY — A new study by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation about a dam and diversion system on Gooseberry Creek in central Utah recommends the controversial project go forward.

But the study does not settle differences in the "Narrows Project" that has pitted Sanguette County, which views the dam as its next major water source, and Carbon County, which believes the dam threatens downstream uses, in a legal battle.

"I would hope the fight will not be to the extent that it was before, but it's highly unlikely everything is fine now," said Daniel Fritz, an environmental specialist for the bureau. The Narrows Project would divert into Sanguette County about 5,400 acre feet of water a year that now flows into Carbon County. An acre foot equals about 325,000 gallons, the amount used by an average family in a year.

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## EDITORIAL

### Batt's veto reclaims GOP from would-be hijackers

Gov. Phil Batt served notice Monday that Idahoans, and not a self-appointed posse of activists, will determine the state's abortion law.

Defying legislative majorities from his own party, Batt vetoed a bill that would have required minors to obtain parental consent or judicial approval before obtaining an abortion.

The governor, who has opposed abortion for most of his political life, did so because parental consent is necessarily a bad idea. He killed House Bill 610 because it would have been a bad law.

"I believe the number of women dissuaded would be small and those young women would be among the least prepared for motherhood and that the children would likely receive woefully inadequate parenting," the retiring chief executive said.

It was a constitutionally dubious compromise version of legislation that had been railroaded through the Legislature by Dennis Mansfield and the Idaho Family Forum. The pro-life lobby had threatened lawmakers with a holy war come Election Day if they didn't buckle under to sweeping restrictions on abortion.

In so doing, the anti-abortion faction managed to hijack the GOP primary for the 2nd Congressional District seat, pitting candidates Mark Stubbs and Mike Simpson in a more-pro-life-than-thou contest to see which could

curry more favor with the religious right.

Most of these machinations occurred behind closed doors. There was never a real public hearing on HB610, probably because neither the Family Forum nor its legislative allies were anxious to hear from the majority of Idahoans who support abortion rights.

By his veto, Batt said that's just not good enough. Democracy is a process, not a cudgel to be commanded by special interests out to advance their cause by any means necessary.

Mansfield's my-way-or-the-highway tactic had the Idaho Republican Party headed for a schism. The governor's veto has restored the integrity of the GOP by making clear that it will not become the wholly owned subsidiary of any group with an axe to grind.

Eight years ago, Batt's predecessor Cecil Andrus displayed his backbone with a veto of an even more restrictive abortion bill. He showed he had character to match his formidable political skills.

Batt did the same with his action Monday. The earlier course for Batt would have been to sign this bill, for he surely faces a firestorm of recriminations.

Instead, the governor did the right thing. The veto of HB610 was an act of courage.

**Gov. Phil Batt's veto asserts that the Idaho Republican Party won't become the wholly owned subsidiary of the anti-abortion movement.**

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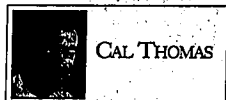


"How thoughtful... a sympathy card from the NRA..."

## Time for revenge of the children

**W**hether you have heard predictable explanations for the tragic killings of four children and a teacher by children in Jonesboro and in films. While today's graphic "entertainment" violence is far worse than the cowboys, vaporizing aliens and monsters I grew up watching, that alone seems an incomplete excuse.

Others say it's guns. But the boys accused in the killings stole guns from relatives who bought them legally for hunting. ABC's Rebecca Chase slandered all Southerners when she suggested that the Jonesboro shootings, along with shootings by children in Pearl, Miss., and Paducah, Ky., indicated the region breeds violence because of lax gun laws and too many available weapons. What, then, explains drive-by shootings in Los Angeles, or kids shooting kids in big cities because they want their victims' expensive jackets or designer shoes?



CAL THOMAS

Former talk show host Phil Donahue once said to me, "The problem with you conservatives is that you have simple answers to complex problems." I replied: "The problem with you liberals is that you've ignored the simple answers and that's why the problems have become complex."

The Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at the University of Colorado, Boulder, has developed "blueprints" for 10 violence-prevention programs. They include "Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies," "Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care," "Bullying Prevention Program," "Quantum Opportunities," "Multisystemic Train-

ing" and "Prenatal and Infancy Home Visitation by Nurses." All of these may have some merit, but they sound like complex solutions to a simple problem.

A few years ago, Mother Teresa told the audience at the National Prayer Breakfast that abortion was the principal cause of other types of violence, showing a declining respect for human life. A few days ago, Dr. Laura Schlesinger said on her national radio program that many children have absorbed the lessons they've been taught by adults: They are unwanted and a burden.

These explanations seem to contain the seeds for a lot of youth violence. The abortion of 30 million (and counting) unborn children stems from materialistic culture that regards wealth and comfort to be free of any "burden" or "inconvenience" as life's supreme objective. Too many children are dumped into day care so that busy, career-oriented parents can pursue life styles they believe will bring them happiness.

Behavior problems at day care or in school are dealt with by prescribing Ritalin. Childhood depression and misbehavior are increasingly treated with medication. Pressure increases on the Food and Drug Administration to approve drugs for children that are now reserved for adults. Why are we surprised when so

many kids turn to illegal substances, considering they have been drugged since childhood?

Too many parents anesthetize their stress with legal and illegal drugs. Too many are divorced. And too many children have no room, much less a family tree.

Five years ago, Cox News Service's Ronald Newkay observed in an article: "Adults have always complained about their youth, but this is different. There have always been wild and rebellious kids who would go off the track and do something wrong. But they knew where the track was and what was wrong. Many of today's youth don't seem to know right from wrong. Children are robbing, mauling and kidnapping on willms, with no pity and no remorse."

Two professional women friends of mine have had enough. They're quitting high-paying, broadcast media jobs to go home to their husbands and children. Maybe it's time for more of us to ask what profit there is in the accumulation of material things that will someday be sold at auction, or a career that can end in an instant when the boss calls you in on a Friday afternoon and fires you.

When children start killing, it is an extreme, but not a new, phenomenon. It's a simple explanation, actually. Those who have ignored it now have a complex problem.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

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## LETTERS

### Name-calling is inappropriate

I found your editorial titled "Anti-abortion zealots..." extremely insulting.

To resort to name-calling should be below the dignity of professional journalists (unless maybe they are guilty of being financial zealots themselves), and I cannot see how the comparison is justified. If people work hard and pursue the only avenue apparent to them in an attempt to save human lives from death, destruction, in fact, murder, how does that make them some kind of quasi-terrorist? If doing so earns them the label of ayatollah, then your criticism of them and support for abortion make you Hitler. If you support the killing millions of people, justifying it by suggesting they were inferior to a real race of people, sub-human, like a fetus.

The procedure called partial-birth abortion that the Legislature outlaws is a procedure which kills a baby which is nearly entirely out of the womb. Only the head remains undelivered when the physician inserts a sharp object into the base of the skull. If the woman coughed and the baby slipped out, would that suddenly make it human? Apparently so in the eyes of the law, but it is ludicrously illogical that a few inches transform it from one form of life to another.

The other abortion-related bill had to do with the right of parents to be notified before their minor daughters could receive an abortion. If these issues are not worthy of extra time and discussion, I would like to know what is, maybe in your view only things that boost the economy?

No matter which side of the abortion issue you are on, to treat it with flippancy and then suggest that the gravity of the issue, if it is indeed a human life that we terminate by the millions, then our society is amassing more guilt and shame than any other in all history.

Think about that if you have any time left after pursuing your own pleasure,

wealth, or self-gratifying activities.

**GRESHAM BOUMA**  
Fairfield

### Family continues search for son

It has been almost a year since my son, Patrick Beaver, has been missing. I want to thank so many people for the efforts they have put forth to find my son.

My thanks go to the paper for the numerous articles (with pictures) they printed reaching so many, the law enforcement agencies in surrounding counties for their support and efforts, search and rescue teams who were out there searching for my son, and my thanks to the numerous merchants who have taken the time to support my family. You all have my thanks and gratitude.

Most of all, I would like to thank the Jerome city police, who have always found the time to support our family and follow through on any lead (no matter how far-fetched). It is difficult when a law-abiding productive adult is missing. There are no organizations for the family to turn to. Most of the legwork and letter writing is done by the family. The Jerome city police were there for our family.

In December when they found the mummified body in Castleford, there was speculation that it was my son. Detective Patry Ward, Jerome city police, went to the autopsy and got back to the family within hours to tell us it wasn't Pat. Many thanks to her for her efforts and constant updates support. My thanks to Channel 11 news for broadcasting my son's picture and letting the public know that he is still missing.

The family is still looking for Patrick. We have not given up nor discontinued our efforts. If anyone may have seen someone resembling him on April 3 or 4, 1997, please contact the Jerome city police. Patrick could not drive; if you saw someone on the road matching his description please contact the police. It will be at least let us know he is no longer in the Mad Valley.

**BARBARA ZYSETT**  
Jerome

### McMurray's comment is ridiculous

In the March 22 Times-News, I read with great interest and laughs the statement from Ron McMurray (Idaho Republican Party chairman) about this year's Legislature.

He said how the Legislature "didn't make government more intrusive in our lives..." Hello! What planet are you currently residing on Mr. McMurray?

I guess government's intrusion into all of our private lives doesn't count. Yes, yes, I am talking about abortion. Yet this intrusion, which Mr. McMurray apparently can't see from Jupiter, is the Republican Party's idea of less governmental intrusion in our lives. These same, anti-big-government apostles, saw problems with allowing government to come into our homes and families and take control of women's reproductive rights. The abortion issue is a personal one. It simply doesn't belong in government. If you're against abortion, don't have one.

The Republican Party acts as if they have cornered the market on morality, that they know what is best for us all. However, they are so busy listening to

### themselves speak that they rarely take time to stop, take a breath and think. You can't legislate morality.

Morality comes from church, family and community, not from the government.

Can you hear that Mr. McMurray from Jupiter?  
**SHANE HILD**  
Hagerman

### Take notes of Democratic candidates

Last evening, Richard Stallings attended our Democratic business meeting. We are happy to see former Congressman return to the race for his old seat. He tells us the Democratic House leadership has promised him seniority for his past six years' service, and he has asked for assignment to the Agriculture and Appropriations committees. His re-election would serve Idaho interests very well. One should notice he and his family returned to Idaho to work here, quite unlike what we see others doing.

Richard speaks very well of Magic Valley voters who have supported him in the past. He is anxious to see a more balanced two-party system returned to the state. The best interests

### of working people are of great concern to him.

All Idahoans of either party know Richard Stallings to be an honorable, hard-working and effective public servant.

Democrats are encouraged to see fine candidates such as he, Mr. Robert Huntley and Bill Mauck running for office. All have well-known and winning your vote in November.  
**EARI D. OLSON**  
Twin Falls

### Daytime curfew was a bad idea

I think that the curfew law that people recently tried to pass was ridiculous, and I am glad that it did not pass. It's bad enough that we have such a strict curfew at night, but to have one during the day is pointless.

What was going to happen to kids out of school for doctor's appointments or out to lunch? Were they going to be arrested for being out of school? All I'm saying is that people shouldn't be so suspicious of students if they're out of school, it's probably for a reason.  
**DUSTIN FRAY**  
Twin Falls

### Doonesbury



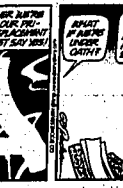
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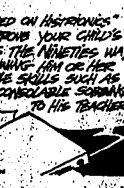
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## WORLD IN BRIEF

### Policeman testifies in accidental death

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Steve Biko's death in police custody after he was beaten by five officers was an accident, a former policeman testified Monday.

Gideon Nienoud's testimony before South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission matched that of four other policemen who are also applying for amnesty in the 1977 death of the 30-year-old anti-apartheid leader.

Nienoud said Biko, despite being outnumbered and exhausted after weeks of incarceration, tried to attack one of his interrogators by pushing a chair towards him and flailing at him with his fists. The officers say they tackled Biko, accidentally slamming his head against a wall.

### Israeli woman wants sentence reduced

JERUSALEM — An Israeli woman sentenced to two years in prison for portraying the Islamic prophet Mohammed as a pig asked the Supreme Court to lower her sentence Monday.

Tarhana Suszkin, 26, posted her drawings on Arab shop doors in the West Bank town of Hebron last summer. The posters set off days of clashes between Palestinians and Israeli troops in Hebron and triggered outrage throughout the Muslim world.

Suszkin was convicted of committing a racist act, supporting a terrorist organization, attempting to offend religious feelings and attempted vandalism. She was also convicted of endangering life by throwing rocks at Arab drivers.

### Soviets deny cover-up of space hero's death

MOSCOW — Investigators insisted Monday that the former Soviet government did not cover up the truth about the death of one of the Soviet Union's greatest heroes: Yuri Gagarin, the first man in space.

"There was nothing to hide," said Ivan Rubtsov, former head of the air force's flight safety department.

Last Friday marked the 30th anniversary of the day Gagarin crashed his fighter jet, nearly seven years after he became the first person to orbit the Earth.

On Monday, a four-member government investigation commission told a news conference that the truth wasn't covered up, just elusive.

### Vietnamese trial ends in 3 life sentences

HANOI, Vietnam — Three Vietnamese businessmen were sentenced to life in prison and ten other defendants received lesser prison terms in one of Vietnam's biggest corruption trials, newspapers reported Monday.

The case involved graft and embezzlement at the Nam Dinh Textile Co. — dubbed "Corruption Corp." by local media — and nearly \$24 million in stolen funds, missing state revenue and bad debts.

Nguyen Duy Kiem, director of the company, successor Nguyen Van Tuyen and chief accountant Tran Ngoc Vinh were sentenced to life and each ordered to pay more than \$800,000 in compensation. They were convicted of graft, embezzlement, deliberate distortion of government economic management regulations and falsified documents.

### Bear mauls boy to death in Moscow zoo

MOSCOW — A 12-year-old boy fell into a cage at a Moscow zoo and was mauled to death by a bear, officials said Monday.

The boy, whose name was not given, went Sunday to a zoo belonging to a youth organization of aspiring biologists. He climbed atop a cage and fell through, police said.

Police had to kill the bear to free the boy. The child died in a hospital overnight, the Interfax news agency said.

### Saudi Arabia wraps up bombing investigation

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabia finished its investigation into the June 1996 bombing that killed 19 American servicemen — but will not announce its findings until the time is right, the kingdom's interior minister said Monday.

U.S. officials have repeatedly complained that the Saudis have refused to share information and are dragging their feet in the investigation.

"All the facts of this crime are with us and our intelligence exerted huge efforts to discover everything about the incident and we will have the announcement for its time," Prince Nayef bin Abdul Aziz told reporters in Mecca. There was no indication when that time might be.

Compiled from wire reports

# Yeltsin welcomes minister's candidacy



Russian president Boris Yeltsin welcomes Sergei Stepashin during their meeting in Moscow's Kremlin on Monday. Yeltsin appointed former Justice Minister Stepashin as acting interior minister.

MOSCOW (AP) — Hinting that he doesn't plan to run for re-election in 2000, President Boris Yeltsin Monday welcomed his former prime minister's decision to try to become Russia's next president.

Yeltsin stressed, however, that he was not anointing ousted premier Viktor Chernomyrdin. The next Kremlin leader must be someone the Russian people choose.

"You speak about succession when it concerns kings. And here people make the choice. The people will choose the successor," Yeltsin told reporters in the Kremlin.

Some analysts have speculated that Chernomyrdin's growing political activity had irritated Yeltsin, who was still considering whether to run again himself. Others claimed Yeltsin fired Chernomyrdin to let the former prime minister distance himself from the government as he prepared his candidacy.

Chernomyrdin, whom Yeltsin dismissed with the rest of the Cabinet a week ago, announced Saturday that he would run for president. Yeltsin suggested Monday that Chernomyrdin's plans did not come as a surprise.

"When he said he was the one who made the decision, he was a bit off," Yeltsin said. "I made the decision. I made the decision on the government's dismissal, at the same time having in mind that (Chernomyrdin) will lead the presidential campaign."

"A strong leader is needed ... and taking into account that I am dropping out of the elections, we should strengthen" the Kremlin team, Yeltsin said. "This does not violate the general course of our policy."

Yeltsin's uncertain health and the two-term constitutional limit should rule out the possibility of another bid for the top job, but presidential aides have indicated the 67-year-old leader still might run in 2000.

They claim Yeltsin's first term

### Court gives woman life sentence in prison

TOKYO (AP) — A Japanese court sentenced a 32-year-old Filipino woman to life imprisonment Monday for killing a U.S. sailor's wife on an American naval base near Tokyo.

Judge Taketaka Nakagawa of Yokohama District Court called Maria Carlot Lopez's crime an "extremely cruel act" because she killed to steal money, the Kyodo News agency said.

Lopez, the wife of another U.S. sailor, was arrested after confessing to murdering Maria Harris, 29, also of the Philippines, on May 12.

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## UP CLOSE

High School

### Thompson is all fore it!

By Matt Pender  
Times-News Staff

She took home a fourth place medal from the Class B state golf tournament and second place architect... as a freshman in high school. No its not Annika Sorenstam. It Gooding's own Lanna Thompson.

Last year she led the Senators to their first district championship. The team placed eighth overall at state. Also, as a member of the Summer Junior Golf Circuit, she qualified for the state championships.

#### Focus on

last season, she took home first place medals in seven. In the other, she placed a disappointing second. Ellis, 17, gave Tiger Woods, Thompson started golfing at age 5 or 6 and was playing competitively in the NCAA by age 17.

And like Woods, it was her dad that got her started. When asked who her golf inspiration was, his was the first name to leap to mind.

#### Remember

"When I was little (my inspiration) was my dad. He was the one that always made me play. Now... I have to say Tiger Woods and Justin Leonard, because of their age and accomplishments."

#### Golf

Thompson has received the Gooding High School Scholar/Athlete Award in all three of her career sports. She also maintains a 4.0 GPA.

But Thompson dreams of playing at a higher level. She hopes to make a name for herself over the next three years by doing well at state.

"This year I'd like to make the Junior American Cup," Thompson said.

Placing at state and doing well at the American Cup tournament would help Thompson achieve her goal of playing at the college level.

"I'd love to play at Arizona," said Thompson. But Arizona's not her only choice. As a sophomore, Thompson is already sending out resumes to colleges all over the country, looking for the best offer.

With her grades and skills on the course, look for Thompson to hit a hole-in-one with any college she applies to.

# Wildcats win wild one

## Utes lead most of way but fall to Kentucky



Above, Kentucky coach Tubby Smith, right, and players Jeff Sheppard, left, celebrate the Wildcats' 78-69 NCAA men's basketball championship win over Utah Monday night in San Antonio, Texas. Below, Utes' coach Rick Majerus gives directions to player Alex Jensen during the second half.

### Smith proves finish matters

SAN ANTONIO — It was his bad luck to inherit a team that couldn't pay attention until it was 10 points down.

But it was Tubby Smith's better luck to be born into a family of 17 kids, and to be able to teach others a lesson he learned early in life: it was never how you started that mattered, but how you finished.

COMMENTARY  
Jim Little

"We knew we would come back," Smith said after Kentucky's 78-69 win over Utah made him only the seventh coach to win a national title in his first year on the job.

"We are the comeback kids. We've been under that kind of duress all season long."

Not exactly. Smith himself has been under considerable duress since that warm spring day when he followed Rick Pitino into one of the highest profile jobs the college game offers. But you wouldn't have known it watching him bring this team along.

Pressure was something his kids only knew at arm's length — at the length of Smith's arm, to be exact — until they got deep into the NCAA

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### Sheppard shines for UK

By David Droschak  
The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Jeff Sheppard traded his seat on the bench for a national championship Monday night.

The shooting guard sat out in street clothes during Kentucky's run to the NCAA title game last year, convinced to redshirt by then-coach Rick Pitino because his playing-time would be curtailed behind Derek Anderson.

But the 6-foot-3 senior's minutes weren't limited this time around as

he led Kentucky to its seventh national title, and second in the last three years, with a 78-69 victory over Utah.

Sheppard won the Final Four's most outstanding player award, coming up with 16 points and a pair of clutch plays down the stretch against the Utes.

Sheppard said he never thought about last year during this Final Four under coach Tubby Smith.

"I've been taught by my coaches to live in the precious present."

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### TOP 5 TRACK PERFORMANCES

The following are the top five track and field performances posted by Magic Valley athletes through March 27. The list will be updated weekly until the state track meet and is based on results as they appear in The Times-News. The list is compiled by Vin Cappelloni, who can be reached at 733-1037 ext. 214.

Event	Name	Time
1. 100m	Arnold Palmer	1:35.0
2. 200m	Florida	2:15.0
3. 400m	Star Trek	3:15.0
4. 800m	South Hills	4:45.0
5. 1600m	English	10:15.0
6. 3200m	Shannon	21:45.0
7. 6400m	Shannon	44:15.0
8. 12800m	Shannon	1:30:45.0
9. 25600m	Shannon	3:01:15.0
10. 51200m	Shannon	6:02:45.0
11. 102400m	Shannon	12:05:30.0
12. 204800m	Shannon	24:11:00.0
13. 409600m	Shannon	48:22:00.0
14. 819200m	Shannon	96:44:00.0
15. 1638400m	Shannon	193:28:00.0

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## Play ball! Expansion dominates opening day

By Ben Walker  
The Associated Press

Opening day previews — Page B4

Start counting. Home runs by Mark McGwire and Ken Griffey Jr. for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and Arizona Diamondbacks. Hits by Milwaukee Brewers pitchers. New names for the Florida Marlins. All the elements of Baseball '98 expansion style — will be on display Tuesday on opening day.

Kevin Brown and Darryl Kile pitching for new teams, Andres Galarraga and Marquis Grissom playing in new places.

The Bank One Ballpark, with its swimming pool beyond the right-center field fence, in Phoenix, Tropicana Field, with its cigar bar, in Tampa Bay.

The Brewers in a new league. The Detroit Tigers in a different division. A dozen new members of the World Series

champion Marlins now scattered. And a bunch of hitters waiting to tee off on guys who made it to the majors this year only because of expansion.

"We'll be pitching guys who don't belong here yet," Marlins manager Jim Leyland said. "But there's a big difference between not belonging here yet and not belonging here at all."

World Series MVP Ivan Hernandez starts the opener at home against the Chicago Cubs, who added Henry Rodriguez, Jeff Blausler, Mickey Mendoza and Rod Beck in the offseason.

The rest of the Marlins' rotation, however, includes the likes of Rafael Medina, Brian Meadows and Felix Heredia.

"Our job is to develop youngsters," Leyland said. "I'll be glad to see them

get better, but we're not going to be able to compete this year for a title."

Instead, the Marlins may come close to the worst record for a defending champion — the 1991 Cincinnati Reds went 74-88 following their World Series win.

Many fans, meanwhile, wonder whether McGwire and Griffey will extend for Roger Maris' record of 61 home runs.

McGwire, who hit 58 last year, begins his first full season with St. Louis when the Cardinals open at Busch Stadium against the Rupert Murdoch-owned Los Angeles Dodgers, Griffey, the NL MVP, and the Seattle Mariners' expansion NFL champion Cleveland at the Skodje arena.

Home runs seem to jump every time baseball expands, shooting up nearly 25 percent in 1993 when baseball added Florida and Colorado. Maris' 61, it should be mentioned, came in an expansion season.



Wildcats' Jeff Sheppard (left) and Kentucky's Derek Anderson (right) celebrate during the game.

SCORES AND STATS

Capriati falls in Family Circle opener

BASKETBALL

Table with basketball scores and statistics, including team names and final scores.

ON THE AIR TELEVISION

Table listing television programs, networks, and broadcast times.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Table listing high school sports events, dates, and locations.

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



The team's success means she is exponentially looked upon as a star.

Table with sports scores and statistics, including team names and scores.

World golf rankings

Table listing world golf rankings for various players.

SKIING

SKIING report

Table listing skiing events, winners, and scores.

BASEBALL

Table listing baseball scores and statistics for various teams.

WFLA baseball

Table listing WFLA baseball scores and statistics.

PGA baseball

Table listing PGA baseball scores and statistics.

GOLF

Table listing golf scores and statistics for various tournaments.

Transactions

Table listing sports transactions, including player movements and trades.

Relay Cup points

Table listing relay cup points for various events.

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) - Jennifer Capriati, playing in only her second match of the year, again lost in the first round...

Sheppard

Continued from B1 Sheppard said, "I don't know if it gets any better than this."

Litke

Continued from B1 They proceeded to fall behind by 10 points at halftime against Duke in the regional final...

(Andre) Miller gave up on him on the break. I just knew that were going to make a run. It couldn't have come at a better time."

Sheppard capped his team's title run with a pair of free throws with 4.8 seconds left. "Jeff has really been big for us," Turner said.

in which Smith has few peers. The lessons that enable kids to behave like men when it matters most. On the court and off.

Those are the coaching lessons. "You can teach a team plenty of things in practice but coming back how to make a defensive stand. How to clamp on a press."

Top 5

Large table listing top 5 performers in various sports events, including names, scores, and event details.

Hockey

Table listing hockey scores and statistics.

Table listing hockey scores and statistics.

Baseball

Table listing baseball scores and statistics.

All baseball

Table listing all baseball scores and statistics.

Relay Cup points

Table listing relay cup points for various events.

Tennis

Table listing tennis scores and statistics.



# Tennessee is a dynasty with no end in sight

## Only 1 senior will graduate

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Tennessee this Tennessee that. Tired of hearing about the Tennessee Lady Vols, go used to it. This group is just getting warmed up.

Tennessee completed a 39-0 season Sunday night, a season in which it set records for women's basketball, by beating Louisiana Tech 93-75 to win an unprecedented third straight NCAA title.

It was one final dominating performance by a brilliant team that had only one senior, guard Laurie Milligan. And she played all of one minute Sunday.

Chamique Holdstock, the best player in the country, is a junior. So is point guard Kellie Jolly. Seniors are center LaShonda Stephens and a sophomore and then there's that freshman class regarded as the best ever: Tanika Catchings, Semeka Randall, Kristin Clement and Terri Cetera. Catchings was the leading scorer in the final with 27 points. Holdstock was voted the outstanding player in the final Four.

Sorry, isn't it? "You don't always win when you're supposed to," coach Pat Summitt said. "But if we stay healthy and our two freshmen come in and do the things I think they're capable of doing, I think you're going to see an exciting season as well." And then some. Tennessee could be winning championships well



Tennessee coach Pat Summitt, left, and freshman Semeka Randall take part in a rally welcoming the national champion Lady Vols back to Knoxville, Tenn., Monday afternoon.

into the next millennium. Louisiana Tech coach Leon Burnore, odd enough to remember how UCLA dominated the women's game in the 1960s and 70s, wonders if Tennessee might be too good.

"For this year, I thought they really added a lot to women's basketball," Burnore said. "We saw athletes on the same team doing things we probably hadn't seen before. I think for a couple of years, that's great. If they run off five, six, seven in a row, no, I don't think that's good for women's basketball."

The challenge, then, is to put

together a team to stop the Lady Vols who have won 45 straight games. The problem is no coach is going to outwork Summitt. Already blessed with remarkable talent on the perimeter, Summitt signed two post players for next season: 6-foot-5 Michelle Snow and 6-3 ShaVon Pillow.

## Thousands welcome back Vols

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Amid the banners from five previous championships, the massive projection screen in the rafters of Thompson-Boling Arena displayed a single word Monday - "Dynasty."

Thousands of Tennessee Lady Vols fans welcomed home the first women's team in collegiate history to win three consecutive NCAA titles.

A motecade of white, stretch limos brought the waving players back to where their perfect 39-0 season began four months ago with the raising of the 1997 banner and an early victory over Louisiana Tech.

The scoreboard flashed the result of the rematch in Sunday's title game: Tennessee 93, Louisiana Tech 75. Streamers, fireworks and "Rocky Top" rang out.

"They are simply the best ever," said Gov. Don Sundquist, who watched the game from courtside in Kansas City.

"Where women's basketball is concerned, the Lady Vols set the standard against which all others will be measured. And for the foreseeable future, the NCAA title will run through Knoxville, Tenn."

The fans roared, waving orange and white balloons. Several held a sign that said, "As Good As It Gets."

The Lady Vols took in the moment and danced their "raise the roof" dance with the crowd. Three Waterford crystal basketballs - the national trophy donated

by Sears - stood behind them on the podium.

"I think we really have spread the name Lady Volunteers throughout most only East Tennessee but throughout the country," coach Pat Summitt said.

She said her young players might not realize the significance yet for the University of Tennessee and the program.

Booster and local Mercedes dealer Sam Furrow told the crowd he had just gotten back from a trip to New York, where he found Lady Vols hats selling in a gift shop at LaGuardia Airport.

He ran into a Bosnian tourist who knew all about Tennessee. "Oh, that's what the ladies play basketball; we follow them in Bosnia," he quoted the tourist as saying.

And when Furrow got to his hotel, the bellman offered this: "Pat Summitt stays here when she is in town."

Furrow was duly impressed.

"I thought, 'Boy we have arrived,'" Furrow said before presenting a new Mercedes to Summitt and to each of her assistants - Mickie DeMoss, Holly Watlick and Al Brown.

"What a way to go out," said guard Laurie Milligan, the only senior on the team. "At least I don't have the pressure that they are going to have with four."

Responded junior guard Kellie Jolly: "No pressure."

## Holyfield looks past Akinwande, awaits Lewis

NEW YORK (AP) - Evander Holyfield's next opponent may be Henry Akinwande, but that's not the boxer who concerns him most.

At a news conference Monday announcing the Holyfield-Akinwande title fight on June 6 at Madison Square Garden, Holyfield spent more time discussing a qualification bout with Lennox Lewis or a rematch with Mike Tyson.

A heavyweight unification fight was thwarted this winter when Holyfield and HBO could not agree on the financial figures. With that fight on the back burner, Lewis went on to face Shannon Briggs, whom he beat Saturday, and Holyfield will take on Akinwande.

"Lennox got surprised, but the most important thing is he won the fight," Holyfield said. "Sometimes when you fight a bad fighter you can look bad. But regardless of who you fight, you have to weather the storm."

After the fight, Lewis suggested that all the talk about Holyfield contributed to a slow start against Briggs. While Holyfield was preoccupied, with Lewis on his mind, he said that work hinder his preparation for Akinwande.

"I think that is a sorry excuse," Holyfield said. "You choose who you talk about. We are both professional enough to talk about someone and prepare for a fight."

Holyfield, who last fought on Nov. 8 against Michael Moorer, is expected to earn about \$10 million for the fight. Lewis is expected to earn \$2.5 million. The fight will be shown on Showtime pay-per-view and promoted by Don King, who goes on trial Tuesday for insurance fraud.



World heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield, right, and challenger Henry Akinwande pose with promoter Don King Monday in New York City.

"This is a great opportunity as I go from one crisis to another," King said. "Between crises, I promote heavyweight fights."

If not for the WBC mandate, Holyfield admitted he wouldn't fight Akinwande. But with unification still his ultimate goal, Holyfield is not about to throw any bells away.

"The only way to collect all the title is to maintain the ones you already have," said Holyfield's lawyer Jim Thomas.

## Rios, a 'magician with a tennis racket,' takes over No. 1 ranking

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) - In Melbourne, Paris, London and New York, news of Marcelo Rios getting the No. 1 ranking was probably the same: Marcelo Rios?

The 5-foot-9 Chilean is a magician with a tennis racket. He must be, because he's pulled off the nifty feat of becoming No. 1 without winning a Grand Slam.

Thanks to his victory over Andre Agassi in the final of the Lipton Championships, Rios ended Pete Sampras' streak of 102 consecutive weeks at No. 1 when the new rankings came out Monday.

Rios can credit consistency for becoming the first South American to top the rankings. The 22-year-old left-hander was runner-up at the Australian Open in January, and he was the only player to reach the fourth round at all four majors last year.

But he didn't win any of them, and yet he's No. 1. That's like winning the Super Bowl without scoring a touchdown.

Still, Woods came away second on the women's tour,

had this description for Rios' achievement: "Kind of weird."

The comment made Rios bristle.

"M a y b e girls are a different thing," he said. "Winning a Grand Slam for girls is really easy, so they should be No. 1 really easy. I think with guys it's really tough. It's not playing like girls."

Agassi, a former No. 1, said Rios deserves the ranking - for now.

"How everybody does in the Grand Slams is going to determine ultimately the end-of-the-year ranking," Agassi said. "He'll have to win a slam this year to be No. 1 in the players' eyes."

Tim Henman, who lost to Rios in the Lipton semifinals, had no comment about the new No. 1.

"Ranking points don't lie," Henman said. "You've got to earn every single one of them."

Rios hasn't won a Grand Slam, but he's come very close. I think it won't be long before he does win a major."

The only other player to reach No. 1 without owning a Grand Slam title was Ivan Lendl in 1983, and he went on to win eight majors.

Sampras, who has 10 Grand Slam titles, will try to make Rios reign brief. He can regain No. 1 by reaching the semifinals at Hong Kong next week.

But for now, Rios is on top, and he has become a national hero in Chile. Following his victory over Agassi, thousands of people in Santiago spilled into the streets to celebrate, chanting "Rios, Rios, No. 1."

They resent the suggestion his ranking is tainted. When Rios was asked Sunday about being No. 1 without winning a Grand Slam, Latin reporters groaned.

"The tour is not only the four Grand Slams," Rios said. "I play 30 tournaments a year."

But he hopes to come up with a more convincing answer to the question in eight weeks at the French Open.

## Masters field appears to be strong

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Final grades are in and The Players Championship produced some Masters degree.

The star field at the Stadium Course - 45 of the top 50 players in the world - competed not only for the \$720,000 first prize won by Tiger Woods on Sunday, but also showed where things stand going into Augusta next week.

Who got high marks on the verge of the Masters, the year's first major?

Leonard, runner-up Tom Lehman, Mark Calcavecchia, Lee Westwood and Scott Hoch had strong weekends and proved their games were solid enough to handle championship pressure.

Nick Price, Phil Mickelton, Ernie Els and John Cook rounded out an impressive group that finished in the top 13 on a firm and dry weekend with gusty rough that provided a major championship test.

John Daly was under par in three of the four rounds but was closing 69 after finishing with

two double bogeys on Saturday suggested he has new focus. Nick Faldo, Jose Maria Olazabal and Jesper Parnevik can go to the Masters with the full knowledge they are capable of winning.

"It's good to go to Augusta with some confidence," Leonard said after closing with a 67 to overcome a five-stroke deficit on the final day, just as he did in winning the British Open and the Kenner Open last year.

"That place can ear your lunch," Leonard said about Augusta National, a course that preys on the slightest doubt that a player has about his game.

Who leaves The Players Championship with doubts? Well, Colin Montgomerie missed the cut. Greg Norman withdrew because of a sore left shoulder and has played only 17 1/2 competitive rounds this year.

Fred Couples closed with a 79, Lee Janzen with a 79 and Davis Love III had an 80 in the final round.

And what about the defending champion at the Masters? Tiger Woods failed to break par in any of his four rounds and finished in 35th place at 2-over 296, 12 strokes behind Leonard.

"My game is rounding into shape," he said after a final-round 72. "I'm very pleased. I'm putting good. I'm getting up and down from everywhere, and I'm hitting the ball very solid."


Ahead for Woods is a week of hard work before Augusta.

"We are about three-quarters of the way there," his coach, Butch Harmon, said Sunday. "I am going down to Orlando for three days to work with him."

The plan is to adjust Woods' game to best fit the Augusta National course.

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# Marlins' ace Hernandez says, 'I feel ... the same as everyone else'

MIAMI (AP) — Livan Hernandez's life has transformed at dizzying speed: Cuban defector to rookie to World Series MVP to star ace.

Florida's 23-year-old right-hander begins his first full year in the major leagues today in the Marlins' season opener against Chicago.

"He's a very cool-headed person," catcher Charles Johnson said. "I don't think he's going to let what happened last year affect him."

Hernandez defected in September 1995, signed with the Marlins four months later and made his major league debut last June 15 against the New York Yankees.

He started 9-0, wound up 9-3 with a 3.18 ERA, then became MVP of both the league championship series — striking out a record 15 in the finale against Atlanta —



and the World Series victory over Cleveland.

Miami's Cuban exile community embraced him as a hero. Now, following owner H. Wayne Hulsezner's salary purge, he's Florida's senior starter.

"I feel normal, the same as everyone else," said Hernandez, sporting a diamond earring and Tommy Hilfner shorts. "I don't want to change my personality or my way of being."

His lifestyle is a bit different, though, thanks to his \$4.5 million, four-year contract. Hernandez now has a choice of

Mercedes to drive to the ballpark (he got rid of his Ferrari) — a first because the cycle he took to the field in Cuba.

And he counts among his closest confidants Cuban-born performers Gloria Estefan and her husband Emilio, and Cuban salsa singer Willy Chirino.

When recalling former teammates he's met, the list is so extensive, he needs to be reminded to include the president of the United States.

He's also started to play golf and become a movie buff.

"All you can ask everybody out there to do is remember this guy's got a half-year in the big leagues," said Marlins manager Jim Leyland, who has made an effort to keep pressure off Hernandez.

Hernandez was 0-4 this spring with a

6.23 ERA. Still, he says he's more prepared this year than he was last year, and he has a better knowledge of batter.

Chicago's Mark Grace found little consolation in knowing Hernandez will have an inexperienced team behind him Tuesday.

"They wouldn't be in the major leagues if they weren't good players," Grace said. "We're going to look at them as a team we have to respect and a team we have to beat if we want to go anywhere."

This spring, Hernandez was joined in the United States by his half-brother, Orlando, who defected and signed a \$66 million deal with the Yankees earlier this month — three months after fleeing Cuba on a boat.

Livan Hernandez cannot blame players who defect. He recalls one of the sensations of walking to the mound for his first major

league start, calling it stimulating.

"It's not because of freedom," he said. "It's because you're playing baseball."

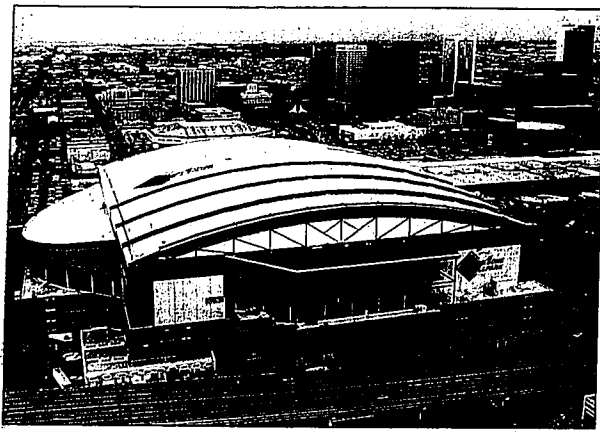
With the big leagues have come big responsibilities. Hernandez says he's had to learn to take better care of himself.

"In Cuba, I'd go out to disco the day before I pitched," he said. "I'd go out, pitch the next day and win. Now you can't do that. We're playing the best baseball in the world."

Chicago, meanwhile, is looking forward to a different start from last year, which began 0-14. Hernandez pitched against them twice, going 2-0.

No wonder Hernandez seems care free.

"I'm always happy," he said. "I like to be happy. That way you don't frustrate yourself."



Bank One Ballpark, the home of the Arizona Diamondbacks, sits in the forefront of the Phoenix skyline. The expansion Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies open Major League Baseball play there tonight.

## 'Lock and load' Diamondbacks ring in baseball in Arizona

PHOENIX (AP) — To the Colorado Rockies, their game tonight in Arizona is just another opening day. To the Diamondbacks, it's the only day.

"It's time to lock and load, but to speak, Arizona manager Buck Showalter said. "We'll see a little different look in their eyes about game time. I'm awfully proud of these people. They handled everything real well, and I'm glad to call them one of us and me one of them."



Catcher Jorge Fábregas, who has played for Anaheim and the Chicago White Sox, has a feeling about a team that hires Showalter nearly 2 1/2 years ago to build from the ground up.

After the expansion draft, trades and free agency, the Diamondbacks can blend veterans like Matt Williams, Jay Bell and Devon White with future stars like first baseman Travis Lee.

"It's going to be a good lineup, and even our pitching staff is well-stocked," Fábregas said. "This isn't any run-of-the-mill team, that's for sure."

Colorado outfielder Dante Bichette said it was a fact.

"This is an expansion team, true, but it's an expansion team with plenty of talent — enough to beat any club in the league," the outfielder said. "You can't let up for an instant."

But that doesn't keep the Rockies from planning to come away from the three-game series in Phoenix with a 3-0 record, manager Don Baylor's declared intention.

"We have three games here, and we're going to try to win all three," Rockies third baseman Vinny Castilla said. "It's not just the expansion teams. Our goal is to try to win every game, and this

first one is our first chance."

The only two teams in the Mountain Time Zone, Colorado and Arizona are linked by history as well as proximity.

Phoenix was one of the areas that lost out when the sport awarded expansion franchises to Denver and Miami for the 1993 season. But the Rockies picked Tucson as their spring-training site, owing to the influx of winter visitors who throng to Arizona each winter.

When Colangelo looked for a model, he patterned the team after the Rockies, who made the playoffs in their third year.

The Rockies (83-79 in 1997) signed Darryl Kile during the off-season. The Diamondbacks, desperate for an experienced ace, also pursued Kile. They later signed Andy Benay away from St. Louis. The right-handers will oppose each other in this history-making game.

Benay has his own tie with the Rockies — he was batting for the Cardinals on Sept. 7, when Pedro Astacio hit him on the pitching hand, broke a finger and ended his season.

Asked whether he wished to see Astacio instead of Kile, Benay said he only worries about the hitters, and Colorado is loaded.

"They hit seven home runs when we played them last time (in spring training), and that's probably not the first time they've hit seven in a game," Benay said. "I hope it doesn't happen tomorrow, but are a very good team."

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Hideli Irbu was booted in his first appearance before San Diego fans. He responded by ripping through three pain-free innings and striking out seven of his 11 batters.

At Jupiter, Fla., Chuck Carr hit a two-run double in the seventh inning, then was released after Montreal beat its Triple-A farm team.

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## Astros make late move: Shourek lands on roster, not in rotation

HOUSTON (AP) — For Houston Astros manager Larry Dierker, spring training was both the best and the worst.

The NL Central champions went right up to the deadline Monday before making their final roster decisions prior to today's season opener against the San Francisco Giants.

"On one side, spring training is too long because the veterans have been ready for a week," Dierker said. "On the other side, it wasn't long enough because we started out with 26 pitchers trying to pitch 11 and we're still unsettled."

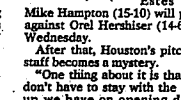
After six weeks in Florida, Dierker still had to see third baseman Stan Berry run before making his opening day lineup and if Pete Shourek will fit in as the No. 5 starter.

General manager Gerry Hunsicker said he decided last Monday that Shourek, recovering from elbow surgery, needed more time to get ready.

"I don't see it beginning the year in the starting rotation," Hunsicker said. "He'll spend some time in the minor leagues."

Dierker is trying to regain the form he had in 1991 when he was the Cy Young runner-up.

Starters Chris Hales and Ramon Garcia are still recovering from



injuries. Shane Reynolds (9-10) will start Tuesday against 19-game winner Steve Lincecum. Estes and Mike Hampton (15-10) will pitch against Orel Hershiser (14-6) on Wednesday.

After that, Houston's pitching staff becomes a mystery.

"One thing about it is that we don't have any idea yet as to what we have on opening day," Dierker said. "We've got some people still injured that we hope are going to come back and help us out."

Berry tested out a pulled leg muscle at Monday's workout and was pronounced ready for the opening day start with the No. 2 spot and he's been hitting ever since," Dierker said. "So why argue with success?"

The Astros feel they may need to use their odds and ends in games until their pitching staff gets healthy.

(The addition of Moises Alou in

left field and hitting fifth, will help.

"I'm concerned but not to the panic stage," Dierker said. "We've got to score some runs and figure a way to help our pitchers."

The Astros lineup won't get an easy assignment against Estes in the opener.

In his first full season in the major leagues last year, Estes went 4-0 in his first four All-Star games. He also had 4-0 months in June and August.

"He's a tough pitcher, he gave us a hard time last year," Astros catcher Brad Ausmus said.

Estes had a 1-0 record in two starts, one a complete game, against the Astros last season. He allowed seven hits in 15 1/3 innings and struck out 17.

"I'm ready to throw 100 pitches and seven to eight quality innings," Estes said.

Last year's performance and a good spring has Baker convinced.

"You win 15 games, I don't care if you're 10 years old, you're not longer a kid," Baker said. "He's younger than most good pitchers and younger than their act together quicker than older guys. It helps to be young and good."

## Manners begin final season in Kingdome

SEATTLE (AP) — There will be enough moments of disappointment to go around at the Kingdome today.

For the Seattle Mariners, the third time in four seasons, Sunday's start of a first-round playoff loss to the Baltimore Orioles.

For the Cleveland Indians, there's the empty stadium at the end of Game 7 of the World Series to the Florida Marlins after blowing a ninth-inning lead.

For Randy Johnson, there's the anger created by Seattle's refusal to give him a contract extension or by losing.

"I have a choice, but to be ready," Johnson said. "I'm focused on baseball and that's what I have to do."

The Mariners are starting their final full season in the Kingdome, preparing to move into their \$417 million, retractable-roof stadium in mid-1999. They think their new ballpark will do for them economically what Jacobs Field has done for the Indians.

Despite losing Matt Williams, Marquis Grissom and Tony Fernandez, the Indians are favored to win their fourth straight AL Central title as they try and make it to the World Series for the third time in four years.

the Mariners, led by AL MVP Ken Griffey Jr. and All-Star shortstop Alex Rodriguez, are the favorites to win the AL West for the third time in four seasons.

Cleveland, which starts Charles Nagy in the opener, came within two outs of winning its first Series title since 1948.

This spring, the Indians, beset by pitching problems, were only 12-21.

"I have to put spring training behind me and be ready for the season," Nagy said.

Cleveland shook up its roster during the winter. In the biggest move, the Indians brought back center fielder Kenny Lofton, traded to Atlanta during spring training last year for Marquis Grissom and David Justice.

Seattle signed David Segui to play first base in place of Paul Sorrento, who signed with Tampa Bay. The Mariners also added good-hit, no-field Glenn Helliard in left field, where Jose Cruz Jr. and Roberto Kelly played last season, and Billy Swift to their starting rotation.

Johnson, 34, again is in the spotlight. He is making \$6 million this year and probably will seek a multiyear deal averaging \$10 million-plus.

## Big Unit mum on contract

SEATTLE (AP) — Randy Johnson doesn't intend to make this his season of discontent.

He is unhappy with the Seattle Mariners because they're not going to grant him a contract extension, but he says he's going to be mute on the subject from now on.

"I'm in good shape, better shape than I was last year when I was coming off my back surgery," Johnson allowed Monday. "So there's no reason why I shouldn't come up with the same numbers as I did last year."

"That's the type of expectations that I have of myself when I go out there."

On Tuesday, the Mariners' ace — probably starting his final season in Seattle — will be the team's opening day pitcher for the franchise that he helped win two AL West championships in the past three seasons.

Johnson, 34, will be opposed by the defending American League champion Cleveland Indians and Charles Nagy.

Johnson can have the same kind of season that he had last year: there will be a lot of fans unhappy to see him leave. The 1995 AL Cy Young Award winner went 20-4 with a 2.28 ERA with 291 strikeouts in 213 innings and 29 starts last season.

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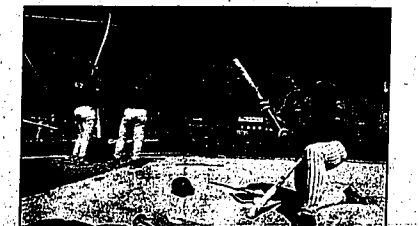
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Stan York's Dutch Niekro, right, warms up during batting practice at Shea Stadium Monday. The Mets open play for the regular season against the Philadelphia Phillies today.

## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Man held in jail pending sexual abuse sentencing

GOODING - A Wendell man who earlier this month pleaded guilty to one count of sexual abuse of a minor child was held without bond Monday in the Gooding County Jail.

The charge against Daniel Matt Fairchild, 38, stems from a January incident, in which prosecutors say Fairchild attempted to have sexual contact with a 9-year-old child, Gooding County Prosecutor Paul Brown said.

Fairchild will be sentenced April 21, Brown said.

During Fairchild's arraignment March 7, Brown argued successfully to have Fairchild's bond revoked because Fairchild is registered as a convicted sex offender.

### Burley City Council buys electrical substation

BURLEY - The Burley City Council Monday agreed to buy a substation from Bonneville Power Administration.

The facility will cost the city \$550,000, but it's expected to save Burley \$30,000 to \$70,000 a year, Power Administrator Dile Monson said.

The city is planning to lower power rates in the future, he said, the electrical committee is still deciding how much.

### Minidoka School Board to discuss possible staff cuts

RUPERT - Up for discussion at today's Minidoka County School Board meeting is an update on enrollment decline and corresponding staff cutbacks.

Superintendent Nick Hallett said he will meet with principals to learn whether any employees will take an early retirement package, or will not return to the district next year for other reasons. Hallett said he will gather the latest enrollment figures.

The district has projected cuts of up to 17 positions due to shrinking enrollment.

In other business, the board will hear updates about the dress code, Idaho technology competency tests, and the district's levy election on April 28. The board also will review policies for drugs, alcohol and tobacco; classified supervision procedure; job descriptions, and department or team coordinator job descriptions and stipends.

The board will begin its meeting at 5:30 p.m. in executive session to consider a personnel matter. The board meets at the district office, 633 Fremont Ave.

For more information call 436-4727.

### Shoshone school board holds special meeting

SHOSHONE - The Shoshone School Board Monday will consider recommendations for rehiring teachers.

The board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Lincoln Elementary School Media Center.

The board will also discuss the progress of building construction and will open bids for a new network package.

An executive session to discuss personnel matters is also scheduled.

### Blaine commissioners to discuss planning issues

HAILEY - The Blaine County Commission Monday will continue its public hearing on a request to vacate part of the common area of the Clarendon Subdivision.

The hearing opens at 9 a.m. in the commission chamber at the Blaine County Courthouse.

In other business, the commission will consider an appeal for expanded land use by the Picabo Livestock Company and will at 3 p.m. continue a public hearing regarding a request by the Walker Sand and Gravel Company to amend the county's comprehensive plan.

### Times-News internship applications due April 15

TWIN FALLS - Applications are due by April 15 for paid newspaper internships at the Times-News for summer 1998.

Internships are expected to be offered in news reporting and classified sales.

Preference will be given to college students who plan careers in print communications. Preference also will be given to applicants from the Times-News circulation area of southern Idaho and northern Nevada.

Interested students should send a current resume, a list of references, a current college or high school transcript, work samples and a cover letter. Pre-employment drug and alcohol tests are required.

Applications should be sent to Mary Karen, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Applications will be accepted until April 15.

Decisions are expected by May 15.

Compiled from staff reports

# Cheese business

## Sale is positive for Idaho-based Avonmore company

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The sale of Wisconsin and Illinois cheese operations may buy good fortune for a locally based cheese maker.

The Avonmore Waterford Group has agreed to sell its Wisconsin-based businesses, Waterford Food Products Inc. and Avonmore Cheese Inc., to a Canadian dairy company, Saputo Group Inc. The price is \$36 million.

The sale doesn't include Avonmore's Idaho operations, which will stay with the parent company.

Waterford Foods has three plants in Wisconsin, and manufactures and mar-

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kets Swiss cheese, condensed milk and other products. Avonmore Cheese has two plants in Wisconsin and one in Illinois, manufacturing and marketing Italian cheeses and dairy food ingredients.

Avonmore Waterford is the parent company of the Twin Falls-based Avonmore West. With

three plants and almost 400 employees in the Magic Valley, Avonmore West calls itself the largest cheese producer in the Northwest.

After the sale, Avonmore West also will be Avonmore Waterford's only operation in the United States and the focus of the company's attention.

Avonmore Waterford already completed a \$20 million investment program in its Idaho operation to support a global position in advanced dairy ingredients and to keep Avonmore West a center of excellence for cheese manufacturing, said Pat O'Neill, Avonmore

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## Faulty tape recorder delays case of poisoning

By Mark Heinz Times-News writer

JEROME - Two men who prosecutors say plotted to poison a Jerome County resident remained in jail Monday, with their trial on indefinite hold.

Dan Wheeler III, 37, and Patrick M. Austin, 21, both of Jerome, face felony charges of conspiracy to commit first-degree murder. Prosecutors say Austin and Wheeler plotted in December 1997 to poison Holton's coffee with nicotine distilled from boiled cigarettes.

The two men had been scheduled for an April 13 trial. But Jerome County Prosecutor John Lothspich said a tape recorder failed to capture the testimony of Justice Tucker in a preliminary hearing in January. Tucker says she overheard Austin discussing how to poison Jerry Holton.

Magistrate Judge John Melanson bound the joint case against Austin and Wheeler over to District Court. But the case can't proceed without a precise record of Tucker's testimony, Lothspich said.

Lothspich said he requested that Tucker's testimony be repeated in Magistrate Court. But defense lawyers have moved for an entirely new preliminary hearing.

It was not known Monday when Melanson would decide whether to repeat the entire hearing.

Meanwhile, laboratory tests have proven that a previously identified substance that Austin delivered in a vial to Holton's wife, Janeyce Holton, was distilled nicotine, Lothspich said.

So the state might request that felony charges of conspiracy to administer poison with the intent to kill be re-filed against Wheeler and Austin.

Melanson dismissed those charges after January's hearing because the state had not yet provided proof the vial did indeed contain nicotine.

Wheeler and Austin were held in the Jerome County Jail on \$100,000 bond each.

## Burley man unhappy with state police after accident

By Gregory Hahn Times-News writer

BURLEY - A local man is angry about how the Idaho State Police has dealt with an accident that required surgery, and left him in the hospital for two weeks.

On March 13, 86-year-old Harry Warnke was walking back to his car from the Burley post office.

He started across 14th Street, he said, when he was struck by a car - an Idaho State Police car. Cassia County Sheriff didn't investigate the case, and no citation was issued.

"It was knocked down," he said. "The mail went all over the place."

Cpt. Scott Dye was making a right turn on a red light. The sun was glaring in his rear view mirror, said police spokesman John Johnston, and he suddenly saw someone go down in front of him.

"Absolutely unintentional," Warnke agreed, "but careless."

Warnke said he was OK, he said, but he refused an ambulance. But her son found out he had a broken knee.

Doctors have inserted a metal pin into his knee and the Burley resident has contracted viral pneumonia - extending his stay at Cassia Regional Medical Center until this morning. And he says he only spoken to one police representative since, and thinks he is being forgotten. The police returned a bill for the operation, Warnke said, but he had insurance that would cover it anyway.

Warnke said he's not looking to sue.

And Johnston said he shouldn't have to.

He said Dye followed department policy, requesting an ambulance and calling Cassia County sheriff's deputies to see if they wanted to investigate the matter. They didn't, Johnston said.

The incident was turned over to the department's insurance. He added the department still didn't know exactly

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## MAKING THE POINT



Mike Simpson, a candidate from Blackfoot seeking Idaho's 2nd Congressional District seat, speaks to the Twin Falls County Republican Women during a luncheon Monday.

## Candidates woo Twin Falls GOP over meat and potatoes

By Liz Wright Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Though similar in philosophies, GOP candidates told party cohorts they have different takes on what really matters in the 2nd Congressional District race.

Mark Stubbs, Mike Simpson and Ann Rydahl outlined their campaign platforms during a meet-and-mash-before-luncheon Monday with three dozen Twin Falls County Republicans.

Stubbs said he wants to reduce federal authority over state government and keep families together. Simpson emphasized lowering the federal debt and his ability to get opponents to agree on ideas.

Rydahl hammered at federal rule-breaking by politically appointed federal



employees, and said the United Nations also warrants close examination.

"I know where the problems are in the agencies, I know right where I would go," Rydahl said.

The candidates have 56 days before the May 26 election to make their case

to succeed U.S. Rep. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, who is running for the Senate.

Simpson emphasized chipping away at the national debt, advocating a reduction in the \$5 trillion debt partly with the \$8 billion surplus Congress is seeing this year.

Also, it is unfair for Congress to keep allowing the "marriage tax penalty" that places married couples in a higher income bracket and subjects them to more taxes than a single person, he said.

Simpson, a dentist from Blackfoot and speaker of the Idaho House of Representatives, said he wants to erase the Internal Revenue Service's tax code and start from scratch. Taxes on capital gains also should be erased, he said.

"Why should the federal government

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## Proposed dairy draws heated comment

By Kurt Friedemann Times-News writer

BURLEY - For more than three hours Monday, Cassia County commissioners listened to Broke Stroker's neighbors explain why they didn't want him to build a dairy in their neighborhood.

Commissioners took no action Monday. They decided to view the proposed site at 3:30 p.m. April 6 and make their decision at 4 p.m. April 13.

Stroker recently applied for the permit to build a 4,000-cow dairy south of Burley. The dairy's exact location would be 1,000 feet south of 500 South

between 670 and 750 East, only a few hundred yards from Stroker's home.

Most protesters weren't against the dairy, they said, but against the inevitable odor and insect problems the operation would bring with it. Stroker cited his proximity to the operation as reason enough to keep the smell and flies at a minimum.

But he said his choices are dwindling very quickly.

"I'm 34 years old and I have to make my move now," he said after the meeting. "I would like to have a small little family farm for my kids but it's not possible to do business that way anymore."

It might not be possible for Stroker to start his business. More than 50 people voiced objections to the dairy farm and many suggested relocating it.

Stroker said moving would be impossible.

"It would cost us about \$3 million to relocate," he told the crowded room. "It is financially impossible for us to meet government regulations and relocate."

David Dick wants to preserve his way of life and a 4,000-head dairy would ruin it, he said.

"The Stroker dairy is a win-lose situation," he said. "And the dairy's neighbor

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SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK

Sex case trial begins



White Pine Intermediate School students Lance Mitchell and Daley Palmer strike acts, with and with fellow actresses in the school's production of "Readin', Ritin' and Rockin'", which the sixth-graders choreographed and performed for the rest of the school. The students, who also designed their own costumes, gave parents and friends a show Monday night at well.

By Penelope Ruddy  
Times-News writer

**BRIDLEY** — Whether testimony of children can be trusted or easily influenced by earnest, even self-motivated adults may be the focus of the defense in this week's trial of Manuel Ramirez Curiel.

Curiel, 37, is on trial on two counts of first and lewd sexual conduct with minors under the age of 16. The events allegedly occurred between April 27, 1993, and Feb. 6, 1994, in Burley and in a home in Utah.

Jury selection began Monday morning, and the trial started after lunch. With their mother at their sides, two girls, now ages

nine and 10, testified about sexual abuse which allegedly occurred when they were 5 and 6 years old, while their mother was in prison.

During opening statements, Special Prosecutor Rich Bevan said he would introduce additional testimony from doctors and foster parents to corroborate the girls' testimony.

Curiel's attorney, Kent Jensen, alluded to proving the children's testimony may have been influenced by earnest foster parents.

During jury selection, Jensen discussed both Curiel and Santa Claus, and talked about how adults can influence young children to believe in fantasies.

A jury of seven women, five men and one female alternate will decide Curiel's fate at a trial expected to last most of the week.

Curiel was denied reinstatement of a plea agreement withdrawn in February after Bevan, a former Twin Falls County prosecutor, told the court he discovered Curiel had been convicted of a prior sex offense. Bevan had asked the court to withdraw the agreement in December, saying he would not have made it if he had been aware of the prior offense.

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Agencies again try for regional accord on Columbia River Basin

SEATTLE (AP) — With salmon stocks of the Columbia River Basin at stake, dozens of state, federal and tribal government agencies are trying to gather at a scale to resolve disputes.

If the region cannot act as one, federal judges could end up deciding wildlife and power-generation issues facing the basin, said Mike Krendler, a former congressman who represents Washington state on the Northwest Power Planning Council.

"The principal motivator here is that each (party) has something they could lose... especially if they lose it, it's a disaster to receive," Krendler said Monday from Washington, D.C.

"That is the cloud that hangs over the region and now has to motivate people to work together in a way they have not in the past."

Krendler and several others, representing state, federal and Indian interests, introduced the Three Sovereigns Fish and Wildlife Governance Process during a telephone news conference.

It is an effort to create a new forum in which the federal government, the Northwest states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana and 13 tribes — the "three sovereigns" — could coordinate and resolve fish and wildlife issues facing existing laws.

Ray Starnes, who was hired to help put together the Three Sovereigns program over the past year, said that while there are any number of governmental and tribal agencies involved in trying to find answers to Columbia Basin problems, "there is no process where governors can meet and put all issues on the table for resolution."

In trying to solve that problem, the Three Sovereigns agreement would create two new government entities.

The first would be a high-level forum composed of the governors of the four states, a representative of the White House, and the chairmen of the 13 Columbia Basin tribes.

The second entity would be a committee composed of four state, four federal and four tribal representatives. It would work to coordinate studies, recovery programs and decisions affecting basin fish and wildlife on all levels, and promote public involvement.

The next order of business for the Three Sovereigns project is a 60-day public review. Two draft agreements will be introduced to the region at a series of public hearings beginning April 8 in Portland, Ore. Other hearings are scheduled for April 13 in Richland, April 20 in Boise, Idaho, and April 23 in Spokane, with more planned.

Two versions of the draft agree-

ment reached by tribal, state and federal negotiators have been released. A second version was required to include concerns from State of Idaho officials that the first version was overly broad in scope.

Drafters of the agreement say they particularly want the public's comments concerning how topics could get onto the Three Sovereigns' agenda, the development of fish and wildlife recovery plans, the scope of issues to be considered, how to resolve disputes, what to require consensus or a vote of the parties involved, and whether a single party could hold up a topic from consideration.

"After public comment, the drafters 'will determine the appropriate next steps,' said a news release.

Sampsel said the Three Sovereigns entities could be operating to some degree within a few months.

Encouraging the Three Sovereigns process has been the listing in recent years of many Columbia Basin salmon and steelhead runs under the federal Endangered Species Act, which requires steps to protect the fish.

"The listings came despite millions of dollars being spent on attempts to protect and restore fish runs along the Columbia and its tributaries."

Malfunction causes shut down of Tooele chemical disposal facility

TOOELE, Utah (AP) — An equipment malfunction early Monday forced the temporary shutdown of an incinerator at the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility here.

Facility spokesman Jon Petrebone said the incinerator's safety shutdown sequence was triggered after a partially drained MCA bomb containing deadly GB nerve agent was fed into the incinerator and caused a temperature fluctuation.

"Petrebone said the system failed what it was supposed to do and that no agent leaked outside furnace or into the environment."

Wardens being destroyed at the facility are drilled open and the chemical agent drained. The liquid is burned in a separate furnace.

The warheads, which always contain some residual nerve agent, are fed into a metal parts incinerator.

In this case, a probe that measures how much agent had been

drained from the warhead malfunctioned and the partially filled warhead was fed into the metal parts incinerator.

"It caused a flare in temperature which tripped the emergency shutdown."

— Jon Petrebone, Tooele facility

agency shutdown," Petrebone said.

The furnace was not damaged and it was being rechecked Monday afternoon.

The \$200 million MOCE incinerator was commissioned to destroy thousands of tons of chemical weapons stored at the Tooele Chemical Depot, some 50 miles southwest of Salt Lake.

Since firing up in August 1993, the incinerator has destroyed just under 3 million pounds of GB nerve agent.

Monthly 5 percent of the total stored at the depot. The depot is home to roughly 42 percent of the nation's chemical weapons' stockpile, most of it awaiting incineration at the site. The stockpile is the largest in the world.

expended the end of April. Avonmore Warfield says the state reserves will be used to reduce the borrowing.

Williams expects to see more mergers in the Midwest, because the dairy business is facing difficult times. The cost of milk is \$1.50 more per hundred pounds than in Idaho, so consolidation is needed to offset the high cost of milk, he said.

"We do see more very modern facilities and high volume and lower costs," Williams said.

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— Jeff Williams, vice president

announced its merger with Avonmore Foods, another major Irish business. The result was Avonmore Waterford, with combined sales of almost \$4 billion, making it the world's seventh largest milk processor.

The sale to Sigma Group Inc. is subject to regulatory approval.

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Though Rydzalch wouldn't provide specifics, she said she

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— Mark Stubbs

National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

If allowed, Rydzalch said she would propose that its members receive a check of some amount by having them sign agency officials' names, even though they are doing.

She said she is an opponent of flag-burning and abortion. Rydzalch, who spent seven years in the Legislature, also accused her work in the Republican Party.

These items are strong and will send it to the legislature in some way, Rydzalch said.

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Cheese

Waterford managing director. "The focus on our food ingredients strategy following the establishment of Avonmore Waterford Group is to concentrate on larger scale facilities in Ireland and in Idaho," he said.

"We look at (the sale) as a real positive sign for what we are doing out here," said Jeff Williams, Avonmore West vice president. "One-hundred-ninety million dollars in sales revenue were sold with the business, so that will create more opportunity for us out West and in Idaho."

In October 1997, the Ireland-based Avonmore Foods

GOP

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Stubbs said it's time to act on the rhetoric of family values. Besides eliminating the marriage tax penalty, Congress should consider doing away with Medicare rules that drain couples of their money before government will consider paying for their spouses' serious health problems.

Stubbs also related a story about taking a group of children several history questions. The only ones who answered were two brothers, whom another boy used were educated at home by their parents.

learned that federal agency political appointees are "disgustingly violating laws by being selective about enforcing laws. She said she discovered this through her experience working at the Idaho

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Energy Department fines Hanford contractor

RECHLAND, Wash. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Energy said Monday it will fine a contractor for safety violations at a plant where plutonium was released during a May 1997 explosion.

The fine proposed a \$200,000 civil penalty for site operator Fluor Daniel Hanford Co. for violations of nuclear safety rules at the site's enrichment plant during and after the May 14, 1997 explosion.

The four nuclear safety violations considered to be level II on a three-step scale of severity, with level I the most severe, said Peter N. Brash, acting assistant secretary for the federal Office of Environmental, Safety and Health.

The violations had the potential for a catastrophic accident, where an unregulated chain reaction of plutonium occurs, Brash said.

Subsequent actions by Fluor Daniel Hanford to correct the

violations helped mitigate the proposed fines, he said. "Our overarching goal here... is to make these facilities operate more safely, not to create a revenue stream for the department," Brash said.

The department's Office of Enforcement and Investigation found Fluor Daniel and its sub-contractors failed numerous times to follow rules for safe handling and transportation of plutonium between November 1996 and June 1997.

These violations and the violation of radiological control were found to be caused in part by management failures to adequately enforce procedural compliance," Brash wrote.

Fluor Daniel Hanford President Henry Hatch in March 26 letter.

The company was fined \$37,500 for each of three incidents involving the handling of plutonium in the PFP. They included transportation of 167 grams of plutonium and two inci-

dents where too much plutonium was placed in "gloveboxes" for handling nuclear materials.

The company also was fined for failing to follow established document change, surveillance, emergency response and radiological control procedures.

The PFP explosion. A civil penalty of \$28,125 was assessed for those alleged violations.

Fluor Daniel Hanford spokesman did not immediately return calls for comment Monday afternoon.

The Energy Department fine, which the company cannot recover from contract reimbursements, is the second stemming from the PFP explosion.

The state of Washington last year fined the Energy Department, Fluor Daniel Hanford and PFP manager Babcock & Wilcox Hanford a total of \$110,000 for lack of emergency preparedness and improper storage of hazardous chemicals.

Dairy

Continued from G1. "You see the ones who will lose," Brash said.

Brash himself recognized the effects his proposed farm would have. In a written statement to commissioners he said, "I like money to me," is most commonly spoken by those making the money, but to its class, it is just another thing.

He said the dairy would be as clean as possible, and he pledged

his willingness to work with everyone.

"The dairy may not be enough. "We have a right to enjoy clean air," Frank Gillette said. "I have the utmost respect for the solar brothers and I think they would do the best job they can but there is no law with any teeth that says they have to."

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Accident

Continued from G1. what happened, whether Dye-touched Wankle ever saw a Wankle motorist — or just signed his case, coming in to fall.

Regardless, he added, the owner was in the accident, and the driver is probably at least partially responsible for what happened to Wankle — and the

state's insurance will cover it. "You sure he will get compensation for how much," Johnston said. "But how deep I don't know."

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NPS uses ethanol to reduce emissions in Yellowstone Park

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — The National Park Service was able to reduce hydrocarbon emissions from its fleet of vehicles in Yellowstone Park this winter by using ethanol in all its vehicles, park officials said.

One of its goals is to get ethanol available at every gas station and public refueling stations by next winter," said Jack Roberts, Yellowstone's assistant chief of maintenance.

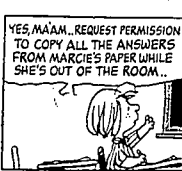
Tests conducted with the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association, federal and officials from Wyoming and Montana showed that using ethanol-blended gasoline in snowmobiles reduced carbon monoxide emissions by 9 percent, hydrocarbon emissions by 15 percent and particulates by 24 percent.



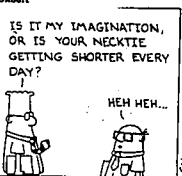
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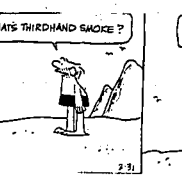
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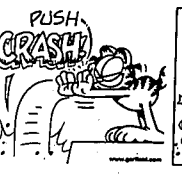
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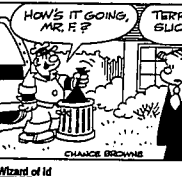
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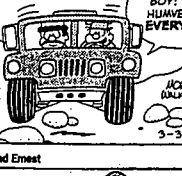
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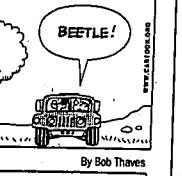
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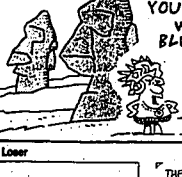
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Beetle Bailey



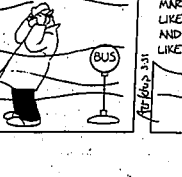
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Frank and Ernest



By Bob Thaves



The Bom Lover



By Art Sansom & Chip



For Better or For Worse



By Lynn Johnston



By Dean Young & Stan Drake



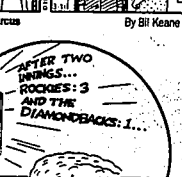
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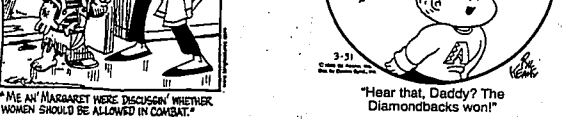
Dennis the Menace



By Hank Ketchum

The Family Circus

By Bill Keane



\*ME AN MARGARET WERE DECIDED WHETHER WOMEN SHOULD BE ALLOWED IN COMBAT.\*

"Hear that, Daddy? The Diamondbacks won!"

## Your kitty gets pimples too

**Q.** Can one recite poems to sign language? Indeed, And puns, jokes and spoonerisms, even with regional accents.

A man's mother worked on a payroll job, he'll expect his wife to do it. If his mother stayed home, he'll probably hope his wife will, too. That's the claim of a collegiate counselor. She believes a single woman ought to think about that pattern before picking out a household partner.

When artist James McNeill Whistler was a cadet at West Point, one instructor assigned him and others to draw a diagram of a water crossing. Whistler sketched a bridge with two children on the bank. One of the children ordered the instructor. Whistler drew the bridge with two small bombuses on a background hill. Did I tell you Whistler got kicked out of West Point?

Whistler's east coast is sinking into the sea by an inch or two a year.

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

A sled dog reacts to a loose moon the way a quick cat reacts to a rusted house mouse, I'm told. Maybe the best-trained dog doesn't break harness, but it surely tenses up.

Earthquake experts say that detector called the seismograph has been known ever since China's Chang Heng devised his mechanical version with a pendulum around the western time of AD 132, too, get some.

Another reason so many men sing when they drive alone is the car is a soulful person. While its hum in motion muffles the fuzzy overtones. Sort of like in the shower with the water running.

Says a scholarly authority on human memory: It's perfectly normal to forget whom you put your comb, and only abnormal if you forget what it's for.

**HOROSCOPE**  
Sydney Omarr

**IF MARCH 31 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You are dynamic, inquisitive, create your own tradition, encourage others to be themselves. You were born from one or both parents at relatively early age. You are charming, persuasive, have sense of humor and are not afraid to laugh at your own follies. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons play music before your year. October your most romantic, profitable month of 1998.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** A day to be remembered. Focus on grandiose in big business transaction. Love relationship will outgrow your fiery, Capricorn. Cancer natives play leading role.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Vindication. People who shunned you want now to celebrate you. Take philosophy and metaphysics not too serious. Moon position accents personality.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Those who thought you were sleepwalking will be in for rude awakening. Message: "What goes around comes around." Be receptive to romance. Leo in dramatic role.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Reunion with family member helps settle questions concerning sale or purchase of property. Food and beverage not being out of fashion - emphasize moderation. Capricorn in planter.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Confusion at top. Means those accustomed to giving orders will now be receiving them. Scorpio nation. You make new friends and enhance reputation. Gemini, Sagittarius across involved.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You could be suffering writer's block. Condition temporary, soon you'll be back at work. Major focus highlights surge of energy relating to physical attraction.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** What slipped under your fingers will be recovered. Give full play to intellectual curiosity - ask questions, insist on answers. A lot of interaction could be start of something big.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Attention reverts around nuclear, possible change of residence. You'll be told, "You taste is impeccable." Libra individuals craft. "I've always been attracted to you."

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** If you go slow, you win. Focus on meditation, psychic experiences you won't soon forget. Focus highlights surge of energy will turn up. Focus plays role.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You'll be beset by questions of people who originally were skeptical. Favorable lunar aspect coincides with ability to be at same place when it occurs. Water, dark colors.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Exotic conditions: search for and wide, make predictions of the future. Highlight unusual, special attention to fund raising for charitable campaign. Aries plays role.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Gift-receptive, enhance pleasure, relates to feet, could be shoes. Favorable lunar aspect invitation to speak - you've due to make his. Relative poppy (dub. Leo in picture).

- ACROSS**
1. Lulu's hair
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  9. Lowest deck
  15. Manager
  16. Tense
  17. resident
  18. Cooling smelt
  19. Sphere of power
  20. Last Russian
  21. Synonym
  22. Munkies
  24. Open position
  25. French subway
  27. Lingo and Turbo
  28. Unrestrained
  31. Courtesy, abbr.
  34. Machu Picchu
  35. Excuse
  39. Military landing field
  41. Three of the infinite
  43. William
  44. Jennings
  45. Madam's den
  46. Woodsy deity
  49. Warty face
  50. Orange lace
  53. Guinness and Balm
  54. W. alliance
  57. Lingo and Turbo
  60. Introducing
  62. Introducing
  63. Island nation
  65. Bala
  66. Ancient Israel
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**Head's Puzzle Solved**

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- DOWN**
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  2. Flynn of films
  3. Play replay
  4. Part of a BLT
  5. Hand's breadth
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  7. Packed
  8. Eruptive
  9. Warty face
  10. Money Python
  11. Giant killer
  12. Playright
  13. Males
  14. Torn and
  15. Portents
  16. Escape vehicle
  17. Eruptive
  18. Spirit, e.g.
  19. Grit
  20. Salsa suddenly
  21. Show on TV
  22. Onco
  23. Alter cast
  24. Archaic
  25. Lodging house
  26. Like a fly
  27. Flynn of films
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# Clerk kept after hours offers some advice for late shoppers

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I are newly married and have been working for a large, well-known retail store for several years.

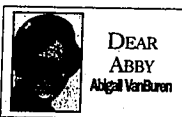
When a store posts its hours on the front door, there is no excuse for a customer to wait in three minutes before closing time and expect to shop the entire store. Even if no hours are posted, one can assume that the doors will be closing at 5 p.m. This is standard for retail stores. (Holidays and weekends may vary.)

Almost every night people stroll in late to five minutes before closing time. We will approach them and ask, "Is there anything I can help you find?" Invariably they say, "No, thank. I'm just looking." (On rare occasions a considerate customer will say, "Oh, thank you, I'll come back tomorrow.") Thirty minutes after we have locked the doors and are waiting to close the registers, these "lookie-loos" stroll out, without so much as a thank-you or apology.

How I wish I could say, "You may have nothing to do and nowhere to go, but most of us young families are still at home, sometimes a hot dinner cooling on the table, or a child waiting for a goodnight kiss. We're really not so different from you store. Please give us a break."

**—ANONYMOUS, NATURALLY**  
**DEAR ANONYMOUS:** Some stores have public address systems over which they announce that the store will be closing in 15 minutes, and it's the policy in others to flash the overhead lights to signal closing time. In others, clerks are allowed to approach the customer and say, "We are closing in three minutes. May I help you find something?" Discuss closing policies with your manager to determine if one of these practices can be instituted in your store.

**DEAR ABBY:** This is in response to the letter about using closed military bases for schools. I'm not criticizing the idea, but I am criticizing the writer's misconception of vocational education and how it is often used. I am offended at his statement that those of us who attend these schools are disadvantaged kids who leave college with only \$100.



**DEAR ABBY**  
By Alvin Karpman

grade at a vocational-technical high school in Delaware. Students must achieve a certain grade point average and fill out an application even to be accepted into this school. If they get into any trouble or don't keep up their grades, they are removed from the school. Furthermore, 60 percent of the students here go on to college after graduation.

My grandfather told me that vocational schools were first established for disadvantaged "problem children," but times have changed since Granny's day. These schools are not for dumb kids who come to learn a trade because they'll never do anything else productive in their lives. Students at my school are intelligent and excel academically as well as in their "shops."

**—HONOR STUDENT IN DELAWARE**  
**DEAR HONOR STUDENT:** Thank you for righting this misconception. You are living proof that vocational students can be college material. There are also students attending in other schools who are learning a trade to provide themselves with comfortable livelihoods. My hat is off to them.

**DEAR ABBY:** The letter from "Waiting With Baited Hook" brought to mind my daughter and son. They are 10 years ago at a dance. After they'd been dating a few months, we invited him along on a deep-sea fishing trip. When he closed his eyes, he said he not only enjoyed fishing, but could bait his own hook with live anchovies, he was really impressed. They have been married for nine years and are expecting their first baby in a couple of months.

I'll bet that baby will be fishing as soon as he or she can hold a fishing pole.

**—FISHING GRANDMA, BURBANK, CALIF.**

**DEAR FISHING:** It appears that he fell for your daughter hook, line and sinker. (I couldn't resist.)

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I have been married for more than 30 years. Ours has been a very happy marriage. However, every night before going to bed, she puts her hair up in curlers. Now she keeps asking me why I don't kiss her goodnight when we go to bed.

Abby, how would you like to make love to a porcupine? She says she wants to look good for me the next day.

How would you suggest I solve this problem?

**—FRANK B. IN CHICAGO**  
**DEAR FRANK:** Ask her to please wear a shower cap when she retires, or use hot rollers in the morning.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 53-year-old widow with four grown children, and he is not financially well-off. My deceased husband left me a fairly well-fixed financially. I have several bank accounts that I share jointly with my 28-year-old son. The house is in my name alone.

I recently met a very attractive man, and we discussed marriage, and he has moved in with me. He is twice-divorced and claims he doesn't have anything — just an old car and a few turnips. He's had in storage since he moved in with me. I have a small joint bank account with him.

Abby, do you think I need a prenuptial agreement? He is an honest, decent man.

**—UNCERTAIN IN UTAH**  
**DEAR UNCERTAIN:** I think a prenuptial agreement is an excellent idea. Put everything in writing before you tie the knot. Good luck and best wishes.

**DEAR ABBY:** I like to add to your collection of random acts of kindness.

I live in a retirement community of about 125 ranch homes. Two neighborhood men get up for an early walk every morning. As they pass the homes that have newspapers delivered, they pick up the papers that have been pitched into bushes or slightly off the porches, and place them near the front doors — rain or shine. Isn't that nice?

**—SUN CITY SENIOR**  
**DEAR SENIOR:** Yes, it's very nice.

# Bubble Wrap culture history evolves

The Dallas Morning News

You're buying a loved one at sea, and wondering what kind of covering would be appropriate.

Let's hope you've read "The Bubble Wrap Book" (HarperPerennial, \$7.50), whose two authors have obviously thought these things through.

Never buy a loved one at sea in a Bubble Wrap body bag.

"I thought that a long time ago," says Tim Nyberg, a Minnesota writer, humorist and graphic artist who likes to be called the Duct Tape Guy. "But nobody else wrote a book about it. It's all a matter of acting on your impulses."

Nyberg has teamed up with Joey Green, who calls himself the Spam Guy, to write a book wrapping history, psychology and helpful hints into what truly can be called pop culture.

"I think we fit nicely into the dawning of America," he says modestly.

"Nonsense. People need to know that leaving Bubble Wrap on the floor next to doors and windows is a fine burglar deterrent," says Bubble Wrap author and hardball into a softball or turn any pair of shoes into Hush Puppies.

You probably have your own foolish uses for the padded plastic, which is exactly the point.

The nice thing about all these products is they don't come with any instructions," Nyberg says. "So it doesn't limit your creativity."

They are the voices of experience. Green, who lives in Los Angeles, specializes in alternative uses for everyday products. His

books include "Polish Your Furniture With Panty Hose," "Faint Your House With Powdered Milk" and "Wash Your Hair With Whipped Cream" (yes, these are three separate books).

Nyberg, meanwhile, has written tongue-in-cheek volumes about the myriad applications of duct tape and WD-40.

You just knew fate would bring the men together, and it happened 15 months ago on the set of a talk show.

Green polished some furniture with Spam.

Nyberg demonstrated how women could use duct tape to guarantee the toilet seat stayed down.

A woman from Ripley's Believe It or Not museum showed off a bunch of oddities, including a stuffed toy-headed cow, all of which had been packed in Bubble Wrap.

"Afterward, Nyberg says, "There was this huge mound of Bubble Wrap backstage in the corner."

"We just thought we really needed to write a book about that."

They claim the manuscript was completed that same night, in a hotel bar on 87 cocktail napkins. Some napkins contained useful suggestions:

• Pad that bleacher seat, protect the apple in your lunch box, insulate your dog house, tape some on your forehead when you work under the car.

Other napkins went straight for the jokes.

• Cut strips of Bubble Wrap and wrap the appropriate number of bubbles during your Hall Mays.

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All Show (9:30, 11:30)

# Ways to find people happy at work

The Washington Post

Between conversations over the elegant dinner, Martha Finney glanced at the original Chagall's hanging like outbreaks from dreams against the hall's rich woodwork hues. The gala dinner and premiere of the New York Metropolitan Opera's "The Ring Cycle" in Seattle, in 1997, struck her as an improbable stop on her quest to find ordinary people who love their work. But that was only because the woman who brought her there was raised digging potatoes from the poor soil of rural Mississippi.

Director of community affairs for the Warner-Lambert Co., Evelyn Self schmoozes with New York's cultural elite and other corporate sponsors in a small, opulent restaurant in Boston. By day, she manages the pharmaceutical giant's \$8.5 million charitable fund that finances the better-work-of-the-poorers and visionaries. As the told Finney, sometimes she can't help but marvel at how far she has come from her impoverished childhood. "I'm very biased," said Self. "I have all the things in a job that I could want...."

It was only the second stop on

what Finney casually calls "the road trip." The week before, the Atlanta, Md.-based business writer kicked off a six-month, cross-country search for joy and fulfillment in the American workplace. First stop: an intrepid young carpenter in Lincoln, Va., who lives out his value-based dreams restoring vintage homes and learning his trade from the surviving handwork of master carpenters who labored two centuries earlier.

Finney posts a new profile time photographs every week or so on her Web site, "Working From the HeartLand" (<http://www.heartlandatwork.com>). An arboret at Winterset, a 1,000-acre landscape in Delaware, an Episcopal priest who left a big-city church for a small congregation in Cape Cod, Mass., the park ranger in charge of the Baltimore and Annapolis Bike Trail, all her subjects defy the negative attitudes common to today's workplace.

"We've all been so focused on the sad stories of the work experience in America, at the same time studying the how's of job landing and keeping jobs," said Finney, coauthor of "Find Your Calling, Love Your Life" (Simon

& Schuster, \$22), published in March. "But we've neglected to nourish our minds and spirits with information on what joyful, personally appropriate work is, looks like, feels like, sounds like."

While sitting next to Finney at the dinner in New York, the husband of one of the Metropolitan Opera's most important sponsors overheard her mission. He leaned toward her and said, "I love my work, I really love it. But my wife says to tone it down because not everyone's so lucky and it might make my friends jealous."

For Finney, it was a clarifying moment in a road trip fueled by clarifying moments. "So it's unsafe to make a joyful noise about work in our society," says the self-described "CIA brass" who was born in Munich and moved 13 times in her first 13 years before the family was "air-dropped" into the Washington, D.C., area. "What I would like to do is make at least one safe place where you can make that joyful noise. There is no reason why we can't... but I think we just have to know how to do it. We have to be inspired and have our examples."

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•The "Pass the Buck" annual fund-raiser for the Equine Equestrians 4-H Club is under way. Anyone who receives the goat can either keep it for a half hour or give a donation and send him to someone else on April Fool's Day. To send the goat, call 543-9267 before Wednesday.

•The SIF's Chapter of Professional Secretaries International, noon Thursday at the State Vocational Rehabilitation Office, 245 Third Ave. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call Judy Hill at 736-2287 or Beth Campbell at 736-2206.

•Cribbage, 7 p.m. Thursdays at Kodi's, 600 Main Ave. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call 736-0690 or 736-4623.

•Breakfast, served from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturdays at the Twin Falls Senior Center, 616 Eastland Drive.

•West End Head Start yard sale, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at 503 N. Broadway (on Highway 30) in Buhl.

•Welcome Wagon of Twin Falls, 11:30 a.m. April 7 at the Royal Lounge, 645 Elm Ave. in Twin Falls. Lunch will be served at noon.

•Gooding Jaycees, 7 p.m. today at the War Memorial Hall in Gooding. For more information, call Diana Pauls at 934-6125 or send e-mail to goodingjaycees@yahoo.com.

•Jerome County Club is celebrating its new clubhouse by presenting a "Pleasant Ball" Wednesday at the club house in Jerome. Funds generated by donations from this will be used to pay for new furnishings throughout the new clubhouse.

•Cham chowder luncheon, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Trinity Episcopal Church on Seventh and Idaho streets in Gooding.

•Rummage sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Shoshone Senior Center. Proceeds will benefit the senior center.

•Monthly breakfast, from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave. in Gooding.

•Jerome County Fair Board has chosen a name for the 1998 county fair. By unanimous vote, board members decided to name the fair "Whole Lot of Country."

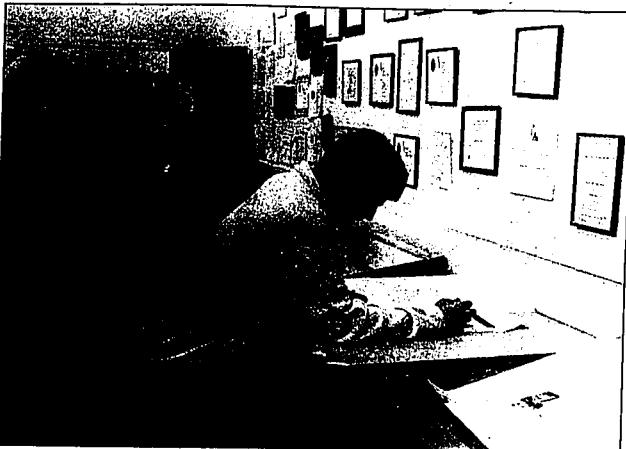
•An alcohol-free lock-in graduation party is being planned for the Jerome senior class. Donations are needed to help make the event a success. For more information, call Jones at 324-4605 in the evenings or 324-8137 during the day or Donnie Roberts at 324-4430.

•Pancake Breakfast, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Mindoka Senior Center, 702 11th St. in Rupert.

•Crafters will display works, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through April 18 at the Cinnamon & Spice Boutique on Marion Road, 1897 S. 600 W. in Oakley.

•Tote Painting, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 11 and 18 at the Cassia County Extension Office in the courthouse in Burley.

## Bruin journalists pack their bags for Seattle



Jake Werbeck, Bruin News photo editor, pours over a photo scheduled to appear in the Bruin News.

Jakob Jurtunen  
Bruin News staff writer

**TWIN FALLS** - From Sun Valley to Seattle, Twin Falls High School's Bruin News hopes to spread a good word for local journalism.

The Bruin News staff plans to learn and practice 'sound journalism' with similar high school newspapers across America in the annual JEA/NSPA National High School Journalism Conference in Seattle, Wash., April 16-29.

"The students will be exposed to the most advanced and technologically superior journalistic methodologies," said Vin Cappiello, Bruin News adviser and journalism teacher at the high school.

The conference will have 200 learning sessions from political cartooning workshops to writing competitions. There will also be an overall competition to find the nation's best high school paper.

Since Bruin News won the Idaho Journalism Advisers Association's "best of show" award for the last two years, the staff hopes to prove to be more than the best in Idaho.

"We want to see how we stack up against other high school papers around the country," Cappiello said.

Each year, the conference moves to different major cities and is usually too distant to realistically allow students to attend. Being relatively close in Seattle will provide an opportunity for the students to attend. Unfortunately, the high school's funds are limited for such activities. The staff will rely on private contributions to attend. With an additional \$200 in contributions to the Bruin News fund, students believe they will be able to attend.

Bruin News Editor-in-Chief Lee Hendricks said, "The cost is really high but the whole purpose for going puts that factor aside. The staff is really grateful for support from the community, and we're looking forward to where we stand against the big dogs."

Anyone wishing to make a donation may contact Vin Cappiello at 733-6531, extension 3062.

## Wendell Elementary School nets \$21,228 in mathathon

By Steve Koehler  
Times-News correspondent

**WENDELL** - Student body, school staff and visitors packed the Wendell Elementary multipurpose room reverberating to the sounds of the Beach Boys oldie "Be true to your school," and a big sea-life-decorated banner across the stage that said "We made a whale of a splash."

Following a host of accolades to students, teachers and community, came the big announcement - the school collected \$21,227.89 in this year's annual mathathon.

Designed to raise students' math skills and cash, the school's only fund-raiser provided money for new computers and classroom items.

Mathathon committee chairman Julie Thette praised the committee's 14 women for their work that led to topping last year's mathathon take of \$20,027.

"Our goal was to exceed last year," Thette said. "We had more sponsors this year than ever."

"I'm going to order the computers for the library today," said principal Karen Osman.

Osman said she wants the fifth-graders, who will graduate in spring, to benefit from their money-collecting work. The new computers are part of



Wendell Elementary students, who were the top four 1998 mathathon money-collectors in each class, pose with their prizes. The money mostly went for new computers in the library.

master plan to equip the school with computers connected to the Internet which will be used to enhance school curriculum.

Students, pre-school through fifth

grade, were paid by their sponsors for math test performances.

All 535 students received a Beanie Baby sea animal. The 440 students who score above an 80 percent on their tests

were given a certificate, from the Wendell Snack Bar, for a free ice cream cone.

According to how much they collected, students were awarded Olympics-style bronze, silver and gold medals. The top four money-collectors in each grade received additional prizes related to this year's sea theme.

Sam Rodriguez and Stacey Matos received grand prize trophies for collecting the most in the primary and intermediate grades respectively.

Committee member Julie Lund paid tribute to the 30 Magic Valley sponsors, especially the largest sponsor, the Wendell volunteer firemen.

The sponsors donated merchandise or cash for student prizes.

Each class received 15 percent of its profit to spend on classroom items. Teachers said they would buy mail boxes, books, computer equipment, science materials and other items.

Mathathon committee members were Jackie Chupin, Leslie Dunn, Tracy Fien, Brenda Ebel, Karen Hilarides, Lisa Leavy, Julie Lund, Cynthia Lundrom, Malinda Matthews, Taren Nelson, Heidi Pickens, Deborah Pressley, Carol Short and Thette.

Times-News correspondent Steve Koehler can be reached in Wendell at 536-2645.

## School trees keep memory of youth alive

By Heather Abel  
Times-News correspondent

**KIMBERLY** - Kimberly Elementary School recently received 25 new trees as a result of a memorial trust fund and an school learning project.

It all began when Dave and Kathy Makings of Kimberly set up a memorial fund for their son Jason, who died in a car accident eight years ago.

"At this time, Kathy and I thought it was time for some closure," Dave Makings said.

They took some money out of the memorial fund and bought trees for the elementary school. The trees were planted last fall.

"Jason liked trees," Dave Makings said. "It just seemed like a neat thing to do."

Since the project was such a success this spring, the school took the tree project on themselves, with each classroom raising \$25 to buy a tree.



Planting trees at Kimberly Elementary School re, from left, Isaac Makings, Dave Makings, Dave Bjornberg, Pat Berningham, Tara Nelson, Mariah Makings and Principal Wes Remaley.

Principal Wes Remaley said it was a great learning experience for the students.

"They learned why trees are important, how to plant a tree. They learned about the environment and ecology," Remaley said. "Learning was a big part of it."

Each classroom devised their own plan to raise money. The kindergarten class collected and counted pennies while other classes sold popcorn or suckers at noon. The four first-grade classes took their money to the bank and exchanged it all for a single hundred dollar bill.

Each classroom was also responsible for digging the hole for their tree. For this effort, the fifth-graders buddled up with the kindergarten students, fourth- and first-graders buddled up and third- and second-graders buddled together to dig their holes.

The Kimberly Lions helped plant and Kimberly Nurseries donated the use of their tree spade.

## CLUB PROFILE



Members of the Friendship Club are, in front from left, Marie Johnson, Lillian Hinton, Dorothy Reed, Helen Seal and Sarice Human. In the back, Jan Crumrine, Edna L. Shier Jones, Iida Stiglie, Helen Boles, Mary Rolce, Cathleen Or, Virginia Pharris and Ruth Willhousen.

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

help with club projects and in helping the needy.

Purpose: The Friendship Club in the Eden and Hazelton area is made up of individuals who support the community, visit the sick, help those in need and sponsor community events. Officers are Darlene Rogers, president; Sarice Human and Helen Seal, covice presidents; and Ellen Boles, secretary/treasurer. The club was organized as a Home Extension Club in 1921. Several members have been in the club for 40 or 50 years.

Meets: at 2 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Silver and Gold Senior Center in Eden.

Dues: \$5 a year, with funds used to

Major projects: Sponsoring educational speakers to gain information about recycling, energy efficiency, travel and other topics. A spring luncheon and fall family picnic are held each year. Other projects include making various crafts, donating funds to have overhead fans installed in the Silver and Gold Senior Center and a plant exchange.

For more information, call Darlene Rogers at 829-5294.

COMMUNITY

# Local Geography Bee winners make their way to state competition

TWIN FALLS — St. Edward's Episcopal Catholic school fifth-grader Christopher Arenz and Buhl Middle School student Kenton Wilson will be participating in the Tenth Annual Idaho Geography Bee in Idaho Falls Friday.

Students were selected to compete in the state bee after winning their school competition and then passing a written test graded in Washington D.C. They will be competing against as many as 100 of Idaho's top school winners attending fourth through eighth grades. The winner of Idaho's bee will receive \$100 and a trip to Washington D.C. to participate in the National Geographic Society's bee. The winner of the national competition will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship.

More than 5,000 students representing schools throughout the 50 states, the District of Columbia and several U.S. territories will take part in state/territorial competitions on Friday. National Geographic and the Sylvan Learning Center are sponsors of the National Geography Bee. Arenz is a student of Linda Shaw



Christopher Arenz will be participating in the Tenth Annual Idaho Geography Bee in Idaho Falls Friday. Arenz, a student of Linda Shaw Pettigrew, was selected to compete in the state bee after winning the class competition at St. Edward's and then by passing a written test graded in Washington, D.C.

Kenton Wilson

Christopher Arenz, St. Edward's Catholic School

Wilson is a student of Leona Nick and seventh-grade geography teacher Theresa Silverster, who will also attend the event.

## IT'S GONG TO BE A JAZZY JULY



Mark Graybeal, right, and Master Virgil Slaton, left, of Masonic Lodge #45 present a check for \$700 to College of Southern Idaho Jazz Band professor Jim Blair, center. The donation will help fund the band's trip to Switzerland for competition in July.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### 'The Buck' goes around

TWIN FALLS — The "Pass the Buck" annual fund-raiser for the Equine Education 4-H Club is under way. Businessmen of Twin Falls, beware of a bill; goat — he might visit you. Anyone who receives the goat can either keep it for a half hour or give a donation and send him to someone else on April Fool's Day. Those who want to send the goat to someone should call 543-9267 before Wednesday.

### Professionals to meet

TWIN FALLS — The SIPs Chapter of Professional Secretaries International will meet at noon Thursday at the State Vocational Rehabilitation Office, 245 Third Ave. N. Betty Furves from Cios Office Supply will be the guest speaker. Any office professional is welcome to attend. For more information, call Joy Hall at 736-2287 or Beth Campbell at 736-2205.

### Cribbage players gather

TWIN FALLS — A group is meeting to play Cribbage at 7 p.m. Thursdays at Kodj's, 600 Main Ave. N. For more information, call 736-0030 or 736-1623.

### Breakfast is served

TWIN FALLS — Breakfast will be served from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Senior Center, 616 Eastland. Sausage, pancakes, hashbrowns, eggs, coffee, juice and milk are featured on the menu. Cost is \$3 for seniors age 60 and above, \$4 for adults under age 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12. The public is invited.

### Yard sale scheduled

BUHL — Families and friends of West End Head Start are holding a yard and food sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at 50 N. Broadway (on Highway 30). Proceeds will help pay for the children's graduation activities and help send a Buhl parent to the National Head Start meeting and training sessions in Seattle, Wash., this month.

### FHA travels to Boise

TWIN FALLS — Fourteen members from the Twin Falls High School Chapter of Future Homemakers of America plan to attend a statewide meeting Friday through Monday in Boise. At the conference, state officer elections will be held. Those running for state positions from Twin Falls are juniors Shawna Keith, Chad Whitaker and Jim Woods.

### Club extends welcome

TWIN FALLS — Welcome Wagon of Twin Falls will meet at 11:30 a.m. April 7 at the Royal Lounge, 645 Flier Ave. Lunch will be served at noon; cost is \$7 per person. Reservations are required and should be made by Saturday. Cancellations must be made by noon Monday or you will be subject to billing. Ely Young will present a slide show and discussion on senior Idaho geology with an emphasis on the City of Rocks. The public is invited.

### 'Phantom Ball' appears

JEROME — The Jerome Country Club is celebrating its new clubhouse by presenting a "Phantom Ball," which will not be held Wednesday.

### The Non-event of the season, sponsored by the Clubhouse Fund-raising Committee, will be held at whatever time suits you and wherever you want to be Wednesday evening.

Suggested ticket prices are \$10 (permiss you to stay at home and miss the ball), \$25 (entitles you to skip the ball and the cocktail preceding the ball), \$50 (you may skip the ball, cocktail party and after-the-ball reception with guests of honor) and \$100 (you may skip the entire evening and will receive a special invitation to next year's ball also).

Funds generated by donations from this non-event will be used to pay for new furnishings throughout the new clubhouse. All donations will be appreciated. Make checks payable to J.C.C. Fund-raising and send to J.C.C. Fund-raising, P.O. Box 136, Jerome, ID 83338, or leave with John Peterson at the Pro Shop at the Jerome Country Club.

### Fair name selected

JEROME — The Jerome County Fair Board has chosen a name for the 1998 county fair.

By unanimous vote, board members decided to name the fair "Whole Lot of Country." Free tickets to the carnival will be awarded to Ulises Meneses of Jerome for the winning name. "With a title like 'Whole Lot of Country,' 4-H clubs and everybody else can make a lot of fun when they use it in decorating their floats in the parade and exhibits at the fair," said Lois Fitzpatrick, fair board member.

For information about parade entries and both reservations, call Fair Manager Rob Lundgren at 324-7209.

## CLASSES

### Painting skills taught

TWIN FALLS — Two painting classes will start soon through the College of Southern Idaho Division of Continuing Education. The Joy of Painting Landscapes will meet from 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays, April 6 through May 18, at Alruy's Studio. Instruction will include painting "wet on wet" oil techniques for seascapes, summer landscapes, winter landscape and one of choice. No experience is necessary. The fee is \$195.

The same techniques will be used in the Joy of Painting Floral, which meets from 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays, April 7 through May 19 at Alruy's Studio. Cost is \$195. Class size will be limited; anyone interested can register in the Taylor Building Records Office. For more information, call 733-9354, Ext. 2287.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### Community spirit exuded

A Blackfoot teen and a Boise girl have won a trip to Washington, D.C., as part of the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honoring volunteer work. A distinguished finalist for the awards was Rachel Baxter, 17, of Twin Falls High School. Applications for 1998 programs are due in October. For more information about how to nominate a student for the Prudential Spirit of Community Initiative, call 1-800-641-3946.

### Smith earns award

Eric Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Smith, has been selected to receive the Distinguished Achievement Award in Nuclear Engineering.

### The Distinguished Achievement Award is presented to an exceptional student in each of the graduate programs at the University of Michigan.

Wilson is currently completing his studies this year for his Ph.D. in Nuclear physics. He received his masters in Nuclear Engineering at the University of Michigan in 1986, and graduated magna cum laude from Oregon State University in Nuclear Engineering in 1984. He was valedictorian of Twin Falls High School in 1980.

### Hooley gets high grades

Rebecca Hooley of Filer made the dean's list for the fall semester at Eastern Washington University. Hooley is a junior nursing major and the daughter of Gary and Lois Hooley.

### School staff recognized

Karen A. Goodrich has been named teacher of the month in the Twin Falls School District. Goodrich is currently in her 15th year teaching classical music here at Robert Stuart Junior High. She has also been the music specialist at L.R. Perrine Elementary for 13 years and Birch Elementary two years before the construction of Perrine.

She enjoys the challenges facing junior high teachers and hopes her sense of humor and love for her students and music will be remembered as making a difference in their lives. Goodrich believes a child's ability to learn is greatly affected by his or her musical development and knows that children involved in music have an easier time learning logic, math, imagination techniques and developing special intelligence and reading skills. She feels a child's music intelligence can greatly improve his or her self-esteem and is happy that she is a part of giving her students an outlet for their emotional development.

Goodrich has directed the Twin Falls City Park Children's choir for six years and has had several leading roles in the local Dilettantes and Magic Valley Little Theatre groups. She is currently the secretary/treasurer for the Idaho Music Educator's Association, a member of the Music Educator's National Conference, a past secretary for the Idaho chapter of the American Choral Director's Association, a member of the Organization of American Kodaly Educators, a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and has been recognized twice by former students to be included in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

Her husband, Joe, is the owner of Gem State Fuel Injection and Turbo Repair in Boise. She has two married stepchildren, three grandchildren, and is a proud parent of Ann Abow-behr, a freshman at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Washington D.C. Besides music, she enjoys traveling, caring for all her animals and spending summers on the golf course.

Joan Beglan has been named employee of the month for in the Twin Falls School District. She was born and raised in Blackfoot, Idaho, and graduated from St. Gertrude's Academy in 1957. She was married in 1959, and moved to Twin Falls and raised four children. Beglan now has four grandchildren.

Beglan went to work for the school district in 1975, working in the lunch program at Washington, Lincoln, O'Leary, Morningstar, and Perrine. The last 12 years have been at Robert Stuart Junior High as head cook.

### Meehan awarded degree

Washington State University officials reported that Leal M. Meehan

## SENIOR CALENDAR

<p><b>Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center</b> 616 Eastland Drive Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.</p> <p><b>Today: Chicken party</b> Wednesday: Swiss steak Thursday: Pork chops Friday: Fish Monday: Meat loaf</p> <p><b>Activities</b> Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.</p> <p><b>Today</b> Blood pressure checks from 10 a.m. to noon.</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Thursday</b> Fingerche at 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Friday</b> Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch bingo at 11:45 a.m.</p> <p><b>Saturday</b> Pancake breakfast from 8 to 11:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Sunday</b> Dance from 2 to 5 p.m.</p> <p><b>Monday</b> Quitting from 9 a.m. to noon</p> <p><b>Agapee Senior Citizens</b> 310 Main St. N., Kimberly All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.50.</p> <p><b>Wednesday: Spaghetti</b> <b>Friday: Eggs and scalloped potatoes</b> <b>Monday: Hamburger</b></p> <p>Thrift shop open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.</p> <p><b>Activities</b> <b>Today</b> Ceramics at 1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b> Crafts at 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Friday</b> Bingo at 11:55 a.m. Pinocle at 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>West End Senior Citizens Inc.</b> 1010 Main St. All meals at noon, Tuesday through Saturday, 1 p.m. on Sunday and 5:30 p.m. on Monday. Thrift shop open every day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>Today: Chicken/broccoli casserole</b> Wednesday: Chicken/broccoli casserole Thursday: Pork chops Friday: Pork chops Saturday: Chicken and biscuits Sunday: Roast beef Monday: Reuben sandwich</p> <p><b>Activities</b> <b>Today</b> Quitting at the center. Wednesday Exercise class at 10 a.m. Tax assistance. Thursday Quitting at the center. Bingo after meal. Evening meal and cards. Friday Quitting at 10 a.m. Saturday Exercise at 10 a.m. Monday Exercise at 10 a.m. Evening lunch at 5:30 p.m. and cards.</p> <p><b>Flier Senior Haven</b> 222 Main St., Flier Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.</p> <p><b>Today: Macaroni and beef casserole</b> Thursday: Chicken and noodles Friday: Salisbury steak</p>
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received a B.S. in Agricultural Communications.

### 4-Hers plan ahead

The Lucky Flower 4-H Club held a meeting on March 4. Members talked about fundraisers for the club and ways to help the community. Pictures were taken of the group for the scrapbook. Officers were elected as follows: President Miffy Kestle, Vice President Mark Nuttress, Secretary Mest Miller, Treasurer Bresh McCabe, Historian Miffy Fisher and Reporter Levi Smith.

## SERVICE NEWS

### Anderson returns home

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class April L. Anderson recently returned to her home port of San Diego after a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the destroyer USS Kinkaid.

During the deployment, Anderson's ship participated in Operation Southern Watch in the Arabian Gulf, enforcing UN sanctions levied against Iraq after the Gulf War in 1991. Anderson had the opportunity to visit Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, and the United Arab

### Bloxham finishes basic

Army Pvt. Sheld M. Bloxham has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood in Wentzville, Mo.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Bloxham is the daughter of Shirley Evans of Twin Falls and Dale Bloxham of Jerome. She is a 1997 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

Emirates. While in these ports, USS Kinkaid's crew participated in community relations projects and enjoyed the diversity each culture represented.

Destroyers, like Anderson's ship, have traditionally been the workhorses of the US Navy, defending battle groups against threats from land, air, above and below the sea. Equipped with Tomahawk cruise missiles, Harpoon anti-ship missiles and Sea Sparrow Missiles, USS Kinkaid is capable of hitting enemy targets hundreds of miles away. In addition, Anderson's ship carries two helicopters with sonar and torpedo capabilities, expanding the ship's reach.

Anderson graduated from Elko High School in 1985 and joined the Navy in 1995. She is the daughter of Dallas and Jennifer Anderson of Elko, Nev.

## Stocks fall amid inflation worries

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — The Dow Jones industrial average fell for the fourth-straight session Monday after a strong home sales report intensified concerns that the economy's continued growth may spur inflation.

The Dow fell 13.96 at 8,782.12, erasing all of its 32-point gain from earlier in the day. The blue-chip index has lost more than 122 points since last Wednesday, the day after it came just shy of crossing 9,000 for the first time.

Broad-market indexes also fell modestly by Monday.  
Stocks followed bonds lower after the Commerce Department reported that sales of new single-family homes jumped 4.8 percent in February to a record-breaking, seasonally adjusted annual rate of 893,000.

The stronger-than-expected report spurred speculation that the economy's pace may aggravate inflation, which would then give the Federal Reserve reason to boost interest rates in coming months.

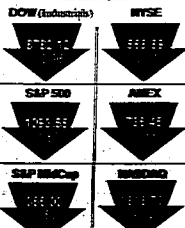
The Fed's policy-making committee meets Tuesday, but no action is expected then.

"There is concern that at some point down the road, if the economy stays strong that the Fed may have to raise rates," said Barry Berman, head trader at Robert W. Baird & Co. in Milwaukee. "That's just making people nervous."

The price of the Treasury's main 30-year bond fell 3/16 point, or \$2.75, per \$1,000 in face value, while its yield rose to 5.97 percent from 5.96 percent late Friday. Prices and yields move in oppo-

### Market in brief

March 30, 1998



Composite volume: 605,431,430  
1997 avg. comp. vol.: 624,252,529

Market participants also focused on slowing corporate profit growth. A number of companies already have said that Asia's economic crisis has hurt profits, and investors believe more disappointing earnings are on the way.

# HMOs get report card

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — As Congress debates consumer protections in the age of HMOs, a separate effort is being made to help Americans find quality health care by comparing doctors, hospitals and treatments.

Rather than censure local government, who managed some companies can do, this effort focuses on creating "report cards" to help separate mediocre or poor doctors and hospitals from superior ones.

The issue was highlighted in information on the quality of health care in this country," said David Lansky, president of the Foundation for Accountability in Portland, Ore.

Today, in the latest such effort, the National Committee for Quality Assurance unveiled a plan on, for the first time, to compare measurements of quality when it decides which HMOs to accredit.

The committee has been collecting information for several years about how health plans stack up against one another. But it has never used that data to determine whether a plan will get its seal of approval.

Beginning next year, however, 25 percent of applications will come from that data and from consumer satisfaction surveys. No plan will be able to earn an "accredited" rating if it does not do well compared with other plans.

*"We have very little information on the quality of health care in this country."*

—David Lansky, president of the Foundation for Accountability

ity to consumers:

• Medicare is developing new ways for senior citizens to compare the quality of HMOs as the government encourages them to enroll in them to save money.

• Businesses and states are creating more and more "report cards" on the quality of plans.

President Clinton's commission on health quality this month recommended that the private sector develop ways to standardize measurements and make that information available to consumers.

"We want to identify the best performers and understand how they are achieving superior results," said Janet Corrigan, the commission's executive director.

And the commission envisions reports on the quality of doctors and hospitals, not just on health plans.

"Consumers often do not have a choice of health plans, but they nearly all have quite a bit of choice of individual hospitals and providers and nursing homes and home health agencies," Corrigan said.

The accreditation plan being

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announced Tuesday is not nearly so detailed. In the past, HMOs have been judged only on their systems and policies. Now, they also will be judged on criteria such as the number of children immunized or the treatments offered to heart attack patients.

Fast surveys show that HMO performance in these areas varies widely.

In the plan's first year, poor performance compared to other plans will not keep an HMO from being accredited. But that will change in coming years, the committee said.

In the last few years, government and private companies, facing spiraling costs, have looked to managed care to control spending.

That put an end to a tradition in American health care that said "more is better," said author Michael L. Milenson, a consultant with William M. Mercer, Inc. in Chicago.

If one ultrasound is good, three is better, went the reasoning.

"If we aren't better, what is? If we're going to manage our health care system and not just have an open checkbook, we're going to have to measure what we're doing. And that means quality," Milenson said.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE									
Stock	Chg	Last	Chg	Last	Chg	Last	Chg	Last	Chg
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AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE									
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MARKETS

CLOSING VALUES table with columns for Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Includes sections for Wheat, Soybeans, Corn, and other grains.

BEANS

Beans table with columns for Variety, Price, Change. Lists various bean types and their market prices.

GRAINS

Grains table with columns for Variety, Price, Change. Includes prices for wheat, corn, and soybeans.

AMNHAPOLIS (AP) - Grain market prices. Includes sections for Wheat, Soybeans, Corn, and other grains with their respective prices and changes.

MARKETS continuation table with columns for Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Includes sections for Metals, Fossil Fuels, and other commodities.

SUGAR

SUGAR table with columns for Variety, Price, Change. Lists various sugar grades and their market prices.

NEW YORK (AP) - Sugar market prices. Includes sections for Sugar, Molasses, and other sugar-related products.

LIVESTOCK

LIVESTOCK table with columns for Variety, Price, Change. Includes prices for cattle, hogs, and sheep.

CHICAGO (AP) - Livestock market prices. Includes sections for Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep with their respective prices and changes.

POTATOES/ONIONS

POTATOES/ONIONS table with columns for Variety, Price, Change. Lists various potato and onion grades and their market prices.

AMERICAN AIRLINES

to require in-flight seat belt use. FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Keep your seat belt buckled if you're flying American Airlines this summer.

FOSSIL FUELS

FOSSIL FUELS table with columns for Fuel Type, Price, Change. Lists various fuel grades and their market prices.

METALS

METALS table with columns for Metal Type, Price, Change. Lists various metal grades and their market prices.

MUTUAL FUNDS

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WASHINGTON (AP)

Interest rates on short-term Treasury securities rose in Monday's auction to the highest level in four weeks. The Treasury Department sold \$2.6 billion in three-month bills at an average yield of 5.075 percent, up from 5.050 percent last week.