



## GOOD MORNING

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# Lagging tax receipts trim surplus

**BOISE**—Individual income tax collections fell well below expectations in February, nearly erasing the state's multimillion-dollar cash cushion two-thirds of the way through the spending year. The Division of Financial Management, in its monthly economic update, said income tax receipts fell nearly \$6 million below the February projection, the third straight month collections have failed to measure up.

## Cash cushion falls to \$2.4 million from \$8.8 million; analysts point to high tax refunds

Continued lackluster production from the corporate tax will offset by a fourth straight month of higher-than-anticipated sales tax collections. The net result, however, was that what had been an \$8.8 million cash cushion slipped to just \$2.4 million as of the end of February, leaving the state almost evenly on course for the annual 10-percent revenue-growth policy makers based spending decisions through June on.

The latest report comes as state officials prepare for the Pacific Northwest Regional Economic Conference in early May in Boise, where experts will dissect developments affecting the region and assess the political issues facing states like Idaho where economic growth is continuing but at substantially slower rates than earlier in the 1990s.

# Senator presses for hydro changes

## Craig proposal draws criticism from activists

**TWIN FALLS** — U.S. Sen. Larry Craig and some conservationists agree reform is needed in the process to relicense hydroelectric plants. But they part ways over the nature of that reform. Craig last week introduced a bill that he says would improve the process the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission uses to license non-federal hydroelectric facilities, including Idaho Power Co.'s hydro plants along the Snake River. Critics say the bill would add time and expense to the process, and it would weaken environmental consideration. "Relicensing reform is a commonsense matter," Craig said. "The current relicensing process is burdened with mixed mandates, redundant bureaucracy, and is prone to gridlock and litigation. This bill addresses those problems while maintaining high environmental standards and preserving low-cost power." Idaho Rivers United, a statewide river conservation group, disagreed. "Sen. Craig's legislation will not improve the FERC licensing process," said Liz Paul, conservation director of Idaho Rivers United. "The bill unduly burdens the agencies charged with environmental protection." Paul agreed the process needs



By N.S. Nokkentved Times-News writer

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Dr. Paul Miles begins checking his desk Wednesday at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Physician Center. Dr. Miles is leaving for a new position in Nashville, Tenn. after practicing in Twin Falls for more than 20 years.

# GOODBYE, DOC

# MILES TO GO

## Long-time children's doctor leaves valley for Vanderbilt University

By Jennifer Sanderson Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Pediatrician Paul Miles' friends and patients can easily explain why he will be missed when he leaves the Magic Valley. They know how he has affected their lives. "I really feel like if it wasn't for Paul Miles, Brian wouldn't be here today," said Sue Looch, whose son, now 18, was diagnosed with cancer as an infant. Miles, 56, always was available. He directed Looch to the appropriate services. He even gave the family his home phone number in case they needed to reach him after hours. Looch's comments are echoed by other parents — some of whom find themselves struggling to choke back emotion when they recall the role Miles played in their lives.

Bob Olsen remembers driving to Salt Lake City in the middle of a snowy, stormy night to get medical treatment for his son Brian, now 18. The family received a phone call when they arrived at the hospital. It was Miles. "He called to see how Brian was," Olsen remembers. "Miles' compassion for children gave birth to the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition about 10 years ago," said Roseann Matthews, the group's co-ordinator. "Safe Kids works to educate children and their parents about precautions they can take to lessen the risks of childhood

injuries — the leading cause of death and disability among children. In recent years Miles has been pediatricians part-time and focused more attention on community health. His projects include an effort that eventually cut in half the amount of time it takes Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to administer medicine to heart attack patients in the emergency room. Miles will tend his more than 20-year practice Monday, and his partners will take over the care of his patients. The Physician Center already has recruited another pediatrician. Magic

Valley native Dr. Kevin Boesel will start in July. Miles and wife Anne will move this month to Nashville, Tenn. He'll take the job of chief quality officer and associate professor of pediatrics at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. His new job indirectly could benefit southern Idaho and other areas. Miles says part of his new job will involve helping communities use prevention measures to improve their overall health. "Maybe I can treat the system as a patient and help more kids," said Miles, who also is looking forward to the chance to teach. Miles, chairman-elect of the American Board of Pediatrics, plans to stay somewhat involved in several local projects, such as Safe Kids, and plans to make periodic visits to Twin Falls.

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## Oops! 53 years later, 'blue moon' redefined

**BOSTON** — Once in a blue moon, a widely accepted definition has to be rewritten. "Take the term 'blue moon' itself." For half a century, it's been known as the second full moon in a month, like the one that appeared Wednesday. But that's wrong, and the editors of Sky & Telescope say it's their fault: The magazine incorrectly defined the term 53 years ago. "I have to admit it," said Roger Sinnott, associate editor of Sky & Telescope. Sinnott blamed the goof on an amateur astronomer.

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# Three U.S. soldiers missing; NATO expands target

**WASHINGTON** — Three U.S. Army soldiers were missing in Macedonia near the Yugoslav border Wednesday night after possibly being captured by members of the Serb military or police, a reconnaissance mission, the Pentagon and NATO officials said. An immediate search and rescue mission was launched, involving ground and helicopter teams.



A Kosovo boy comforts his younger brother crying for his father Wednesday along a road from Pristina, Kosovo, their home. The father stayed behind in Pristina.

## These troops, on a different mission, can only sit and watch

**By Hugh Dettles Chicago Tribune**  
**PETROVEG, Macedonia** — From an unusual vantage point high in Macedonia's hills, a small squadron of American soldiers watches quietly as the tragedy of Kosovo unfolds. In the weeks before the latest Balkan crisis, the squadron's scouts observed the Yugoslav army move south and build a base near the Kosovo border. Then they saw some of the first Kosovar refugees fleeing through the valleys below.

On Tuesday, the squadron had a front-row seat for NATO bombing of Serbian forces. One of its patrols watched two cruise missiles glide low over the horizon and burst into a hillside no more than three miles away. "It hasn't been a frustrating show, if not a frightening one, for the lone American ground force on the periphery of the war in Yugoslavia." Trained as peacekeepers and as a rapid-reaction force, the small squad from the 4th U.S.

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THE REGION

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Camas Prairie
High 34 Low 16
Partly cloudy today with flurries of snow...

Treasure Valley
High 47 Low 23
Partly cloudy today with slight chance of snow...

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley
High 41 Low 16
Partly cloudy today with chance of snow...

Eastern Idaho
High 38 Low 19
Snow likely early today then breezy, clear by noon...

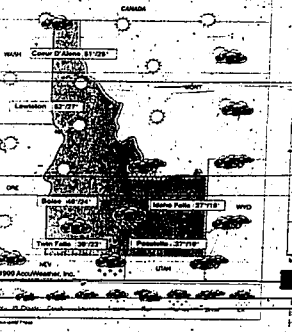
Northern Idaho
High 49 Low 26
Mostly sunny today and mostly sunny tonight...

Northern Utah
High 39 Low 22
Snow likely today with light winds, same tonight...

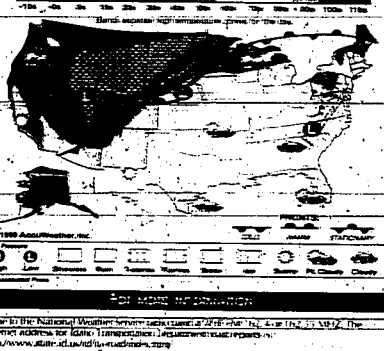
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High 39 Low 23
Partly cloudy today with light winds, clear tonight...

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Idaho weather
Thursday, April 1
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



National weather
The AccuWeather forecast for Tuesday, April 1



Twin Falls - Precipitation
Yesterday: 40-30
Month to date: 1.00
Normal: 57.31

Idaho Highs/Lows
Boise: 39/17
Burley: 40/18
Coeur d'Alene: 40/18

The Nation

National Highs/Lows
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ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho Pacific storm continued to influence Idaho weather patterns Wednesday afternoon. The system has brought mostly cloudy skies to much of the state...

Uneasy springtime in Holy Land

By Marcus Eliason and The Associated Press
Springtime in Jerusalem. The weather is mild and cold. Sudden winds gust through the alleys of the Old City...

Moon Craig

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James Hugh Pruett wrote a 1946 piece for the magazine after apparently misinterpreting a complex 1937 article in the Magic Valley's Almanac...

Kosovo

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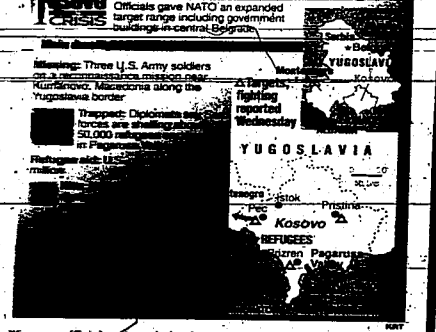
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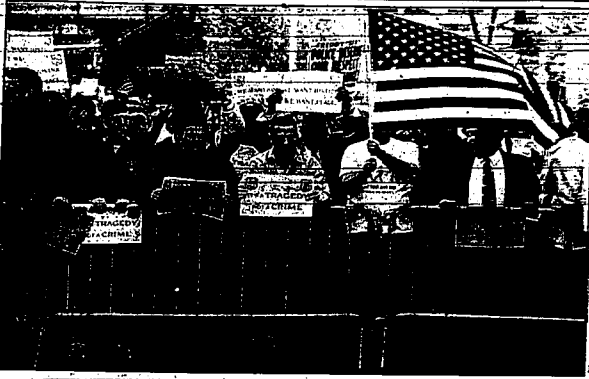
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NATO can hit more targets



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Correction
A story in Wednesday's Times-News about an auto accident that sent three people to the hospital gave the wrong location of the crash...



Off-duty police officers rally outside the State Supreme Courthouse Wednesday in the Bronx borough of New York City in support of four fellow officers indicted in connection with the shooting death of Haitian immigrant Amadou Diallo.

## NYC officers charged with murder

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Four white police officers were charged with murder Wednesday for killing an unarmed African immigrant in a hail of 41 bullets — a shooting that has led to months of protests and a painful examination of police tactics and race relations.

Officers Kenneth Boss, Sean Carroll, Edward McMellon and Richard Murphy pleaded innocent in a Bronx courtroom to second-degree murder. They could get 25 years to life in prison on the murder charges.

Amadou Diallo, a 22-year-old

street vendor from Guinea with no criminal record, was shot 19 times Feb. 4 in his vestibule by members of an elite street crime unit looking for a rape suspect. Through their lawyers, the officers have said they thought Diallo had a gun.

The slaying has frayed Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's already strained relationship with the black community, and many have accused him of failing to understand the depth of New Yorker's anger.

Giuliani said Wednesday: "We

should allow the criminal justice system to now operate."

Judge John P. Collins set bail at \$100,000 for each officer, even though District Attorney Robert Johnson had asked that they be held without bail. The officers left the courthouse together shortly after the arraignment.

Johnson told the judge: "On Feb. 4 in the vestibule in his own building, Amadou Diallo stood blameless, unarmed and defenseless when 19 of 41 shots were fired at him, struck him and killed him."

## Star spends \$6M investigating scandal

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr spent more than \$6 million on the Clinton-environment scandal and the overall investigation of President Clinton is becoming the most expensive in history, congressional auditors reported Wednesday.

The latest figures, for the six-month period ending Sept. 30, 1998, bring the total cost of Starr's 4-year inquiry of the president and Hillary Rodham Clinton to nearly \$40 million. Starr replaced Robert Fiske, who spent \$6 million.

The most expensive independent counsel investigation to date

was Lawrence Walsh's \$48.5 million, six-year probe of the Reagan administration regarding its arms purchases deals with Iran, and its secret war against the government of Nicaragua.

## Money rolls in for Bush, Gore

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore have jumped out to big fund-raising leads in their respective party's presidential battles, both hauling in dollars far faster than Bush's father did in 1987 in the last open race for the White House.

Gore has raised at least \$7 million so far this year for his bid for the Democratic nomination, aides close to his campaign told The Associated Press. Gore raised more than 40,000 donors, more than 100,000 of whom gave less than \$200 each, said the aides, who expect the final figure to be slightly higher.

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## High court tackles sticky overtime dispute

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A clearly divided Supreme Court tackled an overtime-pay dispute Wednesday that could yield a key ruling on state governments' vulnerability to being sued when they violate someone's federally protected rights.

Lawsuits for the Clinton administration and dozens of probation officers seeking overtime pay from Maine urged the court to rule that states can be sued in state courts by employees seeking to enforce a federal labor law.

But an attorney for Maine said doing so would violate the state's sovereignty.

Lawsuits against states generally are barred from federal court, Solicitor General Seth Waxman noted for the administration. If state courts also cannot

be used, he said, people's federal rights "were written in disappearing ink."

"State courts may not deny federal right absent a valid excuse," Waxman said.

But Maine Solicitor Peter Brann said, "There's no com-

pellling evidence that the states surrendered... their sovereignty."

That assertion, Congress is powerless to "give a private individual the right to bring a damages action" against any state, he contended.

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NATION

# NATO ground forces would face formidable obstacles

Clinton must make difficult decision on sending U.S. ground troops into action

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — The failure of NATO airstrikes to deter Serbian attacks on Kosovo civilians has raised the volatile question of sending U.S. ground forces into the province as the only means of ending Slobodan Milosevic's oppression of ethnic Albanians there.

"You can't stop paramilitaries going house to house with supersonic aircraft flying overhead and dropping bombs," NATO Supreme Commander Gen. Wesley Clark conceded this week.

"Whether Americans are ready to put U.S. servicemen and women in harm's way to save Kosovar lives is a matter for President Clinton to decide. He and his foreign-policy colleagues continue to insist that U.S. troops would be deployed as peacekeepers only when hostilities have ceased."

But the situation continues unabated, minds may change. The defense community is of several opinions on the merits of an American troop deployment, but there is increasing agreement that it is still a viable, if potentially costly, option.

One complaint from some experts is that the possible use of troops may not have been properly highlighted in the debate.

This, from the get-go, was a doable proposition, said Army Col. Joe Collins (Ret.), senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and former top aide to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "But when you're starting from behind with a 'Whoops there's a contingency plan that I forgot to write,' this gets to be difficult."

The difficulty depends on the extent of NATO ambitions. A campaign to conquer Serbia, seize the capital of Belgrade and overthrow Milosevic would require a major effort, if not full-scale war. And it would take time — as much as two years — just to get large enough allied forces into the field, according to experts.

"We're into a major war here," Richard Harrell, director of foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institution and a national security assistant to President Bush, said at a Kosovo symposium in Washington. "And this is a real war, as opposed to some of our previous interventions. It is, in fact, the biggest military conflict in Europe since the end of World War II."

More effective, according to Collins, would be a swift insertion of smaller-sized units of paratroopers and other elite special operations forces into Kosovo to establish a "humanitarian enclave" on the ground as a refuge for Milosevic's ethnic Albanian victims.

Such an enclave could be fiercely defended with the enormous firepower that the U.S. and NATO have marshaled in the Balkans region and would pose a counterforce to Milosevic's rampages in Kosovo.

Yugoslavia has 85,000 ground troops, backed up by about 16,000 paramilitary police units and 150,000 to 200,000 reservists, who would doubtless be called up in the event of an all-out allied invasion.

Milosevic has about 40,000 troops in and around Kosovo, and perhaps 400 tanks throughout his Yugoslav Federation.

His total forces are split three ways, with headquarters in Kosovo on the south; in neighboring Montenegro, Serbia's partner in the Yugoslav Federation, on the southeast; and in Belgrade, the Serbian capital, in the north.

The terrain is forbiddingly

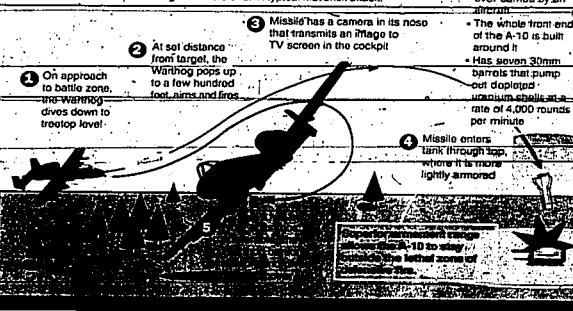


Two U.S. ground crew members meet in front of an A-10 Warthog of the 38th fighter squadron deployed at the Aviano Air Base, Italy, Wednesday, during the NATO air assault against Yugoslavia. The air attacks over Kosovo and Belgrade, Yugoslavia, have begun hitting Yugoslav ground forces.

## The A-10 Warthog enters the fray

NATO increased its use of tactical ground attack planes on Monday in the second phase of its air campaign. The A-10 "Warthog," a low-flying, slow-flying tank killer aircraft, took off from Italy, and will be used against Serb ground forces and installations.

Although it's best known for its cannon, the principal weapon of the A-10 Warthog is the AGM-65 Maverick air-to-surface missile, which is available in either TV, infrared or laser-guided versions. A typical Maverick attack:



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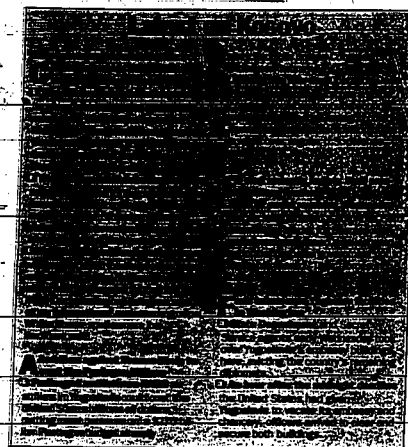
The whole front end of the A-10 is built around it.

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mountainous in Montenegro and the southern half of Yugoslavia but a moody plain in the north between Belgrade and the Hungarian and Romanian borders. According to one high-ranking

Pentagon officer recently returned from duty in the former Yugoslavia, it would take at least one U.S. Army corps — about 45,000 troops — to prevail against Milosevic's army and probably more.

Airlift would have to be used to deploy and supply U.S. and other NATO units, but that would require establishing a safe perimeter inside Kosovo for aircraft operations and it would also take time.



It doesn't take long, according to experts, for the U.S. to establish a safe perimeter for its troops. Collins and other military analysts favor a quick move to get elite special operations.

## CORRECTION

The Falls Brand Meat Ad In Wednesday's Times-News Listed Incorrect Sale Dates. The Sale Dates Should Have Read Wednesday, March 31, 1999 - Tuesday, April 6, 1999. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.



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# War of words

## Politics of personal destruction play out

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two months ago, Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic was described as a difficult and untrustworthy leader, yet one who cares about his world standing and "wants to, at some stage, re-enter the international community as Secretary of State."

Madeline Albright put it. "Now she portrays him as 'cruel and evil,' and caring of nothing except staying in power. There once she criticized 'the Serbs, them,' or 'Belgrade authorities for intransigence; she and other senior officials speak as if the whole conflict were about NATO vs. him."

U.S. President Al Gore called him "one of those junior-league Hitler types" even as officials have stopped just short of calling Milosevic's actions genocide.

Personalizing the adversary, and then demonizing that personality, is a commonplace device when fighting locales out. That's what happened when Saddam Hussein was likened to Hitler in the lead-up to the Gulf War. "To some students of foreign policy, calling brutal dictators what they are is an effective means of raising public support for military action. The question whether overdrawn comparisons to history's great villains is the public ill-prepared for costly engagements and the use of complex forces on the other side."

Further why the language of war is supercharged, yet nuanced, aggressively seeking advantage through rhetoric but weighted with the knowledge that words can have unintended consequences.

President Clinton edged up to the brink of characterizing what is going on in Kosovo as a case of genocide, saying, "We must not allow, if we have the ability to stop it, ethnic cleansing or genocide anywhere we can stop it — particularly at the edge of Europe."

And Albright has referred to "an overly large number of massacred people with slit throats," and "many other variations."

Genocide is a descriptive term; it is also a legal term, said James Pardow, special U.S. representative to Kosovo. "Under human rights norms, the word genocide may carry a moral obligation to step in, regardless of the cost. In addition, a finding of genocide could, under international law, lead to legal charges against the perpetrator."

Chester Crocker, an assistant secretary of state under President Reagan who now teaches conflict resolution at Georgetown University, said the desire to avoid such language could reflect both subtle diplomatic positioning and an effort to suppress public opinion.

"It's kind of sets up a manhood test right here at home: If you say you have determined this line has been crossed, then you're obliged to do everything you could possibly do about it," Crocker said.

To be sure, U.S. officials have criticized Milosevic in harsh terms over many years. "Balkan graveyards are filled with President Milosevic's broken promises," Clinton said in October.

But they negotiated Bosnian peace with him in 1995, praising him and other Balkan leaders for doing "an honorable, noble thing." And they remained diplomatically engaged until almost the eve of the bombing, months after atrocities against Kosovars had begun and years after Serb forces left a trail of civilian blood in their wake.

Milosevic's repressive tactics predate the emphasis being placed upon them.

"It is kind of staggering that we've made the transition in a few short years from the peacemaker of Dayton to the butcher of the Balkans," said political psychology scholar Jerrold Post, characterizing the way he says Milosevic has been portrayed or treated by Western authorities.

Support for the Persian Gulf War was raised in part by making Saddam the issue, and Post, a George Washington University professor, recalls Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi being described as the "madman of the Middle East" when the United States bombed in 1986 to punish him for supporting terrorism.

# Soldiers

Continued from A1  
Army Cavalry can only sit by and watch, despite all, the Yugoslavian weapons within firing range and the humanitarian calamity developing in front of them.

Posted here with the United Nations since 1993, the soldiers were set up as a "tripwire" to deter Yugoslav forces from crossing the Macedonian border. Some 10,000 NATO peacekeepers arrived recently, ready to move into Kosovo to enforce any peace agreement.

The original U.N. force, only 350 strong, has neither the manpower, the equipment nor the orders to get involved in Kosovo. Aerially, that frustrates the Americans of the 4th Cavalry.

"Everybody knows what's going on, but there's nothing we can do about it," said Lt. Kim Nash, a Kansan who wears his helmet now on supply runs into town. "So we fill our sandbags and do our daily things."

Along with Scandinavian troops, the squadron began manning five observation points along the hilly Macedonian-Yugoslav border in 1993. It was soon after Macedonia, once a province of Yugoslavia, broke away from the Yugoslav federation. The U.N. reasoned that stationing troops here would help ward off the deadly ethnic and territorial conflicts raging to the north.

From the beginning, the lightly armed force served as a deterrent. Occasionally, it reported a cross-border smuggler, and it spotted a crime denominated after a border dispute broke out over a granite World War II monument.

The squadron took down its sky-blue U.N. flag and began repairing its vehicles from U.S. white to U.S. Army green. It is now under NATO's coordination but is not technically under NATO control because of concerns in Washington over U.S. troops under foreign command.

Like a true cavalry, the troops were called in last week after anti-American demonstrators damaged the U.S. Embassy. And they may have been targeted when they drive their Humvee vehicles in some areas.

The commander said the Yugoslav army was conducting a show of strength when it pulled his new base within sight of his scouting patrols. He wouldn't say whether it has survived the bombing, only that it would be a "logical target" for NATO airstrikes. While nearest to the action, the

## Kosovo's crisis

Ethnic Albanians continue to flee as Serb forces escalate their "ethnic cleansing" in response to NATO's bombing in the past six days. The number of refugees has grown to 116,000, totaling an estimated 500,000 total since last year.



## Refugee statistics

Number of refugees resulting from Kosovo conflict (March 1, 1998 - March 24, 1999)  
Additional refugees since March 24, 1999

where without them, do we?"  
But at Camp Able Sentry, at the American base in Kallit, a mixture of anticipation and melancholy greets heightened talk of the need for ground troops as the humanitarian situation deteriorates in Kosovo.  
"Sooner or later, they are going to utilize us," said Army Sp4c Buntingham Insantaneous, a 23-year-old Louisiana-American from Albuquerque, N.M.  
The soldiers say they are not concerned that Yugoslavia would attack their base.  
"But some have spent considerable time calming down friends and relatives back home since the bombing began."  
"We surely back home is for the worried," said Pfc. Clarence Hines, a 24-year-old Airman-1st and graduate of Chicago's North South High School. "My mother is really religious. She puts things in God's hands, and I try not to argue with her."

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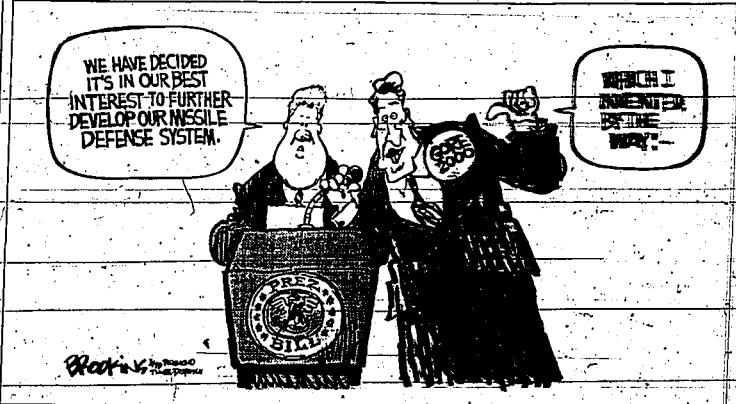
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# Farrakhan remains hospitalized - Big Apple mayor launches anti-Hillary site

WASHINGTON, AP — Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan continued to receive treatment Wednesday at Howard University Hospital, but neither Nation of Islam officials nor the hospital would say whether he is recovering.

A statement sent to news organizations from the Nation of Islam Wednesday, The Final Call, said

Farrakhan's treatment "continues to be successful and his prognosis is excellent."

Farrakhan, who was treated for prostate cancer several years ago, has been ill since early January with an undiagnosed condition, according to a Final Call article last month.

Farrakhan, 65, was admitted Tuesday afternoon.

At a March 19 press conference in Chicago, Nation of Islam Minister of Health Abdul Alim Muhammad said Farrakhan was being treated in Chicago, where he lives, for complications stemming from treatment of his prostate cancer.

Alim said Farrakhan was not in any imminent danger and would rest for four months to recuperate.

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani says his fourth e-mailed Web site, targeting Hillary Rodham Clinton, is a hit.

On Tuesday, the mayor said 1,100 visitors to "Hillary No One" expressed a willingness to vote for should Giuliani run for the U.S. Senate.

The Republican mayor and the first lady may face each other in a

primary election in New York state next year. Giuliani's "Hillary No One" Web site, which he launched last week, has already entered the race.

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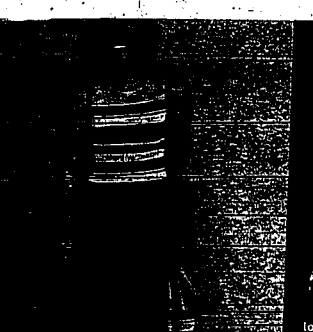


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NATION

Feds rush to get computer systems set for Y2K bug

Rev. faces five years for theft

LARGO, Fla. (AP) — The Rev. Henry Lyons, former president of one of the nation's largest and most influential black denominations, was sentenced to five years in prison Wednesday for swindling more than \$4 million.

The 57-year-old minister was also ordered to repay almost \$2.5 million.

Lyons was convicted Feb. 27 of bilking companies wanting to sell cemetery products, life insurance policies and credit cards to members of the National Baptist Convention USA. He was also found guilty of stealing funds donated to rebuild burned Southern black churches.

He could have gotten up to eight years in prison under state sentencing guidelines.

Lyons and his alleged mistress, convention publicist Bernice Edwards, were accused of spending the money on luxury homes, cars, jewelry and travel.

Lyons apologized particularly for the theft of almost \$250,000 from the 18th Annual Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, money intended to rebuild burned churches.

By Stephen F. East  
The Washington Post

The federal Justice Department repeatedly embarrassed over the years by its failure to finish technology projects on time, has proved the more trouble in meeting Wednesday's White House deadline for eradicating the Y2K bug.

Clinton administration officials announced Wednesday a 22 percent cut of the government's "mission critical" computer systems at the 24 largest agencies have been made, underlining an initial round of Year 2000 tests and put back on line, complying with the March 21 deadline.

Thirteen of the 24 agencies

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reported that 100 percent of their critical systems have been deemed "compliant" for operation next year, administration officials said in a Tuesday briefing. Only the Agency for International Development, with seven critical systems, completely missed the deadline, reporting that none of its systems has been tested at all.

In addition to AID, the 8 percent that missed the White House deadline include components of

several vital systems, such as air traffic control computers operated by the Federal Aviation Administration, Medicare reimbursements processed by some federal contractors and Defense Department systems that help plan some jet fighter missions.

But administration officials said the lagging agencies would complete their Y2K work by summer's end and were pleased that 97 of 6,123 critical systems, only about 500 systems at 11 large agencies still need repairs.

Asked about the deadline after Tuesday's Federal Communications Commission briefing on Y2K readiness in the telecommunications industry, White House Year 2000 adviser John A.

Koskinen said Wednesday's announcement would be "a great testimony to work-by-skilled and dedicated employees and should help restore public confidence in the ability of public servants to deal with a major challenge."

In a statement, Sen. Robert F. Bennett, R-Utah, chairman of the special Senate Year 2000 committee, said, "It is a significant accomplishment that the federal government has come as far as it has in the past year."

"When the government began to grasp the magnitude of the Year 2000 problem, many feared an inept repair effort could disrupt programs or even jeopardize the economy."

In August 1998, for example,

Rep. Stephen Horn, R-Calif., issued orders to proof agencies and calculated that the Education Department would not become Year-2000 "compliant" until 2030, given its pace of repairs. But this month, the Education Department reported its 14 critical systems, including 11 that process student loans, were fixed and had undergone verification by an independent contractor.

Despite the redoubled effort, lawmakers and industry analysts warned Tuesday that the government still faces a huge Y2K workload, including the need for sophisticated tests to ensure that federal computers can properly exchange data not only internally but with states and localities.

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Body found on banana boat

BALTIMORE — Workers unloading bananas at a wholesaler Tuesday found the body of a 35-year-old St. Louis American man who died during a weeklong effort to sneak into the United States by traveling with the fruit shipment.

When authorities untangled the body from the bananas, they also found six kilograms of cocaine, officials said.

A man smuggling himself and drugs was a new twist for area law enforcement officials.

"I'm not aware this has happened before," said Rosemary Vicini, FBI special agent here. "We are still trying to determine why he traveled the way he did."

The body was found when employees at the J.C. Banana Co. spotted a booted foot hanging out of the back of a banana truck. The truck had brought the bananas from Philadelphia, where they arrived by ship from Colombia and were unloaded by workers who apparently did not notice the human cargo.

Payments cut to bitter wife

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge cut a woman's marital support payments for badmouthing her estranged husband in front of their son.

The wife, identified in court papers as S.B., "had so vilified" her husband that their 17-year-old son has refused to see him for five years, Judge Jacqueline Silbermann said in a decision made public Wednesday.

The husband, a lawyer, who earns about \$300,000 a year and was identified as R.B., won a 20 percent cut in the amount he has to pay his wife — \$48,000 a year instead of \$60,000.

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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

“We’re calling it the road trip to hell. We’ve never seen them play. We don’t even know how to get there.”

—College of Southern Idaho baseball coach Jim Walker, whose squad will visit Rangely, Colo., this weekend for its first ever matchup with Colorado Northwestern

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school golf**  
Twin Falls, Park & Twin Falls Municipal 1:30 p.m.
- High school softball**  
Buhl vs Twin Falls, 4 p.m.
- High school track**  
Kimberly at Buhl 7:30 p.m.  
ESDB meet, 2 p.m.

## IN BRIEF

### Twin Falls softball players meet tonight

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Men's Softball Association will hold a league meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation building on Maxwell Avenue.

All interested teams and players are encouraged to attend. The final meeting is scheduled for April 5.

For more information, call Cory Ochsner at 433-2486 or Stan Sorenson at 734-4976 (evenings).

### Wendell summer program sign-ups are next week

WENDELL — The Wendell Recreation District will hold registration for the summer baseball/softball programs at the Wendell High School gym April 8-10, from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Wednesday's session incorrectly reported the registration dates.

Anyone planning to participate must register during these times. No late registrations will be allowed.

For more information, call Randy or Beth Andrus at 536-6409 after 5 p.m.

### Bruin coach, players hold softball clinic April 5-7

TWIN FALLS — Girls in Grades 3 through 8 are invited to the Bruin Softball Camp Spring Break '99, Monday through Wednesday of next week at Twin Falls High School.

Coach Nick Baumert and his varsity players will teach campers the fundamentals in all aspects of fast-pitch softball.

The \$35 entry fee includes a T-shirt, \$4.50 admission to the Twin Falls-Buhl rivalry game at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday and lunch on Wednesday. Camp will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Registration forms are available at Donnelley Sports or at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation office. For more information, call Nick Baumert at 733-4978 (evenings).

### Rupert starts baseball, softball leagues

RUPERT — The Rupert Parks and Recreation Department is taking registrations for the 1999 youth baseball and softball programs.

The Parks and Recreation Office has been moved to 620 1/2 E. Street with the city office located in the alley of First Security Bank and the library. Registrations will be held April 1 through May 1.

For more information, call the Rupert Recreation Office at 434-2400.

# Eagles meet Colorado for four over weekend

## Jones has a clear shot at five golds

By Jeff Rosen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — This weekend, one of the scenic West Athletic Conference's larger schools travels to play one of its smallest. And for Southern Idaho, four games against rival Colorado Northwestern University — enrollment listed at a generous 450 — may be just what the doctor ordered.

The Spartans (1-11 in SWAC play, 1-11 overall) have won just one game this season. The Golden Eagles, meanwhile, have never played in Rangely, Colo., a town smaller than Hansen, where athletic director Paul Conrad also coaches baseball and basketball and operates the only local sporting goods store.

Locked in sixth place at 8-8 in conference (2-1 overall), Southern Idaho is flirting with a sub-.500 conference mark. The Spartans, showing little of the luster they brought seven National Small College Athletic Association baseball titles home to Rangely since 1965, would gladly trade places.

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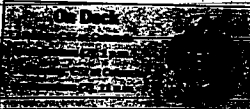
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Colorado Northwestern University pitcher Adam Manley.

feels like he has to do it every time he’s up. He told Jesse (Hoober) he didn’t feel like he was getting enough behind him (in the lead).”

Walker proved cathartic rather than confrontational.

“The frustration just lifted yesterday,” Walker said Tuesday. “And we had a great practice today. People talked to each other. They asked good questions.”

Now the focus shifts to weathering late rallies by the opposition. The Eagles have had difficulty protecting leads.

“Personally, I’m not concerned,” said pitcher coach Bobby Matkin. “I want to see more pitches, but I’m going to get there. We’ve had freshman pitchers going to freshman catchers. It’s a maturity thing.”

Practice this week following Monday’s gathering was assumed a different flavor. Rather than drilling fundamentals home running the same play time and again, players had for shorter team sessions that used the five-hour norm as a laser broke off to refine the areas of their individual game they believed lacking.

“I think we’ve got to get more out of our month repetition,” Walker said. “We’ve been having a more individual practice, letting them work on their own. I’ve got to be smart about it.”

Despite the recent slide — the Eagles have lost eight of their last 12 conference games — Walker said he remains high on his team.

“I’ve got eight pitchers out there throwing. Please see CSI, Page B3

The Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia — Unlike Michael Johnson in 1996, Marion Jones won't have to fight a long list of rivals to win multiple golds in the 2000 Olympics.

Jones bid to become the first female track athlete to win five gold medals by getting full support from the organizing committee (SOCOG) in Atlanta. The negotiations were needed to facilitate Johnson's 200-400 double.

But SOCOG has designed a schedule around Jones.

“We’ve made sure we’ve learned from the issues of Atlanta,” SOCOG sports manager Bob Elphinstone said Wednesday. “We’ve made sure the ability of a Marion Jones being able to undertake the program she wants that’s all been considered in our planning. Some of the athletics experts we have on our staff and through Athletics Australia. I think we’re well prepared for it.”

Jones will be trying to become the first woman in the sport to win five gold medals in one game. Fanny Blankers-Koen of the Netherlands is the only woman track and field competitor to win four golds at one games, in 1948.

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1988 team statistics (AL rank)	1998 record
Batting average	.288 (2)
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ERA	3.82 (1)
Fielding Pct.	.984 (3)

Source: New York Yankees

## NCAA insists it was making Proposition 16 changes before case

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The NCAA on Wednesday said it could have changes ready to meet eligibility standards by September that likely will put out of business the standardized test scores that a federal judge ruled discriminatory.

The NCAA said it had been studying modifications in its minimum standard for recruits before U.S. District Judge Ronald Buckwalter ruled in Philadelphia last week that relying on test scores was an unjustified disparate impact against African-Americans.

The standards — which include minimum scores on the SAT or ACT, a core group of high school courses and a minimum grade-point average in that core — remain in effect after the 3rd U.S. Court of Appeals on Tuesday issued a stay of Buckwalter's ruling.

The NCAA hopes to have modifications in place by Sept. 1, said Perin State president Graham B.

Division I Board of Directors.

“I’m not promising we will have it done by that date. Circumstances can change,” Spitzer said. “The stay gives us a window of opportunity following our own research and pursuing our efforts to have something in place by Sept. 1.”

The NCAA will continue to pursue an appeal of Buckwalter's ruling not only because it struck down Proposition 16, but because it raised other issues that needed clarification, Spitzer said.

The standards were challenged by four black athletes who contended they were denied athletic scholarships or sports eligibility because they did not score the minimum on the standardized tests.

The tests have long been a subject of debate in the academic and athletic worlds as to whether they are discriminatory.

Proposition 16 was a refinement of Proposition 48, which

was enacted during the NCAA convention in 1983 at the bidding of reform-minded university presidents who wanted to raise academic standards.

Spitzer said some set of minimum standards are needed to avoid revisiting “the bad-old days” when high school athletes arrived on campus ill-equipped to handle the rigors of university academics.

Spitzer said the standards were exploited for their athletic ability and then thrown out without education or skills when their eligibility was used up.

In studies since then, the NCAA has found athletes graduate at a higher rate than the general student body.

The NCAA position is that it has produced sufficient evidence linking graduation rates to test score cutoffs under Proposition 16, Spitzer said.

Modifying Proposition 16 likely will involve adjusting the weighting of the three components that make up the minimum standard for recruits.

In particular, more weight would likely be given to overall performance in high school.

Spitzer said that “the single best predictor of success in performance in high school,” Spitzer said.

Spitzer said he and other NCAA board members of the school performance is “extremely important and should carry the greatest weight.”

However, standardized tests must be part of the mix and those that think the tests are “irrelevant or full of bias don’t have a good understanding of testing or measurement,” Spitzer said.

The tests keep high school teachers or counselors from making grades, Spitzer said, and also provide a benchmark in the face of the wide disparity of high schools across the country.

The standards of Proposition 16 remain in effect under the appeals court stay, meaning coaches should recruit under the same rules during the spring season that will have in the past, the NCAA said.

The Associated Press

## ‘The Rocket’ Clemens finishes spring training in Triple-A game

CLEARWATER, Fla. — The Rocket is ready.

Roger Clemens, the New York Yankees’ opening day starter, pitched five innings in a Triple-A game Wednesday.

“There won’t be nerves... I’ll have excitement,” said Clemens about his start Monday at Oakland.

“I’ll have to control my excitement early.”

“I’m well aware that it’s a marathon. I can’t do it all in one go. I’ll be telling myself those things, but I’ll probably be a couple go,” the five-time Cy Young winner said.

Pitching for Columbus against Scranton, the Philadelphia Phillies’ top farm club, Clemens allowed one scratch hit, struck out five and walked two. The right-hander threw 67 pitches for 65.

“I definitely wanted to get some good work in and feel strong doing it,” Clemens said. “I felt pretty good and it went pretty much according to what I expected. I’m ready to get going.”

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## MLB considers jersey advertising

NEW YORK — Imagine this: Mark McGwire walking to the plate with a patch on his bulgingiceps advertising a burger joint.

Or those famed New York Yankees pinstripes — the ones worn with pride by Ruth and Gehrig, DiMaggio and Mander — picking up an ad for begals.

It could be coming to a ballpark near you.

Baseball, according to the Sports Business Journal, is considering allowing teams to sell advertising on the sleeves of their uniforms. It’s not unprecedented: Soccer teams around the world have ads on their shirts, selling everything from breweries to banks, often emblazoned in letters larger than those of the letter name.

“The first thing I think of is somebody’s ball bonds on the back of the shirt,” says Steve Tomfina, Baltimore pitcher Mike Mussina said. “So it’s going to be a number and Joe’s Ball Bonds. That’s the first thing I think of.”

The ad could be on a 12-inch square patch — perhaps small to be easily seen from the upper deck, but certainly big enough to be picked up in TV closeups and photographs.

“I’m a traditionalist, but I know these things were doing generate more revenue and that’s what we have to do,” Florida Marlins manager John Henry said. “If Mr. (owner) John Henry says, ‘This is what we’re doing on the uniforms,’ I’d say, ‘Looks great to me.’”

NASCAR drivers are walking, talking billboards when they wear their track outfits. And tennis players and golfers frequently appear on the court and the course wearing caps with corporate logos.

“It’s one of those things where baseball is looking to emulate what other sports are doing. It’s a possibility and we need to look at it,” says one way to do it — the one way to do it.

“Although shoes and equipment are as a bats and gloves carry brand names and logos, ads on uniforms apparently would be a next for the major U.S. sports. Currently, the only sports marketing on baseball uniforms is an “R” for Russell Athletic, the manufacturer of the jerseys.”

“This is about trying to find creative ways to bring value to the customer they can’t be charged for,” says one way to do it — the one way to do it.

Brosnan wouldn’t put a timetable on the discussions or when a final decision will be made, saying it depends “on when things go.”

Several officials speaking on the condition they not be identified said owners would have to see the first proposal and proceed only if they were satisfied and carefully reviewed documents.

“There are active discussions about the issues that bring advertising and advertising sponsors into baseball,” Brosnan said. “We’re looking around a lot of things.”

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SPORTS

Ex-UCLA coach reappears on the A-list

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Jim Harrick restored his reputation at Rhode Island. Now he's back on the coaching A-list. Harrick was hired Wednesday as basketball coach at Georgia, completing his comeback from a recruiting scandal that led to his firing at UCLA three years ago.



Coach Jim Harrick talks to the media Wednesday during a news conference where he was announced as the new men's basketball coach for the University of Georgia.

Harrick, who has long maintained that he didn't deserve to be fired by the Bruins, admitted Wednesday that mistakes were made and that he was fired from the experience. "That which does not destroy you only makes you stronger," he said. "I've grown from a better coach and a better human being."

Harrick received about \$350,000 a year at Rhode Island while his four-year contract with Georgia is worth an estimated \$550,000 annually in salary and benefits. The school also will set up a yearly \$100,000 annuity, similar to the deal for football coach Jim Donnan, that would be paid in full if Harrick fulfills his contract.

Harrick said it was a "no-brainer" to accept Georgia's offer, citing the strength of the Southeastern Conference, and came to the news conference with expertise as a coach who was appreciated by the university, fans, supporters and players. Harrick, 60, has a record of 408-182 in 14 years as coach at Pepperdine, UCLA and Rhode Island. His teams qualified for the NCAA tournament 34 times, including a current streak of 30 in a row.

Harrick coached at the California school. The two are close friends, but Adams stressed that the decision to hire Harrick was made by Dooley.

Adams also warned that if Harrick made the same mistakes at Georgia as he did at UCLA, he would be fired again. "I take compliance very seriously," Adams said. "If a coach ever misled me, I wouldn't have heard the news. If he's coming here, that should do volumes for us."

Five returning players stood at the back of the room during the news conference, but sophomore Jumaime Jones was a no-show. The AUSAEC forward, who led the Bulldogs in scoring and rebounding, has been asked to enter the NBA draft. He did not answer phone calls to his campus apartment.

Harrick said his son told him he couldn't afford to attend the Georgia job announcement. "I'll be fine. I'm a survivor," said Harrick. "That was really the only thing that delayed it." Harrick was also named a 1997-98 All-American by the Associated Press. He coached at Pepperdine from 1979 to 1982, then at UCLA from 1982 to 1995. He was fired in 1995 after a recruiting scandal.

Reports say Stewart will resign at Missouri

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Norm Stewart, seventh among major college coaches with 731 victories, will retire after 32 seasons at Missouri, according to published reports. Stewart, 64, and his lawyer spent Wednesday discussing a buyout of his contract, several TV stations reported. A news conference was scheduled by the university.

Stewart played basketball and baseball at Missouri. He led the Big Seven Conference in scoring with 24.1 points per game in 1955-56. He spent one season with the NBA's St. Louis Hawks and a year in the Baltimore Orioles' minor league system. Stewart won a battle with colon cancer in 1989 and five years later began the Coaches vs. Cancer program. Individuals and corporations across the state pledged money for every 3-point made by Missouri, and in the first year of the program the state broke the school record with 204.

Over 100 schools take part in the program. "I think someday we should be able to raise 15 or 20 million dollars nationwide," said Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim, whose school also is a major contributor to the program. "People will remember it began with the rough, obnoxious guy from Missouri." One wealthy backer of Missouri's sports programs, Stan Kroenke of Columbia, said Wednesday that he hadn't spoken to Stewart because the coach has been recruited to play for the Tigers. But Kroenke told the AP, "I've heard rumors Norm was thinking about stepping down, and his wife has joked about it. I think Norm has earned it because of a highly competitive environment and if anybody's earned it, Norm has." "Norm Stewart's legacy is clear for all to see. He has stood for Missouri basketball for years, and he has brought basketball to a different level at Missouri, and a level we can be proud of."

SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Madore

ON THE AIR TELEVISION

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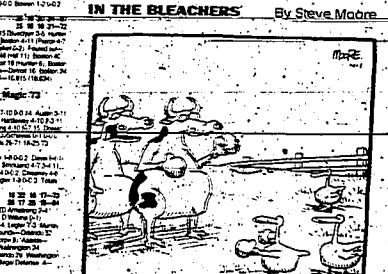


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# Wizards cast new record in victory

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jwan Howard scored 20 points as the Washington Wizards used a record defensive performance to beat the Orlando Magic 84-73 Wednesday night.

The 73 points by Orlando were the fewest ever allowed by Washington in a previous record was 74, by Cleveland in 1982 and Miami in 1997.

"Terry Davis went 6-for-6 from the field and matched his season-high with 12 points, including six points during an 8-0 first-quarter run that gave the Wizards the lead for good.

Darrell Armstrong scored 15 points for the Magic, who fell apart after trailing by only three points at halftime.

## Pistons 87, Celtics 72

BOSTON — Lindsey Hunter scored 17 points as the Detroit Pistons won their fifth straight game.

Grant Hill added 16 points and 11 rebounds, while Bigen Dele scored 14 points for the Pistons.

Paul Pierce scored 20 points and Antwan Walker for 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Celtics, who have lost seven of their last nine.

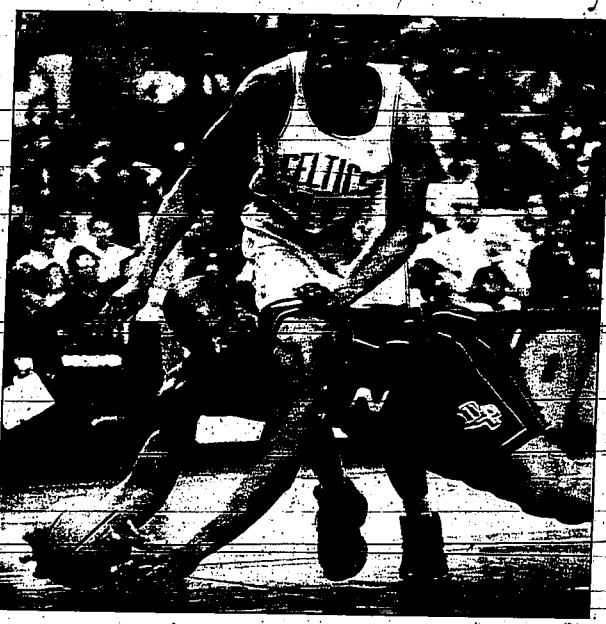
## Bucks 102, Hornets 94

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Ray Allen had 20 points and Milwaukee opened a four-game road trip by shooting a season-high 61 percent from the field.

Milwaukee, which came in shooting an NBA best 40 percent from 3-point range, was 7-for-14 from long range.

Charlotte guard Dell Curry, who had 18 points, was one of three Milwaukee players to hit two 3-pointers.

Reserve guard Eldridge Recasner had a career-high 26 points for the Hornets, who got just 45 points from their starters.



Boston Celtics forward Tony Battie, top, can only watch as Detroit Pistons forward Grant Hill dives for the loose ball Wednesday in Boston. The Pistons led 60-57-2.

## Suns 93, Warriors 78

PHOENIX — Tom Gugliotta had 21 points and 11 rebounds as the Suns snapped a three-game losing streak and moved 1 1/2 games ahead of the

## Warriors in the battle for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference

Clifford Robinson added 15 points and Jason Kidd had 14 points, seven rebounds, eight

## assists and six of the Suns' 16

Arkman Jamison had 16 points and 15 rebounds for the Warriors, while Barry Cummings and Blombo Giles added 14 points each.

## Eagle Eye

### College of Southern Idaho Baseball Statistics

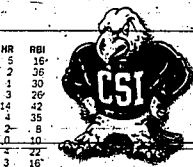
Scenic West Athletic Conference standings  
Through March 30

Team	W	L	GB	Pct.	W	All games	Pct.
Drake College	14	2	0	.875	29	11	.853
Eastern Utah	11	5	3	.688	19	11	.633
Salt Lake U.C.	10	6	4	.625	17	11	.607
Utah Valley S.C.	7	7	7	.500	27	27	.452
Southern Idaho	8	8	6	.500	22	13	.667
Idaho College	7	7	7	.500	17	17	.497
North Idaho	5	11	9	.313	10	10	.400
Treasure Valley	5	11	9	.313	10	23	.303
Coronado NW	1	11	11	.083	1	11	.083

### CSI Individual statistics

Through March 30

Player	AB	H	Avg.	HR	RBI
Hooberbeke	69	30	.435	5	16
Johnson	72	31	.431	2	36
Thomas	108	44	.407	1	30
Bullen	96	39	.406	3	30
Manley	117	46	.393	14	42
Giles	112	42	.375	4	35
Jellis	18	7	.375	2	5
Nelson	19	18	.367	0	10



ON DECK, ON THE ROAD  
Feb. at Colo. NW (2), 1 p.m.  
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April 8: at SLCC (2), 10 a.m.  
April 9: at SLCC (2), 10 a.m.  
NEXT HOME GAMES  
April 20: vs. CEU (2), 1 p.m.  
April 21: vs. CEU (2), 1 p.m.

### Pitching

Player	W	L	ERA	IP	K	BB	OP/AV
Aelio	4.2	0	2.95	39.2	46	9	205
Remers	5.1	1	4.35	39.1	48	16	250
Johnson	0.0	0	3.00	10.2	7	7	231
Golt	0.0	0	5.78	4.2	7	2	300
Mosher	2.1	0	6.28	38.2	42	17	316
McNigger	1.0	2	7.15	11.0	6	7	233
Clark	2.0	0	7.20	15.0	10	8	262
Cléments	2.2	0	9.35	17.1	19	8	342
Bolton	2.2	0	9.69	13.0	12	9	328
Wright	0.0	0	11.61	21.0	23	11	387
Ringenberg	1.0	0	14.21	6.1	2	4	400
Totals	22.1	4	6.80	232.2	232	106	292
Opponents	13.2	8	10.35	221.2	170	152	384

## CSI

Continued from B1  
the medicine ball and running. Mainz said, "That's what I want to see."  
Walker too is optimistic. "The stars say we should be winning," he said. "I think we've had a real eye opener. We felt we could just show up. Now, we've got our backs to the wall and I think it's great. I really like the character of this club."  
"If our attitude changes, our play will change," he added. "We've been playing better over 10 years' no-out contracts. We've got to earn it, and I think we will."  
Eagle notes — Manley's two jacks last week propelled him back to the top of the conference home-run race with 14. The Rebel has nearly Idaho in four games by a combined total of 43-11, but Dixie's Dan Wright didn't go yard and remains locked at 13.  
No. 1 pitcher Cameron Reimers is climbing the conference strike-out rankings. He fanned eight Utah Valley batters in his fifth

win of the season (5-1) last Friday to push his season total to 48-9. Catcher Mark Weisenmiller, sidelined by a trio of concussions endured in several weeks' time, saw action last weekend against JUCO universities... The Eagle's homecoming is fast approaching. After nearly a month on the road, Southern Idaho returns to Frontier Field April 16 against Eastern Utah... For their request, Manley will start in right field this weekend, Nick Bullen will play center and Ben Johnston will play left. Adrian Thomas will DH... Dan Clements, a freshman once projected as a closer, moved into the No. 4 spot in the rotation Saturday... In other games this week, Utah Valley and Dixie will engage in a pair of doubleheaders. Treasure Valley plays at Eastern Utah. Salt Lake is at North Idaho and Snow travels to Ricks...  
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# For U.S. and Britain, Davis Cup means history

BIRMINGHAM, England — The Davis Cup started in 1900 at the Longwood Cricket Club in Boston, with the United States sweeping Britain in the finals.

Now, with the Davis Cup celebrating its centenary, the two nations meet again.

"I think it's kind of poetic for the United States and Britain to be playing in the 100th year of the Davis Cup," said Jim Courier, who will play singles for the United States when competition begins in London.

"We'd like to have played the tie on our home soil, where the tie was played, but it's going to be interesting to get on with the tie."  
"Davis Cup tennis is as pure as it comes. It's like going back in time and it's like being part of the history of the game."  
The British are back in the World Group. And although they have been struggling for nearly a decade, they now have two top players in Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski.

In their way are Courier and Todd Martin, both experienced Davis Cup players, and doubles expert Alex O'Brien and Jan-Martin Gambill, who has played only one previous match.  
Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi, the two biggest names in U.S. tennis, declined to play.  
The winner of the series advances to the second round

against Australia or Zimbabwe.  
"Win or lose, the Americans will return to the Longwood Club for the next stage, either in round two or the relegation round."  
For Henman and Rusedski, both trying to earn top-five rankings on the ATP Tour, there is the opportunity to restore some Davis Cup pride to Britain.

Britain last played in the World Group in 1992 and slipped down to the European Zone Two relegation round before climbing back up to the world's top 16.  
Captain David Lloyd even complained that Britain, with two players in the world's top 11, should have been seeded in the World Group, which would have meant avoiding the United States in the first round.

The other seven matches are: Sweden vs. Czech Republic; Germany vs. Russia; Zimbabwe vs. Australia; France vs. Netherlands; Spain vs. Brazil; Belgium vs. Czech Republic and Switzerland vs. Italy.  
Because Britain isn't as deep as the other 15 teams, Henman and Rusedski probably will play all of the singles matches and also team in the doubles.

"They rarely play as a doubles team but are ideally suited as a right-hander and left-hander. They won an indoor tournament in London in February."  
Because Martin is hampered by a stomach muscle injury, all



U.S. player Tim Henman in action during a Davis Cup match Wednesday against Greg Rusedski in the Family Circle Cup in Hilton Head, S.C.

four of the Americans could play.  
"My priority is to play two single matches," Martin said. "If I play three matches (including the doubles) would affect my chances of playing on Sunday."  
Gambill boosted his chances of making the doubles pairing by snatching the final of the Lipton Challenge Cup last weekend, which he was partners with Boris Becker.

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Bob Duval will be going after a major of his own this week at the Tradition — the Senior PGA Tour event, presented by CenturyLink, on the Coastal Course in north Scottsdale.

His path will be somewhat cleared by the withdrawal of two-time champion Gil Morgan, who pulled out Wednesday because of a

muscle injury.  
Morgan is the first senior since Jack Nicklaus at the Canadian Senior Open last year to fail to defend a title. Morgan pulled out of last week's event after two rounds because of back problems.  
Both Duval's win and his junior achievement — winning The Tradition, with his son taking the Masters a week later — are something he might have the first, but I think he might have one in a couple of weeks," Duval said. "I'm not going to Vegas. But it's something I would like to accomplish."  
Brian Duval's victory last week came at the Emerald Coast Classic in Florida, where the past Duke finished by two strokes. A few times later, David won The Players Championship across the state.

"I might have to play, but not the way he's playing now," Duval said. "Nobody can catch him. You can't teach the concentration."

# Duval looks for fourth tour win of season

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — David Duval would like to make the BellSouth Classic his fourth victory of the season, but not at the expense of what lies a week ahead.

Next up is the Masters, and Duval readily acknowledges it will be on his mind.  
"I am going to sit here and lie to you about it," Duval said Wednesday. "It is an important event to me."  
"I have to weigh it out and make sure I don't expend too much energy here and make sure I am ready for next week as well," he said. "It will be a bit of a balancing act."

Duval heads a strong field in the \$2.5-million BellSouth beginning today on the hilly, 7,259-yard TPC at Sawtooth, a course designed by Greg Norman, who withdrew from the tournament Wednesday because of a virus.

Duval's third victory came in his hometown last week when he captured... The Players Championship at Sawgrass was two shots over Scotty Campbell. Duval, who has earned \$2.1 million in seven events this year, also won the season-opening Mercedes Championship in Hawaii and the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic in California.

Duval said making sure he is ready for the Masters involves being ready mentally and physically.  
"Last week's event, it was so hard," he said. "The golf course was so difficult. It was so maddening. It would be like playing two or three events."

He said he has to make sure he's fresh for this tournament every next week, too. "I'm sure you are anxious to go out there every day, don't get to the point where you dread it of a

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## SPORTS IN BRIEF

**Hings brings top game to Family Circle**  
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — When Martina Hings won the Family Circle Cup two years ago, she was on another level. Now, her dominance is not so clear cut.  
Hings is the tournament's top seed, who dispatched Sylvia Plischke 63-75 in her first match Wednesday.  
Hings sees he will have the inside track to the tournament title with Sandra Williams and Davenport out with injuries and Verónica Williams' decision to skip the Family Circle.  
Williams, second-seeded Monica Seles, No. 6 Patty Schnyder and No. 10 Conchita Martínez may challenge Hings.  
They advanced, as did No. 13 Silvia Farina, No. 14 Elena Likhovtseva and No. 16 Helena Nagyova.  
And Iva Majoli defeated No. 9 Irina Spirlea 1-6, 6-4, 6-2 in Wednesday's evening match.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Deadline for 'Pride' nomination is April 7

**TWIN FALLS** - April 7 is the deadline to nominate a fellow citizen for a Take Pride in Idaho award.

Each year, the awards recognize people throughout the state for their efforts to promote, preserve and restore the state's tourism and recreation resources, an Idaho Department of Commerce news release said.

The awards are presented at the Governor's Conference on Recreation and Tourism, an annual industry forum for public, private and nonprofit travel professionals. This year's conference will be May 27 at the Cour d'Alene Inn in Cour d'Alene.

Nominations are sought in these categories: Outstanding Achievement in Recreation and Tourism, Frontliner of the Year, The Idaho Media Award, Outstanding Visitor Information Center, Outstanding Historic Preservation and Outstanding Cultural Tourism.

Past recipients include the Sawtooth Society, the Idaho Potato Commission, the Desert Mountain Visitor Center in Mountain Home and Idaho's Basque community. Call Celeste Hest at 334-2420 for a nomination form.

### Idaho Tax Commission extends office hours

**TWIN FALLS** - The Idaho State Tax Commission's Twin Falls office will extend its hours in April to help taxpayers file their taxes on time.

The office, at 1033 Black Lakes Blvd. N., Suite C, will be open for telephone and walk-in assistance from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and again on April 10.

Weekday office hours will be extended to 7 p.m. April 12-15. Taxpayers can call 736-3040 or 1-800-972-2690.

Staff will be on hand to answer questions about tax preparation, and visitors can pick up state and federal income tax forms. Walk-ins also can use a direct phone line to the Internal Revenue Service for federal tax questions. A commission news release said.

To check the status of your refund, call 1-888-222-5329. Taxpayers who file with traditional paper forms on April 15 usually wait six to 10 weeks for their refunds, as opposed to a typical seven- to 10 days when filing via the Internet, the state tax commission said.

### CSI will sponsor free egg hunt on Friday

**TWIN FALLS** - The College of Southern Idaho will hold its annual community Easter egg hunt at 4 p.m. Friday.

Children 10 years and younger should meet the tower on the CSI campus to order to participate. There will be three different hunts for three different age groups - 3 years and younger, 4 to 6 years and 7 to 10 years.

The event is sponsored by the Associated Students of the College of Southern Idaho. Students from 40 different clubs will participate. Prizes and help staff and hide the eggs. Everyone is welcome.

### Ketchum City Council to hold public meeting

**Ketchum** - The City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at City Hall. The agenda includes a public hearing to receive comments on the Sun Valley Cablevision Franchise and related issues.

Also on Monday's agenda, council members will hear a quarterly update from Carol Waller on Sun Valley's economic development and Commerce activities. Council members will also consider reappointments of Peter Ripston and Susan Scovell to three-year terms on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

### Dietrich trustees plan town meeting Monday

**Dietrich** - The Board of Trustees will hold a Town Meeting from 8 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday in the primary building at 406 N. Park to discuss the proposed Dietrich School Building Program.

The public is invited to attend the meeting and find out more about the proposed building program. Compiled from staff reports



Larry Hill splashes his way through a gasoline slick to hook a cable onto a stranded car in one of the latter classes, just above Deerline Lake on Wednesday. Hill and a crew from Magic Valley Towing attempted to remove the splat.

## Workers fail to lift submerged truck

### Mystery vehicle to spend at least one more week at bottom of lake

By Gregory Hahn  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - A mystery truck found last September in the wreckage of a hidden lake near Snake River Falls will spend at least another week there.

The red Nissan Pathfinder, which must have made quite a show for whoever launched it off the Snake River Canyon rim, gave an encore performance Wednesday during two failed tries to get it back out.

The truck rested about 40 feet deep in the small lake, and the top of the cliff was the closest Magic Valley Towing's Al Lewis' tow truck could get, close to 150 feet above the water's surface.

Oddly enough, this wasn't exactly an unusual assignment for Lewis' son Gary Hill, who, in the West, cars occasionally wind up in canyons. Like the guy, Lewis remembered, who drove his car down to the golf course and forgot to put it in park.

Above the hidden lake, Lewis parked where the Nissan most likely had fallen off.

Getting the truck back to that point, however, proved tough. "Unfortunately," said Dive Magic co-owner Gary Hill, who braved the 40-degree water in the salvage effort, "it had different plans than we did."

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- Larry Hill, braved 40-degree water in effort

Twice the crew hooked the truck and twice the battered 4x4 fell back to the water.

The cable snapped once when the Pathfinder snagged under a rock. Well up the cliff face the second time, the truck's frame itself snapped.

The basic problem, Lewis said, was that the boom on his truck wasn't long enough. A few more feet of clearance, and the tow truck can pull up the crumpled pile of red metal without dragging it along the rocks.

Lewis has a bigger truck with a bigger boom, but the effort will have to wait until Hill and his dive crew get back from a week's trip to Cozumel, Mexico.

"The diving's a little nicer, there," Hill said.

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The stranded truck hangs above the water while water drains from it. The effort to recover it was abandoned after two attempts failed.

## Federal officials meet deadline for moving waste

**TWIN FALLS** - Federal officials met Wednesday to discuss moving radioactive remnants from the Three Mile Island nuclear accident to safer storage in eastern Idaho.

The first load was moved in schedule from underfoot storage to a new state-of-the-art storage facility on the Idaho

National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory site as required under the state's 1995 nuclear waste deal with the Department of Energy.

"We have not missed a milestone yet in the Interim Agreement, and we will continue to make every effort to preserve that record," acting INEEL Manager Warren Bergholz said.

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## Valley relief agencies seek help for homeless Kosovar refugees

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - If You've moved by pictures of Kosovar refugees shivering in the snow, the Salvation Army will help you do something about it.

"We'll accept clothing for Kosovo," said Maj. Eddie Patterson, who heads Twin Falls' Salvation Army. "Donations that are designated for a specific area will be sent there."

But at this point, relief organizations would much prefer cash donations for the Kosovars. Aid agencies still trying to sort out how to cope with more than 100,000 refugees from the embattled Yugoslavia province.

"The focus right now is on government," said Patterson explained. "But there will be a need for private agency help as well."

The American Red Cross and the Salvation Army are two local organizations with direct links to relief efforts in Montenegro, Macedonia and Albania, where the bulk of the Kosovo refugees have fled. Catholic Relief Services is also active in the Balkans, although there's no fund-raising going on locally at the moment, according to the Rev. Robb Keller, pastor of St. Edward's Catholic Church.

President Clinton earmarked \$60 million in government aid for refugees on Wednesday, but

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## Crime details unfold

### Elko police say three friends were in home

By Brian Haynes and Sandy Miller  
Times-News writers

**ELKO, Nev.** - Three friends of a 16-year-old murder suspect were questioned by police hours before the suspect was arrested, Elko police said.

The three teens were in the home when Kody Iverson took a handgun and shot his father, Gordon Kirk, twice in the back and once in the belly, Elko Police Chief Clair Morris said Wednesday for trial.

"We've interviewed some witnesses to the shootings - some teenage friends - and they basically confirmed that Mr. Iverson is responsible for the shooting," he said.

Police arrested Iverson Tuesday morning and booked him into jail on a first-degree murder charge.

Elko County District Attorney Gary Woodbury was waiting for completed police paperwork before he officially files a charge against Iverson. That paperwork would be filed today or Friday, Woodbury said.

Iverson is scheduled for a preliminary hearing within two weeks, but in cases such as this that "time period is usually extended," he said.

If the preliminary hearing judge decides enough probable cause exists, the case will be sent to District Court for trial.

The three teens who witnessed the shooting will be used as witnesses in court, but police haven't ruled out the possibility of filing charges against them, Morris said.

Police began investigating the case at 9:30 p.m. Monday when Iverson called 911 from a grocery store near his home on the 500 block of Maple Street. He told police he was locked out of the house and saw his father's father when he looked into a window, Morris said.

But police had questions about Iverson's story, he said. "We were suspicious about the shooting," he said, "whoever was responsible had access to the residence," he said.

"There were a lot of holes in his story. We found out he had been out where he'd been and who he'd been with," he said.

Investigators later found the three witnesses, and police arrested Iverson at 10:30 a.m. the next day.

Iverson told police he was having problems with his father, since moving in with him in October. The boy moved to Elko from Kellogg, where he was having problems with his mother and stepfather, Morris said.

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## Suspended janitor in Minidoka will appeal ruling to school board

The Times-News

**ROBERT** - A suspended Minidoka County School District janitor will appeal his case in front of the School Board next week, strong what he does outside of work should not affect his job status.

At 6 p.m. Monday, the board will meet with John Patterson to discuss the job.

Patterson, 50, was arrested Jan. 2 by Rupert police and charged with molesting a minor. A police affidavit said Patterson is a janitor at Memorial Elementary School.

The School Board voted Feb. 11 to fire Patterson, said Brent Engley, the school district's attorney.

Elizabeth Burr-Jones, Patterson's attorney, said Patterson is suspended without pay, pending termination. The district owes him \$18,720. Burr-Jones said she plans to tell the board that if her client was not on school property and did not make the phone calls while at work, the board might not have the right to fire him.

Police were first told about the harassment by a "molester" made from pay phones - on Jan. 14, the affidavit said.

Officers were stationed near those phones and saw Patterson make calls from them.

When police linked one of Patterson's calls to a business person who filed a phone harassment complaint, police arrested Patterson, the affidavit said.

# MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

## Land swap partners shelve proposal

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A proposal to trade 2 million acres of federal, state and private lands has been shelved because recent publicity gave people the wrong impression about it, its backers said.

Clearwater Land Exchange of Orofino has been studying the complicated swap — which would have been one of the largest in the West — for about five years.

Bur exchange partners said Tuesday the proposal to exchange federal and state parcels and eliminate inholdings — private land surrounded by public land — was being withdrawn.

The Spokesman-Review news paper ran a series of stories on the proposal, which drew criticism from the federal Bureau of Land Management and some conservation groups.

The stories were premature, Darrel Olson of Clearwater Land

Exchange said in a statement.

"That's our fault. We talked about an idea before we had really fleshed it out and before we had explained our vision of the concept of an Idaho exchange, permitting folks to evaluate its real merit," Olson said.

Clearwater Land had hired the Gallatin Group public relations firm to begin selling its proposal to the public sometime during the next six months.

The plan was to sell Forest Service land and buy public access, in the form of conservation easements, in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

All Idaho Department of Fish and Game and state Department of Lands acreage within national forests would be transferred to the Forest Service. In return, Fish and Game would get public access to private fishing and hunting areas at some future date. The state would get federal timber.

Logging and agriculture would get parcels of land useful to them in return for land they want to trade to the government.

The land exchange apparently would have been accomplished through state and federal legislation, rather than the normal route of approval by affected federal and state agencies.

Although the Orofino group had made presentations to the U.S. Forest Service, congressional staffers and some conservation groups, people were left with the misimpression that the plan was nearly complete, Olson said.

"Therefore, we have determined that it is in everyone's best interest to take the idea off the public opinion said.

The proposal would have involved trading, selling, or transferring management of all BLM and in northern Idaho. BLM officials on Monday expressed anger that their agency had not been briefed on the plan.



Jerome, Madrid, New Mexico state park regional supervisor, passes Wednesday while recalling Parker Ray in Elephant Butte, N.M. According to Madrid, Parker, who worked as a mechanic, was a sexual predator.

## Cellmate says defendant wanted his brother killed

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — One of two men charged with murder in a plot to set up a white-ethnic nation added that his little brother he killed, believing the brother was blaming him for the killing of an Arkansas family, a witness testified Wednesday in court. While lodged in an Ohio jail, Chevie Kehoe tried to arrange a hit on his brother Cheyenne, Kellie in the 1996 killings, according to testimony.

Larry McPherson said that

when he was transferred to another prison, Kehoe asked, "Could I arrange to have Cheyenne Kellie killed?"

Chevie Kehoe, 26, of Colville, Wash., and Danny Lee, 26, of Yukon, Okla., are accused of trying to conspire and racketeer. Federal prosecutors say the two planned to set up the Arpan Peoples Republic in the Pacific Northwest.

McPherson said that he and Chevie Kehoe watched a television interview featuring Chevie Kehoe. Chevie Kehoe said his

brother was cooperating with their father Kirby to make it look as though he was a murderer.

According to McPherson, Chevie Kehoe, his brother and father killed Arkansas gun dealer William Mueller, his wife Nancy and her daughter Sarah Powell in January 1996.

Prosecutors say Chevie Kehoe and Lee killed the family, wrapping them in plastic, binding them with duct tape, weighing them down with rocks and throwing them in the Illinois Bayou in western Arkansas.

## SERVICES

William 'Wee' Fuller of Caldwell, 10:30 a.m. today at Valley Church in Caldwell (Alsp - Funeral Chapel in Nampa).

Elsie E. Ewell of Buhl, 11 a.m. today at Buhl First Christian Church (Farmer - Funeral Chapel).

Orin Shiers of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday at Jerome 4th Ward LDS Chapel in Jerome. Herb Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Vita Ann Logan of Boise, graveside service at 12:30 p.m. today at Morris Hill Cemetery in Boise. Friends and family are to meet near the Field of Honor. (Alcent Funeral Services).

Robert H. Linnert of Gooding, 1 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Virginia Mary Burks of McMinnville, Ore. and formerly of southern Idaho, memorial service at 7 p.m. tonight Oakwood Country Place in McMinnville. Memorial service, will also be

held in July in Jerome.

Martha Juliana Holtzen of Twin Falls, 10 a.m. Friday at Immanuel Lutheran Church (White Mortuary).

Alene Joy Litson Judd of Burley, 11 a.m. Friday at the Pella 1st and 2nd Ward building viewing from 6-8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary. Burial at 11 a.m. and one hour before the service on Friday at the church.

Annie Larsen Everson Jensen of Logan, Utah and formerly of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. Friday at Nelson Funeral Home in Logan, Utah; friends may call tonight

from 6-7 p.m. and Friday from noon to 12:45 p.m. at the funeral home in Logan.

Mary Viola Slaughter of Kimberly, graveside service at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Avondale Cemetery and memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Crossroads United Methodist Church in Kimberly (Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel).

Albert C. Dozier of Rupert, 11 a.m. Saturday at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert. Friends and family may call one hour prior to the service (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

## DEATH NOTICES

**A. Tremaine**  
TWIN FALLS — A. Tremaine, 69, of Twin Falls, died March 31, 1999, at Sunrise Care.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

**Dorothy J. Wolff**  
TWIN FALLS — Dorothy J. Wolff, 77, of Twin Falls, died March 31, 1999, at Twin Falls Care Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

**Babies were born to David and Toni Carver of Buhl. The babies are Paul, Jared and Cami Pratt of Rupert; and Paul and Maria, Saldana of Heyburn.**

**MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
Some patients are omitted at patient's request. Admitted

Lloyd Cox of Burley. Released  
Salud Castro of Rupert and Orin Wagner of Burley.

## HOSPITALS

**CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**  
Admitted  
Susan Belliston and Toni Carver, both of Burley; Jessica Hitt of Paul; Cami Pratt and Blaine Robertson, both of Rupert; and Maria, Saldana of Heyburn.

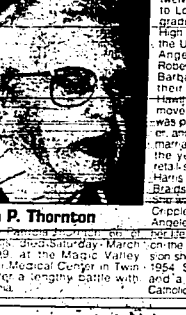
Released  
Ellis Boden, Ralph Holmes and Pat Hicks, all of Burley; Norma Bedke of Oakley; Martha Clark and Walter McCann, both of Rupert; Andrew Grant of Twin Falls; and Arthur White of Heyburn.

Births

## OBITUARY

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0331. Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

### TWIN FALLS



Eileen P. Thornton

She was born August 7, 1912, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The third child of George and Agnes Mitchell. At the age of twelve, she and her family moved to Los Angeles, California. She graduated from the University of California High School in 1930 and attended the University of California at Los Angeles. She married Robert Thornton at Mission Santa Barbara, California. They raised three children: Robert, Robert and Barbara. She moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1936. She was a member of the Elks Club and a member of the Elks Club. She was a member of the Elks Club and a member of the Elks Club. She was a member of the Elks Club and a member of the Elks Club.

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## Digging begins outside trailer as part of torture investigation

ELEPHANT BUTTE, N.M. (AP) — Authorities began digging Wednesday around a trailer where two women say they were sexually tortured and the number of officers involved in the case increased to almost 100.

"We have not begun to do any major excavation. We are doing some selective digging by hand," FBI agent Doug Beldon said of the joint state-federal investigation into the torture allegations against David Parker-Ray and Cynthia Lea Hendy.

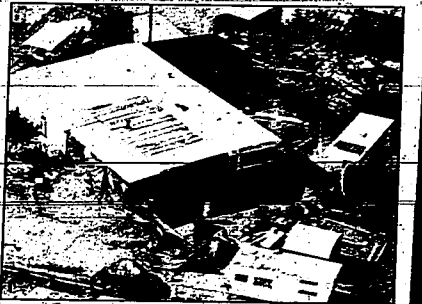
Two women accused Ray and Ms. Hendy of holding them in chains separate, day-long incidents of torture this winter. Ray, 59, and Ms. Hendy, 39, have been charged with 25 counts, including kidnapping, aggravated battery and conspiracy.

There has been no indication from police that bodies have been buried, but authorities have not ruled out the possibility of homicides.

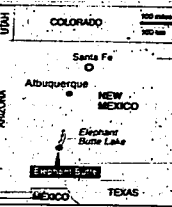
An acquaintance said Ms. Hendy told him Ray had killed four to six people, mutilated bodies and dumped them in Elephant Butte Lake, 150 miles south of Albuquerque.

She said other bodies were more buried in the desert, the acquaintance said. Beldon said agents used hand shovels, metal detectors and electronic probes to measure soil density for any indication of recent excavation or burial. He expected the work to last a couple's trailer to wrap up within four days.

District Attorney Ron Lopez said the defense attorneys Wednesday waived arraignment on the criminal complaint and set a tentative April 12 trial date.



Members of the FBI Evidence Unit in white protective suits scan the grounds and double white trailer of David Parker Ray for additional evidence Tuesday in Elephant Butte, N.M.



Attorneys for both defendants say their clients are innocent.



Ray's co-workers are flabbergasted by the allegations. Glen Parks, a volunteer who works at the Elephant Butte State Park visitor center, said Ray was the "nearest, kindest, politest person you could ever want to meet."

## Survey: Idaho drug problems decline

BOISE (AP) — A new survey conducted for the state Department of Education indicates use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco by Idaho students has not increased since 1996 and remains well below the national average.

In fact, findings compiled last fall by the Northwest Regional Laboratory of Parkland, Ore., show substance abuse may be down slightly. But some experts question whether the results reflect reality.

The Education Department said on Wednesday that a representative sample of 11,426 Idaho

students in grades six, eight, 10 and 12 were asked about their use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

Among other things, the results showed fewer than two-thirds of high school seniors had at least tried alcohol, just over one-third had tried some form of drugs and about two in five had used tobacco. In each case the numbers were below those from two years earlier, but not to any degree of statistical significance.

"This does not mean we should relax our efforts to fight substance abuse, but we should find hope in the fact that our efforts

## Sides settle in child sex rings lawsuit

WENATCHEE, Wash. (AP) — Four government agencies will pay \$495,500 to settle accusations that they violated the civil rights of a former Sunday School bus driver during the child sex rings investigation.

Wenatchee County, the Clallam County Regional Jail, the state of Washington and various current and former officials.

The agencies admitted no wrongdoing.

Davis will receive \$50,000 each from the city and Chelan County, \$42,000 from Douglas County and \$7,500 from the state.

Davis, who lives in College Place, Wash., couldn't be reached for comment.

The Davis case is the second lawsuit arising from the sex-abuse probe to be settled. In February, Bob Devenoux dropped his suit against the city in exchange for \$290,000.

Douglas County Prosecutor Steve Clem later said they were dropped because Robertson's trial interfered with Davis' court date. Robertson and his wife were acquitted of all charges at trial.

# Mini-Cassia RV makers call it quits after 36 years

By Damlan D. Rodriguez  
Times-News writer

PAUL — They said they've seen Mini-Cassia recreational vehicles businesses come and go.

They survived the gas crunch of 1973, which slowed down the transportation industry. They built and marketed more than 2,000 of their own line of "Kampaway" recreational vehicles, pickup campers and trailers from 1963 to 1983 before turning to retail sales in 1982.

They have the oldest RV business in the Mini-Cassia area.

But the owners, Jerry Anderson, Groesbeck and Jim Giesler, are selling G & G RV Sales and Service Inc. to Wade and Jerry Anderson.

"When you get to be 70 years old, it's time to do something different," Groesbeck said.

Giesler, 68, said he plans to do some fishing and golfing. "It's time to slow down," he said.

Groesbeck was raised in Nampa and came to Minidoka County in 1959. He was a superintendent for a construction business that built a new hospital in Rupert. Giesler worked with Groesbeck in the construction business.

During idle months, Giesler started to build campers and sell them, he said. Groesbeck was doing the same thing in Nampa. In 1963, the pair decided to get together and start their own business.

They advertised their business as local and convenient.

"We're open to see what they have to offer," Groesbeck said.

"We're going to get something out of town, you have to take it out of town to get it repaired," Groesbeck said.

Both men said the key to staying in business as long as they have was being open-minded and communicating with each other.

"You have to overlook each other's quirks," Groesbeck said. "It's like being married. You have to be compatible."

Giesler said he and Groesbeck disagree at least once a day but normally resolve situations as quickly as possible. Groesbeck said the two strongly learned to compromise.

When this new money takes over the business today, Groesbeck and Giesler will remain around the ship for a while to help out.

"We want to be sure that it will work for them," Groesbeck said. "And it will work. But it's going to be a bit of hard work."

Jerry Anderson said nothing at G & G is going to change, including the name.

"We're going to run it the way they've been running it," he said. The Andersons, a husband and wife team, have wanted their own business for quite some time, Jerry Anderson said. When the opportunity came up to buy G & G, they said they couldn't pass it up.

"It's scary and exciting, but Dick and Joe are going to be around for a few months to help out," he said.

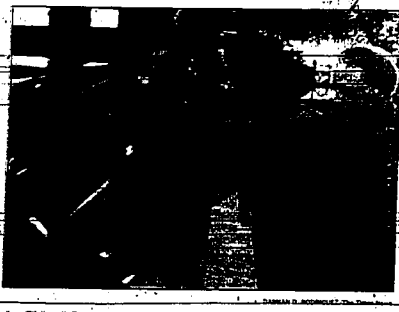
Giesler said he would have to adjust to life without running a business.

"We had it sold a couple of times, but it worked out," he said. "This time it backed out for the best."

Making friends of customers also helped them stay in business, he said.

"If it wasn't for our good customers, we wouldn't have survived over the years," Groesbeck said.

Times-News staff writer Damlan D. Rodriguez can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.



Joe Giesler, left, and Dick Anderson, center, who ran G & G RV Sales and Service Inc. for 36 years, show new owner Wade Anderson one of the Mini-Cassia camper shells for sale at the business.

**American icon**  
The first Mini-Cassia RV was built in 1963 in Idaho. In 2000, Tom Drop Builders came into the area. It wasn't until the mid-1980s that Mini-Cassia would become part of the recreation industry.

—Source: G & G RV Sales and Service Inc.

# Boise paramedic company seeks entry into Cassia County market

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Cassia County might get additional emergency medical services if Idaho Ambulance Services Inc. of Boise is given the go-ahead to work in the county.

The plan could bring paramedic service to the county. Paramedics are trained to administer medications — anything from painkillers to heart medication — while on a call.

"We're studying the existing level of service in the county and researching if the county would support a paramedic-level service," Miller, president of the nonprofit organization, said at a recent county commissioner meeting.

Idaho Ambulance Services wants to work in conjunction with Life Run Ambulance Service, which works out of the Cassia Regional Medical Center and serves the county.

Miller's plans have been greeted with intrigue and speculation.

"Life Run has a good rapport in the county," said Marci Smith,

assistant administrator at Cassia Regional Medical Center. "We don't know if it's a realistic idea to have another entry coming into the area to work with the service that is already here."

Ken Searle, the county's 911 system coordinator and member of the Cassia County-Rural Emergency Medical Service Board, said he wants to know more about Idaho Ambulance Services' plans before making any snap judgments.

"We're open to see what they have to offer," Searle said. "We could use some paramedic level training for our EMS volunteers and for the emergency medical technicians. We need to know more about Idaho Ambulance Services first."

Commissioners said they wanted Miller to meet with the emergency services board before making any decisions. The board will listen to Miller's plans and give input to commissioners.

Part of Idaho Ambulance Services' plan is to train county EMS volunteers and EMTs in paramedic service. Idaho Ambulance Services and the county would share the tab,

Miller said.

"There are a lot of diverse needs in the county," Miller said. "All the rural areas in this county need a paramedic service."

The price for paramedic training is unknown at this point. Members of the Life Run Ambulance Service are advanced EMTs, not paramedics.

Additional emergency service in the county would be beneficial, said Connie Etough, manager of the Cassia Regional Medical Center emergency services. The question is how much it would cost the county and the hospital.

Cassia Regional Medical Center plans to test up their person EMT crew in June to four full-time EMTs and one part-time EMT, Etough said.

The county EMS board will meet with Miller at 1 p.m. on April 8 in the courthouse basement to discuss plans. Miller will then meet with the commission at 3 p.m. that day in the courtroom.

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# Craig criticizes Forest Service for holding back key proposal details

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate subcommittee chairman has criticized the Forest Service in a letter for failing to submit details of key proposals.

Sen. Larry Craig, Idaho, said the agency's "phantom legislation" includes seven proposals, including a new fee for logging on federal lands in the way counties receive timber payments and the creation of a permanent recreation fee.

The Clinton administration outlined the proposals in a submitted its budget to Congress on Feb. 1.

Craig said in his letter that Forest Service Deputy Chief Ronald E. Stewart told Craig's subcommittee in mid-March that details for three of the proposals were still incomplete, and that the proposals might not be submitted until April "at the soonest."

"These responses trouble me very much," Craig said in the letter to Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman. The letter, obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press, was dated Feb. 29.

Craig chairs the forests and



Larry Craig and Dan Glickman

public land management subcommittee of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Glickman's department includes the Forest Service, which manages 191 million acres of federal forest land, mainly in the West.

Craig recommended that the Clinton administration pay new fees to timber companies pay less than \$20 million each year and help cover the costs of the federal logging program. Still another proposal would make temporary fees for hiking and other forest activities permanent.

"But aside from the recent development of timber proposals, Republicans and the Clinton administration have frequently been at loggerheads over the Forest Service.

will provide ample time to debate them in the light of day — which would be something unusual for this Congress."

Lyons faulted Republicans for moving legislation in recent years "riders" to appropriations bills in the closing weeks of Congress, rather than through the normal committee process.

Counties received \$220 million from the Forest Service last year as their share of federal logging receipts. But the agency wants to freeze the payments at current levels and no longer tie them to the number of jobs the Forest Service sells.

Another proposal would have timber companies pay new fees to raise \$20 million each year and help cover the costs of the federal logging program. Still another proposal would make temporary fees for hiking and other forest activities permanent.

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# Beef industry embarks on \$25 million campaign

DALLAS (AP) — Taking a cue from pre-packaged salads, pre-stretched cheeses and pre-sliced junction meats, the beef industry has introduced a new line of meals made easy.

It's pushing hot roast and prime rib, meatloaf and meatballs — all fully cooked and ready to microwave and serve in 10 minutes.

Cartleson also has spent \$25 million on a slick marketing campaign, hoping shoppers will spend money on over to the beef section.

The media blitz, which began Tuesday, revises the slogan "Beef. It's What's For Dinner" and features voice-overs from actor Sam Elliott. Among the companies offering these

microwave products are Burnett & Son, Jimmy Dean and Lloyd's Barbecue.

Consumers say they simply don't have time anymore to cook beef dinners, said George Swan, a Twin Falls-area rancher and president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

"They say, 'We're looking for convenient ways to provide a good meal for our families and for ourselves,'" Swan said. "If you go home and make a pot roast it can take a couple of hours, and that isn't their choice, or their desire."

But some Dallas grocery shoppers, like Emily Seibel, say they have no interest in buying pre-cooked beef.

"I love to cook. I find it very

relaxing," Ms. Seibel, 41, said while perusing the beef section of a North Dallas Tom Thumb market. "I like meat. I just like the way I prepare it."

Barbara Sacca of Addison said she also prefers to cook her own meat. "I like to get my meat fresh. It costs a little more but it's worth it."

"The sentiment doesn't worry me," Bur Rutberford, spokesman for the Texas Cattle Feeders Association in Amarillo.

"There will always be those kinds of people, and thank goodness there will," he said.

Swan said the demand for beef has declined in the past 20 years, but it's evened out in the past year because of the popularity of high-protein diets.

# Idaho school district faces cut in funding

LEWISTON (AP) — Already burdened by decaying school and failed bond levies, the Whitpeck School District is facing a possible \$200,000 cut in state funding.

A letter sent to the district Friday from the State Department of Education indicates that the school may receive \$147,000 less in faculty salaries and benefits and \$57,000 less in other funding.

State law mandates that for

schools to be funded separately, they must be at least 15 miles from each other. Deary High School is 11.3 miles from Troy High School.

A reduction of \$200,000 in a \$4 million budget would be pretty substantial. Troy High School Principal Conrad Underdahl said.

The school department does not know how long the district has been receiving additional money, but state law requires it to repay any additional money

allocated over the last three years. In the letter, Timothy Hill, bureau chief of the state finance committee, suggested Whitpeck's fiscal year 2000 budget reflect reduced funding.

Underdahl said the district is in the process of setting an amount for an override, which is a levy voted on by taxpayers that allows the district to exceed state allocations. If the state cuts it would be setting an override will be very difficult, he said.

The decline does not surprise Ricks officials. They have been tracking the number of Mormon students graduating from high school in the United States and Canada.

Their research shows that, because of declining birthrates the 18-year-old population is shrinking.

# Relief

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and militias. Some aid officials expect the refugee numbers to top 1 million by the end of next week.

Private aid services will be called upon to resettle, feed, clothe and find housing for many of them in Macedonia and

Albania, two of the poorest countries in Europe. The International Red Cross predicts it will be one year to schedule refugees since the end of World War II.

Some Magic Valley other churches have ties to Balkan relief efforts through mission programs.

If you're donating clothing for Kosovo, Patterson asks that it be boxed and that the boxes be clearly marked for Kosovo.

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# Waste

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notice of a pending shipment only last week. That indicates that the deadline will not be met. The state is scheduled to ship high-level radioactive waste to the INEEL would be allowed. But the first of five high-level shipments planned this year is not scheduled until sometime in May, officials said.

The likely dump for the plutonium-contaminated material is New Mexico's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, which got its first shipment last week.

Over the next 27 months, the government expects to ship 344

containers of spent fuel and core debris from the INEEL's Test Area North to the new storage facility 25 miles away at the site's Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center.

Transfer of the Three Mile Island material came just two weeks after the Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued the license to operate the dry storage system.

Construction of the system was delayed about 18 months because of the bankruptcy of a major supplier. It was completed last December.

# Drop in applications to Ricks creates needed space

REXBURG (AP) — A decline in the population of 18-year-old Mormons is prompting Ricks College officials to turn away fewer students seeking enrollment this year.

About 5,800 students have applied for admission into the two-year college, which is owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints. Last year, more than 6,500 students applied.

College officials say the decline is good news. During the past few years, they have had to tell thousands of students there is not enough room.

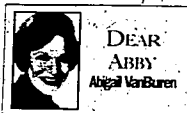
In 1996, 2,300 students were turned away. This year there were 800.





# Infidelity is a game nobody should play

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DEAR DAVE: Everybody knows that infidelity is wrong. If it hadn't been occurring since before Moses climbed Mount Sinai, it wouldn't have been mentioned in the Ten Commandments.

That it's still going on today should be a clue that many people consider themselves "exceptions" to the rule. Condemning infidelity as "wrong" will turn fewer people from infidelity than illustrating for them that it does

not work.

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from the woman who fell into the trap of a married man. It happened to me, too. I was 21 and recovering from a very difficult divorce, trying to adjust to the fact I'd be raising a child alone. I felt I'd never be happy again, when I was introduced to John.

John was brilliant, outgoing, handsome and very wealthy. He wooed and dined me like I never dreamed possible. A couple of weeks after meeting me, he flew his private jet to Florida where I was visiting my parents and took me to a fabulous restaurant.

I fell head over heels. He surprised me with a beautiful diamond bracelet for my birthday and made countless promises over the months. He kept the fact he was married a secret. By the time I found out, it was too much in love to break it off. We lived in differ-

ent states, so it was easy for him to keep things hidden.

One night, I invited "Cerrito," one of my girlfriends, to join us for dinner. We had a great time, and enjoyed many other occasions together with her. Just the other weekend, I had a very nice dinner with my boyfriend. This lasted a year and a half, until things with John began to fall apart.

Last week, I found out that Cynthia had gone away secretly with John. My heart is crushed. I've never been so hurt as in my life. I love John more than anything, but apparently he doesn't feel the same. Please, from this, so maybe they'll read it and see the damage they have caused. Please, help me.

DEAR DROWNING: The damage they have caused you? If you think you're hurting, imagine how John's wife must feel as the wife of a serial philanderer. You're learning a tough lesson, my dear.

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## Coal drove Wales' marriages

Wales became a country of coal and that black rock dominated the economy in the 19th century. The marriage rate there rose and fell in accordance with the price.

Yes, pearls hobby.

WHAT? You say you can't get down 62 words that rhyme with "Joan"? The verified dictionary lists that many.

It has been argued (and I have since 1959 for anyone to dump any waste in my U.S. body of water.

Small advice from the Doctor: Your best medical advice is to get up so you can work all over the compromised immune system.

Government by thieves.

Many a European grove is marked with a sign or a spindle to designate a woman.

The white male rhinoceros doesn't just graze. Similo. This group has the just right horn. He must be the best of all rhinos.

Second, the warm not one but several females to stimulate.

IF YOU'RE IN THE WHOLE BUSINESS, you enjoy company, especially if guests are familiar with art, music, literature, film, opera, and the like. Play fascinating risks in your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are a legal cynic with an obsession with computers, business, partnerships, marriage, life insurance, and the like. There will play a major role.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are a doctor. I feel you should get things done with less rest. It's agreeable but find out what makes you happy.

GEORGINA (May 21-June 20): Think before you leap. Creative ideas may be too good to be true. "Give you." Travel plans could include overseas parties, aggressive wooing, get in the way. Check ticket prices.

CANCER (June 21-July 21): It is an independent, independent, independent, being, innovative without fear, trepidation. Glamorous but deep. "Take a chance on me." Make a heart new direction. Copy press.

## WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd

his libido.

Third, he needs at least a couple of rivals to make a contest out of it. Romance among the rhinos is highly psychological.

The fact that the Otis Elevator Company, long kept its Washington, D.C. office in an ornate building is of no significance whatsoever.

The Queen of England is never late.

It is not incidental to mention here that in last report there were 300 clocks in Buckingham Palace, 300 in Windsor, 250 at Balmoral and 100 in Sandringham.

Q: Which is the world's northernmost capital city?

A: Iceland's Reykjavik.

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adult beverages. Good news regarding romantic relationships. Optimistic about health. Sagittarius in picture.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Many contradictions featured - members of audience disagree concerning theme music. Moon in your sign coincides with circumstances, turning in your favor. Be your own boss.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Much occurs behind scenes. Write about experiences. Hospital visit cheer friend temporarily confined. Your kind of day - you will create some kind of value from what appeared to be nothing. Virgo involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Business, dilemmas, and fashion. Many changes in your destiny, dance to your own tune. Taurus, Libra, Cancer, also fascinating roles. Wear islands of silk, stay in numbers for luck.

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## THANK YOU LETTERS Hollister students, teachers express thanks for carnival support, donors

"Thank you for all of your support for the Hollister School Carnival. It was a huge success! Thanks for the many efforts of the Hollister Parent Teacher Organization, parents and the arts teacher's contribution. The kindergarten class would like to thank Anna Robinson for her purchase of our prizes. We will use the money to buy items for our classroom. Thank you for meeting the need of the library and our school."

**LONNA GREFFER**  
Teacher, and the Kindergarten Class  
Hollister

"The Hollister first grade class would like to thank the community and school personnel who helped in any way with the Hollister Elementary Carnival."

"We also especially appreciate the many businesses in Magic Valley who donated items for the auction and everyone who came and participated in the carnival and auction. Thank you, Jack and Candie Jones, for purchasing our toy box."

**REX HOYT**  
Teacher, and the first grade  
Hollister

"We love to read! The second grade class at Hollister School would like to thank the parent-teacher organization for all its time and hard work during

the carnival and auction. We also appreciate the generosity of all the people who donated or brought items to our auction so that we can have many more books in our library."

"We would like to give special thanks to Anna Robinson, who brought our class pillows. Thanks to your generous donation, we will be able to buy more things we need to make reading even more enjoyable in our classroom."

**KAREN PIZZ**  
Teacher, and the second grade  
Hollister

"The Hollister third grade would like to thank the people who helped and participated in our carnival and auction on March 19. Without the help of the parents, community and school personnel, it would not have been so great."

"We would like to especially thank the people who donated items for the auction and the people who came to the carnival and auction and helped make it a great success. The class would like to thank Teresa Markook for the class project ideas. Red and Peggy Hamby for their help at making it, and Mike Miller for his purchase of the book, 'The Little Mermaid'."

**SUSAN HANBY**  
Teacher, and the third grade  
Hollister

"To parents and sponsors: We appreciate your donations and participation in our carnival and auction. We would like to thank you for purchasing our classroom's tie-dye quilt at the Hollister School Auction."

"Our class took part in every aspect in making the quilt. The students especially enjoyed making the squares and tying the binding together."

"We are pleased that your granddaughters are in love with our quilt and pillows and, hopefully, they will have many years of enjoyment from them. Thanks to all those individuals and businesses who supported our effort so we are now able to buy more materials and books for our reading program."

**SUSAN HANBY**  
Teacher, and the fifth grade  
Hollister

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## Hunt wears Miss Kimberly crown

By Betty Taylor  
Times-News Correspondent

**KIMBERLY** - Rachel Hunt was crowned the 1999 Miss Kimberly pageant winner Saturday.

Hunt, 18, is the daughter of Jon and Connie Hunt. For the talent competition, she sang a number from "Anastasia." The first runner-up was Ali Ramsey, 17, the daughter of Wes and Renee Ramsey. She sang a song from "The Little Mermaid."

Above, contestants in the Miss Kimberly pageant present flowers to the pageant coordinator, Chita Barrett. Pictured left to right are Malinda Barrett, Janelle Stratley, Chita Barrett, Miranda Miller and the pageant winner, Rachel Hunt. Miranda Miller, left, answers a question by Luke Schroeder as part of the pageant competition.

Miss Congeniality went to Brianna Harshman. Winners will receive scholarships to the college of their choice. The pageant was sponsored by the Kimberly Chamber of Commerce and open to junior and senior girls at Kimberly High School.

Other contestants included Malinda Barrett, Mandi Jo Brown, Michelle Higley, Shelly Olsen and Jennifer Stratley. The event coordinator was Chris Barrett. Master of ceremonies Luke Schroeder and the pianist was Lynn Kincaid. The dances were choreographed by Renee Allen.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Kimberly Chamber ladies eggs for Easter hunt**  
KIMBERLY - Children ages up to 10 are invited to the Kimberly Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt Saturday.

**Magic Valley Manor hosts Easter egg hunt**  
WENDELL - Magic Valley Manor will host its annual Easter egg hunt Saturday.

**Harley Davidson Riders meet for monthly dinner**  
TWIN FALLS - The Harley Davidson Riders meet for their monthly dinner Monday.

**New Neighbors meet for monthly lunch Tuesday**  
TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley New Neighbors monthly luncheon will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Apple Inn, 117 Main Ave. East.

The club says it provides newcomers to the Magic Valley a good way to get acquainted. Everyone who is new or had a life style change, is encouraged to call and learn about the club and all its activities.

**Blanca Halverson scans Eagle Scout status**  
Blanca Halverson, 17, is the son of Boyd and Sherry Blingham of Rupert. He has completed 21 merit badges toward Eagle Scout.

**Marine League holds organizational meeting**  
TWIN FALLS - All Marines and former Marines are invited to meet to organize a Magic Valley Detachment of the Marine Corps League.

**His Explorer Post assisted**  
A Minico High School senior, Brandon Belonges to the National Honor Society and the INEEL Quiz Bowl team that competed at the All-State INEEL Quiz Bowl.

**Bliss School greenhouse opens for flower buyers**  
BLISS - The Bliss School greenhouse is bursting with colorful plants for sale.

**Burley Ladies Golf sets first season luncheon**  
BURLEY - The Burley Ladies Golf Association is hosting the season's first luncheon and a 9-hole tournament at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the Burley Golf Course.

include assisting widows and orphans of Marines and observing national holidays and days of special interest to Marines. For more information, call Gary W. Davis at 526-4980.

Plants include peppers, geraniums, jalapenos, Boston ferns, tomatoes and creeping Charlie. Six-packs sell for \$1.25 plus tax and four-packs sell for \$1, plus tax.

Members of the greenhouse class include Holly Adams, Rachel Adams, Dawn Book, Riggo Garcia, Cody Johnson; Dan Lawanson and Bret Vos.



Cassia Regional Medical Center Volunteers donated money to purchase a new pediatric ultrasound transducer for the hospital. The transducer improves imaging of small patients, pediatric or geriatric, and improves the diagnosis of childhood diseases with images of the abdomen and head. Pictured demonstrating the machine is Kent Harper, Victoria Vega and her mother, Kim Vega.

**Business donates to local food bank**  
TWIN FALLS - More than three dozen women helped fatten the food pantry at the local women's shelter while slumming down during Curves for Women's recent Food for Friends event.

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TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included:

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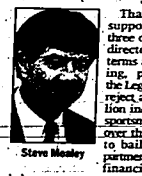
# Attorney general advisory says license to vote may kill initiative

**BOISE (AP)**—A proposed voter initiative revamping the structure of the state Fish and Game Commission has some elemental problems that could dash any chance of implementation, the Idaho attorney general's office says.

But prominent Jim Pratt, a Melba farmer who ran unsuccessfully against Republican U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth last year, had expected Attorney General Alan Lance to recommend changes.

"We knew the election process could be complicated," Pratt said. "We wanted to keep it simple so the attorney general could give us simple answers."

Pratt's proposal filed March 19 in the wake of the March 5 caucus of Fish and Game Director Steve Menley by the slimmest of majorities on the seven-member commission.



Steve Menley

That action, supported by three of the four directors whose terms are expiring, prompted the Legislature to reject a \$4.4 million increase in apportioned seats over three years to bail the department out of a financial black hole.

The initiative would convert the seven-member board of regional commissioners appointed by the governor to a four-member panel, two from each congressional district, elected by hunters and fishermen with valid Idaho sportsmen's licenses.

The non-binding advisory from Lance's office to the secretary of

state said requiring voters to have a license could violate the 24th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that prohibits any type of poll tax to vote.

"Indeed, this office concludes that a reviewing court is likely to rule that conditioning the ability to vote for a public official on the payment of a fee is unconstitutional," the advisory said.

But Pratt pointed out that only those with a vested interest can vote in irrigation district elections.

Commissioner Fred Wheeler of Kuna, emphasized that residents who do not buy a sportsmen's license still elect the legislators who set Fish and Game funding.

The advisory also questioned the absence of any specifics on the procedures for actually electing the commissioners.

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# Feds to dam operators: Cool it!

**BOISE (AP)**—State and federal environmental regulators are urging federal dam operators to help reduce lower Snake River temperatures that exceed standards for protecting salmon.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says the water is already warm when it flows into the reservoir behind four dams on the lower Snake River west of Lewiston.

The corps can cool the flows slightly by using cold water from Dworshak Reservoir upstream on the Clearwater River in Idaho.

But even U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency officials say that short of removing the dams, they have few answers.

The governors of Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon have set up the Columbia River Forum with 11 tribes and six federal agencies to search for an acceptable salmon recovery strategy.

Idaho Gov. Dick Kempthorne, mirroring sentiment throughout much of his state, and Washington Gov. Gary Locke have strongly objected to any plan that includes breaching the four dams, citing severe economic disruption.

Kempthorne, who has pressed

for fish-friendly turbines and action against downstream salmon and steelhead predators, maintains that breaching will only prompt demands for even more limited Idaho water to be diverted from agriculture and other uses to flush migrating fish to the ocean.

In the meantime, several environmental groups are stepping up their activity.

They intend to sue the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in federal court in Portland this week, claiming the corps has violated the Clean Water Act by ignoring standards for temperature and dissolved gases.

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### Divorces

**Angelia M. Jacobson v. David G. Jacobson.**

### GOODING - Recent activity in Fifth District in Gooding County including the following:

### Arraignments and appearances.

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# A woman is a woman

I am a sucker for a good love story, and so is Field Woodland. In fact, Field's a born-again romantic. That was confirmed the day we stopped by Tom's place. Field and I just stopped in to chat, the way we always do when we're in the neighborhood. Tom was sitting in one of his pickups when we got there, which isn't unusual. Field thinks Tom is confused. He says Tom comes out of the house, gets into one of his wife Ford's pickups, then sits there waiting to remember if he should be driving the other pickup. That's what two white Fords will do to a guy, Field says. Anyway, ol' Tom greeted us with a big smile and a howdy. After a while, his dog, Sarah, came by and half jumped up into



**DOG-EARED TALES**  
Bill Studebaker

our pickup, Field was still sitting in the car with his door open and his left leg dangling out with his foot on the running board.

Sarah's front feet landed on Field's lap. She started straight up into his eyes. It was love at first sight and Field was smitten. "Boy, she's a pretty dog," said Field. That fired Tom right up. He was in a mood to talk about Sarah and we had time to listen.

"She's a jealous dog," Tom told us. "Yes, she's in love with Axel and she demands his full attention. On top of that, she demands full fidelity."

Fidelity among dogs was a new concept for me, so I asked what he meant. "Tom found out about Sarah's jealousy when he brought Axel home after they'd been out with the boys one day. Well, it hadn't been all boys. A couple of Tom's friends had female labs, and for convenience Tom put Axel into Dolly's car kennel."

When Tom and Axel came home, Sarah ran out to greet the men in her life. Then she sniffed and saw a whiff of Dolly and backed away, growling.

It was like a scene out of a daytime soap opera. Sarah wouldn't talk to him or let him in the house. She even growled at Axel even looked across the room at her. She'd growl. She couldn't stand the sight of him. Sarah had it in her mind that Axel had broken her heart, Tom said. And she was having none of him as long as she smelled like Dolly.

Axel wasn't totally innocent. He strayed a bit too much. He sat a little too tall, and he'd steal glances at Sarah, just to see if she was watching him. She was, all right. "Boy, she had the evil eye on him."

Tom finally got tired of the domestic stand-off and washed Axel. Once Dolly's smell was gone, the ice began to melt. First there was a nuzzle, then a lick and before long they were romping together.

After Sarah took every opportunity to growl at Axel. Every opportunity he got, Axel wiggled and wagged and kissed Sarah.

Sarah was listening as Tom told us the story. Just as he finished, Axel came around the corner, sniffed our pickup, signed a rear tire and greeted Sarah. She dropped down from resting on Field and sniffed Axel's head. Axel was on the move and he headed for the open field beyond Tom's shed. Sarah didn't follow.

Axel wandered back after a few minutes; then sat down near the trucks. Suddenly, Sarah took off running. She passed Axel and charged into the open field. Axel jumped to his feet and ran along — accompanying her, but clearly following.

"What are they doing?" Field asked. "They're on a date," Tom said. "They won't leave the place, but sometimes they come in pretty late."

"Waiting up for them is annoying," he said. "It's not that he loves Sarah has been so happy lately. And when she's happy, life is a lot more enjoyable."

Field took it all in, nodding like it made perfect sense. Then he asked if anyone performed dog weddings. "We have dog doctors, dog funerals, dog schools, dog prisons, dog work, but do we have wedding?" he asked. It sounded funny, but he was so serious that I didn't dare laugh.

"I don't think so," I told him. At least I wasn't aware of anyone with dogs that were formally married. That didn't stop Field. He was on fire with great romantic joy because, in his own strange way, he believed that Axel and Sarah were the first truly communal canines.

When he isn't learning about life's little secrets with Field, Bill Studebaker directs the Outdoor Adventure Program at the College of Southern Idaho.

# Idaho anglers look for the trophies



Here's a sight to warm the heart of any bass fisherman. Note the size of the pie hole or this 18-inch largemouth bass.

## Bass fishing warms up along with the water

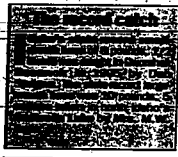
By Stu Merrill  
Times-News correspondent

Bass fishermen in Idaho are a lucky bunch because they can choose between smallmouth and largemouth bass. The fishing is heating up and bass are beginning to bite as water temperatures rise in reservoirs, lakes and streams.

For some reason, Idaho's bass fishermen hold the fish in almost mythical esteem. They are willing to spend several dollars and hours looking for a nice bass. For obvious reasons, other members of their families often aren't too keen on bass.

So how do you tell the difference between smallmouth and largemouth bass? It may sound obvious, but start by looking at the mouth. A smallmouth's jaw is suspended in the chin from the eye, whereas a largemouth's jaw extends past the eye.

Speaking of eyes, a small mouth's eye is red, while largemouths have greenish-brown



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eyes. Other distinguishing features include nine or more dark, vertical bars on each side of a largemouth. On largemouth bass, the sides are a uniform olive-green color without the stripes. The two species also prefer different types of habitat. Smallmouth bass are generally found in running streams or rivers, while largemouth bass are typically found in warmer ponds and reservoirs. Both species can be found in the Snake River near Twin Falls.

Neither species is native to Idaho. Largemouth was the first bass transplanted to the Gem State, with records showing a release into ponds near Boise in 1892. Idaho's first smallmouth bass were brought to Blaine County in 1905, when the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries planted them in Muldoon Lake. They didn't survive there, but subsequent plantings elsewhere were successful. Today, smallmouth bass are common in the Lower Snake, Boise, Payette, Salmon and Clearwater river drainages.

Here in the Magic Valley, smallmouth bass anglers have had good success in Anderson Ranch Reservoir, Little Camas Reservoir, Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir and the Snake River near C.J. Strike Reservoir. For largemouth bass, Carey Lake, the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area, Lower Salmon Falls Reservoir, and many private ponds are good places to wade a line. The Idaho Department of

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# Declining rockfish population hurts fishermen, ecosystem

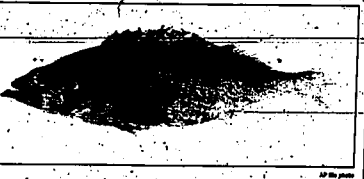
The Associated Press

**MONTEREY, Calif.** — A decline in the Pacific ocean floor and the leading catch of West Coast commercial fishermen, are facing a precipitous population decline, according to research released Friday.

Counts of some of the 71 colorful and spine-headed rockfish species swimming off the Washington, Oregon and California coasts have dropped 50 percent during the past 30 years.

Many more species are down between 40 and 80 percent, said a new Pacific Marine Conservation Council report, "Diminishing Returns."

"Simply put, they're over-fished. These declines threaten the marine ecosystem, sport and commercial fisheries and the economies of coastal fishing communities," said Jeanne M. Blosser of the Pacific Marine Conservation Council. Blosser is joining scientists and fishermen this weekend in Monterey at a "Rockfish For the Future" conference, seeking solutions for the species.



Pacific coast rockfish, which can live for more than a century, are now facing unprecedented fishing pressure. Above is a Redstripe Rockfish.

Commercial fishermen made about \$32 million on about 40,000 tons of rockfish in the Pacific Ocean last year, but that was about \$8 million less than just a few years earlier.

Rockfish accounts for about 40 percent of all fish caught by commercial fishermen each year off the West Coast. Mild and flaky when cooked, they are sold in restaurants and markets, as well as shipped to Asia to be eaten raw as sushi.

The declines, coupled with increasing federal restrictions, are making it tough for fishermen to make a living.

On a good day, Scott Boley of Gold Beach, Oregon, drops 30 lines off his vessel in France and comes home with 1,500 pounds of rockfish. He sells the fillets at his private market for \$4 a pound. Three years ago, Boley was allowed to catch about 35,000 pounds of rockfish a month from his single boat. This year, the limit is 12,000 pounds per boat per month.

At that level, Boley can only Please see ROCKFISH, Page D2



Little has been seen of the northern red-legged frog in recent years. Oregon wildlife officials have placed it on the state's Sensitive Species List.

# Oregon wildlife officials hunt for elusive frog

The Associated Press

**EUGENE, Ore.** — The red-legged frog has a lot in common with the Eastern Bury. Both are elusive. And both might be dismissed as mythical creatures — if not for all the eggs they leave behind.

Which explains why Paula Graff has been peering into ponds, sloughs and other wetlands areas in the southern Willamette Valley, hunting frog eggs.

The northern red-legged frog — so called because of the reddish or pinkish tint usually present on the underside of the frog's hind legs and lower abdomen — has been so elusive in recent years that state wildlife officials placed it on the state "Sensitive Species List."

Urgy to find out more about the remaining frog population, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife contracted with Graff and other indepen-

# THE ANCIENT MARINER



Pages by William Brock, The Times-News

# Whitewater nut runs the rapids

The Times-News

**MURTAUGH** — He's a mild-mannered attorney during the work week, but Poceatello resident John Looze turns into a raving whitewater nut on weekends. In this sequence, March 13, Looze takes the big-boy route through the heart of Pair-A-Dice — the most feared rapid on the Murtaugh stretch of the Snake River.

about 4,500 cubic feet per second when Looze made his moves. A quartet of kayakers was unwilling to follow his bold lead, so they took the heel-and-toe route through Pair-A-Dice. A rafter, along with two passengers, tried to sneak the rapid left of Looze's route, but their effort ended badly when "an oar" and a passenger — were ejected into the maelstrom.

The river was running at

dent biologists to conduct an amphibian version of its salmon and steelhead spawning surveys.

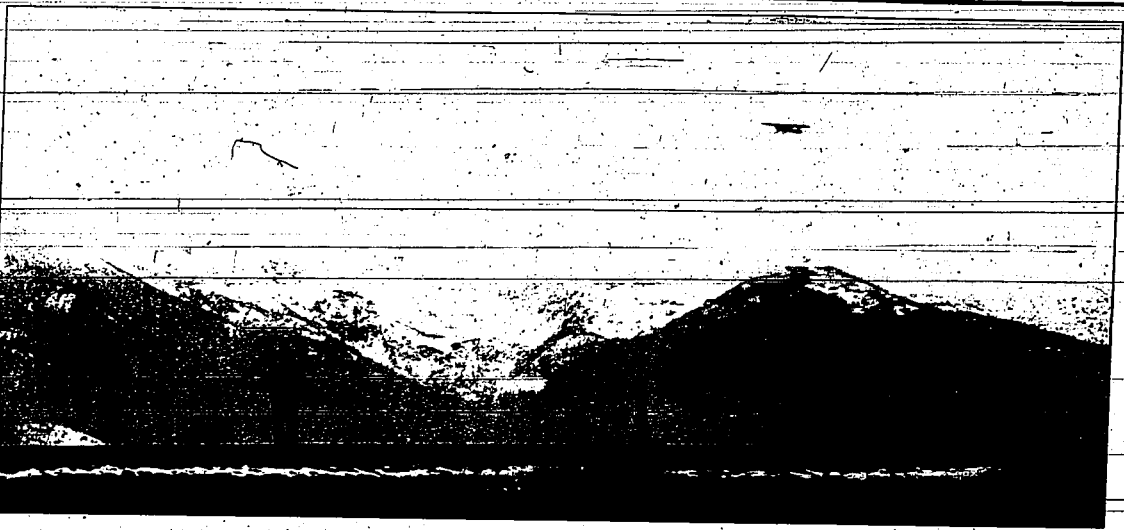
The hunt for red-legged frogs is just one of several projects involving little-known and often-overlooked critters. They are being conducted by the ODFW's Wildlife Diversity Program.

In the northwest quarter of Oregon alone, 32 native amphibians, mammals and reptiles are on the Sensitive Species List.





A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE



A small airplane flies past an unidentified man and his dog near the snow-peaked Swan Mountain recently in Kallispell, Mont.

# Mountaineer questions who was first to conquer Mt. Everest

By John Baltzer  
Los Angeles Times

At dinner with Sir Edmund Hillary, an admirer once likened him to the greatest of sports heroes, in the class of, say, Mickey Mantle.

A hush fell over the table. Hillary narrowed his eyes.

"More like Neil Armstrong," the old man corrected.

But what if Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay were not the first to step onto the top of Mount Everest back on that amazing day of May 29, 1953? More to the point, what if you could prove they were second by 29 years?

In one of the great longshots of historical revisionism, Northwest mountaineer Eric Simonson has assembled an expedition to inquire into the question of who was first to leave footprints on the world's highest summit.

British adventurers George Mallory and Andrew Irvine made a bid for the top in 1924. One of their team members, Noel Odell, reported seeing the two about 900 feet from the 29,028-foot top and still climbing. They vanished. The nature of their disaster, and whether it occurred on the way up or down, remains unknown.

All these years later, Mallory is remembered less for his attempt than his explanation for trying: "Because it's there."

No sign of Mallory and Irvine was ever reported from the top, but that tells little because nothing remains in such an exposed, wind-scarred place for long. However, in countries where tweed coats that mountaineers of that era wore, Mallory and Irvine were thought to be carrying small Kodak cameras to record their summit achievement. Locating the cameras, and finding the film in condition to process defies the odds. But Everest is always a story of extreme odds.

Simonson, a 43-year-old professional guide, has been selected by eight high-altitude experts and

eight Sherpas toward the "death zone" above 27,000 feet, to fan out to see if they can find one of the old cameras behind a rock, under a ledge or in a nook.

True, much of Everest is alive with avalanches, perpetual wind storms, moving glaciers and epic crevasses that open and close. Here and there, however, one may find protected spots where a falling body could lodge, or where two desperate climbers might have sought shelter so long ago.

In 1933, an ice ax believed to have been Irvine's was found high on Everest, and in 1975 a Chinese climber reported finding the body of an "English dead" on a terrace below. A 1986 effort to locate the body was turned back by weather.

Mallory and Irvine did not attempt the mountain from the familiar Nepalese side, used by Hillary and hundreds of successful climbers since. The two instead went via the north side and Tibet — a route subsequent-

ly closed by the Chinese for many years. It has since been reopened and more than 130 climbers have used it to reach the summit without finding traces of the 1924 expedition. Maybe that's because they did not look. They were single-mindedly bound for the summit.

Simonson and half his search team already have reached the summit on earlier expeditions. Thus, they tell themselves, they will not be tempted to divert from their mission and dash for the top.

"We'll try to make the summit, but that won't be our primary goal," Simonson said while packing at his Ashford, Wash., home.

Expedition organizers have talked to experts at Kodak. There is a chance that any film Mallory and Irvine exposed on the summit would be salvageable because of frozen, low-humidity conditions. That is if the cameras did not break in whatever tragedy that killed them. And if the cameras have been shielded

in the 75 years since, maybe by a body of thick clothing, they'll be less likely to be damaged by the intense solar rays that hit the Earth in the thin air five miles up.

Simonson's climb will begin this month in Karamzinu. The route leads across a pass into China for a base camp at 23,500 feet. The team intends to pick up Mallory and Irvine's trail and advance higher sometime in

May, depending on the seasonal monsoon break in Everest's weather.

The effort has attracted support from some of the world's top gear manufacturers, as well as PBS' "Nova" and the BBC. As is increasingly the case in such adventure expeditions, daily reports and real-time telephone interviews will be posted on the Internet by another sponsor,

MountainZone.com

As for Hillary? Well, mountaineering is not just about getting to the summit. It's also about getting down. Hillary's team is secure with this first. "He's been my hero since I was a boy," Simonson said. "This is not about disproving what he and Tenzing Norgay did. This is more about trying to unravel one of the great mysteries of mountaineering."

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Stock prices retreat on economic data

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Prices retreated on Wall Street Wednesday, dousing an early rally in technology stocks as interest rates rose in response to several reports of the economy's continuing strength.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 127.10, or by 1.3 percent, to 9,786.16. The Dow opened higher, climbing 48.30 to 10,002.06 in the first hour of trading, but quickly fell back. Despite the decline Wednesday, the average of 30 blue-chip stocks ended the first quarter of 1999 with a gain of 604.73 points, or 6.6 percent.

Broad stock indicators faded in the final hour as technology shares trimmed early gains. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 14.38 points to close at 1,286.57, and the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index fell 18.89 to

2,461.40 after flirting with a new high early in the day.

Low component IBM, at one point up 2.56, closed down 1.916 at 177.14. In Nasdaq trading, Dell ended up 1 at 40.78, after trading as high as 42.14. But Internet stocks held up well, with Amazon.com adding 7 1/2 to 172.31.

Investors were adjusting their holdings ahead of the long weekend. Bryan Piskowski, a market analyst at Prudential Securities, said they were "just tired, tired, tired," after pushing the Dow industrials to their first close above 10,000 on Monday.

Piskowski said investors were also concerned about Friday's release of March employment data, especially because the stock market will be closed that day in observance of Good Friday.

There is widespread fear that a

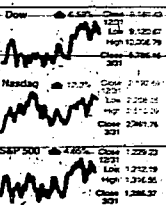
drop in the unemployment rate will cause interest rates to rise, as they did Wednesday following some strong economic reports. The yield on the 30-year Treasury rose to 5.62 percent from 5.58 late Tuesday.

Bond prices fell after a report from the Purchasing Management Institute of Chicago showing manufacturing strengthened in the Midwest during March. The regional report is often considered a precursor of the national purchasing managers' report due out Thursday.

"You had a bit of a reaction in the bond market to the Chicago report," said Alan Skranica, chief market strategist at Edward Jones of St. Louis, "although I think the silver lining is that the economy is still strong. What the stock market should recognize is that ultimately, the strength of the economy will lead to stronger corporate profits."

Market quarter

The stock market continued its volatility streak in the first quarter but came equipped to new highs, including its 500th anniversary.



Dow at 10,000 makes some strategists nervous

By Gail Markes Jarvis, Saint Paul Pioneer Press

What's so great about Dow 10,000?

I don't want to rain on anyone's parade. But I had trouble with a friend's logic the other day when he told me he was rooting for the historic milestone because "the market can't get to 11,000 if it doesn't get to 10,000 first."

He's right about his numbers,

of course — 11,000 does come after 10,000 if you're simply counting. But the market doesn't know how to count in one direction. If it comes to 10,000 before corporate America's profits catch up with the embers, the Dow could drop toward 9,000 rather than climb to 11,000.

And some people on Wall Street fear that will happen. They don't like to see the stock market soaring amid forecasts that global

deflationary forces will cause 1999 corporate profits to decline. Profits, after all, are what ultimately drive stock prices. And the market's Disneyworld approach to earnings makes it making strategists nervous.

Some are more jittery now than they've been any time since early July when the Dow stood at 9,337 after rising 23 percent in 1998. You might recall that when the market looked like it

would keep making new highs forever. Then Asian problems hit the headlines and the market produced a 10% fall almost 20 percent, making Chicken Little one of the people who only weeks earlier thought the stock market was their friend.

I'm not saying that there's anything especially worrisome about 10,000. The truth is that 5903, the number we hit on Friday's close,

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Momson Knudsen profits rise 8 percent

BOISE — Morrison Knudsen Corp. has revealed its 10th consecutive profitable quarter, posting an 8 percent increase in net income for the first quarter of 1999.

The Boise-based construction and engineering company, which was pulled back from bankruptcy three years ago by Montana businessman Dennis Westerman, said it earned \$8.9 million during the quarter, up from \$8.2 million in the same quarter of 1998.

The transaction was part of a \$2.5-billion takeover by Washington state's private equity group, which had a backlog of uncompleted projects and was under bankruptcy protection since the end of the first quarter of 1998, on revenues of \$42.1 million, up from \$38.5 million a year earlier.

Micron Electronics chooses new officer

NAMPA — J.E.D. Smith, a consultant to Micron Electronics Inc.'s executive team for the past year, has been appointed chief operating officer of the post-merger manufacturer.

Smith fills the position overseen by Joel Koecher since he also was named chairman and chief executive officer of Micron Electronics. The company announced Wednesday.

In his new position Smith will be responsible for Micron Electronics' overall business planning and operations. Koecher said he elevation to chief operating officer would give him more time to focus on corporate business development.

Smith was managing director for Treacy & Co. LLC, a consulting and investment business specializing in growth and strategic business transformations. She previously was chief executive officer of SRIIS, a media information firm.

Judge pushes back Microsoft verdict

WASHINGTON — The judge in the Microsoft antitrust case outlined a new court schedule Wednesday, promising to resume the marathon trial in mid-May. That will delay any verdict until late summer or early fall.

The extended record provides Microsoft and the government more time to try to negotiate a settlement, although one round of talks ended unsuccessfully last Tuesday after only two hours.

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By Bobbi Wolff

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"What punishment is justified for a compulsive overbidder?" asks a reader. "On this duplicate deck, he drives the opponents to a made game eight-handed, and then makes a silly defensive play to allow them to take it. Should I double the dose of normal abuse?"

West led the heart 10, and East overtook to play two more high hearts. South refused. West could not overruff, and South took the easy time. He drew trumps, and ran his diamond suit, and gladly conceded the trick — making four spades.

"I thought I might propose a trump trick for you," was East's lame excuse. "You drove them there by yourself," countered an irritated West. "You wouldn't have left even a small decision to me?"

"What decision did West want to share?" Had East played his heart deuce under West's 10, West would undoubtedly have shifted to the club deuce, and South's defenders would have scored two clubs and two hearts for one down.

"What punishment is appropriate for East? Will you be allowed to alter bids are not transformed by any form of punishment. Besides, East's fourth game would have succeeded. West's heart 10 would have provided the crucial entry for the club finesse. And thanks to the fortunate line of club deuce, East would have made the heart game.

**NORTH**

♠ A Q 7 6  
♥ 10 8  
♦ K Q 10 7  
♣ K 10

**EAST**

♠ K Q 3 2  
♥ 7 6 5  
♦ 6  
♣ A J 7 5

**SOUTH**

♠ K J 10 9 8  
♥ 7 6 5  
♦ A J 3  
♣ K 10

**WEST**

♠ 10 9 8 7  
♥ A 5 4 2  
♦ Q 10 4 2  
♣ 9 8 7 6 5

**EAST**

♠ K Q 3 2  
♥ 7 6 5  
♦ 6  
♣ A J 7 5

**SOUTH**

♠ K J 10 9 8  
♥ 7 6 5  
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♣ K 10

Opening lead Heart 10

**BID WITH THE ACES**

South holds:

♠ K J 10 9 8  
♥ 7 6 5  
♦ A J 3  
♣ K 10

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