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A group of about 50 guests at the Faulkner Planetarium in Twin Falls welcomed Apollo 24 astronaut Edgar Mitchell as he spoke of his adventure to the moon.

## A glimpse of divinity

### Apollo astronaut recalls life-altering trip home from the moon

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Observing Earth on his trip home from the moon changed the way Apollo astronaut Edgar D. Mitchell sees the planet and its place in the universe.

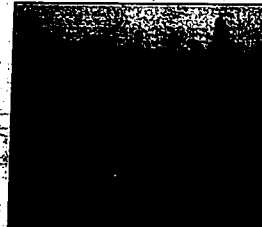
It's an experience he shares through his writings, lectures, research, and the Institute of Noetic Sciences, a nonprofit organization he founded in 1973 that studies the workings and power of the mind.

Mitchell, 68, described for an invitation-only audience at Faulkner Planetarium on Wednesday his nine-day trip to the moon in 1971 and the foundation it laid for his quest to understand the origins and structure of the universe.

He has been in Idaho this week helping Craters of the Moon National Monument celebrate its 75th anniversary. He'll finish appearances in Twin Falls today with an address to sixth- and ninth-graders.

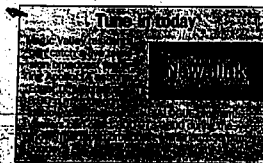
Mitchell trained at the eastern Idaho attraction in 1969 to prepare for geological studies conducted on his lunar trip.

He and fellow astronaut Alan Shepard, who



together collected more than 90 pounds of lunar samples during their Apollo 24 mission, had been trained as test pilot.

The volcanic landscape at Craters of the Moon helped prepare them to act as geologists on their mission, said Jim Morris, Craters of the Moon superintendent.



Apollo 24 astronaut Edgar Mitchell tells of his experience of seeing the Earth on his journey back from the moon in 1971.

Travel to the moon was all business, Mitchell said. It didn't provide much time for sightseeing and reflection.

"We had moments of great danger when it looked like we wouldn't be able to complete

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## Investigation continues for Jerome students with guns

By Theresa Jacoby  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** — The investigation of the case concerning four boys who handled two handguns at Jerome Middle School is not over, Jerome Police Sergeant Jim Baker said Wednesday.

"There will probably be more coming out of this case," he said. He said he couldn't release details of the investigation.

The case involves four Jerome Middle School students: Micah Wegner, 15; Curtis Meadows, 14; Steven Fields, 13; and Jason Mead, 13.

Wegner, Mead and Fields were

### More concerns — C1



Arrested by Jerome Police Officer Kelly Bangerter Monday night in

connection with the case and all were transported to the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center, according to a Jerome police affidavit.

Lemons was arrested Monday night by Cpl. James Dunsberger of the Jerome County Sheriff's Department and was transported to the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center, according to an arrest report.

Wegner was charged Tuesday with one count of possession of a weapon by a minor and two counts of carrying a weapon or firearm on school property and

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## Littleton massacre alters debate

The Washington Post

In the days after the Columbine High School massacre, it was the Democratic leader in the Senate who said more gun control is not the solution. And it was his Republican counterpart, a pro-gun Mississippian, who promised Senate action on gun legislation within two weeks.

The unexpected — even controversial — reactions by Thomas A. Daschle, of South Dakota, and Trent Lott, respectively, illustrate just how

volatile the politics of guns and violence has become in the United States today.

Elected officials, political consultants and activists on both sides say they do not expect the tragedy in Littleton, Colo., despite the outrage over heavily armed teenagers, to prompt a frontal assault on the gun lobby.

Still, the high school shooting has added new changes in the political dynamic and has opened the way for some incremental gun

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An Albanian girl arrives Wednesday at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey for transfer to Fort Dix after a 13-hour flight on a chartered 747 from Macedonia.

### Newsday

**FORT DIX, N.J.** — Weary from their long flight to freedom, 453 ethnic-Albanian refugees from Kosovo arrived in a new world Wednesday with few possessions but high hopes for a brighter future.

During their 13-hour trip from Macedonia, which included a three-hour stopover in Rome for refueling, many of the refugees became ill because they had never flown before. But when the plane landed, they all cheered and applauded, said Roger Winter, director of Immigration and Refugee Services of America, who accompanied them.

Later at a converted gymnasium, where they sat on bleachers on one side, the refugees heard from first lady Hillary Rodham

### Healing children — A8

*"We want you to know that the American people have been very sad and very angry by what they have seen happen to you in the last few months."*

— First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

Clinton and often broke into applause before her words were even translated into Albanian.

"We want you to know that the American people have been very

sad and very angry by what they have seen happen to you in the last few months," Clinton said. "Our hearts and prayers have been with you. Now we want to hear that your hearts and homes are welcome to you as well."

After her five-minute speech, the refugees jumped to their feet and chanted "Clinton, Clinton, Clinton" and "USA, USA, USA." After waiting inside the plane for about 30 minutes, officials gathered on the tarmac to greet them, the refugees, many still wearing winter coats, slowly descended the steps into bright sunshine and onto a red carpet. Reporters were not allowed to speak to them.

Among those on hand to witness their arrival was Hillary Clinton.

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# THE REGION

## Camas Prairie

High: 60 Low: 31  
Mostly sunny today with increasing clouds tonight and chance of rain. Mostly cloudy Friday, high 54.

## Treasure Valley

High: 70 Low: 45  
Mostly sunny today with increasing clouds tonight and chance of rain. Mostly cloudy Friday, chance of rain, high 62.

## Sawtooth Mountains/ Wood River Valley

High: 61 Low: 39  
Mostly sunny today with increasing clouds tonight and chance of rain. Mostly cloudy Friday, high 54.

## Eastern Idaho

High: 68 Low: 38  
Mostly sunny today with light winds. Mostly clear tonight. Partly sunny Friday, high 63.

## Northern Idaho

High: 58 Low: 36  
Mostly sunny today with increasing clouds tonight and chance of rain. Mostly cloudy Friday, breezy, high 51.

## Northern Utah

High: 68 Low: 40  
Sunny and warmer today. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny Friday and warmer, high 73.

## Northern Nevada

High: 67 Low: 43  
Mostly sunny today with increasing clouds tonight and chance of rain. Mostly cloudy Friday, chance of rain, high 60.

# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

## Today

High: 67 Low: 43  
Mostly sunny with light winds. Cloudy tonight, chance of rain.

## Friday

High: 60 Low: 40  
Mostly cloudy, breezy, chance of rain.

## Saturday

High: 60s Low: 40s  
Mostly cloudy, chance of rain.

## Sunday

High: 60s Low: 40s  
Mostly cloudy, chance of rain.

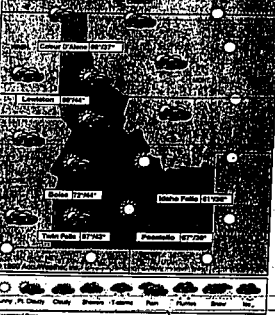
## Monday

High: 60s Low: 40s  
Mostly cloudy, chance of rain.

## Idaho weather

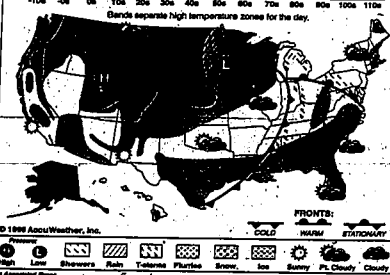
Thursday, May 6

AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



## National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Thursday, May 6



Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF FM 162.4 & 162.55 MHz. The Internet address for Idaho-Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.state.id.us/road/index.htm>

## UV INDEX

Index: 5 (High)  
Burn time: 20 minutes

## ROAD INFORMATION

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## ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: High pressure building into the northwest has brought a mostly sunny day to Idaho. Only a few snow flurries were reported Wednesday afternoon, at Mustang in the upper Snake River plain and at Mulliken in the north. Sunny skies and warmer temperatures are expected for the next couple of days. Elsewhere, rain and thunderstorms stretched over much of the nation's midsection on Wednesday, while less active weather was found on the East and West coasts. A low pressure system brought light to moderate storms to the Dakotas and into Minnesota. Ahead of the storm, in the Midwest, a band of showers and thunderstorms pushed into the Ohio Valley and southern Great Lakes bringing rain to parts of Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio. A few showers were reported over Illinois south into northern regions of Mississippi and Texas. The western U.S. experienced mostly tranquil weather, with a few light showers in the Rocky Mountain regions of Montana, Wyoming and Colorado.

—The Associated Press

# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls		Precipitation	
Yesterday	53 - 30	Yesterday in Twin Falls	2.00
Last year	72 - 45	Month to date	2.24
Normal	71 - 40	Normal mo. to date	1.10
		Water year to date	8.87
		Normal year to date	7.60

Idaho		Highs/Lows	
Mar	Min	Pcp	Idaho High, 62
Boise	56	30	degrees at Payette.
Burley	53	33	Low, 12 at Saddle
Fairfield	58	31	Nadles High, 106 at
Hagerman	56	34	McAllen, Texas. Low,
Idaho Falls	52	30	12 at Stanley.
Jerome	58	35	
Leoville	58	35	
Malad	52	31	
Malta	52	31	
McCall	45	22	
Pocatello	51	30	
Salmon	54	27	
Stanley	42	12	
Sun Valley	50	21	

Comfort factors	
Noon humidity	51%
Noon barometer	30.20
Pollen count	low, cedarwood, pine, mold 0.05, m. grass, dandelion, rye.

## The Nation

	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	58	42	0.00
Atlanta	57	41	0.16
Boston	58	41	0.00
Chicago	78	62	0.04
Dallas	81	60	0.00
Denver	52	32	0.00
Des Moines	52	32	0.01
Houston	59	43	0.00
Honolulu	83	71	0.00
Indianapolis	78	63	0.01
Kansas City	66	56	0.00
Las Vegas	85	61	0.00
Los Angeles	69	53	0.00
Madison	83	61	4.14
Miami Beach	86	75	0.00
Milwaukee	67	54	0.06
Minneapolis	60	45	0.00
New Orleans	87	76	0.05
New York	70	50	0.01
Oklahoma City	70	50	0.01
Phoenix	86	63	0.00
Pittsburgh	72	50	0.00
Portland, Ore.	65	39	0.00
Reno	70	37	0.00
St. Louis	83	60	0.00
Salt Lake City	70	35	0.00
Seattle	61	41	0.00
Spokane	77	53	0.00
Washington	70	57	0.00
Yuma	88	63	0.00

Canadian Cities	
Calgary	84
Edmonton	83
Montreal	83
Toronto	75
Vancouver	54

## Brooks, Hill grab country awards

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP) — Garth Brooks won artist of the decade and entertainer of the year but it was country sweetheart Faith Hill who took the Academy of Country Music Awards show with four trophies Wednesday night.

"I never thought I would ever win this award," Miss Hill said in tears after winning the top female singer honors. Husband Tim McGraw, top male singer of the year, watched adoringly.

Brooks is the best-selling male singer in music history. Brooks, Loretta Lynn and Alabama won previous decades.

## Kosovo

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Bequith, 36, a roofer from New York City. "They are our blood, and we want to see them," said Bequith, an Albanian from Macedonia who came to the United States 15 years ago.

Marguerite Rivera House, deputy assistant secretary for the U.S. State Department Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, said most of the refugees who arrived Wednesday have not been matched with sponsoring families.

She said several more plane-loads of refugees will be flying here this weekend, eventually 20,000.

At the Fort Dix gym being used as a welcome center, the refugees — about 50 families in all — were given juice and water and kits containing soap, shampoo and a towel.

Officials said a 24-hour health clinic would be available to the refugees, some of whom have tuberculosis. The children will be immunized, and the Red Cross will help the refugees trace relatives living in the United States.

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## Mourn

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library-for-counseling-and-to sign messages on large pieces of paper on the wall. Messages for the family were taken to his family, Alnoworth said.

School officials said they have immediate plans for a memorial service, but students were planning to wear white wristbands when he walked down the halls.

Said Ancheta, "He was just like one in a million."

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## Jerome

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placed in detention, according to court documents. At a detention review on Wednesday, the court ordered Wegner be held in detention for observation. The court also ordered him to not have contact with the codefendants. A pretrial hearing for Lemons is set for 9:15 a.m. May 19.

Lemons was charged Tuesday with one count of possession of a weapon by a minor and one count of carrying a weapon or firearm on school property, according to court documents. At his arraignment, the state informed the court that Lemons was on probation with the codefendants. A pretrial hearing for Lemons is set for 9:15 a.m. May 19.

Fields was charged Tuesday with one count of possession of a weapon by a minor and one count of carrying a weapon or firearm on school property, according to court documents. At an arraignment Tuesday, the court ordered him to be held in detention for observation. A pretrial hearing for Fields is scheduled at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Mead was charged Tuesday with one count of possession of a weapon by a minor and one count of carrying a weapon or firearm on school property, according to court documents. The court ordered Mead to house arrest and requested any guns to be removed from the house, court documents said. A pretrial hearing for Mead will be held at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday.

According to Bangert's affidavit, Wegner took a Colt 45 ACP and a Colt 380 from his father's dresser drawer without his father's consent before school on Monday. Wegner "concealed the guns on his person" and went to school where he met Lemons and Fields, the affidavit said. The trio then walked to Jerome City Pool Park where Wegner gave the guns to Fields, who put them in his backpack. When they returned to school, Wegner gave the Colt 380 to Lemons, who later gave it to Mead.

Mead took the gun home and put it under a blanket on his bed, and Bangert recovered the Colt 380 Monday night, the affidavit said. According to court documents, Wegner gave the Colt 45 to Lemons before he went home. "Return it the next day," the report said Lemons took the gun home on the school bus and hid it under his bed.

Baker said the case began when a gun theft was reported in the city. The affidavit said an officer took a burglary report on Monday from K.C. Wegner, Micah's stepmother. Three handguns were reported stolen — a Colt 45 ACP, a Stainless Steel Colt 380 automatic and a Stainless Steel Starfire 9mm.

At 6:30 p.m., the affidavit said, District 10 was dispatched to the Curtis Lemons' house.

K.C. Wegner later found the Starfire 9mm, according to the affidavit. Baker said that is when the case against the four boys began.

Jerome Police Chief William Reid would not speculate on the reason the guns were brought to school.

## Apollo

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the flight," he said.

Work on the moon's surface was just as busy. Mitchell and Shepard spent nearly 10 hours exploring and conducting experiments in cumbersome pressure suits that rubbed their wrists, ankles and knees raw. But the two took a minute to hold the first "lunar Olympics," Mitchell said. Shepard hit a golf ball, and Mitchell threw a javelin.

It was the trip home that provided Mitchell time for reflection. "Looking at Earth from space and seeing this little ball (in) the majesty of the heavens and the cosmos and the galaxy and the galactic clusters — it's an awesome, overwhelming experience," he said in an interview before his lecture.

"It made me realize that what we knew about the universe was not complete. That we were still pretty ignorant about how all of

this came to be," he said.

From his view in space, Mitchell saw the universe as intelligent, loving and harmonious. In his writings, he describes his view of Earth as a glimpse of divinity.

Other astronauts have had the same experience, Mitchell said. One became an artist, another a poet and two became ministers. Mitchell, who has degrees in aeronautics and astronautics and honorary engineering degrees, has turned to the study of consciousness.

"I came home to get to the bottom of it," he said.

He calls the concepts he studies "way out" and startling. But his research boils down to finding evidence for the theory that human consciousness is the same thing that organizes the universe.

Times-News staff writer Jennifer Sandmann can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 2.

## Shootings change opinions

A week after the high school shootings in Colorado, support for gun control jumped with a majority of Americans saying tougher gun laws are the most effective way to stem violence.

AP poll results on gun control...

Q: Do you favor or oppose stricter gun control laws?  
☒ Favor  
☐ Oppose

A: 71% 29%

Q: Which of these is more likely to decrease gun violence?  
☒ Better enforcement of existing gun laws  
☐ Tougher gun laws  
☐ Neither or don't know

A: 71% 16% 13%

## Guns

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control measures and a vigorous debate on values.

Politicians in America face two powerful, competing pressures: the country's long-rich connection to the Second Amendment and the growing political clout of suburbanites, particularly women, who view guns as direct threat to their security.

It's hard to explain to a soccer mom why soccer needs a saved-off shotgun," said Alex Castellanos, a GOP consultant.

Yet no one expects the United States to follow the lead set in foreign countries such as Britain, which banned private possession of handguns after the 1996 slayings of 15 children and one adult at a school in Dunblane, Scotland. On Capitol Hill, regional pressures and the clout of the National Rifle Association (NRA) are two prime reasons why many lawmakers say they would rather not debate or act on gun control at all.

Instead, Republicans are focusing on the cultural environment in America that leads to so much violence. Democrats, too, are emphasizing values while promoting limited gun control measures.

"When Democrats talk about

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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 NUMBERS**

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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 NUMBERS**

**FAST**

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# Oklahomans return to scene of devastation left by tornadoes

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — When John and Sheryl Molsbe were allowed back to their brick-frame home Wednesday, the roof was gone but Monday's macaroni dinner was still in a pot on the stove.

"It's worse than I thought," said John Molsbe, who wasn't home when extraordinarily massive twisters leveled 3,000 homes and killed 38 people in Oklahoma. Five people were killed by tornadoes in Kansas.

"I told you it was," said his wife, who hid with their 15-year-old daughter, Kristy, under a blue flowered mattress in the master bedroom, then helped pull injured people from the wreckage left behind.

The Molsbees were among hundreds of people left homeless by the tornadoes who were allowed to return Wednesday to assess the damage. Shelters were made available throughout the area for short-term housing, while officials made long-term arrangements for the suddenly homeless. "We're not talking tent cities," said Ben Frizzell, of the state Office of Civil Emergency Management. "There is a disaster housing program through FEMA that will provide rental assistance for up to 18 months if needed. Some people may even use this to rent travel trailers to put on their property."

The American Red Cross also passed out vouchers for people to stay in hotels until other provisions could be made. Churches distributed food and clothes. Buckley Kilbourne, who was running a shelter at the Midwest City Community Center, said 220 people took refuge there Monday night, but the number had dwindled to 60 by Wednesday. He said hearing the stories of the displaced was almost more than he could bear.

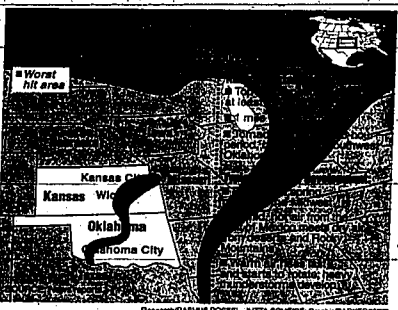
"Everything they hold dear, things they need — from medicine to books to personal belongings — all gone," he said.

Officials said nearly 700 people were injured in the deadliest tornado to hit Oklahoma since 1947. The damage estimate has been placed at more than \$225 million. At least 1,500 businesses and homes in Kansas also were destroyed or heavily damaged in Monday's storms.

More twisters swarmed across parts of Texas and Arkansas on Tuesday, killing one person. President Clinton has authorized emergency disaster declarations for Oklahoma and Kansas,



Barbara Ratcliff, left, and Traci Raney break down and cry outside the DeKalb High School in DeKalb, Texas, Wednesday. Ratcliff works as a secretary in the school and was inside when the tornado hit Tuesday afternoon.



paving the way for federal emergency funds for home and business owners. The Federal Emergency Management Agency had 300 staff members on hand to assist victims and officials. All around Oklahoma City, cars — some with smashed windows — formed grim processions as those lucky enough to have survived passed through police and National Guard checkpoints to view what was left of their homes before curfews resumed at 8 p.m.

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## Survey says more women lack insurance

WASHINGTON (AP) — A greater percentage of women today know what's necessary to stay healthy — than did five years earlier, but many lack the health insurance to help them do it, according to a survey released Wednesday on women's health care.

The survey also found that nearly two of every five women in the United States have been physically or sexually assaulted during their lifetimes. Overall, the 1998 Commonwealth Fund Survey of Women's Health reported increased attention to women's health issues since its last survey in 1993. Government health agencies now dedicate offices to such concerns, and the issue has been a focus of major medical projects by the National Institutes of Health. The media, both daily newspapers and women's magazines, also devote more attention to the issue.

Progress in the field, however, was described as uneven.

The report found an increase in the uninsured, particularly among working women with low to modest income levels. Last year, 35 percent of women under age 65 with incomes of \$16,000 or less were uninsured, compared with 29 percent in 1993. For women with incomes from \$16,001 to \$35,000, the uninsured rate increased from 15 percent to 21 percent in the same period.

"We are in a bounding economy and one striking finding of our survey is that it hasn't stopped the steady erosion of health insurance among adult women," said Cathy Schoen, one of the report's authors. "This is particularly concentrated in the lower half of the income distribution but unin-

sured rates are across the board for all groups of women."

The report also found a high number of women were physically or sexually assaulted either as children or adults. Almost two out

of every five women surveyed — 39 percent — said they had been victims of abuse or violence in their lifetimes, including rape, sexual assault or other physical attack.

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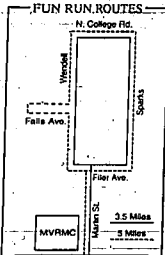
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## Officials denied search of suspected spy's computer

WASHINGTON (AP) — As early as 1996, managers at the Los Alamos nuclear lab wanted to examine the computer of a scientist suspected of espionage. But they were warned away by Justice Department lawyers who feared the search would taint information for use in court, the Senate was told Wednesday.

When Wen Ho Lee's office computer was searched last month, it was found that more than 1,000 top-secret files of computer codes on nuclear weapons had been deleted after being improperly transferred from a highly secure computer system.

Computer experts reconstructed the files, government officials have said, but questions remain why the search was not conducted much earlier since Lee had been under suspicion of espionage since 1996.

"An individual is suspected of being a spy with access to all of our warhead information... and we did not get into his computer. This is total incompetence," Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., said Wednesday.

Lee, who has not been charged with any crime, was fired in March for alleged security violations and remains under investigation. He has denied that he is a spy. His lawyer says his client was not involved in espionage. His computer was searched after he was dismissed.

John Browne, the director of the Los Alamos lab in New Mexico, said at a Senate hearing Wednesday that as early as 1996, laboratory officials suggested to the FBI, which had just begun

## Six launch failures in nine months: What's going on?

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Two launch explosions. Three satellites struck in useless orbits. Another satellite vaporized in the atmosphere.

The United States has had six U.S. rocket failures in less than nine months with losses totaling \$3.5 billion, mostly at taxpayer expense.

It's the worst string of botched U.S. rocket launches since the mid-1980s, space shuttle Challenger was among the casualties, back then. The question being asked Wednesday just hours after the latest mishap was: What's going on?

"The problem, I think, is that this is still hard. We have not learned how to make the launch systems that we have anywhere near the reliability of aircraft, for example," said John Logsdon, director of George Washington University's space policy institute.

"And so as long as we use these systems, there are going to be failures. Now when they all come in a row, it's really kind of nasty. But

investigators have alleged that Lee apparently had transferred massive amounts of critical computer codes — known as the "legacy file" — from Los Alamos' top-secret computer system to his unsecured desktop computer, mostly in 1994-95, but some as far back as 1983.

The codes provide a virtual history of America's nuclear warhead development and are used to simulate how warheads perform.

## Governors plan to create new math test to boost U.S. standings

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. math students lag behind youngsters in other countries because their lessons don't focus on advanced topics, says a group of governors and corporate leaders who plan to create a new eighth grade math test to do something about it.

Researchers found that students in top-performing nations are expected to learn advanced math concepts such as algebra and geometry at earlier grade levels than U.S. students.

Foreign students also concentrate on fewer, but more advanced topics. Students in the United States tend to pack in many more lessons, much of it being simple computations and work with fractions.

Under the plan, there may be some "systemic problems," Logsdon said.

Still, the shuttle program has been affected by the launch failures. Columbia is grounded, and its telescope-delivery mission in July is on hold, until the Air Force figures out why an upper-stage motor on a Titan IV rocket failed during a satellite launch last month.

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### Drinking more cuts risk of bladder cancer

Drink more water — or coffee, milk, soda, fruit juice and beer — and you can lower your risk of bladder cancer, a study found.

American men who drank at least 11 8-ounce glasses a day of all liquids cut their risk of bladder cancer in half, compared with men who drank five glasses or less, the study found.

Water had an independent protective effect. Men who drank at least six glasses of water a day cut their risk of bladder cancer in half compared with men who drank less than one glass, regardless of how much they drank in total liquids.

The study in today's New England Journal of Medicine is the first to demonstrate a clear link between increased liquid intake and decreased bladder cancer of the two types most commonly found in developed countries: papillary and flat transitional cell carcinomas.

### Another colleague recounts confidence

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Kathleen Willey testified Wednesday that President Clinton's lawyers wanted her to sign an affidavit swearing she was not sexually harassed by the president, but she refused because it was "a lie."

Testifying in the obstruction-

of-justice trial of her former friend, Julie Hantz Steele, Mrs. Willey described how the president's legal team tried to help her avoid testifying in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit against Clinton.

Mrs. Willey's testimony is crucial in the trial of Ms. Steele, who is charged with obstructing Kenneth Starr's investigation by repeatedly denying under oath that Mrs. Willey told her about the alleged sexual advance before 1997.

### Teen parking space has neighbors irked

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"I think it's kind of arrogant," Ray Peters said while mowing his lawn on Tuesday. "Don't you think it would be cheaper to buy him a limo?"

Testifying in the obstruction-

## Pilot says he took videotape

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — A Marine pilot accused of obstructing justice for helping destroy a videotape of a flight that clipped an Italian gondola, killing 20 people, testified Wednesday that he wished he acted differently.

"I wish we would have left the tape there," said Capt. Richard Ashby, 32, of Mission Viejo, Calif.

The defense rested its case after Ashby testified for more than two hours at his obstruction of justice and conspiracy trial. The case could go to the seven-man military jury Thursday. Ashby faces 10 years in prison or dismissal from the service if convicted.

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## Healing Kosovo's children

Children express their anguish with songs and poems

KUKES, Albania (AP) — Amid the din and dust of a refugee camp, 9-year-old Bajram Blaca stood ramrod straight in a circle of children and recited a poem. "A man was killed," began the boy with short, sandy hair. "He said to his mother, 'Mother, I am dying now, but I leave my children and my wife to you. Take care of them.'"

Bajram sat down quickly as the crowd applauded. Another child followed with a song or tale about death, or Serb attackers, or perhaps a Kosovo Albanian hero. Day after day, in the camps housing families torn from their homes in Kosovo, social workers encourage refugee children to express their hopes and fears through songs and poems, drawings and games, in an effort to begin healing the psychological trauma of war. It's part of the U.N. Children's Fund spokeswoman, Penelope Lewis, called a child's basic right — to get psychological help in time of war or catastrophe.

"Everyone agrees that the psychological wounds and the trauma that build up among the significant problems" of war, she said, standing near Bajram and dozens of other children who gave their brief performances Wednesday. "UNICEF pushes it as a must, up there with water and food and shelter."

It wasn't always that way. A decade ago, relief agencies concentrated on the material aspects of an emergency — providing the plastic sheeting and tents for temporary shelters, the food and water



Ethnic Albanian refugee Valbone Bytyqi, 14, receives a hug from UNICEF social worker Elvana Zhashe Wednesday at a refugee camp in Kukes, Albania.

"The idea is that before you move into normal childhood activities, you have to allow them to express themselves," Lewis said.

Rail-thin, 8-year-old Visar Tafaj stood with his hands at his side, singing a well-known song of the Kosovo Liberation Army, the camouflage-clad guerrilla fighters considered heroes for combating the Serbs. Other children sang along or mouthed the words, and everyone applauded his rendition.

Another boy sang about Adem Jashari, a KLA fighter killed last year and now immortalized in oral legend. "Don't touch my Drenica, because Adem Jashari lives," he concluded, again to applause.

winning the release of three American soldiers captured by Yugoslavia.

The measure, sponsored by Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., saluted the civil rights leader for his successful intervention with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to secure the captives' freedom.

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## Balkans in brief

of the Yugoslav capital was without power for a third day.

Meanwhile, a Kosovo Albanian leader thought to be under house arrest, flew out of Yugoslavia to Rome. Ibrahim Rugova held talks with Italian Premier Massimo D'Alema "on a political, diplomatic solution to the conflict" and the premier's office said afterward that Rugova "will be able to contribute as a free man" to the peace effort.

It was unclear if Rugova, had brought proposals from Milosevic, or whether Rugova had resumed activity as an advocate for Kosovo Albanians.

## Senate honors Jackson for soldiers' release

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted 92-0 Wednesday to commend the Rev. Jesse Jackson for

## Clinton gives troops at base a pep talk

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AP) — President Clinton visited America's front-line warriors Wednesday and told crews flying bombing missions over Yugoslavia that they are fighting for "the common humanity of every breathing, living person in this continent."

Clinton mourned "two brave Americans" killed in Albania while training for helicopter warfare against Serbs. And he rejoiced in the freedom of three GIs held captive for a month.

Earlier, the president, flanked by F-16 fighter planes and a stealth bomber at Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany, denounced Slobodan Milosevic. He accused the Yugoslav president of overseeing the establishment of concentration camps and waging a campaign of murder and rape. "This is wrong. It is evil," Clinton declared.

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## Chopper crash doesn't slow NATO's drive

TIRANA, Albania — The U.S. Army won't disrupt its plans to send Apache helicopters into combat against Serb forces, despite a crash in Albania's mountains Tuesday that killed two American aviators and brought NATO's first fatalities in Yugoslavia.

The crash was the second in nine days involving one of the two dozen heavily armed anti-tank Apaches deployed in Albania. The U.S. military identified the two Army aviators as Chief Warrant Officer 3 David A. Gibbs, 38, of Ohio, and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kevin L. Reicher, 28, of Wisconsin. No hometowns were available.

## Bombing continues despite poor weather

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## Bad dog or the bug? You judge

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Who's had the worse week — me or College of Southern Idaho baseball coach Jim Walker?

You be the judge. Since Sunday, I've experienced what it feels like to:

- Need to build a bathroom for 100 miles (painful);
- Sit in a steaming pile of my dog's excrement (kind of warm and soothing until you realize...);
- Watch my laptop hard drive go kaput (not cheap);
- And arrive in St. George — supposed city of the sun, during the most miserable rainstorm in local memory.

Wakes? He's had a cold. Okay, I'll admit his timing is horrible. He's had to spend much of his first day here — one of the warmest this spring, we're told — staring up at the ceiling of his hotel room with a sore throat, nagging cough, plugged ears and stuffy head.

As a 25-year veteran of junior-college coaching in pursuit of region title No. 12, the man had better things to do.

### DOWN IN FRONT

Jeff Rosen



"A lot of mine is allergies," Walker said. "I just don't feel good."

I nodded as he told me this, trying like blazes to avoid his sick germs. Bobbing my head to the right as he continued, I realized something. When you get right down to it, my problems were of my own making.

I could have used the rest-stop restroom back in Idaho instead of pushing on to Snowville, Utah, only to find that a transformer had blown Snowville business with a public bathroom.

I certainly should have walked the dog, then, or asked our the bucks to board him in a kennel. Like an idiot, I figured bringing the family along had to include packing him too. Upset that I didn't walk him, he left a calling card right on my driver's seat.

The hard drive, St. George's sole Apple Computer technician informed me, probably suffered a cyber-copulation — a jolt during transit. Walker's lot, meanwhile, was beyond his control. He'd been pulled out of bed before heading to Wednesday night's coaches meeting, he explained how he'd seen several of his players held out as long as the coaches could.

As the journey south neared Monday, and one by one his players complained what he called the crud, he made a bulk order of over-the-counter medicine. His players had succumbed to cramming for final exams, which they took early in order to make the trip, and he'd succumbed to worrying about them.

Together, they medicated on Monday. The pharmacist informed me, a barbiturate of choice would not kick in for 48 hours, so on Wednesday afternoon, they were still waiting. After practicing at Bruce Evers Field from 4:30-5:30 p.m., Walker left for his meeting.

The sickler of his players lounged in their rooms. Outside, as dusk began to fall, those fortunate enough to have dodged the bug played a very informal pickup baseball game around my van and my bad, bad, very bad dog.

What do you do? Walker asked as he departed. "You play. I think the most important thing for us is getting off to a good start in the first inning of our first game. That sets the tone for the rest of the way."

So as traffic whizzed past our out-field fence on Interstate 15, bound for Vegas, Phoenix, L.A. or wherever, Walker and his players got to work today. He wasn't thrilled about the team's practice Wednesday, but it's tough to please the old man.

Besides, as his son and infield coach Boomer Walker put it while bobbing in the hotel pool, "If you're ready by now, you'll never be."

Me, I plan to wash my pants and my car seat. After that, I plan to watch some baseball. Sick or not, the Golden Eagles are going to put on a show. But I still think I had the worse week.

*Times-News sportswriter Jeff Rosen is covering the CSI Golden Eagles baseball team at the Region 18 tournament in St. George, Utah, where he'll have a message at 733-0931, Ext. 229.*

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Times-News writer

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ST. GEORGE, Utah — The wind swirls like a drunken dervish, blowing from left to right one moment and out to right the next.

The temperature climbs 50 degrees between the time the sun peeks over the terra-cotta mesas and mid-afternoon, and visiting spectators can't help but notice all those red and white Rebel banners.

## Region 18 tournament begins today

Welcome to Utah's Dixie and Bruce Hurst Field, perhaps the most difficult place to play baseball in the National Junior College Athletic Association.

"Last year was a great chance for us to win it," said College of Southern Idaho coach Jim Walker. "We're going to have to be lucky this year." Simply beating Dixie is challenge enough.

Last year, Walker's Golden Eagles saw their bid for a 12th Region 18 title slip away at Frontier Field with two losses to the Rebels.

Winning in St. George is even tougher.

The Golden Eagles are currently on a long-ball tear, having homered 30 times in their last eight games to score 125 runs, but the Rebel mys-

tique runs deep. Salt Lake Community College was the last team to beat Dixie at home. That was back on March 6.

The Golden Eagles topped the Rebels 7-6 March 13 in Twin Falls — but for two years running, CSI has finished second to the Rebels when it counts. No one in the Southern Idaho camp wants to make it three.

"I'll tell you one thing," Walker said. "They're a very mature club by now." Please see CSI, Page B2

## Second season

Miami hopes to avoid another first-round jinx

Night Rider News Service

CHICAGO — The Miami Heat held off the favored Indiana Pacers, and 50 games later has the top seed and best record in the Eastern Conference.

And now the Heat has to keep from being broken up. That's the feeling of some, even on the team, should the Heat fail to get out of the first round of the playoffs for a second straight season.

"A lot of guys on the team think we might be broken up," Tim Hardaway said of the possible consequences of an early playoff exit for the Heat, which has not been dominating in an evenly matched East. "If that happens, if they had to trade me to get a good player, I think they would."

Hardaway was rumored to be part of a proposed trade in March that would have brought Stephen Marbury to Miami. But Marbury rejected the deal.

Hardaway conceded that he doesn't have the same strong relationship with Pat Riley that center Alonzo Mourning does.

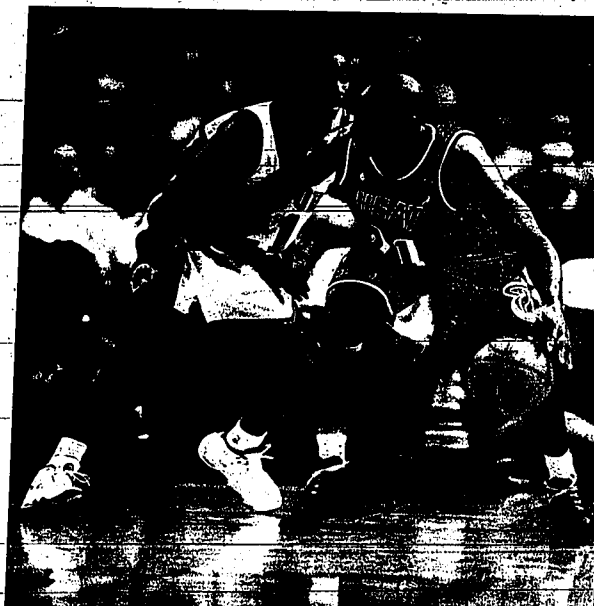
"If Pat asked us to run through a wall without asking why," Hardaway said. "I'd say, 'Can I avoid running through the wall? Can I maneuver around the thing? I'm not going to try to run through it if I don't have to.'"

Hardaway may tire of Riley's motivational plays, but they share that one goal that probably will keep them together.

"You can see how hearing the same old stuff, getting on you every day, gets tiring sometimes," Hardaway said. "Sometimes he reminds me of an old and tired and he doesn't want to see us and we don't want to see him. But I understand that he's trying to do and how to take it. Some players don't."

Hardaway, who will make \$6.4 million next season in the final year of his contract, hopes to stick around.

"I would want another con-



Miami Heat guard Voshon Lenard (21) drives past New York Knicks guard Charlie Ward (21) Wednesday in New York.

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tract and would want to win a championship," he said. "Riley is not going to be without a championship-caliber team."

### Unhappy campers

Going into the playoffs, Glen Rice took over the superstar mantle from Scottie Pippen, saying he isn't used often enough or played in the right position in the Lakers' offense. Rice needs to change his name to O'Neal and then wonder Kobe Bryant to the ground.

Like Pippen, he has become a third option, and third options aren't that involved in any offense.

"What it comes down to is all the players have to understand they have to make sacrifices for the benefit of the ballclub," coach Kurt Rambis said. "If that

means giving up a part of their game for the team and improving in areas where they haven't been asked to perform on past teams, that's something we all have to do."

Rice said he was "not OK" with the situation and hinted at leaving the Lakers when his contract expires after next season. "After 47 games, seven of which Isaiah Rider — missed because of various suspensions and disciplinary measures, Trail Blazers coach Mike Dunleavy made Jim Jackson a starter over Rider. Dunleavy delicately called it "situational," but the Blazers are 8-1 with Jackson starting.

"I would expect that given a point in time when it is important enough, I think all of our guys are willing to do whatever it takes for our team to win," Dunleavy said.

Yeah, right. Rider, asked about coming off the bench, told a reporter to shut up.

### Danny boy

The words continue to fly between the Suns and Karl Malone, with Suns coach Danny Ainge critical of Malone's lack of remorse for jostling Joe Kleine and hurting Luc Longley's knee.

All he does is play dirty and show no concern for the players he leaves injured on the floor," Ainge said. "You never know which Karl Malone is doing the talking, anyway. Is it the one who says he's never playing in Utah again? Or the one who is crying at a podium after renegotiating his contract for the fifth time. Or the one who refers to himself in the third person? You might as well call him Sybil."

Replied Malone: "At least I don't bite anybody." Mistakenly referring to an infamous incident with free Rollins in which Ainge, playing for Boston, was the biter, not the biter.

Said Ainge: "Weak. Come on, Sybil."

## Boxing bill goes to Senate floor

Muhammad Ali Reform Act returns for second attempt

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Proponents of a bill that would reform the business side of boxing are looking for victory in the second round.

The proposed Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act was approved Wednesday by the Senate's Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee. Last year, the full Senate passed virtually the same bill, but the House never took up the measure.

"Perhaps the Lennox Lewis-Evander Holyfield fight will provide some additional pressure," said committee chairman Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., referring to the disputed draw at the heavyweight unification title bout at Madison Square Garden in March.

The bill would help protect boxers from exploitation by promoters and managers by requiring disclosure of the complex money trail that often accompanies big-time fights.

It would also set specific guidelines for contracts between fighters and their promoters or managers and require sanctioning bodies, such as the WBA, WBC and IBF, to establish "objective and consistent weight criteria" for ranking boxers.

McCain is a passionate supporter of boxing and a longtime voice of reform in the Senate, but no one in the House comes close to matching his enthusiasm. Last year, the measure never made it out of the House's Commerce Committee, headed by Rep. Tom Bliley, R-Va.

"We're talked to Chairman Bliley, and we've hoped that he will take up the legislation," McCain said.

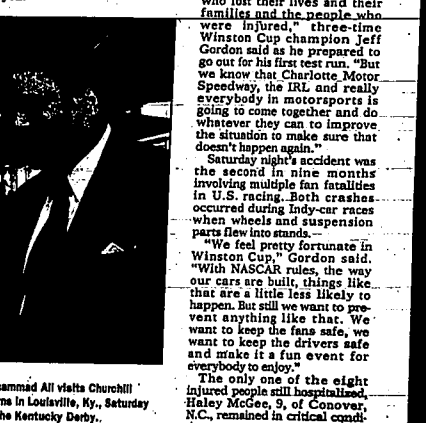
The action by the Senate com-

mittee came on the same day New York Gov. George Pataki introduced a similar reform aimed at improving the officiating of fights in New York, site of the Lewis-Holyfield bout.

One reform, effective immediately, requires judges to submit disclosures in sworn applications. They include a credit check, certification of pending litigation, such as bankruptcy or criminal proceedings, and any financial ties to the boxers, promoters, venue or television company.

McCain, a 2000 presidential aspirant, co-authored legislation in 1996 that strengthened health and safety measures of state boxing commissions.

He has since been pushing for reforms on the business side of the sport. He's held hearings in which he's berated officials of various sanctioning bodies for their ratings systems and cited what he called "offensive" contracts between promoters and fighters.



Muhammad Ali visits Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., Saturday for the Kentucky Derby.

## Facing tragedy

Winston track opens again with flags at half-staff

The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — With flags at half staff, Lowe's Motor Speedway returned to the business of racing Wednesday, holding a test for Winston Cup cars on the track where three spectators died last weekend.

More than two dozen teams from stock car racing's top circuit showed up for the start of the two-day test session, which had been scheduled in advance of Saturday night's Indy Race of Nations.

A three-car crash in that race at speeds near 215 mph sent a tire and suspension parts flying into the stands, killing three and injuring eight, including one critically.

The accident prompted speedway officials to consider canceling the Winston Cup test, but they elected to proceed mainly because the session, booked by General Motors for its teams, was closed to the public. No spectators were allowed in the stands.

"We felt it was in everybody's best interests to move on," track spokesman Jerry Gappens said. "Reminds me of the crash at the Indy test, where there were other reminders of the accident in addition to the lowered flags outside the track's entrance."

Tourists that day spedway tours had been canceled this week. And yellow police-line tape strung along the center-side railings in the fourth turn grandstand.

Twenty minutes into the practice session, Michael Waltrip's Chevrolet spun retroactively through the third turn and slammed off the fourth-turn retaining wall, about 200 yards from where Saturday night's wreck occurred.

Waltrip wasn't injured, but the crash served as an eerie reminder of recent events.

"Our hearts go out to the folks who lost their lives and their families and the people who were injured like that," Winston Cup champion Jeff Gordon said as he prepared to go out for his first test run. "But we know that Charlotte Motor Speedway, the IRL and really everybody in motorsports is going to come together and do whatever they can to improve the situation to make sure that doesn't happen again."

Saturday night's accident was the second in nine months involving multiple fan fatalities in U.S. racing. Both crashes occurred during Indy-car races when wheels and suspension parts flew into stands.

"We feel pretty fortunate in Winston Cup," Gordon said. "With NASCAR, the way our cars are built, things like that are a little less likely to happen. But still we want to prevent anything like that. We want to keep the fans safe, we want to keep the drivers safe and make it a fun event for everybody to enjoy."

The only one of the eight injured people still hospitalized, Haley McGee, 9, of Conover, N.C., remained in critical condition.



Jeff Gordon





SPORTS

# Sparks sparks Angels victory

DETROIT (AP) — Steve Sparks won for the first time in 11 starts since last Sept. 2, and Mo Vaughn and Darin Erstad hit two-run homers as the Anaheim Angels beat the Detroit Tigers 4-1 Wednesday night.

Sparks (1-3) allowed one run, on three hits in eight innings, and Troy Percival pitched a perfect ninth for fifth save.

Jeff Weaver (3-2) gave up just three hits in seven innings, struck out six and walked one. Vaughn's homer put the Angels ahead 2-1 in the fourth.

**Devil Rays 10, Royals 7**  
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Fred McGriff hit two home runs, Tampa Bay overcame injuries to Jose Canseco and Wade Boggs. John Flaherty and Paul Sorrento also connected at Tampa Bay hit a team-record four homers.

Mike Sweeney hit two home runs for Kansas City. Johnny Damon and Chad Kreuter also homered for the Royals.

McGriff, who had his 31st multi-home game, hit a 453-foot three-run shot in the third. His second homer — estimated at 468 feet — came in the fifth and was the 10th fair ball to hit a catwalk suspended from the roof at Tropicana Field.

Rick White (3-0) won, and Roberto Hernandez struck out the side in the ninth for his 10th save in 11 chances. Jay Witasick (0-2) gave up two runs and seven hits — including three homers — in four-plus innings.

**Orioles 8, White Sox 0**  
BALTIMORE — Juan Guzman (1-3) allowed six hits in six innings and Brady Anderson hit a bases-loaded triple in a seven-run fifth.

Anderson also hit a home run and Albert Belle had two RBIs against his former teammates as Baltimore stretched its winning streak to a season-high three. The Orioles (9-17) still have the worst record in the AL, but they've won four of their last five.

Jalme Navarro (1-3) took a perfect game into the fifth inning but never made it to the sixth.

**Athletics 8, Blue Jays 2**  
TORONTO — Kenny Rogers (1-2), who twice traded punches with center fielder Jason MacDonald earlier in the game, pitched a five-hitter to win for the first time in six starts this season. Oakland won its fourth straight.

A.J. Lincecum broke a 2-2 tie in the fifth with a two-run homer off Kelvin Escobar (2-1).

**Rangers 8, Red Sox 3**  
BOSTON — Ivan Rodriguez homered and drove in four runs. Juan Gonzalez also homered and Rafael Palmeiro went 3-for-3 with two runs.

Rick Helling (3-1), who began the game with a 7.18 ERA in six starts after going 20-7 last year, held Boston scoreless until Danton Burford's run-scoring infield single in the sixth.

Red Sox starter Pat Rapp (1-2), got just one out, allowing five runs and four hits.

**Yankees 5, Twins 3**  
MINNEAPOLIS — Andy Pettitte (1-1) stopped the first three batters losing streak of his career, allowing three runs and five hits in 7-23 innings. Mariano Rivera pitched a perfect ninth for his eighth save in nine chances.

Scott Brosius homered, and Tino Martinez hit two doubles and drove in two runs for New York, which stopped a two-game losing streak and improved to 5-4 on its season-long road trip.

LaTroy Hawkins (1-5) allowed five runs — four earned — and eight hits in five innings and lost his third straight start.

**Mariners 6, Indians 5**  
CLEVELAND — Jose Mesa, traded from Cleveland to San Francisco last July, bled runs and bases in a triumphant return to Jacobs Field, pitching the ninth inning for a save.

Dan Wilson hit Seattle's third two-run homer, and Jose Paniagua provided 2-2-3 scoring innings for the Mariners.

Jeff Fassero (1-3) was the winner, and Dave Bork (2-1) the loss. Travis Fryman homered twice and drove in all five of Cleveland's runs.



With the ball in his glove, Florida Marlins shortstop Alex Gonzalez is unable to get off the throw to first base for a double play. Milwaukee Brewer Geoff Jenkins slides into Gonzalez to break up the play Wednesday in Miami.

# Dodgers pitcher wins first start

MONTREAL (AP) — Jamie Arnold (1-0) allowed only one hit in 6-2-3 scoreless innings in his first major league start, and Gary Sheffield homered twice. Arnold, pitching in place of injured Carlos Perez, ended the Expos' hitless until Orlando Cabrera singled leading off the sixth.

Alan Mills pitched a perfect eighth and Jeff Shaw pitched the ninth for the Dodgers to complete the three-hitter. Sheffield hit a three-run homer off Javier Vazquez (1-2) in the third — and a solo shot off Guillermo Mota in the ninth.

**Diamondbacks 5, Reds 1**  
CINCINNATI — Randy Johnson (3-1) pitched a four-hitter for his second complete game of the season and hit a run-scoring double for the third RBI of his career. He struck out eight and walked none, allowing an RBI single to Polanco in the fifth following Brian Johnson's two-out double.

Jay Bell drove in three runs with a solo homer and a bases-loaded single as Arizona stopped a three-game losing streak with a 1-0 victory over the Reds in their longest road trip in team history 6-7.

Steve Avery (1-3) allowed all five runs and seven hits in five innings.

**Astros 5, Mets 4**  
NEW YORK — Jeff Bagwell hit a two-run homer in the eighth off Armando Benitez (0-1) to overcome a 3-3 deficit and give Houston its eighth win in 10 games. Mets reliever had been 7-0 with 12 saves.

Jay Powell (2-0) allowed an RBI single to Roger Cedeno in the seventh.

**Nets buck Milwaukee to end dismal year**  
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Stephen Marbury had a career-high 41 points and 11 assists as the New Jersey Nets capped a dismal, injury-plagued season with a 115-107 victory over the playoff-bound Milwaukee Bucks on Wednesday night.

The loss dropped Milwaukee (28-22) to the seventh seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs, meaning the Bucks' first-round opponent will be Indiana, a team that has beaten Milwaukee seven straight.

**Raptors 96, Cavaliers 87**  
TORONTO — Doug Christie scored 26 points, including four 3-pointers, as the Toronto Raptors closed out their most successful season with a 96-87 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Wednesday night.

Vince Carter, a leading candidate for rookie of the year, left the game in the third quarter after straining his right shoulder while going for a layup. He lay motionless on the court for about a minute before being helped off.

**Hawks 100, Wizards 92**  
ATLANTA — The Atlanta Hawks, who have spent the past two years without a true home, clinched home-court advantage for the first round of the playoffs with a 100-92 victory over the Washington Wizards on Wednesday night.

## National League

— two earned — and five hits in seven innings. Snell, 17-1 since last season's All-Star break, also had two of Atlanta's 16 hits.

Brett Boone homered and hit a two-run double, and Ryan Kleis and Brian Jordan each hit two-run homers for the Braves, who have won 10 of 12.

Kent Bottenfield (4-1) was pounded for five runs and 10 hits in 4-1-3 innings.

**Brewers 2, Marlins 0**  
MIAMI — Scott Kar (3-1) allowed seven hits in eight innings, and David Nilsson's seventh-inning homer broke a scoreless tie as Milwaukee beat Florida for the 12th consecutive time. Bob Wickman struck out the side in the ninth for his fifth save.

The Marlins, who have baseball's worst record, lost their eighth game in a row and faltered 2-11 off their best home stand this season.

Brian Meadows (3-1) matched shutout innings with Karl until Nilsson led off the seventh with his third homer. Milwaukee added a run in the eighth when Rick Becard doubled and Jeff Cirillo singled.

**Phillies 11, Padres 1**  
PHILADELPHIA — Paul Byrd (3-2) shut down San Diego on two hits in eight innings and matched his career-high with seven strikeouts.

Roggie Sanders had both hits off Byrd (3-2), a fourth-inning homer and a sixth-inning single. Wayne Gonzalez finished with a one-hit ninth, ending San Diego to its seventh loss in eight games.

Span Spence (0-4) gave up seven runs and seven hits in 2-1-3 innings.

**Hornets 133, Celtics 129, 2 OT**  
BOSTON — Rookies Ricky Davis and Brad Miller each scored a season-high 32 points and a season-high 13 rebounds as Charlotte won in double overtime.

Darvis, chosen 21st in the draft out of Iowa, was averaging just 3.9 points per game and Miller, an undrafted free agent from Purdue, was averaging 5.6.

**Magie 103, Bulls 83**  
CHICAGO — The Atlanta Magic earned homecourt advantage at Lake Mead through the first two rounds of the playoffs, while the Chicago Bulls finished their worst season ever.

Chicago (33-17) is the No. 3 seed in the East, but will have homecourt advantage should it meet second-seeded Indiana in the second round.

The Pistons, who won the No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference, played without starters Alvin Robertson, Tim Hardaway and Dan Majerle, while the Knicks rested Patrick Ewing and Chris Childs.

**76ers 105, Pistons 100, OT**  
PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson scored 33 points, staking his claim to the NBA scoring title and helping the Philadelphia 76ers clinch the sixth seed in the playoffs.

Shaquille O'Neal of the Lakers needed to score 40 later Wednesday night against Portland to overtake Iverson in one of the closest scoring races in NBA history.

# Wolverines softball wins game, coin flip

The Times-News

'HAILEY — Good fortune smiled upon the Wood River Valley Wednesday as the Lady Wolverines scored four runs on five hits in the fifth inning for a come-from-behind 5-3 win over Buhi in the first game of a doubleheader.

Wood River swept the twinbill with a 13-1 trouncing of the Indians in the nightcap.

The conference victory was important, because it allowed Wood River to tie the Indians at 3-3 in the South Central Idaho Conference, and resulted in a coin flip which came up in the Wolverines favor, to determine who would get the No. 2 seed at this weekend's district tournament.

"It was just good luck," said Wood River coach Chris Sey. "That's what we needed was a win here to tie with Buhi. It worked out pretty well in our favor."

Wood River (5-3 SCIC, 19-5 overall) now heads into district play Saturday to face the winner of the Buhi-Wendell in a first-round game.

"There's a lot of different teams that could win," Sey said. "We have to state last year, but whoever the district sends is going to be pretty competitive."

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## Local sports

Drew, Josh Kantor and Paul Burke scored three victories for the Cutthroats. The Wolverines victories came in No. 2 and No. 3 girls' singles and a two-match sweep of the rival Double Eagles.

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## Tennis

Wood River 8,

The Community School 4

KETCHUM — The Wood River tennis team ventured to Sun Valley Tuesday and came away with a 4-2 victory over the Community School team.

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## SPORTS IN BRIEF

Burley couples plan fun night of golf

BURLEY — A "Couples Fun Night" will begin Friday with a potluck supper at 5:30 p.m. at the Burley Golf Course.

Golf will be weather permitting. The cost is \$5 per person. For more information, call the golf course at 678-9807.

Clear Lake CC holds best-ball tourney

BURL — The ladies of the Clear Lake Country Club will hold their annual "Pick Your Partner" best-ball golf tournament. Thursday at 8:30 a.m. and tees off at 9 a.m.

Baseball, softball sign-ups rescheduled

TWIN FALLS — The rain last weekend postponed the baseball and softball draft practice for Twin Falls Youth Baseball and Softball. The drafts have been rescheduled for Saturday at the South Park complex. The drafts for baseball and softball will have also been rescheduled. For more information on rescheduled events, call Mark Bellie at 734-4331.

Players will be guaranteed a team if registered by Friday. Beginning May 10, late registrations will be charged a \$10 per person late fee penalty and will not be guaranteed placement on a team.

For more info, call the Parks and Recreation office at 136 Maxwell Ave. or the Harmon Recreation office.

Dunking contest highlights Declo event

DECLO — Community members can test their skills Saturday at Declo High School at the "Challenge of the 90s."

The fundraising event begins at 4 p.m. and includes a dunking contest and a 3-point shooting contest. The cost is \$2 to participate in each.

Fairfield pair receive Lon Baldwin award

FAIRFIELD — Jason Frostenen and Isaac Baldwin were the recipients of the annual Lon Baldwin award earlier this week in the American Legion hall.

Frostenen and Baldwin's grandfathers played in Fairfield's first ever football game 60 years ago.

Frostenen, a third-generation quarterback at Camas County High School, rushed for 1,306 yards and scored 17 touchdowns last season, and Baldwin, a third-generation running back at Valley Christian High School, rushed for 1,365 yards and scored 21 touchdowns.

Stallons win first game in team's history

BOISE — Thanks in part to a pair of outstanding individual performances, the Stallions Stallions played to their first victory in franchise history, a 44-36 win over Louisa on Sunday.

Leading the way was quarterback Travis Stuart, the Indoor Professional Football League (IFFL) Offensive Player of the Week. Stuart had a hand in all six of Idaho's offensive scores. On the day he was 17-31-2 passing for 161 yards and five touchdowns. The 6-foot-5, 230-pound quarterback threw three scoring strikes to wideout Ryan Bebe and one of each to receivers Shon King and Mick Deckard.

Bengals finish basketball recruiting

POCAHONTE — Idaho State University has completed its 1999-2000 women's basketball roster with the signing of 57 point guard Tiffany Williams from Westchester High in Los Angeles.

Williams joins Burley's Ashley Toner on next year's Bengal squad. Toner committed to ISU in the early signing period last fall.

Williams averaged 13.2 points, 41 assists, four rebounds and three steals per contest last season, earning her third-team MVP award in the process and being named all-league and all-city first team and second team.

Williams signed McDonald, a 6-foot forward from San Jose College's Chad Tracy, Salt Lake Community College's Tim Erickson and Joseph Delia of Delta Community College's Doug Silve and is the last anticipated signing for the Bengals.

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## Eagle Eye

### College of Southern Idaho Baseball

#### Scenic West Athletic Conference

##### Final 1999 regular season standings

Team	W	L	QB	Pct.	All games	W	L	Pct.
Dixie College	33	2	—	.943	48	5	.9	
Southern Idaho	21	10	10	.877	38	13	.7	
Eastern Utah	22	13	11	.829	32	19	.6	
Salt Lake C.C.	20	13	12	.806	29	18	.6	
Snow College	18	17	15	.514	20	31	.3	
Treasure Valley	16	20	17.5	.444	21	32	.3	
Ricks College	15	19	17.5	.441	22	28	.4	
Utah Valley S.C.	12	20	19.5	.375	19	32	.3	
North Idaho	9	27	24.5	.250	16	34	.3	
Colorado NW	1	26	28	.037	1	26	.0	

#### Southern Idaho Individual Statistics

##### Final 1999 regular season statistics

Player	AB	H	Avg.	HR	RBI
Clements	36	17	.472	0	12
Johnston	125	54	.432	5	74
Horselbeck	116	50	.431	14	49
Manley	160	67	.419	19	67
Gilles	157	65	.414	7	47
Thomas	157	63	.401	6	48
Bullen	147	58	.395	9	48
Hess	117	45	.385	4	35
Alelio	16	6	.375	2	8
Nelson	57	21	.368	1	14
Gray	63	23	.365	3	16
Hastbrook	19	6	.316	3	3
Welschmiller	13	4	.308	0	1
Maloff	144	44	.306	3	45
Calderella	20	20	.222	1	22
Emery	11	2	.182	0	2
Rudy	5	0	.000	0	0
Hanson	0	0	.000	0	1
Mosher	0	0	.000	0	1
Total	1442	823	.378	77	474
Opponents	1338	382	.286	77	274

#### REGION 18 tournament

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Boy, 17, charged with firing at truck

**TWIN FALLS** - A 17-year-old boy was charged Wednesday with shooting a gun at a pickup truck during a fight.

A police report identified the 17-year-old as Carl Carr Sklavos, who was charged with aggravated assault in connection with the Tuesday afternoon incident.

The trouble began when Sklavos and Levi P. King drove near a pickup truck in the intersection of Maple Avenue and Sunrise Boulevard, the report said.

King, 17, walked up to the driver and accused him of throwing a rock at his car before punching him in the face, the report said.

"When the driver yelled to call police, King and his passengers returned to the car, but before they could leave the truck rammed the rear of the car, the report said.

That's when Sklavos fired a handgun over his shoulder at the truck, the report said. The bullet hit the truck's windshield, but no one was hurt.

Sklavos and King, who was later charged with battery, were stopped and arrested a few minutes later.

### Woman awaits robbery sentencing

**BOISE** - The woman who robbed a Twin Falls branch of U.S. Bank in January awaits sentencing after pleading guilty in federal court.

Lashawna Janelle Thrower, 19, will be sentenced Aug. 23 in U.S. District Court for the January robbery at 748 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Thrower pleaded guilty Tuesday to entering the bank and handing a teller a note that said, "Give me all your 100's, 50's, 20's. No parked or dye pack or else."

Thrower got \$7,382 and walked out.

Twin Falls police later discovered Thrower had paid cash for a room at the Best Western Canyon Springs Park Hotel. Police checked the room, but she had already checked out.

Early the next morning police learned Thrower had been in a car accident and treated at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. When she left the hospital she said she had to get back to Portland, Ore.

"Police went to the Twin Falls airport and arrested Thrower, who was on crutches.

"She was charged with robbery in Twin Falls County, but that charge was dismissed when Thrower was charged in federal court.

### Hospital finance committee meets

**TWIN FALLS** - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's chief financial officer, Ken Fry, will present the operation budget to the finance committee today.

The finance committee will also discuss accounts payable and capital equipment at its monthly meeting.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting at noon in the Sage Conference Room in the Education Building.

### Sugar experts will attend summit

**BOISE** - Top European sugar technologists will attend the Idaho Sugar Summit Friday at Boise's Holiday Inn, sponsored by Amalgamated Sugar Co., to exchange information with Idaho's top industry techs.

Dr. K.E. Ausmeyer, professor at Berlin Institute of Sugar Technology, is globally recognized for development of energy efficiency saving in the processing of sugar beets. Arne S. Jensen, former engineering director for the Danish Sugar Corp., is the inventor of the steam dryer critical to the process of getting sugar from beets.

The Europeans will be in Boise to offer insight into advanced sugar industry technology and techniques as well as to analyze some innovative techniques utilized by Amalgamated Sugar.

The cooperative-owned company, which operates three facilities in Idaho and one in eastern Oregon, won the prestigious 1998 Arthur Andersen International Best Practices Award for "Unleashing the Power of Technology," a news release said.

Compiled from staff reports

# Bomb threat clears Gooding School

The Times-News

**GOODING** - Students at Gooding High School were sent home early when a bomb threat was made Wednesday, a day that included increased security at two other schools because of rumored threats.

Gooding High School student Geoff Brown was in band when the school was evacuated.

"Nobody was really excited, we just evacuated," he said.

Students were dismissed early since it was near the end of the day, and a bomb squad from Mountain Home Air Force Base was called to the school, Gooding police officer Rick Gowan said.

The bomb squad searched the school and found nothing, the police were investigating the

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Gooding High School Principal Dennis Gowan waits while a bomb squad from Mountain Home Air Force Base searches the school Wednesday with a trained dog.

## Shoshone student held in after report of school shooting threat

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

**SHOSHONE** - A Shoshone junior high school student who reportedly threatened to shoot people at school last week now is in juvenile detention, according to the Shoshone School District.

School Superintendent Max Excell, who investigated the incident, said the student was allowed to stay in school for the rest of the day following an investigation. After talking with the student, two staff members and the student's father, it was deemed the boy did not pose a threat to safety, Excell said.

But school staff didn't agree

with leaving the student in school, and he was removed the next day and is being evaluated while in juvenile detention, he said.

"It's one of those things where you don't know if the student is serious or not," he said.

The juvenile case is closed, and the charges that landed the boy in juvenile detention were not disclosed.

Parent Penny Kerner, who has children in preschool and kindergarten at the preschool through 12th-grade Shoshone school, said she didn't agree with the way the district handled the matter. The

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## EERIE LESSON



Anna Marie Emery gets her "death" makeup before going back to class at Twin Falls High School Wednesday morning. Police organized the event to inform students that alcohol-related accidents are a leading cause of death among teen-agers.

## Students learn the toll of drunken driving

By Brian Haynes  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Every 15 minutes an American dies in an alcohol-related crash, and many of those accidents involve teenagers.

Armed with those statistics, Twin Falls police went to Twin Falls High School Wednesday to teach seniors about the dangers of drunken driving.

Twenty-five students played "living dead" students who represented the people who die every 15 minutes. With faces painted like zombies, the students walked the halls in silence,



Ignoring hellos from friends.

Their goal was to make fellow students ponder the possibility of them really being dead.

Besides discouraging drunken driving, the program gives police a chance to meet students and break down communication barriers.

Police officers teach several topics such as community policing, drug recognition and traffic stops.

The program was nearly identical to its first installment last year - except "dead" students did not wear black capes because of the recent school shootings in Littleton, Colo., Cpl. Dennis Pullin said.

But that didn't change the message of the day.

"If they're going to drink, we hope they do so responsibly," Pullin said.

Responsibly means having a designated driver or not driving

at all, he said.

This message was probably lost on some students, but not the ones who had to pretend to be dead.

"I think it has affected more than it has them," said Carissa Thurmond, who has spent the past few days thinking about what it would be like if she died.

Some students probably didn't get the message, Pullin said, but if we can help one person, it's worth the program."

Times-News staff writer Brian Haynes can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 238.

## Water babies! Minidoka students tour dam

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

**MINIDOKA** - Lacey Sibbett firmly gripped the railing as she glanced down at one of the giant turbine power generators 44 feet below her.

Sibbett, an 11-year-old sixth-grader at Paul Elementary School, was one of more than 300 Minidoka County elementary school students who learned about water resources during their tour of the Minidoka Dam Wednesday.

The tour comes in conjunction with Water Awareness Week in Idaho and is part of a water resource educational program at Mini-Cassia elementary schools.

The program teaches the history of irrigation in the area along with its uses of water, said Paul

Elementary School teacher Carolyn Erwin.

"I think it's ultra-important to learn about water," Erwin said. "This generation doesn't realize what this valley was like without water."

The program is in its fourth year at local schools. After spending a week studying everything from water conservation to

pollution, the lessons ended Wednesday with a tour of the dam. They learned about how the dam works, where the water goes and what the dam means to the agricultural community.

While touring the dam, students also participated in water resource workshops, which include everything from pollution treatment methods to



Lacey Sibbett, 11, eyes the generators at the Minidoka dam.

## The peaks are packed

Snow piles up in cold, wet spring

By N.S. Nakkentved  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - No surprise to anyone in the Magic Valley, but April was a wet month, with 169 percent of average rainfall and snowfall.

The National Weather Service reports 1.57 inches of precipitation fell in Twin Falls in April. The long-term average for April is just under one inch. The annual average is just under 10 inches.

The rain here meant more snow in the mountains, boosting snowpacks a little and slowing the melt of existing snow. The alternating warm and cold has left a lot of snow at mid-elevation spots, such as Magic Mountain south of Hansen, said Ron Abramovich, Boise-based hydrologist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service's snow survey.

Mountain snowpacks have lost some and regained some, and much of it is "still up there waiting to come down," he said.

Snowpack in basins that supply south central Idaho include:

- Henry's Fork basin at 126 percent of average.
- Upper Snake River basin, 120 percent of average.
- Oakley basin, 141 percent of average.
- Salmon Falls basin, 111 percent of average.
- Big and Little Wood basins, 113 and 122 percent of average.
- Big and Little Lost basins, 120 and 112 percent of average.

The high snowpack, saturated ground and good carryover from last year in the Snake River Reservoir have raised some concerns about flooding in the Owyhee area.

To make room for water still in the mountains, the Bureau of Reclamation has reduced the levels of the storage reservoirs on the Upper Snake River system to about 72 percent of average.

The bureau has lowered the level of Palisades Reservoir on the Snake River east of Idaho Falls to about one-third of capacity, said Mike Beus with Butte in Burley. There's room for 800,000 acre-feet of snow melt in Palisades.

The bureau is releasing about 16,000 cubic feet per second from American Falls Reservoir and about 12,000 cfs from Milner at least through the weekend.

A cfs equals 449 gallons per minute, so about 5.4 million gallons per minute is going down the Snake River past Milner Dam and over Shoshone Falls.

American Falls is 97 percent full and Jackson Lake is about 64 full and with release of about 2,000 cfs is slowly filling, Beus said.

All that translates into plenty of water for irrigators and good river flow for water recreation this spring and summer.

Officials still are working on a runoff forecast. Any flooding potential depends on the weather, Beus said.

Times-News staff writer N.S. Nakkentved can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 237.

## MAGIC VALLEY

## Hagerman schools want city land Jerome city child care ordinance explained

By Gina Mulder  
Times-News correspondent

**HAGERMAN** Mitch Baumann, construction manager for the Hagerman School District, asked the City Council on Tuesday to consider vacating a 50-foot section of undeveloped roadway on West Reed Street to give the district room to build a new vocational/agricultural building. Baumann said the district needs the stretch of roadway to accommodate the 5,750-square-foot building and 600-square-foot greenhouse.

Hagerman City Superintendent

Richard Scruggs warned council members that giving up the land would eliminate another access to the west side of town which he said the city may need in the future to accommodate growth. He said many of the roads on the west side of Hagerman have been vacated to make room for new development, including Hagerman Elementary School, and new streets are left to allow access and city service lines. "A lot of the roads on that end of town have been vacated and it's kind of landlocked," Scruggs said. "The west end of town is underdeveloped but there is the

potential for viable hookups. We shouldn't make a hasty decision." In a telephone interview on Wednesday, Hagerman School Superintendent Lee Mitchell said the district was not sure it would just how far the building would overlap with West Reed Street. Construction crews are scheduled to take measurements and stake out the building this week. School and city officials plan to meet again soon to review the situation.

Times-News correspondent Gina Mulder can be reached in Wendell at 536-6649.

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** — Jerome child care providers could need a license, Robert Williams, Jerome's city attorney, explained a newly drafted child-care ordinance proposed to about 20 child-care providers at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

The ordinance would require a state child-care license or a city license for child-care providers. The state doesn't require a license for facilities that care for fewer than six children, but the city does. The city ordinance divides child-care facilities into three categories, based on size: family child-care homes handling fewer than six children, group child-care homes handling seven to 12 children, and child-care centers handling 13 or more children.

The state requires a health inspection, fire inspection and criminal background check for the child-care license, said Kim Frank of the South Central District Health Department. However, the city has more restrictive requirements. In addition to the criminal background check, health and fire inspections, Jerome would require providers to know infant cardiopulmonary and first aid and provide a fenced play area.

"It makes sense for people to get the state license. If a person has a state license that is all that is required," Williams said. Child-care facilities would be permitted with a special-use permit in all areas of the city except for areas zoned for single-family residential use, where no child-care facilities are permitted.

The City Council has delayed implementation of the ordinance for six months, to allow child-care providers time to correct any licensing or facility problems. The final reading and vote on the ordinance is scheduled for the May 18 council meeting. In other business, the council passed an ordinance to restrict people from living in motor homes or campers, except temporarily. The council also passed an ordinance allowing the city to set customer water, sewer and sanitation fees by resolution. It then passed a resolution raising customer sanitation deposits from \$5 to \$10, water deposits from \$20 to \$20, and sewer deposits from \$20 to \$40.

Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale can be reached in Jerome at 324-3670.

## OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0933, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 8 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 8 p.m. every day.

## BURLEY

**Lawrence W. Hanks**  
Lawrence W. Hanks, 78-year-old Burley resident, died Tuesday, May 4, 1999, at his home in Burley. He was born April 14, 1921, in Burley, the son of Arthur Emanuel and Linnie Mae Cooper Hanks. He attended schools in Burley. He served in the National Guard for a short time. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II on the USS "Morrison" Aircraft Carrier. He married Daris A. Hobson June 20, 1947, in the Salt Lake Temple. Lawrence worked on the family farm in Burley. He was a mechanic and worked for Cenex for twenty-five years and at Boise Cascade for eight years. He was a member of the L.D.S. Church where he served in various capacities. He was a scout leader, a home teacher and had helped organize the Elder's Quorum in the 1960s.

Survivors include his wife, Daris of Burley; a daughter, Shelly (Frank) Sell of Burley; two brothers, Phil (Buniah) Hanks and Darrie (Claudia) Hanks of Burley; three sisters, Maureen (Bill) Silens and Lorraine (E. Jay) Garrett, all of Burley; and Eleanor (Spencer) Toome of Blackfoot; and two granddaughters, Mikayla Sell and Crystal Sell, both of Burley. He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers—Willis Hanks, Edson Hanks, Lloyd Hanks, and Thelma Hanks; and two sisters, Thelma and Florence Hanks.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 7, 1999, at the Star 1st Ward Chapel, 100 S. 200 W. in Burley, with Bishop Joseph Sagers officiating. Burial will be in the "Gent Memorial Gardens." Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 Main Street in Burley, on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. and at the church from 10 to 12 a.m. prior to the funeral on Friday.

## HANSEN

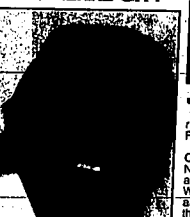


**Sherry L. Clark**  
Sherry L. Clark, 51, of Hansen, died Monday, May 3, 1999, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center from cancer. She was born March 10, 1948, in Twin Falls, the daughter of James and Fanny Jackson Clark. Sherry graduated from Buhl High School in 1966. She worked at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for 15 years and in the office at Thelsson Motors for over 15 years. Her last employment was at Canyon Motors Subaru. She had the most fun with her grandchildren and spent many hours with them. She was a loving mother and grandmother and will be missed by her family and all of her friends. Sherry will be remembered for her colorful sense of humor and sparkling vocabulary. She knew how to take it and could she ever dish it out. Anyone who

over met her enjoyed being around her. She is survived by her beloved son, Eric (Tammy) Clark of Twin Falls; her two adopted granddaughters, Terey and Kyles Clark; and John Hinton, her long time friend and companion, who will miss her greatly. She is also survived by four sisters, Ruby Fish of Twin Falls, Ruth (Clara) Clark of Burley, Meridith, Barbara (Bob) Evans of Forest Hill, CA, and Mary (Ron) James of Idaho, and two brothers, James L. (Ann) Clark of Owyhee, WA, and Wilbur Clark of Twin Falls. She was preceded in death by her mother, father and brother, Marvin Clark.

Services for Sherry will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 7, 1999, at White Mortuary with Rev. Siegel officiating. Burial will follow at West End Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, May 6, 1999, at White Mortuary.

## SALT LAKE CITY

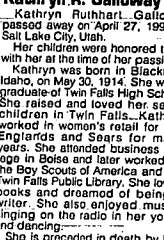


**James Wheeler**  
James Wheeler, 75, of Twin Falls, returned to be with his Heavenly Father, Tuesday, May 4, 1999. He was born February 2, 1924, in Ocoee, Missouri, to Edwin and Nellie Wheeler. He came to Idaho about 1940 and attended school and graduating from high school there. He attended the University of Idaho where he received his draft call into the Army for World War II. After returning home, he completed his degree at the University of Idaho in Agriculture in 1948. He was married to Phyllis Wells in 1948. They had four children. In 1957, Jim married Irma Beyer. He worked as a county agent in Hallett, Idaho, after graduating from college. He then went to work for Simpson Soil Builders in 1957 in Rupert. He worked for Simpson for 8 years. He joined FMHA in 1965, starting in the Rupert office. He was transferred to Emmett as the FMHA county supervisor. He spent 4 years there before being transferred to Marsing as the county supervisor. After 3 1/2 years in Marsing, he was transferred to Burley for 2 years, and then to Caldwell. From there he was transferred to the state office in Idaho. He retired from FMHA in April, 1984, as an "Agricultural Management Specialist."

All during his life Jim loved animals. He spent his early years on a farm helping his father. He had his own animals: a horse, a cow, horses, calves, and dogs. He especially loved his horses and dogs. While in Rupert he was a member of a riding club, going on many summer back country rides. He raised dogs and loved to hunt with them. Rusty was his constant companion after retirement, going to Arizona with him and spending long walks to see the birds. Retirement found Jim and Irma joining the traveling crowd, going everywhere in their RV, seeing lots of the United States and family and friends.

Jim loved to fish, especially fly fishing. He loved to fish on the Wood River. Jim is survived by his wife, Irma of Twin Falls; 7 children including daughters, Patty and Donna Wilson of Spokane, Washington, Margaret and Jon Garvin of Seattle, Washington, Nancy and Tom Ben Lebedter of Idaho Falls, and JoAnn and Don Eggleston of Mediate, Idaho; and sons, Donald Wheeler of Denton, Texas, and Dennis and Shelley Beyer of Twin Falls, Idaho; 21 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Nellie Wheeler. Memorial services for Jim will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 8, 1999, at White Mortuary. The family suggests memorials be given to Hospice Visions, Inc., 1300 Kimberly Road #11, Twin Falls, Idaho 83401, or to the South-Central Idaho Regional Cancer Center, P.O. Box 409, Twin Falls, Idaho 83403.

## TWIN FALLS



She is preceded in death by her

husband, Paul A. Galloway and her son, Paul R. (Clay) Galloway. She is survived by her three siblings, six children, 21 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. Kathryn's family invites friends to celebrate her life at a graveside memorial to be held on Monday, May 10, at 2 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Mom, thanks for being our mom. We miss you.

## TWIN FALLS



**Kelly R. Nealon**  
Kelly Robert Nealon passed away May 3, 1999, in Salt Lake City. He was born January 31, 1954, to Kenneth Robert and Phyllis Young Nealon. They moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1958 where he spent his childhood and attended Twin Falls High School. He graduated from Keams High School in 1972. He worked for 13 years as a heavy equipment operator for Salt Lake City Parks & Recreation.

He is survived by daughter, Mary Nealon, Twin Falls; parents, Salt Lake City; sister, Joanne Keel, Salt Lake City; and her fiancé, Max Benton, Boulder, Colorado. He is also survived by many loving friends, friends and cousins. He is preceded in death by a brother, Michael Joseph.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 7, 1999, at 2 p.m. at Larkin Sunset Lawn Chapel, 2350 East 1300 South, in Salt Lake City.

**Kathryn R. Galloway**  
Kathryn Ruthhart Galloway passed away on April 27, 1999, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Her children were honored to be with her at the time of her passing. Kathryn was born in Blackfoot, Idaho, on May 30, 1914. She was a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She raised and loved her seven children in Twin Falls. Kathryn worked in women's retail for Van Englands and Sears for many years. She attended business college in Boise and later worked for the Boy Scouts of America and the Twin Falls Public Library. She loved books and dreamed of being a writer. She also enjoyed music, singing on the radio in her youth and dancing.

**Osa McDermund of Twin Falls**, 10:30 a.m. today at White Mortuary.

**Orion Raelene Allen of Paul**, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Payne Memorial Chapel in Burley.

**John F. Carlisle of Burley**, 11 a.m. today at the Paul 3rd and 4th Ward building; friends may call one hour before the service today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

**Clara Louise Bush of Twin Falls**, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call 9 a.m. to noon today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

**Gladys Frances Koch of Twin Falls** and formerly of Buhl, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

**Sara June "Sue" Austin former** of Twin Falls, 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

## SERVICES

**C.E. "Tom" Tate of Jerome**, vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church; funeral Mass will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

**Flurine C. Berrochou Baumann of Shoshone**, 11 a.m. on Friday at the old Shoshone High School gymnasium in Shoshone; Resary services will be held at 7 p.m.

**Edna Mae Lenker of Bliss**, memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Bliss Community Church (White Mortuary).

**Jeffrey A. Adfield**, 11 a.m. today at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Shoshone (Wood Funeral Home in Idaho Falls).

**Emery Eugene Heintzelman of Wendell**, 11 a.m. Saturday at Demary's Wendell Chapel.

**Wilma J. Beadle of Carey**, memorial service at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Palm Henderson Mortuary in Henderson, Nevada.

**Mary E. Otto**, 11 a.m. today at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Shoshone (Wood Funeral Home in Idaho Falls).

**Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.**

## DEATH NOTICES

**Stephanie Coombes, Laurie Ingram, Willis McLaw and Lisa Strain**, all of Burley, Marva Harris of Declo; and Samuel Stephens of Firth.

**Birthing**  
Babies were born Tuesday night of Burley; Scott and Rae Jean Platt of Rupert; and Daren and Cindy Dixon of Paul.

**MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
Some names are omitted at patients' request.

**CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**  
Some names are omitted at patients' request.

**Admitted**  
Misty Hall and Grace Salas, both of Burley; Franklin Carpenter of Manteca, Calif.; Cindy Dixon of Paul; Darlene Johnson of Albion; Alice Loewen of Murtagh; Rae Jean Platt and Marsha Clark, both of Rupert; and Luis Velasquez of Heyburn.

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## Dietrich council prepares forum on first-planning and zoning rule

By Rachel Denny  
Times-News correspondent

**DIETRICH** — The Dietrich City Council postponed its weekly meeting Monday in an effort to alert the public to a forum next week about the city's first-ever planning and zoning ordinance. The meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday at City Hall, and people can make their opinions heard on the ordinance, councilman William Southwick said. The draft from the Region IV Development Association has gone to the council, and the council will present it to the public. "We don't have the expertise in the city to do something like that from scratch, so Region IV provides the technical expertise to do something like that," Southwick said.

The city has its own planning and zoning committee, which went through the process before presenting it to the council. "Right now, we're just inviting people to come in and tell us what they think of it," Southwick said.

"Then we'll prepare a final ordinance and publish it, then if we get any comments after we publish the final version, we'll amend it."

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## VALLEY IN BRIEF

## Magic West water hearing begins

GLENN'S FERRY — A hearing begins at 9 a.m. today on Magic West Inc.'s application for a new right for enough water to run its potato-processing plant.

The hearing in Glenn's Ferry City Hall will continue Friday if needed, the Idaho Department of Water Resources said.

Seven residents in and near Glenn's Ferry have filed protests against the company's application. Protesters say the town's largest employer is a siphoning more than its share from the aquifer, making it hard for them to share the water for enough irrigation and domestic water.

A recent agreement to lease water is a short-term fix while Magic West seeks a new water right, the company has said.

Without rights to more water, Magic West has said it might have to take most of its operation out of town. It also delayed an expansion plan while it considers closing or moving its frozen production line, which uses the most water.

## Dietrich gets ready to boost sewer

DIETRICH — Spring weather means it's time

to get going on the Dietrich Sewer Project, the project newsletter said.

Project workers are in the process of removing dirt and rock from remaining jagons. "We're about 70 percent done with the excavation," said Construction Supervisor Lytle Gaskill.

The project needs equipment operators to move forward in the project.

For more information, call Michelle Higginbotham at 544-2700, or write to Dietrich City Hall, c/o Michelle Higginbotham at 101 West First, Dietrich, Idaho 83324.

## Jerome County Fair Board meets

JEROME — The Jerome Racing Center and the budget top the Jerome County Fair Board's meeting tonight.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Merchants Building at the fairgrounds.

Other items of business include the 1999 Friend of the Fair and the chili wagon. The public is welcome to attend.

## Road improvement meeting set

ELKO, Nev. — Representatives from federal and state transportation agencies and Elko County will hold a public hearing concerning the Horner-Fuss Road Improvement project from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. May 20 at the Elko Convention Center.

The Federal Highway Administration, the First Service, the Nevada Department of Transportation and Elko County have prepared an Environmental Assessment for the proposed improvement, an FHWA release said.

Officials are holding the public hearing to provide information and answer questions about the assessment, the release said.

The proposed improvement extends 11 miles from Zaga Road to Ruby Valley Road. The construction would include 11-foot paved lanes, 1-foot paved shoulders and 3-foot ditch.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available from the Elko County Library, the U.S. Forest Service and the Federal Highway Administration.

Compiled from staff reports

## M-C officials review response procedures

By Lorraine Cavanaugh

Times-News writer

RUPERT — Minidoka County emergency response crews were commended by law enforcement officials Wednesday for their efforts in handling 26 victims in a mock emergency situation conducted at Minico High School.

"They did an excellent job," said Lt. Dan Kindig of the Minidoka County Sheriff's Department. "All patients were moved out of the hot zone in 22 minutes."

Strong and weak points of the exercise were discussed by Kindig with a group of law enforcement, emergency and fire personnel.

Kindig said now he has a better idea of what Colorado officials went through in handling the Littleton tragedy. Members of the law enforcement community and emergency response crews in Minidoka County agreed that after Monday's exercise they had a better handle on what would need to be done in a crisis situation.

"It takes a long time to put together that many resources," Kindig said.

Minidoka County resources are mostly volunteers, said Dan Kosen, chief of the West End Fire Department. Volunteer resources include reserve officers in both the county sheriff's department and city police, as well as the East and West End fire departments.

Volunteer resources did respond quickly to the incident, Kindig said.

Rupert city police reserves did not know ahead of time there would be a drill, Rupert Police Chief James Jackson said.

But Jackson was surprised at the number who responded, he said.

In an actual crisis situation, school bus drivers would be needed to transport students from the area because it would be dangerous for students to try to run to their vehicles, Kindig said.

School district bus drivers responded quickly to the drill, said Lucky Bourn, Minidoka County transportation superintendent.

"It took 30 minutes to get 28 drivers lined up, Angeline said.

Students need to be drilled to go to a central area, Kindig said.

"If students are all leaving, fire department will not be able to get in," he said. "During a fire or shooting situation, our job is to make a nice parameter so nobody bothers you (fire or emergency crews)."

District officials plan to advise students about where to meet in a crisis situation, said Lewis Roberts, Minidoka County School District operations manager.

Times-News staff writer Lorraine Cavanaugh can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

## Anti-drug speaker to appear in Mini-Cassia

The Times-News

BURLEY — The second part of the Mini-Cassia "Enough is Enough" program, which started Friday with a drug summit, begins today with speeches by renowned anti-drug speaker Milton Creagh to area students.

The following is Creagh's itinerary. All events are held at the Burley High School gymnasium unless otherwise noted.

Today: 7 a.m.: Creagh will eat breakfast with clergy members at the Burley Inn.

9 a.m.: Creagh will talk with students from

Minico High School.

11 a.m.: Creagh will talk with students from East and West Minico junior high schools.

1:30 p.m.: Creagh will speak with fourth-through sixth-grade students from Minidoka County.

5 to 7:30 p.m.: Creagh will attend the "Enough is Enough" fund-raising dinner, sponsored by the Burley Area Merchants Association and the Organization of Rupert Businesses. The dinner will be held at the Burley High School cafeteria.

7:30 to 9 p.m.: Creagh will lead a community meeting.

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## Nampa drug policy worries ACLU

NAMPA (AP) — Mayor Maxine Horn is unswayed by the warning from the American Civil Liberties Union that a court challenge is inevitable if the city of Nampa persists in its new employee drug testing policy.

"We worked hard on it," Horn said after receiving the ACLU warning letter this week. "It passed the City Council. It went into effect. We're satisfied that the majority of our employees are on board, and we're confident

that it will withstand any court challenge."

The policy, which took effect last weekend, calls for random drug testing of city employees who work in so-called sensitive positions — police officers, those with custodial responsibility for illegal drugs, those supervising children and those who have authority to enter a private home unsupervised at any time.

Jack Van Valkenburgh, who heads the Idaho office of the ACLU, maintained the city crossed the line by including employees supervising children or having authority to enter private homes. Courts have yet to uphold random drug testing for either category.

"The ACLU will consider litigation on behalf of employees who

are subjected to suspicionless drug and alcohol tests," the letter sent to Horn warned. "Such litigation could include substantial claims for damages."

Van Valkenburgh said some city workers have already complained about the policy but it is unclear whether any of them have the standing to legally challenge it.

City Council President Lynda Clark was the lone dissenter when the policy was adopted two weeks ago.

"There are some criteria in the drug policy where folks are subject to an involuntary random search, and as those criteria were outlined in our policy my understanding was it is not clear whether it was legal or not," Clark said.

## Threat

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student should have been suspended the day of the reported threat, she said.

The school district is considering a zero tolerance policy toward threats, Excell said. But he anticipates a policy that would call for an investigation before suspension.

Times-News staff writer Jennifer Sandman can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 241.

## Clear

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threat, he said.

At Jerome High School, officials responded to fears of parents and students that there might be trouble at a Cinco de Mayo assembly.

The school's principal, Carol Matthews, said he heard rumors from students and parents about possible trouble at the assembly. The school acted with prudence, not wanting to discount rumors or threats in light of recent gun-related situations, Matthews said.

## Dam

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ground water flow.

"These kids don't realize that water is traveling through rocks and sand underneath the earth's surface," said James Taylor, a water technician with the City of Rupert. Taylor demonstrated a ground water model for the students.

"They don't understand that water is moving under you," Taylor said.

Nathan Eames, 12, seemed happy to get in the field and put his water knowledge to the test. Eames, along with the rest of his classmates from Acequia Elementary School, was collecting insect specimens along the banks of the Lake Walcott reservoir. "I liked getting out and doing research," Eames said. "It's a better change from just sitting on the bus and learning about water history."

History is what the Minidoka County Dam is all about, said Cathleen Joy "C.J." McKernal,

## Kayakers find body in Payette

BOISE (AP) — A group of kayakers Wednesday discovered the body of a man in a hot pool along the South Fork of the Payette River in the Boise National Forest.

The victim found in a pool near Hot Spring Campground was an adult white male who suffered head wounds. The man has not been identified. The information at the scene led to a Boise address.

## A school resource police officer

is usually stationed on campus, but he asked for additional police officers during the assembly as a precaution and to ensure the students' safety, he said.

About five officers, including Chief William Reid, provided the additional security.

In Buhl rumors were swirling around the high school about bomb threats and his list, Police Chief Terry Tipton said.

Because of the threats, police increased security on the campus and some parents kept their children out of school. But after checking every lead on every threat, it appears they were only rumors, Tipton said.

## Schools across the Magic Valley

have seen an increased number of threats since the Columbine High School shootings in Littleton, Colo., and they investigate them all.

Times-News correspondent Sharon Mercat and Times-News writers Brian Haynes and Theresa Jacoby contributed to this report.



The Bel Cantos Choir at Burley High School is getting ready to perform Friday at the Heritage Festival Choir Competition in San Francisco.

## Burley High School choir heads for San Francisco

By Lorraine Cavanaugh

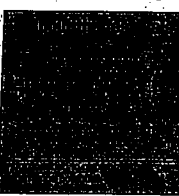
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The choir quietly left on a bus at 4 a.m. Wednesday, but on Friday the singers create quite a sound in San Francisco.

The 65-member Burley High School Bel Cantos Choir is competing in the Heritage Festival Choir Competition. It's a chance to gain experience performing against other groups at a national level, said Cindy Judd, the group's vocal director.

To compete in the national competition, a group must win awards at the district and state level.

Competing at district and state



Levels only lets the students know how well they are doing closer to home. Friday's national competition will give the students a truer test of their merit.

"It's a fun educational experience," said Nelson, 17, who has been a member of the Bel Cantos Choir since her junior year.

The group competed in Anaheim, Calif., last year, and sang three songs in front of judges.

"The group appears ready to make a larger impression Friday, Nelson said.

"I think we will do even better this year," she said. "We have more assertive sopranos. They are really working hard."

Times-News staff writer Lorraine Cavanaugh can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

## Report says dam breaching would provide only minor boost to tourism

## More on dams — C6

tal groups in March, angering the corps.

Under the present system, the value of recreation and tourism on the lower Snake River between Pasco and Lewiston, Idaho, is estimated at \$62 million a year, the report said.

By breaching the four dams to create a more natural river flow would likely increase tourism spending to \$129 million, an increase of \$67 million, the report said.

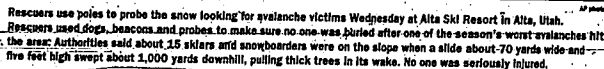
But — three quarters of the

increase assumes heavy tourism by Californians, said Dennis Wagner, an economist for the Northwestern Division of the corps.

Without factoring in California visitors, the tourism increase from breaching the dams would only be about \$15 million a year, Wagner said.

The tourism report is one of 13 economic studies that will be used to help decide if the four dams should be breached to improve the passage of salmon to the ocean and back, said Nola Conway of the corps in Nalla Wala.

## Problem wolves could be killed



'Lethal control' may be only means for any relocation.

in the heavily timbered terrain that the Jureano Pack travels. Even with telemetry equipment and top-notch howling, cover-

ment trappers could not catch up with and capture the pack last summer when it was killing cattle.

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## GOP wants road closures announced

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management should consult more with local officials before erasing hundreds of miles of roads on federal lands each year, congressional Republicans said Wednesday.

The House Resources Committee approved a bill requiring agency officials to meet with state and local officials each year to describe proposals that could result in road closures over the next two years.

The agencies also would need to publish notices of proposed closures in local newspapers and then have a 90-day comment period before the road closure can happen.

Republicans on the committee said some rural towns have faced economic difficulties because federal officials shut down a key



Rep. Helen Chenoweth, R-Idaho, the bill's author, said: "Too often, locals are left in the dark." But Democrats countered that Chenoweth's bill is so broad it would prevent any roads from being removed — including ones that should be closed quickly because of emergencies.

—“Road closures are pretty much going to be taken off the table,” said Rep. Adam Smith, D-Wash.

access roads  
with little or  
no notice.

"I get more letters that say, 'Doggone it, why did he leave...'

close that road?" said Rep. James Hansen, R-

Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., said the bill requires the Forest Service to report past traffic volume before it can close a road. The agency, however, doesn't keep such data, so it would likely face lawsuits over closures, he said.

"All we have here is a litigator's holiday," Miller said.

Forest Service, said last month that federal law already requires the agency to notify state and local officials of road closures and give them a chance to comment.

Chenoweth's bill "will lead to unnecessary delays in closing roads to prevent harm to the environment, and most importantly, the public," Stewart told the Resources' forests and forest health subcommittee.

But Montana wolves started eating ranchers' livestock, and the number of pairs were reduced to five after lethal control was used. Yellowstone had seven last year.

Heberger said since wolves from the three populations are mixing, it is possible biologists could agree to delist the wolves once all three areas have the combined total of breeding pairs needed.

But ranchers fear there is not enough habitat for that many wolves, and wonder if Fish and Wildlife would count wolves that move into other states like Oregon.

Last year, ranchers relied on government trappers employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services. The permits allow ranchers and designated agents to shoot only wolves caught in the act of attacking their livestock.

—But the chances of stumbling onto the often-nocturnal canids killing cattle is remote, especially

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## Governors push for more more say on electricity

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Northwest governors are seeking more power over power, saying decisions on electricity from the federal dams in their states should be made regionally — not by bureaucrats in Washington, D.C.

At a meeting Tuesday, Governors from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana said they want to create a Northwest council that would have authority over the Bonneville Power Administration, the wholesaler of energy from the federally owned dams in the Columbia Basin.

"It's important that we work as a region," said Montana Gov. Marc Racicot.

Meanwhile, the Oregon Senate has voted to give the full Legislature more power over breaching any dam in the state in a signal of skepticism over plans to restore North American salmon runs by removing dams. But an Idaho bill Gov. John Kitzhaber has deep reservations about the plan and will probably veto the bill if it reaches his desk. The bill now goes to the House.

Federal deregulation of the electric utility industry and protection of salmon habitat



Governors John Kitzhaber of Oregon, right, and Marc Racicot of Idaho discuss the future of salmon on the Columbia River during press conference Tuesday.

for species that have recently made the

endangered species list could bring major changes to the electricity flow from the federal dams under the BPA.

Dick Watson, the director of power planning for the Northwest Power Planning Council, warned the governors that new federal laws might require Bonneville power to be sold at higher market rates, and Congress could even privatize the dams.

But the governors noted that Northwest ratepayers have ultimately footed the bill for the construction of the dams and salmon recovery efforts.

"We've assumed a higher burden in assuming the cost of this," Racicot said. "We shouldn't be viewed as the beneficiary of some federal largesse."

Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said, "There's a real effort underway by Congress to affirming 'The Ninth Amendment' which reserves for the states decisions on powers not specifically spelled out for by the federal government."

## Coeur d'Alene opts for stricter parade ordinance

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The City Council has approved new restrictions on parades in response to a march by a white supremacist group last summer.

But council members Tuesday decided against raising the price of parade permits because of fears it would kill a children's

One of the two ordinances passed unanimously bans any weapons within 1,000 feet of a parade and prohibits bystanders from using signs or other hard materials to hold up signs. It also outlaws signs made of any hard material.

The other new law makes it a misdemeanor to erect a barrier that

Last July, the Hayden Lake-

based Arvan Nations held a 28-minute parade through downtown that drew fewer than 100 marchers. But the parade attracted hundreds of protesters and law enforcement officers, and the city spent \$300,000 for security.

The city also is fighting lawsuits filed by protesters who insist they were wrongfully arrested.

The city hired a constitutional law expert to review parade ordinances and recommend changes.

Council members rejected measures requiring organizations to pay for additional police

patrols, street cleanup and other costs for parades. A children's

parade organizer had warned the city would kill her plans for this summer's event.

## Some in New Mexico upset about waste

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — An environmentalist critic of the federal government's plan to build a plutonium reprocessing plant near Carlsbad, N.M., said the state was dropping its challenge to certification of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad by the Environmental Protection Agency because it had already lost in U.S. District Court.

Hancock of the Southwest Research and Information Center said.

Madrid announced last week that the state was dropping its challenge to certification of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad by the Environmental Protection Agency because it had already lost in U.S. District Court.

"The bottom line is we haven't been able to make our case in court because of the attorney's fee," Hancock said, and that's what's so outrageous about it," activist Don

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## Students decry music cuts

MOSCOW (AP) — The soft strains of Rimsky-Korsakov's "Capriccio Espagnol" and the spirited show tunes of "Fiddler on the Roof" were new to School Board meetings.

But about a dozen students in Moscow's strings program played before Tuesday night's public forum to remind the 200 attendees what the community would miss if the school board's decision to cut it.

"I was incredibly amazed that I was at the top of your list of cuts," said Moscow High School

senior Leela Assefi.

The after-school program involves about 100 students.

To ease a \$702,500 budget deficit created by declining enrollment, the district last month proposed, among other

reductions, eliminating the strings program, slashing support by 10 percent for supplies and 20 percent for athletics and reducing the staff by 11.

The district has lost 230 students since September 1996,

## Nampa considers first charter school

NAMPA (AP) — The odds for the first charter school in the district appear better with the five local trustees voicing support.

"I've just got to get a few questions answered, and I'm feeling positive," Nampa-School Board Chairman Tom Luna said.

Tuesday night. The panel will vote on the proposal by May 11.

The group behind the failed proposal had approached the board again after discarding the idea of converting an existing school for charter use, which led to its rejection in the first place.

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Wheat	10.00	9.95	-.05
Barley	10.00	9.95	-.05
Maize	10.00	9.95	-.05
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Item	High	Low	Change
Cattle	10.00	9.95	-.05
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### FOSSIL FUELS

Item	High	Low	Change
Crude Oil	10.00	9.95	-.05
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### METALS

Item	High	Low	Change
Gold	10.00	9.95	-.05
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### CHEESE

Item	High	Low	Change
Cheddar	10.00	9.95	-.05
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### POTATOES

Item	High	Low	Change
Chippewa	10.00	9.95	-.05
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### SUGAR

Item	High	Low	Change
Domestic	10.00	9.95	-.05
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Left to right, Andre Thomas, Ron Habegger and LeAnn Tucker, were fired after Alaska Air linked them to an employee sickout during negotiations.

## Fired Alaska Air employees say they didn't lead 'sickout'

The Seattle Times

Three employees fired by Alaska Airlines for allegedly leading a sickout over contract negotiations said today that they had nothing to do with such an event.

The three, all customer-service agents, are LeAnn Tucker in Seattle, Andre Thomas in San Diego and Ron Habegger in Portland. Two others, Dana Young and Todd Hignish, both in Las Vegas, also were fired.

All but Tucker, who has yet to receive a company letter, received their dismissal, detailing illegal termination letters.

The letters accused the workers of trying to get employees to go along with a sickout last month, and cited company rules that covered dismissals actions.

The agents and representatives of their union, Air Transport Local 2202, accused the airline of scare tactics and lengthy interrogations.

Alleged sickout began April 16, disrupting the airline's flight schedule and forcing cancellation of 20 flights. About 350 workers called in sick over several days.

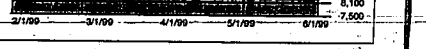
The three agents, who appeared at a news conference today, did not show up for work April 16, the airline said. But the workers said they knew nothing about a sickout. Thomas and Habegger were on sick leave that day, Tucker said she had a doctor's appointment.

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The Dow Jones

Close 10,955.41 Net change +89.30

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## Fed data eases concerns; stocks rise

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock prices swung widely but ended higher Wednesday after a Federal Reserve assessment of the economy eased fears about higher interest rates.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 89.30 to 10,955.41.

The Fed's assessment of the economy came during the course of the day, dropping as much as 110 points before regaining ground.

Broader stock indicators also ended higher after erasing earlier losses. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 15.34 to 1,347.31, while the Nasdaq composite index advanced 49.33 to 2,534.45.

Stock investors fretted through most of the session about the general upward trend in interest rates. The yield on the 30-year Treasury note rose while it eased Wednesday to just under 5.7 percent, up from 5.5 percent on April 20.

"There is a noticeable and important rise in yields," said Charles Pradilla, chief investment strategist at SG Cowen Securities. "And people are worried about that."

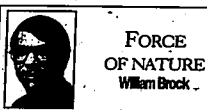
Stocks are trading at very high prices on the premise that rates will remain low. If they rise, the lofty stock prices could not be justified and will have to come down.

## Sweet are the uses of adversity

I got past the cat vomit, but it was the washing machine that finally did me. Had it not begun spewing water inside my house, I might have paddled the Jarbidge and Bruneau rivers last week. I was on the verge of departure, but the weather was foul - snow in town on April 28? - and my enthusiasm was teetering. Then Murtagh got sick. She horked three times in 15 minutes and hit carpet every time. Poor thing, I'm worried about her these days.

Then my washing machine tried to stage a sequel to "Titanic." I didn't actually witness the deluge, but house guests who said the machine demonstrated an unwavering zeal for pumping water onto the carpet. It sounded the Secretary's Apprentice, bearing an endless procession of buckets to douse my weekend plans.

It wasn't even noon on Wednesday and I was closing in on a hilariously "cat vomit," domestic washing machine and God knows what else. I had no idea what was coming next, but it made sense to stick around - fire extinguisher in one hand and flare gun in the other.



FORCE OF NATURE  
William Brock

I'll confess that two inches of sloppy snow also weakened my resolve for a four-day, whitewater wilderness outing. Self-contained kayak trips place a premium on traveling light, which is fine as long as the weather is fair. Traveling light in cold, wet weather isn't my idea of a good time.

One of my paddling buddies, Mad Mike from Elko, suggested we spike the trip. I agreed to a heartbeats, but the third musketeer was still gungho to go. The Micron Man, as he's known in some circles, is long on paddling skills - but short on backcountry experience.

I wasn't worried about us on the water, but I had grave doubts about our comfort during shore leave. I had visions of tearing down river camps, pulling out frozen paddling gear every morning, changing into damp clothes at night, and curling up in sodden sleeping bags. It didn't sound like much fun, and I tried to communicate my skepticism.

Micron Man insisted the lousy weather was just passing through. Things were going to improve, he said. Sunny days and good times were right around the corner.

I clung to my doubts. We argued the point back and forth in a flurry of e-mail messages, but I refused to budge. Looking at weather maps is one thing, I told him, but spending four days in the wind and rain is something altogether different.

Common sense finally prevailed and we agreed to postpone the voyage to the Jarbidge and Bruneau rivers until we were ready to go again.

After the war, everyone's a general - and canceling the trip was a wise decision that paid nice dividends. The weather was unrelentingly foul and, had we launched on the Jarbidge, our sole ambition would have been to put the ordeal behind us.

Rather than suffering, I wound up savoring the languid pace of a foul-weather weekend. I woke to rain both mornings, but pleasant distractions were at hand. I saw a good movie, cooked some nice meals and kept an eye peeled for breaks in the weather.

One came on Saturday, so a friend and I saddled up for a canoe trip to Vinyard Creek. We glided across the smooth water of Twin Falls Reservoir and, less than 10 minutes after leaving the dock, we forked up Vinyard Creek.

We paddled as far as we could go, then abandoned the boat and strolled up to Vinyard Lake.

The weather was still fair, so we followed our noses down the north bank of the Snake River to the Twin Falls. We clambered, and scrambled, and scuttled and crawled, but we finally made our way to a promontory on the brink of the falls' dramatic, final plunge.

A wizened juniper tree offered shade and a view that few people ever see. A few yards upstream, the Snake bridled and unbridled through a labyrinth of wildly eroded basalt.

One by one, the silvery ribbons of water joined forces, then burst over the falls at our feet.

It wasn't the Jarbidge, nor was it the Bruneau, but it was spectacular in its own right. All of life's missed opportunities should turn out so well.

Outdoors Editor William Brock hopes more batched adventures turn out as well as the last one.



Ever seen a largemouth bass this big? Shoshone resident Greg Exner is all smiles as he models the leviathan he landed near Hagerman last month. If no one catches a bigger one in Idaho, Exner will head to the \$100,000 Big Bass World Championship this October in Missouri.

## BIG BASS MAN



### Shoshone resident reels in trophy fish

By William Brock  
Times-News writer



#### Tale of the tape

- **Type:**  
Largemouth bass
- **Length:**  
23 1/2 inches
- **Weight (estimated):**  
12.82 pounds



Greg Exner spent a decade waiting for April 20 to roll around.

At 6 p.m., he was working a favorite pond near Hagerman - psyching himself up for one last cast before driving home to Shoshone. The 46-year-old roofer tossed a tube lure beneath some overhanging bushes and came up with what could be the biggest largemouth bass ever caught in Idaho.

He was in the zone that day, having already caught and released a 21-inch bass that probably weighed 8 pounds. It was the biggest fish he'd caught in 10 years of bass fishing, but Exner stuck around. He sensed that something bigger was headed his way.

His final cast was into a tangle of brush that had stolen many prize lures over the years. He skipped his offering across the water and the big bass - which turned out to be a pregnant female - seized on it immediately. Exner set the hook in a heartbeat and the fight was on.

The wily old bass tried to break off in a tangle of branches, but Exner grabbed the line with his fingers lest he "concede" an inch. It was the fish of a lifetime, and he muttered all his skill and experience to land the prize.

Catching the biggest and second-biggest bass of his life on the same day "was like playing basketball when the hoop is real big," Exner says. "It was one of those days when everything you throw up goes in."

He didn't have a set of scales with him that day, but Exner did have the presence of mind to wrap a measuring tape around the leviathan - and then take a photo. The big bass taped out at 23 1/2 inches long, with a 21 1/2-inch girth.

It won't be registered as a state record because no one actually weighed it. Keeping big bass isn't his style, so Exner let it go.

"I don't like killing 'em because it takes such a long time for them to grow in Idaho," he says. "That fish was probably 15 years old."

He let it go, but that wasn't the end of Exner's big-fish story. He mailed the photos to officials

of the Big Bass World Championship sponsored by Bassin' Magazine. Judging by the photos, tournament officials estimate Exner's fish would have tipped the scales at 12.82 pounds - which is heavier than the Idaho state record.

That was good enough to catapult Exner into Idaho's leading contender for the Big Bass World Championship, scheduled for mid-October at Table Rock Lake in Missouri. Entry in the \$100,000 tourney is limited to anglers who catch the biggest bass in their state this year.

Exner is on top now, but the entry period doesn't close for several months.

Things could change, as Exner knows all too well. A few years ago, he had the Idaho spot nailed down with only a couple of weeks left before the qualification deadline. Success was almost within his grasp when another angler nudged him into second place by a measly quarter ounce!

He could get overtaken this year, too, but Exner is not resting on his laurels. He's out there probably right now - trying to hook into something bigger.

## Endangered label shocks sportsmen

CHICAGO — You could almost hear the crackling of eyebrows shooting up when the Washington advocacy group known as American Rivers listed Illinois' Fox River as one of the nation's 10 most endangered streams.

"Not our Fox," chorused local fishermen and canoeists who use this splendid, scenic river as a playground from McHenry through Aurora and beyond.

People recalled the hideous images of 20 years ago, when cancer-causing pesticides were commonplace among the carp and other lowly denizens of what then was a forbiddingly polluted stream.

The Fox's recovery has been a triumph of the federal Clean Water Act. Cities that draw their drinking water from this stream implemented

francised sewage treatment. Factories ceased pumping contaminated wastewater into the Fox. Parks flourished as communities again found a pleasant river instead of disgustingly turning away.

With a cleaner flow, the fishery roared back. Feisty bass and walleye abound in Wisconsin's Wilmet Dam to the Illinois River above O'Fallon. Delicious catfish are everywhere. Hardly a week goes by without someone reporting a 40-inch muskie.

Thanks to its Chain O'Lakes area and escapes from other stocked lakes, the Fox has become a real muskie river in Illinois, with fish spread below every dam.

Why, then, even are no fish-consumption advisories on the Fox, so the fish presumably are healthy?

But American Rivers - which admirably has pointed out environmental shortfalls throughout the country in recent years - is looking beyond the successful veneer of today.

It foresees a suburban sprawl that will overwhelm the river with crippling nutrients within a decade. By absorbing the effluent of a predicted 50 percent population increase in some areas by 2010, this river could flip right back into the throes of death.

Because none of the Fox River Valley's governments appears to be heading off these threats of vastly increased pollution with expanded sewage treatment plants, the regulations, American Rivers predicts the likelihood of imploded water values.

In other words, the Fox River's "endangered" status is back. Hence its "endangered" status.

Steve Pescatelli, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' streams biologist for this region, would like to bask in the reflected glories of the Fox. But his eyes darken as he contemplates the complex forces afoot.

"While the fishery appears to be in excellent form, the Fox is really a highly nutrient system," Pescatelli said. "We've seen intense algae blooms from all the phosphorus that's passing through. All those dams slow the water and increase temperature. In summer especially, this allows the nutrients to stew, the algae to bloom and the water's oxygen to decline. While the river definitely is better than it has been in the past, there are some signs of problems ahead."

Pescatelli points out that even third-stage sewage treatment does not eliminate phosphorus or nitrogen, which stimulate aquatic plants.

"It takes out mainly ammonia, but the whole nutrient load of the river keeps increasing," he said. "At some point this river is not going to be able to handle it all."

While algae blooms can be the first signs of a looming death, the next stage would be localized fish deaths from lack of dissolved oxygen. Next come subtle population shifts.

"You'd see an increase of carp and a decline of suckers," Pescatelli said. "It would be a slow process, a slow shift from a more diverse fish population to one of fewer forage species."

The Fox River's threats not only come from increased household wastes in new developments but also from the growth of impervious surfaces such as blacktop and concrete, even roofs and lawns.

"People compact the ground when

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## ALONE TOGETHER



Bret Walters teaches his son, Tyler, a little about fishing and a lot about life during a lazy Saturday on the water at Twin Falls Reservoir. The pair didn't have many fish on their stringer but were having a pretty good time anyway.

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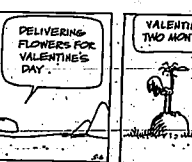
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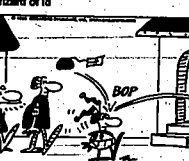
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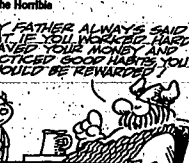
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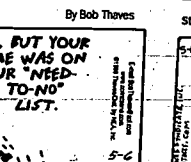
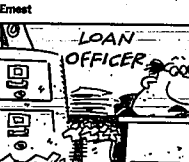
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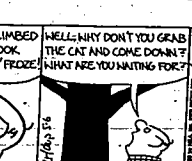
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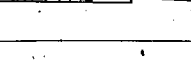
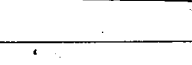
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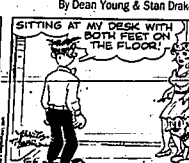
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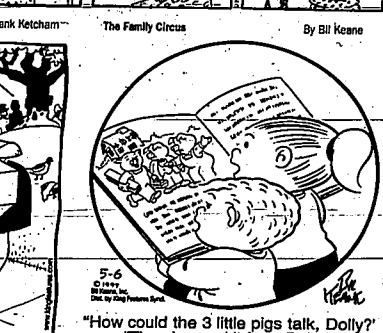
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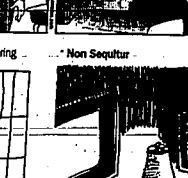
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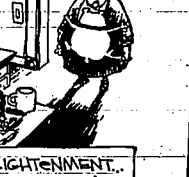
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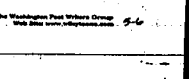
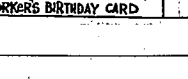
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## OUTDOORS

## SPRING'S GLORY



A mute swan enjoys a pond in the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute's marsh preserve near Moscow recently.

## Answer nature's call without spoiling it

By Deb Accord  
The Gazette

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. When you're not in city, leaving behind natural calling card is no display of class. There's a trail of toilet paper left to dissolve into the gravel after an overnight rain. Follow it, and watch out for the discarded tampons blossoming on the wet ground. And don't mind the smell — it's coming from the trailhead outhouse, which was recently finger-painted in broad strokes with human feces.

As you head out on the trail, watch where you walk. Human waste is piling up — on trails, in backcountry campsites, along popular climbing routes and fishing and rafting spots.

It's making the outdoors unattractive, undesirable and unsafe. Think, for a moment, about the numbers: Americans have fallen in love with outdoor recreation. From 1983 to 1994, the number of hikers in this country rose 93.5 percent, backpackers picked up 73 percent, according to the Outdoor Recreation Coalition of America. In 1994-95, the most recent survey years, almost one in four Americans — 48 million — went hiking. And 15 million went backpacking.

And if there's one thing we all have in common, it's that we have to go to the bathroom. Sometimes, we can use a nice state-of-the-art solar-composting toilet at the trailhead, or wait for the roadside gas station after we're done for the day. But sometimes, there are no accommodations. And that's where the problem lies.

Sometimes, like in the case of the outhouse artist at the trailhead near Deckers, the damage is intentional. But land-management agencies and others who work outdoors believe most of our scatological problems are caused by ignorance.

"I think it's more a lack of education or misinformation. And it's something people don't want to talk about. It's messy."

Rues Carpenter knows all about how messy it can be.

Carpenter is the caretaker at Barr Camp, a cluster of cabins, shelters and two outhouses about halfway up Barr Trail on Pikes Peak.

A camp log book gives Carpenter a good idea of how many people travel the trail each year. When he and his family moved to the camp six years ago, there were 6,000-7,000 hikers going through annually.

Now, that number is closer to 10,000. Many expect to find bathroom facilities, and some aren't even grateful for the two outhouses at the camp.

"I went up the hill to wash them (the outhouses) one day, and a lady followed me," Carpenter says. "When I came out, she was gone. I looked around, and saw her behind the outhouse, taking a pee. She said 'I can't go in there. It's disgusting. There are too many flies.'"

Carpenter is worried about human waste piling up at Barr Trail, especially at the A-frame, a structure just below treeline, about three miles up from Barr Camp. It's a popular resting spot for people heading up the mountain, and it's also a popular toilet spot. The only trouble — there are no toilet facilities.

"There's toilet paper everywhere, and people have gone to the bathroom right alongside the trail," Carpenter says.

Barr Trail winds through Pike National Forest, and any facilities along its length are under U.S. Forest Service jurisdiction.

The agency knows the high-use trails are the ones with the biggest waste problems, says

Frank Landis, recreation manager for the Pikes Peak District. "It's gotten to be a safety issue. Near A-frame, people just go right off the side. At Waldo Canyon (a popular trail in the West), it's just as bad, with people and dogs."

Other area trouble spots are primitive campgrounds just off the road, often located alongside streams. The campgrounds — the Craggs in Teller County is a good example — have outhouses, but many times, campers don't walk to them. So they create their own bathrooms, often mere feet from the water — the same water they drink, bathe in, and even use to wash their dishes, another practice people should give up.

"That's another misconception people have — that it's OK to wash their dishes in the stream," says Mentuck of Leave No Trace.

Leave No Trace's guidelines for burying waste and other minimum-impact camping also include techniques have been adopted throughout the country and endorsed by the U.S. Department of the Interior and the Forest Service, National Park and Fish and Wildlife Services, along with dozens of such corporate sponsors as Nike, Subaru and Eastern Mountain Sports.

Today, the guidelines are consid-

## Florida's low water makes for good fishing

By Ted Hutton  
Sun-Sentinel, South Florida

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — How low is the water going in the conservation areas? Low enough that state fisheries biologist Jon Fury, a veteran of these waters, got his airboat stuck recently.

While the low water may give airboaters more of a challenge, it means catching bass is less of one. Fury noted that creel surveys done at Everglades Holiday Park are showing that catch rates "have increased dramatically" in the last month.

December through February showed a rate of 3 bass per hour. While the latest numbers haven't been calculated, Fury said March would probably show a rate of more than a bass an hour. "That's high," he said, "and the water keeps dropping, the fishing will continue to improve."

The water level may seem lower than usual to anglers, but Fury said it is really normal for this time of year. "We had high levels in the mid-90s, and it is only part of last year and this year that we're seeing normal levels again," Fury said.

When the water level drops, the flats dry up and bass are forced into the canals.

This concentrated collection of fish makes catching them much easier. The conservation areas most impacted by the current drop are Everglades Holiday Park and the Loxahatchee Recreation Area. Sawgrass hasn't seen the same drop in water yet, but that should happen soon.

Each conservation area has a chain of canals slicing into the sawgrass from the levee ramps. If you are unfamiliar with the area, ask anglers who are putting in or taking out for advice and directions.

Reports from the Loxahatchee canals have been encouraging, with some anglers claiming to have caught more than 40 fish in a day.

Others have not experienced that kind of bonanza yet. David Jones and Brian Perry recently fished from the Lox Road entrance at Loxahatchee. They fished the north canal and caught

about 15 small bass on topwater lures, but said the bite stopped about 11 a.m.

Kevin McCarthy and Bill Stavsky, both of Tamarac, Fla., also were at Loxahatchee, also trying the north canal. They were using live shiners and an assortment of lures, but hadn't coaxed too many bass into biting.

Anglers should expect the majority of the bass they hook to be small. The trick to getting big fish is to get the lure past the youngsters.

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## THE BEAT GOES ON



Joey Yergenson performs at the grand opening of the recent Twin Falls High School art show at the Old Towne Gallery. More than 150 people attended, organizers say.

## Astronomical Society hosts class, star party

TWIN FALLS - Attention will turn to the heavens Saturday night at the College of Southern Idaho.

The Magic Valley Astronomical Society and CSI's Herrett Center will host an introductory astronomy class, club meeting and public star party on Saturday.

At 6 p.m., the class will be held in Shields Building room 117 and discuss constellations. Participants are encouraged to bring a planisphere and red flashlight if possible.

Following the class, the Magic Valley

Astronomical Society meets at 7 p.m. in the same room.

After sunset, the monthly star party will be held at the Herrett Center. Club members and planetarium staff members will be available with telescopes to assist the public in star gazing.

Special attention will be paid to the planet Venus and the Pleiades star cluster, also known as the Seven Sisters, organizers say.

For more information, call the center at 733-9554, Ext. 2655.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Clown N' Ministry hosts free community program

JACKPOT - Clown N' Ministry Clown N' Ministry will present a free community program "God Heals Hurts" at 7 p.m. Friday in the Jackpot Recreation Center.

Clown N' Ministry is a nonprofit, non-denominational Christian ministry using puppets, clowns, songs and skits to deliver their message, the group says.

Children of all ages are invited to attend. The recreation center is located by the Jackpot Public School and the U.S. Post Office in Jackpot, Nev.

For more information, call the center at 702-755-2653.

### West Magic rec club sets cleanup, meeting

SHOSHONE - The West Magic Lake Recreation Club will clean the highway and reservoir area and do dock repairs beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Volunteers are needed for the work, the club says.

The club also will hold its monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, call 487-2571 or 487-1202.

### Mini-Cassia Retired Teachers hold spring meet

BURLEY - The Mini-Cassia Retired Teachers final meeting for the spring will be at 11:30 a.m. on Monday in the Mediterranean Room at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave.

The agenda includes the installation of officers for 1999-2000, finalization of the revised bylaws and state convention reports.

Donations of canned food will be collected for needy.

Approximately 12 members of the local unit plan to attend the state convention May 7-8 in Boise. The convention theme is "Fit and Fine in '99."

Zoe Wixom of Paul will be honored at the convention and inducted into the Retired Teachers Hall of Fame. Wixom taught at the Paul Junior High School and then at East Minico Junior High School.

All retired teachers and friends of edu-

cation are invited to attend the Monday meeting.

### Girl Scout Troop, sheriff holds ordinance review

TWIN FALLS - A meeting discussing parent and minor rights will be held 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls First Baptist Church on Shoshone Street.

Girl Scout Troop 742 and the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department are cosponsoring the review of county ordinance 445.

The public is invited to discuss issues with county officers concerning parent and minor rights, drug paraphernalia, drinking behavior, gang-related activity, truancy and discipline, organizers say.

Seating is limited to 200 people.

### Bicycle Rodeo rounds up young riders for event

JEROME - The parent advisory committees from Central and Jefferson Elementary schools in Jerome are sponsoring a Bicycle Rodeo for students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

The rodeo will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Jefferson Elementary School.

Participants are to wear their helmets, bring their bikes and join in the fun, organizers say. Helmets will be available for use by participants who don't have their own.

There will be a free hot dog lunch for all participants.

The Jerome Chamber of Commerce is collecting usable helmets which can be dropped off at schools during school hours.

For more information, call Paula Porter at 324-3396 or Wendy Auker at 324-8896.

### Assembly of God schedules Second Time Around sale

SHOSHONE - The Shoshone Assembly of God Church is having a Second Time Around sale Friday and Saturday in the church, 118 West 4th St., Shoshone.

The event will include a baked food sale and lunch will be served.

### Bliss Community Church presents annual dinner

BLISS - The annual fund-raising dinner for Bliss Community Church is

rescheduled for 6-8 p.m. Friday at the church in Bliss.

The public is invited to the free home-cooked meal, and all donations will go towards ministry expenses, the church says.

Pies will also be available for purchase by donation, organizers say.

### 4th Annual Run for Rock Creek sets off May 15

TWIN FALLS - The 4th Annual Run for Rock Creek will be held at 10 a.m. May 15, starting in downtown Twin Falls and following the path along the Rock Creek.

All proceeds will be donated to the Old Towne Parkway Project, organizers say.

Coordinators are soliciting sponsors to assist with expenses and to provide volunteer support for the race.

To donate door prizes, refreshments or time, or for more information, call Tim Jones at 733-8235.

### Boy Scout Falls District Committee meets tonight

TWIN FALLS - The Falls District Committee of the Snake River Council will meet at 7 p.m. tonight at the Boy Scout Service Center, 2988 Falls Ave. E., Twin Falls.

All scouts involved with the committee are invited to attend. For more information, call 733-2067.

### Minico High Greenhouse open for business

RUPERT - The Minico High School Greenhouse will be open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, May 21, and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on May 15.

Money from the venture will be used for greenhouse improvements and seed and plants for next year.

### Silver, Gold Seniors serve pancake breakfast Saturday

EDEN - The Silver and Gold Seniors will host their monthly pancake breakfast 8-11:45 a.m. Saturday at the center, 203 Wilson, Eden.

The public is invited and the menu will include pancakes, hash browns, sausages, eggs and drinks.

Admission will cost \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

## THANK-YOU LETTERS

### Residents express appreciation for Air Force Band

The United States Air Force Band of the Rockies concert on April 22 was excellent.

Kudos to *The Times-News* for the sponsorship of this wonderful program.

BETH ROUTH  
Filer

Your liberal gift of admission to the United States Air Force Band of the Rockies concert filled the College of Southern Idaho sports arena to the rafters with an appreciative audience on Thursday, April 22.

The brilliant presentation of music and song was exceptionally timely and therapeutic, considering current events. Hurray to the talented performers and grateful thanks to *The Times-News* for this priceless gift.

HELEN ROTH  
Twin Falls

Thank you for the fantastic evening with the Air Force Band.

We could have listened all night.

LOIS MATTHEW  
MARIE CAIN  
Twin Falls

Appreciated *The Times-News* organization for bringing the U.S. Air Force Band of the Rockies to Twin Falls and the area.

Thank you again for your dedication to Twin Falls.

BOB AND JUDY RUEBEL  
Twin Falls

The residents and staff at Shoshone Rehab and Living Center would like to thank *The Times-News* for bringing the United States Air Force Band of the Rockies to Twin Falls.

The music was great. We are very proud of all our men and women in the armed forces. Keep up the good work.

Thank you.

LINDA MYERS  
Assistant Activity Director  
Rehab and Living Center  
Shoshone

Thank you for the opportunity to hear the Air Force Band of the Rockies.

You provided "every" senior citizen in the valley one glorious evening.

MARILYN TAMMANY  
Hagman

Thank you for hosting the Air Force Band at the College of Southern Idaho on April 22.

It was nice to have the students greet us at the door. The high school students that were chosen to play were great. The band director was very personable and outgoing.

Thanks again for the tickets.

LYLE LIERMAN  
Filer

Thanks to *The Times-News* for its sponsorship of the Air Force Band of the Rockies performance on April 22.

As a retired Air Force family living in the Magic Valley, we were so pleased to see such a fine representation of the military, a performance made possible by the community spirit of your newspaper.

I'm sure the packed house at the College of Southern Idaho would agree.

CHERYL A. KAATZ  
Buhl

We want to express our appreciation to your institution for sponsoring the Air Force Band of the Rockies in Twin Falls on April 22.

We enjoyed it immensely.

MARY CLIVER  
Twin Falls

Thank you for bringing the United States Air Force Band of the Rockies to Twin Falls on April 22. My family and I greatly enjoyed the concert! It was very inspiring and fanned the flames of patriotism in our hearts. The two hours seemed to "fly" by.

At a time like this with Kosovo and Colorado on the minds of the Magic Valley people, we really needed this "boost." Thank you for making it possible.

My only wish is that you would continue to sponsor this in the future and that more Magic Valley families would bring their children to this event.

Our youth today really do need to experience the patriotism that filled the gymnasium at the College of Southern Idaho.

Thank you, *Times-News*!

TRACEE WEBER  
Hansen

### Family says thanks to docs, nurses for care

The Louise Coates family would like to thank the following for their exceptional care during her illness.

Dr. Donald C. Pica and Sandy, Dr. David McCloud, Dr. Betty Ann, Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital and nurses, Falls Orthopedic Association and doctors and nurses, Dr. Alan Olmstead and nurses, Bridgeview Estates Care Center and nurses, care people at Crossings and Bridgeview, Home Health, Hospice Home Health and all others who cared for Louise.

LEO COATES  
Jerome

### Valley House grateful to chef's group for help

On behalf of the Valley House Board of Directors and those who benefit from Valley House, the time has come and again, as it has for the past three years, to publicly thank the Sawtooth Chef's Association for all its hard work, dedication, creativity and more in the past year. Their excellent meals, which is the basis for our single most successful annual fund-raiser.

Without the support and enthusiasm we receive from the Sawtooth Chef's Association, we at Valley House could not possibly plan, organize and carry to completion such a program.

Though many people are involved in the successful conclusion of a project such as the pasta dinner, we must always return to the heart of the project, which is the meal. The Sawtooth Chef's Association, for three years running, has provided the heart and soul of their assistance to Valley House.

SUSAN REITSMA  
Valley House Board  
Twin Falls

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### 1959 class seeks alumni for reunion

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School class of 1959 is holding their 40th class reunion the first weekend in August.

Organizers are seeking the whereabouts of a number of class members. Any class member with information regarding the below listed persons can contact Linda Lyda at 733-5100, Carol DeKraemer at 733-1752 or Nancy Wormsbecker at 733-2211.

Alumni being sought include: Lorraine Ailing, Karl Anderson, Lex Atup, Ed Barney, Jim Barnhart, Joyce Breeding, Carolyn Brown, Marilyn Jean Brown, Darrell Brunet, Deloris Carlson, Kay Carter Astron, Richard Cutshall, Karen Damon, John Daun, Bernard Ditter, Dale Sue Duke, Thomas Dyer, Edna Eggen, Sharilyn Fortner, Harold Fry, Mike Fuller, Kathleen Hardisty, Sandra Hatfield, Joyce Hauser, Connie Helleisen Grow, Mary Beth Herman, JoAnn Howard, Shirley Hyatt, Dorella Jewell, Joe Johnson, Sharon Jones, Karen Kanger, John Kinsey, Harold Kroll, Noel Kretz, Phil Mathias, Gary Mauldin, Ron McLaughlin, Steve Mordley, Shirley Myers, Doris Olsen, Marcia Oeller, Bob Reese, Charles Roberts, Barbara Roth, Mary Beth Smith, Ann Speedy, Mary Ann Tenbrook, Nel Van Dyke, Harlan Vandenberg, Carl Ward, Patricia Whaley, Vivian Wheelwright, Joan Whitlock and John Wise.

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