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# Moving forward

## Council approves rezoning request

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The City Council unanimously approved a Las Vegas developer's zoning change request Monday, a move that could bring a retail and commercial development along

## The council considers skateboard park — B1

the canyon rim. Still on hold, though, is a controversial request to build a hotel and convention center at the property. Representatives of Craig H. Neilsen and Co. had requested a zoning change on 12 acres to the  
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## Sorting out the plans

A quick rundown on Neilsen and Co.'s Canyon Park East: 12 acres to the east of Blue Lakes Boulevard, earmarked for retail and commercial use. The City Council approved a rezoning plan for the land Monday.  
Canyon Park North: Located west of Blue Lakes Boulevard, this phase would include a hotel and convention center, several restaurants, more

retail stores and a smaller hotel. A zoning change has been requested; the city's Planning and Zoning Commission is reviewing the hotel and convention center proposal.  
Canyon Park West: Located just south of Canyon Park North, Canyon Park West would include retail and commercial development. The council will discuss a planned-unit development agreement for this property next week.

# Set aside rulings, tribe asks

## Nez Perce say water judge should be disqualified

By N.S. Nokkentved  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Nez Perce Tribe has asked that 5th District Judge Barry Wood set aside his recent decision denying tribal water rights claims because of a conflict of interest.

Wood and his family members' water rights claims would be affected by his rulings on Nez Perce claims, said Samuel N. Penney, chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee.

The tribe filed its request with the Snake River Basin Adjudication court Monday.

The U.S. Department of Justice also has raised the issue that Wood, who presides over the adjudication, may have a conflict of interest because he apparently has water rights claims in the adjudication.

Information available in public records shows that Wood, his father and brother, apparently all hold "water rights" entered in the adjudication, says an affidavit by Peter Monson, a Department of Justice attorney representing the United States in the adjudication. Wood's rights apparently include irrigation rights and shares in the Big Wood Canal Co.

The adjudication is the legal sorting of more than 180,000 water rights in 38 of the state's 44 counties. Any person who asserts a water right claim in this adjudication is a party to the adjudication, Monson said in his request to the adjudication court for a "status conference" to discuss and resolve the issue. Wood was home recuperating from surgery Monday and could not be reached for comment. Adjudication staff attorney Eric Wildman said the issue is going to be set for hearing and Wood would not be able to comment.

The hearing, which has not yet been set, would answer any questions about Wood, his water rights and any conflict of interest.

The Nez Perce have asked that Wood disqualify himself from any proceeding that would affect his or his family's water rights claims. And the tribe asked that Wood's previous rulings on tribal water rights claims:

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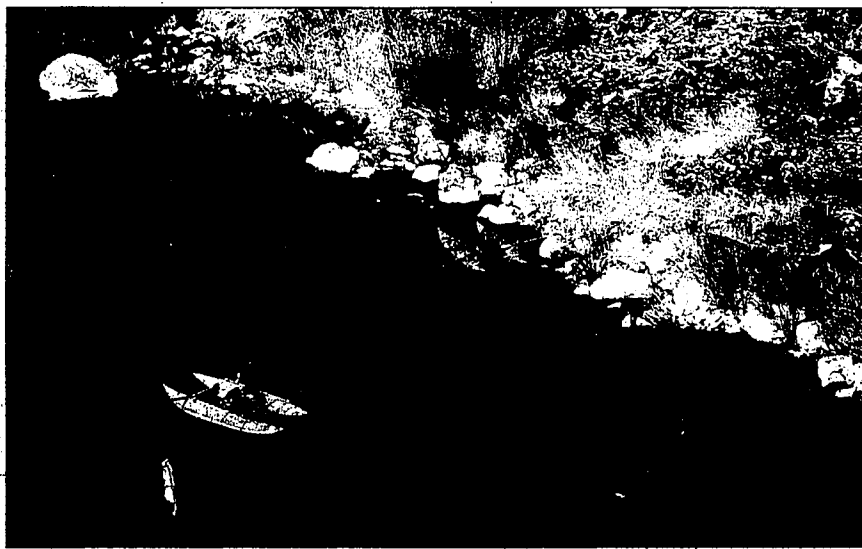


Barry Wood



No water rights

# SEARCH COMES UP EMPTY



Members of a search team use an underwater camera to scour the bottom of the Snake River below the Hansen Bridge for the body of a parachutist who jumped from the bridge Sunday evening.

## Friends tried to talk parachute jumper out of this one

By Brian Haynes  
Times-News writer

HANSEN — His friends warned him not to jump. It was too dark. The wind wasn't right. The water was too high.

But 29-year-old Roger Butler, an experienced BASE jumper who once parachuted from the Stratosphere hotel tower in Las

Vegas, apparently died Sunday after jumping from the Hansen Bridge and disappearing in the water.

"All of them tried to talk him out of it, but he had to do it," said Cpl. Daron Brown of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office. "The guy was experienced, but he made a bad choice."

With the help of a brand-new

underwater camera, search and rescue teams from Jerome and Twin Falls counties continued searching the frigid Snake River Monday for signs of Butler and his parachute, but the search was called off as sundown neared. Water flow at the Minioka Dam was stopped late Monday to lower the water level and aid searchers when they continue this morning.

The counties don't know the cost of the search.

Butler, who had made more than 600 BASE jumps, spent Sunday with three friends parachuting from the Perrine Bridge, a popular spot for BASE jumpers because it is legal to jump there. BASE stands for building, antenna, span and earth.

In October 1999, this same  
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## Millionaires were average students, new book says

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Donald Sonner is in the junk business. The 64-year-old head of Southern Bloomer Manufacturing in Bristol, Tenn., takes scrap cloth and makes underwear for prisons and strips

for cleaning guns. He doesn't have a master's degree in business. In fact, he went to high school for only a year. But by working hard and capitalizing on an idea no one else had, Sonner was a millionaire by the time he was 24.

His story is not unique, says Thomas J. Stanley, who surveyed 1,300 millionaires for his new book, "The Millionaire Mind," which comes out today.

The average millionaire made B's and C's in college, Stanley says. Their average SAT score

was 1190 — not good enough to get into many top-notch schools. "I find no correlation between SAT scores, grade point averages and economic achievement. None," said Stanley. "Admittedly, there are some very bright people in the data, but not many."

## Budget bonanza: Clinton presents his spending proposal to Congress

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — To a chorus of Republican ridicule, President Clinton sent Congress his budget finale on Monday, a \$1.84 trillion plan to expand health care access, shrink the national debt and shower Democratic constituencies with election-year largesse.

Blessed with a budgetary bonanza that past presidents could only dream about — a projected \$2.92 trillion in federal surpluses over the next decade — Clinton used his spending outline to propose something for almost everyone.

He would cut taxes for the sick, elderly, poor and college-bound; spend more for the environment,

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schools and gun-law enforcement; and erase the \$2.7 trillion publicly held portion of the national debt by 2013.

The proposal is sure to be heavily reworked by Congress, where defiant Republicans dismissed it as a gambit to bolster Vice President Al Gore's presidential bid and the Democratic drive to capture Congress. They promised to fatten the plan's tax cuts, trim its spending boosts and ignore its tax increases.

"It has all things for everyone they feel they'll need to get Al

Gore elected president," said House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, who called it "the president's fantasy budget."

"I look forward to working with the president in putting together a serious spending proposal," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M. "But this is a document designed to help Al Gore win election."

There was little denying presidential politics at the White House, where officials said at least a dozen Gore proposals were latched into the outline. But beyond that, Clinton's farewell spending blueprint — for

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## HIJACKERS HOLD 150 OTHERS



Unidentified passengers of the hijacked Afghan airliner, who were among nine released from the aircraft, speak to the media at the Afghan embassy in Moscow Monday. Hijackers forced the plane to fly from Moscow to Stansted Airport outside London early Monday. See story, page A-5.

# THE REGION

**Comas Prairie**  
 High: 39 Low: 21  
 Mostly cloudy with slight chance of rain. Chance of snow increases overnight and tomorrow.

**Treasure Valley**  
 High: 52 Low: 35  
 Mostly cloudy with slight chance of rain. Increasing clouds tonight and rain likely tomorrow.

**Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley**  
 High: 44 Low: 22  
 Mostly cloudy, with a chance of snow showers tonight. Rain in the valley tomorrow possible.

**Eastern Idaho**  
 High: 41 Low: 22  
 Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow tonight. Rain or snow possible tomorrow.

**Northern Idaho**  
 High: 44 Low: 31  
 Cloudy with chance of rain today. Rain most likely in the evening clearing tomorrow.

**Northern Utah**  
 High: 52 Low: 32  
 Mostly cloudy today and Wednesday. 40 percent chance of rain tomorrow.

**Northern Nevada**  
 High: 52 Low: 32  
 Mostly cloudy today and Wednesday. Chance of rain increasing tomorrow.

# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High: 53 Low: 32 Mostly cloudy with slight chance of rain.	High: 48 Low: 30 Cloudy with 50 percent chance of rain.	High: 40s Low: 30 Cloudy with rain possible.	High: 40s Low: 30 Cloudy with rain possible.	High: 30s Low: 20s Chance of rain or snow.

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# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

**Twin Falls**

Precipitation	Yesterday	49	28
Normal	32	24	22
Normal	41	22	27
Normal year to date:	2.08		
Normal year to date:	4.41		

**Idaho**

Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High, 57 degrees at Burley, Low: 6 degrees at Stanley.
Boise	55	34	.....
Burley	57	26	.....
Coeur d'Alene	37	34	.....
Grangeville	m	m	.....
Hagerman	m	26	.....
Idaho Falls	36	14	.....
Lewiston	52	37	.....
Malad	52	33	.....
Mila	55	21	.....
McCall	42	15	.....
Pocatello	48	22	.....
Salmon	27	16	.....
Stanley	34	4	.....
Sun Valley	44	16	.....

**The Nation**

Max	Min	Pcp	Comfort factors
Albuquerque	59	33	.....
Anchorage	35	13	.....
Atlanta	52	35	.....
Boston	42	27	.....
Chicago	67	23	.....
Dallas	54	20	.....
Denver	54	20	.....
Des Moines	36	25	.....
Detroit	36	25	.....
Honolulu	78	66	.....
New Orleans	34	52	.....
Indianapolis	40	26	.....
Kansas City	53	32	.....
Las Vegas	62	35	.....
Los Angeles	78	51	.....
Memphis	62	36	.....
Miami Beach	72	27	.....
Milwaukee	32	27	.....
Minneapolis	27	21	.....
New York	42	35	.....
Oakland	43	32	.....
Oakland City	64	35	.....
Omaha	62	31	.....
Phoenix	83	50	.....
Pittsburgh	38	38	.....
Portland, Ore.	50	42	.....
Raleigh	56	31	.....
Salt Lake City	49	32	.....
Salt Lake City	56	29	.....
San Antonio	50	30	.....
Seattle	52	45	.....
Spokane	40	32	.....
St. Louis	49	32	.....
Washington	79	50	.....
Yuma	49	35	.....

# Council

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 east of the Perrine Bridge, called Canyon Park East. Neilsen and Co. plans to set up five or six retail shops on the property.  
 Neilsen and Co. also plans to bring in several restaurants, more retail stores and another, smaller hotel on about six acres to the west called Canyon Park North. They also have requested a zoning change for that property.  
 Canyon Park North would also include a hotel and convention center on about five acres, but those plans are being sent back to the city's Planning and Zoning Commission for further review as soon as a market study and financial feasibility reports are completed.  
 Monday's zoning change approval will allow Neilsen and Co. to move forward with the project. The next step is to get approval for plans for the property. These plans would set up aesthetic and structural guidelines for businesses to follow.  
 Some council members questioned Neilsen and Co. representatives about the proposed plans.  
 Council member Glenda Thompson asked whether Neilsen and Co. would complete geological studies before allowing construction to begin.  
 "Geological studies will be done before any structure is built," said Gerald Martens, a consultant to Neilsen.  
 Thompson also asked whether traffic lights would be part of

the package.  
 Ken Edmunds, also a consultant to Neilsen, had said Neilsen and Co. has proposed funding a traffic signal for Fillmore Street and Blue Lakes Boulevard. The sign's cost is an estimated \$160,000, with about 50 percent likely to be reimbursed by the state, Edmunds said.  
 And while Neilsen's canyon rim retail and commercial development is to move forward, his other proposed planned-unit development, Canyon Park West, is nearing completion.  
 The council reviewed a planned-unit development agreement for the property located on property just south of the proposed Canyon Park North development. Canyon Park West also would include retail and commercial development.  
 But some things needed to be re-worked in the agreement — namely an issue of building colors, now a point of contention between city staff and Neilsen and Co. representatives.  
 The agreement now reads: "Building exterior colors should be primarily muted earth tones."  
 Several council members said the wording was vague.  
 Neilsen and Co. representatives said they would work on finding a compromise. They will discuss the agreement at the next council meeting Monday.  
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# Clinton's last budget

Estimates for revenues and spending in President Clinton's proposed \$1.84 trillion budget for 2001

**Revenue**  
 Total: \$2.02 trillion

- 48% Personal income taxes
- 34% Payroll taxes
- 10% Corporate income taxes
- 4% Excise taxes
- 4% Other

**Spending**  
 Total: \$1.84 trillion

- 19% Mandatory spending
- 11% Interest on debt
- 19% Domestic
- 16% Defense
- 35% Social Security, Medicare

**What's new**

- Surplus: \$184 billion projected in 2001; \$746 billion over 10 years
- Health care: \$160 billion to help elderly with prescription drug costs
- Defense: \$14.4 billion more for high-tech weapons, pay and benefits

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 SOURCES: White House, Reuters

# Empty

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 group had parachuted with a woman the day before she broke her back in a jumping accident at the Perrine Bridge, said Nancy Howell, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.  
 The group was headed back to Ogdén, Utah, Sunday before stopping at the Hansen Bridge, where the jumping also is legal. With his friends videotaping, Butler jumped from the west side of the bridge and glided toward the water without a hitch, but he ran into trouble after hitting the river, Howell said.  
 It wasn't immediately clear what happened, but shortly after landing in the water Butler and his chute disappeared below the surface. Neither has been seen since, she said.  
 Butler was not wearing a life jacket, and he was jumping into a highly inaccessible area of the Snake River Canyon, Brown said.

"BASE jumping is like white-water rafting," he said. "It's a self-saving sport. You can't expect to jump off a bridge and have someone come and save you."  
 Butler's taste for daring jumps was passed down from his father, a parachuter for 30 years said Paul Butler, an uncle who drove to Twin Falls after the accident.  
 Roger Butler watched his father nearly die in a 1998 parachuting accident that almost cost the older Butler his leg. But a year later father and son were parachuting together again during a Fourth of July celebration, Paul Butler said.  
 "He just loved to do this," Paul Butler said of his nephew. "He loved to fly."  
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# Budget

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 fiscal 2001, beginning Oct. 1 — was an effort to choose the terrain of this year's budget battle.  
 Clinton proposed \$351 billion in tax cuts through 2010 that he argues can only be enlarged by eroding Social Security's trust funds, diluting efforts to expand and strengthen Medicare, or slashing other popular initiatives such as hiring teachers or reducing the national debt.  
 "This budget, in short, makes really strong and significant steps toward achieving the great goals that I believe America should pursue in this new century," Clinton told reporters.  
 Republicans said that at a time of surplus, taxpayers should get a bigger break than Clinton wants to give them.  
 They criticized his proposal to raise other revenues by \$181 billion over 10 years, including higher taxes on cigarettes and some corporate transactions. And they noted that using Clinton's own figures, there would be a net \$9 billion tax increase in 2001 and a \$1 billion increase in 2002 before annual tax cuts begin to outweigh increases.  
 "Let me be very clear: This Congress will not raise taxes," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas.  
 Clinton took congressional predictions that his plan was dead on arrival in stride: "That's what they said in '99, and we got most of it; that's what they said in '98, and we got most of it," he asserted on CNN's "Money Line."  
 Strikingly, the president's budget boosted few initiatives that he has not proposed before.  
 Among the new ones was a \$91 billion, 10-year effort to expand health coverage for working poor families.

# Water

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 set aside.  
 In November 1999, Wood rejected Nez Perce claims to the majority of the water in the Snake River — claims that could, if granted, affect most water users in southern Idaho, including Wood and his family, the Nez Perce say.  
 The Nez Perce tribe filed 1,113 claims to the water in the Snake River as part of the adjudication. The tribe said an 1855 treaty granting fishing rights implied a water right to sustain the fishing rights.  
 Wood rejected that argument. He held that an 1893 agreement legally reduced the Nez Perce reservation to just a fraction of the land the tribe originally inhabited — and ruled that the tribes were not entitled to water in the Snake.  
 Wood ruled that fishing rights reserved by the Nez Perce in

1855 and subsequent treaties did not include in-stream rights to water outside the reservation's boundaries in north-central Idaho.  
 The Nez-Perce-Tribe has appealed the ruling, which is pending before the state Supreme Court.  
 Penney contends that the tribe's water rights claims "are in direct conflict with water rights claims of the judge," his father and his brother.  
 The tribe and Monson note that state judicial code of conduct requires judges to disqualify themselves in proceedings in which they or their family members are parties or have an interest that could be affected by the outcome.  
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## Washington's 'Ferry Farm' to be landmark

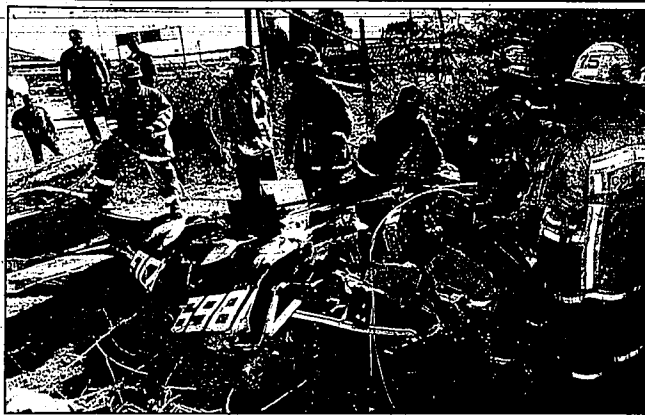
The Washington Post

Four years ago, the farm where George Washington was said to have chopped down that mythical cherry tree was on the verge of becoming a parking lot and shell estate for the far more contemporary American institution of Wal-Mart.

Today Washington's boyhood home, Ferry Farm, is on the verge of becoming a National Historic Landmark, and a concerted effort to restore the property is underway. "It's really a wonderful thing," said Jim Pepper, assistant regional director for the northeast region of the National Park Service. "This is a real way of looking outward," to help protect the site, about 50 miles south of Washington, across the Rappahannock River from Fredericksburg, Va.

The Park Service recommended last month that Ferry Farm receive National Historic Landmark status, and the proposal awaits final approval from Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt. Park Service officials expect approval in a couple of months.

The special status doesn't guarantee protection from commercial development, but it will increase the property's exposure and prestige and help backers raise restoration funds, said Vernon Benfield, director of George Washington's Presidential Foundation, which owns and operates the site. Last year, Ferry Farm received \$2 million from the Park Service toward a conservation easement and a \$225,000 matching grant from a state conservation agency to preserve and expand the site.



Los Angeles City firefighters gather around one of the two small planes that collided in the air Monday in the San Fernando Valley region. One plane crashed and burned on the seventh hole of a golf course and the other, above, crashed into trees across a freeway.

## Two planes collide over L.A.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Two small planes collided over Los Angeles and dropped out of the clear, sunny sky Monday, one of them crashing in flames on a golf course. All four people aboard were killed.

No one on the ground was hurt. Two men were killed in the plane that plunged through power lines and landed on the golf course, and a couple believed to be in their 60s died in the other plane, which fell into the trees near busy Interstate 5, said Fire

Department spokesman Bob Collis.

Golfers on the sixth fairway at Cascades Golf Club scattered as burning debris fell out of the sky over the San Fernando Valley.

One group of golfers was talking about last week's Alaska Airlines crash off the Southern California coast when the two small planes collided overhead about 9:50 a.m.

"We heard a loud popping sort of sound," said Jeff Childers, 50. "It immediately exploded on the

lines, then fell to the ground and burned intensely. You could smell the seat materials and fuel burning."

One plane was a single-engine Bellanca Citabria. The other was described only as an experimental aircraft.

Both planes had been in contact with nearby Van Nuys Airport but neither reported problems beforehand, said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Kirsti Dunn.

## GOP candidates stop briefly in Delaware

Los Angeles Times

Like so many tourists traveling Interstate 95, the Republican presidential race stops briefly Tuesday in Delaware - not for the tax-free shopping but for the favor of a state with less nominating heft than Puerto Rico.

For Steve Forbes, whose self-financed campaign is languishing after third-place finishes in Iowa and New Hampshire, Delaware is - to borrow Wilmington's slogan - "A Place to Be Somebody." The state's primary was one of only two that the millionaire publisher from neighboring New Jersey won in 1996.

But with only Forbes and George W. Bush personally campaigning in the First State, Delaware's vote seems unlikely to capture the nation's imagination. Unlike Iowa and New Hampshire, Delaware's hotels aren't full, the TV satellite trucks aren't blocking the streets and there are many babies left unknissed.

"Unfortunately," said Delaware Republican Party Chairman Basil Battaglia, "I think we're still flying under the radar screen of the national media."

Battaglia led Delaware's charge to the front of the 2000 primary calendar, only to be stymied by the first-in-the-nation traditions of Iowa and New Hampshire. Candidates were warned to stay away, lest they tick off voters in the other early states.

"We don't want to compete with New Hampshire," Battaglia

said. "I'm not trying to build up an industry here. I'm just trying to make sure the people have an opportunity to vote, maybe, for the next president of the United States."

Of course, a little industry wouldn't hurt. New Hampshire reaps an estimated \$175 million in economic benefit from its quinquennial primary. Delaware, apparently, has had no such luck, according to Gary Smith of Delaware's Economic Development Office.

"Economic impact from the Delaware primary?" Smith said. Then he laughed.

The political impact doesn't promise to be much greater. Forbes is counting on a Delaware win to show that his candidacy has at least some viability, but the idea of a "Delaware bounce" is dubious. Nevertheless, Forbes is wrapping up four days of crisscrossing Delaware by bus, which, in the nation's second-smallest state, is about 3 1/2 more days than needed.

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## Four years later, consumers see changes

Telecommunication prices starting to drop

WASHINGTON (AP) - The revolution envisioned by a landmark telecommunications law that held the promise of more choices and lower prices for consumers remains a work in progress, with some Americans not yet enjoying the fruits of greater competition in the past four years.

"My cable bill is outrageous! The rate has steadily increased with no changes in service or quality," wrote Debbie Williams of Aloha, Oregon this summer to a consumer group in Washington. Bob Palinchak of Cordova, Tenn., griped that an array of monthly charges has caused his phone bill to increase even when he makes few calls.

Since the passage of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, cable rates have risen three times faster than inflation and the regional Bell companies still claim 96 percent of local phone revenue.

But there are some signs of change. The number of Internet users has tripled and wireless prices have plummeted in the past four years.

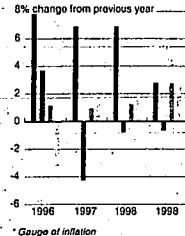
"The big picture is that the whole telecommunications and information sectors of our economy are just booming," Federal Communications Commission Chairman William Kennard said in an interview with The Associated Press. "We've really never seen anything like this in the history of communications in the world where you have so much investment so quickly, a myriad of new services being provided to consumers."

The law, signed by President Clinton four years ago Tuesday, freed cable and local and long-distance phone companies to enter each others' businesses. House Commerce Committee Chairman Thomas Bliley, R-Va., one of the bill's co-authors, said

### Telecom prices

Consumers are starting to see a drop in some of the prices they pay for telecommunications, though cable rates have risen faster than the rate of inflation.

■ Cable TV ■ Local phone  
■ Long distance (state to state) ■ Consumer price index\*



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics AP

consumers are beginning to see choices in markets once controlled by monopolies.

"I would have liked to have seen it go quicker," Bliley said. But "it's coming."

Fledgling businesses have spent billions of dollars to offer local phone and data services to com-

pete with the Baby Bells. AT&T has invested heavily in its ambitious plan to use cable lines to deliver local phone service, while MCI WorldCom and Sprint say their combined merger could enable them to reach local customers through fixed wireless systems.

But the Bell companies and GTE still have the lion's share of the local market.

"This is hardly full-fledged realistic competition," said Adam Thierer, a fellow in economic policy at Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank.

Regulators point to the success of wireless service in giving consumers more options.

Almost all Americans now have a choice of three or more wireless providers, according to the FCC, and prices have steadily declined. A plethora of new long-distance plans - boasting rates as low as 5-cents a minute - have helped drop the price of state-to-state calls more than 2 percent between the time before the act was passed and December 1999.

But consumer groups, in a scathing letter, to President Clinton, said most Americans are not benefiting from falling rates because of an extra \$4 billion a year in assorted charges now tagged on to their monthly phone bills.

They also warned that an unprecedented wave of communications mega-mergers set off by the law has reduced consumer options.

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Two hikers walk in the Great Sand Dunes National Monument near Blanca, Colo., last month. President Clinton asked Congress Monday to spend \$1.4 billion to protect open space, including spending \$8.5 million to expand a Colorado monument being touted as a possible new national park. The money would pay for adding to existing parks, national monuments or other government lands.

## Clinton wants park funding

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton on Monday asked Congress to spend \$1.4 billion to protect open space, including spending \$8.5 million to expand a Colorado monument being touted as a possible new national park.

Western Republicans said they doubted Clinton would get all of his request to double spending on his "Lands Legacy" program. "While there's a lot of support for it, that's an awful lot of money," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M. "If I had to predict, I'd say it would be a hard thing to get through."

More than half of Clinton's Lands Legacy proposal - \$735 million - would be spent by the Interior Department, an increase

of \$391 million over this year. Of that money, \$390 million would come from offshore oil drilling proceeds, with \$147.5 million going to the National Park Service and \$60.9 million to the Bureau of Land Management.

The money would pay for adding to existing parks, national monuments or other government lands. One specific proposal is to spend \$8.5 million to buy four privately-held parcels within Colorado's Great Sand Dunes National Monument and expand the monument's boundaries.

All but one of Colorado's members of Congress have said they would like to see the monument expanded into a national park. Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt called the idea "very exciting" at

a news briefing Monday.

The monument is in the district of Republican Rep. Scott McInnis, who called Clinton's overall budget "a wish list of big government programs that has literally zero chance of becoming law."

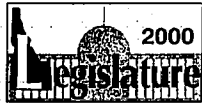
McInnis wants the Sand Dunes monument upgraded into a national park, however. McInnis would like to see the 49,000-acre Baca Ranch adjacent to the monument added to a possible national park, spokesman Joshua Penry said.

## Poverty gap: Soaring Medicaid costs hang over review of health program

BOISE (AP) - The gap between the poor needing subsidized health care and those getting it remains significant even as the Kempthorne administration and lawmakers look for ways to check the cost of Idaho's most extensive health care program - Medicaid.

"Poverty is still a very serious problem in Idaho that attacks the elderly, the young and the vulnerable," Welfare Division Director Scott Cunningham told the Joint-Finance Appropriations Committee on Monday.

His boss, Health and Welfare Director Karl Kuriz, said that while 59,000 children from poor and working poor families are getting subsidized health care through Medicaid and two other programs, 35,000 more remain qualified but uncovered.



Only 5,600 of the estimated 35,000 adults eligible for mental health care are being treated, and just half of the 7,600 severely emotionally disturbed children are getting help, he said.

Counties and the state paid nearly \$17 million more last year for the bills of 584 people described by Catastrophic Health Care Fund Administrator Blake Hall as those "who fall through the cracks of any state-slash-federal health care program." And the Public Health Districts

warned that unless the state picks up its financial support, they will be unable to maintain the preventative health care and other programs that form the front line against health crises in Idaho. They are inhibited by county support that the legislative restrictions on the property tax have capped at 3 percent. The proposed state employee pay package is over 3.5 percent.

Medicaid has become the fastest growing major component of the state budget, even after the federal government picks up roughly two-thirds of the bill.

Since 1995 the Correction Department budget has risen 59 percent from \$59 million to \$94 million while Medicaid has soared 83 percent from \$92 million to \$168 million.

## Crapo asks U.S. Postal Service to rethink ban

BOISE (AP) - Sen. Mike Crapo is asking the U.S. Postal Service to reconsider its policy of not allowing Census Bureau information in post office lobbies.

Crapo wrote to Postmaster General William J. Henderson last week regarding a memo banning the display of any Census materials in post offices.

"Rural populations are frequently undercounted," Crapo said. "As one of the nation's most rural states, Idaho suffers serious consequences when its rural residents do not get counted."

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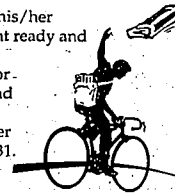
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## Feds warn of dam improvements if people move into development

BOISE (AP) - Federal regulators have advised Ada County and the operator of the Barber Dam east of the Capitol that it will be reclassified as a high-hazard facility as soon as the first homes in a downstream subdivision are occupied.

"People could begin moving into the Harris Ranch subdivision this summer, forcing the county and CH2 Energy Inc. to make expensive improvements to the dam, including earthquake proofing and an emergency plan in case of failure."

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is concerned that the dam could break, resulting in damage worse than would be caused by a so-called 100-year flood and filling Harris Ranch homes with up to six feet of water.

Mike Wardle, Harris Ranch project manager, dismissed the agency's concern. He conceded that a worse than 100-year flood

would endanger Barber Dam - just as it would the entire Boise River Valley.

"It's not something that anyone can plan for," he said.

Harris Ranch already has modified its development plans to ease the county's concerns, moving 78 waterfront homes to other locations within the 3,500-home development, he said. But scores of homes still are planned for construction along the Boise River in the development.

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# Israel hits targets in Lebanon

**BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)** — Israeli warplanes struck a guerrilla stronghold and power stations across Lebanon early Tuesday, causing widespread blackouts in apparent retaliation for Hezbollah attacks that killed four Israeli soldiers.

The strike came after a week of bloody attacks by the Muslim guerrillas and graphic footage of wounded Israelis on the evening news in Israel. The bloodshed prompted talk that Israel will expedite a planned withdrawal from Lebanon, but it also created fears of increased violence near the Israel-Lebanon border. Strens ordered residents to seek shelters in Israeli border towns Monday, and heavily armed troops reported to their commanders at border crossings.

Jets began concentrated attacks in Baalbek in eastern Lebanon, launching several air-to-surface missiles and plunging the city immediately in darkness, witnesses said. Planes also hit a power station in the mountains east of the northern port city of Tripoli, and followed it with a strike on the Jambour substation on a hill overlooking Beirut. There was no word on casualties. Beirut, the Lebanese capital, was plunged into darkness soon after the strike. Fires raged over the city for about half an hour. A huge ball of orange flame and clouds of smoke rose from the Beirut station.



Residents of the northern city of Kiryat Shemona prepare themselves to sleep the night inside a bomb shelter Monday.

# Israel's request for billions in U.S. weapons stirs concern

**WASHINGTON** — Pentagon officials are studying an Israeli request for \$17 billion worth of sophisticated American weapons, but critics say the shopping list far exceeds Israel's needs.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak says Israel needs the highly restricted software codes, cruise missiles, advanced surveillance systems and smart bombs to safeguard its security if it returns the strategic Golan Heights to Syria, which Damascus has demanded in exchange for any peace agreement.

Other critics of the request voice concerns that Israel's world-

class arms industry might repackage or even resell U.S. technology, and that providing such high-tech U.S. weaponry could provoke a new Mideast arms race with nations such as Iran.

"You trigger an arms' race unwittingly," warned Sami Haijjar, director for Middle East studies at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa. "You cannot expect to arm to the teeth one nation in the region and expect all others to accept it willingly."

U.S. officials declined to discuss the request in detail, merely reiterating Washington's commitment to maintaining Israel's military edge over its adversaries.

# Hijackers land in London

**STANSTED, England (AP)** — Authorities held "fairly calm and businesslike" negotiations over long hours Monday with apparent Afghan dissidents holding a plane-load of at least 150 people hostage at an airport outside London.

Officials did not disclose what political demands, if any, the hijackers put forth. But a diplomat familiar with earlier negotiations when the airliner landed in Moscow said those holding the plane sought to free a prisoner held in the Afghan city of Kandahar.

Afghan media speculated the hijackers were dissidents who sought the release of Ismail Khan, a former regional governor who has been held since 1997 by Afghanistan's ruling Taliban movement. Khan is a member of Afghanistan's opposition alliance, which still rules roughly 10 percent of the war-shattered country. Once in Britain, the hijackers-requested-only-food, water, unspecified medical supplies and that the lavatories on the Afghan state-run Ariana Airlines plane be emptied, said John Broughton, assistant chief constable of the Essex Police.

He characterized the negotiations, conducted in English, as "fairly calm and businesslike" and said authorities were patiently working toward a peaceful solution.

"Negotiations remain our favorite option," said Joe Edwards, another assistant chief constable. "I will say it could be a



very protracted technique. It could go on for days."

He said that eight captives released Monday at Stansted, Britain's designated airport for handling hijackings, "told us they were very well-treated while they were onboard."

Earlier Monday at a news conference in Moscow, one of 10 passengers set free there, Mohammad Bashir Mahal, said there were eight hijackers, and they appeared to be Afghani because of their language and clothes.

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# Catholic leaders urge IRA to disarm

**BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)** — Northern Ireland's most respected Catholic politician appealed Monday for the Irish Republican Army to give up a cache of its most powerful explosives, saying such a gesture was needed to prevent "the province's growth from continuing."

John Hume, the leader of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, sought to resolve the crisis that is threatening Northern Ireland's Catholic-Protestant partitioned status for at least two months in power. Hume said the U.S.-brokered peace deal that got the administration formed also

created expectations the IRA would start to disarm. The outlawed group has so far refused to do so.

"I now appeal to the IRA to show their deep respect for the will of the Irish people," Hume said in remarks published by the Irish News, Northern Ireland's main Catholic newspaper. "I ask them to demonstrate for all to see their patriotism and desire to move the situation forward by strengthening the peace process through its beginning, voluntarily, the process of decommissioning," he said. He called on the IRA to hand over some Semtex, the

Czech-made plastic explosive the group has, particularly prized since receiving several tons of it from Libya in the mid-1980s.

But the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party rebuffed the message. Sinn Fein chairman Martin McLaughlin said Hume normally demonstrated "great sensitivity and judgment" — but that it would be "hard to imagine a more inappropriate moment to make that particular suggestion."

Hume's IRA appeal came hours after dissident IRA members bombed a rural hotel in Irwinestown, 50 miles west of Belfast. No one was injured.

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# Unknown gunman kills Yugoslav defense minister

**BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)** — Yugoslav Defense Minister Pavle Bulatovic was shot Monday in a Belgrade restaurant, officials and Belgrade media reported. Military officials said he died later in a hospital.

The independent Studio B television said Bulatovic, a Montenegrin who was close to Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, was in the restaurant of the soccer club Rad when he was shot along with two other people. Military officials and those close

to Bulatovic's Socialist Peoples' Party said the defense minister died in Belgrade military hospital. The independent Beta news agency also said he had died. Studio B said one or more attackers fired through a window of the restaurant, hitting Bulatovic and two other men from behind. They were taken to a military hospital. The attack came less than a month after Serbia's most powerful warlord, Zeljko Raznatovic, known as Arkan, was gunned down in a Belgrade hotel.

# Opponents declare new president in Croatian election

**ZAGREB, Croatia (AP)** — A candidate who pledged to lead Croatia away from its authoritarian-past won the country's presidential election Monday, his opponent said, conceding the race hours before the first results were to be announced.

Stipe Mesic is the victor in the runoff election to succeed the late Franjo Tudjman, former Communist dissident Drazen Budisa acknowledged shortly after polls closed. Mesic is a former member of Yugoslavia's collective presidency.

"I think the moment has come for me to congratulate Mr. Mesic on his victory and to wish him a lot of success in carrying out the presidential duties," Budisa said after early, unofficial results available to both parties showed Mesic with a 10 percent lead.

The two candidates differed only slightly in the policies they supported during the campaign, being voters with a choice based largely on personality and presentation.

Voting took place in more than 7,000 polling stations in the country and 48 in embassies abroad. The first preliminary results were expected to be announced after midnight local time.



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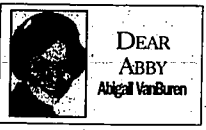
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# Retirement community offers options

**DEAR ABBY:** Your advice to "Sis, the Nag" from Hickory Hills, Ill., was right on target. The woman is a primary candidate for retirement living. Unfortunately, society as a whole, and especially the maturing adult, is undereducated when it comes to the resources available to them and the many advantages of those resources.



A large part of the American culture continues to perceive retirement living in the same vein as life in a nursing home - hence the hesitation, when it comes to this type of decision making. Although life in a retirement community is quite the contrary, this perception has been slow to change.

I work in a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC). There are 60, 70, 80- and 90-year-old adults who continue to live active and independent lives, and yet have assisted and nursing care services available to them in the event these needs arise. The residents reside in a hotel-like atmosphere in their own apartments, with their own furniture, go to the mall, grocery stores, get and anywhere else they so desire. They make new friends that have had or continue to have similar life experiences.

Today's senior has worked hard to provide children and grandchildren with the opportunity and vision to fulfill their own goals. The families want only the very best for them. They want their parents to enjoy themselves

and all of the amenities they so often deprived themselves of to provide for their families. Retirement living is truly a step in the right direction.

"Sis" is no doubt facing a difficult decision. Regardless of how nice the retirement community is, it will never be the memory-filled home in which she raised her family. However, life is a series of trade-offs. She is already feeling the burden of caring for her house and at a loss as to why her children are not more available. "Sis" probably has a delightful brood, but what will she expect of them if her health declines and she finds herself able to handle less and less?

Taking this first step is a big one. I meet people daily who are hesitant to take the initial step. They feel they are not ready for retirement living. Yet these same folks come into my office six months

after they've moved in to tell me how happy they are, and how they wish they had made the move years earlier.

**KELLI KNOX, HOUSTON**

DEAR KELLY: Thank you for an informative letter. I received mail from angry readers scolding me because I didn't criticize "Sis's" children for failing to help their mother with maintaining her property. However, I seriously doubt that if they're unwilling or unable to do it, they would appreciate a lecture from me.

It's far more important that "Sis" be empowered to control her own destiny and, if she's not getting the attention she'd like from her children, to develop an independent social life of her own. That is why I urged her to sell the real estate before it becomes run-down and to give serious thought to a retirement community targeted to active seniors.

# Why do we call beetles 'black'?

**Q.** Forget computer jargon for a moment. In spy talk, what's the difference between "code" and "cipher"?

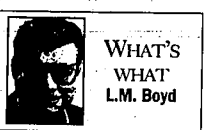
**A.** Code uses words. Cipher uses numbers for letters.

Am told it takes at least six cubic feet of beans to make a bean bag chair comfortable. Impressive. And even more impressive, I think: If you get laid off, you can eat it.

**Client corrects:** "Marionberries" are grown only in Oregon, you said at first, that was true. Now they're grown in some other places.

What we call whooping cough the Koreans call donkey cough. Medieval priests invented that ball-on-chain battle club called the mace as a substitute for the sword. Because their Bible prohibited them from shedding blood but not from bashing skulls. So says one historian.

An owl's eyes detect infrared.



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

When King James I played cards, one attendant held the cards; another told him which to play, and there are those who say this set a pattern for numerous heads of state even unto this day.

Black beetles are brown.

**Q.** Isn't the President's Cabinet technically unconstitutional?

**A.** Not "un," but "a." It's "a-constitutional." There's nothing in the Constitution about it one way or another.

If human history were compressed into one full day and night, you could say the hunters have been around for 23 hours 45 minutes while the farmers have

only been around for 15 minutes. It takes 23 minutes to read the Constitution aloud in a normal deliberate speaking voice.

If you've chopped wood, lately or ever, you've been an athlete. Down under, at any rate. Wood chopping is a recognized sport in Australia.

Candy is candy around here, but elsewhere worldwide, all candy is divided into two categories - chocolate-based and sugar-based - and named accordingly.

A third of the child-poisonings - wherein innocent kids get into guilty medicine cabinets - are at the homes of grandmothers.

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**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You will experience greater freedom of thought, action. Those who previously ignored you will celebrate you. Read and write, investigate and discover.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Consider this a bittersweet day. You will receive tough assignments, people will want to be with you. Be alone without appearing arrogant.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Look beyond the immediate. Pisces Moon relates to that section of your horoscope that stirs creative juices. Do what comes naturally, not what others say.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Count your change! Money involved in scenario, you could be short-changed by accident. Save embarrassment by being sure you get money's worth. Capricorn involved.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Universal appeal, realize you are on precipice of fame fortune. Skeptics assert, "You are wasting your time!" Respond by working even harder. Aries represented.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Shake off lethargy, put aside preconceived notions. Your ideas will be fresh, you'll be independent and love will replace loneliness.

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ness. Aquarius involved.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are going in right direction despite those who claim otherwise. Focus on motivation, courage of convictions, marital status. Delicious dinner.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Diversity, give full play to intellectual curiosity. Avoid scattering efforts, do one thing at a time to assure success. Gemini will play quixotic role.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make this your makeover day. Dress differently, greet people in more cheerful, confidential manner. Some will accurately observe, "You are different today!"

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Exciting! Flirtation could lead to trip out of town. Excellent for reading and writing, learning through process of teaching others. Member of opposite sex expresses true love.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Strive for harmony at home. Don't permit pride, prejudice to ruin opportunity. Make intelligent concessions without abandoning principles. Libra in scenario.

# 'Sopranos' dominates awards

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** - "The Sopranos" dominated the dramatic TV category for the Directors Guild of America awards on Monday, picking up four of the five nominations.

The HBO series about a New Jersey crime family earned directing nods for series creator David Chase for the pilot episode, Daniel Attias for the episode "46 Lons" and Henry J. Bronstein for "Nobody Knows Anything" and Allen Coulter for "College."

It was the most nominations ever for a series in a single category. "ER" earned three nominations for dramatic series directing and one for TV movie for the two-hour pilot in 1994.

Director Thomas Schlamme took the fifth dramatic series nomination this year for his pilot episode of "The West Wing" on NBC.

Schlamme also earned a nomination for comedy series directing

for the "Small Town" episode of "Sports Night." Other comedy directing nods went to James Burrows for the "Will & Grace" episode "Yours, Mine, Ours"; Pamela Fryman for the "Frasier" episode "The Flight Before Christmas"; Katy Garretson for the "Frasier" episode "Dr. Nora"; and Victoria Hochberg for the "Sex in the City" episode "The Man, the Myth, the Viagra."

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# COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

## Turning the tables on hackers

The Washington Post

Someone hacked your Web site and is lurking behind that "fire wall" that was supposed to block intruders. Who ya gonna call?

Hack-busters! Many companies are opting to bypass the FBI when they detect a hacker attack, fearing the kind of publicity that hit Internet music retailer CD Universe this week after a hacker e-mailed news organizations to brag that he had stolen credit-card numbers. While CD Universe called the FBI within an hour of receiving an e-mail extortion threat, other companies make their first panicked call to the equivalent of digital Ghostbusters - private security companies steeped in the eerie world of hackerdom.

The e-security industry is being turbocharged by the rise of electronic commerce and computer hackers. A new breed of security firms is being born, and many are hiring "hacker trackers" to go mouse-to-mouse with intruders. A digital arms race is underway between hackers, who are developing tools to make computer breaks push-button easy, and the software industry, which is frantically working on tools to thwart them.

The CD Universe incident was the work of "Cyberberserker," said Mike Higgins, president of Para-Protect Inc., a start-up firm in

## Apple squeezes several new features into OS X

Knight Ridder News Service

At the recent MacWorld convention, Steve Jobs' keynote address unveiled a lot about the much anticipated Mac OS X. It will have the things a modern operating system should have, such as protected memory and pre-emptive multitasking. But up until the keynote, it was unclear as to how X would be rolled out and how it would be positioned to the general Macintosh consumer.

According to Jobs, X should be available to consumers by this summer. And at that time, every-thing is expected to be able to run OS 9, Apple's current operating system, should be able to convert to X. This will be accomplished by three application environments within X itself. The "classic" environment is designed to run the old applications. This should make you know to the new OS as painless as possible. (The X is a Roman numeral so it's pronounced "Oh Ess Ten.")

X's second environment is called Aqua. Applications have to be specifically written to take advantage of carbon and when they do, you'll begin to notice operational as well as cosmetic changes in your programs. Carbon applications will, for example, make use of the new aqua appearance. All the on-screen buttons, sliders and other navigational images on the desktop have a translucent watery quality. And for the future, the "cocoa" environment offers developers a whole new set of tools to create applications that are even more visually pleasing as well as operationally superior.

The other component of the Mac OS is the Finder. X's Finder will offer many new navigational improvements, such as being able to choose the format of how one

## WordWand Pro makes text entry as easy as highlighting

Jim Rossman  
The Dallas Morning News

The WordWand Pro must be a researcher's best friend. Shaped like a biased pen, the \$159 handheld scanner lets the user bring text into any Windows application by sweeping the device over any single line, much like a highlighter.

The scanner can add a space at the end of a scanned line so that each line doesn't run into the next. Separately, a button on the Pro is

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Alexandria, Va., that sells security services to companies. "There are many more incidents that go unreported because companies know that telling the FBI is like telling the whole world."

Security risks to the nation's vital computer networks are growing so fast that government and private industry are scrambling to address them. President Clinton last week proposed \$91 million in new federal spending to protect computer networks and create a Federal Cyber Service that would enlist college students in the anti-hacker war. Attorney General Janet Reno chimed in with a call this week for a national anti-cybercrime network that would function around the clock.

At Para-Protect and another Virginia company, ICA.net, small armies of "white hat" hackers are fighting the wars 24 hours a day. Para-Protect's 45 employees and ICA.net's 100 include computer hackers who join underground hacker groups to gain access to secret Web sites and to monitor hackers.

One Boston security firm that formed last week, AtStake Inc., even hires eight notorious hackers known for developing hacking tools. Members of the cadre, known as "the L0pht," claim their mission has always been to exploit the security flaws. Now they hope to get paid for helping banks, brokers and

Web stores foil digital thieves.

"Who knows how hackers operate better than these guys?" said AtStake founder Ted Julian. He raised \$10 million from venture capitalists on the theory that electronic security is becoming more strategic to companies in the era of e-commerce, because the degree of openness and speed of communication between a company's computers and its suppliers can make or break a business.

"The way most companies have approached security is broken," Julian said. "The goal of security used to be to lock down systems and keep people out; the goal now has to be to make everything as open as possible."

With openness comes risk; which is growing exponentially as companies move critical functions online. The Internet, after all, is a public collection of computer networks. Hooking any company's computers up to it creates potential entry points for hackers to worm their way behind the company's Web site and steal information - even money - from internal databases. Experts say credit-card numbers are almost never stolen in transit online, even the CD Universe theft probably occurred on its internal computer network - and the most serious thefts often involve an intruder who may spend months watching a company's network before acting.

## The century's top sports Internet innovations

By Tommy Cummings  
Knight Ridder News Service

FORT WORTH - Some of us have sneakers older than the Web. That brings up one of two points: One, someone needs new sneakers; or two, the Web is so young that it barely has a history. And while everyone is compiling lists of the century's bests, it might be a bit out of perspective - seeing as how the Web was invented in 1993 - to list the century's top sports Internet accomplishments.

But here goes anyway ...  
1. Multimedia saves the day: Remember the days when, if you wanted to find a broadcast of your favorite college football team, you had to get in the car, drive to the highest mountain and fine tune the AM radio only to get a static-laden, ham-radio-type signal?

Indiana University graduates Todd Wagner and Mark Cuban encountered the same dilemma in 1995 when they were trying to follow their beloved Hoosiers' basketball games from Dallas. Instead of kicking their radios, they parlayed \$4,000 in equipment and Cuban's spare bedroom to start the Net's premier streaming audio and video programming company.

Today, Dallas-based Yahoo! Broadcast Services operates out of a 28,000-square-foot converted warehouse equipped with satellite dishes that pull in television and radio signals from around the world. Wagner and Cuban's brainchild offers not only Hoosiers' games, but has grown into a company that features game broadcasts and other programming for more than 450 college and professional sports teams.

2. Simulation applications: A

Windows 95/98 or NT PC. The next step is launching the WordWand program plus the Windows application of your choice. When you sweep the scanner over text (from right to left, so you can see what you are scanning), the editable text appears wherever the cursor is blinking.

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## Experts: Home users should be wary, too

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Home computer users who believe hacking is a threat only to government and corporate networks need to realize that the Internet puts them at risk of being invaded, too, security experts say.

Illias Levy, chief technology officer for SecurityFocus.com, said hackers often target computers randomly, to obtain financial information or play a prank. But sometimes they access home machines from which they launch attacks on companies.

"It comes down to people thinking, I don't have anything important on my computer, so why waste my goodly want to get me," said Levy.

A hacker can gain access to a home computer in many ways. If a sharing option is turned on, users almost never take advantage of that to delete or steal files. Through e-mail, hackers could send viruses and other malicious programs that will give them access to sensitive documents.

The Web is another high-speed connection such as cable modems - those computers are always connected to the Internet. But even standard, dial-up users are vulnerable.

## Things to look for in your first computer

By Craig Crossman  
Knight Ridder News Service

Q. I'm ready to buy my first computer and have decided on a Pentium III model. When I went shopping, I discovered several computer models from different manufacturers offering an Athlon processor instead. Furthermore, this processor is made by a company called AMD and not Intel. Is this something I should consider or stay with the big name brand?

A. Advanced Micro Devices, or AMD, has been around for a long time and has done well making Intel-compatible microprocessors. Previous chips made include the AMD K5 and K6, which are still available and offer speed and features comparable to Pentium and Pentium II chips respectively. But the Athlon you mention is AMD's latest offering and is comparable to Intel's fastest generation of Pentium III chips.

The three considerations you should make concerning another brand of CPU are speed, compatibility and cost. Comparing the Athlon to the Pentium III is fairly straightforward. Without splitting hairs, a 500-megahertz Pentium III is comparable to a 500-megahertz Athlon. Currently Athlon is available in 500-, 550-, 600-, 650- and a blazing 800-megahertz version. In fact, AMD introduced their 800-megahertz chip before Intel made it to market with theirs.

Compatibility is about as close as you can get. AMD claims the Athlon on Intel chip. And as far as cost is concerned, unless you're building your computer from scratch, you aren't going to be buying an Athlon off the shelf. However, computers with an Athlon inside tend to be a little

less expensive. But this shouldn't be the deciding factor in making your CPU brand choice.

So your concern really shouldn't be which brand microprocessor to buy but rather how fast a system you want. And since megahertz ratings are so closely matched between both manufacturers, my suggestion is to go for a sublime balance of a computer system that fills all your needs, one that offers the most features you want and best accommodates your wallet.

Q. What is Java applet?  
A. Java is a programming language developed by Sun Microsystems. With it, programmers can write small applications. Rotating the cube and clicking on the desired side sends you to the linked Web site. You have to see it to believe it. Others include a wheel menu, rippling watery effects that can distort an image or an entire Web page and a smoothly animated book page flip that helps to make even the dullest material fun to view.

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## EDITORIAL

### Despite his credentials, new F&G boss faces challenges

After a year without a permanent director, the Idaho Fish and Game Department is getting a chief who may be able to lead the department out of trouble. But Rod Sando can't do it in a day, or a week, or even a month.

He'll need some time and some breathing room. Everyone who purports to care about Idaho's wildlife should give the man a chance.

Sando looks like a wise choice. He spent 20 years with Minnesota's Department of Natural Resources, with the final eight as commissioner. It was a big job, because the department had 2,500 full-time employees and an annual budget of around \$250 million.

He left when America's goofiest governor, Jesse "The Body" Ventura, sacked him. The fact that he was fired by a rasser isn't necessarily a black mark.

Sando is amply qualified to run Idaho's much smaller agency, which has about 500 full-time employees and a budget of \$54 million per year. But managing Idaho's wildlife is a political tarpit that can snare unwary administrators, regardless of their credentials.

High priority must be given to improving relations with group leaders. Mealey has a talent for antagonizing Sando. Sando needs to win back the department's traditional constituencies of hunters and anglers, as well as farm-

ers, ranchers, conservationists and the general public.

Deeper still, he must wash away stains that Mealey left on the department's public image. Toward that end, Sando should:

- Put an end to hidden agendas of environmental activism within the department. The dam breaching

debate, for example, has evolved from a biological discussion into a political one; Fish and Game biologists have nothing new to add.

- Give more decision-making authority to regional supervisors, who are far more in tune with the concerns of local hunters and anglers than bureaucrats in Boise.

- Re-write the department's hunting and fishing regulations in plain English.

This last task is no laughing matter. Given the small-print complexity of the regulations, many law-abiding sportsmen don't know every last rule

— which means they could be in violation without even knowing it. Thus, a day of hunting or fishing often is accompanied by a vague sense of guilt.

It's time to simplify the rules so hunters and anglers can take their friends, rather than their lawyers, when they venture afield.

Turning Fish and Game around will be a big job. It could easily become a no-win situation. Everyone who cares about Idaho's wildlife should look for ways to help Sando succeed.

*One thing the new Fish and Game director should do is rewrite the rules in plain English. You shouldn't need to take your lawyer along every time you go hunting.*



## Twin Falls police must learn to serve

**A**t 8:15 a.m. on Dec. 11, a clear morning, I was headed east on Addison Avenue and stopped for a red light at North Five Points. When my light turned green, the intersection was clear and I proceeded east, entering the intersection. I was struck on the driver's side by a 1998 Chevy Blazer driven by an elderly man from Canada.

My car was totaled and I suffered injuries. Immediately after the crash, a woman in a maroon van pulled alongside my car and said, "I saw you get hit. I'll be your witness and wait for the police to arrive." She pulled around the van that hit me and parked. At that time, a police car pulled up behind me and I got out of my car. The officers asked me where I was going. I told them that the Canadian vehicle had hit me and I needed to talk to the woman in the other van, a witness who saw me get hit. The officers instructed me to get back in my car, they would interview the witness and then get my statement. From my car, I was able to witness the woman talking to the officers. Throughout the investigation the man from Canada kept repeating how confus-

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Mary Goodman

ing the lights were at the intersection. My statement completed, one officer told me I could pick up the police report on Dec. 14 or Dec. 15. After several inquiries, the police finally faxed my insurance company the accident report on Dec. 20, nine days after the accident. On the police report, the man from Canada, whose statement read, "the car was hidden behind a large vehicle and came through," was not cited. The police report stated that they could not determine who was at fault. The police report stated that there was "no witness" to the accident.

As a result of the ineptitude of the officers at the scene of the accident or because of their dereliction of duty, it has cost me financially and emotionally. I cannot collect for my deductible. I cannot collect for rental car charges. I cannot collect for lost income to my business. I cannot collect for my pain and suf-

fering. I will continue to undergo medical treatment for an undetermined length of time. I, personally, have suffered losses that will not be recompensed because the police report stated there was no witness, a witness I was denied access to, and for some reason these trained officers could not determine who was at fault.

To Magic Valley residents, I strongly urge that you carry a cell phone, camera and tape recorder in your car at all times so if you are ever involved in an accident, you can call your insurance agent, your attorney, a family member or a friend who will assist you in a responsible investigation of the accident scene and who will intelligently report, record and document all the facts. By law, you have the right to talk to any witness as long as it does not constitute a hazard or hindrance.

Being victimized does not always involve an act of violence. Our tax dollars pay the salaries for these officers, whose job it is to "protect and serve." I don't think so!

Mary Goodman lives in Buhl.

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## LETTERS

### Judge will do what's right

People, please, enough is enough. This judicial hearing is getting us nowhere. From what I understand after reading the transcripts (which are available to the public), the Jesse Thrush case is not over.

I, too, was very angered and saddened by the death of this child. For I am a mother and cannot begin to imagine the pain this family has gone through. I hope I never do. But on the other hand, I have had the privilege of knowing Judge Dan Meach for many years. He has always been a very fair, impartial and compassionate man. He has served our community well and rid us of many evils. So knowing this, I will put my faith in this man to do what is right by withholding judgment until his final judgment is rendered. I hope you can do the same.

P.S. I'm curious: If Jesse Thrush does get the sentence (everyone) thinks he should, who will be the first to write their letter of wishing to Judge Meach?  
ALEX AND MONA ALBERDI  
Hansen

### Time to tell it like it is

Does professional sports have a problem? You better believe they do when baseball says John Rocker, on his own time, can't say what he sees in this real world, we ain't got a prayer. Not one racist remark was part of what he saw. This is what America is today, guys with purple hair, unwed mothers with four kids and another in the oven, armed men on most transit vehicles. There is a covey of famous black sports figures indicted on murder charges as I write, men and women on drugs with AIDS in every town

in America, men wanting to marry men and women wanting to marry women. Why can't he state a fact because he is a good white baseball pitcher. We need to call a spade a spade, not like we do.

The single most influential man in America is President Bill Clinton. He lied to every American and his friends and family. What did he get for this? Zero. He actually is being rewarded. Men with money want to buy his home, millions. And the nation applauded the nation's State of the Union. I am sorry for millions who feel like they do. I know for sure there must be no divine power that is watching the same TV networks I see in our world today.

Please pay attention.  
B.J. "BARNEY" ROWLAND  
Hagerman

### I wish I'd said that, Lloyd

As a neophyte Idahoan, I became a fan of Lloyd Walker through "letters to the editor." Forget the headlines, forget the obits, I'd first read the letters, hoping he'd written another one.

My regret is that I never wrote that fan letter telling him that.  
Thank you, Lloyd Walker, for those letters that always made me say, "I wish I'd said that."  
MARRION VAN ENGELEN  
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## Clinton went through looking glass this time

**W**ith surpluses that have yet to materialize, President Clinton wants Congress to fund a host of new programs. He describes his wish list with the eagerness of a child extolling the virtues of a puppy, but parents know who ends up cutting for the dog.

This isn't mere pessimism talking. The Congressional Budget Office, whose figures lawmakers use to draw up the federal budget, devoted an entire section in its latest "Budget and Economic Outlook" to a series of graphs and tables explaining errors it had made in past budget projections. No reasonable person can read CBO's analysis without concluding that five-year projections are probable at best — and 10-year projections border on fantasy.

Anytime a federal agency is courageous enough to point out where and why its previous budget estimates were wrong, it makes sense for policy-makers to heed the warning. Yet the more I wander around in President Clinton's budgets, the more I expect to run into the March Hare or the Queen of Hearts. I feel as though I've gone through the looking glass, and things are looking a bit strange in Washington.

In his State of the Union address, the president proposed more than 100 spending initiatives that would cost about \$42 billion the first year. He wants \$1 billion for after-school and summer school programs, a \$1 billion increase in Head Start funding, \$1 billion for teach-

### PETER SPERRY

ers and \$690 million for housing vouchers. He proposes \$110 billion over 10 years for expanding health insurance. Throw in a \$350 billion tax cut — plus retiring the national debt by 2013 — and you are, as the saying goes, talking real money.

If CBO's projections of economic growth are off by even a fraction of 1 percent, there will be no money to pay for these programs, even though the beneficiaries will still expect their "entitlement." But some policy-makers in Washington seem to be prepared to risk the solvency of Social Security and the nation's financial health on budget projections the agency describes as "uncertain." And CBO ought to know: In 1993, it said the government would be running a \$455 billion deficit today, not a \$176 billion surplus.

Would any of these programs even be considered if it weren't for CBO's projection of \$1.9 trillion in surpluses over the next decade? And how many of them will be possible if the economy takes so much as a breather from its record expansion?

All this seems lost on liberals enthralled by President Clinton's plan simultaneously to increase federal spending, cut taxes and pay down the national debt. Of course, when President Reagan proposed cutting taxes, increasing defense spending and limiting the

growth of domestic spending, these same liberals attacked his proposals as unrealistically dependent on "rosy scenarios."

Good financial management follows basic principles: Don't spend more than you earn. Don't waste money on items of little value. Only borrow to finance major investments or deal with major emergencies. Pay off loans as quickly as possible. Save some income for the future. These principles work equally well for families, corporations and governments. They work in expanding economies, shrinking economies and uncertain economies.

Just as young men promise their girlfriends expensive gifts to be paid for with next month's raise, candidates will tempt the American people with proposals to be paid for with future surpluses. Few of them want to focus on CBO's warnings about the slakiness of long-term projections — or worse, its "alternative" economic forecasts, one of which predicts a surplus of only \$383 billion, not \$1.9 trillion.

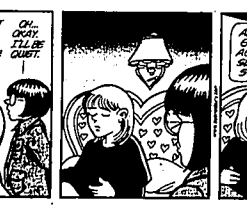
And if Congress passes the president's requests, only to see the surpluses disappear as quickly as they emerged? As House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich warns, "That would force Congress to either raise other taxes or spend money from the Social Security surplus." Perhaps they can send the bill to the Mad Hatter.

Peter Sperry is the Grover M. Hermann fellow in federal budgetary affairs at The Heritage Foundation.

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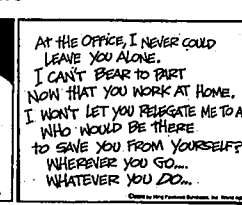
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# U.S. must achieve balance between openness, secrecy in science

**C**an we safeguard the critical secrets needed to protect national security while we enhance the essential scientific openness required for global leadership? It's a tough question, and it's an old one. But the issue is now urgent once again. Calls for curtailing international research exchanges were ignited by the news that sensitive nuclear weapons information at the Los Alamos National Laboratory may have been leaked to the Chinese. As a result, broad-scale investigations and rifle-shot scapegoating have riveted Washington. But the recent months of incendiary congressional hearings and quick reorganizations of the U.S. Department of Energy — no matter how patriotic and well-intentioned — have not resolved the underlying security about a long-range security strategy.

We need to step back and assess the rationale for scientific cooperation between researchers in the United States and those abroad. A central principle is that strongly enforced safeguards must be in place to protect the most sensitive information, with zero-tolerance for lax security and espionage. But overzealous and bureaucratic security measures would shut down thousands of productive scientific exchanges every year. That must not be tolerated either. The costs

**RODNEY W. NICHOLS**

of such a system to the advancement of science would be higher than the benefits.

National vitality in research is at risk whenever security-obsessed systems erode the freedom to engage in global scientific cooperation. If we overreact to changes in espionage, then the United States would be practicing an ideological reflex that has always been the enemy of scientific and technological progress. Open exchanges accelerate research that not only enriches our lives but also bolsters our nation's security. That was true in the past and is equally true today. With many countries expanding their base of science and engineering, the United States must participate in the global marketplace of ideas.

A recent report by the committee of the National Research Council evaluated the tensions inherent in conducting some secret weapons-related research without compromising the spirit of scientific openness. The report points out that approximately 75 percent of the work being done at U.S. weapons laboratories is unclassified and depends on contributions of scientific research performed in other countries. For

example, research aimed at harnessing nuclear fusion as a commercially viable energy source is of great importance to many nations because such energy could potentially offer a virtually inexhaustible fuel supply. But the research budgets of Japan and several European nations in this area far exceed that of the United States. This country must remain involved in international collaboration to be meaningfully engaged in nuclear fusion research.

International cooperation in scientific research also strengthens national security. Consider the cooperative program that has U.S. and Russian scientists working together to upgrade the protection and control of weapons-grade nuclear material in Russia. The program directly serves U.S. security interests by reducing the risk that the material could become available to a rogue nation or terrorist group. Moreover, cooperation with scientists in other countries is essential to implement and verify nuclear arms reductions agreements.

If the United States is to remain the world's largest tech-

nological leader, it must remain deeply engaged in the international enterprise of science. U.S. laboratories must be able to attract the best and brightest scientists and engineers from other countries to meet the demands of an ever-changing world. This is the reality for modern research. Just look at the contributions of foreign-born individuals to national security during the past half-century — including many giants of science such as Albert Einstein, Enrico Fermi, Eugene Wigner, Leo Szilard, Edward Teller, Hans Bethe, John Von Neumann, and Stanislas Ulman.

Our country has long been committed to the value of international cooperation in science. The tradition began with Thomas Jefferson, who observed, "the brotherly spirit of Science... unites into one family all its fortunes of whatever grade, and however widely dispersed through the different quarters of the globe." Even during the Cold War, the dangers of excessive secrecy were highlighted by the Department of Defense in a report, which noted that "classification of technical information

impedes its flow within our own system, and may easily do far more harm than good by stifling critical discussion and review or by engendering frustration." The United States must sustain the

long and fruitful tradition of scientific openness.

*Rodney W. Nichols is president and chief executive officer of the New York Academy of Sciences.*

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## LETTERS

### It's still a great deal

Oops, excuse me. Having been in education research, I should have verified the statistic showing the Twin Falls School District near the bottom of the pack in spending when I received it.

Thanks for pointing out my error in your editorial on Jan. 30. I would hate to have even a single incorrect fact in the presentations I am giving to the community, because there are folks who will focus upon the error and miss the major point of the presentation — that being, Twin Falls' patrons are getting a pretty good buy for their buck.

Since you cited the source of the data, I will assume you are correct in your research and will reiterate your figure to others in illustrating that Twin Falls is in the bottom third of the country when it comes to spending per pupil. Even that figure should make folks sit up and take notice when they see that Twin Falls' students are performing in the top half to top third of this nation's students, regardless of the performance measure used.

In light of our previously stated position of linking educator pay to student achievement, it seems like the right time for you to lead the charge to have the Legislature appropriate sufficient funds to move the salaries of Twin Falls' educators up from their current level (relative to the national average) to one more in line with the quality of work they do. Although our students are performing in the top half to top third in the nation, it is probably unrealistic to think that we could move educator salaries to that same level. In light of our student achievement, however, it would be interesting to see whether the

performance pay advocates could move from conceptual support of performance pay to financial support in the real world.

**TERREL DONICHT**  
Superintendent  
School District 411  
Twin Falls

### Retrievers threaten ozone!

Yoo whoo, Jon Marvel, you have something going on in your own backyard. You surely won't want to miss this. Check the Magic Valley section of the Jan. 30 Times-News: "Skiers glide the rails on old track beds," second paragraph. You have probably hundreds, maybe even thousands of Labrador retrievers up there making yellow splotches on that sparkling snow. Now it doesn't take an architect from some comic strip family to figure out that this isn't good. That stuff is going to end up in the Wood River and probably kill thousands of fish there, then in the Snake River and onto the Columbian. Why, who knows what may happen. We could even lose thousands of acres of rain forest, not to mention the ozone and global warming.

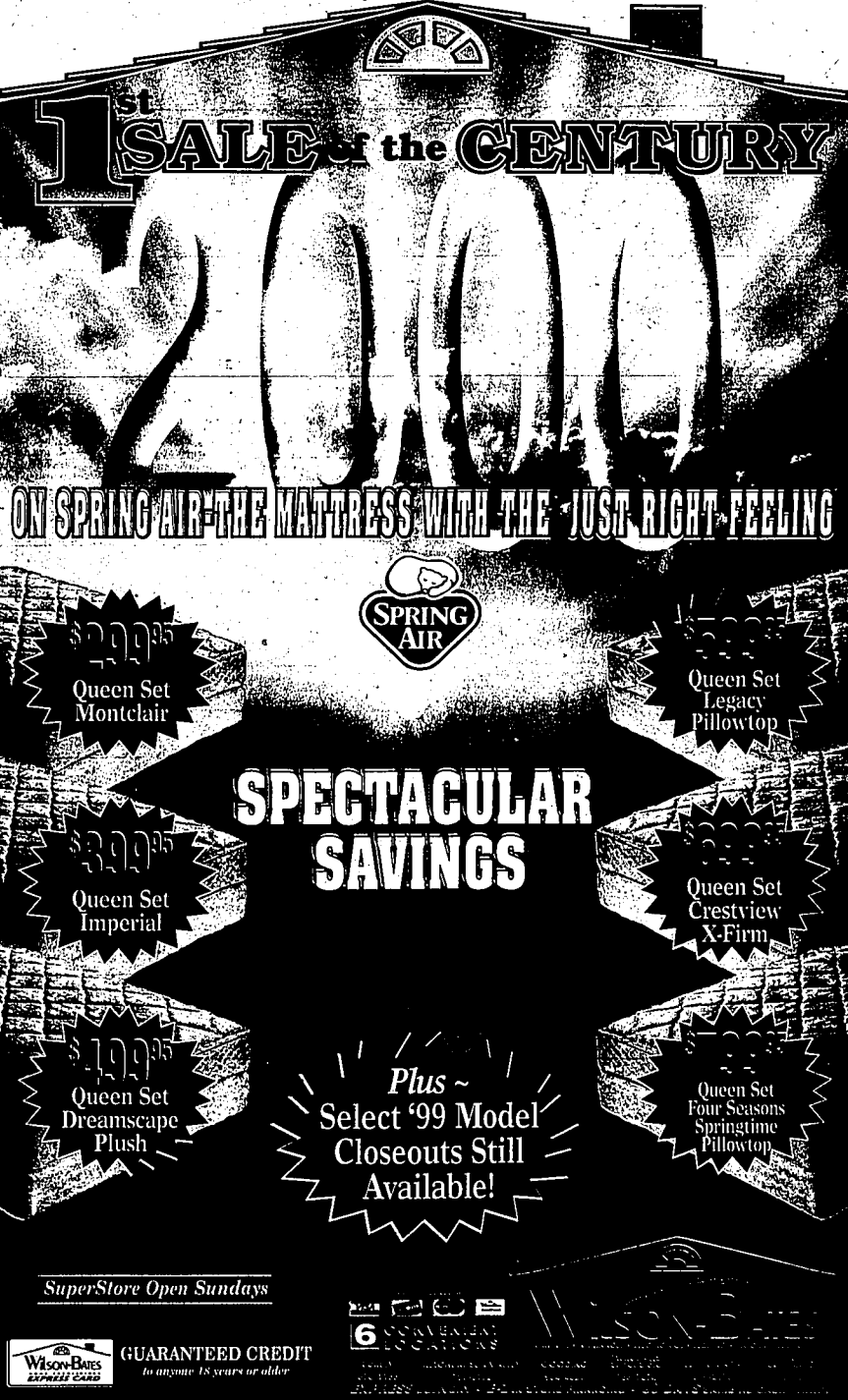
Now I don't know what those skiers pay to use that old railroad bed, but you can bet your sweet bippy it isn't enough to cover the damages. You may be need to gather up some of your tree-hugger environmentalist buds and go down there and fence that thing off so they can't get in. And fence it good, too, because I'm not sure what they mean when they say "other furry friends." Oh, and don't forget we taxpayers are surely getting jabbed here. That bunch should pay their fair share.

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 Ann Heilman, Boise, as administrator of the Division of Human Resources.  
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 Kenneth Wieneke, Boise, to the Idaho Personnel Commission.

Introduced in Senate

SB1371 (Education) - Moves up

the filing of an absentee ballot from one hour before the polls open to 5 p.m. the day before the election.  
 SB1372 (Education) - Requires school districts to provide support programs for teachers in their first three years of work in the districts.  
 SB1373 (Judiciary and Rules) - Creates a statewide will registry.  
 SB1374 (Judiciary and Rules) - Offers flexibility in sentencing of juveniles charged as adults.  
 Introduced in House  
 HJR4 (Sales) - Amends Idaho Constitution to require that language of the Constitution be interpreted according to original intent.  
 HB516 (State Affairs) - Changes procedural requirements in disposal of surplus state real estate.  
 HB517 (State Affairs) - Allows the Board of Examiners between legislative sessions to authorize the Idaho State Building Authority to issue bonds.  
 HB518 (Transportation and Defense) - Authorizes creation of a sheriff's youth programs, funds in each county.  
 HB519 (Education) - Creates the

parental information fund in the state treasury to pay for media messages "about nurturing practices that will help infants develop and thrive."  
 HB520 (Education) - Reduces from two-thirds to a simple majority the vote required to override a school board decision to close a school.  
 HB521 (Education) - Establishes the incentive scholarship program for Idaho high school graduates.  
 HB522 (Education) - Requires charter school employees to undergo a criminal history check.  
 HB523 (Education) - Extends terms of Commission on the Arts members from March to June 30 of the year their term expires.  
 HB524 (Transportation and Defense) - Sets requirements for towing companies in removal of disabled vehicles.  
 HB525 (Transportation and Defense) - Expands consideration of "just compensation" in eminent domain condemnations.  
 HB526 (Sales) - Makes funding in the State Board of Acupuncture Fund subject to appropriation.

House to consider term limits

BOISE (AP) - Rep. Jim Kempton's plan for using a constitutional amendment to attack Idaho's term limits law will be considered along with other proposals targeting restrictions on how long elected officials can hold office.

The House State Affairs Committee on Monday agreed to introduce a new version of the Albion Republican's proposed amendment to Article XX of the Idaho Constitution. Kempton said the new version only clarifies that the amendment's intent is to bar any changes in the qualifications for constitutional offices except by constitutional amendment or constitutional convention.  
 Term limits on all state and local elected officials were enacted by ballot initiative in 1994 and reaffirmed by statewide advisory vote in 1998. Legislators have

been trying almost from the beginning to extend or eliminate the limits on themselves and, more openly, on local officials for whom the restrictions promise to diminish the pool of qualified candidates available to serve.

Kempton insisted his proposal would only indirectly address that effort and was aimed more at preventing future attempts to make what might be troublesome changes to qualifications for office.

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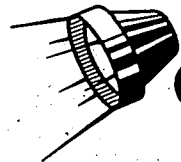
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Tense moments: An hour-long standoff ended with the arrest of a Burley teen. Page B3

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Section B

## Council holds off on financing park

**By John T. Huddy Times-News writer**  
TWIN FALLS - Several issues need to be resolved before the City Council is ready to dish out money for a proposed skateboarding park, city officials said Monday evening.  
"I think we should do some homework before we commit this kind of money," Councilman Chris Talkington said.  
Members of the Magic Valley Skate Boarder's Association Inc. had asked the

city to help pay for the proposed 10,000-square-foot skatepark, which would cost between \$140,000 and \$160,000.  
The park would be located at Harmon Park and would be open to skateboarders and in-line skaters.  
Zack Wormhout of Wormhout Landscape Architecture of California, said the park would benefit the city.  
"It will certainly have the potential to draw people on a regional level," Wormhout said.  
The Skate Boarder's Association asked

the council to put up the money for at least half the project, and the association would raise the rest with cash and in-kind donations.  
But before making the costly investment, city officials wanted to be sure that the rest of the money would be there. Several council members asked whether the park had to be 10,000 square feet, or whether a smaller park would be feasible.  
Wormhout said he would discuss that with local skaters to see what they want-

ed and if a smaller park would indeed work.  
The proposed park would have a life span of about 40 years and could accommodate 40 skaters at any one time.  
"I think we need to talk to the users before making an investment," City Manager Tom Courtney said.  
Times-News staff writer John T. Huddy can be reached in Twin Falls at 733-0931, Ext. 259 or by e-mail at [jhuddy@magicvalley.com](mailto:jhuddy@magicvalley.com)

## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Police charge man with eluding deputy

**KIMBERLY** A high-speed weekend joy ride turned into a high-speed chase when a motorcyclist didn't stop for a sheriff's deputy.  
Kelsy Hurd, 19, was charged Monday with eluding an officer.  
The chase began at about midnight Saturday at U.S. Highway 30 and 3300 East.  
Twin Falls County sheriff's Cpl. Perry Barnhill noticed the motorcycle speeding away and tried to stop it. Barnhill said in a sworn statement.

The motorcycle ran a stop sign at 3700 N. 3300 E. and continued south. Barnhill's squad car, with its siren and emergency lights running, followed at 45 mph and slowly lost ground, the statement said.  
The chase turned east at 3500 North. The motorcyclist ran another two more stop signs before heading south on 3400 East, the statement said.  
After reaching speeds of 120 mph, the chase ended about a mile later when the motorcycle stopped.  
Hurd told Barnhill that the motorcycle's owner wanted him to take the bike and try it out, the statement said.

### School Board to consider school soccer proposal

TWIN FALLS - The School Board today will be asked to support a new high school soccer program.  
The Magic Valley Youth Soccer Association Board is proposing to buy for equipment needs for varsity and sophomore soccer teams at Twin Falls High School.  
The association is requesting that the Twin Falls School District pay for coaches' salaries and team transportation, which the district provides for other sports.  
At the beginning of the 2000-01 school year, soccer officially becomes a state-sanctioned high school sport. It has been a club sport in Idaho, which means in most cases it has not received financial support from school districts.  
Soccer boosters have asked the School Board to give the sport its share of district support, but the district says the request comes at a tough budget time because of an enrollment drop.  
In other business, the School Board will review results of the district's standardized test scores on the Oregon Tests of Basic Skills and the Tests of Achievement and Proficiency; the board will decide whether to adopt a three-year regional calendar under consideration that would create uniform operations; and the board will consider a request from the Boy Scouts of America for a reduction in school building rental fees for an activity the group wants to hold at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School.  
The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the district office, 201 Main Ave. W.

### Officer saves man from suicidal jump into canyon

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls police officer's quick reflexes Monday saved a suicidal man from falling 100 feet into Rock Creek Canyon.  
Officer Jason Schultz arrived at the Victory Bridge at around 1:30 p.m. to find the man straddling the south wall on the bridge, he said.  
Schultz talked with the man and thought he was about to climb to safety. Instead he kicked his leg over the wall and started sliding down, Schultz said.  
Schultz grabbed the man and held on - at the same time worrying about keeping his footing on the other side of the wall, he said.  
"All I really remember is thinking, 'I'm not going to drop him, but how am I going to get him up?'" Schultz said.  
He didn't have to wait long before Officer Chris Gueter, who was nearby, helped pull the man to safety.  
The man was taken to Canyon View psychiatric hospital for evaluation.  
Compiled from staff reports



Julie Miller is the author of a book about her son, Sean, who died of cancer. Julie sits on her back porch, a place Sean would often go to think.

## Coping with a child's death

**Nurse writes about caring for dying son**

**By Rachel Denny Times-News correspondent**  
TWIN FALLS - Sean Miller was a lot like any other seventh-grade boy: he wanted to play basketball, and he was excited by his first year of junior high.  
But before he got the chance to try out for the school basketball team he was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer: rhabdomyosarcoma, which kills 75 percent of people who get it within five years.  
Sean Miller died two years after his diagnosis in 1993.  
His mother, Julie Miller, a reg-

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istered nurse, cared for her son through the final weeks of his life, and she has written a book about her experience coping with her son's death.  
The book based on a journal she kept the first year after Sean died. It deals largely with what it is like to lose a child and what it does to relationships.  
"One of the reasons for writing the book is people have no idea what it is like for a child to go through cancer," Miller said. "No one really knew what it was like, and it's not something you go out and tell people about. It's hard to understand what it's like unless you've been through it

and know how long it takes to get a handle on it, not get over it, but get a handle on it."  
With her nursing experience Miller, a local elementary school teacher, took care of her son and was more aware of what was going on with the illness. The book covers much of the illness and includes a great deal about grief and dying, she said.  
"With the death of a child you don't feel like the same person," she said. "It has lasting effects on you that do not go away. It takes something permanent out of you."  
Miller hopes through the book to bring the discussion of death into the open. She is tired of the subject of death "being in the closet," she said.  
"We're taught to not say anything about it; it's some deep dark secret," Miller said. "There were some things we did right (with Sean), but there were things we did wrong. I would

have had more of a discussion about death early on if I could."  
"I knew he was going to die from the beginning, but I didn't share it with anyone other than my husband."  
Miller hopes other parents' going through the same thing will be comforted and not make the same mistakes. For others she wants them to understand what she and others like her have gone through.  
The last well-known non-fiction book about a child dying, "Death Be Not Proud," was published in 1949, Miller said.  
"It's been decades since death has been discussed," she said.  
The benefit to parents of a dying child would be tremendous, Sean's former physician Dr. Bart Adrian said.  
"People don't realize how all-consuming cancer is," he said. "It takes one parent full-time to be able to take care of their child."  
Please see **CANCER** Page B3

## Craig says proposal not reality-based

**By Denise Jewell States News Service**  
WASHINGTON - U.S. Sen. Larry Craig said President Clinton's proposed 2001 budget released Monday isn't realistic.  
The proposed budget, which designated \$1.84 trillion for programs that, vary from expanding Medicare to increasing Head Start, was sent to Congress Monday morning. But Craig said the budget, which sets a spending record, is a last attempt by Clinton to change his legacy by spending more on new programs.  
"My guess is, this is a dead-on-arrival budget," Craig said. "He's made his statement, now we have to get down to real business."  
- Sen. Larry Craig on Clinton's 2001 budget proposal

increased to \$4,000 for every household.  
"That's phenomenal growth when you think that's wholly on the federal level," Craig said. "So government has grown substantially larger while he was here."  
Craig said Clinton's proposed agricultural spending won't be supported by Congress because  
"My guess is, this is a dead-on-arrival budget," Craig said. "He's made his statement, now we have to get down to real business."  
In his speech Monday morning that accompanied the budget, Clinton said federal spending is now the smallest it has been since 1966.  
But Craig said the budget, which still needs approval from Congress, would mean big government.  
During Clinton's presidency, Craig said spending has been

## Two more enter race for commissioner seat

**By John T. Huddy Times-News writer**  
TWIN FALLS - The county's research and development director and community service coordinator have put their names on the Twin Falls County commissioner candidate list.  
Teddy Keeton, who declined to give her age, and Joanne Craner, 59, both of Buhl, submitted their names to local GOP party officials on Monday.  
Eight candidates are now in the running.  
Gary Grindstaff, Jade Potter, Ben F. Collins, Larry R. Compton, Richard L. Martin Jr., and Jay B. Fort are also vying for the \$39,390-a-year job - left vacant when Commissioner Carla Reed resigned last month.  
Keeton and Craner said their love of the county they have spent most of their lives in and their government experience were the reasons for their interest in the job.  
"I'm concerned about the county and maintaining a rural lifestyle," said Craner, who has

## Bills aim to crack down on sex crime

**By Michael Journee Times-News writer**  
BOISE - Two bills designed to set tighter controls over chronic and violent sex offenders sailed through the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee Monday.  
A third bill, though, will be tweaked in an attempt to appease the American Civil Liberties Union. It will be presented again to the committee Wednesday.  
As a package, the bills are designed to give authorities more information when classifying sex offenders, strengthen the system's ability to evaluate all sexual offenders, increase the obligations for offenders classified as a violent sexual predator, and bring local law enforcement into the process of finding offenders and working with them with notice of their status as a violent sexual predator.  
Pamela Huntsman, an official with the Department of Correction in Twin Falls, testified to the committee as a sponsor of one of the bills.  
"The courts often don't know who is a risk to be a repeat offender until they are treated," Huntsman said. "This allows the parole or probation officers to write a statement requesting the board look at them for violent sexual predator status."  
By passing on the knowledge Please see **BILLS** Page B3

worked at the county's community service coordinator for more than six years.  
Keeton, who, as the research and development director, writes grants for the county, said her government experience should be a benefit.  
"I think somebody inside the county government should be represented," Keeton said.  
Though Keeton will take a cut of several thousand dollars in pay if she is appointed commissioner, she said her love for the county outweighed the money.  
"I think it's worthwhile to give the (Twin Falls Republican Central) committee another choice," she said.  
All eight candidates will introduce themselves to Republican committee members Wednesday evening. The candidates will give a short speech and then answer committee members' questions. The committee will pick three names that will be sent to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.  
Kempthorne has 15 days to pick a new commissioner.





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## Crossing guards

### Protecting children is daily mission at Hailey Elementary

By Barb Nelwert  
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - The job can be cold and thankless, but one that helps insure the safety of students at Hailey Elementary School.

Calixto Barayzarra and Earl "Stoney" Stoneback stand guard at the corner of Main and Elm streets. Their mission: lead students safely across the four lanes of traffic as Highway 75 travels through Hailey. They show up each day to stand in snow, cold, rain or heat - and never a word of complaint.

Their demeanor, eye contact and vigilance comes from experience. Since 1994, Barayzarra has faithfully stood watch, an hour each morning and afternoon. Stoneback joined Barayzarra a year later and between the two of them, motorists have learned they'd better be prepared to stop the moment they see either crossing guard step foot off the curb. The purposeful look on their faces stops traffic.

"Right now I'd do this job for nothing because right now, they'd (children) get killed if we weren't here," Stoneback says.

Stoneback, a seasoned police captain who retired from Newport Beach, Calif. and whose son, Jack Stoneback serves as

Hailey's chief of police, says most motorists are good about stopping, but some mean trouble - cell phone users ranking among the worst.

"The day I can no longer run is the day I'll quit," Stoneback says. Many times he's had to jump out of the way because a driver wasn't paying attention and nearly ran him over, he relates.

The Blaine County School District pays the crossing guards who work two hours a day so it's a job that brings only limited income, making it difficult to find people willing to devote time to the position.

That's why Barayzarra and Stoneback are such assets to the community, says Hailey Elementary principal Ellen Morrill.

"When we were just a little sleepy town with two lanes out there, we didn't need crossing guards," Morrill says. "Now, we'll always have to have them." In the winter about 50 students cross the highway. That number swells to 100 in warmer months when bicycles come out of hibernation. Traffic has increased substantially over the years with heavy trucks and commuters. But no injuries or accidents have been reported since Barayzarra and Stoneback have been on duty.

Barayzarra, a 73-year old retired Basque, says he serves as a crossing



Crossing guard Calixto Barayzarra at Hailey Elementary School works to insure safety of students. He has been a crossing guard since 1994.

guard to supplement his Social Security income. He retired from a life of sheepherding, sawmill and construction work and baking for the Sun Valley Co.

Due to back surgery 25 years ago, Barayzarra walks with the aid of a cane, which he sometimes waves in the air to catch motorists attention so he can keep

the students entrusted to his care safe and sound. "They are just invaluable," Morrill says.



Magic Valley Symphony League co-founder Caroline Gilbert of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, warms up coffee for participants at the league's seventh annual card party, the fund-raiser for the Magic Valley Symphony, held Jan. 29 at St. Edward's Parish Hall in Twin Falls.

## Symphony league deals a winner with seventh annual Card Party

By Kellee Gaston  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Symphony League welcomed pinocchle and bridge players from all over the Magic Valley on Jan. 28 to their seventh annual card party held at St. Edward's Parish Hall in Twin Falls.

The card party is the annual fund-raiser for the symphony and allows league members to socialize, enjoy dessert and play a few card games.

But there was a time when Magic Valley symphony lovers had no forum to share each other's company and a common love for classical music.

"Long ago, symphony director Ted Hadley asked me to pick up a guest musician at the airport," says league co-founder Caroline Gilbert of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls. "And I said, 'Isn't there someone from your symphony league who could do that?'" and he was

### Want more information?

For more information on the Magic Valley Symphony League, call Dottie Miller at 733-7789.

like, "We have no symphony league," so Margaret Vinson and I started this one."

Attractions at the card party included door prizes and a raffle, featuring prize items like a hand-woven garment by Gloria Hahn, a hand-painted box by Jan Ciele and an overnight stay and \$50 ticket for the Gala Room at Cactus Petes Casino in Jackpot, Nev. Attendees paid \$5 admission and the public was welcomed by league members.

"Our goal is not just to raise money for the symphony," league member Dottie Miller says of the card party. "But to make the community aware of how supportive the league is to the Magic Valley Symphony."

## Charity puts ill child in helpful hot water

By Coreen Hart  
Times-News correspondent

STARR'S FERRY - When Bob Stacy takes his daughter, Meghann through physical therapy before school, she asks a difficult question.

"Daddy, why do I have to hurt so much?" Meghann, 6, of Starr's Ferry has one of the worst cases of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis her doctors have seen, her family says. For five years, the first-grader has battled sudden fevers of up to 105 degrees, locked and deformed joints and endless pain.

But thanks to Charity Anywhere, Meghann's pain will be eased. Her therapy usually takes place in a steaming bathtub, but it's hard to manage and the water cools down too fast, the family says. At 90 degrees, her joints lock-up and she starts crying from the pain.

"There are a lot of problems her doctors have in treating her," Bob Stacy says.

The child requires strong medications. At about 2-years-old, her right knee froze in a bent position, her family says. For a two years, Meghann was confined to a wheelchair.

But when the Stacys took their family to a Hagerman hot pool, Meghann began walking.

"We couldn't believe it," says her mother, Bonnie Stacy. "After all that time, we thought she'd be in a wheelchair for life."

Meghann now receives hot tub therapy at Cassia Regional Medical Center and on weekends the family heads for area hot springs.

Because hospital therapy is costly, they longed for a way to install a hot tub at their small home. Charity Anywhere, a Twin Falls-based organization, heard



Bob and Bonnie Stacy of Starr's Ferry are excited about a new hot tub installed at their home through the auspices of Charity Anywhere. The hot tub should ease the condition of daughter, Meghann, in a purple sweatshirt, who has a severe case of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. Other family members are sisters, Beckl and Dakota.

about their plight and sought help. Through a contact with Snake River Pool and Spa in Twin Falls, a Texas company offered a tub. Other companies donated concrete, construction work and labor to build a room to house the tub.

Jim Paxton, owner of Snake River Pool and Spa, says he's glad to help. "When you hear about somebody like that, what do you do?" he says.

"Meghann Stacy is a little delight," says Gordon-Carter, Charity Anywhere leader. "She has major medical problems, but she doesn't let it slow her down."

The room also will house Meghann's other therapy equipment.

The family says they are deeply grateful for the help and support. Other residents pitched in, holding a yard-sale that yielded \$1,500 for them.

"I just wanted to cry," says Bob Stacy, struggling with emotion.

The footings are in and the tub has been lowered into place. Construction could be complete by late February or early March.

"It's been overwhelming," Meghann's father says. "It makes the world a much smaller place."

## School celebrates cookbook with food fair

By Dalene Hansen  
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - A taste of many countries. That was a highlight of the multicultural food fair at Jerome High School Jan. 28 sponsored by Central Elementary in Jerome.

Central counselor Debbie Walsh calls the fair the second phase to the publication of the multicultural cookbook the students had produced and are selling. The cookbook contains foreign recipes and the menu for the evening's dinner was taken out of this book.

The meal consisted of a Mexican dish called pozole, a vegetable enchilada, fried rice, green salad, various breads from different countries and a myriad of desserts, including some Mexican pastries donated by Panadaria & Pasteleria Mexico, a Jerome business.

Each classroom had decorated the table covering with bright designs from different cultures.

Parents and other volunteers served the dinner.

"We are very appreciative for all the goods donated for the success of the meal," says Alice Hocklander, a teacher and event coordinator.

During the dinner, the Central Elementary student council members were kept busy bussing and are selling. Accompanying the dinner was a pro-



At a food fair at Jerome High School, students and other visitors celebrate the publication of the multicultural cookbook produced by the students at Central Elementary in Jerome.

### Want more information?

If you're interested in buying a book, call Central Elementary at 524-3396.

gram presented by the Girl Scouts, fourth- and fifth-grades and the Central Songsters.

The funds from the cookbook went to the library and the money from the dinner went to purchasing computer software.

Some various recipes found in the

cookbook are Indian pan bread, Norwegian lefse and patata; A Scandinavian sweet bread.

The dinner was planned in January in honor of Human Rights Day.

Some staff members at Central said they would like to see the multicultural food fair become an annual event but it will need lots of community support. The event already was a hit with participants.

"We like to support our young people. Without them the world would fall apart," resident Ovaline Herrera says.

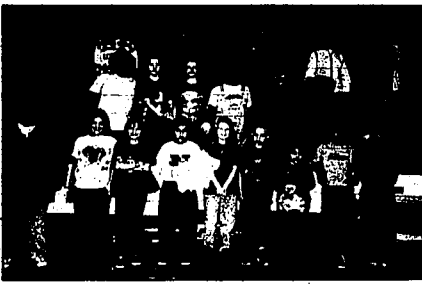
## GROUNDHOG DAY MANIA



Sun Valley Community School students Alissa Praggastle, front, and Kelsey Bunce travel through hoops to reach the end of a relay race designed by students in celebration of Groundhog Day.

# TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

## YOUNG EINSTEINS



Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls has announced the Einstein honor roll for the first semester. The students are, from left to right, front row: Lindsay Pique, Andrea Loy, Roumena Kratchunov, Rodolfo Zambrano, Lauren Jones, Juan Trevino, Nichole Montano, Stormy Brown and Veronica Banyal; middle row: Nikki Tate, Megan Banyal, Myral Jimenez, Matthew Nielson, Kasey Cooper, Kathy Xayaphone, Rose Wardrip, Tony Saldivar, Nathan O'Neill and Aleksandar Radic; back row: Jessica Constable, Marisela Fregoso, Sara Garcon, Jennifer Glenn, Rachelle Houk, Jesse Buhler, Chelsea McBride, Sharayah Whittemore, Darci DeBoer and Sarah Hinton. Not pictured are Brock Beutler and Jonathan Amaral.



First semester 'Einstein's' are, from left to right, front row: Nick Parsons, Noah Boggs, Jason Godina, Donovan VanSant, Melissa Sandoval, Taylor Spaulding, Lindsay Brown, Erika McBride, McKelise Conrad, Citall Garcia and Emir Merdanzovic; middle row: Jessica Shepard, Kaylee Watts, Amber Spang, Gabriela Juner, Sadie Venn, Isidro Trevino, Jania Ambromowski, Michael Allgood and Jaysun Rickards; back row: Matt Galliter, Logan Cholnacki, Jillian Rutherford, Susi Slocum, Kris Watts, Jesse Woolley, Luis Saldivar, Denrick Johnson and Alex Bowyer. Not pictured are Jennifer Rico, Kolby Tatten and Mary Sandoval.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### University of Montana graduates area resident

Kristel J. Muirhead, daughter of Cindy and Rick Olander of Kimberly and John Muirhead of Buhl, has graduated from the University of Montana in Missoula, Mont.

Muirhead received a bachelor's degree in English and was on the dean's list.

She is a 1996 graduate of Filer High School.

### Murtaugh resident joins in Albertson difference day

Lindsay Ward of Murtaugh was part of the Albertson College Students in Free Enterprise group that received a national award for coordinating a career fair at Caldwell Alternative High School on National Make A Difference Day.

Nationally, 108 college and university teams participated in the Make a Difference Day in October. The Albertson College group received an honorable mention from a panel of executives from Tandyl Corp./Radio Shack, who judged the competition.

The career fair brought together employment managers from several area businesses with the juniors and seniors at the alternative high school.

### Lutheran group presents donation to Clover Trinity

The Aid Association for

Lutherans (AAL) has presented \$1,575 to Clover Trinity Lutheran School in Buhl through the AAL Member Gift-Matching Program.

The total reflects AAL's matched portion of contributions received from members during the third quarter 1999. Annual gifts of \$25 to \$100 made by an AAL member to a participating Lutheran elementary or secondary school, college or seminary are matched dollar-for-dollar by AAL, the organization says.

### Twin Falls resident earns spot on dean's list

Jeremy Robert Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones of Twin Falls, was named to the dean's list at Pensacola Christian College in Pensacola, Fla. for academic achievement during the 1999 fall semester.

Jones was named to the dean's list as a result of earning a B average or higher.

### William Woods University puts student on dean's list

Erin McHenry, daughter of Kim and Gail McHenry of Twin Falls, was named to the William Woods University Dean's List for the fall semester.

Students named to the dean's list must be a full-time student and earn a minimum 3.6 grade point average. She is a freshman at the university located in Fulton, Mo., majoring in American Sign Language interpreting.

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If it's news to you, we want to hear about it.

- Community meetings
- Celebrations
- Social events
- Reunions
- Individual achievements
- Your kids and their activities

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For the Sunday page: noon Wednesday  
 For the Thursday page: noon Monday  
 For the Tuesday page: noon Friday  
 For the Saturday page: noon Tuesday  
 For the Wednesday page: noon Friday

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# SENIOR CALENDAR

**Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center**  
 616 Eastland Drive  
 Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Tuesday: Taco salad; hot home delivery.  
 Wednesday: Swiss steak, potatoes, carrots, coleslaw salad, bread, fruitcake.  
 Thursday: Pork chops, potatoes and gravy, corn, cottage cheese with fruit, rolls, pie.  
 Friday: Beef stew, fruit salad, rolls, rhubarb.

Monday: Turkey with dressing, potatoes and gravy, broccoli, cranberry Jell-O, rolls, pie.  
**Activities**  
 Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
 Blood pressure check 10 a.m. to noon.  
 Tax assistance, please make appointment.

**Wednesday**  
 Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
 Elks card club.  
 Jackpot trip.

**Thursday**  
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.

**Friday**  
 Blood pressure check 10 a.m. to noon.  
 Tax assistance.

**Lunch bingo.**  
**Saturday**  
 Bingo at 1 p.m.  
**Sunday**  
 Sweetheart Ball dance.

**Monday**  
 Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
 Foot clinic, make appointment  
 Valentine's Day dinner with B.J. and Friends.

**West End Senior Citizens Inc.**  
 1010 Main St., Buhl  
 Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12-years-old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride.

Tuesday: Swedish meatballs, rice, veggies, salad, chocolate cake.  
 Wednesday: Chicken patties, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, fruit.  
 Thursday: Pork chops, potatoes and gravy, carrots, salad, rolls, birthday cake, ice cream; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.  
 Friday: Pepper steak, rice, mandarin salad, rolls, fruit.  
 Saturday: Valentine's dinner, with entertainment.  
 Sunday: All-you-can-eat buffet, turkey, at 1 p.m.

Monday: Tuna noodle casserole, mixed veggies, coleslaw, muffins, fruit; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.

**Activities**  
 Thrift shop open every day.  
**Tuesday**  
 Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Exercises, 7 to 8 a.m.  
 Energy assistance, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Tax preparation, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
 Board meeting at 3 p.m.  
**Craft classes, 2-4 p.m.**  
**Wednesday**  
 Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.  
 Bus to Signpost, leaves at 3:30 p.m., \$5 per person. Pickup early.  
**Thursday**  
 Exercises 7-8 a.m.  
 Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Friday**  
 Birthdays dinner sign-up.  
 Bingo 1-3 p.m.  
 Evening meal, 5:30 p.m.  
**Friday**  
 Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.  
**Saturday**

Valentine's dinner and entertainment. **Sunday**  
 All-you-can-eat buffet, turkey, at 1 p.m.  
**Monday**  
 Exercises from 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.  
 Evening meal at 5:30 p.m.  
 Cards at 6 p.m.

**Filer Senior Haven**  
 222 Main St., Filer  
 Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.  
 Tuesday: Sliced ham.  
 Thursday: Sliced turkey.  
 Friday: Meat loaf.

**Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.**  
 310 Main St., Kimberly  
**Wednesday:** Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, relish tray, rolls, peach crisp, coffee, milk.  
**Friday:** Spanish rice, spinach, deviled egg, bread and butter, pears, cookie, coffee, milk.  
**Monday:** Potato soup, three-bean salad, egg custard, coffee, milk.  
**Activities**  
**Wednesday**  
 Blood pressure check.  
**Thursday**  
 Crafts at 1 p.m.  
**Friday**  
 Bingo at 11:55 a.m.  
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.  
**Sunday**  
 AMVET and senior citizens annual pancake breakfast, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$4 adults, and \$2.50 for children under age 12. The public is invited to attend. The Old Time Fiddlers will play from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and tickets are available. For more information, call Cliff Jones at 734-3705, or Diana at 423-4338.  
 Volunteer tax preparation starting Tuesday, Feb. 8, for seniors and low income families. For more information, or to make an appointment, call Ageless Senior Citizens at 423-4336.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Genealogy user group meets for discussion

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Computer Genealogy User Group will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Family History Center, 401 Maurice St. N., Twin Falls.

Items on the agenda include the latest version of PAF4 and using the Alta Vista Search Engine.

For further information, call Howard Johnston at 423-4293 or how@miconet.com.

### West Magic Rec Club sponsors benefit drawing

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho West Magic Lake Recreation Club is sponsoring a drawing to raise money for the club and Camp Rainbow Gold, a summer camp for children with cancer.

Club members are selling 200 chances to win a snowmobile and trailer package worth more than \$9,000, organizers say. Tickets are \$50 each. The drawing will be held when all 200 tickets are sold.

The snow equipment was owned by the late Craig Juselson, a longtime pilot for Rolling Stone magazine, organizers say. Juselson, a New York resident, often flew to Idaho on various assignments and came to associate frequently at West Magic Lake, coordinators say. When he died of cancer last fall, he left the snow vehicles to the West Magic Lake Recreation Club, with instructions that proceeds from the sale will be divided between the club and Camp Rainbow Gold.

Tickets can be bought from the following club members and businesses, Quality Motors in Twin

Falls, 734-9694; Persons IGA in Kimberly-Hansen, 423-5490; Kander in Jerome at 324-7600 or 324-2475; Johnny's Country Store in Shoshone, 886-7504; and the Iron Mountain Inn in Fairfield at 764-2577.

For more information, call Ron and Rita Woodall at 734-9694.

### Le Livre et la Plume Society reviews Michener book

TWIN FALLS - "Strings, the theory of everything" will be presented by George Podraza at 7 p.m. Saturday in room 117 in the Shields Building on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

Telescope viewing will follow at 8:30 p.m. at the Herrett Center and participants are asked to dress warmly for telescope observing.

The event is sponsored by the Magic Valley Astronomical Society and there is no charge to attend.

Call 736-8678 for more information.

### Desert Sun Dancers holds pie social at Masonic Hall

SHOSHONE - The Desert Sun Dancers will hold a pie social with round dancing at 7:30 p.m. and square dancing at 8 p.m. Friday at the Masonic Hall on West B Street in Shoshone.

The Desert Sun Dancers will furnish ice cream and visitors are asked to bring a pie. Cost is \$3 per person.

For more information, call the Porters at 886-2510 or the Bradleys at 886-2808.

### Jerome Senior Center hosts community breakfast

JEROME - The Jerome Senior Center will host a community breakfast from 8-10 a.m. Saturday at the senior center at 212 First Ave. E. in Jerome.

The menu features biscuits and gravy, hash browns, eggs, coffee,

milk or juice, or ham or sausage, pancakes, hash browns, eggs, coffee, milk or juice for \$3 per person.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call the Jerome Senior Center at 324-5642.

### Magic Valley Astronomical Society presents 'Strings'

TWIN FALLS - "Strings, the theory of everything" will be presented by George Podraza at 7 p.m. Saturday in room 117 in the Shields Building on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

Telescope viewing will follow at 8:30 p.m. at the Herrett Center and participants are asked to dress warmly for telescope observing.

The event is sponsored by the Magic Valley Astronomical Society and there is no charge to attend.

Call 736-8678 for more information.

### Tobacco-free coalition holds youth advocacy retreat

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Tobacco Free Coalition will hold a youth advocacy retreat from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Herrett Inn at 1577 Blue Lakes Blvd. in Twin Falls.

Young people will talk about advocacy, legislation, leadership skills, tobacco facts and tobacco and the media, organizers say. All junior high and high school students are encouraged to attend.

There is no charge for the retreat and lunch will be provided by the American Cancer Society.

For more information, call SueAnn Reese at 734-5900, Ext. 247.

## Scouts compete in derby

TWIN FALLS - Cub Scouts from Pack 68 raced to victory and had a good time at their annual Pinewood Car Derby held at Immanuel Lutheran School in Twin Falls on Jan. 29.

Following the commissioning of the newly built Derby track 54, Cub scouts and five leaders competitively raced, says Brian Reich cub master of Pack 68.

The top racer was Jerod Swart from Webelos II den.

Other winners were as follows:

- Tigers Den:**  
 First, Justin Rast  
 Second, Trey Langdon  
 Webelos Den  
 First, Jason Walker  
 Second, Brian Sucher  
 Bears Den 1  
 First, James Larson  
 Second, Trevor Van Anssche  
 Bears Den 5  
 First, Chase Dille  
 Second, Greg Thaste  
 Webelos I  
 First, Charlie Beer  
 Second, Jonathan Weese  
 Webelos II  
 First, Jered Stewart  
 Second, Michael Keeth  
 The first place winners competed in the district competition at the Magic Valley Mall Center court Feb. 5 with other pack winners for trophies and awards.
- The Magic Valley Speedway will be present with other awards and prizes, Reich says.

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## Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

Here's a crystal-ball look at employment trends in Idaho.

Industry	Projected 2001 employment
Retail trade	107,528
Other services	74,582
Self-employed	72,326
Local government	64,817
Health services	36,729
Construction	35,183
Agriculture	35,025
Wholesale trade	33,990
Business services	27,824
State government	25,262
High technology	25,166
All other manufacturing	22,529
Finance, insurance, real estate	21,271
Food processing	17,117
Transportation, communication, utilities (not trucking)	16,820
Lumber/wood products	12,830
Federal government	12,241
Trucking	10,226
Mining	2,702

Source: Idaho Department of Labor

## Experts step in to help university campaign for Idaho

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Nationally-known corporate and community leaders have agreed to guide the University of Idaho's Campaign for Idaho, a multiyear fundraising effort to accomplish the initiatives of the school's Strategic Plan.

The Campaign for Idaho's National Steering Committee is led by Albertson's Chairman Gary Michael; Deloitte and Touche managing partner Sharon Allen and retired Boeing executive Dean Thornton. The committee met last week in Boise.

"This group would be any president's 'Dream Team' to head a campaign such as the Campaign for Idaho," University President Robert Hoover said.

Michael graduated from the University of Idaho in 1962. Allen is a 1973 graduate while Thornton left the school in 1952.

The three join the campaign's honorary chairs, who include former U.S. Sen. James McClure and his wife Louise.

The Campaign for Idaho will provide enhancements for scholarships, professorships, curricula, technology and facilities. It comes amid increasing pressures for educational institutions to seek private support in the face of what one education leader said was the inability of the state "to contribute what one, in the abstract, might argue is necessary."

# Chinese firm strengthens ties with Idaho

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

BOISE — A Twin Falls woman's persistence paid off Monday for Idaho's business community, which now has office space and an honorary trade representative in Shanghai.

Hamilton Manufacturing Inc.'s Tamara Hamilton-Harney for almost a year has courted Shanghai-based construction giant Yongye Group and its general manager, Wu Yonghua, by trading visits, construction-site tours, gifts, compliments and souvenir snapshots. She expects this year to explode her plant's production of hydroseeding mulch — made from recycled newspaper — to supply her new customer and his contacts in China.

## Chasing foreign trade

That relationship also might yield exports of other Idaho companies' construction products to the huge Chinese market. But there are tangible results already.

International trade has been getting attention around the state as a growing benefit to Idaho's economy.

Some Magic Valley companies have been aggressive in developing foreign markets for local products such as pork, potatoes, wheat ingredients and insulation.

Since April 1999, Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins has tracked the all-out efforts of one such Twin Falls manufacturer. Our case study is

Hamilton Manufacturing Inc., which recently reported annual sales of \$25 million and recycles about 15 million pounds of paper a year.

Watch for more in coming months on Bus company, and on efforts to expand foreign trade:

Wu, an influential man in Shanghai's financial district, has offered office space in one of his companies.

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# Learning banking by doing it at school

DICKINSON, N.D. — High school students here are learning about money, loans and getting the best interest rates in town — all from their own school-based bank.

Dickinson High School students can cash checks, get change, take out loans of up to \$200 and start savings accounts that pay 4 percent interest annually.

If they need cash, the teens can make transactions on the way to class with a quick stop in the hallway at a small room, where their classmates become their bankers. "It's very convenient," said Teresa Mathew, a 17-year-old junior, after cashing a check before class. "I think it is helpful, and people do learn a lot from it, too."

The bank, open to current students and school employees, is run by students who study banking in a class that lasts half a year. The course is designed to teach students how to be professional bank tellers.

Carson Svihl, an 18-year-old senior who recently started the class, finds it harder than he expected, but he likes the challenge. "It's going to be a lot more fun to actually do something in person rather than reading out of a book," Svihl said.

Elsie Reichert, the banking instructor, said the class enhances banking knowledge of the school's 1,000 students. Even if they don't take the class, their patronage is a learning experience, too.

"Banks are no longer unapproachable to them, which I think they are for a lot of people still — adults included," she said last week.

Community First National Bank came to the school with the idea of starting a class to teach students about banking. The high school bank was created in 1994.

DuWayne Schwindt, the vice president of Community First, said it seemed like a good idea, considering the number of adults who have trouble balancing their checkbooks.

"It's a special relationship, and it's an opportunity for industry and education to partner in educating our youth," Schwindt said. The student bank has a depositary account at Community First, which pays them a special interest rate to help them make earnings. Community First also lets the student bank loan money to students at a better interest rate than they would find elsewhere. Community First found an interested instructor in Reichert,



Students line up as the Dickinson, N.D., High School Bank opens for business. The bank is run by students, but serves both students and teachers.

who ran the school store before she started teaching banking. The bank trained her as a teller so she could teach the class. One of her graduates landed a job at Community First. Others have gone on to work in other banks.

After starting with \$500 in capital from Community First, the student bank's deposits have grown from zero to about \$10,000.

About 30 students have savings accounts of up to \$500, and the bank cashes checks for a 1 percent fee. Check cashing is its most popular activity.

Students also keep track of credit checks and sometimes even have to chase down delinquent loans by writing letters to parents, who must co-sign student loans. The bank has about 10 loans out this year.

The bank has had one bad loan so far, after a student skipped town. Students went to court and got an outstanding judgment — so in order for him to get credit anyway, he's going to have to pay us," Reichert said.

The bank turns a profit of several hundred dollars a semester, Reichert said, though profits vary. The students use the money to take a field trip relating to the industry.

These days, students set interest rates, and they determine fees for cashing checks. They also take turns working in the bank for 30 minutes before school and at lunch Monday through Friday.

Overall, the student tellers appear to be satisfying their customers.

"Seniors graduating want to continue banking there," Schwindt said.

# Relaxing the tax

## Moves to shelter inheritance gains bipartisan support

WASHINGTON (AP) — For about 2 percent of Americans, it is often Uncle Sam's final good-bye: an inheritance tax bill.

Now many people are saying enough is enough.

As the booming stock market and brisk economy boost the wealth of more and more Americans, the tax bite of 37 percent to 55 percent on estates of more than \$675,000 is under growing attack.

Some Republicans and Democrats are even pulling in the same direction to ease the tax.

Sen. Sam Brownback, a Kansas Republican, says the tax "has a big impact on Kansans, especially farmers and businesses." He is the author of a bill to raise the estate tax threshold to \$5 million.

Rep. Dennis Moore, a Kansas Democrat, agrees with Brownback, although he would raise the threshold to \$3 million. "I consistently hear from people that the estate tax is not fair."

"They say, 'We've worked all our lives, we've paid taxes on our earnings, and we've tried to accumulate some measure of wealth to pass on to our children or other persons.' It's a matter of double taxation."

Brownback calls it a "tax on dying" that is increasingly resented. "Why force the reorganization of farms into trusts and corporations and limited partnerships and gifting programs?" Brownback said. "It takes the focus from farming, to the detriment of that farm."

Brownback said families or others who inherited farms or businesses sometimes had to sell them to pay the estate taxes. Surviving spouses do not have to pay the tax, but their heirs eventually will.

One defender of the tax said the perceived effect is misleading in that less than 1 percent of the amount of all assets in taxed estates is from farms and less than 4 percent is from businesses.

"I object to using the family farm as a small business as a stalking horse to repeal the entire estate tax," said Iris J. Lav, deputy director of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

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Blue chip stocks take a dip

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks diverged in familiar fashion Monday, with technology shares leading the Nasdaq composite index higher in a slightly choppy session while blue-chip industrials slumped.

The Nasdaq rose 77.63 to 4,321.77, coasting past its previous record of 4,244.14, set Friday.

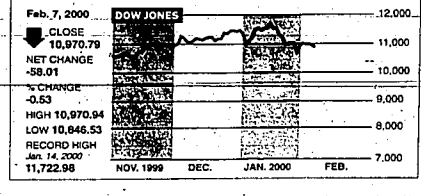
The Dow Jones industrial average fell 58.01 to 10,905.79, and the Standard & Poor's 500 slipped 0.13 to 1,424.24.

The Nasdaq, dominated by technology stocks, has risen nearly 6 percent so far this year, while the blue-chip Dow industrial average has fallen more than 5 percent.

"It's a very fragmented market, and you can understand why," said Larry Wachtel, market analyst at Prudential Securities.

General Electric, down 5 1/16 to 126 1/2, and Intel, down 2 3/16 to 41 13/16, contributed most to the Dow's decline.

An overall weakness in the Dow's industrial and financial components held the blue-chip index lower despite a big gain by Hewlett-Packard. The computer maker soared 10 1/2 to 128 1/2 after a Lehman Brothers analyst said the company is poised to benefit from Intel's 20% plan to distribute Internet-ready



computers to its employees. Gary Campbell, chief investment officer at The Commerce Funds in St. Louis, said fears that interest rates will rise sharply this year are weighing heavily on investors' minds, pressuring the vast majority of stocks.

"It's going to be a much tougher year for the equity markets," he said. "Many stocks have reached very, very high valuations, and rising interest rates are going to make many investors wonder if they're worth their high prices."

Rising interest rates are generally bad for stocks because they cut into corporate profits by making it more expensive to borrow money. Traditionally, companies that place a high premium on growth are most vulnerable to higher rates.

But so far this year, investors

have determined that a handful of leading technology companies are growing quickly enough to outrun interest rates. Cisco Systems, Applied Materials and Apple Computer, strong performers in recent weeks, all rose on Monday.

Cisco, scheduled to report earnings on Tuesday, rose 4 1/16 to 125 3/16; Applied Materials rose 8.25 to 153.625; and Apple gained 6 1/16 to 114 1/16.

"When there's a dearth of news, investors are deciding to play what works," Wachtel said. Drug stocks were mostly higher after Pfizer and Warner-Lambert Co. resolved their bruising, three-month takeover battle. Pfizer will pay \$92.3 billion in stock to acquire Warner-Lambert, creating the world's second largest pharmaceutical company.

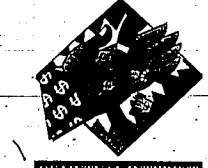
Some expect mutual funds to bounce back

With precious little to cheer about in the past year, many investors in bond mutual funds have headed for the exits.

While stock mutual funds pulled in \$18.7 billion in net new cash last year, bond funds saw a net outflow of \$5.4 billion, according to the Investment Company Institute, the Washington, D.C.-based trade group for the mutual fund industry.

And the trend has accelerated in recent months. Bond funds experienced an estimated net outflow of \$8.1 billion in January, according to TrimTabs.com, a Santa Rosa, Calif.-based tracking service. While equity funds received an estimated net inflow of \$2.4 billion.

Clearly, investors are chasing performance. With U.S. diversified stock funds chalking up a total return of 27.21 percent last year, according to Morningstar



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Inc., they made bond funds look like so much mince meat. Taxable bond funds were up only 0.63 percent and municipal bond funds were down 3.82 percent — both hurt by rising interest rates, which send bond prices down.

"It was the worst year for bonds since 1994," said Eric Jacobson, senior analyst at Morningstar, a Chicago-based investment research firm. The Federal Reserve Board began a

series of interest-rate hikes that year, just as it did last June.

But looking forward, a number of industry observers say there is cause for optimism.

"The outlook is a lot better than it was at the beginning of last year," said Dan Vandivort, head of fixed income for Weiss, Teck & Groer, a New York-based mutual fund and money management firm.

For starters, while rising interest rates depressed the value of bond funds last year, the higher rates on many types of bonds make a nice cushion for new investors this year, he said. (Total return on a fund is a combination of yield and price change, minus fund expenses.)

Investors can also get 150 to 200 basis points higher than a year ago, the attraction of the fixed-income market is higher than in the past," said William Reynolds, director of the fixed-income division for T. Rowe Price Associates Inc. in Baltimore.

Earing high-tech competition, some raise pay

BOSTON (AP) — Here's one more reason for the rest of the world to tell lawyer jokes: Attorneys at one Boston firm got 40 percent raises last week.

Timothy McGuire, partner at Testa, Hurwitz & Thibault, said the technology law firm dished out the huge pay hikes so that their attorneys won't leave for high-tech companies promising bigger paychecks and lucrative stock options.

Jim Boone, president of The Americas of Korn/Ferry International, the world's largest executive search firm, said companies today face tremendous pressure to keep the best employees. "Everyone's scrambling for good people," he said.

Lawyers and high-tech workers aren't the only ones enjoying the booming economy. Last month the nation's unemployment rate hit a 30-year low of 4 percent.

Approximately 387,000 new jobs were created in January, the Department of Labor reported. The boom means hospitals in Illinois need qualified nurses so badly that they're willing to offer higher salaries, paid tuition, flex time and referral bonuses.

Massachusetts has been trying to lure new teachers with \$20,000 signing bonuses, while the U.S. Border Patrol in Texas started handing out \$2,000 to new recruits who make it through the academy. Even McDonald's offered \$3,500 signing bonuses to new assistant managers.

In the legal field, the competition to retain and attract talent is forcing the kind of pay hikes that make partners wealthy.

The nation's largest law firm, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, last week gave associates a 40 percent raise. New York-based Davis Polk and Wardwell hiked salaries by 25 percent.

At Testa, first-year associates will make \$140,000 — up from \$100,000 in 1997. Senior associates will see their annual salaries rise to \$205,000. McGuire said his firm, which counts Lycos, Inc., among its clients, didn't want to risk losing its associates to up-and-coming Internet companies.

Smokers strike out in some bowling alleys

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Hoping to become more family-friendly, a chain of bowling alleys is striking smoking from many of its lanes.

AMF Bowling Centers began the ban on its bowling in the Midwest this month and plans to extend it to all its 417 centers nationwide.

"We want to try and bring in some new business to the sport of bowling," said Scott Voss, general manager of an AMF center in suburban Waukesha, where half of the 48 lanes are designated as smoke-free during open bowling periods.

"And from a health standpoint,

there are a lot of people who don't go to a bowling alley because it has a reputation of being a smoky place."

The change comes as the number of league bowlers nationwide has declined from 9 million in 1980 to 3.9 million last year, bowling groups say.

New York Stock Exchange

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MARKET SUMMARY

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Table listing American Stock Exchange stocks with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, YTD, and various symbols like AIG, AMZN, etc.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 500 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the American Stock Exchange, and the 100 most active on the NASDAQ Stock Exchange. Abbreviated funds are 1, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50.

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China

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Shanghai facilities for Idaho business to use free of charge while they make export contracts.

Wu is visiting with his wife and daughter, an economics student at a California university. Speaking through a translator, Wu said he is anxious to try to help Idaho business people establish trade partnerships in China.

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Some are meeting Wu for the first time, and they owe some of that thanks to Hamilton-Harvey's hard work.

"It all started with Tammy. She was so aggressive," Mahn said. The state set up her first contact with Yongye Group, he said, but she ran with the ball — and she's interested in helping her counterparts, too.

"She's a great ambassador for the state of Idaho," Mahn said. Wu said he is interested in learning about local companies' management and skills, as well as the Hamilton grass-seeding much he is helping to introduce to Beijing and Shanghai.

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NATION/WEST

# Stormy courtship leads to another giant merger

NEW YORK (AP) - After a bruising three-month takeover battle, Pfizer Inc. struck a deal to buy Warner-Lambert Co. for \$5 billion Monday in a merger that puts Viagra and the blockbuster cholesterol drug Lipitor in the same corporate medicine cabinet.

The combined company, to be called Pfizer, will be the world's second-largest drugmaker. But if the merger succeeds as analysts expect, the company is expected to vault to No. 1 within two years.

The challenge for executives of both companies is to put aside their nasty accusations and lawsuits and unite their research, sales and manufacturing efforts.

For consumers, the gargantuan merger will have little short-term effect. The new Pfizer will control less than 7 percent of the world market for prescription drugs.

But the companies contend that by combining they will be able to more effectively develop new medicines and hold down expenses.

Analysts predict the integration will go very smoothly," said

William C. Steere Jr., Pfizer chairman and chief executive, who will lead the business.

Warner-Lambert chairman and CEO Lodewijk J.R. de Vink is stepping aside once the merger is completed this summer.

"The fact that de Vink is not staying will be sufficient to clear the air," said Dr. Joseph Zammit-Raina, president of London-based Cambridge Pharma Consultancy.

De Vink last November agreed to a takeover by American Home Products. De Vink was to be the top executive of the combined American Home-Warner-Lambert. But Pfizer stepped in with its own hostile offer.

Pfizer won by offering 2.75 shares of its stock for each Warner-Lambert share, a deal valuing Warner-Lambert at \$101.06 a share.

In trading Monday on the New York Stock Exchange, Warner-Lambert rose \$2.75 to \$97.41.25. Pfizer rose \$1 to \$36.75 and American Home gained \$2.93.75 to \$48.43.75.

Before moving forward, Warner-Lambert will pay American Home \$1.8 billion - the largest breakup fee in history.

### Another drug company merger

Pfizer said Monday it will acquire Warner-Lambert in a stock deal valued at \$90 billion, creating the world's second-largest pharmaceutical company.



<b>Sales (1999)</b>	\$13.5 billion	\$12.9 billion
<b>CEOs</b>	William C. Steere, Jr. (will head new company)	L.J.R. DeVink (leaving company after merger)
<b>Headquarters</b>	New York	Monte Plains, N.J.
<b>Employees</b>	46,400	41,000
<b>Companies</b>	American Medical Systems, Howmedica, Pfizer Animal Group, Valley Lab	Purke-Davis, Tetra (aquarium products)
<b>Selected products</b>	Viagra, Norvasc, Zolof, Zithromax, BenGay, Violette	Razulin, Lipitor, other prescription drugs, Fofalids, Zantac, Benedryl, Halls cough drops, Sudafed, Neotiron, Nifedine, Schick razors

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of that is expected to come from Lipitor.

But de Vink, referring to the 4 percent unemployment rate that is the nation's lowest in 30 years, said "it's a good market for finding other jobs."

Wall Street analysts said the new company will be the fastest-growing large drug company for at least the next several years. Pfizer, with strong sales of Viagra and its blood pressure medicine Norvasc, had been among the best-performing drug companies in the last few years. But analysts said Pfizer had too few blockbuster drugs in its pipeline to keep its growth rate going.

Warner-Lambert's fast growth has been spurred by Lipitor, which had \$5 billion in sales last year and will be the world's top-selling drug. But analysts worried that Warner-Lambert was growing too dependent on it.

Pfizer, which had been the world's fourth-largest drugmaker, will now be second behind Glaxo SmithKline, which is being formed by the proposed merger of British companies Glaxo Wellcome and SmithKline Beecham.

### The big ones

If Pfizer's merger with Warner-Lambert is approved, the new company will be the world's second-largest pharmaceutical house. Top companies, by 1998 sales, in billions of dollars:

- 1 Glaxo Wellcome (after merger with SmithKline Beecham) **\$26.6**
- 2 Pfizer (after merger with Warner-Lambert) **\$23.8**
- 3 Johnson & Johnson **\$23.7**
- 4 Bristol-Myers Squibb **\$18.3**
- 5 American Home Products **\$13.5**

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## Pilots might be overheating stabilizer motors with tests

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Worried about the problem suspected in the crash of Alaska Airlines Flight 261, pilots may be inadvertently overheating the motors on airplane stabilizers by repeatedly testing them before takeoff.

In the week since the Jan. 31 crash that killed 88 people, three MD-80 series jetliners have returned to their gates because of stabilizer problems. Two can probably be traced to the pilots' testing and retesting the equipment, airline officials said.

"It may be that some pilots are being overly cautious and are running through their checks several more times than they typically do with their stabilizer," said Jack Evans, an Alaska Airlines spokesman.

The crew of Flight 261, en route from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, to San Francisco and then Seattle, struggled with a stabilizer problem for at least 30 minutes before the plane corkscrewed into the Pacific. The MD-83 was trying to make an emergency landing in Los Angeles.

The horizontal stabilizer is a moveable, 40-foot wing mounted high on the aircraft's tail. National Transportation Safety Board investigators have not determined the cause of the crash but are focusing on the device.

The horizontal stabilizer controls the up-and-down motion of



As ground crew members ready an MD-80 series plane for departure, passengers climb the stairs to Alaska Airlines Flight 441 Monday.

the plane during flight. It is controlled by two motors that turn a jackscrew, similar to the mechanism that controls garage door openers.

During a flight, the motors force more than 100 adjustments, slightly changing the pitch as the airliner uses fuel and as other conditions change.

On the ground, the motors can last up to 90 seconds before overheating and shutting down. It is usually not a problem in flight because of the cold temperatures

in the atmosphere.

After shutting down, the motors should become operative again after cooling down for several minutes, said John Thom, spokesman for Boeing, which bought McDonnell Douglas, maker of the MD-80 series planes, in 1997.

"We are getting the word out there (to pilots) to make sure you give enough time for these motors to cool down if you do go through the check again," Evans said.

## Crash hits a Seattle psyche already battered by events

SEATTLE (AP) - For a while at least, it seemed as if bad things didn't happen here.

Not in this smog and sparkling city, as liberal as it is livable, a place where high-tech millionaires are as plentiful as postcard views.

But bad things have been happening here, over and over again in the last few months. And last week's crash of Alaska Airlines Flight 261, which claimed the lives of 42 Seattle-area residents, was perhaps the most deeply felt blow.

The city was already shaken from a double-fatal workplace shooting. World Trade Organization protests that did millions in property damage and an alleged international terrorist bombing plot.

"People anywhere ... like to think they're insulated from the risks and hardships of the world," said John Findlay, a University of Washington history professor. "We've had that illusion punctured."

The string of incidents comes after what Findlay called "some what of a charmed decade" for the city that saw the flourishing of Microsoft in nearby Redmond, a market surge by home-grown Starbucks coffee and widening influence of Seattle's grunge-rock scene.

While recent traumas can't compare to the street battles and economic hard times of the late 1960s and early 1970s, when the Vietnam War raged and Boeing Co. laid off two-thirds of its

Seattle work force, "the coincidence of these things is unusual," Findlay said. "Certainly, it's been a hard several months."

The turmoil began on Nov. 3, with the fatal shooting of two shipyard employees and serious wounding of two others. SWAT teams swarmed a residential neighborhood, but the killer escaped. A former employee was arrested and charged with the slayings in January.

Then in early December, Seattle residents were stunned as more than 50,000 World Trade Organization protesters poured into downtown streets. Gangs of anarchists and opportunists smashed storefront windows, trashed police cars and did some \$2.5 million in property damage.

Mayor Paul Schell was harshly criticized at first for not doing enough, then later for overreacting when police took on the crowds with tear gas and rubber bullets. Police Chief Norm Stamper announced his retirement soon afterward.

Next came the Dec. 14 arrest of an Algerian national who was allegedly smuggling military-grade explosives and timing devices into Washington state with intent to blow up U.S. targets. Ahmed Ressam had reserved a room for that night near Seattle's Space Needle, and the mayor's office went on to cancel the city's New Year's celebration around the landmark.

When the Alaska Airlines flight crashed into the Pacific Ocean

near Los Angeles on Jan. 31 as it headed to San Francisco and Seattle from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, a number of the 88 aboard were off-duty employees of the Seattle-based airline and its affiliate, Horizon.

"We seem to have been reeling," said Bill Gallant, spokesman for the Seattle-based Catholic Archdiocese of Western Washington. Sixteen aboard the flight were also Catholic parishioners in the Seattle area.

"This is a very tough time," Gallant said. "I think people are feeling a little lost and a little out of control."

Local shockwaves from the crash are immense in a city where "almost everybody knows somebody or knows of somebody who either lost their life or works for Alaska Airlines," said Anthony Robinson, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church.

On Seattle's waterfront on Sunday, elementary school teacher Cristy Verellen, 52, of nearby Federal Way said the plane disaster "touches everyone."

"It's the magnitude, when so many people go down at once," she said.

The city will host an open memorial to crash victims this week, said Dick Lilly, Schell's spokesman.

Recent incidents - especially the WTO protests - aren't the essence of Seattle," he said, "and they don't characterize either our past or our future."

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— *Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne on returning to his hometown, Pine Hill, N.J.*

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**Wrestling**  
Filer, Kimberly at Declo

**Girls' Basketball**  
SCIC Tournament, Wendell at Filer  
Championship game, 7 p.m.

**Boys' basketball**  
Bliss at Camas  
Burley at Blackfoot  
Dierich at Carey  
Coeleford at Oddiey  
Declo at Glenns Ferry  
Hart River at Hugamman  
Murnigh at Hansen  
Hillcrest at Minico  
Richfield at Shoshone  
Skyline at Twin Falls

### IN BRIEF

#### Free admission this Friday to CSI games

**TWIN FALLS** - Admission for this Friday's basketball games at the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium against Colorado Northwest will be free for everyone.

The women's game begins at 6 p.m., with the men to follow at about 8 p.m.

#### Informational meeting set for TF fast-pitch

**TWIN FALLS** - An informational meeting for the Twin Falls summer traveling fast-pitch softball program will be held today at 6 p.m. in the faculty lounge at Twin Falls High School.

The program is for players between the ages of 10 and 18.

Prospective coaches and anyone else interested in helping out with the summer program should attend. For more information, call Nick Baumert at 733-4978.

#### Robbie Creek entry forms available soon

**BOISE** - It's the toughest race in the Northwest, and entry forms for this year's edition of the Race to Robbie Creek, the grueling 13.1-mile trek over Aldape Summit, will be available Feb. 21 at various Boise athletic outlets and online at [www.robbiecreek.com](http://www.robbiecreek.com).

Exactly 2,782 applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Applications must be sent with the \$25 entry fee to Race to Robbie Creek, P. O. Box 205, Boise, ID, 83701. For more information, call (208) 368-9990, or visit the above-listed website.

#### Steelheads travel to Anchorage for games

The Idaho Steelheads continue their nine-game road trip with games Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at Anchorage.

All three games begin at 9 p.m. and can be heard on AM 650.

Steelhead Todd Robinson had five assists Friday at San Diego, tying the team record of Rob Dumas, who set the mark Jan. 12, 1999. Robinson ranks second in the WCHL with 47 assists. Teammate Jeff Petrucic is tied for second in the league with 34 goals.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Vikings get revenge, force final game

By Matt Peterson  
Times-News writer

**DECLO** - With its season on the line Monday night, the Valley girls' basketball team rallied to accomplish something it had failed to do in each of its last two opportunities - beat Declo on the Hornets' home floor.

Leading most of the game, the Vikings (17-7) hit their

**A-3 Canyon Conference Tournament** free throws down the stretch to hold on for

a 49-44 victory and force a decisive third Class A-3 Canyon Conference tournament game against Declo (14-8) to be played Wednesday in Hazelton. The winner of that game will earn a berth in the state tournament.

"Declo's tough (at home). They're tough anywhere," said Valley head coach Brian Hardy. "We had to have (this game) or our season was over, and I thought our girls responded."

Sophomore Annie Shawver led the Vikings' with a game-high 17 points. Senior guard Kyla Beem added 14 in the winning effort. More deadly than Shawver and Beem, however, was guard Summer Callen. Callen finished with only nine points but hit on five of six free throws in the game's final minute, 32 seconds to secure the Valley victory. Her final free throw, coming with 35 seconds remaining, gave the Vikings a 47-42 lead, their largest of the quarter.

"(I was thinking) I can make it," Callen said. "I have to make it... This feels awesome. We knew we could do it and we played as a team."

While Valley connected on 15 of 22 free throws in the second half, while Declo managed only four attempts total in the final 16 minutes. Of those, the Hornets converted just two.

"(Valley) did a real good job (getting to the line)," said Declo head coach Kim Johnson.



Valley's Summer Callen, left, and Declo's Danielle West race neck and neck for a loose ball during the second half of the Vikings' victory.

"They're a good free throw team."

A more glaring problem than free throws was the Hornets' lack of intensity, Johnson said.

"We were flat-footed. They came out really aggressive and got up and down the floor," she said. "We just didn't play defense tonight."

After scoring the first basket

of the game, Valley opened up leads of 8-4 and 10-7 before Declo closed the Vikings' advantage to 12-10 after one. Beem scored 10 of her 14 in the opening quarter.

Capitalizing on a Valley scoring drought to begin the second, the Hornets took their first lead of the game, 14-13, midway through the period on an

Annalisa Bagwell putback. But the lead was short-lived as Shawver scored six unanswered points in the next 1:15 to give the Vikings their biggest lead of the half, 19-14. Declo eventually narrowed the visitors' lead to 22-20 at the break.

An evenly played third saw both teams score 10 points, and with the stalemate, Valley main-

tained its two-point lead, 32-30.

Midway through the fourth quarter, however, Declo recaptured the lead, 38-36, on a Brandi Matthews jumper. But Valley regrouped and, after ties at 38 and 40, pulled away for good on a Shawver layup with 2:14 remaining. The ensuing 42-40 Valley lead set the stage for

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# Tigers fall, now eliminated from state contention

By John Derr  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** - When you get to this postseason, you can toss out the records.

That adage unfortunately proved true for the Jerome Lady Tigers as they continued to struggle in the postseason,

### Region III Tournament

falling to the Highland Rams 52-43 in the Class A-1 Region III girls' basketball tournament.

Highland hit its first four shots, building an eight-point advantage. Jerome rallied at the

end of the half, but could never get over the hump. Down the stretch the Rams hit their free throws and the Tigers (20-4, 14-2) went cold from the field.

The loss ends the season for Jerome, which finished the regular season with an 18-2 record and a perfect 12-0 in conference play.

"The kids played hard, but we

just couldn't get the ball in the hole during the tournament," said Jerome coach Michelle Skyles. "Our team came in with an attitude that they had nothing to lose and it worked for them."

Highland advances to the championship game today against the Pocatello Indians. The Rams must defeat Pocatello.

twice to earn a state berth state, or face a playoff Saturday against the fourth seed from the Boise valley.

One of the factors that hurt the Tigers in the postseason could be a familiar one to the other teams in the Magic Valley - the loss of a senior starter. Becky Tibbault, a four-year varsity player, will be a senior this year.

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# Pirates turn up heat, beat the Orangemen

The Associated Press

**SYRACUSE, N.Y.** - Imperfect in almost every way Monday night, No. 4 Syracuse is perfect now more.

Drew Lane hit a 3-pointer with 39 seconds left off a pass from Shaheen Holloway to lift Seton Hall to a 69-67 victory over the previously unbeaten Orangemen, whose season-opening win streak ended at 19 games.

The win, Seton Hall's third straight in the Carrier Dome, moved the Pirates (16-4, 8-2) within a game of the Big East-leading Orangemen (19-1, 9-1). "We fought, we battled, we knew Syracuse was a tough team," said Holloway, who had 12 points, 11 rebounds, and nine assists. "But we wanted to come in and try to make a statement, and I think we did that. It makes it that much sweeter because they were undefeated."

And yet despite hitting just 2-of-13 3-pointers, shooting 37.3 percent and getting only seven points combined from starters Damone Brown, Ryan Blackwell and Tony Blund, Syracuse hung in until the end.

With the Carrier Dome crowd reaching deafening levels, Blackwell scored his only points of the game with 1:07 left, hitting two free throws to put Syracuse ahead for the last time, 67-66.

Lane, who finished with 20 points, won it with a long 3 from the left side.

"This is a real big victory," said Lane, who was 6-for-14 from long range. "We worked so hard

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to get to this point, and we wanted to prove to everybody in the conference and the nation that we're a good team. I think we did that."

The game was rescheduled from Jan. 22 due to a tragic dormitory fire that killed three Seton Hall students. The Orangemen offered no excuses for the loss.

"Our effort wasn't that good on defense," said Jason Hart, who led Syracuse with 14 points but had no assists. "They just hit some tough shots. You can't allow a team to just sit out there and hit 3-point shots."

But that's exactly what the Pirates did - converting 12-of-28 to give them 26 in the last two games - and Syracuse didn't.

The Orangemen made just 2-of-13 3-pointers.

"We were missing easy shots around the basket," Syracuse coach Jim Boehlm said. "You're playing a good team that's making shots and you've got to make shots."

The frustration peaked for Syracuse in the final 10 seconds. The Pirates survived a 3-point try by Preston Shumpert and close-in shots by Blackwell and Evan Thomas in the final 10 seconds.

"The effort was there," said Thomas, who had 14 points and 13 rebounds. "We kept fighting and we kept clawing and scratching. We just didn't come out on top this game."

# Wendell advances for shot at Filer

By Jeff Rosen  
Times-News writer

**FILER** - The Wood River and Wendell girls' high school basketball teams finished dead even in head-to-head competition this season, but the Lady Wolverines won't argue that the Lady Trojans took the game that mattered most.

Fending off a spirited second-half comeback by Wood River Monday night, Wendell cruised

### SCIC Tournament

into today's Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference championship game with a 47-33 loser-out victory that cemented the season series at two games apiece and keeps state championship talk alive in the Hub City.

Wendell's win came five days after Wood River beat the Lady Trojans in the second round of the tournament.

Monday's outcome was determined at the free-throw line, with Wendell connecting on 18 of 33 attempts and Wood River hitting just 15 of 38.

"It was a typical district game," said Wendell coach Ryan Pope. "Intense. But I like the way the officials called the game. They called a lot of fouls, so we shot a lot of free throws. That type of play benefits us."

Wendell built a 4-0 lead to

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# Woods' streak stays alive with comeback

The Associated Press

**PEBBLE BEACH, Calif.** - An unforgettable comeback kept alive an unimaginable streak.

The ball dropped out of the gray sky and landed about four feet right of the 15th hole, with just enough spin to slide into the cup. Tiger Woods punched the cool, damp air with a right uppercut.

A rear resounded across Pebble Beach. It was the kind of shot that has defined his career, the kind of theater in which Woods thrives.

Seven strokes behind with seven holes to play, Woods rode the energy from his 97-year eagle on the 15th hole to win the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am on Monday, making him the first player since Ben Hogan in 1948, to win six straight tour events.

Next up: Byron Nelson, whose 11 straight victories in 1945 has long been considered an untouchable record.

Not any more. Not after the way Woods won Pebble Beach.

Until Monday, Woods' biggest



Tiger Woods celebrates after holing a 97-year wedge for an eagle on the 15th hole to lead the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am Monday at Pebble Beach, Calif.

Classic on the European tour. But this was something special. "I don't know about destiny. He's just damned good," said

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sity player and a three-year starter, suffered a stress fracture...

"Since we lost her, we have struggled," said Skyles, who spoke of the senior's competitiveness and leadership on the floor.

The writing was on the wall early in the game as the Rams came out on fire, while the Tigers had a pair of turnovers and missed shots.

Jerome rallied in the second to cut the deficit to four points. Keely Osborn nailed the long jumper, Janet Hollifield con-

nected inside and Warner added two more from the charity stripe. After the Rams pushed the lead back to eight, Kendra Smith took two shots in the West and Warner took two shots in the paint as they first half ended with Jerome down 18-15.

Point guard Dusty Scarnavechi hit a jumper to tie the score in the second half as the Tigers got within a single point, but it wouldn't last long. Highland's Robin Jensen, who finished with three beyond the arc, hit two three-pointers and Williams added another, pushing the lead back to seven points.

The Tigers had one more rally left in the final period. Cindy Coelho hit a three-point jumper and Warner, who finished with a game high 14 points in her final game in a Jerome uniform, added two more free throws, as the Tigers trailed by just three points, 27-24, with five minutes to go.

The rally would end there as the shooting went continued. Over the next four minutes,

Highland would go to the free throw line eight times, each after a Jerome missed shot, and hit 13 of 15 attempts to put the game out of reach.

Junior Andrea Davis came off the bench late in the game and knocked down two long bombs and Warner converted an old-fashioned three-point play with a drive in the lane, but it was too little to late.

Jerome finished the game shooting 30 percent (14-47) from the floor while the Rams hit 35 percent (16-44). Turnovers (13) and a lack of offensive rebounds hurt the Tigers as the Rams seemed to get every loose ball.

"We played pretty good defense and limited them to one or two shots," said Highland coach Scott Hansen. "Jerome has a good program, but our girls like to compete and battle."

Highland 35-19 (16-44)
Jerome 27-24 (14-47)
Jerome 1st Half: 12-18 (66.7%)
Jerome 2nd Half: 6-9 (66.7%)
Jerome Total: 18-27 (66.7%)
Jerome 3-Point: 3-7 (42.9%)
Jerome Free Throws: 10-12 (83.3%)
Jerome Rebounds: 12-18
Jerome Assists: 13
Jerome Steals: 13
Jerome Blocks: 2
Jerome Fouls: 12
Jerome Points in Paint: 12
Jerome Points Off 2-Point Shot: 12
Jerome Points Off 3-Point Shot: 12
Jerome Points Off Free Throw: 12
Jerome Points Off Turnover: 12
Jerome Points Off Penalty: 12
Jerome Points Off Key: 12
Jerome Points Off Timeout: 12
Jerome Points Off Substitution: 12
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Wendell

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open the contest, only to see the Lady Wolverines pull even and drive ahead on a short down low by freshman post Kasey Monteith and lay-up and free throw by senior point guard Trudy Fochs. But that was the only time Wood River led.

Tiffany Davis nailed a three-pointer and scored again a moment later, and Jennifer Collins drained a beyond-the-arc bomb to put Wendell in the lead for good.

Wendell point guard Sonya Votrubeck grabbed all of her four steals before halftime, squashing several Wolverine threats. The second quarter was a blur of free throws, culminating in a 20-13 Lady Trojan advantage at the break.

"We just couldn't find our mark," said Wood River coach J.C. Nemecek. "We were short on a lot of shots."

While Wood River never regained the lead, the Lady Wolverines were able to craft another tie with a 12-5 run in the third period. Rebecca Torresal keyed the rally with three points, the final a short jumper that pulled her team even at 25.

Again, though, the draw was short-lived. Sophomore Lauren Haycock connected from the corner with 13 seconds left, and Wendell entered the final quar-

ter up 27-25. "Credit Wendell," Nemecek said. "They had a little trouble in the third quarter, and we came out and played better. But I think the frantic pace took a toll. We were tired."

The free throw free-for-all resumed through the final period. Davis was fouled shooting a three and made all three foul shots, Lailia Hansing sank one of two attempts and a fadeaway jumper by senior Tracy Brandmas made it 33-25.

"We kind of woke up when we saw it tied," Pope said. "Davis's free throws were key."

Brandmas's biggest contribution might have come on defense, where the fiery forward all but shut the Lady Wolverines down on the glass.

"We just couldn't find anything but a one-woman show—three Wendell players hit double-figure scoring, and when Fochs stepped it up to counter Votrubeck in transition, Brandmas, Haycock or Hansing was there to provide a spark."

"The key tonight was our defense," Pope said. "We did a good job taking care of their posts. Last time, Wendell scored 13 on us. Tonight, we held her to five."

Haycock did her damage on offense, too, scoring eight of her game-high 12 points in the fourth quarter. Brandmas and

Davis each finished with 10, while Torresal scored 11 and Fochs added 10 for Wood River.

With the victory, Wendell advances to play for the District 4 championship at 7 p.m. today. If it wins, the title belongs to the Lady Wildcats outright; if Wendell wins, the two will play again Wednesday for the championship.

Regular-season SCAC leader Filer has yet to be beaten at the tournament, but Wendell, along with Wood River and Kimberly, has beaten the Lady Wildcats once this season.

The two have yet to meet in the tourney.

"Filer's excellent," Pope said. "It's going to be a tough game. We're going to match up against her today. If it wins, Wendell's 1-2-3 punch of Libbit Loughmiller, Mandi Turner and Adrienne Fuller will be crucial tonight."

"We'll have our hands full with them," he said.

Wendell 33-25 (18-17)
Wood River 27-25 (13-17)
Wendell 1st Half: 15-10 (60.0%)
Wendell 2nd Half: 18-15 (60.0%)
Wendell Total: 33-25 (60.0%)
Wendell 3-Point: 5-10 (50.0%)
Wendell Free Throws: 13-17 (76.5%)
Wendell Rebounds: 18
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Vikings

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Callen's free-throw clinic... Sophomore Jamie Chaburn led the Hornets with 15 points and was the only Declo player to score in double figures.

"Wednesday's game will be the fifth meeting between Declo and Valley this season. Both teams

have won two games apiece, with Valley winning twice by five points and Declo winning both by nine points. The Vikings led the only game in Hazelton this season, 56-51, in the teams' first meeting Jan. 13.

"We expect the same thing for four quarters Wednesday,"

Hardy said. "We've got it at home and hopefully we'll have a good crowd."

Woods

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Matt Gogel, the 28-year-old rookie who was on his way to a run-

away victory until he tumbled into another victim in the Streak. Woods closed with an 8-run 64, the lowest final round by a

champion in the 53-year history of Pebble Beach and his lowest closing round in any of his 20 worldwide victories.

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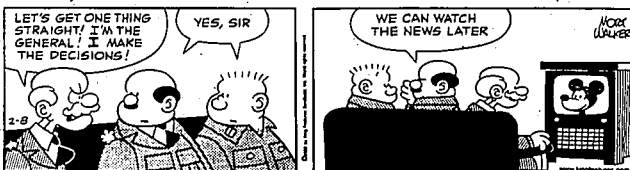
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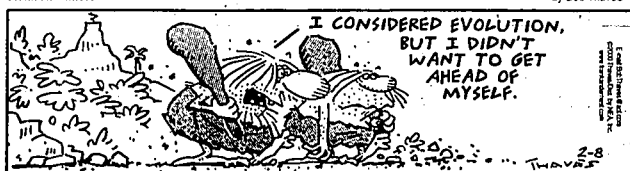
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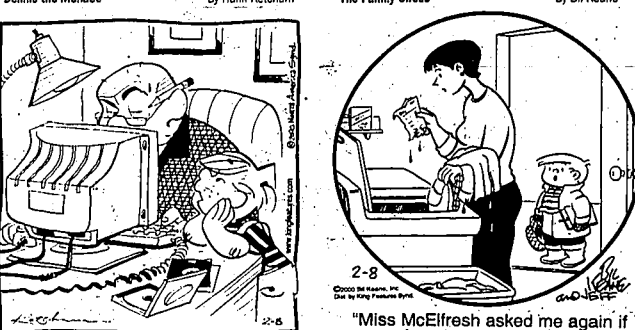


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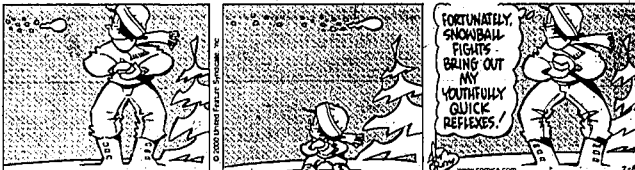


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