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# Final three

## Narrowed list of county commissioner candidate names ready to go to governor

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — The former chairman of the Twin Falls County Republican Committee, a retired government district land manager or a private business owner will soon be the county's

and Jay B. Fort were chosen Wednesday by the Twin Falls Republican Central Committee as the top choices to take over former Commissioner Chairwoman Carla Reed's seat.

The three names will go to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who has 15 days to choose the county's new commissioner.

Gary Grindstaff, Ben F. Collins

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### The nominees

**Gary Grindstaff**  
Age: 50  
Occupation: Grindstaff owns Grindstaff Farms in Burley. He has owned Grindstaff Farms since 1984.  
Political experience: He is the former chairman of the Twin Falls County Republican Committee and is currently a member of the party's regional executive board.  
Background: Grindstaff is the supervisor of the Balanced Rock Soil Conservation District. He is also the Chairman of the Idaho Soil Commission.  
If I'm elected to the county commission, I pledge to you that I will work hard and have an open door policy.

**Ben F. Collins**  
Age: 61  
Occupation: Retired government employee  
Political experience: Collins has worked as the Las Vegas Bureau of Land Management's district manager while he supervised a staff of 120 employees and managed approximately 8 million acres of public land.  
Background: "It's been said that a politician can only stand up on both sides — and I've had those pressures."

**Jay B. Fort**  
Age: 50  
Occupation: Fort owns The Fort, a shoe store in Flair. He has owned it since July 1990.  
Political experience: Fort is a certified soccer referee with the United States Soccer, Idaho State Soccer and Idaho Youth Soccer Association. His father Bob Fort is the center of a district court clerk.  
Background: "I'm used to working long hours and under deadline conditions."

# Amid jitters, hackers hit again

## Internet concerns spark stock dive; FBI starts probe

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Hackers stepped up a three-day electronic assault Wednesday against some of the most popular sites on the Web, inconveniencing millions of Internet users and unnerving Wall Street.

The apparently coordinated attacks spread to ETrade, ZDNet and other major sites Wednesday. All of them were crippled by a barrage of messages generated by hackers.

The growing anxiety about the Internet's vulnerability contributed to a 258.44 point-slide in the Dow Jones average and halted three straight record-high closings for the Nasdaq Composite Index, which is heavy with high-tech stocks.

The attacks also prompted top federal officials to reassure Americans that authorities are doing everything they can to fight the online vandalism.

"We are committed to it in every way possible to tracking down those who are responsible," Attorney General Janet Reno said in Washington.

She said the motives of the vials are not known. "But they appear to be intended to interfere with and disrupt legitimate electronic commerce."

The hacker technique, called a "denial of service attack," involves directing a flood of messages to computers that run Web sites. The effect is comparable to erecting human barricades to block shoppers from entering a mall or unleashing a wave of calls to tie up a city phone lines.

Hackers could face a maximum of 5 to 10 years behind bars and fines up to \$250,000, or in some cases "twice the gross loss to the victim," said FBI cybersecurity expert Ramon Litch.

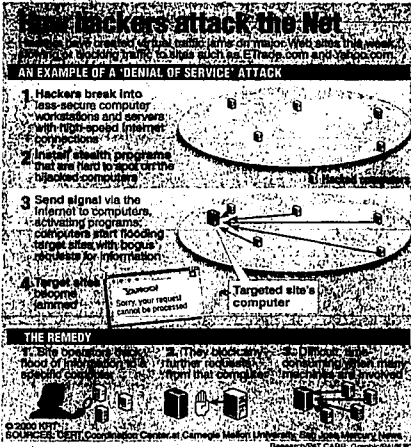
In the latest attacks, the ETrade online brokerage's Web site was hit, but "customer accounts were never compromised," spokesman Fatma Di Chiro said. Less than a fifth of its customers were affected by the clogged traffic for about 90 minutes before the company blunted the attack, he said.

ZDNet.com, a popular news site that covers technology, said its Web site was shut down for two hours and "appeared to have been the target of a denial-of-service attack."

Microsoft's MSN.com, another highly visited site, said it was



FBI Deputy Director Tom Pickart listens to Attorney General Janet Reno promises a crackdown on a wave of Internet vandalism that began Monday. They spoke Wednesday in Washington, D.C.



indirectly affected because of disruptions to several Internet service providers carrying its traffic. A small proportion of

# Study sounds literacy warning

## Kindergartners lag behind peers across the state, tests show

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — In the Magic Valley's largest school districts, at least one in every three new kindergartners started this school year lagging behind in literacy skills.

That puts the Magic Valley's kindergartners behind other kindergartners statewide — although student scores pick up from the first through third grades.

That's a summary of Idaho Department of Education scores, released Wednesday, from the new Idaho Reading Indicator, a test administered to kindergartners through third graders at the beginning, middle and toward the end of this school year. The test is designed to gauge how many students are reading at grade level and what students need help catching up.

Local kindergartners are coming to school less prepared than their peers statewide, district officials say, but as they advance through the school system more of them are reading at grade level.

"Our students, once we get them, they appear to be performing quite well compared to those around the state," said Linda Baird, school and community relations coordinator for Twin Falls School District.

Minidoka County kindergartners also performed below the state average, but skills improved at each consecutive grade level.

"We have our work cut out for us," said Marlene Garner, the district's testing coordinator. "But the patterns are what we would hope to see."

Districts are required to offer 40-hour remediation programs to students scoring in lowest 25 percent. The programs can be offered during the school year or

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users were unable to reach Web pages and others may have been unable to log on, said Microsoft spokesman Tom Filla.

Some security experts noted that the attacks occurred around a three-day meeting of Internet service providers in San Jose, Calif., that ended Tuesday. The keynote speech at the meeting focused on denial of service attacks and was given Monday.

Hackers sometimes try to get publicity by timing attacks around certain events.

Federal officials urged businesses to install protective software and take other security precautions.

"Right now there is no surefire defense, but we are trying to take some steps," Commerce Secretary William Daley said. "First we are taking special action to ensure that all federal systems, including civilian agency systems, and those of the Defense Department, are clean of these infections, which make some systems the unwitting partner in these attacks."

# Forbes ends try for presidency

The Associated Press

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** — After spending more than \$66 million of his own money in a relentless six-year bid for political viability, Republican publisher Steve Forbes abandoned his second presidential campaign Wednesday with little to show for his investment.

"The shy, bookish conservative called it quits after third-place finishes in the New Hampshire and Delaware primaries, according to advisers who said Forbes would announce the decision Thursday in Washington.

"I have no regrets except not winning," Forbes told NBC News. "But I think we did help change



"... I think we did help change the agenda in America."

— Steve Forbes

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His departure triggered a scramble among the remaining contenders for his anti-abortion, anti-tax supporters on the conservative right. It also set the stage for a two-way race between national front-runner George W.

Bush and Sen. John McCain of Arizona, the surging underdog. "I'm going to be working hard to appeal to his voters," Bush said, as he prepared for a clash with McCain in this state's Feb. 19 primary.

Fresh off a landslide victory in New Hampshire, McCain made his own bid for Forbes' supporters. "Most Republicans think my tax cut ... is far more conservative than Governor Bush's tax plan. I think they'll be headed in my direction," he said between campaign stops.

The appeals underscored that Forbes, more than the previous six GOP candidates who dropped out of the race, left his mark on the political scene.

# Bill proposes tax credit for those in CSI districts

By Michael Jounee  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** — Magic Valley and northern Idaho legislators have teamed up on an long-standing issue in their communities — to bring more equity to the funding of the state's community colleges.

Legislation unveiled at the Statehouse Wednesday would give most property tax payers in the two taxing districts that support the College of Southern Idaho and Northern Idaho College an income tax credit for the full amount of state property

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taxes they pay to support the schools.

There have been several failed legislative attempts over the years to reduce the taxing districts' responsibility. But CSI President Gerald Meyerhoeffer, who 10 years ago began making the issue part of his annual pitch to the Legislature for school funds, said this proposal is perhaps the best, and fairest, yet.

"I think it's great," Please see TAXES, Page A2

# THE REGION

# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

**Camas Prairie**

High: 38 Low: 25  
Cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain or snow. Mostly cloudy Friday. Chance of snow, high 36.

**Treasure Valley**

High: 49 Low: 34  
Cloudy today and tonight with good chance of rain or snow. Partly cloudy Friday, high 48.

**Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley**

High: 37 Low: 22  
Cloudy today and tonight with good chance of rain or snow. Mostly cloudy Friday, chance of snow, high 36.

**Eastern Idaho**

High: 39 Low: 28  
Cloudy today with rain likely. Snow tonight. Chance of rain or snow Friday, high 37.

**Northern Idaho**

High: 38 Low: 20  
Highly early today then mostly sunny. Mostly clear tonight. Mostly cloudy Friday, chance of snow, high 33.

**Northern Utah**

High: 48 Low: 32  
Likely. Snow tonight. Chance of rain or snow Friday, high 40.

**Northern Nevada**

High: 48 Low: 36  
Cloudy today and tonight with good chance of rain or snow. Partly cloudy Friday, high 46.

**Today** High: 47 Low: 37  
Cloudy with good chance of rain. Same tonight.

**Friday** High: 45 Low: 35  
Mostly cloudy with chance of rain.

**Saturday** High: 40s Low: 20s  
Partly cloudy with chance of rain or snow.

**Sunday** High: 40s Low: 20s  
Partly cloudy with chance of rain or snow.

**Monday** High: 40s Low: 20s  
Partly cloudy with chance of rain or snow.

**Idaho weather**  
Thursday, Feb. 10  
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures

AccuWeather, Inc. logo and website information.

**National weather**  
The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Thursday, Feb. 10.

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**Twin Falls Precipitation**

Yesterday	51	40	Yesterday in Twin Falls	.03
Last year	27	17	Normal to date:	.25
Normal	41	23	Water year to date:	-.27
			Normal year to date:	2.10
			Normal year to date:	4.47

**Idaho Highs/Lows**

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High, '62 degrees at Payette, Low, 21 degrees at Salmon.
Boise	56	38	...	Nation: High, 85 at Fort Stockton, Texas, Low, 19 at Whitefield, N.H.
Burley	51	40	...	
Coeur d'Alene	41	25	...	
Grangeville	48	26	...	
Hagerman	58	32	...	
Idaho Falls	41	28	...	
Lewiston	50	37	...	
Malta	52	33	...	
Malla	55	39	...	
McCall	39	31	...	
Pocatello	46	33	...	
Salmon	43	21	...	
Stanley	40	29	...	
Sun Valley	44	19	...	

## The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	64	44	...
Anchorage	34	25	...
Atlanta	62	36	...
Boston	45	21	...
Chicago	48	28	...
Dallas	58	36	...
Denver	56	33	...
Des Moines	53	36	...
Honolulu	78	21	...
Houston	75	40	...
Indianapolis	58	28	...
Kansas City	63	43	...
Las Vegas	71	55	...
Los Angeles	68	52	...
Memphis	67	33	...
Miami Beach	71	55	...
Milwaukee	42	24	...
Minneapolis	37	31	...
New Orleans	70	40	...
New York	47	27	...
Oklahoma City	78	40	...
Omaha	61	29	...
Philadelphia	58	36	...
Pittsburgh	51	27	...
Portland, Ore.	41	35	...
Reno	53	44	...
San Antonio	57	51	...
San Diego	69	49	...
Spokane	41	33	...
Washington	50	24	...

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**SKYWATCH**  
Sunset today 6:03 a.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 7:41 a.m.  
Lunar phase: First quarter, Feb. 12; full, Feb. 19; last quarter, Feb. 28; new, March 6.

**ACROSS THE NATION**

Nation: Moisture from the Pacific Ocean continued to push into the West, bringing showers to coastal Washington and California.

Northeast, with wind gusts up to 30 mph recorded in the Great Lakes.

The high pressure centered over the Southeast spread mostly clear skies and dry-conditions from the Tennessee Valley to the Gulf Coast.

A disturbance off the southern Atlantic Coast brought clouds and a few light showers to the North Carolina coast.

The southern and central Plains saw increasing clouds and breezy conditions.

In the Southwest, conditions were mostly clear.

- The Associated Press

## Research might help in E. coli battle

The Associated Press

Researchers say they have moved closer to developing what could be the first drug to save the lives of victims of an especially dangerous strain of E. coli.

Infections from a strain called O157:H7 kill 250 people in the United States each year, and many of their children 5 and under. The bacteria produce a poison that works its way into the bloodstream and damages the kidneys.

Researchers at the University of Alberta in Canada have created a new "inhibitor": a five-limbed molecule armed with 10 grippers that grab the bacteria and escort them out of the body.

In test-tube experiments, Starfish appears to be far more effective than the other inhibitors undergoing testing.

## Schools

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the summer.

Cassia County schools plan to begin an after-school remediation program in March, said Rich Davidson, district director of special services. The district will offer remediation during the school year, summer classes are not well attended, and summer transportation for only a few students would be expensive for a district that covers a large geographical area, he said.

"Forty hours isn't much time for reading remediation," Davidson said, so it won't be a quick-fix for students reading below grade level.

Blaine County schools found that the new test proved reliable. Its results mirrored other diagnostic tests used in Blaine County, said Blake Walsh, director of student services.

"They point out pretty much the exact same kids. That's been our experience," he said.

Statewide results indicate that the majority of students

were at or near grade level and about 25 percent were below grade level, the Education Department said in a news release.

"The results from this pilot year are not surprising," said Marilyn Howard, the state's superintendent of public instruction. "In fact, it is exactly what we expected. We designed the scoring of the IRI to identify the lowest 25 percent as specified by law. The purpose of collecting this data is to help districts determine how teachers' skills and resources can be used to increase learning opportunities for struggling readers."

The test run also revealed a significantly higher percentage of Hispanic and Indian students were below grade level, said Howard, who is meeting with education forums from those two groups to improve the scores.

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## Boeing urges tail inspections

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Boeing Co. urged airlines Wednesday to inspect their fleets of MD-80 jetliners after a damaged piece of the tail wing that could have contributed to the crash of Alaska Airlines Flight 261 was recovered.

Boeing recommended that mechanics visually check the tail jackscrew that moves the horizontal stabilizer, a tail-mounted wing that is the focus of the investigation into the Jan. 31 crash that killed 88 people off the coast of Southern California.

The recommendation covers about 2,000 planes, in the MD-80 series like the Alaska Airlines plane, as well as MD-90s, DC-9s and Boeing 717s.

In 1997, Boeing bought aircraft

builder McDonnell Douglas, which designed and constructed the MD series.

Inspection reports will be studied by the Federal Aviation Administration, which can order further action if it finds evidence of a safety problem.

Alaska, American and Delta airlines said earlier in the day they had begun inspecting their fleets. Some schedule delays were possible, airline officials said.

American expected to have its 34-plane fleet inspected within hours, American said it would take a week to look at its 284 series planes and Delta said all 136 of its series planes would be inspected by the end of the week.

## Taxes

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Meyerhoeffer said. "It's a new concept we've seen. It treats everyone the fairest, for sure."

Introduced in the House Revenue and Finance Committee by Rep. Don Pischner, R-Coeur d'Alene, the bill gives Jerome, Twin Falls and Kootenai County property owners the option to deduct the amount of their property taxes earmarked for colleges from their state income tax filings. An annual cap of \$500 would be imposed on the credit. Jerome and Twin Falls make up the CSI district. Kootenai County supports NIC.

Several Magic Valley legislators attended the Wednesday committee meeting in a show of support for the measure.

The committee approved the printing of the bill for further debate, but not without some strong opposition, including some from the Magic Valley.

Rep. Jim Kempton, R-Albion, has been concerned about the proposal. He said it sets a precedent for giving tax breaks to help ease the burden of financing public-supported schools. If you give one group a break, more are sure to show up seeking their own, he said.

"We're talking about a whole spectrum of people who think property taxes are heavy and unfair," Kempton said. "There are just way too many unanswered questions about a bill this big."

Kempton also said the measure falls short of spreading the savings among fairly. CSI students who live outside of the school's two-county district pay \$500 each semester in extra tuition. Kempton these students should get some type of break for the measure to be fair.

In total, the financial impact of the proposal will be just less than \$3.9 million. Kootenai County taxpayers will reap the heaviest benefit with just over \$2.6 million in rebates. Twin Falls County taxpayers will get about \$61,700 back with the measure while Jerome County taxpayers will get a \$51,200 benefit, making a total of just over \$1.2 million for the CSI district.

Meyerhoeffer said Pischner's bill offers three important incentives that offer efforts made.

By including the \$500 cap, most of the homeowners in a CSI district will get the refund. At the same time a large portion of

school's property tax income will remain in place. In total, CSI receives just under \$1 million in property tax revenue. With the new legislation, the state will make good on the \$1.2 million to be refunded to property owners.

In addition, the measure ensures the continued local control of the school through its district's board of trustees.

Also, because CSI and NIC have different levy rates, the bill removes the complicated task of trying to give each district an equitable rebative.

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"It's really a fairness issue," said Meyerhoeffer.

But the CSI president is wary of the bill's prospects.

"The impacts across counties isn't only \$1.2 million. There are \$1 counties not involved. It's a huge sell."

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## Candidates

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Grindstaff received the most votes from committee members, while Collins came in second and Fort came in third.

"Eight candidates had thrown their names into the hat for Reed's \$39,390-a-year commissioner job. The other candidates were Teddy Keeton, JoAnne Craner, Richard L. Martin Jr., Larry Compton and Jade Potter. Grindstaff said he was surprised and happy by Wednesday night's results.

"I'm very excited," Grindstaff said after the meeting. "I'm only halfway there, though. But if the governor picks me, then I can go to work for the county."

Fort also said he was happy — but in a different way.

"I'm not saying I'm going to Disneyland," Fort joked. "But it is fun watching the process."

The eight candidates gave a brief overview of their backgrounds before answering questions from committee members.

The questions ranged from confined animal feeding operations to unfunded government mandates and term limits.

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Collins was asked about the controversial road issue in Jarbidge, Nev.

"There is a solution," said Collins, who once worked as a district manager for the Las Vegas office of the Bureau of Land Management. "My solution is that you work with the endangered species act. Personally, I think the road can be opened."

And while Compton said agriculture and farming is important to the county, he said there needs to be more regulations on animal operations.

"I do believe more regulations are needed. I think more sections need to be added to the ordinance," Compton said, adding that he's not a big fan of regulations.

The new commissioner will serve until the term expires in May and the seat goes up for reelection. All the candidates said they plan to put their names on the ballot.

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**POWERBALL**  
5 29 36 40 49  
POWERBALL NUMBER 30

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 NUMBERS

**WILD CARD**  
10 11 12 21 23  
WILD CARD NUMBER 5 OF CLUBS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 NUMBERS

**5 FAST**  
5 10 12 27 32

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**About the bill**

What it does: Legislation proposed Wednesday would give property owners in Twin Falls and Jerome counties the option of deducting up to \$500 of their property taxes from their state income taxes to support the College of Southern Idaho.

The bill's supporters: CSI President David Meyerhoeffer and Magic Valley legislators who support the measure said it allows most of the homeowners in Jerome and Twin Falls counties to get a rebate while trying to give the bulk of the property tax income rebate to CSI and Northern Idaho College's different levy rates.

The bill's opponents: Rep. Jim Kempton, R-Albion, among other committee members, said the measure makes dangerous precedents and does not address tuition paid by out-of-district students.

The bill's status: The measure was approved for printing by the House Revenue and Taxation Committee Wednesday and will be debated in committee later this week or early next week.

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**Know the score Times-News sports**

NATION

# Learning disabled go to college

WASHINGTON (AP) — Students with learning disabilities are attending college in unprecedented numbers, a trend that both dispels the notion that they could not advance beyond high school special education classes and calls into question the number of children being labeled with a handicap.

"I don't think anybody expected me to go to college. They probably thought I would be flipping burgers," said Jed Israel Pittman, a New York University junior who has attention deficit disorder.

Among the 1.6 million first-time, full-time freshmen enrolled at 3,100 institutions of higher education in the United States in 1998 — the most recent figures available — some 154,520, or 9.4 percent, had some kind of disability, says a new study by the American Council on Education. In 1978, by contrast, less than 3 percent of freshmen reported having a disability.

Of those reporting a disability two years ago, 41 percent identified their impediment as a learning disability. Ten years earlier, the blind or partially sighted represented the largest category and the percentage of learning disabled was just 15 percent.

Colleges are "recognizing that these students have unrealized potential, and many students who years ago would never have contemplated college are," said Beth Robinson of the College Board, which administers the SAT.

Last year, 24,016 students with all sorts of disabilities asked for special accommodations when they took that test — such as extra time to complete it — compared with 14,994 five years earlier.

Although it may seem counterintuitive for people with learning disabilities such as attention deficit disorder or dyslexia to be expected — or to even want — to attend college, experts say the growth is not surprising.

In the 1970s, Congress passed laws prohibiting discrimination against the disabled and mandating extra educational help for those who need it.

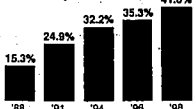
Advocates for the learning disabled say such accommodations should be accepted just like wheelchair ramps, braille and sign language translators.

But critics argue the "learning disabled" label may be overused and some students could be getting unfair advantages.

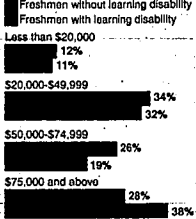
"Certainly there are very severe cases within the LD category, but when we look at the broad range, there are concerns that special and LD has become a catchall for anybody who has a learning problem," said Thomas B. Parrish, director of the Center for Special Education Finance at

## Disabled collegians

Of the college freshmen who report having a disability, the percent who have a learning disability has increased significantly. Here is a look at selected years.



Parents of disabled students have a median income of \$56,961, compared with \$53,033 for parents whose children do not have learning disabilities. Here is the estimated parental income of college freshmen in 1998.



Source: American Council on Education, AP, The American Institutes for Research in Palo Alto, Calif.

In fact, in the 1990s, Boston University administrators raised questions about the growing learning disabled population. Then, in 1997, a federal judge ordered the school to pay six students \$30,000 for treating them as "lazy" learners.

# Lawmakers: Aid can't keep up with rising costs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators complained to university officials Wednesday that more federal student loans and aid seem to be enticing colleges to raise their tuitions, and students and government cannot keep up.

"It is incumbent on us to take a serious look at the effect of this government spending on tuition rates," said Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., chairman of the Government Affairs Committee.

Tuitions at public and private schools overall have doubled in the past 20 years, after inflation, making college unaffordable for many families despite the \$41 billion in annual federal grants and guaranteed loans, Thompson said.

Senators said they fear more federal aid could simply drive up college costs even more, speculating that states could raise public tuition caps — figuring more students could afford it because of a larger loan, a higher grant or a potential tax break on their bill.

Senators also said private schools might reduce their campus-based programs in favor of students who can afford to pay their own way with the help of federal loans and tax deductions.

College officials denied

Wednesday that they were driving up tuition costs to take advantage of increases in federal aid and said there's little government can do to control costs.

"Tuition price controls will not work and will be destructive of academic quality in higher education," said William Troutt, president of Rhodes College.

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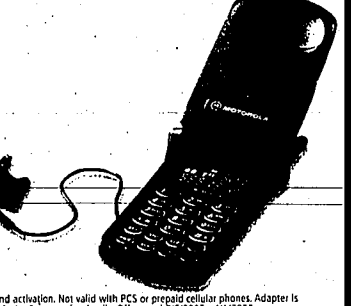
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# Order protects workers' privacy

Feds can't use genetic information when hiring, Clinton says

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - President Clinton has signed an executive order limiting the use of genetic information by federal agencies in hiring and promotion.

The order prohibits federal agencies from collecting genetic information from their 2.8 million civilian employees or using such information to make hiring, promotion or placement decisions. But ethicists and privacy advocates said that, without comprehensive federal legislation, people - including federal workers - will remain vulnerable to the misuse of such information. There are now many entities other than employers that can collect and store DNA information, they said.

"There are lots of states that have been collecting genetic information for years from newborns, and wherever you've left tissues, cells, biopsies, blood, somebody could analyze your DNA," said Arthur Caplan, director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania.

"So there's a lot more to do here to handle the genetic discrimination problem than to say: 'Don't use it in employment.'"

Clinton said Tuesday that new genetic information, which is rapidly becoming available as scientists finish mapping the human gene, "threatens to erode our sacred walls of privacy in ways we could not have envisioned a generation ago."

The motivation for the presidential order was to set an example for private employers and respond to the widespread belief by workers that, if they undergo a genetic test, the information will be accessible to employers and insurers. A 1997 survey by the National Center for Genome Resources found that 63 percent of those polled would not take genetic tests if they thought the information could be available to employers. Fifty percent believed that employers will ask employees to take genetic tests in the future.

# Court upholds beef decision

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - A federal appeals court said Wednesday that Oprah Winfrey "melodramatized" the mad cow disease scare but did not give false information about it or defame cattle producers.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a verdict two years ago by a federal jury that rejected cattlemen's claims against the talk show host, her production company and vegetarian activist Harold Lyman.

# Deutch case prompts wider security investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) - Prompted by former CIA Director John Deutch's mishandling of classified material, Congress is pursuing investigations of recent security lapses, including the State Department bugging and Pentagon clearances issued to felons.

Republicans used the reports to press a broad attack against what House Intelligence Committee Chairman Porter Goss, R-Fla., called a Clinton administration "culture of disdain about security."

The Senate Intelligence Committee, meanwhile, turned

its attention to determining why it took current CIA Director George Tenet more than two years to act against Deutch.

Last August, Tenet stripped Deutch of his clearances. An inquiry had begun in December 1996 when CIA officials learned Deutch violated security rules by working on highly classified home computers that were also connected to the Internet.

The committee chairman, Sen. Richard Shelby, was trying to negotiate with Deutch's lawyers for Deutch to appear voluntarily.

Shelby, R-Ala., also said he

will ask the committee to widen the scope of its inquiry and to call top CIA officials and representatives of the Justice Department and FBI to appear, along with further testimony from Tenet.

"We're digging into this. We're not satisfied at this moment on the explanations," Shelby said.

Deutch, a former deputy defense secretary, volunteered Tuesday to give up his Defense Department clearance, which he had retained even after being stripped of CIA and Defense Intelligence Agency clearances.

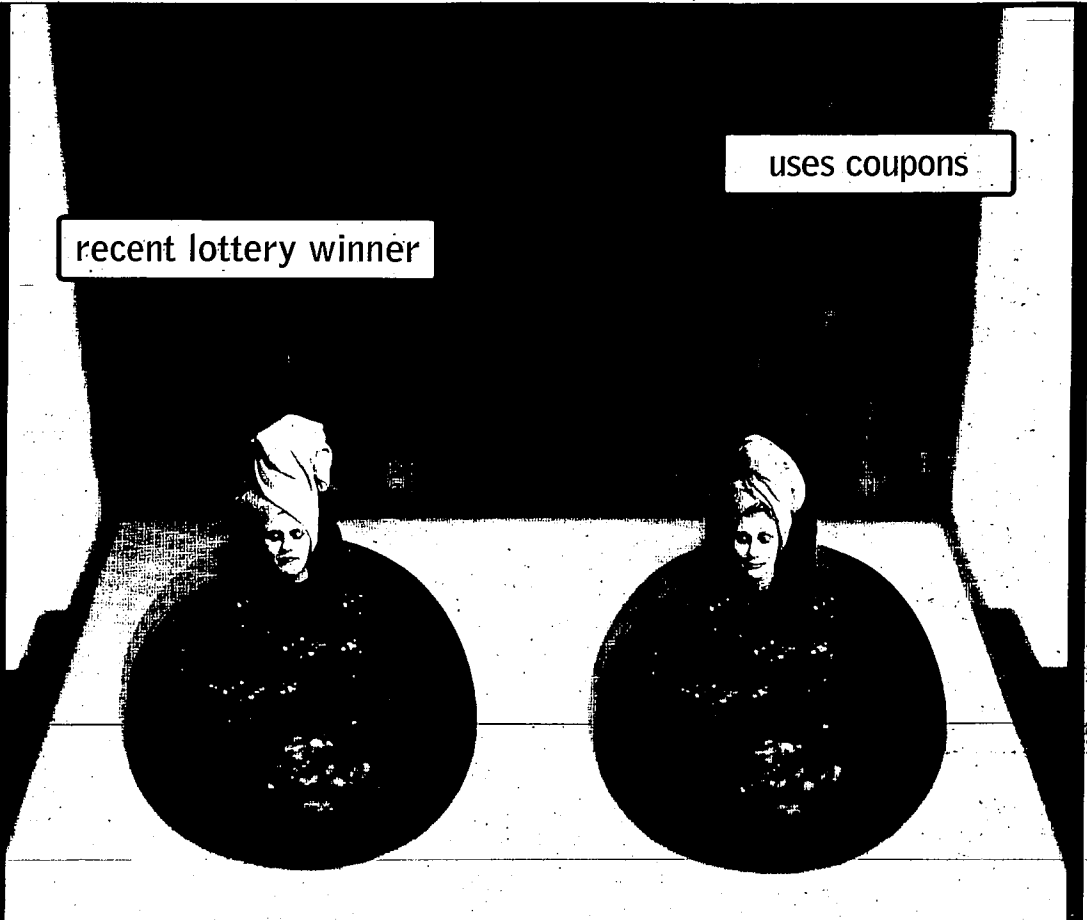
The Deutch case has drawn congressional attention to other recent security lapses, including the discovery in December of a listening device at the State Department in a seventh-floor conference room. A Russian found monitoring the transmissions from his car parked outside the department was expelled from the United States.

That episode was followed by an internal inspector's general report that found the State Department had allowed visitors, contractors and maintenance workers to roam its building unescorted.

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# Basques eye Gooding property

**GOODING** - The City Council on Monday announced the completion of the demolition of the tuberculosis hospital and congregate City Superintendent Todd Bunn for his part in getting the project completed.

Representatives of the Basque Association have expressed interest in the property, stating they would like to build a cultural center on the 6.4-acre site. Plans have already been drawn of a proposed 6,000-square-foot building which would hold 450 people. The council said Land Board approval will be required before the property can be turned over to the city. The council said it would prefer a long-term lease to the Basque Association.

Also Monday, council assignments were announced. Councilman Robert Reed will oversee the airport and library; Councilwoman Sharon Seifert, planning and zoning, sewer and 911; Councilman Philip Becker,

## Council takes a break

The Gooding City Council will not meet on Presidents Day, Feb. 21. The next regular council meeting is scheduled at 7 p.m. Feb. 23 at City Hall.

streets, water; Isabel Cahoon, parks, sanitation; and Mayor George Dains, police, fire, and irrigation.

In other action Monday, the council approved resident Judge Gooding's request to display a banner announcing the Third Annual Pounder's Day on April 15. This year's theme is "Remembering the War Years."

Also Monday, the council put its support behind Seifert's efforts to pursue the possibility of a youth advisory board as a way of involving youth in local government. Seifert has proposed appointing three young people to one-year terms on the advisory board.

Other City Council business:

- The council approved a beer and wine license for the Lincoln Inn.
- The Gooding Lions Club has offered to take over Christmas decorations for the city.

Times-News correspondent Aimee Wilson can be reached in Gooding at 934-9541.

## INEEL hearing draws scant crowd

**POCATELLO (AP)** - Only a handful of people turned out to comment on the draft environmental analysis on handling radioactive waste at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

The high-level waste permit being sought by the facility would cover 4,200 cubic meters of material and 1.4 million gallons of liquid generated from processing spent nuclear fuel between 1952 and 1991 to recover enriched uranium.

According to the 1995 court-enforced pact between Idaho and the federal government, the liquid waste must be turned into a more management solid material by 2012 that will be removed from the eastern Idaho installation - along with nearly all other radioactive waste - by 2036.

Federal officials said some of the proposed processing techniques lack sufficient research to support their effectiveness and feasibility.

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## EDITORIAL

### Don't write laws to solve problems that don't exist

All sorts of proposed laws are swirling around the Idaho Legislature at this time of year. Some are needed, others aren't.

A proposal to tighten loopholes in Idaho's work-release program for jail prisoners is a classic example of a bill that isn't needed. It wouldn't do any harm, but it wouldn't do any good, either.

The only thing it would do for sure is clutter up the Idaho Code.

The work-release bill is the brainchild of Jerome County Prosecutor John Lotspeich. It was conceived after a prisoner — who was granted the privilege of going to work during the day — left the job with his wife rather than return to jail. A week later, authorities tracked him down in a Rupert motel.

He was an escaped prisoner, so Lotspeich charged him with escape. That's when the man's defense lawyer made a loopy argument that his client technically wasn't in the custody of law enforcement officers while at work.

Thus, the defendant had not technically escaped from anybody, his lawyer said, presumably with a straight face.

Would you buy that line of reasoning?

The judge certainly didn't, and the defendant was duly convicted of escape. He was, after all, an escaped prisoner — no matter what his lawyer said.

Lotspeich got his conviction, but the defense attorney's argument haunted him. Finally, Lotspeich persuaded his local representative, Maxine Bell, to carry a bill which explicitly states that absconding from a work-release program is escape.

Lotspeich means well, but he has proposed a solution to a problem that doesn't exist. He convicted his scofflaw of escape, and prosecutors in other counties have

done likewise. The proposed law is a feel-good, do-nothing bill that purports to get tough on those who flout the law. It might be embraced in states such as California or New York, where the code is clogged with Chicken Little laws. Idaho, on the other hand, is a state where laws are written to fix real problems.

A basic principle of any legislation should be that new laws should meet a demonstrable need. Where is it in this case?

Idaho lawmakers should listen respectfully, and then move on to fixing real problems.

*Idaho is a state where laws are written to fix real problems — which is why the Idaho Code still fits in a small bookcase.*

### And another thing...

Rep. Randy Hansen, R-Twin Falls, is pushing a bill that deserves to become law because the need is obvious.

Last year, Hansen won approval for a law that made identity theft illegal. Now he's following up with a bill that would allow victims of identity theft to wipe the slate clean when thieves ruin their credit ratings.

Hansen is on target with this legislation. As things stand, victims of identity theft are punished for years after

thieves rack up bad debts in the victims' names. Without prodding from state government, credit bureaus sometimes spread inaccurate information about victims' finances long after the cases are legally closed.

It's a living nightmare that no one should have to endure.

Being guarded about your credit cards and your Social Security number is wise, but anyone can become a thief's target. Hansen's bill could spare victims a lot of grief.

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## Serious problems linger with SIRCOMM

The editorial dissecting SIRCOMM was a catch-up attempt to understand a complex issue. The Times-News has heretofore ignored. The comments were instructive on the positive merits of the E911 center but mediocre in analysis of its shortcomings.

SIRCOMM is a significant step toward regional cooperation between Lincoln, Gooding, Jerome and Twin Falls counties, their towns, cities and emergency service agencies. Formation of the multi-county agency has helped overcome the petty distrust of a minority of the public and allowed professionals to work for the common good. The pooling of public monies, allocation of airwave frequencies and "time-sharing" of dispatchers has provided Magic Valley citizens with a greater sense of community and connectedness.

But the skeletons in the public closet deserve an airing. While concept planning of SIRCOMM was commendable, its financial and structural implementation was chaotic: too many generals and not enough foot soldiers who knew what to do. The final product today reflects the lack of professional decision-making the public deserved.

Political leaders guessed at technical decisions recommended by inadequate management, rather than consultants trained in emergency communications centers. Commers were cut to save money, which today are costing more to repair. Case in point is the third computer server or the city of Twin Falls helped SIRCOMM purchase in 1999 to bring the system to its original intended configuration. The inadequate hardware in place



READER COMMENT  
Chris Talkington

until then had no backup, and the loss of one of the two computer servers could have proved fatal to the system's intended purpose. For this shortsighted decision, board members rewarded previous management with a raise.

How much time was spent analyzing the different missions SIRCOMM was to provide? Twin Falls city today has the highest crime rate in Idaho for communities over 10,000 in all but one category. Its emergency and routine traffic consume about one-fourth of the resources of SIRCOMM, yet the bias of dispatchers who handle calls about the dog-in-Aunt Gertrude's garbage. When Twin Falls city calls in an emergency, it can be a matter of life and death.

One of the conveniently forgotten facts about SIRCOMM was the "glee club" attitude of most of the local media at conception. If it was important to join the four counties into this regional center, where was the media scrutiny of its financing, planning, birth and management these last years? Public scrutiny could have exposed systemic problems, such as incompatible pay levels for dispatchers being hired from local call centers, and its tremendous cost in turnover, retraining and stress among the work-

force. What about minutes of past meetings being rewritten to please the board? Where was The Times-News?

The city of Twin Falls is committed to the regional cooperation evidenced by SIRCOMM. But it comes at a cost. The board authorized four additional callers this year at a cost of \$93,000, acknowledging the previous understaffing problem. The county's budget will increase by \$74,000 this year, much of it passed on to the city. But the city has committed to revive its local police department dispatch center for improved public contact, which will cost more from property owners. The city's share of non-essential demand on SIRCOMM will eventually decrease as routine calls shift back to the city. But the city will now pay three times for communications services: once for the county share, then the city share of SIRCOMM and now for a new dispatch center.

The SIRCOMM board of elected officials from four counties, along with the competent staff now in place face big challenges. How to plan the financing of a needed upgrading of equipment when the budget can't adequately address the high priority issue of staff turnover? How can SIRCOMM bill cell phone users, whose call load doubled in one year, for E911 usage? How does a board of equals deal with county members who don't attend scheduled meetings? Just a few stories The Times-News and other media might put on their schedules to investigate. The public deserves it.

Chris Talkington is a member of the Twin Falls City Council and the city's liaison to SIRCOMM.

## LETTERS

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### Judge Meehl is the perpetrator

In reply to Grant Loebs' reader comment in The Times-News on Jan. 30, I would like to add to the already numerous letters commenting on ex-deputy Thrush's sentence.

The letter stated that Thrush's attorney raved that Thrush had an exemplary record. Well now, isn't that nice! I have always been under the impression that any employee, especially law enforcement, was expected to be exemplary in the performance of his/her duty. Isn't that what we are all paid to do? To do our jobs in an exemplary manner! That is why law enforcement personnel are POST certified. To be highly professional in their work performance. In other words, for their train-

ing, pay and the expectation of earning your pay, we can expect the best. To use his past record as an excuse to downgrade his sentence is a misdemeanor is utterly ridiculous and in no way serves justice.

To me, the real perpetrator of injustice in Thrush's case is Judge Meehl. Here is a case already pleaded guilty of involuntary manslaughter and all that is needed is for Judge Meehl to impose a sentence for the commission of a felony, and what does society get? A sentence that fits a misdemeanor or, put in a better way — a slap on the wrist.

Judge Meehl, I have only one thing to say about your sentence: If you do not have the intestinal fortitude to give an honest and well-deserved punishment to a self-admitted felon, then maybe you should consider giving up the position to someone who can and will administer "true" justice.

ARTHUR E. YAGGE  
Twin Falls

### Letter hurts many people

I am writing in response to a letter written by Derrick Walden about a

young teen that passed away because she was not wearing her seatbelt.

Where are you getting your information? No one has proved Amber Cheney passed away because of no seatbelt. You did not know her family. We lost a friend and a loved one, and we were trying to get on with our lives until we read a distasteful letter. You have hurt and angered many people! Do you know how it is to have a 2-year-old (whom Amber loved dearly) kiss a picture every night and ask, "Where's Amber?" It tears a person up when they don't know what to say! It's funny how a 2-year-old can have more respect for somebody than a man can in his 30s. You don't know how many lives Amber Cheney touched!

If you knew Amber in any way, you would not have written such a letter. My wife and I were very good friends with Amber and her family, and we all have one question: How could anyone write something about somebody they don't even know?

And to you Amber, our hearts are still with you!  
KRAIG REHN  
Twin Falls

### Let's open that Nevada road

Hooray for people like Don and Sandee MacKenzie of Rupert! My husband and I both agree completely with everything said in their letter to the editor.

We also like to commend Suzanne and Kelly of "Idaho Today" on KLLX 1310 for their in-depth reporting. Why isn't there more on the local news and some in-depth reporting from The Times-News?

The parade in Elko was extraordinary, more than 150 entries displaying their "Shovels for Jarbidge."

My husband represented the hand-capped, painting and displaying shovels in his truck in the parade. He is in the process of painting about 50 more shovels, and these will be displayed on streets of Jarbidge with the help of Kearn and Chuck McCoy of Jarbidge Bed and Breakfast.

Jim Hurst of Montana and his group had a semi (18-wheeler) full of shovels. Thousands of shovels inside, outside, on top and in front of vehicles.

The four-wheelers and motorcycles also deserve mention. Well done! So many wonderful people to thank, and you know who you are, folks.

It's so heart-warming to see how many people will get involved for something they believe in strongly! Let's open that road July 4th weekend!

BETTY AND KEN CLUER  
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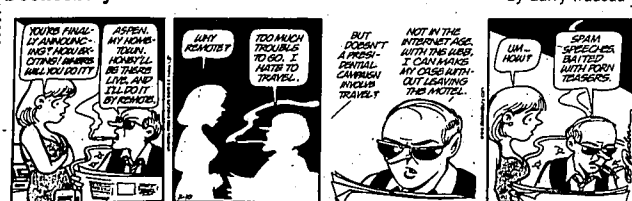
### Why limit gas price probe?

Idaho has had the highest average price in the continental United States for self-serve unleaded gasoline. This is grossly unfair for Idaho motorists. State Attorney General Al Lance appointed a six-member committee "to investigate the high gasoline prices set by the major oil producers" (Times-News, Oct. 7).

This raises the following questions: Why limit the investigation to the major oil producers? Why not include the wholesalers and retailers? Why was Brent Kerbs, a Burley gasoline retailer, appointed to the investigating committee? Why didn't the state attorney general and our congressional delegates take necessary action long ago to resolve this problem?

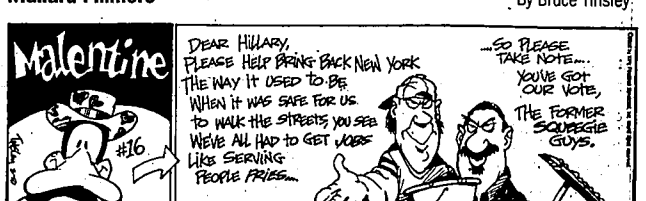
I believe the attorney general and our congressional delegates owe an explanation to Idaho motorists.  
VAUGHN PETERSON  
Burley

### Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

### Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

OPINION

LETTERS

**Gun plan won't stop fighting**  
I agree with your editorial about Clinton's gun control plans. They are way too harsh. Besides, it won't stop much fighting anyway.  
If somebody is going to shoot somebody, they are going to break the law anyway, so why not break another.  
**CHRIS MCHAN**  
Gooding

**TF lends a helping hand**  
To the citizens of Twin Falls: On Jan. 31, I accidentally left my digital camera at the Perrine Bridge. My friend, Earl, and I were BASE jumping there that weekend, and we didn't realize it was missing until we reached the town of Moab, Utah. We immediately called your police department and sheepishly asked if an officer could look for it. The following morning I called again and much to my surprise and delight the department had it.  
What a relief!

There is no way Earl and I can adequately express our gratefulness to the citizens of Twin Falls. Many thanks to the patient and polite staff at the police department, but also to the wonderful employees at the various restaurants, stores, gas stations, supermarkets, motels and nightclubs of your town. This was my first visit to Twin Falls and during our visit of three days I was absolutely astounded by the genuine friendliness of everyone. I look forward to visiting again soon.  
Finally, both Earl and I want everyone to know how much we appreciate the blessed opportunity Twin Falls extends to us BASE jumpers. We consider it a great privilege for you to allow us to jump from such a beautiful bridge. Many wonderful memories have been made there.  
**MATT MOORE**  
**EARL REDFERN**  
Moab, Utah

**Amendment is about liberty**  
Regarding The Times-News editorial of Feb. 3 about Clinton's gun control plans:  
I quote a paragraph from the editorial: "Some guns probably should not be in the hands of all citizens. Fully automatic weapons and other firearms with unsporting features fit in that category."  
So where does the Second Amendment say anything about "sporting" arms? The Second is about liberty, not hunting. It says that we have the right to bear arms because a well-regulated militia is essential to the security of the state. So what is a well-regulated militia? It isn't the National Guard but quite the opposite. The framers of the Constitution recognized that he who controls the military controls the country. This is evident today in about any Third World country that you want to check out. The military has to be regulated. So how is that done? It is done by arming the citizenry. When the people can fight back, a power-hungry government isn't able to turn the military loose as has happened in Bosnia, Rwanda, etc. The Constitution framers gave us

the right and the means to defend ourselves from the government should it attempt to go beyond its powers.  
"They then can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." (Benjamin Franklin, 1759).  
**DICK FUHRER**  
Filer

**What about victim's record?**  
After reading the letter from Donna Dengel, I felt I needed to respond.  
She stated in her letter that Jesse Thrush never denied the fact that he "took the life of a helpless child." It is my understanding from reading The Times-News that, initially, he did deny it. He admitted to taking the baby's life after he told the story of her falling off of the bed. Maybe he did this because he knew from her injuries his first story wasn't feasible, or maybe his conscience dictated, I don't know.

She also states that "Jesse is a brother, a son, a grandson and a friend." From experience, I know the pain of having a family member convicted of a terrible crime. It has far-reaching effects that you don't discover but through experience. The difference is, though you can be saddened by the situation, it doesn't take away from the fact that a terrible crime was committed and certainly a just punishment should be imposed. Being related to or a friend of does not take away from a terrible crime.

She states that the community needs to leave this tragedy alone so Halley's family can heal. I recall a letter just five days previous where Halley's grandmother thanked the community for their support, and encouraged people to write to the governor and congressmen about this in hopes that Thrush's punishment will not be a mere six months for taking her granddaughter's life. I would like to know when Donna Dengel was appointed spokesperson for Halley's family. If you don't feel justice is being done, you shouldn't always be silent. Thrush took the life of the only person that can forgive him.  
I wonder if Judge Meehl realizes the damage he has done to the area policemen and policewomen. Also, people will, for a long-time, wonder if a sentence for any crime is fair in proportion to Thrush's. Fair question but not a fair situation.  
I understand that Thrush will regret this tragedy the rest of his life. Unlike Halley, he has the rest of his life to regret it.  
In closing, I would like to ask a question. Judge Meehl stated

that one reason for his decision was that Thrush had a clean record. What about Halley's record, wasn't it good enough?  
**SANDY LEWIS**  
Gooding

**Cut the telemarketing**  
I was very upset today to hear that telemarketing is still with us! These calls are always fright-

ening to people like me who have loved ones in care centers or hospitals. They always come in late evening or I answer the phone and no one is on the line. Is it possible our state officials are following the Washington politics on soft-money from the lobbyists? I certainly would hope not.  
**ETHEL YOUNG**  
Burley

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## RIISING High School Sports STARS

### Ashley Ward Murtaugh girls' basketball

It's the little things that have impressed her coach, but there's nothing small about Ashley Ward's game. From her 5-foot-6 frame to her near double-double (11.8 points, 9.0 rebounds) averages, she's been nothing short of dominant for the Murtaugh girls' basketball team this season.

"If she's having a good night, it seems everyone else has a good night too, both offensively and defensively," said Murtaugh head coach Brian Thompson.

In the Red Devils' first meeting with Castledorf, Ward made life particularly hellish for the opposition, burning the Viking Wolves for a season-high 28 points and 17 rebounds. But it's her attention to detail that has Thompson taking notice—like the way she's learned to play with an even demeanor, or the way she's learned to take the extra step to make a shot jump shot that much shorter. But most of all, it's her rebounding technique that has caught Thompson's eye.

"I like it when she gets the rebounds and clears (her area)," Thompson said. "Everyone just backs off."

Ward denies using such Bill Lambeer-esque tactics, but admits a "few" opposing posts have known the pain of her sharpened elbows this season.

"But I've been ill a few times myself," Ward said.

While Ward's skill has made her a team leader, her emergence has been hastened by the family name. Older sister Lindsay played a central role on last year's Red Devil squad, and adjusting to life without her around has taken time, Ward said.

"This is the first year I haven't played with my sister," Ward said. "She's kind of like my leader, so that has been different."

In addition to basketball, Ward plays volleyball, participates in student council and is a member of the school's Business Professionals of America (BPA) club.

### Eric Hoskins

#### Burley boys' basketball

When it comes to versatility, Burley's Eric Hoskins offers more than a Ron "Ronco" Popiel in formation. Combining size and strength of a power forward with the quickness and range of a shooting guard, the senior co-captain has been a driving force behind the Bobcats' late-season surge.

"Eric is one of the best pure players I have coached here," said Burley head coach Matt Harr, whose team closed out its conference schedule with four wins in five games, including a Feb. 4 home upset of top-ranked Pocatello.

"You expect him to score his 15-20 points a game, but you can also put him on the other team's best offensive player on the other end of the floor."

Through 17 games, the 6-3 forward has averaged 15.3 points and 5.5 rebounds a contest. But more impressive, as a big man Hoskins is shooting better from behind the three-point line (33.3 percent) than he is from the lead (42 percent). That sort of all-around ability has created matchup problems for opposing defenders.

"He's always moving on the offensive and that makes it tough for anyone to guard him," Harr said.

But things haven't always been so smooth. Early in the year, Hoskins said the game suffered for lack of a solid pregame focus. A Phil Jackson-like meditation coupled with a Pearl Jam soundtrack seems to have remedied the situation.

"I just go off by myself, listen to some music and put my head down and Eric Hoskins said, "I just thought I'd better change something."

Harr said Hoskins' pregame absorption is so complete that the senior leader sometimes fails to notice the team gathering for pregame instructions. But as long as the routine continues to work, Harr's complaining.

"To (Eric's) credit, he's turned it around the second half of the year," Harr said.

—Matt Peterson

## Filer beats Wendell for state trip

By Holly Kayt  
Times-News writer

FILER — Amid screaming fans and with hopes high, the Filer Lady Wildcats and Wendell Lady Trojans stormed onto the court for Wednesday night's rematch of the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference championship game. The two teams met Tuesday night, but a Wendell win forced Wednesday's matchup to decide which team would walk away with the trophy and a trip to state. In the end, the Lady

Wildcats claimed the title with a decisive 59-44 victory, and will head to Nampa High School next Thursday for the state tournament.

"We just came out and did what we had to do," said Filer head coach Kim Krumm.

Seniors Mandi Turner and Adrienne Fuller dominated the first quarter for Filer, combining for 12 of the team's 16 points. Turner grabbed two key steals midway through the quarter to give her team momentum and a four-point advantage.

"We knew what we had to do," Turner said, leading her team with 23 points. "We have a lot of heart."

For Wendell, the first quarter was all Lauren Haycock. She racked up eight of her team's 11 points, helping to cut Filer's lead at the end of the first to 16-14.

In the second quarter, scoring bounced back and forth, with both teams stepping up its defense. A little over two minutes into the quarter, the Lady Wildcats held Wendell scoreless for three minutes by block-

ing two shots off inbound passes. Several fast breaks later, Filer had increased its lead to 28-23 going into the third quarter.

After the break, both teams poured on the defensive pressure. With just under two minutes remaining in the period, the teams had combined for only five points. Then Wendell started fouling and the Lady Wildcats boosted their lead to 35-27.

As Filer gained momentum in the fourth, Wendell continued

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## Vikings rally in fourth to down Declo

By Matt Peterson  
Times-News writer

HAZELTON — They've played each other five times this season, but Wednesday night's game between Declo and Valley will be the one that is remembered.

Not only was the game the closest of the five contests, but it also ended Declo's season and sent the Vikings sailing into the state tournament.

Overcoming a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit, Valley (18-7) pulled away from the Hornets (14-9) with a 14-5 run in the game's final three minutes to win the Canyon Conference championship, 49-47, and earn a berth in the state tournament front of a packed house in Hazelton.

"I was proud of the girls' mental attitude tonight," said Valley head coach Brian Hardy, whose team beat Declo for the second consecutive time Wednesday after losing to the Hornets in the tournament's second round Feb. 2. Sophomore forward Alex Kelso led all scorers with 19 points, 13 of which came in the first half. Her other six points came during the decisive fourth-quarter run.

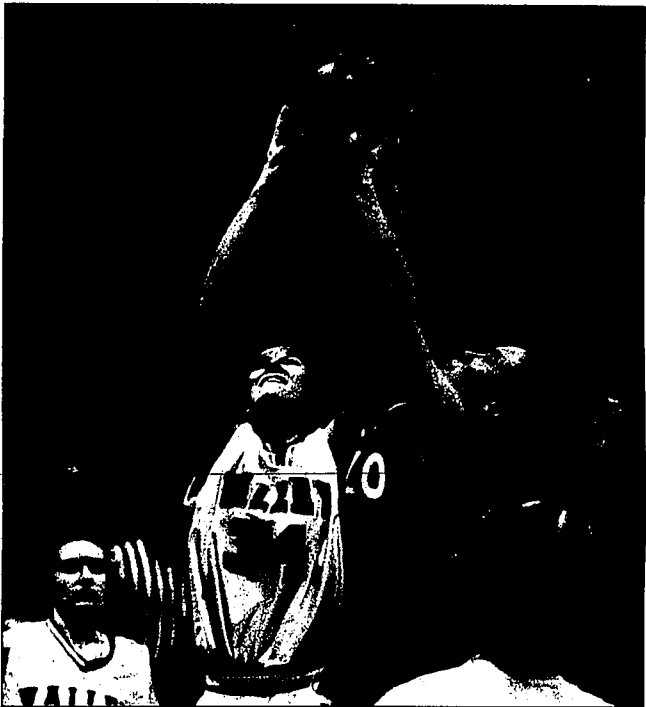
"It feels great," Kelso said. "This is a dream-come-true and I'm only a sophomore."

Trailing 37-29 after three quarters of play, the Vikings went down 10 to 39-29, on a Danielle West jumper to begin the final quarter. Consecutive buckets by Kyla Beam, however, had the home team within six, 39-33, with five minutes remaining in the game.

Nearing the 3-minute mark, however, Declo still enjoyed a comfortable cushion, 42-35.

But then the Vikings caught fire. Starting with an Annie Shawyer baby hook, Valley proceeded to rattle off 12 unanswered points, taking the lead for good on two Kelso free throws, 44-42, with 1:38 remaining.

During the run, the Vikings hit a blistering 10 of 12 from the charity stripe. As in the previous game against Declo, guard Summer Cullen proved clutch from the line, hitting all four of her attempts in the game's final 30 seconds.



Valley's Jaci Tesch and Declo's Amanda Blakee battle for the ball during Wednesday night's game for the A-3 District 4 title. Valley won the contest 49-47 and the trip to State that went with the victory.

Both times, Cullen's conversions made the game a two-possession contest for the Hornets.

After Cullen's final pair of free throws made the score 49-44.

Valley, West knocked down an inconsequential three-pointer with two seconds remaining to account for the 49-47 final.

"We were right in there to the

last," said Declo head coach Kim Johnson, "but we kind of lost our composure in the last two minutes."

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## Blue Devils, Panthers advance to next level

By John Derr  
Times-News writer

CASTLEDOF — The final two berths to the A-4 girls' state basketball tournament were on the line Wednesday in Castledorf and the Northside Conference showed it has a little more offensive power across the river.

Dietrich, the defending state champion and the second seed

from the north, stormed out to a 18-point advantage in the first half and earned the right to defend its title, topping Murtaugh, the third seed from the south, in convincing fashion, 58-35.

In the nightcap, it was Carey, the third seed from the north, that grabbed the last available ticket to state with a 52-39 victory over Hagerman.

The action continues back at

Castledorf on Friday as the four teams, already assured of trips to state, decide on seeding. Dietrich and Carey will tangle for third place at 6:30 p.m. while Shoshone and Raft River battle for the district championship at 8.

### District 5B, Murtaugh 35

It was a duel of the devils in the first game of the evening and

Murtaugh had a devil of a time figuring out the Dietrich press.

Murtaugh had the early 4-2 advantage, but Blue Devils went on a 9-0 run to take control of the game, pushing the ball up the court. Rashell Asite accounted for six of those points as she hit a pair of jumpers and converting inside on the fast break.

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## ISDB knocks on history's door as Raptors enter Northside tournament

By Jeff Rosen  
Times-News writer

GOODING — For the better part of 20 Gooding winters, basketball fans at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind have reminisced about the glory year — 1982, the season the Raptors, then playing at an institution known as the Gooding State School, went 17-3 and finished second at state.

This week, the ISDB faithful are poised to crown a new team of legend.

Under first-year head coach Mikkel Nelson and assistant Todd Houser, the 1999-00 Raptors have lost just three conference games again, and enter this week's Northside Conference Junior Varsity Tournament seeded second behind only Dietrich.

"Until this year, the other teams have loved playing against us," Nelson said Wednesday night through his wife April, who acted as an interpreter. "In the past they've always like to play us, because we're deaf."

Nelson, who is completely deaf, played high school basketball at Portland, Ore.'s

### Northside JV Tournament

The Northside Junior Varsity Conference Tournament starts today, continues Friday and culminates on Saturday with the championship game at 4:30 p.m. All games will be played in Shoshone High School's new gym.

Today: No. 1 seed Dietrich vs. No. 4 Carey, 3 p.m. Friday: No. 3 Shoshone vs. No. 2 ISDB, 3 p.m. Saturday: Winners play for title

Madison, a public school classified 5-A — the largest division in Oregon. Now, he conducts daily practice at ISDB using American Sign Language to lead a number of drills.

Nelson, a fifth-grade teacher at the school, and Houser, another instructor who moved here from California last year, arrived in Gooding to nearly two decades of bad attitude.

Both admit instilling a winning mindset has taken time. Both also admit it's paid off.

each other for their mistakes. They really put a stop to that."

And in turn, success on the court has been commonplace. Senior Chad Robles, a forward from Idaho Falls, is putting up 15.2 points per outing, senior 6-foot-7 center Russell Curry is averaging four blocked shots and 9.7 rebounds a game, and Erik Henson, a sophomore from Richfield, has netted 15.4 points and 4.7 steals nightly.

The Raptors now know they have what it takes to win.

"When we started winning," Nelson said, "the fans started to come out. We've gotten good support from the school."

Geographical distance prevents many fans from attending games. Students from outside the region live on campus, and their families often reside as many as four hours away.

"It's just not feasible for parents to make the drive for a 30-minute game," Houser said. "Sometimes they do make that effort,

and it means a lot to the kids."

Only 28 students attend high school at ISDB, but 15 of the 16 boys enrolled and an overwhelming majority of girls participate in the basketball program in one way or another — if not as players, then as managers.

"Basketball is the thing at night for this school," Houser said.

"It's no doubt going to be the thing this weekend as well, as the NCJV Tournament begins today and runs through Saturday at Shoshone High School. Dietrich, which beat this school twice this season, and Carey, which accounted for ISDB's two losses, play today, while ISDB squares off against Shoshone on Friday.

The winners of those two games play for the conference championship.

## Selig testifies as Rocker hearing opens

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — With several dozen protesters — and a large inflatable rat — outside baseball's offices, John Rocker's attempt to overturn his suspension began Wednesday with commissioner Bud Selig as the leadoff witness.

The Atlanta Braves reliever, banned by Selig until May 1 for his comments about gays, foreigners and others, was largely silent as he walked into the Park Avenue skyscraper with union lawyers on the warm winter afternoon, saying scores of testimony, Selig said as he left the building.

Selig testified on the rationale of his decision and was questioned by union lawyer Gene Orza on what precedents he considered, according to several participants in the hearing who spoke on the condition he not be identified.

Selig, one source said, testified he made his decision because he thought it was the correct penalty and did not consider past suspensions.

Selig didn't discuss whether he will discuss what he said.

"I just completed some- where between five and six hours of testimony," Selig said as he left the building. "I issued a suspension. It is what it is. Now it's in the hands of the arbitrator."

Atlanta City Councilman Derrick Boatman, who has been critical of Rocker, and Braves president Stan Kasten were the other witnesses to testify before Shyam Das, baseball's new arbitrator.

Kevin Hallinan, baseball's executive director of security, was scheduled to be management's final witness today. The union will then present its witnesses.

Das is expected to issue a decision sometime this month.

Boatman, who according to the source testified on the effect of Rocker's remarks in the community, brought along a group from Atlanta to protest. They were kept behind wooden police barricades as the hearing took place 21 floors above.

"It was basically to convey to the masses we were disappointed in the appeal," Boatman said. "We started this whole thing saying Rocker should be released. We still believe that."

The rat, holding a sign "New York Immigrants Against Rocker" was provided by Local 78 of the Asbestos, Lead and Hazardous Waste Workers Union, which had it nearby for another protest. The rat, which cost \$8,000, has appeared in front of several businesses in New York in the past year.

Rocker, razed by Mets and Yankees fans, is the pennant race and postseason last year, told Sports Illustrated in December he would never play for a New York team because he didn't want to risk a subway train ride to some queue with AIDS." He also mocked foreigners and called a Latin teammate a "fat monkey."

Selig resumed Jan. 31 by suspending him for all 45 days of spring training and the first 28 days of the season, fining him \$20,000 and ordering sensitivity training. The players' association, which has been successful at overturning or shortening many suspensions, then filed a grievance.



John Rocker

**SPORTS**

# Idaho Falls downs Bruins

**The Times-News**

**IDAHO FALLS** - The Bruins came up short against Idaho Falls Wednesday night, as 25 turnovers hurt the Bruins cause, falling 63-49 at Idaho Falls.

"We played good offense and rough defense," said Twin Falls head coach Dan Vogt. "We played hard."

The Bruins fall to 9-11 overall, 5-11 in Region III and host Jerome Saturday night in the opening round of the conference tournament.

**Local sports**  
**Wrestling**  
**Pocatello 57, Jerome 18**  
**JEROME** - Powerhouse Pocatello leveled Jerome 57-18 Wednesday, winning all but three matches, two of which the Tigers earned on forfeits.  
 Heavyweight Richard Gaver was a bright spot for the host school, however.  
 "He was behind, got the reversal and put the kid on his back," said Jerome assistant coach Paul Rosenberg.  
 In junior varsity competition, Jerome outscored Pocatello 18-6. Jerome is back in action today hosting Buhl.

**Hillcrest 91, Jerome 69**  
**HILLCREST** - The Hillcrest Knights came up with the win against Jerome Wednesday night, beating off a hot Jerome team that had won four of its last five games.  
 The Tigers (5-6 Region III, 8-12 overall) travel to Twin Falls to battle the Bruins' on Saturday night in the Region III regional tournament.

**Minico 72, Century 3**  
**MINICO** - The Minico Spartans hammered Century, winning all but one match Wednesday night at home after returning from two matches and a long road trip the night before.  
 "We are really happy with our team. We wrestled well and are happy with our record," said Spartans head coach Brad Cooper.  
 Minico's record is 10-2, which they'll take into the regional tournament Wednesday at 11 a.m.

**Bonneville 79, Burley 69**  
**IDAHO FALLS** - Eric Hoskins and Troy Holland combined for 40 of the Bobcats' 69 points, but fell to a hot-shooting Bonneville, 79-69.  
 Trailing by as many as 30 in the third, Burley used a full court press that produced turnovers and enabled the Bobcats to claw back in it.  
 Burley (7-5 Region III, 9-11 overall) hosts the winner of Highgate and Minico Monday in the Region III tournament.

**Buhl visits Jerome today at 6 p.m.**

**Declo 41, Wendell 35**  
**Results were unavailable**

**Bowling**  
**Twin Falls 4, Filer 1**  
**FILER** - Only two total pins separated Twin Falls from Filer on Wednesday, but they were enough to give the Bruins bowling a 4-1 defeat of host Filer at Cedar Lanes.  
 Twin Falls totaled 418 pins to Filer's 416, but Wildcat Erin Andrews rolled the day's best game with a 236. Gabrielle Marcanonio led Twin Falls with a 172 game. Filer hosts Wendell next Wednesday.  
 In JV action, Twin Falls blanked Filer 5-0 with a 437-298 score, but the JV "B" teams saw Filer win, 4-1.

**Kimberly 4, Wendell 1**  
**JEROME** - Kimberly's Tiffany Kiesig rolled a 190 for high game honors as the Bulldogs beat Wendell 4-1 as Kimberly tallied 367 pins to Wendell's 364 at Jerome Bowl.  
 Wendell's Misty Hohnhorst scored a 175 for the varsity high game, but JV bowler Bryn Moss topped Hohnhorst with a 187 as Wendell bounced Kimberly 4-1. For the JV "B" teams, Kimberly won, 4-1.

**Gooding 5, Buhl 0**  
**GOODING** - Gooding's Michelle Peterson rolled a 186 as the Senators outpinned Buhl 408-343 to win 5-0.  
 In JV action, Buhl beat Gooding 4-1 and the JV "B" saw Gooding win, 5-0.  
 Gooding bowls next Thursday hosting Minico at Ranch Bowl.

**Oakley-Raft River 42, Buhl 40**  
**BUHL** - Thanks to a pin from Raft River heavyweight T.J. Wright, and wins in four of the final five matches, a combined team from Oakley and Raft River high schools visited Buhl on Wednesday and came away victorious, 42-40.

# SPORTS IN BRIEF

**TFHS searches for volleyball coach**

**TWIN FALLS** - The search is on at Twin Falls High School for a new head volleyball coach to replace Mike Federico, a teacher at the school who vacated the volleyball helm after last season but intends to continue coaching baseball this spring.  
 In the running is Kelly Youner, a former Northwest Nazarene University volleyball player and junior varsity coach at Gooding High School who joined Federico as a Bruin assistant coach last fall.  
 "We're looking in-district right now," said District Athletic Director Andy Barron. "We want to have (someone hired) by springtime."

**Twin Falls Wild Cats will meet Feb. 19**

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls Wild Cats will hold an organizational meeting for interested players and coaches at 11 a.m. Feb. 19 at the Twin Falls Athletic Club on Poleline Road.  
 For more information, call Travis Klundt at 734-3040 or Jeff Glenn at 734-8952.

**Free admission and burgers Friday at CSI**

**TWIN FALLS** - Admission for Friday's basketball games at the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium against Colorado Northwestern will be free for all, and everyone who shows up will receive a coupon for a free Wendy's hamburger.  
 The women's game begins at 6 p.m., with the men to follow at about 8 p.m.

**Big West adds two schools for 2001**

**IRVINE, Calif.** - California State Northridge and the University of California-Riverside will join the Big West in July 2001, the conference announced Wednesday.  
 The additions bring the Big West to 10 full members for the 2001-02 academic year.

The two new members will compete in all sports in which the conference holds competition, including men's and women's basketball, baseball and softball, and soccer.  
 The Big West will not have conference competition in football in 2001. The two schools applied for Big West membership last November, and their inclusion was approved Wednesday by a vote of the conference's board of directors.

The additions will make 10 the total number of Big West members for the 2001-02 academic year. Other members include: California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo; California State University, Fullerton; Long Beach State University; University of California, Irvine; University of California, Santa Barbara; University of Idaho; University of the Pacific and Utah State University.

**Hornets retire Bobby Phillips' jersey**

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** - The Charlotte Hornets gave fallen teammate Bobby Phillips their highest honor Wednesday night by retiring his jersey and hoisting it into the rafters of the Charlotte Coliseum.  
 Teammates and family members fought away tears at the end of a 10-minute ceremony as Phillips' brother, Dwayne, perched the player's 3-year-old son, Bobby Ray Phillips III, on his shoulders. The youngster pulled on a rope that raised his father's white jersey and No. 13 to its permanent home in the Charlotte Coliseum's rafters, 100 feet above the playing surface.

**Patriots release unhappy tight end Ben Coates**

**FOXBORO, Mass.** - The New England Patriots released five-time Pro Bowl tight end Ben Coates on Wednesday after a season in which his production decreased but his complaining reached a crescendo.  
 New coach Bill Belichick blamed the salary cap and said the team was forced to go with younger players.

**Norway beats United States, 2-1**

**BOCA RATON, Fla.** - Winning isn't important, at least not yet, for new U.S. women's soccer coach April Heinrichs.  
 For the second time in four days, Heinrichs fielded a lineup more geared to youth and experience in facing against Norway. And for the second time, the result was a one - loss.  
 Norway beat the U.S. women's team 2-1 Wednesday to send the Americans to consecutive home losses for the first time since 1992. On Saturday, Norway won 3-2 at Fort Lauderdale.

**CART's Franchitti crashes during testing**

**HOMESTEAD, Fla.** - Dario Franchitti, the pre-season favorite to win the CART driving championship, was injured Wednesday in a crash during testing.  
 Franchitti sustained non-displaced fractures of the left hip and pelvis and multiple small contusions of the brain, according to Dr. Steve Olvey, CART's medical director. The doctor said no surgery would be required.

**Docs clear Mailman for Sunday's All-Star game**

**SALT LAKE CITY** - Karl Malone's agent confirmed Wednesday the two-time MVP and perennial All-Star will play in Sunday's All-Star game after he was cleared by a doctor.  
 Malone, who has complained of recurring back and finger injuries, wasn't available for comment. He said Tuesday he would announce his plans after Wednesday night's game against the Chicago Bulls.

**Agassi withdraws from Sybase Open**

**SAN JOSE, Calif.** - A year after being defaulted in the second round for repeatedly cursing at a linesman, Andre Agassi never even made it that far this time at the Sybase Open.  
 Agassi, scheduled to play his first match in the United States in nearly five months on Wednesday night, pulled out of the tournament late Tuesday night with a lower back strain.

Compiled from wire reports

# Rodman returns, but Sonics defeat Dallas

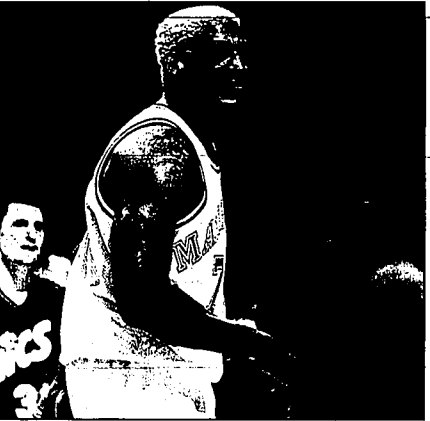
**DALLAS (AP)** - The second-biggest crowd the Dallas Mavericks have ever drawn came mostly to see Dennis Rodman's return to the NBA. The few exceptions were rooting for Rashard Lewis.  
 Lewis made his backers the happiest by setting career-highs with 30 points and 12 rebounds, leading Seattle past Dallas 117-106 Wednesday night.

When it ended, Rodman celebrated his 13 rebounds in 32 solid minutes by hugging new No. 70 jersey into the stands while Lewis was at the other end of the court giving the game ball to his mother.

"If it wasn't for her, I wouldn't be playing this game," said Lewis, a second-round pick who went from Houston high school star to the SuperSonics.  
 Lewis scored 16 points in the fourth quarter, including 11 of Seattle's next 14 after Dallas got within 96-92 with 6:24 to go. The sport included five points in five seconds on a follow shot and a steal that turned into a layup and a free throw.

"I felt I had to go to the offensive boards. I knew that would win the game," Lewis said. "It was just out there trying to be aggressive."  
 Rodman also was aggressive, even though he was playing his first NBA game in 10 months and had only one practice to prepare. The loss left him in no mood to evaluate his own performance.  
 "It's all about the team," Rodman said. "It's not about Dennis Rodman."  
 But this night was. He was the main reason the game drew a boisterous audience of 18,203, the second sellout of the season and just 52 fewer than the team's home record that Michael Jordan drew for his last game in Dallas two years ago.

**Jazz 113, Bulls 86**  
**SALT LAKE CITY** - Despite nagging back and finger injuries that he said might keep him from playing in the NBA All-Star Game, Karl Malone felt strong enough to score 30 points and grab 10 rebounds as Utah defeated



Maverick Dennis Rodman has kind words for a Seattle player Wednesday in Dallas.

Chicago 113-86 Wednesday night.  
 Malone was 11-of-15 from the field and 8-of-9 from the line. The Jazz led 91-70 when the 6-foot-9 forward sat down for good at the end of the third quarter.

**Spurs 106, Nuggets 97**  
**DENVER** - David Robinson scored 30 points, Tim Duncan added 24 and Avery Johnson had 19 as the San Antonio Spurs withstood a fourth-quarter comeback to beat the Denver Nuggets 106-97 on Wednesday night.  
 Duncan also had 13 rebounds for his 43rd double-double of the season.

**Mag 107, Wizards 96**  
**ORLANDO, Fla.** - Reserve Core Mggette scored 15 points and Ron Mercer and John Amecchi had 14 each as Orlando won for the eighth time in their last 10 games.  
 Orlando outscored Washington 33-20 in the third quarter to take a 14-point lead and stretched it to 22 in the fourth. Juwan Howard scored 20 points for the Wizards.

**Heat 115, Warriors 100**  
**MIAMI** - P.J. Brown and Alonzo Mourning sparked a third-quarter rally.  
 Brown scored seven points and Mourning six during a 16-5 run that gave Miami an 87-75 lead with 1:14 left in the third. The Heat maintained a double-digit advantage the rest of the way.

**Hawks 116, Rockets 100**  
**ATLANTA** - Jim Jackson scored 23 points as Atlanta matched its highest point total of the season. The Hawks, who have won six of their last nine games, led by as many as 31 points, that following a fourth-quarter jump by Jason Terry.

**Hornets 103, Cavaliers 95**  
**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** - David Wesley scored 17 of his season-high 30 points after a halftime

ceremony to honor co-captain Bobby Phillips, who became the first Charlotte player to ever have his jersey retired.  
 Wesley, shooting 35 percent since the accident, made 9 of 17 against the Cavaliers, including a 4-for-7 showing after he fought back tears during the 10-minute halftime ceremony.

**Sixers 92, Nets 90**  
**PHILADELPHIA** - Larry Hughes' tip-in at the buzzer gave the Philadelphia 76ers an improbable 52-90 comeback victory over the New Jersey Nets on Wednesday.  
 The Sixers came back from a 21-point first-half deficit, then cupped a frantic finish after Georgetown got called for a 10-second violation with the score tied at 90 in the final seconds.

**Pacers 113, Celtics 104**  
**BOSTON** - Jalen Rose scored 15 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter, making coach Larry Bird a winner in what could be his final game in Boston.  
 Rose scored 15 of Indiana's last 17 points as the Pacers held off a late Celtics charge.

Paul Pierce scored 27, with seven assists for Boston, and Vitaly Potapenko had 21 with 10 rebounds.

**Pistons 115, Raptors 108, 0T**  
**AUBURN HILLS, Mich.** - Lindsey Hunter scored eight of his 28 points in overtime as Detroit held off a Toronto rally.

Cedar Hill had 30 points and 13 rebounds in 52 minutes for the Pistons, while Vince Carter had 34 points and 13 rebounds.

**Milwaukee 115, Knicks 103**  
**MILWAUKEE** - Latrell Sprewell scored 23 of his 27 points in the second half as New York rallied from a 59-40 deficit.

The Knicks played without regulars Marcus Camby, Larry Johnson and Chris Childs, and just seven players saw action for New York.

Patrick Ewing had 20 points and 16 rebounds for the Knicks. Allan Houston had 22 points and Charlie Ward added 21.

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SPORTS

Baseball investigates Griffey talks A-4

NEW YORK (AP) — With the parties in the Ken Griffey Jr. trade talks clamping up, the commissioner's office said Wednesday it is investigating if any rules were broken by Seattle...

involved in a trade, then ask the commissioner's office for a 72-hour window in which the acquiring team can negotiate a contract extension with the player. No window was requested by Cincinnati at Seattle...

Alderson said whether any player would be traded is something "that still has to be determined." "I would say this wouldn't take us very long," he added. "Sometimes we have to wait a while."

Mariners in November that he wanted to be traded to a team closer to his home in Orlando, Fla. Gillick held talks with the New York Mets the following month, but Griffey then said he would accept a trade only to Cincinnati, where he grew up.

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"It was a team effort," said Arle, a junior who paced the Blue Devils with 22 points before fouling out late in the game. "I think Brandon McCowan was hot from the outside, nailing three long bombs from NBA range as Dietrich outscored the Red Devils 19-7 in the second quarter."

Carney 52, Hageman 39 For the Carey seniors, it is a trip to state in basketball, finally. The Panthers went on the run, taking the early lead and withstanding every Hageman rally as they advanced to state.

Valley

Continued from B1 While Declo squandered his big late, the Hornets made most of the game and only enjoyed a late advantage because of a huge third-quarter effort.

Declo's Annalisa Bagwell hit one of two free throws to give the Hornets their first lead since the first quarter, 18-17, with 1:39 remaining. A 6-0 Valley run tied the half, capped by Kelso's second three-pointer of the night just before the buzzer.

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Continued from B1 Fouling. Sonya Votruba, Tiffany Harris and Kaitlin Hensing all fouled out with under two minutes left in the game. Filer stepped up for the line 21 times for 13 points, led by Turner who drained nine from three-pointers.

File finished with 32 rebounds, 10 more than Thursday's game.

"Our goal was to seek and destroy by boxing out," said Filer. "The Trojans head to Declo Saturday to play the District 5 runner-up for a last chance to go to state."

"I'm really pleased," said Wendell coach Ryan Poe. "A year ago we were last place, first out of the tournament. We've shown a lot of improvement."

Jenny Arle got into the act in the second quarter as the named two-point three-pointers and the Panthers pushed the advantage to 12 points. The Red Devils struggled from the field, missing six at point-blank range and could not get on the board until the 4:05 mark.

Valley again

We knew we had to take it inside that's what we did to start the second half," Johnson said. "Brandi came in and sparked us in that third quarter."

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Wendell struggled, except for leading scorer Haycock, who had 11 of her game-high 24 points in the fourth quarter.

"I just kept my head in it," she said. But, the difference was made on the boards, Krumm said.

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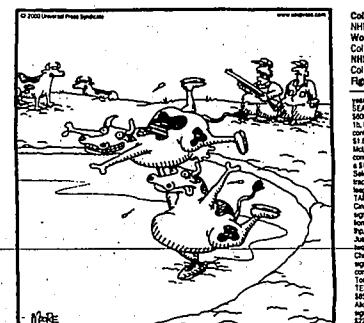
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SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Jerome father looks for his missing son

**JEROME** - Authorities and a father are searching for a 15-year-old boy who has been missing since last month. Rocky Johnson last saw his son, Weston Johnson, Jan. 4, he said.

He reported him missing to the Jerome County Sheriff's Office, but so far he has not been found, he said.

Anyone with information can call the Jerome sheriff at 324-8845 or Rocky Johnson at 324-3305.

### Parachuter's body remains missing

**HANSEN** - The search for a parachuter who disappeared in the Snake River turned up empty Wednesday.

Roger Butler, 29, of Ogden, Utah, has been missing since Sunday evening, when he sank in the water after parachuting from the Hansen Bridge. Butler was an experienced BASE jumper - someone who parachutes from buildings, antennae, spans and earth.

The scaled back search Wednesday consisted of people occasionally scanning the river with binoculars looking for signs of a parachute or body, said Nancy Howell, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

A day earlier the search included scuba divers and rescue teams from four counties, who scoured the river banks from Twin Falls to the bridge, she said.

During the next 10 days, someone will scan the water with binoculars, she said.

### Casino workers save man's life in Jackpot

**JACKPOT, Nev.** - Casino security workers at Cactus Petes Resort used their medical training and a heart defibrillator to save a Twin Falls man's life Sunday.

Early that morning, William Wright was found unresponsive and without a pulse in the Cherry Creek parking lot, according to a Cactus Petes news release.

Security officers Kris Johnson and Bill Wolford used cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the automatic heart defibrillator to save him, the release said.

All Cactus Petes security officers are trained in CPR and first-aid certified through the American Heart Association, and they are trained to use the defibrillator. At least two trained officers are always on staff to use the machine in a medical emergency, the release said.

### Senate committee OKs pig, poultry rules

**WASH.** - Temporary rules regulating pig and poultry operations were approved as suitable permanent rules by the Senate Resources and Environment Committee Wednesday.

The rules, originally adopted temporarily by the Division of Environmental Quality, have also been approved by the House Agricultural Affairs Committee and will be considered by the House Environmental Affairs Committee today.

If approved by the House Environmental Affairs Committee, the rules will become permanent regulations for the mega-farms.

### Communities to get federal dollars for water

**TWIN FALLS** - A number of Idaho communities will get a share of \$1.3 billion in federal tax dollars to help with water and sewer systems.

Glenns Ferry, North Oakley, Jerome Water and Sewer District and six other Idaho communities will benefit from the Special Environmental Assistance for Regulations of communities and Habitat - SEARCH - a pilot project established by U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo.

Crapo got the money through the federal Environmental Protection Agency for the project aimed at helping communities with fewer than 2,000 people comply with federal environmental rules. The \$1.3 billion will go to 21 communities. Twelve other recipients were announced in November.

Compiled from staff reports

# Breaking away from the middle

## School Board votes to clear out the center section of Wendell school

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

**WENDELL** - At the end of the month staff and students at Wendell Middle School will pack up and move out of the center portion of the school that dates back to about 1920.

The School Board on Wednesday was informed by city building inspector Sonny Henry that the area must be vacated within 60 days.

Board members voted to close the section of the school where the foundation is in poor condition. Out of six core samples taken by engineers, all but one crumbled before they could be tested.

"The concrete foundation has very little strength and may fail under dead and live loads," the engineers' report said. "The foundation is unpredictable and would very likely fail during a moderate earthquake."

The foundation is unsafe and the building should not be occupied," Nampa-based Leavitt & Associates Engineers Inc. inspected the building.

The district now must decide whether to repair or demolish that portion of the building, Henry told the School Board. But the deadline for that action is longer than the 60-day requirement for vacating the building.

Contrary to previous reports, the district has the taxing capacity to pay for the construction of a new middle school. That hasn't been floated as a plan, but it is a point for clarification.

Wendell School District Superintendent Larry Manly had said that the district did not have the bonding capacity to pay for a new middle school, but in an interview before

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## MORE ON THE WAY



Fourth-grader Tori Cummie splashes home from Sawtooth Elementary School Wednesday afternoon. Today's forecast calls for more rain.

# Merchants buck for Western Days

## Twin Falls Business Improvement District hopes to play larger role in event

By Rachel Denry  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - As the time-honored tradition of Western Days continues to grow, some people are looking for bigger and better places to hold the celebration.

But some downtown merchants don't want to see the event move away from the downtown area and plan to take a more active role in planning the event by joining the Western Days Committee.

Members of the board of the Historic Downtown Business Improvement District on Tuesday brainstormed ways to keep the event downtown.

Some people at the meeting said downtown merchants should take over ownership of the event. "I think downtown could own

**Get involved**

Those interested in joining the Western Days Committee can attend a meeting at 6 tonight at Twin Falls City Council chambers.

the event," said downtown employee Jan Rogers. "It's a huge well-established community promotion. If I were you guys, I wouldn't give it up."

The event is currently organized by a nonprofit group of volunteers selected by an open forum vote. Money raised from both rentals is spent on security, insurance, sanitation and entertainment.

Some BID members said unless the BID gets involved on the

Western Days Committee, the event will either fizzle out or move to a different location.

"Unless we step in it won't be here," said BID board member Kathi Hanifan.

Some Western Days Committee members don't like the idea of downtown having control of the event and turning it into a promotion.

"It's a community event," said Western Days Chairman Tony Barnes. "The downtown district thinks it's their event and that's fine. It's good economically that we put up a good show. It's good for everybody but so many people think it should be their whole show. I realize there is an economic problem downtown and they want to get more people down there, but this is an outdoor

event - it's not a retail generating event."

Barnes said Western Days is a community event, not a retail promotion.

"It's great if downtown wants to take over," he said. "But those in the commercial industry need to recognize this is not revenue-generating for their business. People are outside enjoying themselves and they're not shopping."

Barnes called Western Days "a celebration plain and simple. It's not a marketing tool."

The BID will hold a meeting a 6 tonight in City Council chambers to discuss joining the Western Days Committee.

Times-News correspondent Rachel Denry can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3780.

# Minidoka County plans for levy election

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** - The Minidoka County School Board held a special meeting on Wednesday to begin planning the supplemental levy election the district holds every two years.

This year's proposed levy will ask for \$950,000 and will not increase the current supplemental tax levy rate, said Pam Wade, the district's financial coordinator.

The district's current \$928,000 levy expires this year.

From July 1998 to June 2002, the increase would be about 2.4 percent, said Superintendent Nick Hallert.

"The current levy has allowed the district to complete several major projects such as roof maintenance, blackout, painting, carpet replacement and technology," Wade said.

Projects completed included the roof on Paul Elementary School, several bus replacements, some security projects, American Disabilities Act modifications, computers, and some site improvements such as an improved playground at Heyburn

Elementary School and a boiler replacement at Heyburn School, she said.

Money from the proposed levy would be used for more site improvements, blackout and track maintenance at several schools, major irrigation repairs and some building modifications and repairs, Wade said.

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# Elko officials count their shovels, look for more roads

By Karen Terrell  
Times-News correspondent

**ELKO, Nev.** - While Elko County officials work out what to do with more than 10,000 shovels donated in support of their legal battle with the U.S. Forest Service, a group could put the tools to use to reopen other county roads.

Several other federal lands, also on federal lands, have been closed illegally by federal agencies, said Nevada state Assemblyman John Carpenter,

an original organizer of the so-called Jarbidge Rebellion. He and others are researching to determine if the roads fall under a federal statute, which would enable their reopening.

Under this statute, any road that existed when a 1866 mining law was enacted would be county-owned. During a congressional hearing last fall on the reopening of South Canyon Road near Jarbidge, Nev., Lad Bedford, a road expert from California, said the U.S. Court of Appeals has upheld this interpretation

of the statute.

Carpenter said the list of roads that could be reopened should be compiled within a month and work would begin soon thereafter, weather permitting. Most of the donated shovels would be used on South Canyon Road on July 4, Carpenter said, but several will be tried out on the other roadways in an attempt to "show President Clinton he cannot close off Elko County."

Before any shovels are used, however, the county has to make an official count and inventory.

Local prison crews will probably be used to complete the inventory sometime within the next week or so, County Commissioner Mike Nannini said.

An estimated 12,000 shovels have been received, Nannini said, and more arrive daily. A signed check has been received from every state.

No one has any plans for the shovels after the Jarbidge event, but if the county is still having problems with the federal government, Nannini said he would

# Victim of spite?

## Doctor says revenge led to drug charges

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By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - In his second and final day of testimony Wednesday, Dr. Charles Wesley Suits said he is the victim of a vindictive former lover, Kathy Gann, and a cover-up by law enforcement officials who used Gann, who once pleaded guilty to forgery, as their accomplice.

The prosecution questioned Suits' testimony and suggested Suits, who is charged with drug possession, would be inclined to perjure himself to save his medical license and his reputation.

"Isn't it true you have the strongest motive for lying in this case?" asked prosecuting attorney Stephen Bywater.

When asked why several county and state law enforcement officials would lie to protect each other, Suits said he didn't know, other than out of loyalty to lead investigator Randy Kidd with the Cassia County Sheriff's Office.

Suits explained how he had been led to enter false names into the parking lot of the Cassia Regional Medical Center to be an unwitting participant in a drug sting.

Suits said "Scott" was described to him as a man seeking medical advice, while it was a "Steve" who was described as Gann's drug dealer. It was Scott who Suits thought he was meeting the day of Dec. 31, 1998, and recordings of that conversation have been manipulated so it appeared Suits knew he was going to meet with a drug dealer, Suits said.

Suits masks portions of several conversations on the recordings and portions of conversations that were omitted change the meaning of the conversations entirely, Suits said. Things are omitted, he said, including telling Gann in his office that he would not fill out a prescription for a man named Scott Walker, who was in actually undercover agent Scott Ward, without examining him first.

Gann and Ward have testified Suits never inquired about Ward's health in the hospital parking lot and never examined him. Suits, however, testified he had "a range of motion" before he prescribed him Vicodin.

Suits said he was led to believe Ward had left his prescription in Boise and that he had not seen his doctor. Upon cross-examination, prosecuting attorney Stephen Bywater questioned why Suits had prescribed 60 tablets to Ward, rather than just enough medication to get him back to Boise.

Suits said he was under the impression Ward was in town through the weekend. The sting happened on a Wednesday.

Suits said when Gann refers on the tape to getting him "the good stuff," she was referring not to drugs, but to cookies she was planning to bring him.

Other conversations were omitted entirely, Suits said, such as the one in which Gann tells Suits that Ward played pool and was interested in playing pool with Suits' wife, an avid player.

That conversation is relevant, Suits said, because Ward and Gann have both testified that after Ward gave Suits metham-

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# Kimberly council mulls streets

By Margaret Jones  
Times-News correspondent

**KIMBERLY** -- The City Council on Tuesday discussed making the intersection at Oak and West Center a little safer. A child was struck last month in the intersection.

Resident Teresa Albright suggested putting in a four-way stop to slow down traffic and make it easier for motorists on Oak Street to merge with Center Street traffic. Residents Duke and Ruth Stimpson said they didn't want to see a four-way stop at the intersection because they believe it will make it more difficult to back out of their driveway which is located near the intersection.

Some council members also

thought there should be a sidewalk on Oak Street running from Center Street North to Monroe Street. Councilwoman Lee McKinlay said residents may want to sponsor a section of the sidewalk. Safety grants could also help pay for the project.

Also Tuesday, the council discussed the future of Good Neighbor Days and getting residents and more volunteers involved. For 20 years, the event was sponsored by the Kimberly Chamber of Commerce which recently disbanded. The council is looking for someone to volunteer to chair the event. Former chamber members Sheri Vanneck and Julie Reeves said they would be available to help in the transition.

In other action Tuesday, resi-

dents were reminded of the rabies clinic to be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the City Hall garage. Vaccinations will be \$7.50 and dog licenses will be \$5. Dr. Jerry Jackson will be the veterinarian.

Other City Council business:

- The council approved a Boy Scout flag raising ceremony at 7 a.m. July 4.
- Fire Chief Burl Duncan told the council that the city had received a better fire rating due to improvements at the fire station and in the city's water system. The rating of five for the city should give residents a better insurance rate, he said.

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

# Woman killed, Bellevue man missing

**REDDING, Calif. (AP)** -- A 19-year-old woman was killed and a 28-year-old Idaho man is missing after the Ford Explorer they were riding in went over a cliff.

The two were part of Plor Point, Texas-based All-Star Promotions, a group that travels the country selling magazine door-to-door.

Crystal Mahathy, 19, of Fort Wayne, Ind., died in the crash, and William Scott Tarwater, 28, of Bellevue was missing.

George F. Senner, 23, of Texas,

was arrested on suspicion of vehicular manslaughter and was released on Sunday on \$100,000 bail, a Trinity County Jail spokesman said.

The accident happened late Saturday near Big Bear. The driver was going about 65 mph when he lost control of the Explorer, went off an 80-foot cliff and landed in the Trinity River.

Earlene Williams, spokeswoman for Parent Watch, a New York City nonprofit clearinghouse on child and youth labor abuse,

said companies like All-Star prey on young people with problems.

"If they spot a kid walking along a highway who looks unattended, that's what they're looking for," she said. "Kids go away overnight without warning."

A spokeswoman for All-Star Promotions refused to comment Wednesday.

In the past eight years, 45 people from more than six companies nationwide that sell magazines door to door have been killed or hurt, according to Parent Watch.

# Cousin's harsh remarks cause angst

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm at my wit's end. My cousin "Sheila" and I are very close. She lives around the corner and comes over almost daily to play with my 20-month-old daughter, "Megan." The problem is Sheila says unkind things about Megan's behavior, such as, "Evidently those child-rearing books you read haven't worked," or, "If you can't control her at 20 months, how will you control her when she's a teenager?"

**DEAR ABBY**  
Abigail VanBuren

They've seen her encourage Megan to act wildly just to see what my husband and I would do. I love my cousin, and Megan loves her, too. However, I'm not sure whether or not I should put some distance between us. Sheila is very sensitive, and the last time I spoke to her about this, she wouldn't talk to me for a week. Megan is attached to

Sheila, and I am not sure I should jeopardize their relationship. Please help.

—MEGAN'S MOM  
IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR MOM:** Something is wrong with an adult who derives pleasure from getting a child in trouble. If it continues, your daughter will never know where she stands with this immature and somewhat sadistic individual. Tell Sheila to stop popping in and out of your home dispensing unkind and unasked-for observations about your child-rearing ability. If she wants to be part of your daughter's life, she should start giving Megan "unconditional love"—or stay home.

# OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

## TWIN FALLS



### Andreas 'Andy' 'Sarge' Andersen

Andreas "Andy" "Sarge" Andersen, 74, of Twin Falls, passed away Tuesday, February 8, 2000, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

He was born May 10, 1925, in Horicon, Wisconsin, the son of Evan and Linda Ott Andersen. He spent his childhood in and graduated from Horicon High School. Then he answered his country's call, and joined the United States Army, and made serving the nation his lifelong goal. While in the military, he met and married his loving wife, Lucille. To their union was born a son, Mike, the apple of his father's eye. Andy was known for his dedication to service, and he belonged to many organizations including the American Legion, A.F.W., and the D.V. He also knew how to have fun, and some of his hobbies included hunting, fishing, golf, baseball, football, and truly the all outdoors. He never missed with an opportunity to spend time with Mother Nature.

Andy was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Frances of Twin Falls, son Mike (Connie) Andersen of Twin Falls; brother Evan Andersen Jr. of Orange Park, Florida; sister Dorothy Hoover of Ft. Worth, Texas; and grandchildren Bryan and Jayme Lynn Andersen of Twin Falls.

Andy served our country for over 30 years, and in recognition of that service, Full Military Flies will be given Friday, February 11, 2000, at 10 a.m. at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, at 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Friends are invited to call Thursday, February 10, 2000, from 6-8 p.m. at the Funeral Home.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Randall Skeem for his outstanding care and compassion through the years in caring for Andy.

## BURLEY

Caughy of Alturas, Calif.; grandchildren, Kelly Lamb and Richard Lamb, both of Elko, Nev., Ross Leach of Prairie City, Ore., and Roger and Mark Nonella of Klamath Falls, Ore.

She was preceded in death by a son, Larry, who died in 1975.

Funeral services are scheduled for Friday, February 11, 2000, at 2 p.m., at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, with Father Norm King officiating. A vigil service will be held Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at the Burns Funeral Home Chapel in Elko, Nev. Final resting place will be at Lakeview, Ore., beside her son.

Donations may be made to the Elko County Fair Board, P.O. Box 2067, Elko, NV 89803, in memory of Barbara. To be used in home arts and youth stock horse classes. Cremation, under the direction of Sunset Crematory.

## BURLEY RESIDENT

died Tuesday, February 8, 2000, in Burley with his family by his side.

He was born March 14, 1925, in Archer, Idaho, the son of George Jr. and Martha Burns Briggs. He graduated from high school in Rexburg, Idaho, in 1942. He joined the Air Force, and while in the Air Force, he attended one year of college at the University of Arkansas. He married Marjorie Johnson of March 21, 1951, in Idaho Falls. The marriage was solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple in 1957. Wallace worked as a Grain Elevator Manager for General Mills for 30 years in Malta. He served in many leadership positions in the LDS church, including Bishop, Elders Quorum President, Ward Clerk, and on the High Council. He served as First Counselor in MIA, and First Counselor in the Bishopric. He also served as Mayor of Malta. His hobbies included leatherwork, fishing, hunting, and always doing things for others. He especially enjoyed doing with his family and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie of Burley; two daughters, Shannon Wood and Kelly Sigley of Burley; four sons, Allan Briggs of Sugar City, Terry (Darlene) Briggs of Malta, Michael (Sharolyn) Briggs of Burley, and David (Carolyn) Briggs of Loomis, California; 15 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son; two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, February 10, 2000, at the Malta LDS Ward Chapel, with Bishop Monte B. Carlson officiating. Burial will be in the Valley View Cemetery in Malta, with burial in charge. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary in Burley.

## WENDELL



### Lucille Wortman

"Lucille Wortman, 75, of Wendell, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2000, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

"Lucille was born January 26, 1925, the daughter of J.L. and Mary Jacobson Kirkbride. She was raised and educated in Buhl. In June of 1962, she married Ernest Wortman in Las Vegas, Nevada. She worked at the Dalenise Plant at Lockheed in Santa Monica, California, and later as an inspector at a machine shop in the City of Industry, Alhambra, Calif. In 1987, they moved to Wendell. She was a member of the Wendell American Legion Auxiliary, the Northside Gem and Hobby Club, and the Art Guild in Wendell.

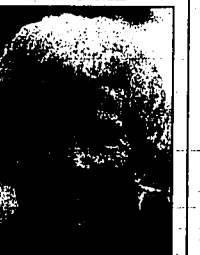
Lucille is survived by her husband Ernest of Wendell; a daughter, Linda Elliott of Marysville, Calif.; two grandchildren, Chad and Ed Elliott; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, two brothers, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2000, at Demaray's Word Chapel, with Jay Little conducting. Burial will follow at the Wendell Cemetery. Friends may call on Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Magic Valley Regional Cancer Center in Lucille's name.

## WENDELL



### Eva M. Thompson

Eva M. Thompson, 89, of Wendell, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2000, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center with her family by her side.

Eva was born on March 23, 1910, in Glenns Ferry, Idaho, to Bolt and Pearl Rainey. She lived and attended school in Mountain Home. Eva met the love of her life, Oral Thompson, in Bliss in 1929, and they were married July 10, 1929, in Gooding. They lived in and around Bliss until 1957, when they moved to Antioch, Calif. Eva worked as a waitress and Oral worked in a paper mill. They rode and moved to Wendell in 1973.

Eva is survived by her two children, Cleo (Henry) Rietkerk and Monte (Sally) Thompson; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one sister; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Oral; her parents; five brothers; three sisters; and one grandson. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Graveside memorial services will be conducted by Eva's family on Friday, Feb. 11, 2000, at 11 a.m. at the Hageman Cemetery. No public viewing will be held. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service.

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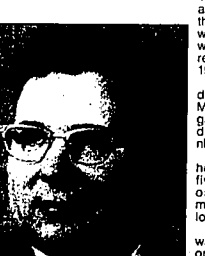
### Barbara Jane Nonella

Barbara Jane Nonella, 62, died February 7, 2000, at her residence at the Haycock Ranch, north of Elko, after a one-and-a-half year fight with cancer. Her husband Don, and Kelly Lamb were at her side.

She was born April 17, 1937, in Fort Bragg, Calif., to Robert and Evelyn Kendall Caughy. She married Don Nonella on June 26, 1955, in Reno, Nev. She ranched with her husband Don, was a homemaker, and loved gardening, canning fruit and vegetables, and was a good horse and livestock person. She was an active member of the Cattlemen's Association.

Survivors include her husband Don; son Tom Nonella of Klamath Falls, Ore.; daughters, Carolyn Leach of Prairie City, Ore., and Dabra Nonella of Fernley, Nev.; mother, Evelyn Caughy of Manchester, Calif.; sister Shirley Rice of Willis, Calif.; twin brother Vernon Caughy of Thayne, Wyo.; brothers Russell Caughy and Lynn Caughy, both of Manchester, Calif., and Donald

## BURLEY



### Wallace O. Briggs

Wallace O. Briggs, 74-year-old

# SERVICES

**Michael P. Sawaya** of Twin Falls, memorial prayer vigil and rosary at 7 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. A memorial funeral mass at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls.

**Bertha A. Cornwall Ellis** of Eden, services at 1 p.m. Friday at the Hazelton LDS Chapel; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, and from noon to 12:45 p.m. Friday at the church.

Services at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Wendell Presbyterian Church. Friends may call from 4-6 p.m. Friday at Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

**Roy T. Ferguson** of Alpine, Utah, graveside services at 1 p.m. Saturday at Twin Falls Sunset Memorial Cemetery, 2296 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; friends and family may call from 7-9 p.m. Friday at Wing Mortuary, 118 E. Main St. in Leth, Utah.

**Clive Edward "Eddie" Capps** of Hazelton, services at 11 a.m. Friday at the Richfield LDS Church; friends may call from 1 to 3 p.m. today at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

**E. Larry Potter** of Wendell, services at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Wendell Presbyterian Church. Friends may call from 4-6 p.m. Friday at Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

Ruth Mae Evans Houk of Twin Falls, services at 10 a.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, in Twin Falls; friends may call one hour before services at the funeral home.

**Marguerite Daniel** of Hageman, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Friday at Demaray's Gooding

Wayne B. Smith of Boise, services at 11 a.m. today at Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise.

# DEATH NOTICES

**Jewel Von Ins**  
TWIN FALLS -- Jewel Von Ins, 86, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2000, at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, 2000, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

**Roene A. Marsh**  
TWIN FALLS -- Roene A. Marsh, 77, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2000, at her home. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

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**Elton G. Hatch**  
BURLEY -- Elton G. Hatch, 91, of Burley, died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2000, at his daughter's home in Kaysville, Utah. Funeral services are at noon Saturday, Feb. 12, 2000, at the View LDS First and Second Ward Chapel at 550 S. 490 E., in Burley, with Bishop Craig E. Searle officiating. Interment will follow at View Cemetery in Burley. A viewing is planned from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the chapel in Burley.

**Hazel L. Welch**  
TWIN FALLS -- Hazel L. Welch, 92, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

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THE SCIENCE OF THINGS

Sun Valley chews on dog issue



Fourth-grader Travis Withrow displays his science project at Wednesday's Science Fair at White Pine Elementary School in Burley. Withrow's project demonstrated how to separate molecules using electricity.

By Karen Bossick Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Sun Valley would be a doggone nice place to live, if only all those dogs were gone.

That's the impression one might have gotten from a town meeting in Sun Valley, Tuesday night.

The meeting, billed as a dialogue to formulate policies for years to come, was virtually a lovefest. Many of the 80 or so people in attendance had compliments for Mayor David Wilson, his City Council and the Sun Valley police and fire department.

The compliments did not, however, extend to building and remodeling contractors and subcontractors who bring their pooches with them when they come to work each morning. The dogs often run around construction sites and leave a mess in neighboring yards.

Sun Valley resident Mill Adams also thinks it's high time for door-to-door delivery, or at

least "a genuine post office with decent parking" next to City Hall.

"I have to pay \$44 a year to have a post box when most people in the country get their mail delivered free," he said. "And better there's a thousand trips a week generated on Highway 75 by people going to their post box. Some people from Hailey even have post boxes in Sun Valley just to have a Sun Valley address."

Adams didn't get much support from his neighbors. Snowplows would knock over mailboxes placed next to the road. Plus, people still like running into their neighbors at the post office, City Council member Kevin Laird said.

But that isn't to say Sun Valley has no issues. The Feb. 8 Tuesday meeting focused on two old concerns: Highway 75 and affordable housing.

Finding a consensus on state Highway 75's expansion is critical, council president Linda O'Shea said.

An ad hoc group plans to get

together at 6 p.m. March 8 at the Blaine County Courthouse to consider putting together a regional transportation authority.

"We can't build the highway wide enough to do what it needs to do," O'Shea said.

Some sort of regional transportation would allow youngsters in Sun Valley to visit friends south of Ketchum, and accommodate Wood River Valley residents who have no cars, she added.

"The affordable housing crunch is affecting city hiring, Wilson said.

Once Sun Valley had 40 volunteer firemen. Now it has 18, due to a lack of housing. Similarly, the police department has had no luck recruiting reserve police officers, he said.

"Our key issue here is cost of land," he said. "Bricks and mortar cost the same no matter where you are. Maybe the city could take leadership and buy some land for employee housing."

Gooding schools eye parents program

By Almee Wilson Times-News correspondent

GOODING - Resident Margaret Sjostrom on Tuesday presented a short film on the Parents As Teachers program to the School Board.

The program, sponsored by Head Start and Albertson's, began in 1981 in Missouri. The program supports parents as their child's first and most important teachers and has been known to improve language skills and to increase learning capability.

Sjostrom said there are no PAT representatives in Gooding County but those interested in the program can call her at 934-0979.

Also Tuesday, the board discussed the policy for police intervention on school grounds. Board member James Houghnagle said he does not think children should be questioned by the school officer without parental consent. The council will continue to research the issue and bring it back for discussion at a later meeting.

Other School Board business:

\* A district policy will require mathematics testing of high school juniors. Those who do not receive 75 percent or better on the test will be required to take senior math.

\* A request for a stop sign at the intersection of Seventh Avenue and 1800 West due to frequent accidents was denied by the Idaho Department of Transportation. The department did offer to place warning signs at the intersection.

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Across districts

Idaho Reading Indicator results from September testing in the largest school districts in the Magic and Wood River valleys.

Table with 4 columns: District, Kindergarten, First, Second, Third. Rows include Blaine County, Cassia County, Jerome County, and State. Each row contains percentages for 'At grade level', 'Near grade level', and 'Below grade level' for each grade level.

Middle

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The board meeting he said he had misinterpreted data about the district's debt load. Information for the 1999-2000 school year from the Idaho Department of Education shows the district has the capacity to pass a bond issue up to \$6 million, Manly said.

Taxpayers are paying off \$3.8 million borrowed to pay for a new high school, where the School Board met Wednesday. Board members granted middle school Principal Marcia Hallett's request to close the school from Feb. 22-24 to move out and board up the center portion of the building.

"It's a mess," Hallett said about moving and finding space

for rooms that will be lost.

The school will lose its administrative offices, nearly all of its storage space, the teacher's lounge, a photography class and lab, and a portion of a special education classroom. Maintenance crews won't even be allowed into the vacated section for emergency repairs, but pipes and electrical systems are located in that area.

Hallett said in her report that the school will need to construct new doorways into classrooms to make up for lost-hallway access; move its bell, security and new phone systems stationed in the school office; relocate lockers; juggle some classrooms; and students will need to walk around the building rather than through the hallway to get to some classes.

Total cost estimates for all of the changes were not discussed at the meeting.

Boise attorney Robert Huntley, representing a group of Idaho school districts, has called on Manly to testify to the middle school's condition in a trial set for next month before 4th District Judge Deborah Bull. The school districts are suing the state over what they say is constitutionally required financial support it is not providing for school construction. Wendell School District isn't a plaintiff in the lawsuit.

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Election

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she said. The supplemental levy would supply about one-half of the district's projected \$1.9 million plant revenues. The remainder of the plant revenues are from the lottery fund, bus depreciation money from the state, matching funds, prior levy interest and carry-over revenue. Board member Greer Cope-

land asked if sidewalks for Minico were included in the supplemental levy.

"Sidewalks at all the schools are deplorable," Hallett said. "We're looking for supplemental levy funds."

"We've left those for a bond issue," he said. The district has not decided if, when and how much of a bond issue will be asked for,

Hallett said. The supplemental levy proposal will be sent to an advisory committee and then go before the board for approval. A date has not yet been set for the proposed supplemental levy election.

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Charges

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phetamine, they arranged to "do this again." Suits alleges he was referring to Ward coming back to town to play pool with his wife.

When Bywater questioned Suits about why he agreed to "do this again" when a game of pool had yet to be played, Suits said he was only agreeing to a second meeting.

While Suits and Gann have said Ward handed the methamphetamine, which was wrapped in plastic bags, to Suits, Suits testified Wednesday that he never gave her those pills, and that she must have taken them while he was momentarily in another part of the house.

Bywater also questioned why Suits had written in a January 1999 letter to his patients that the "drugs were planted in my car by a disgruntled patient," and not that Suits had been the victim of entrapment. Suits replied he "didn't go into the details of everything in that one-paragraph letter."

At one point in a recording that took place in Suits' office, Suits made a sexual suggestion to Gann. Suits testified Wednesday he made that comment while Gann continued to talk about her drug use, and he only said it for its "shock value" to get Gann off the subject.

Gann testified earlier that Suits gave her a bottle of sample pills from his home, which she turned in as evidence to the Cassia County Sheriff's Office. Suits testified Wednesday he never gave her those pills, and that she must have taken them while he was momentarily in another part of the house.

Gann and Ward have both testified they arranged with Suits to meet him in the parking lot of the Cassia County Medical Center to trade the methamphetamine for a Vicodin prescription. Suits alleges they had planned to meet in his office, where he would examine Ward for the back injuries he had complained of.

Suits testified he had only come out of the hospital because Gann and Ward had been so late to meet him that he decided to go cash his paycheck. The defense also called Jane Bergen, an expert handwriting analyst, to the stand. Bergen testified that prescriptions the prosecution alleges Suits wrote to Gann are forgeries. Bergen also testified that in her opinion the signatures were forged by Gann.

The trial will continue today at 9 a.m. in the Cassia County Courthouse.

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Police say meth cooking sparked crimes

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - A man sought after a shootout with an Idaho Fish and Game agent surrendered peacefully on Wednesday, while his alleged accomplice made a court appearance in Benewah County.

No one was injured in Tuesday's shootout. Martin Schorzman, 40, of Coeur d'Alene, surrendered after a state wildlife law enforcement officers at an apartment complex on the edge of the city.

"He came to the door wrapped in a blanket and was taken into custody without incident," said Capt. Willis Brownlee of the Idaho State Police.

The standoff had prompted officials to order a lockdown at two area schools, and some people. Schorzman had been sought ever since an Idaho wildlife agent exchanged gunfire with two men near DeSmet in southern Benewah County on Tuesday.

A woman has also been arrested and accused of harboring a fugitive, Brownlee said. He declined to identify her or provide other details.

Schorzman's alleged accomplice, Elton Joe Roberts, 22, of Athol, was arrested Tuesday night and booked into Benewah



Martin Schorzman Elton Joe Roberts

said. Officers from five agencies and the FBI combed nearby woods for the fugitives.

Roberts was tracked down by search dogs from Kootenai County. Authorities believe Schorzman stole a pickup truck and drove to Tekoa, Wash., where someone he knew gave him a ride to Coeur d'Alene, Benewah County Sheriff Joe Blackburn said Wednesday.

Both men had outstanding warrants from Kootenai County for methamphetamine possession or manufacturing, authorities said. When arrested, Roberts still had a home monitoring device attached to his ankle, Benewah County Undersheriff Jeanne Miller said.

Investigators later found two small tanks of anhydrous ammonia, as well as a .22-caliber rifle and a 9mm handgun in the Wagoneer, which also contained other equipment to manufacture methamphetamine, Miller said.

The vehicle was registered to Schorzman, Benewah County Sheriff's Office officials believe. Tomson said the Wilbur-Ellis Co. plant at Farmington, where anhydrous ammonia is stored in large tanks, had previously been hit by thieves who probably used the ammonia in clandestine methamphetamine laboratories.

Hazelton hopes to improve water system

HAZELTON - The City Council on Tuesday discussed the city water storage tank which is leaking an estimated 6 million gallons of water per year. The city is also in need of a backup well.

The city applied for an Idaho Communities Block Grant last year to improve the city water system but didn't meet all the criteria. The city plans to file an addendum to the grant by March 3 to help finance the \$562,250 project. Grant writer Susan Riddle told the council the addendum should include more documentation and more match-

Valley in brief

ing money.

Also Tuesday, the council accepted reserve police officer Scott Denning's offer to donate 10 hours of service per month. State law requires reserve officers to work at least 10 hours a month in order to retain certification.

The council was also informed that the Hazelton Lions Club, soon to be defunct, will be spending the last of its money to purchase signs for the town.

Utility adds power lines

TWIN FALLS - Idaho Power Co. crew added miles of power lines to its distribution system to serve new customers last year.

The utility added more than 10,000 new customers in 1999. With the new power lines, the company now maintains 9,121 miles of wire in its power distribution system in its 20,000-square-mile service area in southern Idaho, eastern Oregon and northern Nevada.

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**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

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Aries: Avoid senseless arguments; only get into really sensible ones

**IF FEBRUARY 10 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You are progressive, independent, daring, sexy. People seem always attempting to fathom your mystery. Leo, Aquarius persons play outstanding roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: A, S, J. Current events relate to travel, variety of surprises, marriage, possible addition to family. March and December will be your most fascinating, profitable months of this year.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Plenty of excitement in connection with family member who takes up unorthodox profession. Strive for harmony, stay out of senseless arguments.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Purchase flowers, candy as peace offering. You don't have complete story - until you do, remain neutral. Pisces, Virgo persons grant favorable roles.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You'll be told, "You arrived just in time!" You continue to ask, "What time was it?" If you can get direct answer, you are better than most. Capricorn involved.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You might be far away from home but memories, longings persist. Communicate, let others know your feelings. Aries, Libra persons play leading roles.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Make

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fresh start, imprint style, do not follow others. Focus on enlightenment, allies gained in fight against ignorance. Leadership role is handed you. Accept!

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Questions arise concerning cooperative efforts, partnership, marriage. Somebody wants to be paid for doing nothing. Make clear, "I stand tall and will not give in."


**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Social activities accelerate. Moon position highlights marriage. Handle with care, tender feelings of Aries. Popularity rating on the rise. Sagittarius involved.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You will tear down in order to obtain change-over look. Be aware of design, architecture, ultimate motive. Fighting spirit will be displayed. Taurus in scenario.


**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** People rely upon you for quick changes, written words, stories of romance. Gemini, Virgo persons will play outstanding roles. Reward will be forthcoming.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You may not want to be involved

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One old English Christmas dish consists of suet, flour, sugar, raisins, nuts and spices tied loosely in a cloth, and boiled. When done, it's unwrapped, sliced like cake, and topped with cream. Boiling swells the ingredients. When swollen enough to fill the cloth, it's called "plum," an old synonym for "plump." That's the "plum" in "plum pudding."

Thailand means "land of the free."


Q. Which state has the most drinkers? I mean per capita. I mean heavy drinkers. Which state the fewest?

A. Most, Illinois. Fewest, Utah. It's in the record that President Dwight D. Eisenhower's favorite soup was vegetable with beef, lamb, and nasturtium stems. Nasturtium stems? You heard me. He made it himself.

Mythology had it that souls were ferried to Hades across the River Styx. And fancy fiction writers let that river symbolize any faraway place next door to nowhere. Plain talkers wouldn't put up with it. So it wound up in the vernacular as "out in the sticks."

The rodeo rulebook says those calves in calf-roping contests

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



have to weigh at least 200 pounds. In the city records of Danville, Pa., is a directive that stipulates: "Fire hydrants must be checked one hour before all fires."

A homicide investigator says no seasoned law officer picks up the murder gun with a handkerchief. That's more likely to mar the fingerprints than preserve them.

A jet plane breathes more air between takeoff and 30,000 feet than a man breathes in 20 years. A sudden rapid rise in the barometer can make your ears ring. Or some people's.

Nobody knows what the appendix is for, that's true. But some think it used to be where humans digested cellulose - when they ate grass and twigs.

Report is people born in May live four years longer on the average than people born in any other month.

English Proverb: "What good is running if you're on the wrong road?"

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# House panel unanimously approves Hansen's gun bill

BOISE (AP) — A House committee unanimously endorsed Rep. Randy Hansen's new attempt to toughen state laws against weapons in schools, a measure that Gov. Dirk Kempthorne already has said he would sign into law.

Kempthorne vetoed the Twin Falls Republican's 1999 legislation, which prompted Hansen to marshal a coalition of 32 interest groups — including law enforcement, education and gun rights organizations — that worked out a compromise during 45 hours of negotiations last year.

The bill would make it illegal for adults as well as children to possess guns, knives, bombs, bomb-making material or other deadly weapons on school property. Weapons possession at school-sponsored events off campus, such as proms and graduation, also would be banned. Weapons would not even be



allowed on school property when adults lock them in their vehicles except in such limited circumstances as when students or school employees are being dropped off or picked up from school.

Students who possess weapons at school now can be immediately expelled, and in the case of some weapons — such as handguns and some knives — they can face prosecution. Hansen's plan would extend the potential for prosecution to possession by "any person" of any firearm, including rifles and shotguns, or even knives with blades longer than 2.5 inches.

**Completes for Wednesday**  
Confirmed by Senate  
Karen McCoo, Pocatello, to the State Board of Education.

Guadalupe Wisel, Boise, as director of the Commission on Aging.  
Hyong Pak, Twin Falls, to the Commission on Human Rights.

**Introduced in House**  
HIC138 (State Affairs) — Authorizes a study of high unemployment among people with disabilities.

HIB34 (Revenue and Taxation) — Exempts public and private nonprofit museums from paying sales tax on donations to and purchases by the museum.

HIB35 (Transportation and Defense) — Establishes a special license plate program commemorating the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.

HIB36 (Local Government) — Authorizes port districts to build, condemn, purchase, acquire, add to, maintain and operate support facilities, and to accept alternatives to performance bonds as financial backing for leasing property.

HIB37 (Local Government) — Increases fees that counties charge for recording documents, issuing marriage licenses and recording plats or maps.

HIB38 (Local Government) — Requires cities to provide notice of intent to annex, conduct a public hearing and an election in the affected area if 25 percent of registered voters in that area protest.

HIB39 (Environmental Affairs) — Clarifies

that wastes unique to mining and mineral processing are not regulated by the Idaho Solid Waste Facilities Act.

HIB40 (State Affairs) — Exempts from public disclosure building security manuals, plans and codes of state and local governments.

**Introduced in Senate**  
SB1385 (Education) — Creates a state-scholarship program for Idaho students.

SB1386 (Education) — Applies an experience and education multiplier to an occupational specialist certificate.

SB1387 (Health and Welfare) — Provides financial and technical assistance to community and nonprofit noncommunity water systems.

SB1388 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Clarifies coverage for worker's compensation.

SB1389 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Makes service contracts subject to the consumer protection law.

SB1390 (Commerce and Human Resources) — More than doubles the unused sick leave that can be considered for monetary value for state retirement purposes.

SB1391 (Judiciary and Rules) — Adopts the interstate compact on adult offender supervision.

**Completes for Tuesday**  
Sent To Governor  
HIB386 (Newcomb) — Rewrites timetable for filing declarations for reclamation and soil conservation district elections.

HIB387 (Newcomb) — Eliminates revolving account for purchasing state property.

HIB388 (Newcomb) — Revises conditions for property exchanges by the state.

HIB389 (Newcomb) — Requires appeals from Board of Tax Appeal decisions to be filed with the District Court and a copy served on the board.

**Introduced in Senate**  
SD1375 (State Affairs) — Allows tobacco retailers and employees to wear products for resale without vendor assistance.

SD1376 (Judiciary and Rules) — Precludes child support payments from being increased to help cover the cost of raising a child not the legal responsibility of the noncustodial parent.

SD1377 (Judiciary and Rules) — Sets a minimum \$41 penalty for speeding in a school zone.

SD1378 (Judiciary and Rules) — Clarifies status of minor in domestic violence cases.

SD1379 (Judiciary and Rules) — Requires mandatory interlock devices on vehicles of motorists convicted of drunken driving.

SD1380 (Judiciary and Rules) — Clarifies state laws on open containers.

SD1381 (Local Government and Taxation) — Reclassifies certain government documents.

SD1382 (Local Government and Taxation) — Allows municipal housing authorities to issue mortgage credit certificates.

SD1383 (Local Government and Taxation) — Permits award of attorney fees in certain eminent domain cases.

SD1384 (Local Government and Taxation) — Permits meeting and relocation costs in certain eminent domain cases.

**Introduced in House**  
HIB350 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Proposes a constitutional amendment making qualifications for constitutional offices changeable only by amendment or constitutional convention.

HIB351 (Resources and Conservation) — States legislative opposition to the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act.

HIB352 (Revenue and Taxation) — Caps the motel-hotel room sales tax at 4 percent for auditorium districts established after July 1, 2000.

HIB353 (Revenue and Taxation) — Clarifies and updates provisions of the Auditorium District Act.

HIB354 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Codifies the common law standard for removing a trustee of a trust.

HIB355 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Increases the minimum rate for housing state inmates in county jails from \$35 a day to \$40 a day.

HIB356 (Revenue and Taxation) — Adds the Women's and Children's Crisis Center to the list of "health-related entities" exempt from sales tax.

HIB357 (Appropriations) — Makes an emergency allocation of \$20,000 to the Capitol Commission from the Capitol Endowment Income Fund in fiscal 2000.

HIB358 (Appropriations) — Makes an emergency allocation of \$36.5 million to the Department of Health and Welfare for Medical Assistance Services in fiscal 2000.

# National Heart Month

February is National Heart Month.

To keep you "heart healthy" the following are risk factors that you can change:

### SMOKING

Cigarette smoking is the most important preventable cause of premature death in the United States. Smokers' risk of heart attack is more than twice that of nonsmokers. Cigarette smoking is the biggest risk factor for sudden cardiac death: smokers have two to four times the risk of nonsmokers. Studies have shown cigarette smoking to be an important risk factor for brain attack. Available evidence also indicates that chronic exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (secondhand smoke, passive smoking) may increase the risk of heart disease.

### PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Visit the Web site [just.move.org](http://just.move.org) for tips, news and an online diary. Make physical activity a part of your life. Lack of physical activity is now clearly shown to be a risk factor for heart disease, the No. 1 killer in America.

### HIGH BLOOD CHOLESTEROL

Cholesterol is a soft, waxy substance found among the lipids (fats) in the bloodstream and in all your body's cells. It's an important part of a healthy body because it's used to form cell membranes, some hormones, and other needed tissues. But the risk of coronary heart disease rises as blood cholesterol levels increase. A high level of cholesterol in the blood is a major risk factor for heart attack.

### HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

Many people have high blood pressure for years without knowing it. Uncontrolled high blood pressure can lead to stroke, heart attack, congestive heart failure or kidney failure. The only way to tell if you have high blood pressure is to perform a quick test. According to recent estimates, one in four U.S. adults has high blood pressure, but because there are no symptoms, over one-

third of these people don't even know they have it. Get the facts on high blood pressure and how to live a more heart-healthy life. Find out how you can reduce your risks for heart attack and stroke with proper monitoring by a physician and simple lifestyle changes, even if you have high blood pressure.

### OVERWEIGHT

People who have an excessive accumulation of body fat are more likely to develop heart disease and stroke even if they have no other risk factor. Obesity is unhealthy because excess weight increases the strain on the heart. It's linked with coronary heart disease mainly because it influences blood pressure and blood cholesterol and can make diabetes more likely to develop.

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## Notes on the economy

### Magic Valley reports

**T**he 1993, per-capita income in Twin Falls County was \$16,810 - slightly below the state average. In 1997, per-capita income in the county was \$19,238 - up 14.4 percent, from 1993's figure.

Source: Idaho Department of Labor.

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### SkyWest expands its fleet of jets

**SALT LAKE CITY** - SkyWest Airlines has ordered another 20 new 50-passenger jets from Bombardier Aircraft Corp.

The jets will be based in Salt Lake City and operate as part of the airline's Delta Connection partnership, which services a route between Salt Lake and Twin Falls. The aircraft will replace turboprops now in service and provide for market growth out of SkyWest's hub in Salt Lake City, the company said.

The additional planes will expand the SkyWest jet fleet to 66 aircraft.

The St. George, Utah-based carrier also has options to purchase another 55 jets, including some 70-passenger aircraft.

SkyWest representative said recently that the airline is pleased with its performance in and out of Twin Falls, with steady, positive growth in Twin Falls months since 1991.

There was no estimated arrival time yet, but SkyWest said regional jets could land daily at the local airport sometime before 2005, replacing the Brasilia turbo-propeller plane it uses now for the Twin Falls-Salt Lake City route.

### Merger lawsuit is set for an initial hearing

**SALT LAKE CITY** - A coalition of Utah residents suing to stop the merger of Zions Bancorp and First Security Corp. - which both have branches in the Magic Valley - will get their day in court next month.

The hearing in federal court on the lawsuit is scheduled for March 10 before a U.S. District magistrate from New Mexico, who will travel to Salt Lake City.

The lawsuit, filed last fall by Provo attorney George M. Allen, seeks to stop the merger on the grounds that it would create a noncompetitive financial market that is not in the best interest of Utah residents.

Last month, the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver assigned the case to chief judge John E. Conway of the U.S. District Court in Albuquerque after all six of the sitting federal judges in Utah - who are handling civil cases - refused themselves from hearing the case.

Conway then assigned the case to one of his magistrates.

Meanwhile, Zions Bancorp said Monday the merger is on track to close next month.

"I suppose we're in a drag race to see what occurs first," Allen said. "We filed a motion asking the federal court to take up our lawsuit before the closure of the merger. We can't ask for anything more than the hearing we now have."

### Bank of America loans

**\$3K for name loans**

Bank of America paid \$3 million for an Internet-domain name that makes it absolutely clear what the bank is selling there.

Loans.com is a "prime piece of Internet real estate" that the bank will use as another channel to offer consumers and small-business loans to millions of new customers, said Mark Argosh, co-head of the bank's electronic commerce initiative.

"We believe that it will extend our geographic reach to parts of the country where the bank may not have a large presence," Argosh said.

Bank of America announced this week it bought the Loans.com name Jan. 28 at an online auction run by GreatDomains.com. The auction house said the domain was originally registered for free by Californian Marcelo Siero in 1994.

He planned to sell it for \$100,000 before GreatDomains convinced him to put it up for auction.

Bidding began at \$1.25 million and included half as dozen bidders.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Call center might get seed money

## Business Plus II promoters like what they see

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - Several companies are looking at Twin Falls as a possible location for call centers - with varying degrees of urgency - but one has proceeded far enough to ask a local business organization for a job-creation grant.

Business Plus II, of Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's

\$1.5 million economic and community development campaign, Wednesday agreed it likes the idea of giving about \$8,000 to \$10,000 to a telephone calling center that might end up in town, said Business Plus II Chairman Lee Wagner, KMVT's general manager.

The unnamed company's request already had the approval of the chamber's business recruitment committee, which had forwarded the application to Business Plus II, Wagner said. Business Plus II's Wednesday vote will send the funding request to the chamber's board for final consideration, and the board may decide the issue at its

meeting Tuesday.

If it gets approval, the exact amount of the seed money will depend on how many positions the company will commit to filling, Wagner said. The company, which does consumer-research calling, is looking at hiring eight to 10 full-time workers and many more part-timers, he said.

Twin Falls business and city leaders have been contacted by several call-center companies saying anything from "we're coming" to an indication of a little interest in the city, Wagner said.

"Nearest I can tell, we have about six of them dancing with us," he said, but quickly added that number is an exaggeration.

The possible call centers range in size from 50 to several hundred positions, not necessarily all full-time, he said.

Another Business Plus II topic Wednesday was Atlanta-based Lockwood Greene Consulting's draft discussion of Twin Falls' assets and liabilities - in areas such as utilities and education - compared with its economic-development competition nationally.

A group of Twin Falls, Jerome and chamber representatives reviewed the draft audit last week and will send Lockwood Greene its suggestions this week, Wagner said. He hopes to see a final copy from the consultants within about 30 days.

So far, he said, the locals involved generally agree they've gotten their money's worth from Lockwood Greene. But they'll ask the consultants to flesh out certain parts of the document.

The Atlanta consultants now are identifying target industries that fit Twin Falls' resources. The third phase of their \$60,000 to \$100,000 contract with the chamber will be to create a marketing plan addressing how Twin Falls and Jerome can sell themselves to companies in the targeted industries.

Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins contributed to this report.



Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace picket on Airport Road outside the Boeing Co. plant in Everett, Wash., Wednesday. SPEEA member and Boeing engineer Tim Donahue, left, and about 100 others whistled and waved at cars for support.

## Boeing/employee talks take a nose dive

### Engineers, others decide to go on strike against aircraft manufacturing giant

**SEATTLE (AP)** - Engineers and technicians walked off the job Wednesday at Boeing Co. after last-ditch talks with a federal mediator failed to produce an agreement on a labor contract.

It was not immediately known how many members of the Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace joined the strike. The union, Boeing's second-largest,

represents about 22,000 engineers, scientists, manual writers, computer software designers and technicians in Washington, Kansas, Florida, California, Oregon, Texas and Utah. About 13,000 are actual union members.

Talks between Boeing and the union had been overseen by C. Richard Barnes, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. But negoti-

ations broke off Tuesday night. "This is mediation. It's not magic," Barnes said. "So we will attempt to continue to work with them and hopefully at some point we will be able to help them reach a satisfactory agreement."

No further talks were scheduled.

The union has sought more guaranteed pay raises and bonuses similar to those

received by production workers represented by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. Boeing has insisted on mostly selective pay hikes, reductions in life insurance benefits and some changes in health insurance.

Boeing made its first contract offers to union members Nov. 11. Union members rejected the company's latest three-year contract offers last week.

## Horizon Dairy reports big jump in profits

Knight Ridder News Service

**BOULDER, Colo.** - Horizon Organic Dairy's profits increased more than 100 percent to \$1.4 million on sales of \$84.8 million in 1999.

The Longmont, Colo.-based company - the parent of a Paul dairy - lost \$27,000, or 5 cents a share, in the fourth quarter. Fourth quarter sales were up 70 percent to \$25.0 million in 1999 from \$14.7 million

in the prior year.

Don Gaidano, chief financial officer, blamed the lower-than-anticipated earnings on spending \$2 million to support company growth, funding dairy-support programs and paying for costs related to the recent management shift at Horizon.

Horizon (NASDAQ: HCOV) markets the largest brand of organic fluid milk in the nation. The company also sells juice, eggs,

butter and cheese.

Chuck Marcy, Horizon's recently appointed president and chief executive officer, said the company's plans for improved performance in the 2000 are under way. Marcy wants to introduce new products and get more stores to sell them.

Horizon recently hired a consultant to evaluate corporate strategy to key to our future success

will be our focus on aggressive profitable growth, which will result from increasing productivity and driving costs from our systems," Marcy said in a prepared statement. "Operational excellence is a must as we move forward."

The Paul location of Horizon Organic Dairy, the largest of its kind in the nation, produces more than 150,000 pounds of milk per day with 4,000 cows.

## Phillips, Chevron merge to create chemical company

Knight Ridder News Service

**HOUSTON** - Phillips Petroleum Co. and Chevron Corp. plan to combine their chemical businesses to create a Houston-based company with more than \$6 billion in assets, company officials said this week.

The joint venture calls for elimination of about 600 jobs, or 10 percent of the combined workforce at both chemical businesses. Officials have not yet deter-

mined how many jobs will be cut at either company. Together, the two chemical units employ about 6,000 people worldwide.

The partnership is expected to save both companies a total of \$150 million a year, company officials said.

Phillips is the sixth-largest oil company in the United States, while San Francisco-based Chevron is the nation's second-largest oil firm. Each owns a 50-percent interest in the new com-

pany, which will be named later.

"Our 50 percent interest in this new company will enable us to maintain the benefits of integration and position our chemicals business for growth," said Jim Mulva, Phillips' chairman, president and chief executive. "I want to emphasize that we are not exiting our chemicals business."

Officials said they hope to close the deal by the end of June. The two chemical businesses

generated a combined \$6 billion in revenues in 1999. Phillips and Chevron will each be paid \$800 million by the new company, which will borrow \$1.6 billion.

The chemical unit at Phillips employs 3,125 people worldwide. It produces polyethylene, K-resin and other plastics that are used to make a variety of products, including fluid containers, plastic pipe and packaging for salads. Phillips' chemical manufacturing facilities stretch from

## Pushing for more in Idaho

### US West hopes to expand long-distance market

The Associated Press

**DENVER** - U S West Communications Inc. has asked 11 more states, including Idaho, for approval to compete for long-distance service in local markets.

U S West, like other regional Baby Bell companies, is barred by federal law from selling long-distance services until it can prove its local markets, such as the Magic Valley, are open to competitors.

The Denver-based company has already submitted long-distance applications in Colorado, Arizona and Nebraska. U S West wants to initiate the approval process in the rest of its 14-state region.

U S West is merging with Denver-based Qwest Communications.

"We are moving forward aggressively to offer consumers a complete, integrated bundle of communications and information services," said U S West Chairman Sol Trujillo.

U S West is merging with Denver-based Qwest Communications. The companies hope the merger will be completed by mid-year.

In order to enter the long-distance market, U S West must convince states it has met local market obligations. The Federal Communications Commission then will evaluate the proposal. To date, just one regional phone company, Bell Atlantic, has won entry to long-distance markets.

Whether U S West will be allowed to sell long-distance services hinges on how well its networks accommodate new competitors who must connect to it. Those competitors have long argued that U S West has dragged its feet in opening its system and charged too much for entry.

U S West maintains that competitors have simply opted to focus on business customers instead of entering less-profitable areas, such as residential markets.

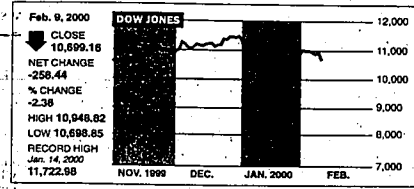
This week in Denver, U S West's 14-state region are meeting to review plans to test U S West network operating systems.

Texas to China. Monday's two announcements cost less than two months after Phillips and Duke Energy Corp. agreed to combine their gas-processing businesses and form a new company known as Duke Energy Field Services. Phillips owns a 30 percent interest in that company.

The two joint ventures are expected to cut Phillips' debt-to-equity ratio to 31 percent, 14-state said.



Daily markets roundup



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Hacking hurts stocks

NEW YORK (AP) — Blue-chip stocks tumbled Wednesday amid worries about rising interest rates, while a rash of attacks on leading Web sites deflated the high-flying technology sector.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 25.44 to close at 10,699.16. Broader stock indicators were also lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 30.01 to 1,417.11, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 64.26 to 4,363.24.

The Dow's losses were broad-based, with American Express, Citigroup and Home Depot all dropping on concerns that the Federal Reserve will continue raising interest rates this year, potentially threatening corporate profits.

American Express fell 6 1/16 to 155 5/16, Citigroup fell 1 3/16 to 54 3/16, and Home Depot fell 1 15/16 to 59 1/16.

"Investors in these stocks are anticipating that the Fed will eventually be successful in forcing a slowdown in the economy," said New Riley, chief investment strategist at State Street Global Advisors in Boston. The Fed has raised short-term interest rates four times since June 1999 in an effort to slow

the economy enough to keep inflation under control. Since the last increase, announced a week ago, investors have been shying away from blue-chip companies, fearful that their profits will be the first to suffer if interest rates continue to rise.

"They're waiting to find out just how far the Fed will go," said Eugene G. Mintz, financial markets analyst at Brown Brothers Harriman in New York. "They've already committed a lot of money to this market and they're a little nervous."

Riley said technology shares held up a bit better because investors believe they are growing quickly enough to withstand the crunch of higher rates.

One of those companies was Cisco Systems, which rose 3 to 128 13/16. The company said Tuesday that profits in its fiscal second quarter topped analysts' expectations.

Cisco also announced a 2-for-1 stock split, to take effect March 27. The company has been one of the Nasdaq's strongest performers in recent months as demand has soared for its computer networking equipment.

Newsday

First, online companies had to assure the public that credit card and other financial transactions over the Internet would be secure. Then came questions about privacy. Now, dot-com sites have a new problem to combat: hackers preventing others from accessing their sites.

After a third day of attacks on popular Web sites by hackers, industry experts said that online companies must develop plans to continue operations when faced with cyberattacks.

"I think the dot-com companies will learn from this very quickly," said Jeffrey Z. Johnson, president and chief executive of META Secure E-Com Solutions, an Atlanta-based online security company. "People who are either trading or buying online ... might think twice about giving their credit card numbers to a site."

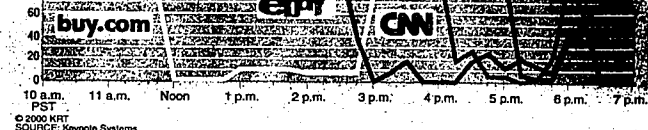
Many online ventures have grown so quickly and have been having such tremendous online traffic that they haven't developed alternative plans to take phone orders or shift their Web businesses to back up computers if their main sites went down.

"Many Web ventures haven't

Hacked web sites often lack back-up plans

Virtual traffic jams

Site availability Tuesday for the Web sites disrupted by allowed or halted traffic.



had back-up plans," said Cormac Foster, analyst at Jupiter Communications Inc. in New York. "All they think is 'We'll get back up as soon as we can.'"

The problem began Monday when the online directory Yahoo Inc.'s site was blocked for about three hours. Some of the other best-known Internet brand names that have taken great pains to make sure they would always be up and running fell victim to the hackers, including online auction site eBay Inc. and Buy.com, the online retailer that just had a public stock offering on Tuesday.

"These are sites that are usually under excellent performance," said Eric Siegel, a senior Internet consultant at Keynote Systems Inc., which tracks availability of online sites by having 100 computers around the world continuously trying to access Web sites.

Several sites affected said they did not expect these hacks to hurt their revenues. For instance, Yahoo officials said the company builds in enough extra ad time for advertisers to compensate for the times when their Web sites may not be available during the

465 million times its site is accessed daily.

But even though most companies may not suffer financially since their Web sites were down for only a few hours, the public may start questioning whether the Internet is a reliable way to transact business.

Content sites such as Yahoo and CNN may be able to be down for a couple of hours without losing too much business, but online stock traders whose portfolios can be hurt by even a few minutes' delay are likely to be less forgiving.

Business officials urge extension of Internet tax ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — Business members of a congressional Internet tax panel urged Congress on Wednesday to extend for five years the current ban on taxes that single out the Internet and to permanently ban taxes on access to cyberspace.

On the question of state sales taxes, the six business representatives of the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce said Congress should

establish a new definition for what constitutes "physical presence" in a state. The Supreme Court has ruled that states can only collect taxes on remote sales — catalog or Internet — if a company has such a presence within their borders.

Intending to head off multiple lawsuits from states trying to collect taxes, the proposal says states could not define "physical presence" through such

things as an Internet service provider, a server, telecommunications equipment or a home phone line.

In addition, the plan encourages state and local governments to draft a uniform sales tax law within three years that would simplify the system and remove the collection burden for remote sellers when compared with traditional brick-and-mortar retailers.

"Now is the time to take a hard look at state and local transaction taxes, to determine which ones can be restructured in light of technological change," the business officials said in a statement. "By eliminating any disparate burden on interstate commerce, the states will have a pathway toward a system that treats their collection of existing state taxes to remote sellers."

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International funds emerge with force

By Dunstan Prial The Associated Press NEW YORK - Mutual fund investors have rediscovered the rest of the world.

After nearly two years of floundering, international funds are suddenly outperforming most domestic funds and the investing public has quickly shifted directions.

In December, cash flowing into funds that invest in the stocks of foreign companies jumped to \$7.4 billion, up from just \$1.3 billion in November.

Performance has followed suit. For the week ended Feb. 3, world equity funds performed better than all other large fund categories, rising an average of 2.09 percent.

Region specific funds fared particularly well, as China region funds led all niche categories with gains of 4.63 percent, reported Lipper Inc., a New York City fund tracking mutual fund performance.

Amazingly, China funds have outperformed the myriad off-shore flying funds that focus on the science and technology and telecommunications sectors.

That's a startling turnaround from the 1999 year-end performance figures. Science and technology funds, fueled by the Japanese economy, which accounts for nearly 40 percent of their assets, far outpaced all of their rival sectors last year, generating average gains of 128 percent for the year.

Telecommunications funds, which also benefited from the declines in the Internet and e-commerce, yet still forging average gains of 70.7 percent. "Everyone is chasing performance. There's a lot of hot money going into these funds," said Tom Lee, an independent financial planner and head of Lee Investment Consulting in Raleigh, N.C.

Lee said U.S. investors are seemingly all at once - trying to participate in the Asian economy's recovery, as evidenced by the surging valuations of Japanese stocks. "Most of the Asian funds are following the recovery of the Japanese economy, which acts as the hub of Asia's Japan economy, so goes the rest of Asia," Lee said.

The Nikkei 225, the Japanese benchmark stock index, has risen 43 percent in the past 12 months, and has recovered all of the losses incurred during the Asian financial crisis in the fall of 1998, when currencies and stock markets plunged across the Pacific region.

Several European benchmark indexes have fared even better. For example, Germany's Xetra DAX index is up 44 percent since last February, and France's CAC-40 index has soared 49 percent during the same period. The performance of European region funds are now reflecting those gains.

Analysts believe confidence has surged in Europe as the continent's disparate regions have begun to emerge from the shadow of a single European economy. Moreover, European companies appear to be shedding decades of socialist influence and adopting Western capitalist influences, which are traditionally more shareholder friendly.

Witness British cellular phone company Vodafone AirTouch's recent \$186 billion hostile takeover of Germany's Mannesmann, a development many see as the first step in opening Europe to the merger and acquisition frenzy that has swept the U.S. in recent years.

Mergers and acquisitions frequently put thousands out of work, an outcome previously frowned upon by many left-leaning European governments. But shareholders, attracted by the strong and leaner companies that emerge from the combined entities.

As the stocks of U.S. technology companies have soared into the stratosphere, many investors have forsaken the traditional concept of a diversified portfolio in favor of focusing on domestic companies with high-growth options.

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Valley Beans: Prices are net to grower, 100 pounds, U.S. No. 1. Soybean meal prices are net to processor, 40 percent moisture. Prices subject to change without notice.

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CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange: 100 lb. block, 40 percent moisture, 1,100 lbs. unit.

POTATOES/ONIONS

Idaho Falls, Idaho (AP) - Tuesday's potato prices for Idaho's valley, Twin Falls district.

METALS/CURRENCY

Selected world gold prices, Wednesday. Hong Kong 1000 oz to \$320.00. London afternoon trading \$320.00 to \$320.00.

SUGAR

NEW YORK (AP) - Sugar futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange, Feb. 19, 2003.

LIVESTOCK

LEWISTON - Producers Livestock Marketing Association: CATTLE - 100 lb. carcass prices per hundred.

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## Letting the good times roll on ice

**SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I.** - Twenty-eight degrees with the wind out of the northwest, between 10 and 15 mph. Ken Michin and Richard Bond were sitting on 12 inches of ice.

The wind-chill factor on Worden Pond Saturday morning ranged between 6 and 13 degrees. "Last weekend, it got down to 35 below," says Bond.

Trying to explain the allure of ice fishing, Arthur R. MacDougall Jr. once wrote that sometimes "a man gets fed up with being comfortable and sane."

Not so, says Bond, removing his gloves to reach into an ice hole. "Ice fishing is my stress relief."  
"Actually," Michin slides into the conversation, "we're here for the food, not the fishing."

## BEND IN THE RIVER

Tom Meade

A ringing in the left breast pocket of his insulated, camouflaged coveralls contradicts him. It's his cell phone, with an ice-fishing buddy calling to check on conditions.

Michin makes it sound like it's Miami. A while later, Brian Smith of Providence and his 9-year-old daughter, Ashley, arrive. The girl is all bundled up, but her father, believing the weather would be mild, is wearing only a short jacket. There is a network of ice fishers who keep in touch by phone. They're like fire fighters: Should a bite ignite somewhere, they can be on the spot in moments.

Their gear is all ready. Bond, for example, packs an ice auger powered by a 5-horse motor and a sled equipped with a customized plastic box. He has customized each rod tip-up with a telescoping flag that can extend above snow or compress to avoid wind, a large-capacity line spool, and an extra-large foot to stretch over wide holes. The box also holds midget jiggling rods, an insulated bait bucket so his minnows won't freeze, plus lures and a lot of other gear.

Michin's sled carries more traditional tip-ups, a hand-cranked ice auger, and a fully equipped chuckwagon box with a two-burner Coleman stove, extra Sterno stoves, pots and pans, dinnerware and condiments. Bacon, eggs, venison steaks and chili are added to taste.

Some ice fishers, the confident ones, bring only a cast-iron pan and bacon grease; They eat what they catch on the spot.

To keep warm, ice fishers wear as many as six or seven layers of clothing, usually starting with expedition-weight insulated underwear and ending with insulated coveralls. A full beard and heavy mustache help, as well as a full face mask for really extreme days.

Someone once observed, "Fishing is a jerk on one end of the line, waiting for a jerk on the other."

For some fishermen on Hundred Acre Pond, fishing was a waiting game with little reward. On the north end of the pond, small pickerele were biting, but the big northern pike that everyone was hoping for wasn't cooperating.

Moorehead apparently had everything in his bait spot, attractive bait, and a perhaps a touch of luck. For about 45 minutes, Moorehead went from one hole to another, baiting mint-bright bass between 2 and 4 1/2 pounds apiece and a picture-perfect pickerele approaching 5 pounds.

With parking areas packed, Worden and Hundred Acre were busy over the weekend.

Meanwhile, thousands of anglers from Rhode Island and the rest of the region have been flocking to the heated Eastern Fishing and Outdoor Exposition. There, they could fight billfish on a computerized simulator. Others are staying home this weekend, watching TV shows about bonefishing in the Bahamas.

They're certainly warmer than the ice fishers, but they're missing the "adrenaline rush" Michin says he feels whenever a real fish bites beneath the ice.

Tom Meade is an outdoors writer for *The Providence Journal* in Rhode Island.

## A time to live and a ...

# Time to fly

## Fish and Game gives eagles another chance

By Cathy Walworth  
Times-News correspondent

**ROGERSON** - He could see something over there. Something struggling at the edge of the water, where the rocks go straight up.

Out for a little fishing one day last summer, Jeff Fiegel headed his boat for the cliff.

"I could see a little bit of splashing, like maybe an animal trying to get out of the water," he said, remembering that July day on Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir. As Fiegel got closer, he cut the motor and slowly brought the boat along-side.

"I knew it was a bird as soon as I saw it," the Twin Falls fisherman said. "I grabbed him by his wings and set him in the bow of the boat." That seemed to be fine with the young golden eagle.

He stood on the bow, proudly, as Fiegel headed slowly for the shore.

"He must have been pretty sick. I petted him on the head and he didn't try to fly away. He looked pretty sitting up there in the front of the boat." And that's where the young eagle stayed, watching silently while Fiegel got the boat up on its trailer.

When all the gear was secure, Fiegel fetched an old pigeon cage from the back of his truck and put the fledgling inside for safe passage to town. Fiegel called Mike Todd at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game office. Todd arranged for help.

Dr. Zsigmund Szanto, a Twin Falls veterinarian, took the bird in. It was dehydrated and just plain sick.

"When the eagle came in, the odds were stacked against it," Szanto said. The diagnosis was "sour crop," laymen's term for a bacterial infection.

"A bacterial infection like that can kill them quickly," Szanto said. "We had a hawk recently with a small in his crop that was decomposing. It's a very fast killer if it's not corrected in time."

Szanto began treatment and after 24 hours, the bird showed improvement. It began to eat. Just a small mouse or rat at first, but his appetite picked up.

Four days later, a second eagle was spotted on a hot, flat rock near where the first bird was found. Someone called Todd at Fish and Game.

"I said, huh, two birds, same place," Todd mused. "So I loaded the canoe, paddled up to the cliff face, and there, perched on a tiny platform rock was a second eagle. He hung his head, like he was being punished. He was all hunched down. I could tell he was not well. If he could fly he would have."

Todd maneuvered his canoe carefully. He got closer, but the eagle didn't seem to care. He kept his head down. Todd tossed a towel over the bird's head, got up on the ledge and picked him up. He'd thought to bring along a dog kennel, and put the quiet bird inside. A rank odor rose up and slapped him in the face.

"Dr. Szanto told me they smelled bad when they have sour crop," Todd said. And this one really smelled bad. Todd knew the bird had to get to the vet quickly.

"The second bird came in just a day after the first one left," Szanto said. "We knew that both eagles belonged to the same family because they came from the same area, were the same ages."

The second diagnosis and treatment was easier, since the way had already been paved. This bird stayed with Szanto only three days.

Then it was off to Julie Randall's rehabilitation center in Kimberly.

"I always forget how big eagles are," Randall said. The eagles were put in the hawk house, which may have been a little small, she thought, but it would do for a time. But these eagles weren't as old as they looked, and it turned out that they didn't need that much room: They didn't even know how to fly.

"By the time we picked them up, they were old enough to know they were eagles," Todd said, "but they were just fledglings - recently fledged birds. Not fully operational. Their flight simulators hadn't been working well enough - they needed a few more hours for their pilot's licenses."

"I thought at first they were older," Randall said. "But when we took them out to exercise we found their flight muscles were undeveloped - like they were just off the nest." The absence of "baby down" fooled everyone. Both birds had all their features, but didn't know how to use them.

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This young golden eagle, which was near death late last summer, was nursed back to health by a diverse group of people who shared a common trait: compassion.

## If you find an injured bird

By Cathy Walworth  
Times-News correspondent

First of all, be extremely cautious when handling wild animals. Secondly, be aware that the Idaho Department of Fish and Game probably won't be able to help.

"Unless it's a unique or rare species we can't respond at all," said Mike Todd, with the Fish and Game office in Jerome. If you find a protected bird, such as a hawk or an eagle, Fish and Game asks that you take it to a veterinarian. Because of budget cuts, the department doesn't have enough employees to come out and collect the bird.

"We have about a dozen vets in the region who are available. If people will get it to a vet, that

yet will make a determination of its status," Todd said. Sadly, the majority are put down because their injuries are too severe.

"We are set up for seeing birds here," said Dr. Zsigmund Szanto, a Twin Falls vet. "We see a lot of exotics. But remember the bird's first instinct is to protect itself. Those talons are so powerful, if your finger gets in the wrong place you don't get a chance to regret it."

"If you see an injured animal and you don't know anything about it, keep personal safety in mind," Szanto said. "There is no reason to get yourself injured."

Most golden eagles are docile once you control their talons, says Bruce Palmer, a Jerome-based Fish and Game biologist.

"The way to contain them is to hold a piece of wood by their feet. They clamp on and their talons are sunk into something besides your hide, then grip both legs with one hand, then control their wings so they don't hurt you or themselves," Palmer advised.

"Barn owls are really aggressive and will try to bite," he added.

Though they may try to defend themselves, big birds of prey sometimes need help from humans.

"It is always disturbing to hear how many raptors get in trouble," Szanto said. "Hopefully people will decide that all species are important enough to protect because they're part of our ecosystem."

## Rock climbers post signs to protect raptors

The Associated Press

**BOISE** - More than a dozen rock climbers worried their pastime is ruffling the feathers of local raptors and upsetting their nests, have posted signs closing climbing routes to protect nesting raptors in the Black Cliffs.

The Boise Climbers Alliance, made up of about 60 Treasure Valley climbers, voluntarily agreed to post about 20 signs Saturday identifying buffer zones.

The signs close 15 of about 350 climbing routes near Lucky Peak during nesting season,

which runs from Feb. 1 to June 30.

Climbers planted signs at the base of trails in the Walling Wall and Nixon Head areas primarily to protect the nests of golden eagles and prairie falcons. Officials with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game

worked with the alliance to map out climbing routes that could interfere with nesting.

"We share the belief - yes, climbers can have an impact on birds' nesting, and that we want to continue climbing on the Black Cliffs," said alliance board member Michael Lanza.

"By climbers demonstrating we can be part of the solution, maybe they'll see us as part of the solution instead of part of the problem that needs to be managed."

Alliance members put up their own money to pay for the signs and poles posted, Lanza said.

OUTDOORS

F&G seeks comment on 2000 big game regs

JEROME - The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will host three public meetings to gather input and comments on the proposed 2000 big-game rules.

Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday at Burley City Hall, Wednesday in the Old Courthouse in Hailey, and Feb. 17 in the Oak Room at Canyon Springs Inn in Twin Falls. All meetings will run from 6 to 8 p.m.

Snowmobile club will hold Fun Weekend on Feb. 18-20

PINE - The Idaho Snow Riders snowmobile club announces its 10th annual Fun Valley

Outdoors in brief

Weekend, set for President's Day weekend, near Pine and Featherhills.

Sign-in starts at 7 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Pine Resort. Participants can pick up their name tags, map, score cards, door prize tickets and optional T-shirts. Sandwiches and snacks will be served.

Feb. 19 begins with breakfast at the Deer Creek Lodge. A fun run ride follows, ending at the Fall Creek Lodge, where a banquet buffet and live auction starts at 4 p.m. Fun prizes will be awarded.

Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. Feb. 20 at both Deer Creek Lodge and the Featherhills Cafe. A fun run ride to the Trinitytes will follow. Prizes for the day will be awarded during an afternoon barbecue lunch set for 3 p.m. at Featherhills.

Early registration, on or before Friday, the cost is \$75. For those interested in participating for

one day only, the fee is \$40 for the Saturday events and \$30 for the Sunday events. The package price does not include lodging. Make checks payable to Idaho Snow Riders and mail to Fun Valley Weekend, HC 87 Box 208, Pine, ID 83647.

For more information, call Louise at 653-2135.

Hunter education classes set throughout the area

JEROME - Registration for spring and summer hunter education classes will be held throughout the Magic Valley during the last week of February and first week of March. This will be the only opportunity to sign up for these classes before the controlled hunt application period.

Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1975, must complete a state-approved rifle hunter education course if they intend to purchase an Idaho hunting license. The basic course is a minimum of 12 hours; it covers weapons safety, care of game, wildlife law enforcement, survival, hunter

responsibilities and wildlife management principles. In addition, students must demonstrate firearms safety in a field test and actual live firing on the gun range.

For prospective bowhunters, all first-time archers (regardless of age) must complete the basic 1-hour course before purchasing an archery permit. The course covers archery equipment, tree stand safety, care of game, blood trailing, hunter ethics and shot placement.

Following are the dates and locations of registration sessions. A list of available courses will be posted at each site.

Cassia-Minidoka counties, Feb. 28 and 29 at the Cassia County Sheriff's office, 129 E. 14th St. in Burley. The site is not handicapped accessible; call 324-4359 for registration if needed.

West Twin Falls County, Feb. 28 and 29 at the Cassia County Sheriff's office, 525 Sawtooth Ave. in Buhl.

West Twin Falls County, Feb. 29 at Filer Middle School, 299 Highway 30 in Filer. Jerome County, Feb. 29 and

March 1 at the Fish and Game office, 868 E. Main in Jerome.

Gooding County, Feb. 29 and March 1 at Gooding Middle School, 1047 Seventh Ave. W. in Gooding.

Blaine County, March 1 and 2 at the Blaine County Sheriff's office, 2210 First St. in Hailey. East Twin Falls County, March 1 and 3 at the Boy Scout Service Center, 2988 E. Falls Ave. in Twin Falls.

All registration sessions run from 5:30 p.m. Cost of each class is \$8, payable at the time of registration. Students must be at least 11 years old to attend these courses. Students do not have to register in person, but each student's name, address, phone number, date of birth and Social Security number are needed to register.

Turkey club hosts benefit fund-raiser for South Hills

RUPERT - The Magic Valley Gobblers banquet will be held March 3 at the Rupert Elks Lodge.

A social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner follows at 7 p.m., and an auction starts at 9 p.m. Door prizes and raffle items will be awarded.

Tickets are \$45 for singles, \$65 for couples, \$250 for a sponsor and \$25 for jakes (under 18). Everyone is invited to help raise money to maintain wild turkeys in the South Hills.

Call Harold Mohlman at 532-4560 for more information.



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Eagles

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So, Randell and her friend, Debbie Nichols, fed the two birds and got to know them.

"I fell under the spell of an eagle about four years ago," Randell said. "Even in difficult situations eagles are dignified. They watch you and decide what they're going to do after watching you. They're intelligent, well-mannered."

"I think if they could talk to you, they would."

Randell gave the birds two quail, or two half-rabbits every day. She wanted to make sure they ate as much as they could without squabbling.

"One was definitely a female: larger and stronger than the male. I was concerned about over-feeding more food." After about 10 days, it was time to let them exercise.

"But when we took them out they didn't have the muscles or energy to go anywhere. That's when we knew they were really young birds who had lost their parents," Randell said. Young eagles typically stay with their parents their whole first year.

"A lot of people think the adult teaches the young how to hunt, but when you watch them, you see that they watch their parents kill things, but mainly the parents bring different things for them to eat, to teach them to eat whatever. That's when we knew they were really young birds who had lost their parents," Randell explained. As the babies get bigger, the parents begin to bring dinner that is not quite dead.

"By the time the birds start to fly, they're curious about anything that moves. The instincts kick in and they begin making judgments on what is prey and what is not."

The menu at the raptor rehab center is a varied one. "We feed them quail and rabbit - frozen meat from Washington that falconers use," Randell said. Each eagle ate about four ounces every day, and that adds up. Sometimes people who raise rabbits have too many, so they donate meat to the center; occasionally people think to bring in a wild rabbit, which goes into the freezer until it's needed.

Fish and Game helps out some, but most of the food bill is paid by Randell and Nichols.

When it's time for exercise, the eagles get a leather bracelet around each leg. A strap is attached to a light nylon line about 40 feet long. On the other end is a light weight, such as a short 2-by-4 piece of wood.

"We go out to a large pasture, the bird jumps out of the crate and we get them to fly. They fly to the end of the line and feel the weight of the wood and come down," Randell said. It was discouraging to see how little the young eagles could fly, but Randell and Nichols didn't give up. They encouraged the fledglings to take short hops from one perch to another in the hawk house, then worked them slowly outdoors.

Soon, the eagles needed more room. At that point, the options ran out.

"We knew we couldn't just release them, but we couldn't continue their training ourselves," Randell said.

Randell called Jen Tisich, who cares for raptors, but Jen didn't have any room: She already had a bald eagle. Then Jen remembered that Morley Nelson had an old flight pen. So the eagles went up to Nelson's place, near Boise, on Aug. 9.

Todd planned to drive the eagles up by himself, but Randell wasn't about to pass up the opportunity to meet Nelson - who is a world-renowned falconer.

"It was perfect," Randell said. Nelson's pen is built on the side of a hill. Inside, the birds were able to fly straight up the face of a rock and climb around in sagebrush. They had to work their muscles in the confined, safe space. Soon, they got to flying well enough that the falconers agreed it was time to let them go.

Aug. 22 was the day. "We waited. The birds walked out to the edge," Randell said. "One took off normally in one direction to the next ridge. The other did the same in the opposite direction. We knew then that they could fly."

Moose find new home

MOUNTAIN GREEN, Utah (AP) - Twenty moose have been captured in Weber Canyon for transplanting to the Ute reservation.

The tribe wants to establish a moose herd on its Hill Creek Extension near the Book Cliffs.

The tribe wants more recreational and subsistence moose hunting, and at the same time, the state wants to thin moose densities on stressed winter range.

On a flyby the day before Monday's roundup, Division of Wildlife Resources biologist Leslie Rock spotted 38 moose in a small area west of Mountain Green. That is too many. The animals concentrate there to feast on mahogany and oak brush in winter.

The state agreed with a tribal request in 1994 to receive "nuisance" animals - the occasional problem moose removed from the streets of Ogden - each year. About 20 nuisance moose were released sporadically on the reservation in recent years, but disappeared.

"We can't find them," said Walt Donaldson, northeast region biologist.

So the state agreed to catch a bunch at once and the tribe

agreed to pay half the bill of about \$500 per animal. This time, the animals were radio collared and can be tracked to provide better data for biologists. Many probably will wander onto public land again.

The capture on Monday went like clockwork.

In the past, wildlife officers would run an animal down and shoot it with a tranquilizer gun.

The anesthetic often killed the animals. This time, the animals were not drugged, and none was reported injured.

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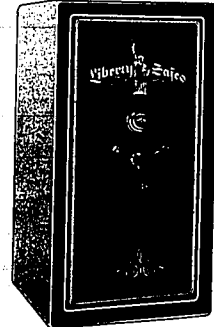
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**Classic Peanuts** By Charles M. Schulz

SNOPY TYPED AN ITEM PAPER FOR ME.

I CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR MY TEACHER TO SEE IT...

HAVE YOU LOOKED AT IT MYSELF, SR?

NO, I HAVEN'T HAD TIME, BUT WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE? I'M SURE HE'D DO A GOOD JOB.

I HOPE SHE APPRECIATES THE LITTLE IMPROVEMENTS I PUT IN...

**For Better or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston

WHY ARE WE ALL SO ENTHUSIASTIC TO BE GAINING BY PROVIDING DOCTORS WITH A PLACE TO WORK EVERY DAY?

ONE BODY IS THE SAME AS ANOTHER, AND ALL HAVE THE SAME GENERAL FLOOR PLAN.

IF ONLY THERE WERE A WAY TO KEEP US ALL FROM BEING SO SELF-CONSCIOUS!

THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE CONSTANTLY BEING CONSIDERED AS A MEMBER OF THE TEAM.

...NAH...

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

I'LL GET THIS INFORMATION FOR YOU.

NO YOU WON'T. YOU'LL WAIT UNTIL I HUNT YOU DOWN AND THEN YOU'LL SAY YOU WERE TOO BUSY.

TODAY I STARTED HATING 'HATING' PEOPLE IN ADVANCE. IT SAVES TIME.

**Bonnie** By Dean Young & Stan Drake

DO YOU RECENTLY LEFT YOUR JOB AS A LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER?

YES, AFTER 40 YEARS.

HOW ARE YOU SPENDING YOUR RETIREMENT?

I BOUGHT MYSELF A 100-ACRE FARM.

SO FINALLY, AFTER ALL THIS TIME, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE WIDE-OPEN SPACES!

WELL, NO, NOT REALLY. I JUST MOVED EVERYTHING INTO THE BILO.

**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

EVER FIND YOURSELF SOMETIME WONDERING JUST WHO YOU ARE?

NOT THAT I CAN RECALL, WHY DO YOU ASK?

WHY DOES WHO ASK?

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

DANG IT ALL! OUR BALL IS IN THE ROUGH!

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HANDLE A SHOT LIKE THIS...

THAT DID IT.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO ALWAYS REPLACE YOUR DIVOTS.

**Garfield** By Jim Davis

THAT'S NOT SCARY.

BEWARE OF THE SCARY DOG.

GRRR!

BEWARE OF THE SCARY DOG.

MAUVE A LITTLE ANNOYING.

BOOO!

BEWARE OF THE SCARY DOG.

**Dennis the Menace** By Hank Ketcham

HE DOESN'T HAVE ULCERS, BUT I THINK HE'S A CARRIER.

**The Family Circus** By Bil Keane

It's Edison gettin' the idea for the lightbulb.

**Hi and Lois** By Chance Browne

I'M SUPPOSED TO READ TO PASSES WRITE AN ESSAY AND FINISH THIS WORKSHEET BY TOMORROW!

THAT'S WAY TOO MUCH HOMEWORK.

I'LL HAVE TO WRITE A LETTER TO YOUR TEACHER!

ARE YOU COMING TO BED?

I HAVE TO FINISH MY HOMEWORK FIRST!

**Rose Is Rose** By Pat Brady

I EXPERIMENT WITH DARING EARSTYLES, BUT EVENTUALLY I RETURN TO SOMETHING CONSERVATIVE.

**The Wizard of Id** By Grant Parker & Johnny Hart

TO JIMMY, TOP SALESMAN WITH OVER 15,000 TUFFY BARS SOLD TOWARDS HIS COLLEGE TUITION.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE, JIMMY?

A DENTIST.

YOU REALLY SHOULD CONSIDER A CAREER IN LAW.

**Hagar the Horrible** By Chris Browne

WE'RE NOT LEAVING FOR BATTLE UNTIL I FIND OUT WHO FAINTED MY SHIELD!

**Zits** By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

SO ARE YOU INTO THIS WHOLE POKEMON CRAZE, JEREMY?

OH, ABSOLUTELY, DAD!

AND SINCE MY BIRTHDAY IS COMING UP, KEEP IN MIND THAT I'M ALSO WILD ABOUT EARNEST AND SEAN'S SWEET, TOO!

TUH!

YOU'RE BAITING HIM AGAIN.

HEY, WHAT WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE, SARCASM OR SILENCE?

**Beetle Bailey** By Mort Walker

LOOK AT OTTO LEANING AGAINST THE WALL. SOMETIMES HE SEEMS ALMOST HUMAN.

"ALMOST HUMAN?" I'D PUT IT ANOTHER WAY...

SOMETIMES THEY SEEM ALMOST DOG-LIKE!

**Luann** By Greg Evans

Instant Message!

LUANN? IT'S GUNTHER. CAN YOU TALK A MINUTE?

FROM: ARLEN Luann, we have to talk

UM, GUNTHER, CAN IT BE ANOTHER TIME?

IT'S ALWAYS ANOTHER TIME.

FROM: LUANN Not here, Arlen

HOW CAN I BE SO CONNECTED AND SO DISCONNECTED?

WHY?!

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thayer

DO YOU HAVE MUCH IN COMMON WITH THOSE PEOPLE OF YOURS?

NOT REALLY, THEY ONLY GO AROUND ONCE.

**Strange Brew** By John Deering

JIMMY, DON'T RUN WITH THAT STICK! YOU'LL PUT YOUR EYE OUT!

**Non Sequitur** By Wiley

...AND DO YOU, LENNY, PROMISE TO APOLOGIZE FOR EVERYTHING, WHETHER OR NOT YOU KNOW WHY YOU'RE APOLOGIZING, FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?

IF CONTRACT DISCLOSURE LAWS WERE STRICTLY ENFORCED

**The Bom Loser** By Art Sansom & Chip

I TAKE PRIDE IN THE FACT THAT I AM A SELF-MADE MAN, THORNTON!

I STARTED OUT WITH NOTHING AND MANAGED TO SAVE MILLIONS!

I STARTED OUT WITH NOTHING AND MANAGED TO SAVE IT!



OUTDOORS

# PATROLLING THE SNOW

## Police officers learn snowmobile skills

**DIXIE (AP)** - Snowmobiling is a growing sport with more than 10 million participants in the United States and Canada.

But it's also a growing headache for law enforcement agencies struggling with problems ranging from lost and injured snowmobilers to drunk driving.

"It's become a very important recreation sport to a lot of people," said Garry Forman of the Snowmobile Safety Institute. "With that popularity, it's also come with its problems."

But few police officers are trained to deal with the hazards associated with backcountry recreation. Their academies do not teach cold weather survival or winter travel skills.

Forman, executive director of the Snowmobile Safety Institute based in Evert, Mich., and four other snowmobile instructors came to Dixie to bring local officers up to speed. Participants learn the basics of snowmobile operation, but also advanced skills such as high-altitude and deep-snow riding techniques.

They learn how to conduct effective snowmobile patrols and how to tackle tricky problems such as transporting a person in custody. The latter may be necessary with a new law in Idaho that puts snowmobile operation under the motor vehicle code. That means snowmobile operators can be cited for driving while intoxicated.

Curtailing alcohol abuse on snowmobiles is one area local law enforcement agencies hope to influence.

"We're concerned about the obviously intoxicated person who is jeopardizing the safety of other users and families out there," said Steve Didier, a Nez Perce National Forest enforcement officer. Didier is helping teach the course and regularly conducts snowmobile patrols in conjunction with the Idaho County Sheriff's Department.

For some snowmobilers, riding and drinking go hand and hand, Didier said. But he and others



A Snowmobile Safety Institute instructor runs a skills course near Dixie Jan. 22 when the institute held a four-day snowmobiling patrol clinic for local law enforcement agencies, which are having to deal with problems involving snowmobilers that range from lost and injured snowmobilers to people operating snowmobiles while intoxicated.

*"You can't have a guy out there intoxicated and running around at 70 to 100 miles per hour."*

- Jon Stroop, Idaho County undersheriff

want to keep snowmobile areas safe for families.

"You can't have a guy out there intoxicated and running around at 70 to 100 miles per hour," said Idaho County Undersheriff Jon Stroop. "If we don't start making a presence we'll start seeing more snowmachine accidents."

A new breed of light and powerful snowmobiles is letting more people experience the outdoors in a winter environment.

"It's opening up public land for something they've never been able to do before," Didier said. But the new machines are also exposing more people to harsh wintertime backcountry conditions they may not be prepared

for.

That includes some law enforcement officers more accustomed to their cruisers than high-powered snow sleds. To hone their own snowmobiling and winter survival skills, Idaho County and the Nez Perce Forest sponsored the snowmobile clinic.

Forman specializes in training agencies to conduct patrols on snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles. Officers from eight Idaho police agencies including the Idaho, Lewis, Clearwater and Latah county sheriff's departments are spending hours in the classroom and on the slopes.

Forman is running them through a battery of snow courses to lift their riding skills, while teaching them how best to use snowmobiles as a law enforcement tool. The course even includes calisthenics and stretching before rides.

"If these guys are not prepared mentally and physically they are going to be more of a liability to their teams," Forman said. "We train these guys they have to make these machines do what they want them to do."

Before an afternoon of racing

around snow courses marked by orange pylons, Forman lectures his students in the Dixie Community Center. He reminds them weight shifting is essential to controlling snowmobiles at high speeds. It's what he calls the "hall-cheek factor."

"As long as you remember to get half the cheek of your butt off the seat in an emergency maneuver you are going to be better off."

Keeping weight to the inside of the turn and forward helps the snowmobile's skis stay in contact with the snow, he explains.

Didier said the sheer number of people snowmobiling means there is bound to be some crime with the sport.

It ranges from vandalism of government and private property to reckless riding. Didier stresses education and self-policing by riders, when it comes to the backcountry, but also an increased presence of officers on snowmobile trails.

"We're visible. People know we are out there, they are policing their own, they are taking good care of the sport and that is what we want to see."

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## Democratic rivals joust over schools

Gore, Bradley offer radically different education packages

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Democratic rivals Al Gore and Bill Bradley offered dueling education packages Wednesday, with Bradley proposing help for distressed public schools and arguing that Gore's tenure in office has seen "educational malpractice" in many schools.

Gore said Bradley was coming to the issue too late and proposing too little. He touted his own plan to help parents who set aside money to send their children to college.

With polls showing Democratic primary voters put education at the top of their priority list, both sought the high ground.

"Quality education is a fundamental Democratic principle and it is one of the crucial issues at stake in this election," Bradley said.

His proposal would double federal money for distressed schools, to \$16 billion, and also allow parents to choose different public schools if their own don't measure up.

It also would set aside \$500 million for charter schools, boost standards for teachers and create "report cards" for schools to help parents decide where to send their youngsters.

While Bradley announced his plan at a St. Louis school, Gore headed to a child development center in Michigan to propose an expansion of the savings program that allows parents to set aside money for college.

Those parents can currently put money in an education savings account, deferring taxes as long as the money is used for college expenses. Gore would index those accounts to take out the effects of inflation and also would ensure the money could be used across state lines.

"At the child care center, Gore squeezed into a tiny seat near the pet turtles, pet cockroach and pet worms and snacked on carrots and broccoli with preschoolers.



Democratic presidential candidate Vice President Al Gore receives loud cheers from supporters as he departs the Detroit Metropolitan Airport in Detroit Wednesday. A group of supporters met Gore at the airport to see him off for a campaign trip to Dayton, Ohio.

There was a cutting edge to his comments about his opponent.

"Fourteen months have passed in this presidential campaign and three states have had elections now, and only today, for the first time in 14 months, has Senator Bradley made his first speech on education."

"He is late to the issue, having spent the money and now, based upon what I've heard, he still does not propose universal preschool or new help for college tuition," Gore said.

Bradley argued he was offering the most sweeping education plan of the campaign, and he dismissed Gore's claim of focusing on schools.

"Vice President Gore says education is his top priority, but he spends more new money on defense than on improving schools," he said. "Parents know the last seven years have been long on promises and short on progress."

The biggest proposal Bradley offered would be to build up some of the worst schools. While the bulk of school funding is state and local, Bradley aides said that up to 30 percent of the money for schools in low-income areas comes from the federal government.

At the same time, those schools would be graded on their performance, and parents would be allowed to move their children from schools not performing well.

"Children who attend failing schools must not be trapped there," Bradley said. "We have separate but unequal in the quality of education in America."

Bradley also said he would boost standards for teachers, requiring them to hold a college major in the area they teach, or pass a competency test.

"During the past seven years, we've heard a lot of talk about education, but too often the

rhetoric hasn't been backed up by action," said Bradley. "In fact, too many schools in this country, there is what amounts to educational malpractice."

There's plenty of room for controversy in Bradley's package, because he said he would demand more of the nation's teachers, pointing to studies saying thousands are unqualified.

"Warm bodies are just not good enough for our children," said Bradley. "I will set aside money for schools to give teachers signing bonuses and merit bonuses for outstanding performances."

Bradley said his proposal would reshape federal education policy by not only increasing funding but demanding that schools demonstrate performance.

"To strengthen public education, we must hold failing schools accountable and give parents some real choices," he said.

## Bush's lead fades, but McCain won't cheer

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — From coast to coast, the overwhelming support for George W. Bush proved paper-thin as polls in key states swung John McCain's way after his big New Hampshire win.

The Vietnam War hero emerged with his victory just as people were starting to pay attention to the presidential campaign, experts say. That meant a quick boost but could also mean his newfound popularity will be equally fleeting.

Listen to A. Paul Nanev, a retired physician from Florida, Ill. "There seems to be a trend away from Bush," he said. "I think I'm going away from him... I'm not sure, not all the way gone. McCain seems to be more forthright and outspoken. Bush laid back and did nothing and you're not quite sure where he stands."

In the Detroit suburb of Livonia, 64-year-old Anthony Trozak said he just started paying close attention because the Michigan primary is coming up in a couple of weeks. And the Bush supporter is suspicious of all the media attention given to McCain recently.

"He has been very willing to speak to anyone, anytime," Trozak, a Republican-leaning independent, said of McCain. "Up until now, Bush has been less available."

McCain himself knows things could change again quickly. "That's why it's so critical to maintain momentum," the Arizona senator said Wednesday as he campaigned in South Carolina. "I have seen many occasions when dear and loyal friends have been MIA when things start to go bad."

State polls in South Carolina, Michigan and New York in recent days have shown a close race after Bush had an overwhelming lead for months. McCain has pulled 18 points ahead of Bush in McCain's home state of Arizona, which had been close, in a poll out Wednesday. And he has moved up in several national polls, though Bush is still ahead by 20 points or more nationally.

Bush "had a significant name ID advantage, the whole aura of

inevitability," said unaligned Republican pollster Tony Fabrizio, who gauged public opinion for former GOP candidate Elizabeth Dole. "Now the rush of media attention (for McCain) is overcoming the name ID lead."

Now that voters are paying more attention, the Bush campaign is trying to make advantage by flooding the airwaves with less than flattering information about McCain. McCain has been fighting back to keep his supporters. There's still uncertainty among voters.

"I'm definitely with McCain unless they dig up something really nasty on him," said Carolyn Lucas, who attended a McCain event for senior citizens on Wednesday. "But he's so honest, I think he would have told us."

Hugo Beit, a Manhattan resident who works in the finance industry, said he's probably for Bush, noting: "I don't know whether McCain will explode when push comes to shove. But McCain's got a lot of guts."

He's also got work to do. "He needs three things: to win New Hampshire, which he did; shift public sentiment in his direction, which he appears to be doing, and maintain his momentum between now and March 7," said David Rohde, a Michigan State political scientist, referring to the cluster of primaries including California and New York.

Analysts warn that some primaries down the road are open only to Republicans and will play to Bush's strength among party regulars and conservatives.

Bush campaign spokesman Ari Fleischer says McCain's strength "is coming from Democrats who want to influence Republican events." And polls do indicate McCain has been helped by his appeal with independents and some Democrats.

Veteran pollsters say the current McCain boomlet reminds them of Gary Hart's insurgent Democratic campaign in 1984, when he won New Hampshire and cashed it in for other early primary wins and a surge in the polls. He was finally overwhelmed by Walter Mondale's money and organizational muscle.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

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"Great slam," announced an elated South after dummy came down. "It will take a bolt of lightning to beat this one."

I hear some thunder in the distance, I cautioned North. It wasn't long before South had to eat his overconfident words. Dummy covered West's diamond 10 with the jack, and South ruffed East's queen. With his eye on a possible overtrick, South led a trump to dummy's jack and ordered back to his ace. East's discard was annoying, but South remained optimistic.

We cashed his club ace and led another club toward dummy, but West wisely refused to ruff. Had he ruffed, South would have made his slam. Dummy's club king would have survived, and later, South could ruff a club with dummy's remaining trump.

After West's alert defense, South could no longer succeed. Whether or not dummy won, South should not avoid two club closers, sending the game one down.

Was South's early optimism justified? Yes, it was, but his play was off. He should have cashed two high trumps in his own hand instead of cashing dummy's jack. With the jack remaining in dummy, when he cashes his club ace and leads another club, West is neutralized. If he ruffs, it's the last trick for the defense. And if he doesn't ruff, dummy's king wins, and South concedes a club to East. He should not ruff and South loses only one club trick.

NORTH: A 10 8, J 3 2, K J 6 2, K J 4, A 10 8, J 3 2, K J 6 2, K J 4.

SOUTH: A K 7, A K Q 10 7 5, A 7 6 5 2.

Vulnerable: North-South

Trumps: South (5-3-2-1-1). Spades: 2-1-1-1-1. Hearts: 2-1-1-1-1. Clubs: 2-1-1-1-1. Diamonds: 2-1-1-1-1.

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: A J 9 4 2, K A Q 5 3, Q 9 8 3.

North holds: A J 1, A 10 8, J 3 2.

ANSWER: Pass. Since opener did not rebid one no-trump, ruff spades, or bid a minor, he surely holds a six-card heart suit. Do not try to improve the contract.

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