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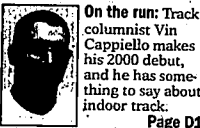
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## Water issue goes back before Supreme Court

**By N.S. Nokkoyved**  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** - When Congress set aside wilderness, it included the water within that wilderness, says a federal attorney.

Not so, say attorneys for the state of Idaho, several mining companies and southern Idaho irrigators. If Congress intended to include federal water rights when it established three central Idaho wilderness areas and one national recreation area, it would have

said so.

Both sides argued the issue before the Idaho Supreme Court Monday in a rehearing of the court's earlier ruling. The court will consider Monday's arguments and written briefs and issue an opinion later.

In October 1999, the court had upheld a District Court ruling from the Snake River Basin Adjudication granting federal reserved water rights to all unappropriated waters within the Frank Church-River of No

Return, Selway-Bitterroot and Gospel Hump wilderness areas and the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area.

The 3-2 ruling created an outcry and numerous requests that the court reconsider its opinion. The court agreed and heard oral arguments Monday.

At issue is the interpretation of the federal Wilderness Act and a clause in that act that refers to water rights.

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### In a nutshell

**The Idaho Supreme Court is rehearing a controversial ruling granting federal reserved water rights in wilderness areas. The Supreme Court upheld the federal water rights in a 3-2 October 1999 ruling. Voting for the rights were Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout and Justices Cathy Silak and Jesse Walters. Voting no were justices Gerald Schroeder and Wayne Kivwell.**

## Who is calling?

### Legislative panel passes campaign disclosure bill

**By Michael Journee**  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** - A House panel wants to require campaign telephone callers to say, up front, who paid for the call.

The bill, pushed by a Ketchum legislator, has no chance of being enforced, critics say. But that did not stop the House State Affairs Committee from endorsing the bill.

Monday's 14-6 vote sends the bill to the full House for debate and a likely vote later this week. The measure is marked as "femur-gency clause," which means it would become law immediately upon approval. Most measures become law on July 1 the year they are passed.

"It's a good idea to do this," Rep. Jeff Allus, R-Hayden, "and if we're going to do it, let's do it right away."

House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, has said the need for the measure became clear after negative campaigns in northern Idaho were conducted over the telephone, but the source of those calls was never known. The bill provides for accountability for such ad campaigns and allows the person receiving the call to judge the information for themselves.

"This would tell us who paid for that call," Jaquet told the committee. "I think it would discourage negative campaigning."

That argument held a lot of

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## KILLER TWISTER



Freddie Bryant of Camilla, Ga., carries his finacee's son Darius Hines, 8, through the rubble of their home Monday. 22 people were killed as tornadoes slashed through southwest Georgia early Monday. Bryant and his family survived in their home, suffering only minor scratches.

## Tornadoes destroy homes, kill 22 in Georgia

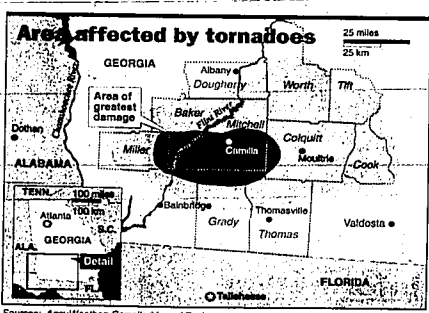
**The Associated Press**

**CAMILLA, Ga.** - Tornadoes descended on rural Georgia early Monday, ripping people from their beds and piling up mobile homes. At least 22 people were killed and more than 100 were hurt.

Dozens of houses and mobile homes in the southwest Georgia town of Camilla were flattened, their metal and siding mangled and strewn across yards and streets.

"All you heard was a roar, woo-woo-woo," said Johnny Jones, whose mobile home south of Camilla was thrown on its side. He said he freed his 14-year-old son, who was pinned under a washing machine, and they crawled out a window.

"All I could see was that every-



Sources: AccuWeather, Compiled from AP wire reports

thing was demolished. People were hollering and crying 'Where's my child?'" he said.

The tornadoes struck shortly after midnight as a line of thun-

derstorms rumbled through the Southeast, scarring property from Arkansas to Georgia. Authorities in Camilla and surrounding Mitchell

County said two separate twisters cut a 1.5-mile-wide, 10-mile-long path through the county.

"It hit the impoverished and the affluent," said Liz McQueen, a Red Cross volunteer who was working at a temporary morgue near Camilla.

Fourteen people died in Mitchell County, a primarily rural area dotted with cotton and peanut farms, chicken processing plants, textile factories and a state prison. Gov. Roy Barnes, who flew over the area to assess the damage, declared Mitchell and three other counties disaster areas.

The twisters were the deadliest in Georgia since 1936, when 203 people were killed by tornadoes in Gainesville, northeast of Atlanta. The winds snatched up the trailer where Janet and James Madeiras and their son Travis, 12, had been sleeping, tossing them out and knocking the trailer on top of them.

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## House approves parental consent bill

**The Associated Press**

**BOISE** - No one doubted that the outcome would be as the House overwhelmingly gave final legislative approval to a bill requiring parental or judicial consent for most abortions performed on minors.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne already has said he will sign the legislation into law.

"When parents get involved, teens make better decisions," Rep. Bill Sali, a Kuna Republican and attorney who sponsored the bill and provided its only supporting debate on the House floor, said Monday.

**Other lawmakers** knew there was no need to prolong the inevitable. The vote wound up 53-13, with six Republicans and seven Democrats voting no.

Three Magic Valley lawmakers voted no - Reps. Doug Jones, R-Filer, Tim Ridinger, R-Shoshone, and Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum. A fourth valley lawmaker, Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, did not vote, calling the abortion legislation a "non-issue."

Yes votes included six Magic Valley Republicans: Maxine Bell of Jerome, Celia Gould of Buhl,

## Kempthorne signs tobacco trust - A10

Bruce Newcomb of Burley, Randy Hansen of Twin Falls, Jim Kempton of Albion and John A. "Bert" Stevenson of Rupert.

The measure earlier won 5-4 endorsement by the Senate State Affairs Committee and 23-12 approval in the full Senate, where earlier attempts to change Idaho's current parental notification requirement got tripped up in the past.

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## ANOTHER TRAGEDY



Eighteen-year-old Courtney Scott, cousin of one of the two victims of a shooting in the southwest Denver suburb of Littleton, Colo., talks to reporters as she carries flowers to the spot along the police lines early Monday. See story page A-3.

THE REGION

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Camas Prairie High: 44 Low: 24 Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow showers. Slight chance of snow tomorrow.

Treasure Valley High: 48 Low: 33 Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain. Same tomorrow.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley High: 40 Low: 24 Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow showers, mixed with rain in the valleys.

Eastern Idaho High: 45 Low: 23 Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain, possibly mixed with snow.

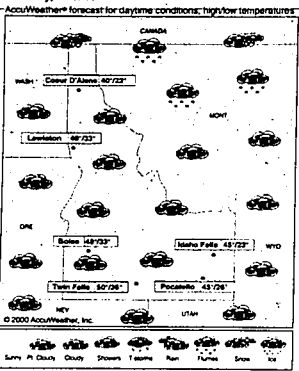
Northern Idaho High: 40 Low: 33 Cloudy with a good chance of rain. Same tonight and Wednesday.

Northern Utah High: 46 Low: 33 Partly cloudy with a chance of snow in the mountains. Snow or rain tonight.

Northern Nevada High: 48 Low: 34 Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Same tomorrow.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST: Today, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday with icons and temperature ranges.

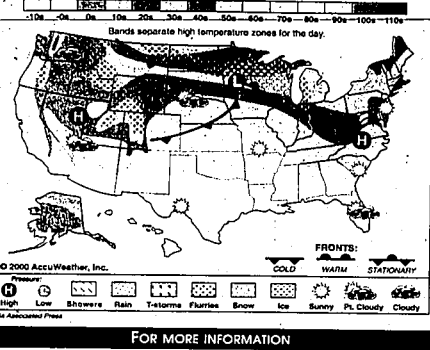
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Disclosure

Continued from A1 appeal for many committee members, who had other ideas what the bill represents. 'It doesn't prevent anyone from saying anything they want,' said Rep. David Gallister, R-Boise.

About House Bill 478: What does it do? Campaigning by telephone would require a clear disclosure of the person or group financing the calls. What's next? Here's what's ahead for the bill, endorsed by the House State Affairs Committee Monday.

Fees

Continued from A1 building at a time during the off season," he said. A Twin Falls County Fair Board press release said the dairy and beef barns have the worst safety problems. Electrical and structural conditions could prompt closure.

fair despite the price increases, Pitz said. "This whole thing stems on whether we can keep the same amount of people coming through the gate," Pitz said. "Fair officials will review fair revenue in September and decide whether the upgrades can begin, if the proceeds aren't enough, then alternative funding sources including sponsorships or grants must be found, Pitz said."

More on fees: The Twin Falls County Fair plans to raise prices to pay for fair-ground improvements. Here are some details: Adult day passes will increase from \$4 to \$8. Child passes will increase from \$2 to \$4. Senior passes will increase from \$15 to \$20.

Consent

Continued from A1 Those debating against the bill Monday said they knew their effort would be futile. But Republican Maynard Miller, sitting in for the recuperating Rep. Tom Trail of Moscow, said he at least wanted his concerns on the record.

teen's receiving abortions in the state fell from 152 in 1998 to 77 last year under the existing law. Minors could still receive abortions with parental consent, in cases of medical emergency, if a judge finds that the girl is mature enough to decide for herself or that an abortion would be in her best interest, or if the teen has been married or in the military. Sali said, the only abortions absolutely prohibited under his bill would be those that both a girl's parents and a judge reject.

Water

Continued from A1 The U.S. Forest Service says the clause maintains the relationship between the federal government and state water law. The appellants say the clause means Congress considered federal water rights and did not reserve any, and therefore there can be no reserved water rights. Though the issue is central to all four areas, the discussion Monday centered mostly on the Frank Church wilderness, because of concerns that the ruling could affect water rights upstream of the wilderness area. Water rights that would affect the Salmon River and tributaries upstream of the wilderness would not be affected.

of those areas and are concerned about the potential effects on future water rights development. Congress intended to allow such operations to continue and knew there was no threat to dry up the wilderness, he said. It was not clear how water rights on these streams, upstream and outside the wilderness, would be affected. But state officials have said granting rights to all unappropriated flows within the wilderness would preclude the development of any consumptive rights granted since 1980. Domestic rights would not be affected. Justice Cathy Silak asked Sean Donahue, an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice representing the Forest Service, why the Forest Service had not applied for a water right under the state law. With a federal reserved water right, the Forest Service would not hold the water right, Donahue said. Under state law, only the Idaho Water Resources Board can hold an "instream water right," for water in the stream or river.

A state water right would not have the same priority date as the asserted right and the Forest Service might not get the amount of water it was asking for, Donahue said. Arguing for the state, deputy attorney general Clive Strong echoed Donahue's argument that the court had no basis to apply the doctrine of implied federal water rights. That doctrine applies only in earlier cases when Congress said nothing about water right in reserving lands for which water was vital — most notably a 1908 case involving an Indian reservation that would have been worthless without irrigation water. Congress, after considering the issue of federal water rights in the Wilderness Act, said nothing and could not have implied water rights. When Congress debates the issue there can be an implied water right," Strong argued. The federal government sees it a little differently. When Congress set aside wilderness areas to preserve these areas in their natural condition — in areas where water was part of the natural condition — it also set aside that water. Implicit in preservation of land in its natural condition, is the intent to preserve the natural flow of water, Donahue argued. Justice Wayne Kidwell asked why that required all the water. Donahue said that without all the water that occurs there naturally it would not be in its natural condition. Justice Gerald Schroeder said that when Congress took such a significant step to create a new category of federal land with the Wilderness Act, one would expect Congress to speak explicitly on the issue of federal reserved water rights.

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# Two Columbine High students found dead in sandwich shop

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Two Columbine High students were found dead early Monday after a shooting at a sandwich shop about two blocks south of the school, still reeling from the worst school shooting in U.S. history.

Investigators could offer a motive but ruled out murder-suicide.

A woman who worked at the Subway sandwich shop was driving by just before 1 a.m. and noticed a light on inside. Since the business was supposed to be closed by 10 p.m., she stopped, went inside and found the bodies of a 15-year-old boy who also worked there and a 16-year-old girl, Jefferson County sheriff's spokesman Steve Davis said.

Davis said both victims, students at Columbine, suffered apparent gunshot wounds, but could not say if the wounds were the cause of death. He did not know whether investigators had recovered a weapon.

Investigators were reviewing a videotape from a surveillance camera inside the restaurant but did not say what it showed.

The bodies of the victims were removed shortly after noon. Davis said autopsies would be done Monday or today.

The victims were identified as Nicholas Kunselman and Stephanie Hart, who were dating, according to Courtney Scott, an 18-year-old cousin of Hart's.

Scott placed a heart-shaped bouquet of flowers with a banner

reading, "I love you," outside the shop at midnight.

Her cousin was not at Columbine when two teenage gunmen opened fire last year, she said. She thought Hart was at the Subway to see her boyfriend.

J.J. Hodack, a 22-year-old store employee, said Kunselman was assigned to shut down the restaurant at closing time. "Obviously, our boss trusted him. He's a good worker," he said.

Kunselman was likeable and outgoing, Hodack said, adding that they became instant friends.

Hodack said Hart often came by the store near closing time. He said it wasn't unusual for employees to let friends or other employees in after closing time.

# Report reveals extent of arsenal

DENVER (AP) — Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold were armed with 95 explosive devices when they launched their attack on Columbine High School last spring — a much larger arsenal than originally reported.

The explosives, enough to wipe out the school and hundreds of students, included 48 carbon dioxide bombs, 27 pipe bombs and 11 1.5-gallon propane containers. Most of the bombs did not explode.

The two Columbine seniors also had seven devices with 40-plus gallons of flammable liquid and two duffel bags containing

20-pound liquefied-petroleum gas tanks.

The extent of their arsenal was revealed last week when members of the Littleton Fire Department met with Gov. Bill Owens' Columbine Review Commission. The Denver Post reported today.

"As bad as this was, we were so very, very lucky," said Chuck Burdick, operations chief of the Littleton Fire Department. "It could have been so much worse."

Following the April 20 massacre, authorities believed Klebold and Harris had made about 60 bombs.

"I look at Columbine High School as a true act of domestic terrorism," Rick Young, an investigator and bomb technician, told the Post.

Young would not explain why the bombs did not go off except to say it was because of "very simple electronic failure." He also said Harris and Klebold used unstable fireworks powder to make the bombs.

Young and other officials are so worried the kids' plan to use an arsenal could be used as a blueprint to launch other attacks, they would not tell the commission why the bombs failed.



Kevin Spacey and Annette Bening appear in a scene from the film 'American Beauty'. The film stands to benefit financially if it garners a best-picture or other top nod when Academy Award nominations are announced today. Dreamworks has announced that the film will be re-released in 750 theaters nationwide three days after the nominations are revealed.

# Top Oscar nominations get big money at the box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Oscar statue is not cast from precious metals, but a nomination can be box-office gold.

"American Beauty," "The Insider," "The Cider House Rules," "Being John Malkovich" and other acclaimed films all stand to benefit financially if they get a best-picture nomination or other major honors when the Academy Award nominations come out Tuesday.

Even for movies that ultimately lose the best-picture contest, a nomination can help double the box-office take by the time the awards are handed out.

"The Oscars are really worth their weight in gold, at least in terms of box office," said awards show analyst Thomas O'Neill.

Last year, "Shakespeare in Love" and "Life Is Beautiful" were both flattening out at the box office when best-picture and other nominations gave them new life. Miramax, which distributed both movies, expanded them to hundreds more theaters the weekend after the nominations.

"Shakespeare" had grossed \$36.2 million before the nominations and doubled that by late

March, when it won best picture and six other Oscars. The movie ultimately took in \$100.2 million.

Likewise, the gross for "Life Is Beautiful" doubled to \$36.4 million between nominations and awards time. The film eventually topped out at \$57.6 million.

This year's Oscar race is wide open, with eight to 10 movies potentially in the running for five best-picture slots.

While hits such as "The Sixth Sense" (\$278.4 million) and "The Green Mile" (\$124.4 million) already have been widely seen, best-picture nominations could pad their theater and home-video take.

Films with solid but unimpressive numbers such as "The Talented Mr. Ripley" (\$78 million) and "The Hurricane" (\$42 million) also would benefit from best-picture nominations or honors for stars such as Damon and Denzel Washington.

Underachieving movies such as "The Insider," with a disappointing \$26.7 million, or more narrowly released films such as "Being John Malkovich" (\$21 million) and "The Cider House Rules" (\$22.7 million) especially could gain box-office momentum.

# Feds want more children to use booster seats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Children who have outgrown child seats in cars need to use booster seats — not adult seat belts — to ensure maximum protection in crashes, federal officials said Monday in announcing a new safety campaign.

Children outgrow child seats but cannot properly fit into adult belts when they weigh 40 to 80 pounds and are about 4 to 8 years old. But less than 5 percent of those children use booster seats, according to a study of more than 20,000 children by the University of Pennsylvania, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and State Farm Insurance.

"Booster seats, properly used, can help prevent injury to older children by making adult-sized seat belts fit effectively," Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater said in announcing a campaign that includes distribution of 50,000 brochures and \$7.5 million in grant money to states to promote child passenger safety.

# Brain activity alters with lack of sleep; new study tells how

The Washington Post

When people don't get enough sleep, researchers have long known, their ability to think suffers. But it has been unclear exactly how sleep deprivation affects the brain. Now a study has examined this question — and has come up with some surprising results. J. Christian Gillin of the University of California at San Diego and colleagues conducted brain scans on 13 subjects while they performed word memory tasks after 35 hours without sleep. As expected, activity in a part of the brain involved in verbal memory known as the temporal cortex was reduced.

But another area known as the parietal cortex, which synthesizes information and is inactive when the brain is rested, became more active when the subjects were sleep-deprived, apparently to

compensate. But even more surprisingly, the prefrontal cortex, which plays a role in short-term memory, also became more active. The sleeper the subjects were, the more active it became.

"These findings show that there are dynamic, compensatory changes in cerebral activation during verbal learning after sleep deprivation," the researchers wrote in reporting their findings in the Feb. 10 issue of Nature.

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# Program allows unlimited crop subsidies

WASHINGTON (AP) — As many as 2,600 of the nation's biggest farms, including corporate operations, stand to reap millions of dollars in unlimited crop subsidies under a new program that lets growers circumvent the standard \$150,000-per-producer restriction.

Farmers who have reached the payment-limit will be allowed to take crop subsidies in certificates instead of cash, which they can redeem for government-held commodities.

Congress authorized the program last fall, and Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said Monday that he agreed to implement it under pressure from lawmakers. "The certificate program is one that the Congress is very clear they want," he said.

Chuck Hasebrook, program director of the Center for Rural Affairs in Walthill, Neb., said the effects of this are absolutely counter to everything the farm

program should be designed to do. Glickman's advisers said he had little choice but to approve the program, given the bipartisan congressional support for it and the possibility that farmers facing the payment limit would otherwise forfeit up to a million bales of cotton to the government this year.

USDA rules allow farmers to put crops under short-term federal loans and forfeit the commodity to the government instead of repaying the loan. Farmers would make a profit off the forfeiture — which doesn't count toward the \$150,000 subsidy limit — because the market value of the crop is less than the value of the loan.

The National Cotton Council, which led lobbying for the certificate program, argued that it would provide for a more orderly marketing of the cotton than dumping it on the government, which would have sold it later,

possibly depressing prices. The government also would save on storage costs.

"From our perspective the best bet for all producers is to get the cotton out into the market. That's the main thing the producers want to do," said Bill Gillon, a spokesman for the cotton group. Instead of agreeing to issue the certificates, Glickman should have tightened up the loan program to make it less advantageous for farmers to forfeit their crops, Hasebrook said.

Glickman's decision comes at a time when he is pushing Congress to put more restrictions on government farm payments to target assistance to small and medium-sized aid.

Keith Collins, USDA's chief economist, acknowledged that the certificate program would do just the opposite. "There's no doubt it's a con. Here the secretary has been advocating a tight payment limit," he said.

# Pentagon chief calls missile defense schedule unrealistic

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is moving too rapidly toward a recommendation to President Clinton on whether its national missile defense project is ready for deployment, the Pentagon's chief weapons tester said Monday.

In a report to Congress and Defense Secretary William Cohen, Philip E. Coyle, director of testing and evaluation, questioned Cohen's plan to review the project's status in June. On the basis of that review Cohen is to make his recommendation to the president on whether to move ahead with deployment.

The schedule for a June review puts "unrealistic pressure" on the project's managers, Coyle wrote.

The system as envisioned by the Pentagon would use a network of radars and silo-based interceptor missiles to detect, track and shoot down long-range ballistic missiles outside the Earth's atmosphere. Congress has required the administration to deploy such a system as soon as technologically feasible.

Noting that Cohen so far has said he intends to stick to the June timetable, Coyle wrote that "under pressure has been placed on the program to meet an artificial decision point in the development process."

So far there have been two tests of the system's ability to intercept a target missile in space. The first, last fall, was successful. The second, in January, was not.

The next test — scheduled to be the last before the June readiness review — is unlikely to take place before mid-May, although no firm date has been set.

In light of the failure of the January test, Coyle said, more time should be allowed for analyzing the results of the next test before Cohen makes his recommendation to the president. He did not say how much more time was needed, but normally the analysis takes two months.

Thus if the next test were in May, the review in preparation for a recommendation to Clinton would not be done before July.

"This would provide a clear technical understanding of the results and avoid forcing the (readiness review) before the analysis is complete," Coyle wrote.

The Pentagon has budgeted \$12.7 billion for the national missile defense project over the next five years. Coyle's report says that if the system is deployed in 2005, as called for in the current schedule, the total cost — including development, production, construction and operating it for 20 years — would be \$26.6 billion.

# Robot probe becomes first asteroid satellite

LAUREL, Md. (AP) — With near flawless precision, a spacecraft slipped into orbit around the asteroid Eros, becoming the first manmade satellite of an asteroid. The craft now starts a year-long close-up study of the potato-shaped space rock, hoping to determine if it is an impact scientist's model a strategy to protect Earth from boulders from outer space.

A short rocket firing on Monday changed the orbital path of the Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous (NEAR) spacecraft to allow it to settle into an orbit of Eros. The maneuver successfully completed a four-year odyssey that included a failed attempt to rendezvous with the rock last year.

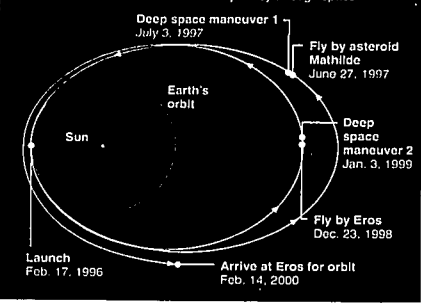
"The NEAR spacecraft is in orbit around the asteroid Eros," mission director Robert Farquhar announced and a team of engineers received a signal that a rocket had fired with an error of less than 1 percent.

"We are very happy and very excited," said Farquhar.

Automatic instructions stored aboard the craft triggered the rocket firing at 10:33 a.m. EST and engineers waited tens of minutes before success was con-

## Asteroid rendezvous

The Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous (NEAR) spacecraft is to settle into orbit around the asteroid Eros. It will be the first spacecraft to orbit an asteroid. Here is a look at NEAR's journey through space.



Sources: John Hopkins University

firmed. They broke into applause and high-fives when it was clear that NEAR had reached its target.

Farquhar said the rocket firing aimed for an Eros orbit of about

200 by 299 miles and the craft hit that target within 30 to 40 miles.

"This is considered excellent 'shooting' for such a small object that is 160 million miles away. Eros is so far out that a

radio signal takes 14.5 minutes to reach Earth.

Project scientist Andrew Cheng said the success thrilled scientists eager to get an unprecedented close-up view of an asteroid and gather data with five different instruments.

"Today may be Valentine's Day for most people, but it's Christmas Eve for me and all the presents are piled about, waiting to be opened," said Cheng. NEAR will spend a year orbiting Eros, dropping in stages to lower orbits. It will gather basic research that one day may help humans defend the Earth against a "killer asteroid" like the one thought to have wiped out the dinosaurs 65 million years ago.

"Understanding the physical characteristics of asteroids will be very important if we are ever called on to deflect one coming at the Earth," said NASA's Carl Pilcher.

"This is something humanity needs to be concerned about," said Cheng. "It has happened before on Earth." In 1989, an asteroid a quarter-mile wide missed the Earth by just 400,000 miles. Astronomers said the space rock and Earth passed the same point in space just six hours apart.

# Clinton's budget stirs criticism from the left

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The most visible criticism of President Clinton's budget priorities has come from the right, as congressional Republicans call for deeper tax cuts. But a growing chorus of complaints is emerging on the left, from liberal and progressive activists who say the president, with his focus on debt reduction, is allowing a great opportunity to invest more heavily in schools, health care, mass transit and other needs traditionally associated with Democrats.

In sentiments ranging from disappointment to cries of betrayal, these groups say Clinton has abandoned goals such as providing health insurance for every

American, funding Head Start for every eligible preschooler and creating "a child care network as complete as the public school network," as he vowed in the 1992 campaign. Instead, they say, Clinton and Vice President Al Gore now burn for something they never mentioned in their 1992 and 1996 campaigns: Not merely reducing the federal debt but eliminating it by 2013.

A once-sensible Democratic strategy — reversing the Reagan administration's deficit-spending policies, and emphasizing debt reduction to thwart GOP tax cuts — has become a dubious virtue in its own right, these critics say. The stakes extend beyond Clinton's final year in office. With Gore stressing debt reduc-

tion in his presidential campaign, some liberal activists contend, the party may find itself locked into a policy that will starve worthy programs of billions of available dollars for years to come.

"Tactic seems to have hardened into principle, and that's a mistake," said Robert Kuttner, founder of the American Prospect magazine. "Prudence and over-prudence becomes a litmus test of who is more trustworthy, and thus you have Gore attacking (former Sen. Bill) Bradley as a spendthrift. It makes it impossible to have the Democratic Party play its historic role of using social investment to help ordinary people."

Similar complaints were aired

on the op-ed pages of major newspapers a week ago, and Clinton has responded somewhat defensively. But virtually no one in Congress is echoing the criticism, underscoring the extent to which the president has shifted the Democratic Party rightward, toward the political center.

Prominent liberals angered from administration posts in protest or get arrested outside the White House gates when Clinton curtailed welfare benefits in 1996. But now, even as several liberal thinkers warn of a long-term shift away from generous spending on vital social programs, the debate is playing out mostly in the rarefied air of editorial pages and think-tank magazines.

# Aide drops sexual harassment suit against Montana senator

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former senior aide to Sen. Max Baucus has dropped a legal claim that the senator fired her after she rebuffed his sexual advances. The Montana Democrat, in a statement Monday, said the decision of former chief of staff Christine Niedermeier to abandon the case backed up his assertions that "her accusations were completely false."

"I have never harassed her or retaliated against her. These are the facts and that's the truth," he said.

Niedermeier maintained that she was telling the truth but had decided that she could not afford the emotional and financial toll that a lawsuit would take.

Niedermeier, 48, made her complaint last September to the Office of Compliance, an independent legislative agency created in 1995 in the wake of the sexual harassment scandal that forced former Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., to resign.

Under the 1995 act, the office provides mediation and a hearing process and gives the employee 90 days after mediation efforts end to file a claim in federal district court. That 90-day period ended Feb. 7.

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# Arafat loyalists say September is deadline for statehood

**JERUSALEM** - On the day Israeli and Palestinian negotiators missed an important target date on the road to peace, Yasser Arafat set a deadline of his own - a declaration of Palestinian statehood by September, with or without Israel's blessing.

A resolution passed Sunday, night by Arafat and his Fatah Revolutionary Council, a gathering of 132 top loyalists, said the Palestinians are entitled to statehood this year, no later than September.

September is the deadline for a peace treaty with Israel that would define the terms of Palestinian statehood. However, talks have bogged down, raising questions about whether an agreement is possible by the deadline. Speaking in Marrakech, Morocco today, Arafat said the current blockade in the Middle East peace process has created a "dangerous and

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explosive situation."

**British, Irish seek new approach to solving crisis**

**BELFAST, Northern Ireland** - The British and Irish governments, though divided over the wisdom of suspending Northern Ireland's power-sharing Cabinet, managed to map out a common new strategy Monday for quickly salvaging the Protestant-Catholic administration.

Foreign Minister Brian Cowen led an Irish government delegation to Belfast, where Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson was back in control of the province after stripping authority from the 10-week-old Cabinet on Friday. Mandelson agreed it was essential to rescue the Cabinet, the intended center-

piece of the province's 1998 Good Friday peace accord. But he said it would be unrealistic to try to return powers until the province's major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, could once again support a coalition that includes the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party.

**Arrest of bishop seen as latest sign of crackdown**

**VATICAN CITY** - The arrest of an 80-year-old archbishop in China is the latest sign of an intensified campaign against Catholics loyal to Pope John Paul II, the Vatican's missionary news service said Monday.

China has blown up and burned churches and taken dozens of clerics into custody in recent months in a crackdown against China's underground Roman Catholic Church, according to the news service. The missionary news service

said recently that the Chinese government outlined a plan in August to force Catholics worshipping illegally into the government-controlled church.

**President of Indonesia suspends security chief**

**JAKARTA, Indonesia** - With

the suspension of the security chief, Indonesia's reformist president ended weeks of public flip-flopping that prompted fears of a rift between the military and the civilian government.

The suspension of Gen. Wiranto on Sunday rid the government, at least for now of one

of the most prominent vestiges of the country's authoritarian past.

"This is a victory in the short term," said Dede Oetomo, a political analyst and university professor. "This is the first step in cleaning up the military and getting them out of politics."

**NATO warns ethnic Albanians after attacks**

**KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia** - Attacks by ethnic Albanians on the peacekeepers sent to Kosovo to protect them could undermine support for the peacekeeping mission, NATO's chief said Monday.

NATO Secretary-General Lord George Robertson deplored Sunday's attack by Albanian snipers that wounded two French soldiers. The peacekeeping mission has shifted over the last eight months from facilitating the return of refugees to protecting Serbs and Gypsies from reprisal

attacks by ethnic Albanians.

**Russian forces close off Grozny to returning refugees**

**NAZRAN, Russia** - Russia's military has closed off Chechnya's capital to returning civilians, saying Monday that mined buildings made living there too dangerous and that rebels may try to come back to the city in disguise. Col. Gen. Viktor Kazantsev, a top Russian commander, did not say how long the ban on residents returning to Grozny would be in effect.

"As long as the city isn't cleared of all mines and shells, and there is a threat of buildings collapsing, civilians are being banned from entering," Kazantsev said on Russia's NTV television. "Under civilian disguise, militants are trying to return to pick up their wounded."

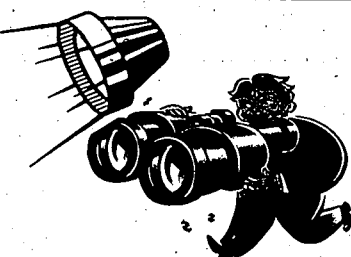
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## Microsoft launches Windows 2000

### Average consumer should wait

**The Associated Press**

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Microsoft Corp. may be gearing up for the launch of its Windows 2000 operating system, but the message for the average consumer is "Don't try this at home."

Windows 2000, a family of products that succeeds Windows NT version 4.0, is aimed at corporate users who need the upgrade for the complex tasks large computers need to power Web sites and databases.

But the company says Windows 2000 — scheduled to be released Thursday in San Francisco — is no substitute for the Windows Millennium Edition, which is targeted for home machines.

Microsoft's memo acknowledging the software contains 63,000 possible defects.

"Our customers do not want us to sell them products with over 63,000 potential known defects. They want these defects corrected," stated one of Microsoft's Windows development leaders, Marc Lucovsky, in the memo.

"How many of you would spend \$500 on a piece of software with over 63,000 potential known defects?"

*Windows 2000 also could prove a challenge to even the most technologically savvy, according to a trade publication that recently cited an internal Microsoft memo acknowledging the software contains 63,000 possible defects.*

Users of test versions of Windows 2000 say it's a nightmare when trying to work with the various components now being shipped for use with the average home computer, including games, digital cameras, some antivirus programs and e-mailing programs.

"We've really been trying to get the message out that Windows 2000 is for business use and Windows Millennium is for most home users," said Keith White, marketing director for Windows products.

Windows 2000 also could prove a challenge to even the most technologically savvy, according to trade publication Smart Reseller that recently cited an internal

A Microsoft spokesman declined comment to The Associated Press.

While most software typically contains bugs, Microsoft has developed a reputation of having notoriously temperamental software that can lock up and cause the dreaded reboot.

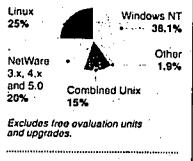
Analysts say the consumer Windows edition, dubbed "Windows Me" by Microsoft insiders, isn't likely to be problem-free. But they say the product due sometime this summer is a logical extension of Windows 98 and its predecessor Windows 95, which are the world's most popular software programs.

"Windows Millennium, that's just a natural progression in the services they're providing," said Banc of America Securities analyst Paul Davis. "It's really going to be the last of the offerings where they're going down two different paths."

### Operating systems

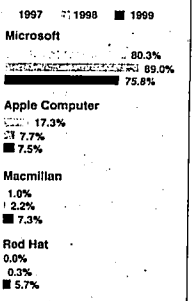
Microsoft's Windows NT leads the market for operating systems for servers.

### Server operating systems



While Microsoft continues to command the market for all operating systems, its grip loosened considerably in 1999.

### Market share for all operating systems



Sources: International Data Corp. AP

## EU regulators will examine new program

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Union's top antitrust official says EU regulators have opened an examination into the launch of Microsoft Corp.'s new Windows 2000 operating system.

Mario Monti, the EU competition commissioner, said recently that several competitors had complained that Windows 2000 would give Microsoft a dominant position in the software market.

"Whoever gains dominance in the software service market gains dominance in electronic commerce too," Monti said.

Monti said the European Commission sent Microsoft a letter last week, asking for more information. Microsoft has four weeks to respond.

Microsoft officials said the company would comply fully with the EU's request for information, and that the investigation would not interfere with making Windows 2000 commercially available.

"Microsoft has designed (Windows 2000) in a way which may permit it to leverage its dominant position in PC operating systems into operating markets such as server operating systems and e-commerce," Monti said.

Windows 2000 is designed for high-powered computers and networks for businesses, and is based on a different software architecture than Windows 98, which is aimed at the home market.

## 'Digital divide' excludes workers

The Dallas Morning News

There's a troubling "digital divide" among U.S. workers, according to a national survey released Thursday by Rutgers University and the University of Connecticut.

The study found that most American workers are highly optimistic about information technology's impact on the economy and their own work lives.

But those attitudes were in striking contrast to the anxiety expressed by the one-fifth of American workers who have no access to computers at home or at work. Researchers dubbed them the "digital exiles."

"They know they're left out," said Carl Van Horn, director of the John Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University in New Jersey. "They don't think the economy has been good for them,

and they want to connect to it. They understand that if they don't make that transition, they're just going to fall further."

Rutgers conducted the research with the Center for Survey and Research Analytics at the University of Connecticut and reported the results in a report titled "Nothing But Net: American Workers and the Information Economy." The random survey of 1,005 workers conducted in January, has a sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Taken as a whole, the survey showed that American workers are solidly behind the information technology revolution and eager to be on board.

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By Jim Coates  
Chicago Tribune

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I have two young children with another on the way, and think this would be a great way to keep my parents in touch with our kids as they grow.

### Computer Q & A

and be assured that the USB technology will make things as easy as humanly possible.

I tend to favor the Win-TV USB transfer from Hauppauge Inc., which goes for just under \$100 at stores and Web sites. If you want to shop around a bit point your browser at a Web store like <http://www.edw.com> and type in search terms like USB Video for a nice selection of these super-peripherals.

Q. Our family desktop, running Windows 98, has recently begun having a problem that I cannot resolve. The power-up-boot sequence does not appear to load Win 98. When I type "win" at the DOS prompt, I get a message Windows is already running and the DOS prompt appears again.

The only way I can get into Windows is to go into a "step-by-step" confirmation and load all the Windows options except the config.sys and the autoexec.bat files.

—D.H. White, Birmingham, Ala.

A. Not to worry, D.H. Somebody set your computer's shut-down sequence to activate the Restart in MS-DOS mode, changing it back to boot up in Windows is a three-click no-brainer.

Next time you shut down, click on Start and then Shut Down and you will get a box with radio buttons for various options including shutdown, restart and restart in MS-DOS. Pick either shutdown or restart instead of restart in DOS and you'll be out of the woods.

## Walnut Creek provides review of shareware on CD

Knight Ridder News Service

The folks at Walnut Creek, Calif., deserve some kind of award. Through the years, they have diligently searched for the best and brightest shareware and freeware. Occasionally, they share their discoveries with the world at large, as they did in October with a four CD-ROM collection of Windows 95, 98 and NT. In all, there are more than 1,400 files, or 2 gigabytes of try-before-you-buy programs. It's a huge undertaking, and they've done a fine job of categorizing and organizing these gems.

Sounds trite, but there is something on these four CDs for everyone: business applications, database programs, programming utilities, graphics applications, multimedia utilities, desktop utilities, e-mail programs, network utilities, HTML tools (for creating Web pages), educational programs, Internet applications, security programs, scientific applications and a whole bunch of file utilities.

There are health programs, genealogy programs, foreign language dictionaries and tutors, educational programs for all ages, typing tutors, network management tools, bible programs, church-type programs, food and nutrition programs, tons of stock market and investing programs, music, guitar and MP3 programs, baseball, football and golf programs, music and guitar programs, programs to change the look of your Windows desktop, font management programs and

### Shareware reviews

These are reviews of shareware programs for Windows 95, 98 and NT. The programs are available from Internet Web sites such as <http://www.download.com>. Users try them, then if they decide to use them regularly, pay a fee to register.

programs that help you write other programs.

If you can't find what you're looking for on these four CDs, it probably hasn't been written yet.

The CD works on a menu interface. You see a description of each program within a category. If you want to try it, you simply double-click and install the program files to your hard drive. With most shareware programs, you can try them for up to a month before doing the right thing and registering. If you decide a program is for you, simply use the uninstall utility, and you have no further obligation to anyone.

For a copy of the four CD Windows collection (for 95, 98 and NT), send \$29, plus \$3 for shipping, to Shareware, P.O. Box 17356, Long Beach, CA 90807. Credit-card orders: (800) 395-7797. E-mail: [share\(at\)mindspring.com](mailto:share(at)mindspring.com)

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## EDITORIAL

# Forest Service critics have a right to be rude in Nevada

When a federal agency consistently angers people, its employees will hear about it in many ways. Feedback can be in formal public hearings, or in letters to the editor, or in personal exchanges at the grocery store.

That's what seems to be going on in northeastern Nevada these days. A recent U.S. Forest Service investigation has revealed that disgruntled residents are — brace yourselves — speaking their minds to employees of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

Why? Our guess is, it's because they don't feel they're being heard. Nevada residents are tired of being pushed around by Smokey Bear. The complaints range from the specific — a road closure near Jarbridge, Nev. — to general complaints about the agency's "our way or the highway" approach to public land management.

For some Forest Service employees, spending a couple of years in Nevada is just another rung on the career ladder. For them, a high-handed approach toward the locals has little lasting consequence.

But for the locals, most of whom are born, live and die in the area, decisions made by Forest Service employees have profound effects. Such decisions can mean more work and less profit for public-lands ranchers. They also affect where hunters and off-road enthusiasts can have fun.

Of course people are sounding off.

They don't feel they're being heard in formal public hearings, so they're using blunter means of communication.

The report on community relations for Humboldt-Toiyabe Forest employees details many instances in which citizens expressed their distaste for Uncle Sam's management style. Some methods were boorish, such as swearing at the wife of a Forest Service employee as she walked her son to the bus stop. Others were nasty, such as not allowing a Forest Service wife to join a reading group.

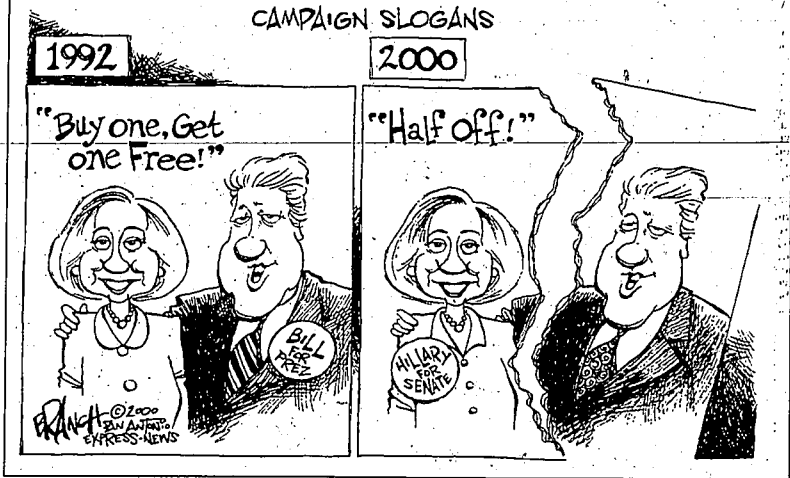
A few were downright dangerous, such as a bulldozer operator trying to run down a Forest Service employee who was inspecting a mine.

Dangerous and violent activity has no place in a civil society. Every responsible resident of northeastern Nevada should condemn it, and local authorities should prosecute it.

But behavior that is merely rude and boorish — as opposed to violent or harassing — is legal. Regrettable as such behavior may be, it provides insight into what people are really thinking. They act that way because they don't believe the Forest Service is willing to accommodate them.

The solution isn't for Forest Service employees to complain about the locals being mean. The solution is for the Forest Service higher-ups to start listening and stop dictating to the locals.

*Forest Service officials obviously aren't paying attention to formal public testimony. So residents of northeastern Nevada are resorting to alternate — and often more personal — means of expression.*



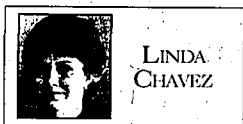
# 2000 isn't going to be much fun for Hillary

There's no turning back for Hillary Rodham Clinton, now that she's officially announced her candidacy for the U.S. Senate seat from New York.

But as one who's been there, I can assure Hillary she may have plenty of second thoughts in the months ahead.

While certainly no first lady, I, too, left the White House to run for the Senate, in 1986. I was the director of public liaison — at the time, the top job held by a woman in the White House — when I declared my candidacy for an open Senate seat from Maryland. Believe me, the move from a prestigious office in the West Wing to grubby campaign headquarters (and if it's not grubby, the candidate is wasting her precious campaign dollars) is a tough one. One day, every one of your friends because they need favors from you. The next day, you're the one in need of everyone's good will — and their money. It's a humbling experience.

No doubt, Hillary will have an easier time raising money than most Senate candidates. After all, she's learned from a master, her man, Bill. But it's still hard to imagine she'll enjoy spending nearly every waking hour making phone calls, begging for money. Granted, she won't have to waste time explaining who she is and what she's running for, as most candidates must. But who could possibly take pleasure in calling up total strangers to ask them to write \$1,000 checks? Hillary needs to raise \$25 million to have any chance of winning the race. That's 25,000 \$1,000 contributions — a whole lot of phone calls.



Then, there's the problem of trying to get the press to cover the issues. Hillary says she wants to focus on such things as health care and education, but that's not what sells newspapers or increases TV ratings. The press will be more interested in portraying the race as a grudge match between her and her liberal Republican opponent, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, than in covering their substantive differences on policy.

For one thing, the reporters who cover politics are rarely the same ones who cover policy. When she outlines her plan to provide health coverage to the uninsured, for example, she may find that reporters would rather focus on her controversial role in health-care reform in 1993. In order to write about health care, per se, the reporter might actually have to understand something about the issue, but he can do a quick internet search to rehash Hillary's earlier health-care debacle.

Coming up with dirt on the candidate is the political reporter's favorite pastime — and they get plenty of help from the candidates' enemies, friends, acquaintances, even total strangers who are willing to pass on gossip. As first lady, Hillary Clinton has had a protective

coterie around her to deal with the press — and besides, reporters have a tendency to treat any president's family with more consideration than they do him. But as a candidate, Hillary will be fair game for every person with a political or personal ax to grind.

And then, there's the sheer drudgery of campaigning — endless appearances, saying the same thing over and over, shaking hands until they ache, smiling so hard you feel as if the muscles will become frozen in a grotesque grin.

Sure, Hillary's done it all before, each time Bill ran. But there's no comparison between being the candidate's spouse and being the candidate. Remember the flap when Hillary snapped at a reporter in the 1992 campaign that maybe she could have "stayed home and baked cookies" instead of being a high-powered lawyer? That kind of patronizing remark could cost a female candidate the election, but not her spouse. Hillary will have to watch her tongue carefully over the next several months.

But the worst part will come if she continues to fall further behind her opponent in the polls. Running for office is one of the most grueling marathons anyone can undertake, and when you're behind — and losing ground — it's just plain fun. Hillary could be spending the last year of Bill Clinton's presidency enjoying the honor of being the nation's first lady. Instead, she may end up just another underdog candidate in a losing campaign.

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## LETTERS

**Credit where it's due**  
I was most pleased when I read the editorial in *The Times-News* Sunday, Feb. 6, regarding *The United Way*. I was flattered and delighted to see such a positive observation of *The United Way*. I feel very strongly about the difference that *The United Way* has made in our community.  
However, I cannot take credit for the great strides that *The United Way* has made in the past four years. I have had the privilege of working with a wonderful, dedicated and committed board of directors. The board has indeed been interested in providing funding for programs that meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our community. I have also had the privilege of working with agencies who have made it their goal to provide programs that the community needs and the donors have requested.  
The United Way Board, our member agencies and the community make my job fun and rewarding. Thanks to all of you for the things you do to make our community a better place to live.  
A very special thank you to *The Times-News* for your positive reinforcement!  
DIANE BOYD  
Executive Director  
United Way of Magic Valley  
Twin Falls

**Easy way to understand.**  
Let's say a store sells milk. One is a large chain store. Milk is one of thousands of items it sells. The store can sell milk cheaply, knowing that it will make its profit from selling a lot of milk and selling many items besides milk. When I go to the large store, I am likely to buy my week's groceries, including several cartons of milk. The profit will be made over all the products.  
The other store is a small neighborhood store, probably a "CV" store. It doesn't sell a lot of milk, but as a convenience store, it wants to have milk on hand as a convenience, as well as bread, a little fruit, candy, ice cream and so on. People who go to a convenience store usually do not buy a lot of items. There are not as many items to make a profit from with each customer.  
Now it is the end of the week and I am out of milk. It was a long day at work and I only need milk and maybe a candy bar to keep me going until supper is on. The kids think they are starving and I am in a hurry. I may willingly pay 20 cents or 30 cents or even more to be able to rush into a convenience store, grab the milk, pick up that candy bar and be out several minutes faster with no crowds to contend with.  
Both stores must make a profit to pay their employees, the electric bills, the rent and so on. Each store does this in a different way to meet the needs of the community.  
Helen, I hope this helps.  
DEBRA ROUNDY  
Rupert

## LETTERS

**The shakedown begins**  
Well, here we go for another go-round on the school bond issue. beaten how many times prior to this one? The Jerome city-county elite, do-gooders and educated idiots will once again try to beat down the property-owning taxpayers to get their way with a school bond issue. What does it take or what will it take to get that certain group who think and feel they know so much better than we do to back off and try finding a better way of supporting a school bond issue? Like I've said each time before, it isn't that we don't want our kids to have the best in the way of schools, but let's find a way to obtain this money other than throwing the burden on just the property-owning taxpayer.  
I haven't heard one thing from that elite group of them trying to come up with a more applicable way of getting the money to build new schools or educational facilities. Why haven't they gotten off their duffs to think or dream up another way of doing this? How about the Idaho State Lottery, isn't it supposedly out there to help under-funded school districts? How about looking closer into the tax structure of city and county?  
Then there is the biggest item of all that should be taken into consideration: From whence and where does the flood of school population come? Have the brains taken a look at how many new students have been imported by the humongous dairy industry? In all fairness, can anyone say or think that, in proportion,

the dairies are paying their share of the load that they themselves have created?  
How about some sort of city and county sales tax, where even the kids themselves would be paying toward the building of their new schools. Ask ourselves, too, just how much of the Hispanic population of the city and county come under the heading of property-tax paying citizens.  
I assure you, if I will be the same group of "spate scientists" and always their "do-gooder" counterparts who will be spearheading this up and coming shakedown known as a school bond issue. What is this? Their fourth or the fifth shot at the "turkey"? If we beat them back this time, will they try again next year? Gets to be old hat after awhile.  
CHARLIE HALLERAN  
Jerome

**Time to put our foot down**  
To those of you who have written various letters concerning Jesse Thrush to the newspaper:  
The community have been accused of hate, wrecking Jesse Thrush's reunion with his fiancée, passing judgment on Judge Mechl and not letting go of the anger.  
First of all, I am sickened by how the blame has shifted. We did not kill Halley, Jesse Thrush did. This man abused his position of trust and took the life of a child.  
Second, we do not seek to revisit the tragedy as Donna Dingle's letter stated, nor do we seek to take the joy of Halley's life from her family. How unfair to put

that burden on us. We, the community, did not commit kill anyone. That burden rests squarely on Thrush's shoulders.  
Third, I for one am not dwelling on Halley's final moments of life. I have no desire to think of that time when Thrush committed this vicious act. However, as a parent and a member of this community, I am outraged by his sentence. I feel that the crime he committed is unacceptable and we should not tolerate suspending punishment for a person who kills a child, regardless of job title.  
What criteria needs to be met in order to punish a man who kills a child? Thrush is in God's jail as a trustee. He is there because officers are concerned for the safety of "one of their own." He has a job to go to, is paid for his work and appears to have a free run of the courthouse. Preferential treatment? That's how I see it. I also wonder why anyone would ever think we could owe Judge Mechl an apology if he was to impose a stiffer sentence. He offered Thrush the option of writing an "essay" of his future intentions in exchange for jail time. I wonder if Thrush will still do it "How to get away with murder." I feel the judgment that was given shows an incredibly bad example of bias in the courtroom.  
We as a community, a state and a country need to put our foot down. Not for just the loss of Halley but the loss of any child in the future. I want my child insulated from the injustices in the world so they may live.  
KELLY CORNADO  
Jerome

## Doonesbury



## By Garry Trudeau



## Mallard Fillmore



## By Bruce Tinsley





OPINION

LETTERS

Diversify or die

Are Idahoans capable of learning from history? As I see the charade we call the legislative process...

industry imported slaves.

Tobacco virtually dominated areas such as Kentucky and North Carolina. As the economy became less diversified and more dependent...

that they now have to stand in line for government assistance.

CAFOs now dominate the little agrarian valley along the Snake River in Idaho. Do you see public officials, influenced and purchased...

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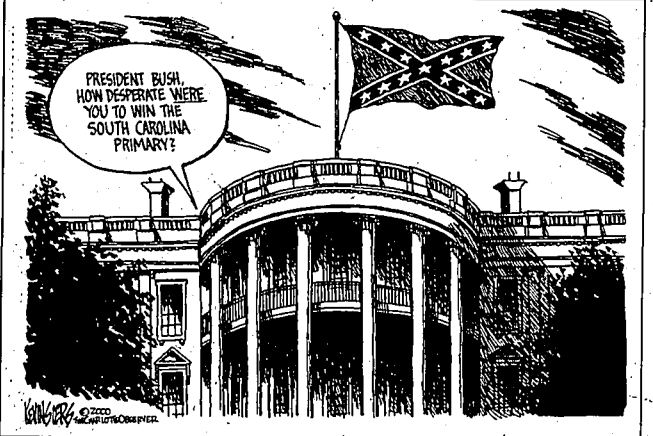
We live two miles northeast of the old C and Y operation in Raft River, directly downwind of the proposed hog facility...

the expense of the families who have worked for decades building a life...

Regarding Daniel Wilcox's letter on the Lottery money, I agree wholeheartedly and wonder about the same things he does...

Something is wrong, and the solution should "not" be raising the sales or cigarette taxes.

Now I ask, is it possible the schools are "not" getting their fair share of the Lottery? I wonder, as when the Lottery first started...



George W. might do just like Dad - and lose

George W. Bush's snub of the California Republican convention represents a disgrace rooted in the belief that the GOP machinery ultimately guarantees him the presidential nomination...

DOUG GAMBLE

are flat and uninspiring. One senses that the Bush camp wouldn't recognize a soaring phrase or elegant passage if it came wrapped around a wad of campaign cash...

endorsement of 44 senators and the party bosses. So far, he has not been as adept at convincing people he's ready to be president as his Austin crowd has been at fooling the GOP hierarchy into believing his victory is inevitable...

to the New Hampshire debacle, Bush guru Karl Rove, fancies himself another Lee Atwater, the now-deceased brilliant strategist who led the 1988 campaign of Bush the elder...

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## Kempthorne signs tobacco trust

**BOISE (AP)** — Flanked by fifth-graders well aware of the detriments of smoking, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Monday signed into law creation of the trust for Idaho's tobacco settlement payments.

"Idaho forever will have this money to spend on programs like this," the governor said after explaining the trust to the 18 students and quizzing them on what they had learned so far in the "Tar Wars" anti-smoking program.

"It might cause cancer and stuff" one girl replied while another called smoking "a waste of money."

The bill, the first enacted in the 2000 election-year session, cleared both houses overwhelmingly despite some grumbling that there was no requirement to spend at least some of the trust proceeds on anti-smoking and other substance abuse programs.

The open-ended annual pay-



ments are scheduled to fluctuate between \$23 million and \$31 million but will be increased at least 3 percent a year to offset inflation while being reduced to reflect any decline in tobacco use.

In fact, the payment due this April will be reduced a net 8 percent to about \$14 million to reflect a drop in tobacco consumption in 1998 and 1999.

And Kempthorne used that circumstance to reinforce the value of creating the trust, called the Idaho Millennium Fund, with the annual payments rather than simply dumping the money into the budget and spending it.

"If all the states are effective

with their programs, and smoking begins to drop off, these payments will drop off," he said, but the cash Idaho banks in the trust will perpetually produce interest that can augment regular budget revenues.

"This is what I think is so important, that we do what is best for the long term for Idaho," governor said. He gave a pen-used-in-the-signing-ceremony fifth-grader Ellen Hallbach and later gave each of her classmates and teacher Vicki Elkins similar pens.

If payments stay relatively on track for the next decade or so and the trust earns the 8 percent return Treasurer Ron Crane has called realistic, the trust will total over \$300 million in 2010 and will be generating \$16 million a year and more for general programs. The fund could hit \$1 billion and pay out \$50 million a year in 2025.

## EPA moves to allow Idaho to clean up rivers

The Associated Press

Officials say the federal government has maintained control over the state's water because Idaho has not taken responsibility until now.

The office of Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, says the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is initiating a process to remove Idaho from its National Pollution Discharge Elimination Act that could give Idaho a shot at reining in its own

water pollution.

Crapo praised the move to hand over control of Idaho's rivers to the state, saying that removing Idaho from the National Toxics Rule list will speed up the development of site-specific standards for water quality. Crapo oversees the Environmental Protection Agency's activities as a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

But Crapo warned that writing site-specific standards may not happen quickly.

"The end result should be a cleanup that assures human and environmental health," Crapo said. "We believe removal from the National Toxics Rule will result in effective and reasoned cleanup, happening much sooner than would have been otherwise possible."

State officials are working to establish regulations, collectively called a total maximum daily load, which the state likens to a pollution budget of what is allowed in rivers.

## Clean Water Act drops to Crapo's subcommittee

**BOISE (AP)** — Sen. Mike Crapo will now serve as the point man in the U.S. Senate regarding reform of the federal Clean Water Act.

Crapo chairs the subcommittee given that jurisdiction by a unanimous vote of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Committee Chairman Bob Smith of New Hampshire made the recommendation to move the Clean Water Act from the full committee level to Crapo's subcommittee.

The decision means that, as chairman, Crapo will direct the debate regarding both the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act.

"The Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Acts and their implementation has huge implications for my home state of Idaho and other western states," Crapo said.

The act deals with the nation's water supplies. It may play a key role in Idaho issues such as salmon recovery, agricultural and grazing practices, logging and developmental pressures.

## Residents consider eastern Idaho highway dangerous

**DRIGGS (AP)** — Residents and officials are fearful of State Highway 33, saying drivers go too fast and pass other cars recklessly. Teton County Sheriff Dave Oveson also has taken notice, saying heavy traffic and speeding have created a dangerous situation on the highway.

He is trying to get the Idaho Department of Transportation to lower the speed limit from 65

mph to 55 mph on Highway 33 from Teton to the Wyoming state line.

Oveson said that since the speed limit was increased in late 1998, the number of accidents and near-accidents has risen.

But the Department of Transportation has said it has found no evidence that lowering the speed limit would make the highway safer.

In November 1999, Dwight Bower, director of the Idaho Transportation Department, wrote Oveson saying the speed limit was set after an extensive speed-study analysis.

He said the highway was most recently studied in September 1999 and researchers found that the accident rate was somewhat lower since the change.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Hansen gun bill passes the House

**BOISE** - The House Monday gave unanimous approval to a bill making it unlawful for any person to possess a firearm or other deadly or dangerous weapon while on school property or at a school-sponsored event.

Sponsored and drafted by Rep. Randy Hansen, R-Twin Falls, the bill is the result of an odd coalition of educators, law enforcement groups, lawmakers and gun-advocate groups. A similar bill passed the Legislature last year, but was vetoed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who was worried that it would not stand up in court.

Kempthorne has said he would be receptive to a bill that addresses his concerns.

The bill will now be considered by the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee.

### Ambulance merger should go through soon

**TWIN FALLS** - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center officials are hoping this complete a merger this week to combine paramedic services in Jerome County and Twin Falls County.

At Monday's monthly hospital board meeting, Chief Financial Officer Art Tanner said officials are working out the final details of a contract to complete the merger. The deal would combine Unistar Enterprises LLC's paramedic service and MVRMC's paramedic service.

The merger would create a regional operation providing paramedic services to both counties. Four new ambulances would be stationed at locations outside Twin Falls, and 14 employees would be added to the hospital's payroll. The final cost of the merger has not been determined.

### Legislators pull off Valentine's surprises

**BOISE** - The melodies of love drifted around the Statehouse corridors briefly Monday, when House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, and Rep. Ceila Gould, R-Buhl, had each other serenaded Monday as a Valentine's surprise.

The husband-and-wife legislative duo both hired the same barber-shop quartet to sing to their spouse without the other's knowledge.

However, it appeared the couple had some help from fellow legislators in surprising one another.

"I think I've been double-crossed," Gould said to her colleagues when she realized her plans had been turned on her.

The amusing incident happened during a brief recess during House business.

"I'm not sure who I have to thank for this, but I imagine you had some help," said Newcomb, looking at her husband while laughing appreciatively at the gesture.

### Idaho officials to honor top students today

**TWIN FALLS** - Among local officials honoring local students today will be two-time national Merit Award winners. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

Sen. Larry Craig, Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard, state Controller J.D. Williams, and local State Board of Education member Curtis Eaton.

The ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. in the auditorium at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School.

Twenty-four students from area schools will receive bronze or silver medals.

Students must accomplish individual goals in public service, personal development, physical fitness and experiential exploration to earn the awards, the only sponsored by Congress.

### GOP plans Lincoln Day observances tonight

**TWIN FALLS** - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and Sen. Larry Craig will speak at the Twin Falls County Republicans' Lincoln Day Banquet tonight.

The two politicians will talk about legislative issues.

The evening will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. followed by the prime rib dinner and program at 7 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person.

For tickets or more information, call Twin Falls County Central Republican members Gretchen Clelland at 326-4257 or Mike Mathews at 735-0712.

Compiled from staff reports



Scott Guinn, a Twin Falls Highway District worker, cuts a tree limb that fell into a power line on South Blue Lakes Boulevard. A brief but intense thunder cell passed through the Magic Valley Monday afternoon, downing trees and leaving many valley residents without electricity.

## Storms bring in an ill wind

By Brian Haynes  
Times-News writer

### Note to readers

Monday's storm damaged a satellite antenna atop the Times-News building in Twin Falls, disrupting reception of news and photos from national wire services. Some items may be missing from today's edition.

**TWIN FALLS** - A powerful thunderstorm knocked down power lines, swatted tree limbs and blew off a rooftop as it blasted through the Magic Valley Monday.

Winds gusted up to 79 mph in Twin Falls and 58 mph in Jerome as the storm moved east, leaving a trail of damage in its wake.

Downed tree limbs and power lines blocked several roads around the valley, including sections of U.S. Highway 30 near Murtaugh and Blue Lakes Boulevard South.

The storm knocked down power lines, toppled power poles, sparked pole fires and caused "just about everything in the lineman's handbook," Idaho Power spokesman Dennis Lopez said.

About 10,000 Idaho Power customers from Buhl to Hazelton

were without power Monday evening. Earlier in the day about 1,500 customers in and around Glens Ferry were powerless, he said.

Idaho Power workers were fixing problems as quickly as possible, but Lopez said he didn't know when power would be restored to all customers. The utility expected to have crews working through the night to recover power.

Because of the power outage, the Twin Falls City Council held

its 5 p.m. meeting by flashlight before power was restored just before 6 p.m.

In Gooding County, strong winds ripped off a chunk of rooftop, put a two-car shed on its side and knocked over a pivot.

The gusts also caused a couple of accidents on Interstate 84 near the Hagerman exit.

In one accident, an empty pup trailer blew over. It was being towed behind a semi truck and a full-sized trailer, he said.

Less than a mile up the highway, another semi truck and trailer were knocked on their sides by the winds, he said.

In Mini-Cassia, the sudden wind and thunderstorm blew out a sign at the Taco Bell and caused other damage. Several trees were blown over in the 1800 block of Burton Avenue in Burley, the Cassia County sheriff's department reported.

Elsewhere in Idaho, a 64-year-

old Caldwell woman was critically injured when a gust toppled a large tree onto her car west of the city.

A tornado warning was momentarily issued for northern Blaine County in eastern Idaho. There was an unconfirmed report of a tornado north of the Pocatello Municipal Airport but no reports that it touched down or caused damages.

An air traffic controller in Pocatello said the storm knocked out power and prompted the cancellation of some flights.

The cold front that carried the storm had moved beyond the Magic Valley by early evening, but the high winds were expected to last until about 8 p.m.

Forecasts call for a 20 percent chance of rain today.

The Associated Press and Times-News staff writer Loraine Gavenor contributed to this report.

## New commissioner is already hard at work

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

### Who's who?

Bill Brockman, appointed to the commission last fall, will serve as chairman of the three-member commission, which runs Twin Falls County government. Gary Grindstaff, sworn in Monday, is vice chairman. Marvin Hempleman, a longtime commissioner, rounds out the commission.

**TWIN FALLS** - The county's newest commissioner was sworn into office Monday morning, and he soon was at work voting on livestock issues.

And he is already likely to face opposition in the fall, from a longtime environmental activist.

amid a room full of family and friends, Gary Grindstaff, 59, took his oath of office Monday from Clerk Bob For.

Grindstaff, appointed Thursday by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to the commission, remained modest about his new \$39,390-a-year job.

"I'm just happy to be here," said Grindstaff, smiling.

Wasting no time after the ceremonies, Commissioner Bill Brockman asked for the commission's support of a recently organized confined animal feeding operation site advisory team.

The team, including state

Agriculture Department and Division of Environmental Quality members, would help planning and zoning commissions in Twin Falls, Cassia and Jerome counties determine whether a proposed site and the surrounding area can handle a large operation.

The regional group would survey a proposed CAFO's application and site. The team would make its determination based on technical and scientific analysis.

"It seems to be a great service that the county needed," Brockman said. "We needed some advice when siting

these CAFOs."

Grindstaff and Commissioner Marvin Hempleman voted to support the task force.

Buhl activist Bill Chisholm, who said Monday he will run against Grindstaff, said the task force has its limitations.

"I was on the task force committee and there are still some serious shortcomings in terms of the cumulative impacts in certain areas," said Chisholm, who has run as a Democrat and as an independent in previous local elections.

Chisholm is one of several activists who sued in November 1993 against the county's planning and zoning commission and commissioners regarding the approval of Jerry Visser's 2,400-acre dairy about two miles north of Balanced Rock. Chisholm has also pushed in the past for livestock moratoriums, and said Monday he will request another moratorium this month.

In other county business, the

commission supported a proposed federal lands pilot project.

The project includes a federal lands committee task force made up of ranchers from Twin Falls and Cassia counties.

The project is designed to help manage federal lands on a state level. Committee members would work with federal land officials on managing local land issues, Brockman said.

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Grindstaff and Hempleman supported Brockman's letter.

## 35 more days: Cassia keeps livestock moratorium

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

### Big Sky makes land buy

**RAFT RIVER** - The man proposing a 50,000-sow feeding operation in eastern Cassia County purchased the land for it Friday.

Ron Acha sold his wife Amy closed the deal Friday, purchasing the C&Y Farm property, owned by Bolo magnate J.R. Simpson, in the Raft River area for \$3.75 million.

The closing date had been pushed back from Jan. 15. The date was then postponed by another two weeks, Acha Monday said he met the revised deadline.

**BURLEY** - Cassia County commissioners voted Monday to let stand a moratorium on large-scale confined animal feeding operations for 35 more days.

That short-term decision didn't draw much criticism from the people who had urged the county to repeal its ban on livestock operations with more than 10,000 animal units.

"I think they're waiting for the Legislature and that's fine," said Ron Acha, the developer proposing a 50,000-sow feeding

operation that might not be affected by the moratorium, believe the moratorium creates a hostile business climate.

Burley Mayor Doug Manning said Monday the county's deci-

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## License to build

### Council approves part of developer's commercial plans

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - A power outage knocked lights at City Hall Monday, causing the council to work with light from battery-powered flashlights.

Business went on as usual, though, and the council approved Craig H. Neilsen's Canyon Park West planned-unit development agreement, a move that will bring another retail and commercial development to Twin Falls.

Ken Edmunds, a consultant to Neilsen, said construction on Canyon Park West should begin "by mid-summer."

The plan got the go-ahead after city staff and developers ironed out a sticking point from last week's meeting. The issue of building colors had left some council members concerned.

City staff and Neilsen representatives agreed building exteriors should be painted in "muted earth tones." Accent colors can be used "if they do not create continuous vertical or horizontal stripes and will not cover more than 10 percent of the exterior wall surface."

Canyon Park West isn't Neilsen's only proposal.

Neilsen, a former Twin Falls resident now living in Las Vegas, has also proposed developing a commercial and retail development on 13 acres just north of Canyon Park West, called Canyon Park North.

Neilsen has planned retail stores, several restaurants and two hotels on the property.

The council approved a zoning change on about six acres of Canyon Park North at its meeting last week.

Neilsen also proposed putting a 175-room and 15,000-

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## Surveillance allegations prompt charges

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - A Burley man was charged with trespassing last week after his downstairs tenant found a video camera inside her heating vent.

Darryl Allen Hedges, 30, of Burley was issued a summons Thursday to appear in court later this month on two misdemeanor charges of trespassing.

Each count carries a maximum sentence of six months in prison and a maximum \$300 fine.

Janice Welsh had been renting a basement apartment for two months when she noticed light hitting an object in her vent, according to a Cassia County sheriff's report. Upon looking with a flashlight, she saw what she thought to be a camera.

Sheriff's officials were called to investigate and also noticed what appeared to be a microphone inside the vent, the report said.

Upon obtaining a search warrant, officials found wires leading from the downstairs air duct to a videocassette recorder, according to a sworn affidavit signed by Sgt. Tim Little.

When Hedges arrived home, while officers were investigating, he said he would cooperate and revealed several videos he had, the affidavit said.

The second count of trespassing stems from a similar incident. He is charged with having the video and audio equipment in place during the summer of 1999, when a different tenant lived in the apartment.

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# Range improves under public eye

**BOISE (AP)** - Public awareness is gradually beginning to contribute to the improving health of the western range, but the president of the International Society of Range Management believes population-driven development remains the biggest threat to open land.

"A lot of people don't think about rangeland much, but slowly over time that awareness is growing," Johnson said on Monday during a break in the Society's 53rd annual meeting in Boise.

The society and its 4,000 members around the world works with governments and local interest groups to make people aware of the fragility of the range and ways to use it without abusing it. His example is off-roads sticking to trails rather than cutting cross-country in the vehicles and tearing new tracks into the land.

"We've still got a long way to go," he acknowledged, and pointed out that "unregulated, unrestrained development is the biggest threat to the range."

Much of that development is on private land, focusing on the best pieces of ground, and Johnson said controlling it "becomes a local responsibility and a landholder responsibility."

The impact is substantial every year, he said, "not so much in terms of the total area occupied...It's where it's placed. It's that fragmentation, the separation of the water, the better parts from the drier parts."

"There's a reason all the land in public ownership in Idaho is still in public ownership," he said. "It's because it's too dry."

# Jerome mulls irrigation issues

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** - The Jerome City Council will deal with setting this year's city irrigation assessments in a special meeting tonight.

The assessments are up 3 percent from last year. The council approved a \$99,983 budget for the 1999-2000 irrigation operating budget, compared with \$97,973 in 1998-99.

According to council agenda information, the major difference in the budget is in salaries, due to the implementation of the new salary plan.

The increase for a customer with a standard lot of 6,250 square feet would be \$1.19, from \$40.31 in 1999 to \$41.50 in 2000.

There is a cash balance of \$45,000 in the irrigation fund. City staff has been budgeting to increase cash flows because the fund was running in the red a few years ago.

Public Works Director Bob

**Meetings**  
A special meeting of the Jerome City Council is scheduled 5 p.m. today in council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A. At that meeting the council will set irrigation assessments for 2000. The regularly scheduled council meeting will follow at 7 p.m. in council chambers. The public is welcome.

Culver has indicated that several projects that could be completed if some of the cash carryover were used in the 2000-01 budget year.

It's regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. today will hold a public hearing on a U.S. Department of Justice local law enforcement block grant for \$31,284. The Jerome Police Department has been awarded the grant for training and materials related to law-enforcement functions. A public hearing is required before using the grant.

In other business:

The council will also vote on a proposed ordinance to require a developer to get written permission from the North Side Canal Company, subdivision owners, and all other concerned users of irrigation water near the subdivision, if the developer alters the existing irrigation system in any way. This written approval is required for a preliminary permit request by the developer, and is to be presented to the council along with the plat request.

The council will consider a lease agreement with Dess Johnson to use ground next to the city water tower treatment plant. In the past Johnson has leased about 22 acres of city property. That lease has expired and needs to be renewed.

The 1999 lease agreement between Johnson and the city was for \$1,250 from April 1 to Nov. 1. All terms and conditions are expected to be the same as last year's agreement.

# SERVICES

Virgie Packer of Tooele, Utah, and formerly of Jerome, services at 1 p.m. today at the Jerome

Seventh Ward Chapel on North Lincoln Street in Jerome; friends may call one hour before the

funeral at the church (Hoverson). Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

# DEATH NOTICES

**Alice Mae House**  
HAZELTON - Alice Mae House, 79, of Hazelton, died Monday, Feb. 14, 2000, at her home. Services are to be announced by White Mortuary of Twin Falls.

**Arlie K. Risser**  
TWIN FALLS - Arlie K. Risser, 84, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Feb. 14, 2000, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary of Twin Falls.

**Jane Orchard**, 103, of Beaverton, Ore., and formerly of Gooding and Rupert, died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2000, in Beaverton. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 2000, at the Church of the Nazarene in Gooding, and at 3 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary in Rupert; with burial to follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

**Randall E. Russell**  
TWIN FALLS - Randall E. Russell, 70, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Feb. 14, 2000, at his residence. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

**Ardyth Johnson Zaring**  
LAYTON, Utah - Ardyth Johnson Zaring, 64, of Layton, Utah, and formerly of Richfield, died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2000, in Layton, Utah.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2000, at Lindquist Funeral Home in Layton, Utah. A viewing will be held from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000, at the funeral home.

# Grand jury charges six with murder

**LEWISTON (AP)** - Police have arrested six people, including the ex-husband of one of the victims, in connection with the deaths of Donna Fontaine and Fred Palaniuk, whose bodies were found last May in a burning building near Kendrick in north-central Idaho.

Latah County Prosecutor William Thompson said all six people were arrested last weekend. Five were being held in Idaho and one in Missouri.

The grand jury indictments, unsealed late Sunday on the order of 2nd District Judge John Stegner, charged Dale Shackelford of Ironton, Mo., Fontaine's former husband, with two counts of first-degree murder and one count each of conspiracy to commit first-degree murder, first-degree arson and preparing false evidence. He was being held without bond.

father, John, was charged with perjury.

Two others, Bernadette Lasater, who has homes in both Potosi, Mo., and Kendrick, and Martha Millar, who lives in Missouri, were charged with preparing false evidence.

Many details were still unclear. A few weeks ago Shackelford and Lasater called a news conference in Kendrick to give their version of how the deaths of Fontaine, 44, a lawyer and former city attorney from Pilot Knob, Mo., and Palaniuk, 59, of Newman Lake, Wash., might have occurred.

Lasater, 33, said she traded drugs and sex to a man in return for him disposing of Shackelford's ex-wife, Donna Fontaine. Lasater claimed, intended to help Lasater's husband get a divorce trial and custody of the couple's two children in retaliation for an incident she said occurred there in Shackelford.

Lasater, who was working for Shackelford at his trucking business in Missouri, said she left her children with Millar, who also worked for the trucking company, and went into hiding because

she feared for her safety. Her husband was reported missing in Missouri last month.

Shackelford said that he traced Lasater to Utah and brought her to Kendrick to put her in enough of a spotlight that no one would be able to harm her.

Shackelford was serving 15 years in prison on a sodomy conviction when he met Fontaine, who was teaching a junior college class for inmates. The two married in 1996, a year after he was paroled.

In 1997, Shackelford said, the couple came to Kendrick where Fontaine's brother was building a home. They bought property together, he said, and after they separated, he bought separate land and a house.

But the next year, shortly before their divorce was final, rape charges were brought by Fontaine against Shackelford for an incident she said occurred the previous July. At a preliminary hearing 30 days before she died, Shackelford was charged with forcible rape, forcible sodomy, felonious restraint and second degree assault against Fontaine.

**HOSPITALS**

**MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**  
Some names are omitted at patient's request.  
Admitted:  
Courtney Thurn of Kimberly, and Calvin G. Perkins of Twin Falls.

**MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
Some names are omitted at patient's request.  
Admitted:  
Mable Lee Marantha, Esmerelda Guzman and Michelle Tarpley, all of Rupert; Victoria Holland and Adriana Navera and baby boy, all of Burley; and Bethany Hill and Rita Palomo, both of Heyburn.

Discharged:  
Carina Ochoco and baby boy, and Adriana Navera and baby boy, all of Burley; Jade Johnson and Floy Rau, both of Paul; and Michelle Tarpley, Esmerelda Guzman, Melissa Y. Andrews, Chato Geo. Bob Burling, and Halayna Tuppi, all of Rupert.

# OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0933, 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.

## BOISE

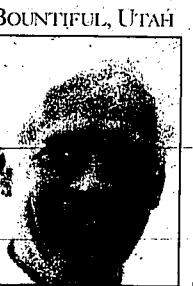
**Violet R. (Oneida) Eldredge**  
Violet R. (Oneida) Eldredge, 90, a resident of Boise, and formerly of Shoshone, died Friday, February 11, 2000, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, of heart failure.

Violet was born on September 2, 1909, in Mackay, Idaho, the daughter of John Willford and Richard Ann Harris Howard. She graduated from Shoshone High School and the Twin Falls Business College. In 1929, Vi married "A. F." Fat "Oneida" Shoshone, Idaho. Fat operated the Palace Pool Hall until his death in 1966. Vi spent many of her early married years assisting Fat's family in the operation of the Oneida Boarding House. After completing her business degree, she worked for the Soil Conservation Service for five years. After Fat's death, she ran the pool hall until it was sold. In 1972, Vi married Kenneth Eldredge of Boise, Idaho, where she lived until her death.

## BOUNTIFUL, UTAH

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Harris "Harry," Leonard "Doc" and Yardley "Stew" Howard.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 16, 2000, at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel, with Bishop Ross Gedeberg conducting. Burial will be in the Shoshone Cemetery in Shoshone. Family members and friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Chapel.



**George S. Telford**

George Steven Telford, age 49, died February 13, 2000, in Bountiful, Utah, from esophageal cancer. He was born July 9, 1950, to Dr. Victor Virgil Telford and Iola Adams in Denver, Colo. George married Nancee Lyn Jamison in Boise, Idaho, and they had three daughters, Heather, Hollee and Haylee. He married Nancy Parratt on October 12, 1998. George was a Commercial and Mortgage Banker, and received his undergraduate degree in accounting and real estate at Boise State University, where he later completed his MBA in finance and banking. He was also a graduate of Pacific Coast Banking School and COIM. He was active in community and civil affairs, and served in the US Navy during Vietnam.

## WILLIS 'BILL' WHITTLE

Willis "Bill" Whittle, 89, of Oakley, Idaho, died Friday, February 11, 2000, in Mesa, Arizona.

Bill, a retired farmer and potato inspector, could hike anything. He worked many years managing men, fixing equipment and farming with W.B. Whitley. Bill was the last surviving child of William F. and Ada Brim Whittle. He was married for 64 years to the late Rada May Smith, also of Oakley.

He is survived by his daughter Jackie Andrus Jespersen; by five grandchildren, Kelli Burube, Kaye Lynn Hulsh, Lori Lane, Del Andrus and Jared Andrus; and eight great-grandchildren.

## OAKLEY

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, February 18, 2000, in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel in Oakley.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday, February 16, 2000, at Larkin Mortuary, 260 E. Temple in Salt Lake City. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, and one hour prior to the services. Graveside services and interment will be Sunset Memorial Home in Twin Falls, Idaho, on Wednesday afternoon.

# Moscow man spearheads bike project

**MOSCOW (AP)** - Resident David Peckham plans to return to Ghana, Africa this month with 400 bicycles to help create a new form of transportation in the third-world country.

Peckham, 46, traveled last year to Ghana to teach Africans how to use and repair bicycles. In a place where only 1 percent of the population can afford cars, Peckham hopes to set up a bike import business to help make bicycles Ghana's mainstream transportation.

"Accra, the capital, has a bicycle trade center, but Peckham says the bikes sold there are

overpriced. He has found interested purchasers for bicycles and parts in Ghana and is trying to involve Taiwanese manufacturers to help provide cheaper bike repairs for the Africans.

During his three-month stay, Peckham like to have potential investors evaluate if continuous bike shipments from the United States can be profitable.

Meanwhile, the donated bikes will be sold to cover the shipping costs of more than \$5,000.

"Giveaway charity doesn't work," Peckham said. "We must think of developmental efforts within the market context to have something sustainable."

He intends to sell bikes to rural villagers so they will have a way to reach the city and sell their goods. He also plans to talk to credit unions about loaning money to entrepreneurs to set up a bicycle taxi business.

Peckham has taken on the Village Bike Project largely on his own, working through contacts he made as a volunteer with the International Friendship Association.

**OAKLEY**

**Willis 'Bill' Whittle**  
Willis "Bill" Whittle, 89, of Oakley, Idaho, died Friday, February 11, 2000, in Mesa, Arizona.

Bill, a retired farmer and potato inspector, could hike anything. He worked many years managing men, fixing equipment and farming with W.B. Whitley. Bill was the last surviving child of William F. and Ada Brim Whittle. He was married for 64 years to the late Rada May Smith, also of Oakley.

He is survived by his daughter Jackie Andrus Jespersen; by five grandchildren, Kelli Burube, Kaye Lynn Hulsh, Lori Lane, Del Andrus and Jared Andrus; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, February 18, 2000, in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel in Oakley.

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# An affordable place to dwell

## Senior center hopes to open low-income apartments

By Lorraine Cavenor  
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Rupert Senior Center leaders hope to build an apartment complex, providing affordable housing for seniors and revenue to help support the center.

Melody Fox, the center's site manager, asked Minidoka County commissioners on Monday for their blessing on a feasibility study for the complex, which she plans to propose to the Idaho branch of Mercy Housing Inc.

Between 12 and 16 units could be built next to the senior center, Fox said. Rent would be about \$30 a month for one-bedroom units or \$375 for two-bedroom units.

The feasibility study and the proposed apartment complex would not cost the county any money, but Fox wanted to fill in the commissioners' and make sure there were no objections.

center sometimes has a hard time meeting monthly bills.

Although the center gets some federal money for meals, the money is not nearly enough to cover the \$5,000 monthly cost of feeding 70 to 140 people each day.

Commissioners wanted to know if the non-profit status of the property where the apartments would be built would take away potential property tax income.

"The land isn't generating taxes now," said Dale Thrall, chairman of the senior center board.

"Right now it just gets mowed," Fox said.

A representative from Mercy Housing Inc. told Fox that even though the Rupert Senior Center could not provide matching funds for the feasibility study, the Mercy organization could provide the center to provide the feasibility study and to help build the apartments, she said.

Commissioners had no objections to the proposal. Fox plans to take the proposal to the Rupert City Council today and then submit a proposal to Mercy on Thursday, she said.

The senior center operates on fundraising efforts such as pancake breakfasts, dinner parties, bingo games and auctions, Fox said. The center receives between \$2,000 and \$3,000 per year from the county.

John F. Ober, who owns the center and pays the utilities, but with the rising cost of living, the center sometimes has a hard time meeting monthly bills.

"One of the nice things about it," Thrall said, "is that seniors who can't drive and are stuck at home would be able to walk over and have meals."

Fox said C Street Manor and Sunset Manor, two other affordable-housing complexes in Rupert, have waiting lists. The project probably would not conflict with The Crosshair development, which is another low-to-medium-income housing project in Rupert. Big Valley Elementary School, Fox said, the feasibility study would find

out, she said.

In another issue relevant to local seniors, the commissioners agreed Monday to extend their local subsidy of van service for the elderly, but they asked for a progress report every three months.

Mini-Cassia Area Transit, a transportation service of Valley Vista, is receiving \$6,000 a year from the county on a trial basis. Phyllis Perotto, facility manager of Valley Vista Care Service, and Vicki Vail, transportation manager for Valley Vista, reviewed the service with commissioners.

Ridership is growing, Vail said. There were about 500 riders in November and more than 600 in January, Perotto said.

Perotto said many of the riders were from within Rupert city limits. The city does not contribute to the service.

"We need to put the bite on the city on this," Commissioner Larry Harper said.

Medicaid subsidizes the service for riders who qualify and use the van for medical trips, Perotto said.

The transportation service asks riders for a \$2 to \$4 donation for a ride, but riders who can't pay are not turned away, Perotto said. The only time people are turned down is when there is a scheduling conflict.

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# Alternative program might grow

By Lorraine Cavenor  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — An alternative school program that has been serving 12 junior high students will expand to include high school students — as many as 72 students in all.

The School Board approved the expansion of the Cassia County Alternative Education Center on Monday.

Lauri Bailey, principal of the Cassia Regional Technical Education Center, said expanding the program to include high school-age students will help prevent kids from dropping out or getting into trouble with the law.

Some students had babies and dropped out because they could

not take their babies on the bus to go to the Mini-Cassia Opportunity Center, which is in Rupert, Bailey said.

Those students and others who can't get to the opportunity center will be able to take advantage of the expanded Burley center, she said.

Board members said they were impressed with the proposal, partly because it allowed alternative students to take advantage of the Cassia Regional Technical Center to help them gain credits and help them gain job skills.

The facility uses a remodeled shop, owned by the school district, on West 17th Street in Burley. The new program would add another classroom and a conference room/office for a juvenile probation officer.

One of the services for students would be day care offered as a life skills course. Students can pay for day care services by working at the center, by working with school cleanup, or by paying a minimal charge.

Students with children will be expected to spend a little time working at the center.

The alternative school staff includes a drug and alcohol counselor and rehabilitation specialist as well as a juvenile probation officer.

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# Work release bill sails through House

The Times-News

BOISE — The House Monday gave unanimous approval to a bill proclaiming that an inmate on a work-release program is considered an escapee if he leaves a work site.

The measure was drafted by

Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, after Jerome County Prosecutor John Lothspeich prosecuted a Jerome County man on a charge of escape after he left his job in Twin Falls last year.

During the trial, the man's defense attorney claimed the defendant was not in custody

when he left the site with his wife and therefore not an escapee.

Lothspeich's prosecution was successful, but he asked Bell to help close this possible loophole with legislation.

The measure will now go to the Senate-Judiciary-and-Rules Committee.

# Anti-hunger advocates applaud tax removal bill

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)

Anti-hunger advocates gathered to draw attention to the plight of Utah's hungry and to what is being done by lawmakers to solve the issue.

The advocates, who called a news conference at the Capitol Sunday, applauded a bill which would remove the sales tax on food. It was introduced late last

week into the Senate Rules Committee.

Sponsored by Sen. Mike Waddoups, R-Taylorville, the bill would remove the tax on food while raising taxes on nonfood items to make up the difference in revenue.

It is a new approach to the food-tax issue, which Gov. Mike Leavitt this year has tied to his effort to

impose a tax on Internet sales.

Because Waddoups' bill is revenue-neutral, activists for Utah's poor are hopeful it may receive positive attention from the Legislature this year.

"It makes a great deal of economic sense and moral sense," said Steven Epperson, minister for the South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society.

# Livestock

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comment until Thursday evening.

Commissioner Dennis Crane said the county doesn't think the moratorium's economic impact is that negative. Besides, the issue is in flux. The Division of Environmental Quality's pro-

posed rules have to get through two legislative committees, and other bills are also on the table.

Aside from the DEQ's rules regarding water quality operations, Senate Bill 1400 offers counties optional guidelines for siting large livestock operations, and at least two

other bills are anticipated that would supplement the DEQ's temporary rules.

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# Plan

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square-foot convention center on the other seven acres of the Canyon Park North property.

The council last week approved Neilsen's zoning change request for his Canyon Park East development.

"Canyon Park East is located on 12 acres east of Blue Lakes Boulevard and north of BEEdgeview Boulevard. Neilsen plans to put a retail and commercial development on this property," Edmunds said construction should also begin soon on the approved sections of Canyon Park North and Canyon Park East.

"There will be quite a bit this year," he said.

# Sorting out the project

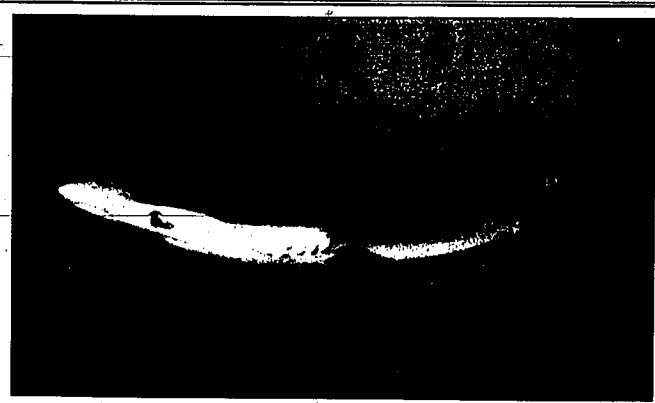
A quick rundown on Neilsen and Co.'s Canyon Park projects: Canyon Park East is 12 acres to the east of Blue Lakes Boulevard, earmarked for retail and commercial use. The City Council approved a rezoning plan for the land earlier this month.

Canyon Park North: About 13 acres west of Blue Lakes Boulevard. This phase would include a hotel and convention center, several restaurants, more retail stores and a smaller hotel.

A zoning change was approved Monday for the six acres of the property that would have retail stores, restaurants and the smaller hotel. The city's Planning and Zoning Commission plans to review the hotel and convention center proposal on the rest of the Canyon Park North property before a zone change request is heard by the City Council.

Canyon Park West: Located just south of Canyon Park North, Canyon Park West, approved Monday, would include retail and commercial development.

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A blue shark cruises off the California coast in this undated file photo. A decline in sharks has Marine experts worried about the quality and balance of the ocean ecosystem.

# Shark experts call for management

PACIFIC GROVE, Calif. (AP) — Leading marine researchers say the scariest thing that could happen with sharks isn't that they might be lurking in the murky depths. It's that they might not.

Calling for an "International Action Plan for Sharks," shark experts gathered at the world's largest pelagic shark conference said the deep sea creatures are in serious decline, threatened by overfishing for their fins and meat.

"There's a sense of urgency here," said David Wilmore of the Islip, N.Y.-based Ocean Wildlife Campaign. "We really don't think sharks can wait any longer."

More than 100 million sharks are caught each year by crews from 125 countries. Of those, only four — Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the U.S. — have implemented management plans for the sharks.

"Beyond national boundaries, shark fishing is a free for all," said Merry Camhi of the National Audubon Society's Living Oceans Program.

Large pelagic sharks, the massive species that live in the deep sea rather than in coastal waters, are particularly at risk of being fished out of existence as demand for their fins increases,

experts said.

Populations of several species, including the dusky and sandbar, have dropped 80 percent in just 10 years, according to the Ocean Wildlife Campaign.

Off the Hawaiian Islands, shark finning — the practice of cutting off a shark's fin and throwing its carcass back into the ocean — increased 2000 percent between 1991 and 1998, said the campaign.

Sharks are fished for their meat, fins, cartilage, leather, teeth and jaws by commercial and recreational fisheries. Their nurseries, where sharks return each year to hatch their young, have also been damaged by pollution.

In addition, they are killed accidentally by people using huge drifting nets or long lines to catch tuna. More than 12 million were killed this way in one year, according to one study, mainly from tuna fisheries from Japan, Taiwan and South Korea.

Australian shark researcher John Stevens said that as many as 90,000 pelagic sharks, mostly blue sharks, were inadvertently hooked by tuna fisheries using long lines just off their coastline in one year.

The fishermen throw the dead sharks overboard, he said.

"They're targeting high value

tunas, so they don't want to give up storage space on their boats for the shark carcasses," he said.

Sharks account for just one percent of all the species fished in the world. But they are slow to reproduce and take up to 14 years to mature. Therefore, the experts said that if current practices continue, species could go extinct.

A coalition of environmental groups are pushing for the adoption of domestic and international recovery plans which they say will rebuild pelagic shark populations in about 40 years.

One challenge conservationists said they face is that sharks have a bad reputation.

"Until recently, the public perception has been that the only good shark is a dead shark," said Penny Dalton, assistant administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service.

She said movies like "Jaws" which featured a massive killer shark make it tough to convince the public that the species is threatened.

These days, however, researchers at the conference said "Jaws" ominous slogan, "Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water..." may apply more to the sharks than to humans.

# County sets final hearing on depot

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Kootenai County commissioners have scheduled for Wednesday the last public hearing on a proposal to build a railroad refueling depot at the area's sole source of drinking water has pitted activists and concerned residents against a number of the nation's biggest railroads and some busi-

ness leaders who fear a defeat could hurt growth on the Rathdrum Prairie.

Kootenai County commissioners will deny or approve the request, but their decision may not end the controversy.

If denied, the federal government still could approve the depot if it is considered vital to interstate commerce.

Critics of the fuel depot fear that if it looked, it would contaminate the source of drinking

water for 400,000 residents.

Testimony before commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday in Coeur d'Alene. And because so much testimony is expected, as many as three days of hearings could be held.

After that, commissioners will take boxes of scientific studies, claims, responses, safety studies, building plans; maps and letters from both sides and read through everything before they are scheduled to make a decision March 1.

# Winter use drives up park expenses

## YELLSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP)

The three months Yellowstone National Park is open each winter serve only 4 percent of the park's annual visitors but eats up nearly a third of its budget.

But officials said that as the park increasingly runs year-round, the higher costs of operating in the bitter chill are becoming more integrated with overall park expenses.

"No doubt it costs more to keep things open in the winter, and that's been true forever," Maintenance Chief Tim Hudson said. "You have many of the same basic costs, but you're dividing by a smaller number of visitors."

A quarter century ago, crews groomed roads for snowmobile traffic once a week. Now they groom every night at a cost of about \$300,000 a year.

Few park buildings were designed for winter use and most remain closed but many housing units are now in use, leading to increased maintenance and heating costs.

"As winter use has grown, our operations have had to grow along with it," Hudson said. "In the summer we have road maintenance. In the winter we spend a lot of money on grooming. You can't really compare the two, but they're all part of the bottom line."

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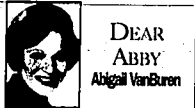
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# Falling out of love really hurts

**DEAR ABBY:** Thank you so much for reprinting the "15 Reasons to Leave Your Lover, Warning Signs of an Abusive Personality."



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abby VanBuren

I never thought I'd become involved in an abusive relationship. I'm in my mid-40s, female, with a graduate degree in education, a degree in psychology, and lots of professional experience with other people's problems. I became involved with [redacted] at the age of 41 and was swept off my feet. We were engaged a month after we met, and he seemed to be everything I could have hoped for in a mate - attentive, kind, eager to please. Looking back, I see there were some early signs of the darker side of his personality, but at that time I dismissed them, thinking "nobody's perfect."

Ius, flying into a rage for no good reason, constantly talking about violence and guns, and making horrible racist remarks. Nothing I did or said was right, and he started degrading me. We broke up once and got back together. I was in a constant state of confusion, always thinking I was contributing to the problem. Well, I was - by staying in the relationship, enabling his abnormal behavior. Looking at the "15 Reasons," in his situation a solid 10 of the 15 fit, with two or three others fitting more loosely. I finally left when he obsessively fixated on the subject of guys who kill their girlfriends. He

couldn't understand why I was scared because he was "just joking," and I was "crazy" to react. It has been two months since our breakup, and I feel so lucky to be out of it, although my self-esteem needs a lot of healing.

**- OLDER AND WISER  
IN LAS VEGAS**

**DEAR O AND W:** You are to be congratulated for having distanced yourself from your former fiancée. His problems were not the kind you could fix - and his sense of humor was a natural disaster. In fairness, however, not all abusers are male. The "15 Reasons" can apply equally to both sexes.

## Cats pitched in to win a battle

**Q.** What are the median ages now of partners when they first get married?

**A.** Men, 27. Women, 25. Those were 1999's counts. Close enough. In 1960, counts ran men, 23, and women, 21.

Army. A cunning Persian officer lined up a row of cats in front of his troops. The Egyptian soldiers thought the cats were sacred. They wouldn't fire off any arrows. But the Persians would. They killed just about everything in front of them except the cats.



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

The "apple pie in the order" comes from the French "nappes-lies" meaning "folded linen." The idioms for neat and orderly mean the same in both languages. The most widely used medical tool in the world is the clinical thermometer. An armadillo can chew, but it can't bite. Q. Didn't the Egyptians once use cats in warfare? A. Not the Egyptians, but the Persians did. In 525 B.C., the Persians fought the Egyptian

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Sydney Omarr

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): You get cooperation of one who has stubbornly resisted. Move ahead-with-confidence-Display Aries initiative, humor, talent. Cancer native involved. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): What previously held you up will now vanish. Money comes from reliable source, you get green light from higher-ups. Sagittarian plays role. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Cycle high, but beware, attempt to trip or delay you. Be ready - have facts, figures at hand. You are going places, people know it, you will not be stopped. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You no longer are forgotten. You'll be involved in activities related to writing, reading, travel. You emit personal magnetism, sex appeal. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Many discussions relating to family, home. You eventually get cooperation and funding. Make intelligent compromises without abandoning principles. Libra involved. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do not equate delay with defeat. Remember discretion is better part of valor. Don't confess, confide or spill the beans. Pisces, another Virgo play roles. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Production, promotion, big deal in money market highlighted. Dance to your own tune, don't be

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Daily 12:30-2:45-5:00-7:10

**Galaxy Quest** (PG)  
Daily 12:30-2:45-5:00-7:10-9:00

**The Tigger Movie** (G)  
Daily 12:30-2:45-5:00-7:10-9:00

**Bicentennial Man** (PG)  
Daily 1:00-4:00-7:00-9:40

**Screen 3** (R)  
Daily 12:45-2:45-6:45-9:30

**Screen 3** (R)  
Daily 1:00-4:00-7:00-9:40

## Pilot flies history with jet

By B.J. Bryant  
 Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS**—The T-34, nicknamed "the mentor," was a trainer aircraft used as an intermediate to the T-33 jet. The T-34 outlined its military usefulness and was taken off inventory in the 1960s.

But one T-34 is flying again, thanks to restoration under the supervision of Twin Falls orthodontist Dan Haymore.

Reconstruction began in 1994 and he recognizes the many hours of labor by his friends, especially Robert Warner and Derrel Lewis, both of Twin Falls.

"It took four months on the wiring alone," Haymore recounts. "Derrel knows how to wire. Most of the four months he spent cramped up inside of the plane."

"I have seen photos of these (T-34s) in third world countries, strapped with everything from guns to missile launchers," says Haymore about his prized plane.

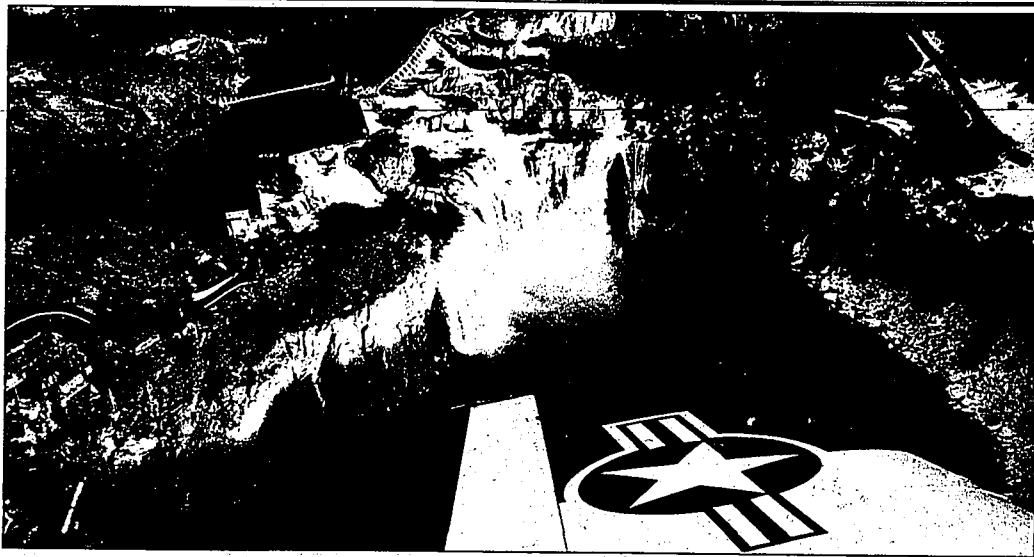
Haymore's T-34 is not equipped with missile launchers, but does come with modern conveniences, such as a global positioning system.

"I put a new instrument panel in front — it still looks pretty military," Haymore says. "I wanted to make the back panel look original."

The fuselage is the only thing that remains of the original plane. The fuselage was vital because the descriptive information makes a plane recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration, he says.

"Without the data plate, you don't have a plane," Haymore says.

In the reconditioning, it was necessary to have many parts made.



Shoshone Falls is a beautiful sight peering down the wing of a T-34 restored by Dr. Dan Haymore of Twin Falls. Below, Haymore poses proudly with his restored plane.

missing pieces and the fact the plane was originally constructed largely out of magnesium, which oxidizes easily, much of the final plane was reconstructed out of a slightly heavier metal, aluminum, which would more readily stand the test of time.

"They thought they would only be in use five years," comments Haymore on the magnesium construction, "and they didn't plan that civilians would latch on to it."

In addition to a largely new exterior, the plane received a 300 horsepower

engine which is larger than the original in part to compensate for the increased weight of aluminum parts.

Despite the addition of more than 25,000 parts, Haymore's plane retains its authentic look right down to its original U.S. Air Force numbering.

The plane has served as more than just a showpiece for Haymore. He and his wife take the plane on trips, especially for a one-hour flight to Utah to see their son who is attending college at Brigham Young University.



B.J. BRYANT/The Times-News

## Youngster makes beautiful music on violin

By Julie Pence  
 Times-News correspondent

**MILNER**—Brae Beck's violin teacher tells him he must have had music in heaven.

But here on earth, the 5-year-old insists on practicing everyday.

When the family goes out of town, Brae makes sure he takes his violin. Even camping is no excuse to skip practice.

"Sometimes when he's practicing, he'll say, 'I'm mad at me' if it's not perfect," his mother, Paige says. "Then, he'll practice until he gets it perfect."

### In performance

Brae Beck will perform at 7 p.m. March 6 as part of a gala at the King Fine Arts Center.

"He would pick out a tune with one finger on my piano," his mother, a piano teacher, recalls. "Then, when he had it figured out, he would use the forefinger from his other hand and pick-out the tune in another octave."

When he was about age 4, he became fascinated with the violin music he heard on television played by the Disney Young Musician Symphony Orchestra. He repeatedly played the performance recorded on video tape.

"One time I heard this song I really liked," Brae says. He located the violin sound on his mother's digital piano so



JULIE PENCE/The Times-News

Brae Beck, 5, and mother, Paige play music at their Milner home. The youngster started showing musical talent at age 2.

that he could copy the music. With that, his mother knew the time for lessons had arrived. She found a Suzuki instructor who was so impressed with Brae he made his first public performance just three weeks after his first lesson.

Lately, the youngster has been playing everything from classical to fiddle music.

Last year, Brae performed publicly 20 times at club luncheons, parties and 20

Festival of Trees in Burley and Rupert.

"I don't want anyone to think we're bragging on Brae. This is not something you can force on children," Paige Beck cautions. "Brae never competes with anyone. His music teacher tells him to play from his heart and people respond."

"We always tell him to think positive thoughts because his teacher tells him that beautiful sound comes from a beautiful heart," his mother adds.



COREN HART/The Times-News

Civil Air Patrol cadets work at their studies during a recent Civil Air Patrol meeting. Col. Russell Smith conducted the training session.

## Students gain high-flying military experience with CAP

By Coren Hart  
 Times-News correspondent

**BURLEY**—They wear uniforms and study topics that could launch a high-flying career.

These young people are enrolled in the Joe Engle Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, a program that provides leadership training, moral leadership, summer encampments and even a rank grade advancement, if they enter military service.

Ten cadets attend the weekly meetings held at the Burley Municipal Airport. But squadron leader, Capt. Lori Fletcher, says there's room for more.

Wearing fatigues and studying subjects that will aid them in search and rescue work, the students have their eyes aimed high.

"I like the discipline and learning about aerospace," says Samantha Damron, 16, of Heyburn. "I might want to join the Air Force when I graduate."

"I wanted to be a pilot in the Air Force, so I joined," says Josh Pierce, 14, of Burley.

If Pierce or Damron complete the Civil Air Patrol program, they'll enter the U.S. Air Force with an automatic grade advancement.

There are 26 seniors involved in training and other Civil Air Patrol projects. Some fly the 182 Cessna provided by the Air Force or they may be involved in search and rescue or in transporting blood for the American Red Cross. Some seniors assist the Idaho Fish and Game Department in surveillance and others teach cadets how to read a map.

Fletcher says the cadet training consists of three branches, or areas. One puts them on the ground or in the

### Want more information?

The Civil Air Patrol is open to new members, age 12 and up, male or female. No prior experience in aerospace, piloting or search and rescue is required for this volunteer organization.

Membership the first year costs \$36 and \$20 for each year following.

Uniforms are provided. Summer encampments cost about \$100. But some or all of the tuition may be covered by fundraisers.

Call Capt. Lori Fletcher at 436-6861 evenings or 678-6700 at work.

air helping to find missing people or downed aircraft.

They also assist the American Red Cross and aid in local disasters, such as the sandbagging conducted in Burley and Oakley in recent years to protect property against rising waters.

A second area is the customs and courtesies of military lifestyle, safety and leadership.

The third is aerospace education. An officer teaches cadets the technical parts of aerospace and communications and keeps them up to date on current events. They also get a chance to learn to fly a plane.

Rank is earned by completing classes and activities, and cadets can move up fairly quickly.

"My job is to see this squadron grow," Fletcher says. "I'd like to see more people of all ages involved in these interesting projects."

Times-News correspondent Coren Hart may be reached at the Mini-Cassia bureau at 677-4042.

## Event brings Bliss families together for reading

By Dare Jensen  
 Times-News correspondent

**BLISS**—The Bliss School Library buzzed with activity, but activity on the quiet side.

Almost 60 parents and students sat reading in every corner, open spot on the floor and took up most of the chairs during the recent Bliss Family Reading Night.

"This is our second family reading night this year and it looks like the attendance is better than the first," says Bette Wunderlich, coordinator for the reading program at Bliss School.

The goal of the program is simple: have the students read. The students have read and tested on more than 2,300 books since the first of the school year. The test is a nationwide computerized test where students take the same test over the same book across the country.

Larry Freeman, a seventh-grader, can explain how the computer keeps track of the books read, tests taken and the average score of the test results. The computer also tabulates points earned and directs students to a different book once the test has been completed. The goal is to read more than 4,000 books.

Left, to right, Tom Faulkner, Katie Faulkner and Kim Faulkner gather for an evening of reading at the Bliss Family Reading Night.



DARE JENSEN/The Times-News

"This is a good program overall. These youngsters read better than their parents did at the same age. The program has developed a passion for reading," comments Laurena Schoessler, parent and school board.

Fourth-grader Katie Faulkner read the book "Rainbow Fish."

"My test grade was 100 percent," she says. "Most of my grades are 80 and 90 percent."

"It's a good program for students." Katie's father, Tom Faulkner says. "It encourages and tests at the same time. The results are better when the students read, read again then rest. The best results are when the student reads, then reads with an adult and then tests."

"The program helps the students read more and the students transfer reading to all classes," third-grade teacher Laren Erkins says.

# TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

## Mathathon adds up to money for school

**By Mary Lou Potts**  
**Times-News correspondent**

...BUHL - Add Popplewell Elementary students and a mathathon together and that equals extra money for the school.

The students spent the last few weeks scurrying about to collect pledges from families and friends for a 100-problem math test Feb. 7.

The kickoff assembly for the annual mathathon fund-raiser brought the entire school together to hear high school coach, Gary Krumm speak about motivation.

Words of encouragement were also given by Principal Helen Brown and Superintendent of Schools Rick Hill.

"We will set the record" echoed throughout the gymnasium as students were encouraged by members of the Parent Teacher Network, which sponsors the event.

A skit was also presented by PTN members Patrice Hamilton, Kathleen Kramer, Rosemary Owens, Janet Smtuney and Ellie Asay.

Students had opportunity to win prizes, medals and money. A grade of 90-100 percent on the test qualified the students as "math whizzes" and earned them a soda and candy bar.

Classrooms also earned prizes and a plaque will be given to the team that raised the most money in the upper wing and one for the lower wing of the school.



MARY LOU POTTS/THE TIMES-NEWS

Buhl Popplewell Elementary School students got ready to kick off the school mathathon fund-raiser, which culminated with a 100-problem math test Feb. 7.

All participants will receive a hamburger meal at Arcic Circle in Buhl and a cookie from Don's Thriftway Supermarket.

Students returning pledge money of between \$25 to \$49.99 will be eligible for a bronze medal; \$50 to \$99.99 earns a silver medal and \$100 to \$199.99 earns a gold medal. Students raising \$200 and up will earn an engraved plaque.

Grand prizes also will be awarded to each wing. First place grand will be \$100, second place \$75; third place, \$50 and fourth place, \$25.

Awards will be presented at an assembly on March 17 at 8:45 a.m. for the lower wing and 1:15 p.m. for upper wing students.

The students had extra incentives this year.

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The money earned from the mathathon goes towards educational purposes for all classes and the PTN has plans to obtain high-capacity laser printers, cold laminators, speakers and a message board for the front of the school with this year's money.

Organizers also say another benefit is that students learn math facts and new math skills while earning money for projects for the school.

The mathathon replaces the spellathon of past years. The two events have raised about \$200,000 over the 10 years of participation, school officials say.

# SENIOR CALENDAR

## Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

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

Tuesday: Swedish meatballs with noodles, peas and carrots, fruit salad, bread, brownies.  
Wednesday: Baked potato bar.  
Thursday: Salad bar with hot dogs.

Friday: Fish or chicken, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, red cabbage, banana salad, muffins, dessert.  
Monday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, california vegetables, roll, fruit, cookie.

**Activities**  
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Board meeting at 1 p.m.  
Elks card club.  
Thursday

Pinocle at 1 p.m.  
Friday  
Blood pressure check 10 a.m. to noon.  
Tax assistance.  
Lunch bingo.  
Monday

Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Foot clinic, make appointment  
President's holiday, center closed early.

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

served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12-years-old \$2. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information.

Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday noon and Thursday noon and evenings. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride.

Tuesday: Ham, scalloped potatoes, green salad, corn bread, veggies, fruit, soup.  
Wednesday: Turkey ala king, biscuits, broccoli, green salad, fruit.

Thursday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, salad, rolls, fruit, cookies; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.

Friday: Spaghetti, green salad, vegetables, french bread, fruit.  
Saturday: Community breakfast, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Sunday: All-you-can-eat buffet, roast beef, at 1 p.m.  
Monday: Beef pot pie, green salad, spinach, banana pudding; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.

**Activities**  
Thrift shop open every day.  
Tuesday

Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Exercises, 7 to 8 a.m.  
Tax preparation, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Craft classes, 2-4 p.m.  
Blood pressure check, 10 a.m. to noon, 7-9 p.m.  
Wednesday

Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.  
Thursday

Exercises 7:8 a.m.  
Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Bingo 1-3 p.m.  
Evening meal, 5:30 p.m.  
Cards at 6 p.m.  
Friday

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Saturday:  
Community breakfast, 8-10 a.m.; \$2.50 a plate, featuring Sunday

Evening meal at 5:30 p.m. Cards at 6 p.m.

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

Tuesday: Roast beef.  
Thursday: Pork chop.  
Friday: Beef stroganoff over noodles.

**Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.**  
310 Main N., Kimberly  
Wednesday: Hot turkey sandwich, potato salad, Jell-O, cake, coffee, milk.  
Friday: Birthday dinner, baked potato bar, cake, ice cream, coffee, milk.

Monday: Cook's choice, cheesy tuna wrap, baked beans, colswlaw, mixed fruit, coffee, milk.

**Activities**  
Wednesday  
Blood pressure check.  
Thursday  
Crafts at 1 p.m.  
Bingo at 11:55 a.m.  
Birthday dinner at noon. B.J. and Friends will entertain.

Pinocle at 1 p.m.  
Volunteer tax preparation starting Tuesday, Feb. 8, for seniors and low income families. For more information, or to make an appointment, call Ageless Senior Citizens at 423-4338.

## LION LONGEVITY



Photo courtesy of Twin Falls Lions

Twin Falls Lions President Bill Metzger presents Bill Hemingway with an award pin for 50 years of perfect attendance at weekly Lions meetings, held at Jade Restaurant in Twin Falls. The pin was presented at the Jan. 19 Lions meeting.

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## Twin Falls AARP offers free tax assistance

TWIN FALLS - Members of the AARP Chapter 4352 and their guests will learn how to take advantage of the nation's largest free tax consultation service at a meeting at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Office on Aging Annex on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

The speaker will be Robert Wunderle of Hagerman, the AARP tax-aid district coordinator for the South Magic Valley area. Some 30,000 trained volunteers provide free assistance in preparation of federal, state and local tax returns to low- and middle-income persons.

The meeting is open to all area residents, but specifically to those age 55 and over, says Evelyn Davenport, chapter president. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Davenport at 543-6516, chapter vice president Grace Crawford at 733-5258 or secretary Jackie Shaifer at 734-5035.

## Assembly of God hosts junior high game night

TWIN FALLS - The First Assembly of God will host a junior high game night at 6 p.m. Saturday at the church at 189 Locust St. N. in Twin Falls.

Junior high students are invited to take part in games, pizza and drinks. There is no cost to attend.

For more information, call Julie Hoskins at 733-5349.

## American Red Cross offers lifeguard classes at pool

TWIN FALLS - The Sawtooth Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer life guard classes from Feb. 21 to March 13 at the Twin Falls City Pool near Twin Falls High School.

For more information, call the Twin Falls City Pool at 734-2336.

## Magic Valley Master Gardeners plan meeting

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Master Gardeners will meet Tuesday, Feb. 22 at the county extension office, meeting room at 246 Third Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Presentations on soil by Steve Salisbury and on composting by Jo Ann Robbins will be featured. A question and answer period will follow. This meeting was canceled last month due to inclement weather, organizers say.

For more information, call Sharon Hartman at 736-9301 or Erla Godwin at 735-1694.

## Fibromyalgia-chronic fatigue seminar set

TWIN FALLS - A free fibromyalgia-chronic fatigue seminar will be held Thursday in Twin Falls.

Participants will learn about the symptoms of and treatment for fibromyalgia-chronic fatigue. Seating is limited and coordinators request attendees make reservations for the seminar.

Locations and directions to the site will be given to callers when making reservations.

For more information, or to make reservations, call Joe Sturgeon at 734-4476.

## School presents pancake breakfast on Saturday

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Christian School is hosting a pancake breakfast from 7:30-11 a.m. Saturday at the school at 601 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls.

Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Includes 12 and under eat for free.

For more information, call John at 733-5999.

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## Area students attend jazz festival in Moscow

MOSCOW - With about 17,000 students from throughout the Pacific Northwest, nation and Canada, the 2000 University of Idaho/Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival will offer four jazz-filled days and evenings from Feb. 23-26 in Moscow, Idaho.

Magic Valley groups also are set to attend.

The festival, now in its 33rd year, will host more than 40 jazz

artists, including Lionel Hampton, Dianne Reeves, Freddy Cole, Carla Cook, the Roy Brown Trio and the Roy Brown Band. Those planning to attend are Jerome Middle School, director Cindy Rosen; the College of Southern Idaho, director Brent Jensen; and Twin Falls High School, director Ted Hadley.

For more information about tickets, locations of competitive events and other details about the festival, call the Jazz Festival Office at (208) 885-6765.

## Ideal Youth schedule dog sledding trip to South Hills

TWIN FALLS - The Ideal Youth group will go dog sledding at 9:30 a.m. March 4 in the South Hills.

Participants will be taking a dog sled, learning to snow shoe or make snow forts, organizers say. Lunch is included and there is no charge for children and teens with diabetes. All others are charged \$10 for the day trip.

Dog sledders are asked dress warmly in waterproof clothes and boots, bring extra gloves, their meter and supplies and an afternoon snack for the trip home.

Organizers ask participants to respond before Feb. 28. Depending on the number of reservations, parents may need to help with rides and participants are asked to tell coordinators if they can take more passengers when they respond for the event.

For more information, or to reserve a spot, call Melinda Keair at 532-4500, Becky Crab at 733-2700, Ext. 174.

## CSI presents Cooking for Health and Energy seminar

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Continuing Education Program and the Cult-Free Gourmet present a class on Feb. 26 in a free course from 9 a.m. to noon March 4 at the CSI Continuing Education building in Twin Falls.

Students will be shown how to cook a whole grain, vegetable dish, soup, protein dish and dessert. The class will include lecture and hands-on energy with a focus on preparation of the health properties of the food.

Class preparation techniques are geared toward maintaining the energetic capacity of the food and supporting the energy of the body, organizers say.

Cost is \$25 per person, which includes a fib expertise meal. Class size is limited to 12 students. For more information, or to make reservations, call 733-9554, Ext. 2400 or 2401.

## Filer High School announces honor roll

FILER - Filer High School announced the honor roll for the first semester.

Students on the top honor roll, receiving a 4.00 grade point average, are: Caroline Babb, Kimberlee Branch, Lindsey Childers, Adrienne R. Deklotz, Tesh D. Denton, Karlynn Jensen, Ryan Jones, Breah Ann Leywell, Libbie Loughmiller, Nancy M. Mesaros, Stan Moore, Rebecca Ann Newton, Nicole K. Peterson, Michelle Pospichal, Skyler Richards and Trevor Root.

Students on the high honor roll, receiving a 3.999 to 3.500 grade point average, are Cassie Bassett, Christina Brown, Bonnie Richards, Rebecca Loughmiller, Kara Deklotz, Andrew Grifff, Karl Brown, Cole Ulrich, Josh Peterson, Jenni Hamman, Erica Mejia, Kristen Coon, Resyssa Miller, Darcie Littler, Jessyka Williams, Jessie Ann Cortes, Crystal Koch, Curtis Jones, Jeriea Grifff, Michael Pospichal, Steven Clark, Stephanie McGregor, Darren Sutherland, Jamilyn Branch, Sheeha Glidewell, Samuel Lopez, Sarah Brannen, Hannah Bittensburg, Erin Quinton, KYndell Madson, Jorick Routt, Matt Walker, Rorri

Henstock, Chase Lanting, Juana Rosa, Chris Thaeet, Amy Sheen, Tom Heinzelman, Preston Allen, Anne Critchfield, Cynthia Carlson, Timothy Hoyt, Tami Bennett, Nathan Stinson, Brandon Garner, Brandon Nix, Jessica Daniels, Lindsey Brown, Adrienne Fuller, Travis Hoffman, Doug Roehm, Brandon Kobayashi, Stephanie Taylor, Daniel Roach, Amy Rackham, Mike Maloney, Veronica Monroe, Leah Cannon, Christopher Plfum, Michelle Hoyt, Vanessa Neyman, Jessie Lassen, Brandy Sobotka, Andrew Barga, Jessica Marsh, Chadd Allen, Levi Shelter, Erin Andrews and Violeto Tapia.

Students on the honor roll, earning between a 3.00 to 3.499 grade-point average, are Brian Fuller, Brandon Severe, Brian Allen, Angela Reichert, Daniel Auth, Paul McLaughlin, Kari Eisenhauer, Kaml Sue Peters, Michael Fort, Christ Christopherson, Nicole Talbot, Jory Dragt, Heather Black, Jason Carter, Joseph Farrell, Kyle Brennan, Sara Lauemiller, Caitlin Harney, Melanie Watts, Amy Ellis, Annika Dickhaus, Brianna Bivens, Tim Chandler, Lisa Skinner, Anne Akers,

Rachel Racy, John Pitz, Joshua Sutherland, Zach Lyneard, Kim Baker, Justin Ash, Tiffany Cannon, Jason Wapinski, Brian Cowger, Bailey Knapp, Trynity Sackett, Scott McDonald, Rachael Sparrow, Sara Boss, Zach Chadwick, Scott Theener, Melissa Kimball, Daniel Prigmora, Jill Vanleuver, Erin Allen, Brad Barnes, Gregoire Jansen, Benjamin Allen, Leah Hollingshead, Lisa Dean, Jesus Huarez, Chase McLaughlin, Christina Ward, Hailey Koepplin, Janelle Foukal, Jennifer Fountain, Travis Arnout, Trevor Tucker, Shane Keen, Devin Snyder, Tara Winkle, Ethan Mittelstadt, Levi Jaynes, Dustie Arnout, Ben Hoffman, Adriana Sansores, Andy Rackham, Bradlee Walker, Steven Faria, Brandon Schmidt, Matt Severe, Brandon Hoobler, Amanda Haye, Victoria Talbot, Carmela Juraz, Stephen Grond, Andrea Jensen, Dustin Peters, Megan Gines, Courtney Miller, John Shelter, Shelline Williamson, Josh Prigmora, Amaris Hughes, Kusy Rill, Angela Larsen, Cade Lancaster, Nicole Ward, Michelle Peterson, Dwayne Humbles, Jr., Savannah Henstock and Michael Woody.

## We want your news

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- Community meetings.
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Twin Falls, Idaho  
733-0923, Ext. 288

## SERVICE NEWS

**Buhler arrives for duty at Oklahoma base**  
Air Force Airman Tashina M. Buhler has arrived for duty at Alnus Air Force Base, Okla.

Buhler, an operations resource management apprentice, is assigned to the 58th Airlift Squadron.

She is the daughter of Larry H. and Corene Buhler of Twin Falls. In 1999, Buhler graduated from Twin Falls High School.

Fax: 677-4543 or 734-5538  
E-mail: patm@magvalley.com



## Notes on the economy



### Magic Valley report

The Magic Valley loves its pickup trucks. In Idaho there were about 40 pickup trucks for every hundred licensed drivers in 1997. The only states with more pickup trucks per driver were Wyoming (with 50 per hundred drivers) and North Dakota (with 41 per hundred).

Sources: Idaho Division of Financial Management.

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Texas approves deal for hazardous waste

**BOISE** - The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Committee has approved a permit modification that will substantially expand the disposal capacity available for Texas Ecologists Inc., a subsidiary of US Ecology Inc. and Boise-based American Ecology Corp. (Nasdaq: ECOL), the Idaho company said Monday.

Texas Ecologists operates a 240-acre hazardous waste disposal facility west of Corpus Christi, Texas, which is authorized to treat, store and dispose of a wide range of chemical waste classifications, American Ecology said. In operation since 1973, the south Texas waste-management facility primarily serves the refining and chemical industries concentrated on the Texas Gulf Coast.

The new permit modification authorizes vertical expansion of three existing landfill cells and later development of a series of adjacent subcells covering 12 acres, the company said. The modification authorizes construction of more than 800,000 cubic yards of new disposal space.

"Vertically stacking waste on existing cells will provide the company with a significant cost advantage for disposal of hazardous materials," said Jack Lemley, American Ecology chairman and CEO.

### Idaho affordable housing application deadline today

**TWIN FALLS** - Today is the deadline for Idaho affordable housing developers to submit applications for about \$824,000 in federal Housing Tax Credits from the Idaho Housing and Finance Association said.

Eligible applicants include for-profit and nonprofit rental housing developers willing to designate a percentage of the development units for lower-income Idahoans. Rental housing owners receive Housing Tax Credits annually over a 10-year period.

Call I-HFA's Multifamily Finance Department at 1-800-219-2285. Applications must be received by 5 p.m.

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Intel Engineering manager Herman D'hooge and Mattel producer Melanie Goldstein show off the Intel Play Qx3 Computer Microscope and Intel Me2Cam computer video camera, left, in Portland, Ore. The two worked together to produce the devices at the Smart Toy Lab in Portland.

## Toy makers turn on to technology

Knight Ridder News Service

**NEW YORK** - The newest "interactive" pets and dolls are so lifelike, they're almost spooky. But, hey, that's what kids today want. At least the toy industry thinks so.

With youngsters abandoning dolls and toy trucks before grade school for computer joysticks and video games, toy makers are scrambling to bring high-tech toys to market. If it doesn't have a microchip, robotics or artificial intelligence - fuhgedaboutit.

"Kids live in a completely technologically driven world, so, naturally, the toys are going to reflect that," said Chris Byrne, a New York-based toy industry consultant.

At the 97th annual American International Toy Fair, which opened in New York Sunday, high-tech toys are the rage.

Competing for the next hit toys in the \$23.5 billion toy industry, nearly 2,000 toy companies from 26 countries are displaying their increasingly high-tech playthings this week to retailers, Wall Street analysts and the media at the annual Toy Fair.

"A lot of high-tech, a ton of electronics," Jim Silver, publisher of the Toy Book, an industry

publication, said of this year's Toy Fair offerings.

Many toys have tie-ins to the Internet, and parents should "expect more toys than ever to have a bell and whistle, electronics that will help entertain the kids," Silver said.

David Leibowitz, a toy industry analyst with Burnham Securities, in New York, estimates that half of all the toys sold this year will be electronic, battery-operated, voice-activated or remote-controlled, up from 10 percent of all toys last year.

"The technology revolution has clearly caught up with toys," Leibowitz said. "Mainstream toys will utilize as much chip and electronics technology as is available, and that trend we see expanding going forward."

Pawtucket, R.I.-based Hasbro, the world's No. 2 toy company, is making a major foray into technology this year.

"Kids are definitely being exposed to much more sophisticated technology at younger ages," Hasbro chairman and chief executive Alan Hassenfeld said in an interview at Hasbro's showroom here. "That's a real opportunity for us."

Hasbro and Mattel are both showcasing lifelike dolls that use

robotics and artificial intelligence to respond to light, motion and sound.

Hasbro's My Real Baby, the "first-born" of an alliance between Hasbro and iRobot Corp., of Somerville, Mass., reacts instantly to a child, shows a range of expressions and sounds, and appears to "grow" over time through speech development and lifelike reactions.

Mattel's Miracle Moves Baby smiles, frowns and blinks. Besides that, the doll's skin feels real and moves with the lifelike motions of her arms, legs and head. Both Hasbro's and Mattel's dolls are priced at \$95.99.

Hasbro and Mattel both have robotic puppies competing for toy sales this year. Mattel's Wowzer, a souped-up robotic pooch who walks, pants and scratches fleas, is priced at about \$95, while Hasbro's Poo-Chi dog (he can stand and dance, but doesn't walk) is slated to retail for \$28.

Mattel's Milo robot (\$89.99) has his own internal computer and becomes "smarter" by increasing his responses and vocabulary the more a child plays with him and inputs new information.

Hasbro's roster of high-tech

offerings includes new Pokemon action figures equipped with microchip technology that allows kids to engage in 3-D battles (\$7.99).

Other companies are also unveiling technologically advanced toys. Bandai America has teamed up with Microsoft to create Deluxe Interactive Omega Megazord, a device kids can plug into their TVs to download phrases from the Power Rangers cartoon series.

Lower prices for microchips and other high-tech components have enabled toy manufacturers to put the latest technology into toys, Hasbro spokesman Wayne Charness said.

"We are doing products today that would have been impossible to do two or three years ago, because of the costs of the technology," he said.

Neil Friedman, president of Fisher-Price, said in an interview at Toy Fair that interactive technology is being incorporated into toys for children as young as 9 months old.

"The child under 3 can't even understand what it is," he said. "All they know is we're bringing magic to the child. It brings their toys to life."

## Beyond Sun Valley

### Owner of ski resort expands his empire

The Associated Press

**SALT LAKE CITY** - Earl Holding may be 73, but he's in the middle of one of the most ambitious projects of his career.

Holding is spending an estimated \$185 million to build a world-class hotel in Salt Lake City and more than \$100 million to transform Ogden Valley's Snowbasin into a premier ski resort.

But he still talks about an old truck stop in southwestern Wyoming with amazement.

Nearly five decades ago, Holding and his wife, Carol, parlayed a small stake in the Little America near Green River, Wyo., into one of the region's great fortunes.

Few people know how much the Holding family is worth. But the family's businesses include hotels, ski resorts, refineries, gas stations and ranches. The family owns the storied Sun Valley ski resort in Idaho and is believed to be the largest landowner in Montana.

Yet Holding himself, a fiercely private man, is an enigma. One thing is certain: he's a maverick, a product of the West who built an empire the same way the pioneers built their ranches - through hard work and patience, one acre at a time.

All I want is the land next to mine," reads a plaque an employee once gave Holding.

Holding's success is nearly devoid of the complex dealmaking that characterizes today's business world. He doesn't buy and sell businesses. He just buys them.

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## Salt Lake firm acts as a meat middle man

The Associated Press

**SALT LAKE CITY** - One company is making a juicy profit by acting as a middleman for meat parts.

"I just sold three cargo containers of tripeas into Mexico," Kevin Parker says, using the term beef traders prefer when describing the small intestines of a steer. "That is 126,000 pounds. We should net a couple of thousand."

The deal is a typical transaction at Lake City-based Parker International, a trading company that supplies customers outside the United States with cuts of meat far different than the steaks, roasts and chops favored by most Americans.

Many of the cuts of meat Parker International sells internationally are parts of little value in this country - products meat packers often write off - such as beef hearts, lips and feet.

But last year alone, about 350,000 tons of so-called variety meats worth about \$500 million were exported from the United States, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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Can't pay tax bills? There are options

WASHINGTON (AP) - People who can't pay their tax bill or get the return filed something by several options with the IRS, including extensions and a relaxed installment payment policy.

Either way, it's important to remember to file something by this year's April 17 deadline to avoid any penalties or interest. The Internal Revenue Service can assess a late filing fee of up to 25 percent of the taxes owed.

Under no circumstances should anyone ignore the filing dates, or any notices sent by the IRS. Doing so can kick off a difficult collections process that could result in such unpleasantness as liens on property or a person's earnings.

In the case of an extension, the IRS will automatically grant taxpayers four extra months if they pay at least 75 percent of the taxes owed.

But an extension doesn't mean taxpayers should delay paying

Taxes 2000 IRS

their taxes on time, even if it's an estimate. Otherwise, a late payment penalty of 0.5 to 25 percent of taxes owed can be assessed, plus interest.

The IRS may forgive the penalty if a taxpayer can show "reasonable cause" for the late payment and at least 90 percent of actual tax liability is paid either through paycheck withholding during the year or an estimated payment.

A second two-month extension is also available, but taxpayers must provide a valid reason, such as missing records.

If the tax bill is too steep, taxpayers can put it on their

MasterCard. Discover or American Express card by calling 1 (888) 272-9829. Visa is not participating.

For those who can't or don't want to use plastic, the IRS offers an installment program. Taxpayers should simply attach Form 9465 to request such an agreement, including a proposed monthly payment and the day of the month the bill should be due.

Although the IRS is now automatically approving many of these agreements, taxpayers should be aware that penalties and interest will be added even if the agreement is approved. And those amounts, set by law, could be higher than interest on a bank loan.

In addition, a one-time fee of \$43 is charged on all installment agreements.

Two IRS documents provide more information: Publication 1, Your Rights as a Taxpayer, and Publication 594, Understanding the Collection Process.

Bridge News

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Federal Trade Commission said Monday it's stepping up efforts to combat the growing problem of fraud on Internet auctions and is enlisting more help from auction companies themselves.

Officials from the FTC, along with other federal and state law enforcement agencies, speaking at a press conference, outlining a three-pronged enforcement effort intended to deter "fraud artists" from ripping off customers through auction sites like eBay Inc. Last year, 87 percent of all Internet fraud complaints stemmed from business done through auction sites, according to figures compiled by the National Consumers League.

The agency said its campaign consists of intensifying auction fraud investigations, training other state and federal enforcers to pursue similar cases and advising consumers on how to avoid such fraud.

"We don't intend to let a handful of rogues erode consumer confidence in Internet commerce or Internet auctions," said Jodie Bernstein, head of the FTC's con-

sumer protection bureau. With more than 1,000 auction sites now on the Web, the number of Internet auction fraud complaints has soared ten-fold in the past two years. Fraud complaints rose from 107 in 1997 to 10,700 last year, the FTC said. In most of those cases, buyers complain that they didn't get what they paid for, or didn't get anything at all. Federal and state enforcers, including the Justice Department, state attorneys general and the U.S. Postal Service, have filed 35 fraud cases so far. One official said about a dozen more are under investigation.

Companies such as eBay traditionally have compared themselves to flea markets, saying they are not responsible for vendors who sell through their sites.

But officials said the auction companies recently have taken on more responsibility, offering programs to ensure consumers' purchases or hold payments in escrow accounts. Some companies, such as eBay, forward their fraud complaints to the FTC.

"This has become very important to these auction sites," said Chris M.E. Painter, an assistant U.S. attorney from Los Angeles.

Feds fight cyber-auction fraud

"They realize that if they don't take these measures, they're not going to be successful."

The FTC will do those complaints to a new database of Internet auction fraud complaints that the agency is compiling and making available to hundreds of law enforcers around the United States.

Enforcement officials conceded they can't prosecute every case of auction fraud. Instead, they're hoping to press enough cases to deter would-be fraud artists, either under state anti-fraud laws or federal mail fraud statutes.

"I think we're becoming more sophisticated," said Bernstein. "We move more quickly. We move more effectively."

If the complaints continue to rise, however, some enforcement officials suggested Congress may resort to regulations to take the problem under control. That prospect appeared to be a signal to auction companies that they ought to do more to help combat fraud on their sites.

Ultimately, Maryland Attorney General Joseph Curran said: "The answer would be to license and to regulate."

Meat

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"In this country when we watch a football game, we drink beer and eat pretzels. In Korea, they might have a beer and eat hot pot," says Darin Parker, Kevin's elder brother and general manager of the company founded 10 years ago by their father, orthodontist George Parker.

The first U.S. office of Parker International's business looks simple. A customer calls from overseas and asks for a quote on a cut of meat. The company calls a meat-packing plant.

After adding on its own cost to deliver the meat for loading at an

American port, Parker relies the price to the customer. If it is acceptable, Parker calls the meat packer and strikes the deal. The company then arranges for shipping.

Yet behind the seemingly simple process lies the high-pressure world of meat dealing. Prices for beef, hams, livers and osmium (the third stomach of a steer) can fluctuate wildly. Meat packers can have an adequate supply of product one moment, and it can be gone the next.

"Sometimes after you quote a price you have to call the customer back and say you missed out on the deal," says Parker. "It is one of the worst things we have to do."

Trading companies such as Parker International are often critical to conducting business internationally for this country's big meat packers, according to Thad Lively of the U.S. Meat Export Federation in Denver.

Another large U.S. meat packing company handles some of their own exports. But dealing internationally often involves risk and packers are not into risk, he said.

"It is great for them to be able to move products through a company like Parker that has established relationships overseas," Lively says. Parker is willing to gamble. Last year Parker International's sales reached about \$15 million.

Inventories, sales up in December

WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. companies boosted their inventories in December by a modest 0.5 percent but their sales vaulted ahead at more than twice that pace, a sign that businesses are struggling to keep up with hardy demand, economists said.

For the 12th straight month, companies added to their stockpiles of goods on shelves and racks, pushing total business inventories in December to a seasonally adjusted \$1.14 trillion, the Commerce Department said Monday.

At the same time, sales grew by a sizzling 1.1 percent in December to \$868.8 billion.

That increase brought the inventory-to-sales ratio to a record low, meaning that businesses would take 1.32 months to exhaust inventories at the December sales pace.

"All of this reflects a struggle by companies to keep up with strong consumer demand," said economist Clifford Waldman of Waldman Associates. The Federal Reserve, which has

boosted interest rates four times since June to slow down the roaring economy, is always on the lookout for signs that demand is outpacing supply, a condition that could lead to a sharp increase in prices.

"Businesses are hard pressed to keep up with strong demand," said First Union economist Mark Vitrner. "Some retailers and wholesalers have shown a little more pricing power, but it's still pretty small."

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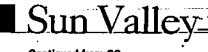
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"Don't buy that," her husband said. "This guy is going to go out of business, and you'll be able to buy for 40 percent of the dollar."

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# Libertarian launches second try

WASHINGTON (AP) — Harry Browne thinks government has been a flop and he wants to do away with most of it. So he's running for president.

The Libertarian presidential candidate on Monday announced his second bid for the White House.

The 66-year-old investment banker from Nashville, Tenn., thinks government has failed. His solution: a 12-step program that eliminates income taxes, Social Security, the war on drugs, federal welfare and a lot of other things Washington does.

Although getting less than one percent of the vote in the 1996 election, Browne contends the climate is ripe for his insurgent message.

Browne snubbed politics for 30 years, not even voting. But in 1992, watching Democrat Al Gore on TV, he found himself yelling at the tube and his wife suggested he get involved. Two years later he decided to run for the Libertarian Party's nomination.

"When I dropped out (of politics) in the 1960s, you were hard-pressed to ever find anybody who didn't think government could do anything it set out to do," Browne said in an interview. "If they said we are going to provide health care for the elderly, then most people said, 'Well, we're going to have health care for the elderly.'"

Today a candidate who doesn't talk about reforming Social Security and other social programs is "doomed," he said.

Browne finished fifth in 1996, behind Reform Party candidate Ross Perot, and Green Party candidate Ralph Nader. This time, Browne's campaign has about \$1 million and he won't take the federal matching funds for which he now qualifies.

"I don't believe in government welfare for individuals, and I certainly don't believe in it for politicians," said Browne, looking deceptively like an establishment candidate in his striped banker's suit, white starched shirt and gold watch.

He sees the Reform Party's infighting as a boost for the Libertarian Party. The Libertarian Party, he said, at least has a set of core principles all members believe in.

"The Reform Party is just an organization with a vague principle, a vague objective, and the result is that it lends itself to anyone who can hold the microphone," Browne said, referring to last weekend's contentious Reform meeting convention and its leadership battle.

Libertarians meet in Anaheim, Calif., on the July 4 weekend to nominate their candidate.

Browne is so confident that he will be able to rally the party, which includes about 30,000 duesmembers, that he has produced a 30-minute television show about his candidacy to debut on a small national cable network.

## Candidates on the Issues

The 2000 presidential candidates are staking out their positions on a broad range of issues, from abortion to welfare. Associated Press writer Calvin Woodward examined where each of the nine major candidates stands.

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## Clinton tries to blunt Bush's popularity among Hispanics

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton, struck by Hispanic support for Texas Gov. George W. Bush, is trying to blunt the Republican presidential front-runner's popularity among a group that has traditionally voted Democratic.

For the third time in a week, Clinton today was welcoming Hispanic leaders to the White House in what aides said was an effort to highlight his administration's record of helping the nation's fastest-growing population group.

"The president himself has noticed that the Latino community is intrigued with the Republican Party and the Bush candidacy," said a senior administration official,

speaking on condition of anonymity.

The League of United Latin American Citizens was honoring Clinton today with its lifetime achievement award.

In return, Clinton was pointing out achievements during his administration, including expansion of education and health care programs benefiting Hispanics and the reduced unemployment and poverty rates for the group.

The award is the first that the nonpartisan LULAC has given to a president. But the group's executive director, Brent Wilkes, said the White House ceremony is not an explicit endorsement of Vice President Al Gore in the 2000 election.

"We're not saying, 'Hispanics, stay with the Democratic Party,'" Wilkes said. "We're recognizing Clinton for his record."

During its legislative meeting this week, LULAC will hear from a prominent Hispanic in the administration, Army Secretary Louis Caldera. But a frequent Clinton critic, Republican Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen of Florida, also is to speak.

"It's good for the community to be sought after by both parties," Wilkes said. "I don't think it's healthy to be identified with only one party."

Last week, Clinton paid emotional tribute to Alfred Rascon, an emigrant from Mexico belatedly awarded the Medal of Honor for

valor during the Vietnam War. Rascon's background got nearly equal billing with his battlefield heroism during the event.

Also last week, Hispanic members of Congress met with the president and top aides to discuss three Hispanic nominees for federal judgeships. None has been confirmed by the Republican-led Senate, although the GOP leadership has promised a vote by mid-March on Richard Paez of Los Angeles, whose nomination has languished for four years.

In the last two presidential elections, Hispanics voted overwhelmingly for Clinton — 71 percent to 21 percent in 1996 and 61 percent to 25 percent in 1992.

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"Wise(y), and slow. They stumble that run fast." — Shakespeare

Speedy play exacts a high price in the play of today's spade game. Even a moderate pace of play may not suffice, for there may be other obstacles to overcome. Examine the play to trick one and look over the North-South hands. See if you can devise a plan to avoid the traps.

The jack rabbit captures East's club trick with his ace at trick one and seals his fate at trick two. He tries to cash the club king, and East's surprising ruff beats him. He can ruff one club loser with dummy's trump nine, but he cannot ruff both. He loses a club, a club ruff and one trick in each red suit.

A more careful player wins his club ace and cashes his trump ace, dropping West's jack. Then he carefully leads a diamond to dummy's ace to lead a club. If East ruffs, the rest is easy. South can ruff his last low club with dummy's trump nine, conceding only three losers.

What if East discards instead of ruffing? Then South must negotiate one more hurdle. After he wins his club king, he must ruff a club with dummy's trump nine. If he ruffs low, East will overruff and return a trump, eliminating any successful club ruffs for South.

After the prudent ruff of a low club with dummy's nine, South's game is secure. He wins five trump tricks, two high clubs, a club ruff and dummy's high diamonds to bring the total to 10 tricks.

**NORTH**

♠ 9 8 4 3  
♥ 9 7 6 4 2  
♦ A K 7  
♣ A 9 5

**EAST**

♠ A J 10 8 3  
♥ 9 3 2  
♦ K J  
♣ A K 7

**Vulnerable: North-South**

**Dealer: South**

The bidding:

**South West North East**

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Club six.

#### BID WITH THE ACES

**South holds:**

♠ 8 6 4 3  
♥ A J 10 8 3  
♦ 9 3 2  
♣ A

**North South**

1 NT

**ANSWER:** Two clubs. If opener bids two diamonds, bid a nonoverlapping two hearts. Pass any major suit response.

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**JEROME**, 4 offices on Main, use of conference rm, receptionist, bookkeeping room could be incld. Call 324-1083.

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#### 808 COMMERCIAL RENTALS

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SPORTS

Declo advances to challenge Valley

Declo - The second-seeded Hornets held No. 3 seed Glenns Perry to single-digit scoring through the first and third quarters Monday and got a game-high 22 points from center forward Jeff Sokker on open in the 2000 Boys' Class A-Canyon Conference Tournament with a 72-41 win at home.

"We jumped out on them early, went inside and got easy baskets," said Declo assistant coach Denny Smyer. "We just pounded inside and played an all-around good game."

Andy Wiseman. Castledorf's Elvis Medina scored a game-high 30 points while Andy Stephenson led the Pirates with 19 points.

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Local sports

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Tiger Leads Match Play name list

The Associated Press

Tiger Woods, No. 1 in the world, will have to play one of the hottest players in the world next week in the first round of the Match Play Championship.

Woods will face Michael Campbell of New Zealand, who has won three of his last four tournaments and is one of only two players to beat Woods since August.

The field for the \$5 million World Golf Championship, which starts Feb. 17 at La Costa Spa and Resort in Carlsbad, Calif., was determined Monday with the release of the latest world rankings.

The top 64 players are in a single-elimination tournament that takes place over five days with 18-hole matches and a 36-hole final.

Campbell qualified for Match Play by winning the Australian Masters on Sunday, which moved him from No. 67 to No. 65 in the rankings. The top 65 made it because Jumbo Crank (No. 36) decided not to play for the second straight year.

Defending champion Jeff Maggert, who won the inaugural WGC event with a chip-in for birdie at the 38th hole, is ranked No. 20 and will meet Bob Tway in the first round.

No. 2 David Duval meets Argentina's Angel Cabrera, No. 3 Colin Montgomerie faces Dennis Paulson and No. 4 Davis Love III will oppose Olin Browne.

Canadians dominate Panthers 4-1

MONTREAL (AP) - Jesse Belanger scored a pair of goals in his first in the NHL in almost four years - and added two assists to lead the Montreal Canadiens to a 4-1 win over the Florida Panthers on Monday night.

Belanger, recalled from Quebec of the AHL prior to the game, hadn't scored in the NHL since April 6, 1995, when he was with the Vancouver Canucks. Belanger was also a member of the Stanley Cup champion Canadiens in 1992-93.

Craig Darby and Sergei Zholtok also scored for Montreal. Pavel Bure scored his league-leading 40th goal for the Panthers.

Hurricanes 5, Maple Leafs 2. TORONTO - Ron Francis scored two goals and sparked Carolina's four-goal outburst in the first 14 minutes Monday night to lead the Hurricanes to a 5-2 victory over the struggling Toronto Maple Leafs.

Dave Karpis, Glen Wesley and Rod Brind'Amour also scored for Carolina, who won their third straight game. Robert Kron had two assists for the Hurricanes and Arturs Irbe made 20 saves, including stopping Kevyn Adams on a breakaway 402 into the third.

The Leafs, who slipped 11 points behind New Jersey for the NHL's best record, lost their fourth straight for the first time since April 1998. Toronto is still in first place in the Northeast Division, six points ahead of Ottawa.

Penguins 3, Canucks 0. PITTSBURGH - Jean-



Toronto center Nik Antropov crosses checks Carolina lead winger Martin Gelinus during first-period NHL action in Toronto Monday night.

Sebastian Aubin stopped 37 shots Monday night to lead the Pittsburgh Penguins to a 3-0 win over the Vancouver Canucks.

Aubin had a spectacular game on the day he became Pittsburgh's No. 1 goalie. Tom Barraso was granted a leave of absence to return home to Massachusetts to spend time with his father, gravely ill with brain cancer.

The shutout was Aubin's second this season and fourth of his career.

The Penguins are 14-1-1 in their last 16 games with the Canucks and are 10-1-1 against them at home. Vancouver hasn't won at Pittsburgh since Jan. 7, 1999.

Jaromir Jagr scored his 37th goal and Robert Lang got his 19th as the Penguins stopped a two-game winless streak (0-1-1) that followed a four-game winning streak.

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Magic Valley Conference Tournament

Castledorf 59, Hagerman 58 OT. CASTLEDORF - The Wolves advanced in the Class A-4 Magic Valley Conference Tournament after sliding by the Pirates Monday night. Hagerman led by 12 points at the half, but the Wolves came back with a strong team effort to battle back for the lead.

"It was a see-saw battle back and forth," said Castledorf coach

Burley

Continued from D1. Senior guard Rocky Rhoades hit seven of Highland's nine free throws during that stretch en route to scoring a game-high 18 points. Eleven of those points came from the line.

"It's his great job by (getting) to the line and doing the job," Frost said. "He loves getting to the line and doing the job."

In all, the Rams shot an impressive 76 percent from the line Monday, hitting 28 of 37 attempts. Bryant connected on 17 of 27 free throws for 63-percent performance.

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Times-News sportswriter Matt Peterson can be reached via e-mail at mpeterson@magvalley.com.

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"It was a heck of a game," Kelsey said.

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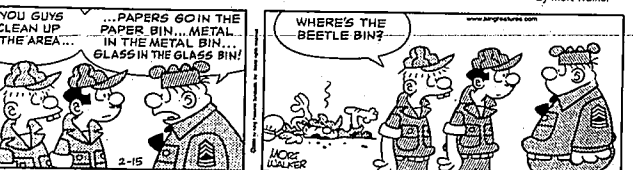
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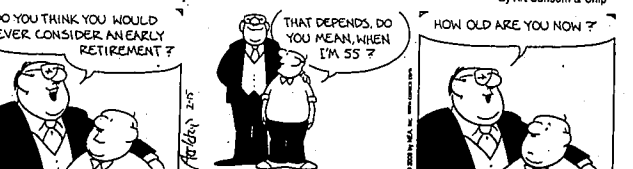
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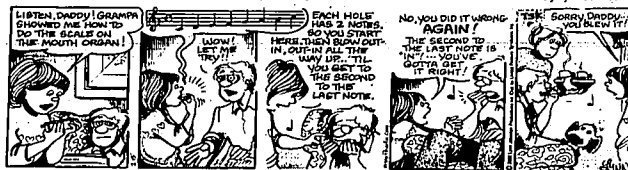
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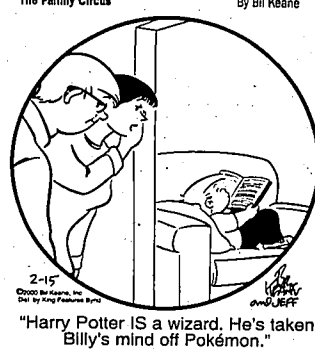
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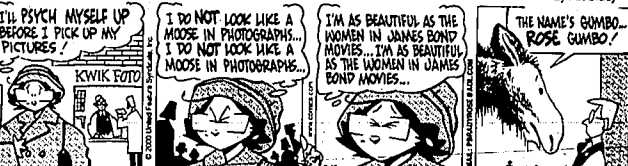
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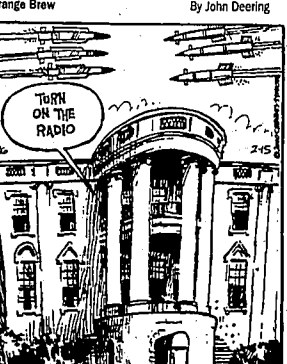
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