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Ryan Carpenter, who works for Kelley Garden Center, trims a branch from a Poplar tree in Shoshone Falls Park. Experts say trees damaged by wind should be examined by a professional arborist to see if it's possible to save the tree.

# AFTER THE FALL

## Tree recovery tips

**Safety first** - Sprays of utility lines and hazardous overhead limbs.

**The problem** - If a tree does not represent a hazard, take the time necessary to be sure it gets proper care and make a final decision about it in a few weeks or months.

**Hire a qualified arborist** - If a tree is large, requires high climbing, is leaning against wires, buildings or other trees, or if wires or structures are endangered, let a professional do the job.

**Take heart** - Trees in the area are amazingly resilient and trees in other communities have recovered over time.

Source: The National Arbor Day Foundation

## Officials urge safety when caring for damaged trees

By John Huddy  
The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - In the wake of Monday's wind storm, city tree officials are urging residents to do their best to save damaged trees but reminding them to be careful in the process.

"We get periodic storms like that," said David Mead, spokesman for the Twin Falls City Tree Commission. "Most people, when they find their trees down in their front yard, don't know where to turn. But the trees can be saved."

Mead said some trees suffered only minor damage, such as broken off branches or limbs, and that many of the trees are sal-

vageable.

"It depends on where the breaks are," Mead said.

John Rosenow, president of the National Arbor Day Foundation, an organization that helps people plant and care for trees, said seeing a damaged tree can be difficult for some people.

"Seeing a favorite tree down or badly damaged in the front yard can be a traumatic experience - almost like losing an old friend," Rosenow said. "Because trees are such a large part of a city's visual landscape, damage to them from a severe storm can be a major shock to residents."

Rosenow said residents should call experienced landscapers or arborists before chopping down a

damaged tree.

"If a tree is large and the work is off the ground or if a chair saw is needed, it's best to contact a qualified arborist," he said.

Twin Falls City Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer echoed Rosenow's suggestions.

"I would advise people to call a certified arborist," Bowyer said. "I would get an expert opinion on what they can do. As part of the Tree Commission what we're trying to do is educate the public on the proper care of trees."

Bowyer said Monday's storm caused little damage to local trees but some trees near the Shoshone Falls did lose their

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## Wendell trustees decide to vacate middle school

By Gina Mulder  
Times-News correspondent

**WENDELL** - After hearing the concerns of a crowded room of parents Wednesday evening, the School Board voted to completely vacate Wendell Middle School next week and move the school's students over to the high school.

Their children shouldn't remain in a building that has been partially condemned, some parents told the board.

The school will close Tuesday and the staff will begin packing up their classrooms and moving to the high

school. Middle school classes will resume at the high school Feb. 28.

Last night's decision to vacate the middle school was made after City Building Inspector Sonny Henry and Leavitt & Associates Engineers Inc. of Nampa informed the School Board that the center of the school's foundation was in poor condition. Henry told the district it had 60 days to vacate the 80-year-old condemned portion of the school.

Originally, the district thought the closure would mean losing one classroom, along with administrative offices, storage facilities and

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A central stairwell at Wendell Middle School, shown in this October 1999 file photo, had been a gathering spot for students, such as these students who congregated to paint a poster. Portions of the middle school have since been condemned, placing the Magic Valley school in the vortex of a statewide debate over Idaho's aging school buildings.

## After 11 months, Russia agrees to normalize relations with NATO

The Washington Post

**MOSCOW** - Russia agreed Wednesday to move toward normal relations with NATO, ending 11 months of isolation from the Western alliance triggered by the Kosovo war that had aroused fears of a new Cold War.

Acting President Vladimir Putin reached the surprise agreement with NATO Secretary General George Robertson in a 45-minute Kremlin meeting. It was one of Putin's most significant foreign policy decisions since he became acting president seven weeks ago, and was greeted as a sign here that he wants to reach out to the West.

Russia cut high-level contacts with NATO in March in protest

over the NATO-led bombing of Kosovo, the breakaway region in Yugoslavia, Russia's historic ally.

In welcoming Robertson to the Kremlin conference room, Putin said he was ready for closer ties with NATO even though last week's air attacks still complicate the relationship.

Robertson later told reporters, "I think we've moved from the permanent to slightly softer ground."

Signs of a possible thaw were evident as early as July, when Russia sent its ambassador to Berlin to discuss the NATO-led peacekeeping operation in Kosovo. But the Russian government continued to boycott sessions of NATO's permanent joint council.

## Dems, GOP lend ear to seniors

### Older voters might decide many Congressional races

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** - Republicans and Democrats are tripping over each other to pass a law before the November elections to let working people over age 65 keep all their Social Security payments. But Congress is still sharply divided on another concern of the elderly: Medicare prescription drug benefits.

Whatever the outcome, the high priority both sides have placed on elderly issues reflect the importance of older voters in determining whether Republicans keep their slim hold on the House in this congressional election.

"The senior vote is the battleground for who gets control of the House," said Dan Maffei, spokesman for Democrats on the House Ways and Means Committee.

The odds appear long that Congress will make progress on the biggest of these issues: ensuring the long-term financial solvency of Medicare and Social Security and giving people new options to invest for retirement. So lawmakers are focusing on lesser steps that would demonstrate some accomplishment for voters or provide a campaign issue if compromise isn't possible.

"Everybody knows somebody

## Water judge responds

Wood says he has few pursuits in agriculture

By N.S. Nokkventved  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Fifth District Judge Barry Wood admits he holds a domestic and stockwater right - but he says his only livestock is a household cat named Wilder.

He also holds a right to irrigation water for about 10 acres. But the land and the water are leased to his neighbor who farms the land. Wood wrote in his response to concerns about possible conflict of interest raised by the Nez Perce Tribe and the U.S. Department of Justice.

"Other than my garden plot and some trees, I am engaged in no agricultural pursuits," Wood said in a written response, filed with adjudication court documents.

The Nez Perce Tribe earlier this month asked that Wood set aside his recent decision denying tribal water rights claims, saying Wood has a conflict of interest. The Department of Justice asked for a conference to discuss the issue.

A hearing has been set at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Wood presides over the Snake River Basin Adjudication - the legal settlement of more than 150,000 water rights in 38 of Idaho's 44 counties.

In his response to the allegations, Wood says he disclosed the two water right claims that were filed in the adjudication to Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout before he was appointed to preside over the adjudication.

Trout told him that because of the scope and uniqueness of the adjudication and the small size of his claims, the claims subject to adjudication presented no conflict - unless a dispute arose over claims in which he was directly involved.

The Nez Perce say that Wood and his farm members' water rights claims would be affected by Wood's rulings on Nez Perce claims, and they have asked that Wood disqualify himself from any proceeding that would affect his or his family's water rights claims.

In November 1999, Wood rejected Nez Perce claims to the majority of the water in the Snake River - claims that could, if granted, affect most water users in southern Idaho, including Wood and his family, the Nez Perce say.

The tribe filed 1,113 claims to water in the Snake River as part of the adjudication. The tribe said an 1855-treaty-granting-fishing rights included a water right to sustain the fishing rights.

Wood rejected that argument. He held that an 1893 agreement legally reduced the Nez Perce reservation to just a fraction of

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# THE REGION

## Carnas Prairie

High 36 Low: 7  
Mostly sunny today and clear and cold tonight. Sunny on Friday with high around 30.

## Treasure Valley

High 45 Low: 24  
Patchy morning fog, otherwise mostly sunny. Sunny on Friday with high in the mid 40s.

## Swallow Mountains/Wood River Valley

High 32 Low: 6  
Partly cloudy today and mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny on Friday with high in the 30s.

## Eastern Idaho

High 34 Low: 12  
Mostly sunny in the afternoon and mostly clear tonight. The same on Friday.

## Northern Idaho

High 45 Low: 25  
Mostly sunny, with light winds. Valley fog then mostly sunny on Friday. Highs in the 40s.

## Northern Utah

High 43 Low: 33  
Rain mixing with ice changing to snow. Partly cloudy on Friday with high in the lower 40s.

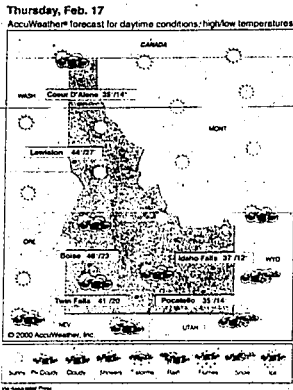
## Northern Nevada

High 41 Low: 21  
Mostly cloudy with northwest winds 15-25 mph, with a chance of rain.

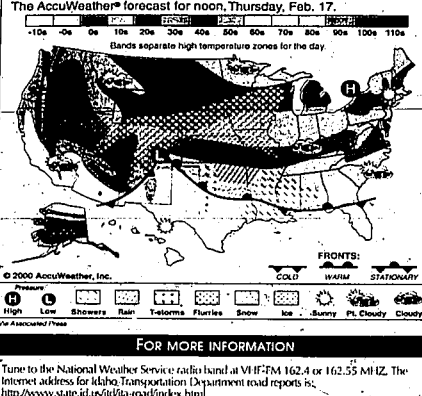
# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 41 Low: 21 Decreasing clouds, with northwest winds 15-25 mph.	High 41 Low: 19 Sunny, with patchy morning fog.	High 40s Low: 20s Sunny and cold, with patchy night and morning fog.	High 40s Low: 20s Increasing clouds and not as cold.	High 40s Low: 20s Chance of rain.

### Idaho weather



### National weather



### UV INDEX

Index: 2  
Minimal  
Burn time:  
60 minutes

### ROAD INFORMATION

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### SUNSET TODAY

6:12 p.m.  
Sunset on Feb. 17 is at 6:12 a.m. Lunar phase: Full. Feb. 19: last quarter, Feb. 26: new. March 6: first quarter, March 13.

### SKYWATCH

Idaho: Low pressure off the California coast brought moisture over southern and eastern Idaho to produce mostly cloudy skies Wednesday. Northern Idaho posted partly sunny skies. Scattered precipitation was observed over most of southern Idaho during the afternoon. Afternoon temperatures were in the 30s and 40s. The warm spot at 3 p.m. was Caldwell at 46 degrees and the cool spot was at Stanley at 24 degrees. Elsewhere: High pressure brought mostly clear conditions to the central part of the nation

### ACROSS THE NATION

Wednesday, while rain spread across much of the West. An upper level trough over the eastern Great Lakes produced mostly cloudy skies and a few showers in the Northeast. Light snow showers fell in upstate New York, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. A cold front associated with the disturbance extended down to Arkansas. A few showers formed in Alabama, Mississippi, and Georgia to the south of the front.

# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday XX XX	Yesterday in Twin Falls .XX
Last year 42 32	Month to date: .00
Normal 42 23	Normal mo. to date: .54
	Water year to date: .XX
	Normal year to date: 4.68

# Idaho

Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High	Low	Staley
Boise 46	32	0.0	degrees at Lowell.	4	degrees at
Burley 44	31	0.0	Lowell, 4 degrees at		
Coeur d'Alene 34	16	0.0	Nation: High, 87, at		
Grangeville 34	16	0.0	McCallen, Texas.		
Hagerman 32	16	0.0	Water year to date: .XX		
Idaho Falls 37	24	0.0	Normal year to date: 4.68		
Idaho Falls 49	31	0.0	Rapids, and Flag		
Malad 27	16	0.0	Island, Minn.		
Mila 28	16	0.0			
McCall 38	14	0.0	Comfort factors		
Pocatello 38	28	0.0	Moan humidity: 82%.		
Salmon 37	25	0.0	Noon low: 30.00		
Stanley 26	4	0.0	Reported season has		
Sun Valley 35	13	0.0	ended for the year.		
			Another 45 days of		
			Idaho returns in March.		

# The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	42	19	0.0
Anchorage	27	16	0.0
Atlanta	72	48	0.0
Boston	49	29	0.0
Chicago	35	29	0.0
Dallas	68	60	0.0
Denver	48	26	0.0
Des Moines	36	18	0.0
El Paso	33	23	0.0
Honolulu	81	70	0.0
Houston	79	67	0.0
Indianapolis	45	33	0.0
Kansas City	44	22	0.0
Las Vegas	68	50	0.0
Los Angeles	56	35	0.0
Miami	75	64	0.0
Minneapolis	39	8	0.0
New Orleans	77	61	0.0
New York	42	33	0.0
Oklahoma City	50	44	0.0
Omaha	34	17	0.0
Phoenix	69	53	0.0
Pittsburgh	46	30	0.0
Portland, Ore.	56	33	0.0
Reno	40	19	0.0
Seattle	42	31	0.0
Salt Lake City	44	33	0.0
San Francisco	53	52	0.0
San Jose	46	36	0.0
Spokane	38	20	0.0
Washington	66	53	0.0
Yankee	74	53	0.0

# Wendell

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the teacher's lounge, something it could work around. The school later learned that five more classrooms would be inclassrooms.

"Losing five more classrooms makes our situation that much more difficult," said Superintendent Larry Manly.

"We just want to find the best way to finish school this year without disrupting the educational process anymore than we have to."

The problems at the middle school thrust the community of Wendell into the center of a statewide debate over whether or not the state should help districts pay for school construction. Manly has been asked to testify in a lawsuit a group of school districts is bringing against the state.

Boise attorney Robert Hartley, the attorney for the dozens of school districts suing the state, recently told the Associated Press that Wendell Middle School's crumbling foundation is an indictment of Idaho's commitment to ensure students have a safe environment in which to learn and illustrates the deficiency of last year's state assessment of school safety needs.

But Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who directed last year's study, sees the Wendell-Middle School situation as an object lesson in support of his plan for giving the administrator—of—the state

Division of Building Safety authority to shut down school buildings found to have life-threatening safety problems.

For now, the Wendell School District is trying to find a way to juggle academic and extracurricular activities and still meet the Idaho Department of Education's required hours for instruction.

The district is looking at a block schedule with high school students attending classes Monday through Wednesday and middle school students attending classes Thursday through Saturday. Both schools would maintain regular school hours.

But with any temporary fix, there are some drawbacks, Manly said. A block system would mean a shorter school week and fewer hours in the classroom which could be a problem for seniors getting ready to graduate in three months.

Middle School Principal Marcia Hallert remained optimistic and suggested the two schools get together and work out a schedule that would keep the seniors on track for a May graduation. Manly said school staff will have an opportunity to give their input before any final scheduling decision is made.

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

# German leader's protege falls victim to scandal

BERLIN (AP) — Helmut Kohl's hand-picked heir as chief of Germany's Christian Democratic Union fell victim Wednesday to the financial scandal that has devastated the party since the former chancellor admitted hiding illegal donations while in office.

Wolfgang Schauble, the party chairman and parliamentary faction leader, was forced out in a putsch by fellow conservatives convinced that only a dramatic break with the old leadership would save the party from self-destructing — especially with two important state elections coming up soon.

"The CDU's crisis must not be allowed to become a crisis for democracy," Schauble said in announcing his decision to relinquish both posts. "This goal overrides all others."

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder called Schauble's departure "probably a necessary step" to keep the opposition party alive.

"It's important to recognize that the parties guarantee the necessary stability of the democratic system in Germany," said Schroeder, the leader of Germany's other main party, the Social Democrats.

The parliament faction is to select new leaders Tuesday, and a new chairman will be chosen at a congress planned for April.

While Schauble said he wanted to make a "new beginning" possible for his party, it was unlikely his departure alone would end the scandal over illegal donations, secret Swiss bank accounts and shady bookkeeping that stretches over Kohl's quarter-century as party chairman.

# Ex-bank exec pleads guilty to Russian money laundering

NEW YORK — A former Bank of New York executive and her husband pleaded guilty Wednesday to laundering billions of dollars from Russia in one of the biggest such schemes in U.S. history.

The pleas were the first major admissions of wrongdoing since the investigation caused an international scandal last August and strained relations between Russia and the United States.

Standing side by side, Lucy Edwards, 41, and Peter Edwards, 46, each told a federal judge how they used Edwards' position as a vice president in the bank's Eastern European division to help Russian bankers launder more than \$7 billion.

Investigators believe most of the money came from Russian importers trying to avoid taxes though they are looking into whether some came from Russian mobsters. No one directly addressed the matter in court Wednesday.

But a prosecutor did say that \$300,000 of the laundered money was ransom for a kidnapping in Russia. And Edwards said the bankers used the money to help 1995 at the Russian bank DKB had some sinister connections.

"I was aware that personnel for DKB were on occasion in fear of their customers and afraid to leave the bank because they said customers with machine guns were waiting for them," she said.

Edwards also said Russian banking officials were accomplices in the scam. The administration of former President Boris Yeltsin has called the Bank of New York allegations a creation by the West to tarnish Russia.

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the land the tribe originally inhabited — and ruled that the tribes were not entitled to water in the Snake.

The Nez Perce Tribe has appealed the ruling. The appeal is pending before the state Supreme Court.

# LOTTERY UPDATE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 NUMBERS

POWERBALL

9 10 21 31 41

POWERBALL NUMBER 37

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 NUMBERS

WILD CARD

2

10 11 18 23 25

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 NUMBERS

FAST

3 6 20 23 30

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Wood acknowledged that several family members, including one brother and two sisters, own water rights that have been claimed in the adjudication. But he owns no shares in the Big Wood Canal Co., and his property gets no water from the canal company.

"There is no existing headgate from which water on the Big Wood Canal Co. could physically be delivered to my property," Wood wrote.

The domestic and irrigation water rights were filed with the adjudicator in 1988. Wood says he bought the property in 1958.

A story in Wednesday's Times-News on Monday's Buhl City Council meeting contained an error. The city already has an ordinance that does not allow cars to be parked on streets longer than 72 hours. The proposed legislation deals with handicapped parking in residential areas.

A Twin Falls County For the Record item in The Times-News Sunday contained inaccurate information about one case. Daryl Fisk, of Twin Falls, pleaded guilty to a charge of driving with an invalid license.

The Times-News regrets the errors.

NATION

# Clinton rejects death penalty moratorium

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton rejected calls for a national moratorium on capital punishment Wednesday but urged the nation's governors to "look very closely" at their death penalty systems to make sure that innocent people are not executed.

He said it was courageous of Illinois Gov. George Ryan to impose a freeze on executions after the execution of 13 death row inmates in his state over two decades. Clinton said death penalty supporters — including himself — have "an especially heavy obligation" to make sure there is no question of guilt for condemned prisoners.

At an hour-long news conference ranging from domestic subjects to foreign policy, Clinton refused to say whether he will challenge ethics complaints seeking to strip him of his Arkansas law license because of his conduct in the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

He said he paid \$850,000 last year to settle a related case — the sexual harassment suit of Paula Jones — only to find out it was being a distraction to his presidency. He said the suit "had absolutely no merit."



President Clinton listens to a reporter's question Wednesday during a televised press conference from the East Room in the White House.

On another subject, Clinton said he has not ruled out a visit to Pakistan next month when he visits its arch rival, India. He said his decision would hinge on whether

stopping in Islamabad could stop the regional arms race, promote democracy in military-ruled Pakistan and resolve the India-Pakistan conflict. He said the United States would be happy to help mediate the dispute over Kashmir, but only if both countries seek help.

Upon striding into the East Room for his first regular news conference of the year, Clinton announced the release of \$125 million in federal money to help needy families buy home heating oil in the Northeast.

The president also said he would seek \$600 million in emergency funds to deal with the current crisis and problems likely to occur later this year in areas suffering from extreme heat. Clinton said he is restricted by law from tapping into the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to moderate fuel prices, but added, "I have not ruled out any action."

The idea of a death penalty moratorium has gathered momentum since Gov. Ryan took the unprecedented step Jan. 31 of putting all executions on hold in Illinois, saying that the state's system was "fraught with error."

Before that, the American Bar Association had called for a death penalty moratorium. Last week, Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., urged Clinton to suspend federal executions.

"In the federal cases, I don't believe it is called for," the president said. He said 27 people have been condemned under federal law, 20 in civilian courts and seven through the military system.

He said the Justice Department is reviewing whether the death penalty is being imposed fairly from a racial standpoint, and is drawing up guidelines to make it easier for prisoners to pursue clemency requests.

"I think that if I were a governor still, I would look very closely at the situation in my state and decide what the facts are," said Clinton. As governor, he signed four execution authorizations. The president also said he was inclined to support a measure by Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., on capital punishment. It provides for DNA testing of inmates who seek to prove they did not commit the crime for which they were condemned.

# Perot redux? Supporters hope billionaire will run

WASHINGTON (AP) — Days after followers of Ross Perot ousted the Reform Party chairman who was loyal to a Perot rival, party leaders launched an effort Wednesday to draft the Texas billionaire into the presidential race for a third run.

"There's beginning to be an upswell among the grass roots in the party," said National Secretary Jim Mangia, who added that he's gotten dozens of e-mails from Perot supporters since the party's raucous committee meeting Saturday in Nashville.

"They want Perot," Mangia

added.

If he ran, it would be Perot's third run for president on the third-party ticket after finishing with 19 percent of the vote in 1992 and 8.5 percent in 1996. He would face former Republican Pat Buchanan in a fight for the party's nomination and the \$126 million in federal matching funds that come with it.

Such a challenge would not deter the party's founder who had not dented the conservative columnist, Buchanan said this week.

"Clearly, he would be a formidable challenger for the nomination," said Buchanan.

# Health insurer pulls coverage for bone marrow transplants

NEW YORK (AP) — Aetna, the nation's biggest health insurer, Tuesday said it will stop covering bone marrow transplants for women with breast cancer after an encouraging study of the grueling and expensive treatment was discontinued.

Aetna said Wednesday it will pay for the treatment only for women who are participating in federally sponsored studies of the approach. The company said it will continue to pay for bone marrow transplants for illnesses such as leukemia, where studies have proved its effectiveness.

The decision comes two weeks after it was disclosed that a South African study of the treatment that had given hope to some women with advanced breast cancer contained falsified data.

"At this point in time there is no credible evidence that this approach is likely to be better than a more conventional approach," said Dr. Arthur Leibowitz, chief medical officer for Aetna U.S. Healthcare.

"We now have five well-controlled studies that show this thing doesn't work."

# Radioactive steam leaks at nuke plant

BUCHANAN, N.Y. (AP) — A small amount of radioactive steam leaked from a Hudson River nuclear plant north of New York City, prompting the first alert in the plant's 26-year history, but officials said Thursday that workers and residents were not in danger.

Soon after the leak was detected Tuesday night, plant officials declared an alert — the second-lowest of four emergency classifications for nuclear plants — but no evacuations were ordered and none was expected, police said.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said Thursday that plant operators "have stabilized" the plant and are in control of all systems" after manually shutting down the reactor. It said the operators successfully isolated the generator where the leak occurred.

"Radiological monitoring by the company at this point indicates there have been no measurable releases of radioactivity from the plant," the NRC said in a statement issued from the agency's headquarters in Rockville, Md.

The agency said NRC inspectors were monitoring the response at the Indian Point 2 plant in northern Westchester County, about 25 miles north of the New York City line. The plant is operated by Consolidated Edison.

"There is no danger to the health and welfare of the general public," Steve Quinn, Con Edison vice president, said today.

No plant workers were exposed to radiation above the level they would experience in a normal workday, Quinn said.

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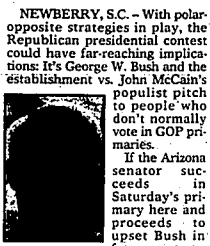
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# McCain seeks to rewrite GOP playbook

By Ron Fournier  
The Associated Press



John McCain

NEWBERRY, S.C. - With polar-opposite strategies in play, the Republican presidential contest could have far-reaching implications: It's George W. Bush and the establishment vs. John McCain's populist pitch to people who don't normally vote in GOP primaries.

If the Arizona senator succeeds in Saturday's primary here and proceeds to upset Bush in future contests, he will have rewritten his party's tactical playbook to adapt to a changing political environment. "I want to reconstitute (the GOP) governing coalition," McCain said in Tuesday night's debate.

After his own negative advertis-



George W. Bush, shown listening to a question from a voter on Wednesday in Beaufort, S.C., faces a formidable challenge from John McCain.

ing hurt McCain's campaign in the first week of the South Carolina contest, the Arizona yanked the spots and disavowed negative tactics. He has returned this week to appeals to Democrats and independents, hoping they will cross party lines for the open primary.

Bush, meanwhile, has found his footing after his shocking defeat in New Hampshire and is running a traditional GOP campaign. He is

Analysis

covering, Bush pledged this week to improve schools, campaign finance laws and health care - all poll-tested favorites of independents and Democrats.

Advisers say the effort has cut into McCain's substantial lead among those groups.

At the same time, Bush and his allies are firing up social conservatives. He visited Bob Jones University, a hotbed of South Carolina conservatism. Some advisers urged him not to go, fearing the institution's segregationist history would become a general election campaign issue - along with other recent efforts to tack to the right.

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"Grass-roots religious conservatives remain a very potent part of primary elections, but like every other state in the South, this state is in the midst of an economic and social transformation," Reed said. Voters other than traditional Republicans also are behind McCain's rise in polls in upcoming primary states, such as Michigan, New York and California. California Secretary of State Bill Jones withdrew his Bush endorsement to back McCain on Wednesday, saying, "Our goal is to have a party where we bring in independents and Democrats."

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## Taxpayers can claim refunds

WASHINGTON (AP) - Over \$2 billion in unclaimed 1996 tax refunds is sitting in government accounts, but it's still not too late for almost 1.6 million taxpayers to get what they're owed.

After that date, they still have to file a tax return but they won't get their refund.

The Internal Revenue Service warned Wednesday that these tardy taxpayers have until April 15 of this year to file their late returns and still get a refund.

"The law generally provides for refunds only if taxpayers file returns within three years," said IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti. "We want people to get the refunds they deserve, but they have to file tax returns in order to claim them."

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Which way should the car seat face?

Babies of up to one year and 20 pounds should ride facing the rear. Children over age one and at least 20 pounds may ride facing forward.

What is the best way to install the car seat?

The safety belt must stay tight around the safety seat. If your safety seat can be used facing either direction, make sure to put the seat belt through the right slots. Harness straps go over the child's shoulders and should be adjusted so you can slip only one finger underneath the straps at your child's chest.

Until what age should a child restraint be used?

Keep your child in a safety seat as long as possible, at least until 40 lbs. Then use a booster seat to make the vehicle's belts fit better. Most children this size are much too small to fit correctly in safety belts.

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# NASA: Fuel levels might allow shuttle to complete map mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour's astronauts are close to saving enough fuel to complete their 3-D mapping of the Earth, NASA said Wednesday.

"We're almost there," said Milt Heflin, mission operations representative.

Because of a balky thruster on the end of a 197-foot radar antenna mast, Endeavour is using extra fuel to keep the mast pointed in the right direction. On Tuesday, NASA

came up with innovative ways to conserve fuel, including changes in steering the shuttle and flushing away urine.

"We're basically sharpening our pencils as best as we can," Heflin said. "Somebody I heard mention we may go all the way down to the erasers as well, but I think we're going to eventually get there."

Heflin said he expects to know Thursday whether the six astronauts will

be able to continue mapping until Sunday night as planned.

One concern is whether Endeavour will have enough fuel to perform all of the necessary pre-landing maneuvers if bad weather on Earth keeps it in orbit an extra day or two. Landing is scheduled for Tuesday.

As of Wednesday, the astronauts had mapped more than 32 million square miles of terrain at least once. That is

roughly equivalent to Africa, Australia and North and South Americas combined.

The goal is to map about 48 million square miles at least twice, so scientists can create the world's most accurate topographic maps.

A tiny thruster on the radar antenna mast hasn't been working right since practically the beginning of the mission. Engineers suspected a leak in the nitrogen-gas line feeding the thruster, then a clog in the line.

On Wednesday, as the crew was opening the nitrogen-gas valve in an attempt to clear the line, a small object shot out of the cargo bay into space. Astronaut Janice Yoss described it as a white, lumpy object about the size of a pebble.

Flight controllers were perplexed. "Whether that's good or bad, we don't know yet," Heflin said.

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## EDITORIAL

### Little is lost, but much is gained with sex offender list

Twice a year, The Times-News publishes a list of all registered sex offenders who live in the paper's circulation area. We did it on Sunday, and we'll do it again later this year.

We don't publish the list to stigmatize offenders, many of whom have served their time and are trying to get on with their lives. We publish it to warn potential victims - particularly families with children - about sexual predators in their midst.

If a kindly neighbor offers to babysit your children, you might want to know if he or she is on the sex offenders list. Ditto for scoutmasters and gymnasiums coaches.

That's why we publish the names, photographs and addresses of registered sex offenders in this area. We think other newspapers should, too. It's public information and the public clearly has a right to know.

Unlike society's liberals, we are more concerned about the rights of victims than the rights of criminals. The list is a tool to help parents keep from unwittingly allowing their children to fall prey to sex offenders.

Again, many of the people on the list have fully paid their debt to society. We urge readers to use the information responsibly, to obey the law and to eschew vigilante justice.

Is this list perfect? No.

The state of Idaho, which produces

the list, has sometimes been a little sloppy about the information it provides. We occasionally have caught mistakes involving wrong names, wrong address and wrong photographs. The sex offenders list is serious business, so state officials should pay serious attention when producing it.

The addresses of homes formerly occupied by registered sex offenders shouldn't be allowed to linger on the list. The state deserves credit for improving the process of removing an offender's address when it can be shown that the offender has moved.

Another troubling aspect of the list is its one-size-fits-all nature. Violent sexual predators appear next to young men whose only crime was being caught in the act with their teen-age girlfriends. A 19-year-old man who has consensual sex with his 17-year-old girlfriend shouldn't be on the same page as violent sexual predators.

The Idaho Legislature should seek to exempt at least these young men. Meanwhile, the Legislature is right to be looking at ways to tighten controls over chronic and violent sex offenders.

Though it still needs fine-tuning, the premise behind the sex offenders list is sound. A well-informed society is a stronger society. We don't apologize for keeping readers informed. It's our job.

*If a kindly neighbor offers to babysit your children, you might want to know if he or she is on the sex offenders list.*



### It's time to forget about America's past injustices

Should America pay reparations to the descendants of African slaves forcibly brought here 300 or more years ago? It's a question that has been raised many times since the 13th Amendment abolished slavery some 130 years ago, and has most recently gained attention because of a book written by Randall Robinson. "The Debt: What America Owes to Blacks."



LINDA CHAVEZ

Robinson, the president of TransAfrica, is not a man to be dismissed lightly. Perhaps more than anyone outside of Africa, he is responsible for ending apartheid in that nation through his unrelenting effort to promote economic sanctions against the government there. But is he right now to argue that America should pay today for sins committed more than 100 years ago? And how do we decide when to compensate victims of a terrible wrong perpetrated by the government itself?

the same thing now for blacks, as Robinson and others argue? There is no question that what was done to blacks was incomparably worse than anything suffered by Japanese-Americans or anyone else in America for that matter.

The idea of giving money to individuals who have suffered some grave wrong is well-rooted in the American-legal system. It is, after all, the basis of our civil-law. Our system even provides for compensation to the direct descendants and heirs of actual victims, for example, the spouse or children of someone killed in an airplane crash involving some negligence on the part of the manufacturer or airline.

The problem is time. It is simply impossible to right an injustice committed in the distant past, and any attempt to do so can create as many difficulties as it alleviates. It was possible to repay Japanese-Americans for the property they lost and the time they spent in the camps, because we knew who they were and could document their actual losses. But it is nearly impossible to know generations later what a particular loss or gain to an individual might mean for his descendants.

Of course, that does not stop someone whose ancestors were mistreated from feeling resentment - and wanting some satisfaction for the wrongs done. And this seems to be at the root of what Robinson hopes to achieve, a kind of national catharsis over slavery. "If you're ever to get past this, it must be gotten out and dealt with. Whatever awful thing was done to you must be drawn out and excised," he writes.

Moreover, the United States government has paid reparations before, \$20,000 each to some 82,000 Japanese-Americans forcibly removed from their homes during World War II, and sent to internment camps in several states. So, why not do

But his prescription for how blacks

should deal with the pain of the enslavement of their forebears is a recipe for racial hatred, not healing.

"You are owed," he tells blacks. "You were cursed to endure terrible things. The fault is not yours. There is nothing wrong with you. They did this to you." Does Robinson really believe that any amount of money - or government social programs, which is what he hopes will emerge from this dialogue - can compensate for the resentments toward all whites that such talk engenders among blacks?

Americans are often accused of having "short memories, and indeed, we do, perhaps because we are such a young nation. But memory can be a bad thing as well as a good one, especially if the memories we choose to forget are a litany of injustices, slights and wrongs done to our ancestors. Such memories are the cause of wars, feuds and racial animosity. Just look at those places where such memories are constantly reinforced and renewed: Northern Ireland, the Balkans, Rwanda, the Middle East.

No, the time for reparations for slavery has long since passed. The nation might well have been a better place if, immediately after the Civil War, every former slave had been given 40 acres and a mule, as the government promised. But the best we can hope for now is that we recommit ourselves to the simple goal of treating all men as equals, and affording every American equal opportunity to achieve what he or she can.

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## LETTER

### You can't have it both ways

Whenever unscheduled disasters such as earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, earth slides and conflagrations arrive, the mayors call the governors; the governors call the government. After everything has

returned to normal, the mayors and the governors say "Get the government off our backs." Our Idaho representatives want it both ways.

WILLIAM HORNADAY Hagerman

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### Don't cut autistic services

I am 18 years old. I tend to two autistic children that receive developmental therapy services through Community Partnership of Idaho.

I have just been informed that the members of the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee Medicaid Subcommittee are considering eliminating the services these special children receive. If any of the subcommittee members had a child faced with these disabilities, I am sure they would not like these services discontinued.

It's encouraging for me to work with and watch these children mature mentally as well as physically. If the program is stopped, these children won't stand a chance to reach their full potential.

Randy Hansen is a member of this committee. Please write or call him at the address and phone number below with your concerns.

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### School quality concerns everyone

The governor has said that old or dilapidated facilities are the responsibility of the local communities, not the state. That would mean the closing of the Wendell Middle School is only a problem for the

### citizens of Wendell. I disagree.

Old and inadequate facilities affect the education of the students by providing a poor learning environment. They take a large share of a school district's funds for maintenance and repair, funds that should be used for educational programs and salaries.

The students from small communities like Wendell will go on to colleges throughout Idaho. The majority of those students will live and work in places other than where they grew up.

It's not just the final cut from the middle schools across the state will eventually impact how and what colleges can teach; it will affect the quality of people entering the labor force.

Students from Wendell Middle School are not just the concern of Wendell. They should also be the concern of communities across the state because they will not stay in Wendell. Also, people in Wendell should be concerned about the education of those students across the state because those students will enter their work force.

We are not individual, isolated communities within a geographical boundary. We are the state of Idaho.  
JOHN W. WRIGHT Wendell

### Green thumb advice

It is tree trimming time, and this year I have decided to "go with the flow!" I always trim the regrowth off the top and bottom of a limb and trim the bottom branches to keep the grandkids from getting drug off their horses.

## LETTERS

Now, due to 70 mph winds on a somewhat frequent basis, I am trimming wind tunnels into the center of the tree, especially if it contains two main trunks.

My new sugar maples have two junk trees planted upwind (to the west). This provides a wind break for the tree I like the best. My cork oaks have allowed me to trim more trees better and faster than I have ever done this chore before. Allow for a bottom cut first and do not saw more than one-third through the limb, then start the final cut from the top.

Keep children and yourself clear of all falling limbs. A small child will be drawn to your activity, will be looking up and could receive life-altering eye problems if "saw" are not careful.

I use a water-based pruning paint on all cuts that I can reach. It prevents sap loss and is quick drying and quick sealing. It can be cleaned up with water, but do not get it in your eyes or on your skin. For all painting there are boxes of latex (hospital) gloves available.

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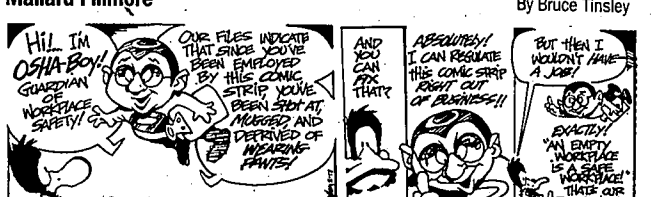
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OPINION

LETTERS

Which way to the harbor?

I take issue with the statement made by Mike Gibson in the Feb. 6 Times-News wherein he was quoted as saying only \$300.61 a year for total school tax in Jerome on a \$100,000 house (based on \$5.23 per \$1,000 of taxable property). The figures have to be wrong since I have a 1999 tax bill showing \$391.92 for Jerome School on a house with a tax evaluation at \$70,000. The increase from 1998 to 1999 for the school tax was \$220.

The state of Idaho has a tax surplus, and our great President Clinton (the number cruncher, as needed) says the federal government has billions in surplus money. This means everyone is collecting too much tax! We need another Boston Tea party!

Where is the Lottery money we were told would go to the schools? Probably down the drain.

The Jerome School District must have spent a lot of money on all the five or six bond issues they have pelted us with. They refuse to pursue cheaper ways of providing more space in existing schools! And there are ways which have been suggested time and again. We are still paying on the \$20 million when the high school was built, and there is no end to it.

The state Legislature is looking into the "school-financing issue," according to Rep. Maxine Bell—so it is seen as an unfair taxation issue and, hopefully, will eventually get resolved (probably after a lot of us have moved to Boise where property taxes are cheaper).

We are also paying \$88 each year for the College of Southern Idaho!

Readers in Jerome, check your last tax bills before voting! Think about it. Don't believe everything you read, check it out.

A very, very angry taxpayer.  
XENIA WILLIAMS  
Jerome

Overzealous statistics

I would like to clarify the facts regarding a recent letter to the editor which falsely stated that breast cancer is reduced 80 percent when mothers breastfeed.

I am a La Leche League leader, and LLL concurs that breastfeeding can reduce the risk of breast cancer. However, the statistics published in LLL's book, "The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding," show a different percentage.

"Protection against breast cancer is related to the duration of breastfeeding, with the greatest risk of reduction seen in women whose total amount of breastfeeding for one or more children totals several years."

"The effect is strongest for premenopausal breast cancer, although some studies show that breastfeeding lowers the risk of breast cancer after menopause as well." One study reports:

"Compared with women who had given birth but never breastfed, women who had breastfed 25 months or more were one-third less likely to develop breast cancer." Another study shows that "both premenopausal and postmenopausal breast cancer were decreased by 26 to 31 percent in women who had breastfed." Clearly, breastfeeding can reduce the incidence of breast cancer for both mother and breastfed daughter, remembering it is the "total number of annovulatory months during reproductive years" that influence risk reduction.

"The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding" is available for purchase at many local book stores and through the La Leche League.

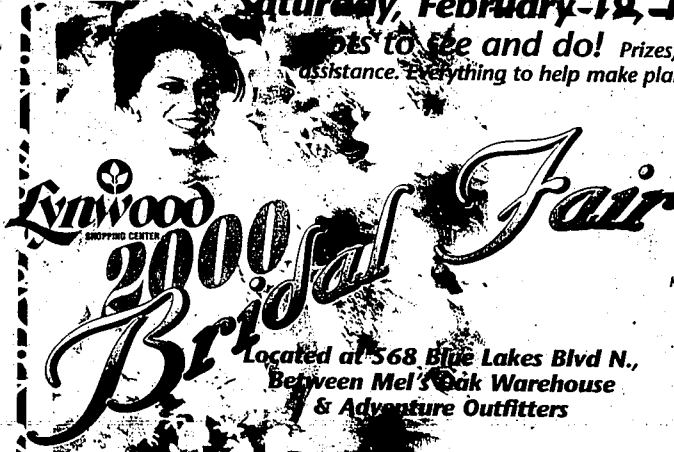
LLL appreciates the writer's enthusiasm for breastfeeding and we hope she will attend a meeting soon.

LLL offers monthly informational meetings in Twin Falls and Jerome. Women interested in breastfeeding can receive information at LLL at the Baby Fair at the Jerome Fairgrounds, Feb. 25, 5 to 7 p.m. or the Baby Fair at the Magic Valley Mall, March 11, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. or by calling (800) LA LECHE for a local leader's phone number.

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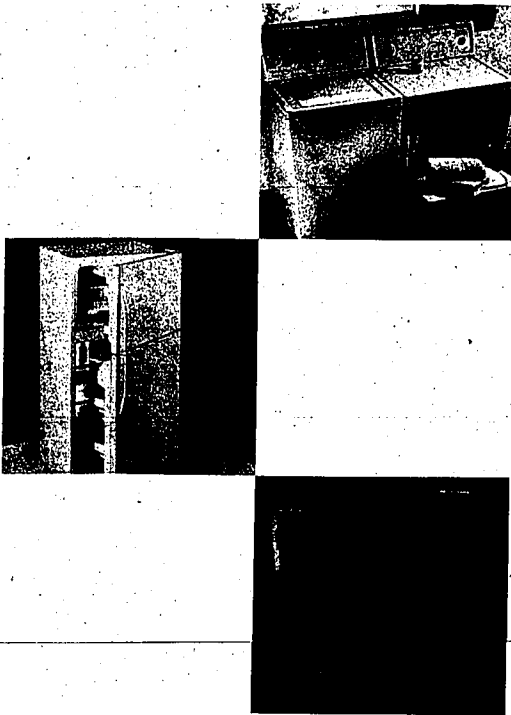
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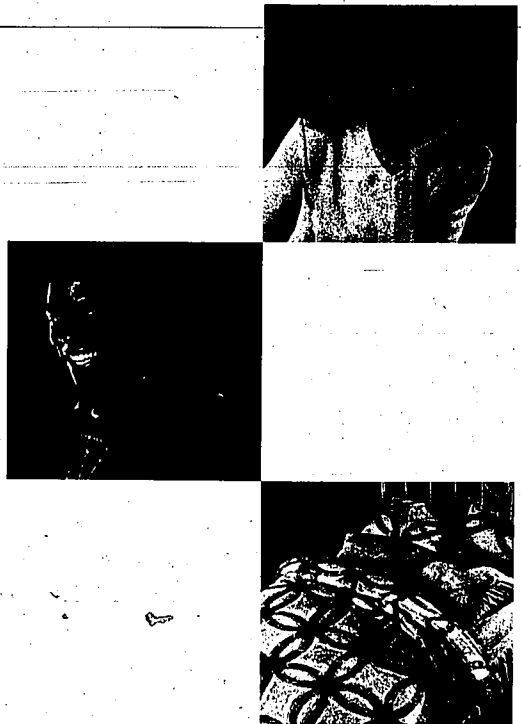
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Section B

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RIISING High School Sports STARS

Roy Torrero

Jackpot basketball

If it weren't for basketball, Jaguars swingman Roy Torrero might not be in school today.

It's probably the only reason I'm going to graduate," said the 5-foot-10 senior, the youngest boy in a family of six children. "It's really motivated me to keep my grades up and stay in school."

Along with sporting "As and Bs" in the classroom this semester, Torrero, who until last season quarterbacked the Jackpot football team, has averaged 20 points and 7.5 rebounds a night on the court while blocking a mammoth 21 shots and shooting 77 percent from the free-throw line.

An All-Northwest Division first-teamer in Nevada's small-school division and three-year starter, he broke the school's career record of 1,044 points in a season and is the state's second leading scorer.

"Roy's just a special kind of player," said Jackpot coach Bruce Wallock. "He never gets hurt, and he's on the floor a lot. He's the most consistent player I've ever had. People are afraid to foul him."

1986 Twin Falls H.S. graduate Sean Sweeney, a mentor and friend to Torrero who played at Albion College, is hoping to pay for some of that attention in a scholarship. Sweeney is convinced Jackpot's most prolific scorer ever can be an immediate asset to any program.

"A team could turn him into a good point guard," Sweeney said. "He's had to be a swingman just because there were no other players fit enough to do it. He can drive, he can post up, he's inside out and he can knock down the three."

With losses to McDermitt and Eureka last weekend, the Jaguars will sit out this year's 1-A state tournament. Torrero, a hit with the school's children who dreams of majoring in business management and one day opening a day care center, will be playing for pride this Saturday when Jackpot hosts Owyhee in its opening game.

"I'm kind of like a role model around here," he said. "Little kids looking up to me - that means a lot. It's just playing my best and leaving it all on the floor."



LOAN CARTER/PHOTO NEWS

Vikings sting Hornets, 67-53

CSI heads to Ricks, then NIC

By Ryan Bevan Times-News writer

HAZELTON - The No. 1 seed Valley Vikings had an explosive third-quarter Wednesday in the boys' Class A-3 Canyon Conference Tournament, outscoring Declo 18-6 en route to a 67-53 lashing.

Although the Hornets led at the half, Valley held Declo to just two field goals in the third period.

"We stepped it up in the third," said Valley coach Roger Carens. "We executed really well on offense, and played great defense."

Declo opened the game strong hitting 4-of-5 from the field to post an 8-4 lead with five minutes remaining in the first. The Vikings would bounce back with a 5-0 run to close the Hornets' lead to just a point, but Declo out-hustled Valley to lead by five at the end of one 16-11.

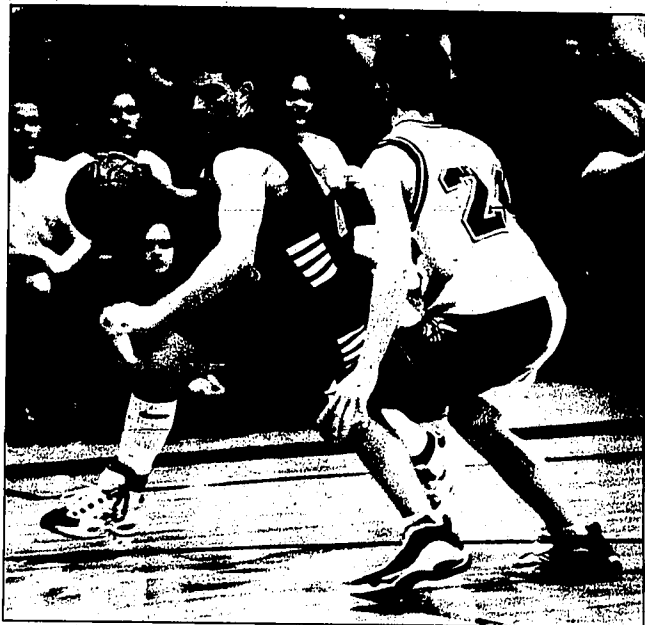
"You've got to give Declo a lot of credit," Carens said. "They've been well coached team with lots of pride and we knew we'd have to beat them this year."

Valley has swept the series between the two teams thus far this season.

The Vikings had the hot hand from three-point land early in the second, as Cody Hermann and Dallin Moon each connected as Valley posted a 9-4 run to take the lead for the first time at 21-20. The lead seasawed from team to team through the rest of the second, with Declo holding a two-point advantage at the break, 31-29.

"We rushed too much in the first half," Carens said. "We weren't playing like we're capable in the first half. We had to execute on offense and play better defense in the second half, and we came out and got it done."

Junior Rob Black led the way for the Vikings in the first half, scoring 11 of his 13 points. Jesse Meyer led the Hornets' offensive charge in the first recording 10 of



Declo's Kyler Howard tries to pass Valley's Dallin Moon in Wednesday night's Canyon Conference boys' basketball game at Valley High School. With the loss, the Hornets will take on Glens Ferry Monday in a loser-out affair.

his 14 on the night. Declo led 37-33 with just over five minutes to go but went scoreless for more than six minutes spanning into the fourth quarter as Valley built a 13-point lead, 54-37.

The Hornets' John Smith broke the drought with a driving lay-up to bring the score to 54-39. But unfortunately for Declo it was too little, too late.

Declo never got closer than 13 as Valley led by as many as 20 in the fourth.

Smith and Meyer each had 14 for the Hornets, while Valley had four players in double figures.

Derek Malone led the way with 14. Declo will host Glens Ferry Monday while Valley awaits the winner of that matchup to play the winner in Hazelton on

Tuesday. The winner of the A-3 tournament will travel to the state tournament March 24.

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Raft River, Shoshone climb A-4 winners' bracket

By Matt Peterson and Mike Haller The Times-News

NAMPA - Postseason Mo continued to be a friend to the Raft River girls' basketball team as the Trojans cruised to a 51-25 blowout win over Cambridge Wednesday in first-round action of the Class A-4 girls' state basketball tournament.

The win was the Trojans' (16-7) fourth consecutive postseason victory. More importantly, however, it kept the team in the tournament's winners' bracket and its hopes for a state title alive.

"Emotionally, this is huge," said Raft River head coach Randy Spaeth, whose team advanced to face Leadore today at 6:30 p.m. at Skyview. "That's all you talk about - winning that game. I'm hoping this will be a really big lift for us."

Shoshone also advanced with a win late Wednesday, crushing Idaho City 49-27.

On the other side of the emotion meter, both Carey and Dietrich lost their openers, and will play consolation-bracket com-

More state tournament coverage - B2

tests today. In other opening-round action, it was Greenleaf Friends over Tracy 47-41, Midvale over Clark Fork 46-30, Rimrock beating Genesee 39-36, Sho-Ban hammering Kootenai 68-28.

Shoshone 49, Idaho City 37 KUNA - Amy Williams and Anna Cox worked Shoshone's outside-inside game to perfection.

The 5-foot-10 Cox led the winning effort with 14 points and 11 rebounds while the 5-5 Williams scored 12 points, all of which came from behind the three-point line.

"Amy Williams hits those threes and they've got to come out and guard her, and that opened it up for Anna and Monica (Uhrig)," said Shoshone head coach Tim Chapman, whose team advanced to play Rimrock at 8 p.m. today at Kuna.

In addition to Cox, Uhrig added

nine points and pulled down a game-high 17 rebounds.

Shoshone trailed by as many as five points late in the first quarter, but came storming back with consecutive buckets from Uhrig and took the lead for good on Williams' second three-pointer of the night.

After taking a 16-11 lead after one, Shoshone built a 26-20 advantage at the half. The Trojans' dominance continued in the second half as Shoshone built leads of much as 18. Idaho City narrowed the margin with a meaningless 6-0 run to end the game and account for the 49-37 loss.

The Wildcats face Genesee today at 3:15 at Kuna.

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paced the Trojans with a game-high 14 points and 13 rebounds.

Teammate Trisha Hitt added 13 points and 7 boards. The pair took advantage of the Bulldogs' underused posts - none of whom stood taller than 5-9 - to key the Raft River win.

"Looking at their roster and not knowing anything about them, we thought our size was going to be our big advantage," Spaeth said. "Trisha and Katie did a nice job underneath for us."

Guard Sandi Kerr led Cambridge (10-14) with nine points. The Bulldogs will meet Dietrich at 1:45 p.m. today at Skyview.

After falling behind 4-3 midway through the first quarter, Raft River rallied to take a 15-6 lead after one. A sloppy second quarter in which both teams scored seven points, gave the Trojans a 22-15 halftime lead.

Hitt and Rigby combined for 15 of Raft River's 22 half-time points. Showing more confidence after the break, Raft River blew the game win with 16-4 run in the first 5 minutes, 30 seconds of the

third quarter to take a 38-19 lead. Coupled with an increased defense intensity, the center proved the end to any Bulldog threat.

"Once we got down by 15 points or so, we weren't rebounding," said Cambridge head coach Ken Edwards.

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Highland 55, Carey 37

On a bad day, Highland of Craigmont would be a tough foe in the Class A-4 girls basketball tournament. With a vicious man-to-man full-court press combined with Carey's first-quarter mistakes, the Huskies (22-2) owned Wednesday's decision by the end of the opening period.

Although the Panthers (17-6) forced a scrappy, close-fought battle the rest of the way,

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Jason Hamilton

Twin Falls wrestling

Grappling and golfing. Seems an odd pair, but for Twin Falls senior wrestler Jason Hamilton, the two make perfect sense.

"They're just fun," he said between matches at Wednesday's A-1 District Wrestling Tournament at Minico High School. "I just love to wrestle and compete. Goals are a little different, it's not as physical, but you have to focus the same."

Wrestling at 135 pounds, Hamilton battled his way to a second-place finish at the tournament, falling to Pocatello's Ryan Mackinnon for the district championship.

Now he heads to next week's state tournament, where he's looking to get some revenge on a couple of opponents.

"I want my revenge against (Bonville's) Nick Ponce and Corey Ashley from Borah," he said. "Ponce beat me at our last tournament and (Ashby) beat me at the first match of the season."

Tough assignments considering Ponce is ranked No. 1 in the state, and Ashley is third. "I just have to get after them," Hamilton said.

A four-year wrestling letterman, Hamilton has scaled the weight classes as well as the ranks. A scrawny 112-pounder his freshman and sophomore seasons, Hamilton is now a solid 135 pounds - which he said is a good weight for him.

"I started in the year, I started out at 130," he said. "But I didn't have the energy, so I jumped up. Now I feel a lot better."

Life is a mix of wrestling, Hamilton, who carries a 3.2 GPA and studies Judo, will probably enroll next fall at CSI.

Kevin Hall

Minico wins district wrestling meet

By Kevin Hall Times-News writer

RUPERT - Host Minico won an unprecedented eighth straight trip to next week's Class A-1 state wrestling championships by routing six district opponents for the Region III title on Wednesday.

The Spartans posted 338.5 total points to runner-up Pocatello's 287.5 for the crown, with Highland coming in a distant third at 228. Rounding out the field, Twin Falls finished fourth with 195.5 and Burley was fifth at 106, followed by Jerome with 92 and Century at 72.

"I'm tickled," said Minico head coach Brad Cooper. "The way things have been going lately, I'm tickled to come out of here with a win."

It's been a rough couple of weeks for his Spartans. "The last two or three weeks, we've had some injuries and just

Region III Wrestling Tournament

ups and downs," he said. That adversity has not sidestepped the Cooper household, either - Cooper's son Cody missed Wednesday's action due after suffering a season-ending broken leg Saturday during practice.

Though Minico won the team title and crowned three district champions (Jesus Tamayo, Jose Vega and KC Usual), Pocatello left the tournament with the most individual champions - six, including the top two state placers at 215 pounds.

Highland had two district winners, followed by Pocatello, Jerome and Twin Falls all with one. For the Tigers, Troy Egbert outlasted Spartan Josh Anderson, 11-2 for the 130-pound title, while Twin Falls heavyweight Klint

Kuykendall, sporting a newly shaved head, pinned Minico's Adam Cox at the 5:20 mark.

The top three finishers in each of the 14 weight classes head to Pocatello for next week's state wrestling tournament, which begins on Thursday and runs through Saturday.

For Twin Falls head coach Dave Stotten, who saw at least seven Bruins advance by finishing third or higher, it was a well-represented showing.

"It could've been worse, and it could've been better," he said. "I think it's as many kids as we've ever taken to state. It's also the first time a freshman has ever qualified for us (103-pound Ryan Pohlmann, who took a 13-11 win over Pocatello's Landon Armstrong). We took some steps in the right direction today."

"We'll just have to get up for the week and see what happens

Hornets outlast Wolves, Red Devils slam Pirates

By Dex Dutton Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - They came close to qualifying for state last season. This year, Oakley wouldn't be denied.

The Hornets survived an 11-4 fourth-quarter run to post a 56-49 win over Castelford Wednesday, and claim the Magic Valley Conference Boys' Basketball Tournament championship and top seed into the District IV tournament - and with it, an automatic berth to the Class A-4 state tournament.

Bryce Cranney scored 16 and Trevor Cranney John Gay each pitched in 10 points as a force. Castelford's Lee Taylor finished the evening with a game-high 19, but the Wolves couldn't stop the

"We played tough tonight," said Oakley coach Jeff Harrah.

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"This is a game of runs, and we knew Castelford had one in them. We needed to have three or four runs ourselves, and we did it."

The Wolves played the Hornets even in the third quarter, with each side tallying 13 points, and outscored Castelford in that fourth quarter 9-6.

But a 37-27 halftime deficit proved too great for the Wolves to overcome.

"Castelford is a great team," Harrah said, "and they played well tonight."

The Wolves play Murtaugh, 2 Wednesday winner over Hagerman, tonight at 8 p.m. to Please see MVC, Page B3

# GIRLS State Tourne

## New blood fills big-school A-1 field Hopeful Wildcats enter A-2 fray

The Times-News

NAMPA — Defending champion Borah High School is now in the hunt among this year's Class A-1 Girls' Real Dairy Shootout field. Neither is 1999 runner-up Moscow. In their stead is a pack of fresh-faced and hungry schools looking just their stamp on the 2000 tournament with a championship title.

Notably, the Final 8 is a group devoid of Magic Valley teams. Top Region III seed Jerome was knocked out by Highland, as was No. 2 Pocatello, and the Rams are the region's only entrant.

Meanwhile, Blackfoot, Madison, Meridian and Coeur d'Alene are all returning to the big show, with hopes of finishing better than they did in 1999. Of the four, Coeur d'Alene faced the best last year, taking third place overall.

In their stead is the pack of the tightest in terms of talent of the four classifications (A-1 through A-4). Discounting Skyview (15-12) and surprising Highland (16-10), this year's participants have only lost a combined 19 games.

All Class A-1 games, which start today, will be played at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

Here is a capsule look at each Class A-1 girls' basketball team:



**Idaho Center**  
The Idaho Center girls' basketball team is shown in a group photo. The team consists of 12 players and their coaches, standing on the gymnasium floor. They are wearing blue and white uniforms. The photo is taken from a slightly elevated angle, showing the players in two rows.

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### A-4

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Highland's 11-0 lead six minutes into the game all but guaranteed that Carey would finish the tournament in the consolation bracket.

**Leadore 42, Dietrich 35**  
Leadore's Goliath hurt Dietrich, but the Blue Devils' mortal wound was self-inflicted Wednesday as the defending state champions failed to hit their free throws and fell 42-35 in the first round.

Dietrich took its first lead of the game with a 5-0 run to begin the fourth quarter. All five points came from Freshman Rayssa Parker, the last three of which came a long three-point shot from the left wing. Parker's three-point bucket gave the Blue Devils a 31-28 lead with 6:53 to play.

"We've had trouble all year long with the press right up front," said Panther coach Liz Young. "We had a few baskets early that didn't count. That kind of took us out of our game." The closest Carey got to catching the Huskies the rest of the way was seven points, 18-11, on a pair of free throws by Jenny Royal with 5:46 left in the second quarter. After halftime, the Panthers got no nearer than 14 points.

Trailing by as many as 10 in the second half, Dietrich (16-8) rallied to take a three-point lead early in the fourth quarter, but connected on only two of 12 free throws down the stretch to doom the comeback attempt. In all, the Blue Devils shot a miserable 29 percent from the free-throw line Wednesday.

Despite the poor shooting performance down the stretch, Dietrich found success with its press. In all, the Blue Devils' press forced 12 turnovers: "We knew they couldn't handle the press," Shaw said.

Making sure the Panthers did not get very close was the task of 5-8 senior guard Molly Mathison. Touted as an A-4 player of the year candidate, Mathison led both teams with 24 points and 10 rebounds. She personally scored Carey 18-17 in the first half.

Meanwhile, Leadore (17-2) hit 10 of its 15 free-throw attempts in the final four minutes to secure the win.

Behind Tyler's play in the middle, Leadore scored the first 11 points of the game and finished the first quarter with a lead. Dietrich's tenacious foulout press, caught up with the Mustangs in the second, however, as the Blue Devils managed to pull within three points of the lead on three separate occasions — the last of which came just before halftime on a Rashell Astle jumper. Astle's bucket made the score 21-18 Leadore at the break.

"She stepped up," said Highland coach Shawn Bovey. "People are going to expect her to be a big game down here. Of course, she has to do it to the Highland press, the Panther offense had few opportunities to score before halftime. In the first two periods, Carey committed 16 turnovers and only had 10 field goal attempts."

"It came down to the line," said Leadore head coach Tony Cooper, whose team will square off against Fart River today at 6:30 p.m. at Kuna High School. "We made our free throws and they missed theirs."

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"I'm glad you know we could break their press and get it into our half-court offense, she could score," Cooper said.

"We just want to control the tempo. The team that does that will win," Hardy said. "That game with us will be the two most contradictory games they'll have to watch out for if they're to loosen their second-place monkey off their backs."

## Wesley says wreck will haunt him

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Charlotte Hornets guard David Wesley said Wednesday night he expects to be haunted for the rest of his life by the crash that killed teammate Bobby Phillips.

"Every day. Every night," Wesley said in his first interview since the Jan. 12 wreck. "From people that I've talked to, they say it doesn't go away. The pain lessens, but there probably won't be a day that I won't think about it."

Speaking to a group of reporters after the Hornets' 92-85 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers, Wesley patiently answered questions about an accident that police say occurred as the two best friends were dragging.

Wesley and Phillips had just left a shootaround at the Charlotte Coliseum and were driving the Porsche coupes at speeds in excess of 100 mph when Phillips, driving behind his teammate, lost control of his car. He slid into oncoming traffic and was struck in the driver's side door, killing him

instantly. Wesley and the rest of Charlotte's players and coaches stayed at the crash site for several hours, trying to console and further waiting for police to finish their on-scene investigation and extricate Phillips' body from his mangled car.

Wesley, who has been charged with two misdemeanor traffic offenses, said his mission now is to try to cope with the heartache of losing someone with whom he shared so much.

"In the course of a day, it's going to bring everything back to me," he said. "Am I going to quit basketball? No. Am I going to stop playing? No. Am I going to stop driving my Porsche? No. Those things are all things that are going to bring it back to me."

Wesley said he has made one significant change since the crash. Usually one of the Hornets' most outgoing players, he has found himself shyng away from fans. Some of

them, Wesley said, have showered him with the kind of described as less-than-supportive remarks.

As a result, he is signing less autographs and talking to less members of the public, two practices he hopes to eventually change.

"Not all fans are for me," he said. "I've had to deal with some different comments. I don't know if people think it's funny or it's taking my mind off the game or they're trying to get to me or what."

At several stages during the interview, Wesley paused, took a deep breath and exhaled slowly as he gathered his thoughts.

One such instance came when he talked about the support he has received from members of Phillips' family, including his parents and his widow, Kendall. Phillips' family members have told him they don't blame him for the fatal crash, Wesley said.

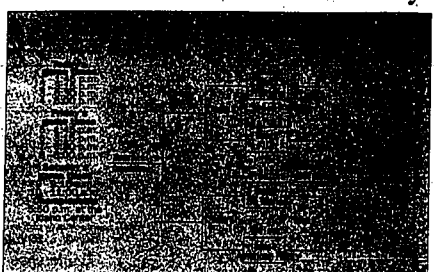
"I think we're just trying to be a big support group for each other, really," he said.

The Times-News

NAMPA — It's been 10 long years since the Filer Lady Wildcats won the Sawtooth Mountain Regional Conference basketball title — but even longer since the school due west of Twin Falls took state hardware home from the state final.

The Idaho High School Activities Association began tracking the tournament winners in 1976. In the books, Filer's name isn't among the seven champions — not at the Class A-3 level, at which the Wildcats compete before last season, and not in their current A-2 ranks.

Already crowned District IV champs with a 14-19 overall record, this year's team would love to further the benchmark of greatness for girls' basketball at the school.



**Filer Lady Wildcats**  
The Filer Lady Wildcats basketball team is shown in a group photo. The team consists of 12 players and their coaches, standing on the gymnasium floor. They are wearing blue and white uniforms. The photo is taken from a slightly elevated angle, showing the players in two rows.

Their challenge begins today at 3:15 p.m., when the Wildcats square off against the Sugar-Salt Diggers in the first round of the eight-team 2000 Girls' Class A-2 Real Dairy Shootout at Nampa High School.

"Seek their girl on defense, and know where she is at all times," the coach said. "Then, destroy — box her out, make sure she doesn't get the ball. Keep them off the boards. They took it to heart."

"If we do some fundamental things well, we have a chance," said Filer coach Kim Krumm, who in her first year as head coach has held up her end of the bargain. "Now it's up to the players."

Krumm was a junior varsity coach two years ago when the varsity team finished runner-up in the A-3 tournament, heading into Christmas break this season. She realized this year's squad would have to step up its defense if it hoped to qualify for the state Sweet 16 in March.

"The strategy has worked so far, and will go a long way toward hanging with some stiff competition when the state tourney opens today. If Filer wins this afternoon, the Wildcats will take on the winner of a game between Lakeland and Fruitland Friday at 6:30 p.m. Lose, and Filer plays the Lakeland-Fruitland loser Friday at 1:45 p.m."

"Around Christmas, I sat the girls down and said, 'You need to play good defense and start to gel as a team,'" Krumm recalled. "We took a big turn then, and we've played real well since."

Leading the charge has been the pleasantly surprising play of senior Adrienne Fuller, a 5-foot-5 senior guard who's averaged nine points per game while netting four rebounds a night. Again, for Fuller, the holidays were a turning point.

"We've just got to keep getting along as a team." Here's a capsule look at each team in the girls' Class A-2 tournament:

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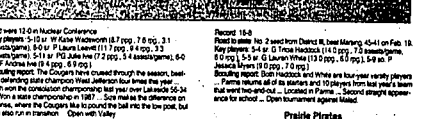
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## Valley blazes way to A-3 tourney

The Times-News

MIDDLETON — After four years away, the Valley Vikings return to the A-3 state tournament today.



**Valley Vikings**  
The Valley Vikings basketball team is shown in a group photo. The team consists of 12 players and their coaches, standing on the gymnasium floor. They are wearing blue and white uniforms. The photo is taken from a slightly elevated angle, showing the players in two rows.

"It was easy for the girls to state, loser to play American Falls in the inter-district playoff game the Lady Trojans lost at Declo High School two days later — Krumm had two words for her girls. Seek and destroy."

"They're the District VI champions and don't have a starter under 5-10, and I'm sure we're the smallest team," Hardy said. "That game with us will be the two most contradictory games they'll have to watch out for if they're to loosen their second-place monkey off their backs."

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College of Southern Idaho basketball statistics

(Through games of Feb. 12)

Men

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Women

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CSI

Continued from B1. en Ricks, UVSC, Colorado Northwestern Community College, Treasure Valley Community College and the College of Eastern Utah. The Cardinals have also taken over and SLCC into overtime. It's just a matter of which NIC team shows up Saturday night.

Vikings proved they were the better team four weeks ago with a 78-74 win at CSI, as post Mandie Little pummeled the Golden Eagles for 28 points and 20 rebounds.

a showdown between the top two teams on the women's side, in Snow and UVSC, and on the men's side, in Snow and SLCC. Two weeks ago, the Snow women held a one-game advantage over the Wolverines, but with UVSC falling at SLCC last weekend and Snow sweeping at home, the No. 15 Lady Badgers hold a two-game lead with three games remaining.

The Southern Idaho teamates in the Vikings win here Jan. 22, clipping the Cardinals, 75-52. Jinga Goschalk led four rebounds.

The Golden Eagles fared much better against NIC on Jan. 21, clipping the Cardinals, 75-52. Jinga Goschalk led four rebounds.

Notes: Another highlight in the Snow and Vikings UVSC and SLCC. The schedule presents

Twin Falls bowlers earn bragging rights

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — At the Bowldrome, Twin Falls ousted Kimberly 4-1 — 425 pins to 240 — thanks in large part to Belinda Frakes outstanding 242 high game.

Miller, Lisa Dean and Shanda Pingson. District team bowling will be held next Wednesday at the Bowldrome.

Jerome 4, Buhl 1. Buhl's Led by a high score of 211 from Jerome's Jennifer Shou, the Tigers beat the Buhl Indians 4-1, scoring 450 pins to 361.

I've got a real dilemma with me," said coach Kathy Sherman. "I've got so many girls with like averages. It'll probably be the graduating seniors."

After the break, the Red Devils' size and strength in the pinfall were heavily on the Pirates. Barry Stanger made two three-pointers and three two-point field goals, while Kyle Roseborough connected on six field goals in the game and Brooks McFarland pitched in nine more, including five in the second half.

final blow to the Pirates. Tucker Johnson drilled a three-pointer to open the final period and give Murtaugh the lead for good at 39-31.

Wrestle

Continued from B1. Wrestling continues today to determine some final fourth- and fifth-place finishes, as some grapplers fought their maximum allers of five matches on Wednesday.

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SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore. A cartoon illustration of a person sitting in bleachers with a speech bubble saying '...GRANDPA DICK, SHOT, UNCLE BOB, SHOT, COUSIN JIM, SHOT, COUSIN LOUIE, STRUCK BY A BULLET. COUSIN JIM, SHOT... THAT'S WHY I NEVER LEAVE THE HOUSE, SON.'

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## LADY CUBS ROCK



The 1999-00 ninth-grade girls' basketball team at O'Leary Junior High School completed a perfect season recently. After bulging through the regular season with a 12-0 record, including wins over one high school junior varsity and one varsity team, the girls remained untouched through the tournament. After beating Burley 48-19 and Jerome 30-28, their perfect season record worked out to 14-0. With an arsenal of gunners on the court and on the bench, the team averaged an incredible 49.3 points per game, and defensively held their opponents to an average of 28.4 points per game. The team and coach attribute tough defense and their 18.6 steals-per-game average to their average winning margin of 20.7 points. The team, coached by Jason Torgirsson, consisted of: Danielle Maloney, No. 42; Christa Frazier, No. 22; Tami Hazen, No. 41; Melissa Hawkins, No. 33; Emily Ogden, No. 35; Abbeley Mayes, No. 45; Leah Weeks, No. 43; Catherine Thompson, No. 32; Katie Swan, No. 40; Bethany Krumm, No. 24; Kim Wilsman, No. 50; and Temple Lovings, No. 33. Their managers were Carrie Cannon, Brandi Anderson, Jenna Beckola, Jackie Treat, Randi Dawson and Kristin Schaal. Check the team out at <http://www.tfsd.k12.id.us/o/Extra/basketba.htm>.

## Beck shines as Star of the Lanes

This year's Star of the Lanes Tournament was held this past weekend at the Magic Bowl. The lady in the Twin Falls Women's Bowling Association who rolled the highest handicap game each week during the past year, qualified to participate in this event. Following a three-game roll-off, the field cut to the top five for the stepladder finals. Amy Sommer rolled a 635 to finish 6th in the prize fund. Game 1 of the stepladder pitted fifth-place finisher Stacy Evans at 644 against fourth-place Bettie Kraus at 659. Evans bested Kraus 226/182 and advanced to Game 2 against Lois L. Brown, who qualified third at 665. Brown took the win 213/195, going on to meet the second-place qualifier, Beccie Beck. Beck rolled a 670 to qualify and upset Brown 209/198. Top seed at 696, JoAnn Sligar then came up against Beck. The final game was Beck 218 to Sligar's 163. Beccie Beck is the Twin Falls



Let's Go Bowling Thelma Tucker

Women's Bowling Association 2000 Star of the Lanes. Congratulations, Beccie! Qualifying for next year's tournament is currently underway. This year's format will be two ladies each week, one at the Bowldrome and one at the Magic Bowl, who bowls the most pins over average on a series. Next year there will be a qualifying tournament in each center cutting to the top five from each center and then a qualifying round and stepladder finals, which will be held at the Bowldrome. So, Ladies, keep your eye on the "Star of the Lanes" posting to see if you qualify for this event. If you have any questions about this tournament, contact one of the tournament directors, Jessie Biggersuff or Kathy McClure. The next big event for the ladies is the Idaho State Women's Bowling Association Tournament starting March 4. Team is the Magic Bowl and singles and doubles will be at the Bowldrome. Between March 4 and April 9, the Magic Bowl will host 525 teams and the Bowldrome 1,275 sets of doubles and singles. Opening exercises will be at 10 a.m. on March 4 at the Magic Bowl. If any ladies valleywide did not get signed up for the State Tournament, there are substitute books at both centers in Twin Falls to sign up to sub if needed. The Twin Falls Men's Association will be holding its annual city tournament the next two weekends of the Magic Bowl. Good luck to all! Thelma Tucker writes a weekly bowling column for The Times-News. Contact her at 733-4357, by e-mail at [tucker@magicklink.com](mailto:tucker@magicklink.com) or via fax at (208) 733-3157.

## Marlins name swimmers of the month

TWIN FALLS - Four Magic Marlins swim-team members have been chosen as the January swimmers of the month. Honorees this month are: Ethan Draves, a Sateenth Elementary third grader and son of Brian and Kim Draves; Billy Emmons, an O'Leary Jr. High seventh grader and the son of Sue Gilmore; Jennifer Hope, a Wendell High School 10th grader and the daughter of Devere and Shelly Hope; and Blake Packer, a Morningstar Elementary fifth grader and the son of Gene and Janet Packer.



Ethan Draves Billy Emmons Jennifer Hope Blake Packer

## OREGON TRAIL CHAMPS



The Twin Falls Recreation League and Tournament champion for sixth grade girls was the Oregon Trail Elementary basketball team from Mrs. Miller's class. The team finished the season with a perfect 9-0 record. Pictured left to right: Bottom - Ashley Adams, Joysa Crist, Malori Peters. Middle - Nicole Lee, Angie Hagman, Katie Carr. Top - Coach Kent Snow, LeahAnn Snow, Jennifer Burt.

## Let us know

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- Please include: First and last names; Home/phone numbers for people mentioned; Date and place of the event; Scores or places won for the participants; A name and phone number for more information; Photographs are encouraged. Please send a self-addressed envelope if you want your picture returned.

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# Late Bryant burst saves Lakers

**CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)**—Kobe Bryant scored 15 of his 26 points in the final 15 minutes as the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Charlotte Hornets 92-85 on Wednesday night.

Glen Rice, acquired in a trade with the Hornets 11 months ago, had 21 points against his former team to help the Lakers extend their winning streak to five games and improve to 6-0 on the road this season against Eastern Conference teams.

Shaquille O'Neal added 18 points and 14 rebounds. Derrick Coleman led the Hornets with 19 points.

**Pacers 109, Raptors 101**  
**INDIANAPOLIS** — Jalen Rose

# Big shock here: NBA suspends Rodman

**DALLAS (AP)** — Dennis Rodman was suspended for one game and fined \$10,000 Wednesday, a day after being ejected from a game and later saying he wanted to duke it out with David Stern.

NBA spokesman Chris Brienza said Rodman's comments about the commissioner had "absolutely

**NBA**

scored a career-high 32 points as Indiana beat Toronto for the Pacers' 19th straight home victory.

Austin Croshere added 15 for Indiana, and Dale Davis and Mark Jackson each had 13. Jackson also had 15 assists. Toronto star Vince Carter scored 17 of his 21 points in the second half, and Tracy McGrady added 20 for the Raptors.

**Knicks 93, Timberwolves 89**  
**NEW YORK** — Allan Houston made two free throws with 3.9 seconds left after missing a pair moments earlier as New York beat Minnesota.

Latrell Sprewell scored 19 points and Houston had 18 to lead five Knicks in double figures. Kurt Thomas had 16, Patrick Ewing 15 and Charlie Ward 10. Garnett had 23 points and 13 rebounds to lead Minnesota, which lost its fourth straight.

**Mag 129, Clippers 96**  
**ORLANDO, Fla.** — Darrell Armstrong scored 26 points and John Amaechi had 23 as Orlando routed Los Angeles.

Ron Mercer added 17 points and Pat Garrity had 15 in Orlando's highest-scoring game since Nov. 11, 1995. Orlando has won five straight, while Los Angeles has lost 18 of its last 19. Maurice Taylor led the Clippers with 19 points.

nothing to do with" the punishment.

"It is for failing to leave the court in a timely manner following an ejection and for verbally abusing the officials," Brienza said.

Rodman, who has spent more time wrestling than playing basketball the last nine months, lost

control of his temper with 7:13 left in just his second game with the Dallas Mavericks.

He was hit with a technical foul for arguing a non-call, then was slapped with another when he sat down on the court in protest. A second technical meant an automatic ejection, the 23rd of his career.

# Brick by brick, Shaq builds confidence

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Shaquille O'Neal can't shoot free throws. Never has, never will.

It's the lone blemish on his otherwise imposing game, and one opponents take advantage of with glee. Hack-a-Shaq isn't just a new-sounding phrase, it's practically an art form for teams desperate to stop the big man.

Well, well, well. Look who went 11-for-12 from the free throw line Tuesday night in the Los Angeles Lakers' victory over the Chicago Bulls.

"Once I develop some consistency, it'll be all over," O'Neal said.

Let's not get ahead of ourselves, shall we? This is, after all, the guy whose career average from the line is a woeful 53 percent. There are eighth-graders who do better than that.

And this was only one game, although O'Neal did go 22-of-35 from the line in the Lakers' last two games before the All-Star break.

"It's like an alcoholic," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "It's one day at a time in a situation like this."

# SPORTS IN BRIEF

**Gooding's Nebeker signs at Lewis-Clark**  
**GOODING** — Gooding long distance runner Keith Nebeker, a senior at Gooding High School, has signed a national letter of intent to run cross country next year at Lewis-Clark State College. He'll join another southern Idaho runner, Wendell's Lauren Wright, who also runs for the Warriors.

"We are excited to have Keith on the team," We believe that he will be a valuable member of the team and will be an important contributor to the team's goal next year of being one of the top 20 teams in the country.

**Semi-pro all-star game set for Saturday**  
**RUPERT** — The Rocky Mountain Semi-pro Football league will hold its East vs. West All-Star game Saturday at West Minico Junior High School at 1 p.m.

The West will be represented by teams from Boise, Minnicassia and Pocatello. East teams sending players include Blackfoot, Snake River, Idaho Falls and Gracet Falls, Mont. There is no charge for admission, and there will be a league meeting after the game to set up this season's schedule.

**MVCHS boosters plan pancake breakfast**  
**TWIN FALLS** — The Magic Valley Christian High School Athletic Booster Club will hold a pancake breakfast Saturday from 7:30 to 11 a.m. at 1631 Grandview Avenue North.

Tickets will be available at the door. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students 6-12, and children under 5 are free.

**Gooding spaghetti feed set for Feb. 22**  
**GOODING** — A spaghetti feed is scheduled for next Tuesday, Feb. 22 to celebrate the Gooding wrestling team's stellar season.

The dinner, set for 5 to 7 p.m. at Gooding High School, costs \$5 per person or \$15 per family. For more information, call Ty Jones or Mark Stauffer at 934-4831.

**Former Buhl shooting well in college**  
**MCMINNVILLE, Ore.** — Former Buhl High School girls' basketball standout Leah Moore, who now plays for the Linfield Wildcats as a freshman, ranks fourth in the Northwest Conference in free-throw percentage at 78 percent.

Moore, from Wendell, scored 15 points and added eight assists and two steals in the team's 74-71 overtime loss to George Fox last Saturday.

**Kukoc dealt to 76ers in three team affair**  
**PHILADELPHIA** — Toni Kukoc, the last key player from the Chicago Bulls' championship dynasty, was traded to the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday in a three-team deal involving Golden State.

**Three ISU players suspended from football team**  
**POCATELLO** — Idaho State University head football coach Larry Lewis suspended three players from the team indefinitely after they were caught for a misdemeanor for misconduct in dormitories.

**Mayor: Vegas could get NBA team soon**  
**LAS VEGAS** — Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman says he will meet later this month with the owner of an NBA team reportedly interested in relocating to this gambling city.

**Red Sox sign Everett to multi-year deal**  
**BOSTON** — The Red Sox signed switch-hitting outfielder Carl Everett to a \$21 million, three-year contract on Tuesday, two months after acquiring him in a trade with the Houston Astros.

**Memorial for Tom Landry set for today**  
**DALLAS** — The last time the city of Dallas hosted a celebration in honor of Tom Landry, more than 100,000 people lined city streets for a parade celebrating the incredible career of the former Cowboys coach.

# No. 9 Syracuse hangs on to beat Pitt, 83-62

**SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP)** — Etn Thomas had 21 points, 13 rebounds and nine blocked shots as No. 9 Syracuse withstood Ricardo Greer's one-man onslaught and pulled away from Pittsburgh in the second half for an 83-62 victory Wednesday night.

Greer had a career-high 33 points, going 6-of-11 from 3-point range for the Panthers (10-12, 2-9 Big East). Reserve Preston Shumper added 18 points for Syracuse (21-2, 1-0).

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second-half run, to lead Texas.

Texas (18-6, 9-2 Big 12) led 40-33 early in the second half when Mooncke went on his scoring spree, getting all of his points by muscling his way close to the basket for short jumpers and layups to push the Longhorns' lead to 48-35 with 13:55 left to play. Oklahoma State (20-3, 9-2) cut the lead to 48-44 on a three-point play by Desmond Mason but got no closer.

Tinsley stole the ball and drove the length of the court for layups twice over the final 1:40 to help the Cyclones break a 17-game losing streak in Allen Fieldhouse.

Marcus Fizer, who finished with 15 points, hit an off-balance jumper with 6 seconds left for a 63-59 lead for the Cyclones (22-3, 10-1 Big 12). Then Kansas' Jeff Boschee, who was 2-for-17 from the field, made a three-pointer with 1.5 seconds to go. Paul Shirley hit a free throw in the final second to clinch the win.

game losing streak and moved into a second-place tie with Florida in the Eastern Division, one game behind Tennessee.

Freshman guard Rod Grizzard scored 14 of his game-high 20 points in the second half as Alabama (11-12, 4-7) trimmed an 18-point deficit to only five late in the game.

**No. 3 Duke 101, Florida St. 68**  
**DURHAM, N.C.** — Duke avenged its first home loss in more than three years in convincing fashion, getting 19 points from Jason Williams and 17 each from Nate James and Carlos Boozer.

The Blue Devils (20-3, 11-1) eked a step closer to a record-breaking fourth straight Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season championship with their 11th consecutive victory over Florida State. Duke can tie for the title with a win Saturday at N.C. State.

**No. 17 Texas 68, No. 8 Oklahoma St. 57**  
**AUSTIN, Texas** — Gabe Luoncke scored 17 points, including eight straight in a key

**No. 12 Auburn 86, Vanderbilt 80**  
**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — Daymeon Fishback, De Robinson, Chris Porter and Mamadou N'diaye each scored 15 points for Auburn, which won at Vanderbilt for the first time in 10 years, a stretch of five games.

Aymeron (20-4 Southeastern Conference) finally took the lead for good at 66-64 on a 3-pointer by Fishback with 6:35 to go. Dan Langhi, the SEC's leading scorer, had 25 points for Vanderbilt (16-6, 5-5).

**No. 14 Iowa St. 64, No. 24 Kansas 62**  
**LAWRENCE, Kan.** — Jamaal

**No. 16 LSU 97, Mississippi 53**  
**OXFORD, Miss.** — Stromile Swift scored 18 points and Lamont Roland added 17 as LSU (20-4, 7-4 Southeastern Conference) reached 20 wins for the first time since 1992-93 and extended its winning streak to four games.

Brian Beshara scored 17 points for the Tigers, who shot 62 percent (31-for-50) from the field and 83 percent (30-for-36) from the free throw line.

**No. 19 Kentucky 66, Alabama 54**  
**LEXINGTON, Ky.** — Jamaal Magloire scored 16 points and Tayshawn Prince added 14 for the Wildcats (18-7, 8-3 Southeastern Conference), who snapped a two-

**No. 22 Maryland 92, Georgia Tech 70**  
**COLLEGE PARK, Md.** — Juan Dixon scored 18 of his career-high 33 points in the opening 12 minutes.

Dixon went 12-for-17 from the field, including 4-for-5 beyond the arc, and was 5-for-5 at the free throw line. The sophomore guard also had a career-best seven assists before leaving to a standing ovation with 2:48 left.

**No. 25 Purdue 67, Iowa 59**  
**WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind.** — Brian Cardinal had 18 points and 11 rebounds as Purdue won its fifth straight.

Both teams had more turnovers than field goals and Purdue (18-7, 9-3 Big Ten) scored its final 13 points on free throws. Jacob Jaacks led the Hawkeyes (11-13, 4-8), who had a season-high 23 turnovers, with 18 points.

# Vernon gets a shutout, Panthers get the win

**SUNRISE, Fla. (AP)** — Mike Vernon had 25 saves to earn his first shutout of the season Wednesday night as the Florida Panthers beat the New York Rangers 3-0.

Vernon, who has 23 shutouts in 14 seasons, made a stick save to stop a breakaway by Petr Nedved and preserve a 2-0 lead with 13 minutes to play. The Panthers added a late goal to improve to 21-5-2 at home.

Vernon's last shutout came at Phoenix on Feb. 8, 1999.

The Panthers took a 1-0 first period lead on a goal by Pavel Bure. His first of the season, Florida made it 2-0 on Ray Shepard's power-play goal at 15:25 of the second. Scott Mellanby scored the Panthers' final goal.

**Red Wings 5, Canucks 2**  
**DETROIT** — Steve Yzerman

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scored two goals as Detroit won for the fourth straight time. Sergei Fedorov, Brent Gilbert and Brendan Shanahan also scored for the Red Wings, who moved within a point of idle St. Louis for first place in the Central Division.

**Canadiens 5, Thrashers 1**  
**ATLANTA** — Turner Stevenson had two goals as Montreal handed Atlanta its 11th straight loss. The expansion Thrashers, the NHL's worst team at 11-40-6, are winless in 15 games and have not won since beating Philadelphia on Jan. 14. Montreal won its third straight and earned a point for the 13th time in 15 contests.

**Sabres 1, Penguins 1, tie**  
**PITTSBURGH** — Alexei Kovalev scored late in the third period to give the Penguins a tie with Buffalo, keeping the Sabres winless in Pittsburgh for nearly four years. Dominik Hasek improved to 2-0-3 since returning on Feb. 1 from a groin injury that caused him to miss 40 games.

**Bruins 3, Maple Leafs 3, tie**  
**TORONTO** — Andre Savage scored the tying goal at 6:32 of the third period as Boston extended Toronto's winless streak to five games.

Savage deflected Kyle McLaren's point shot past goalie Curtis Joseph for his fifth goal of the year. The Bruins have gone to overtime eight times in 15 games, tying six of them.

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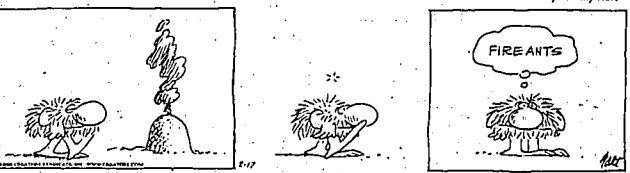
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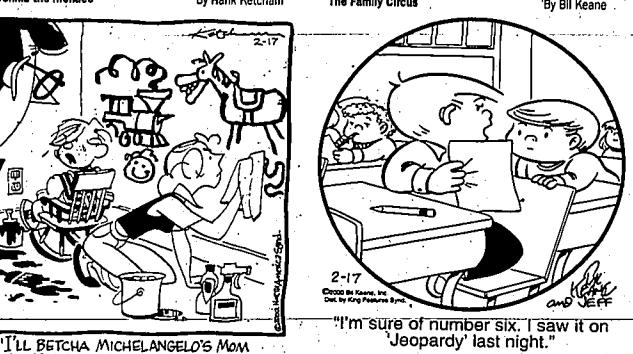
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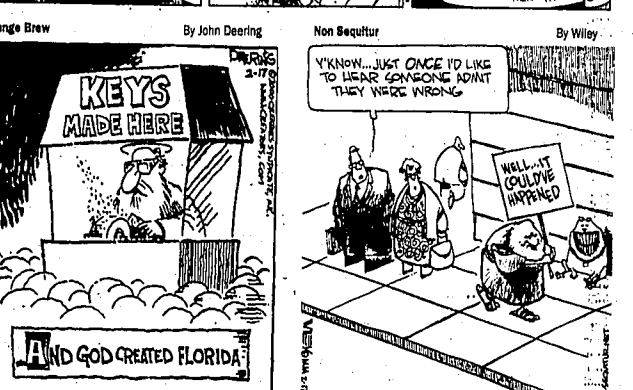


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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### CSI offers health assistant course

**TWIN FALLS** - The College of Southern Idaho will offer a course titled "The Mental Health Assistant" beginning March 29.

The six-week course will meet from 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays in Shields 114.

Instructor Jim Palmer said the course is open to certified nursing assistants or students currently enrolled in the CNA program. Licensed practical nurses and registered nurses looking to enrich their nursing experiences, or high school students attending health occupations courses, are also welcome to register.

The course is designed to teach students the roles, functions, and responsibilities of the human service worker in a mental health setting. Students will learn about various therapeutic settings, how to care for mentally impaired or emotionally disturbed individuals, and how to work as a team member, according to a CSI news release.

The course fee is \$200 plus the cost of the required textbook and supplies. Students may register at the CSI admissions office inside the Taylor building. For more information, call Jim Palmer at 733-9554, Ext. 2189.

### Frenchman's Island public hearing tonight

**BURLEY** - The Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing tonight regarding amendments to Neil Larsen's proposal to develop Frenchman's Island.

Larsen had initially proposed developing his multi-acre island into single-family housing, condos, condominiums, a private golf course for residents, a restaurant, a 3 1/2-mile public walking trail and a public boat dock.

Larsen decided to replace the single-family housing units with RV parking.

"This type of integrated use will be more harmonious with the area and have less impact on sewer and water requirements," Larsen wrote to the county in a request to amend his conditional-use permit, approved in October.

Larsen's initial application had marked a 10-acre island. Critics said flooding could devastate the island's sewer system and contaminate the Snake River.

The number of RV spaces on the island will be determined by sewer and water requirements and will be regulated by the Division of Environmental Quality, Larsen wrote.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in council chambers at Burley City Hall.

### Hearing set on questions of conflict of interest

**TWIN FALLS** - A hearing date has been set to discuss concerns over 5th District Justice Barry Wood's possible conflict of interest.

The Snake River Basin Adjudication court has set 1:30 p.m. Tuesday to hear concerns raised by the Nez Perce Tribe and the U.S. Department of Justice over water rights apparently held by Wood.

Wood presides over the adjudication that covers 180,000 water rights in 38 of the state's 44 counties. The tribe has asked the judge to set aside his recent decision denying tribal water rights claims. Wood's water rights claims would be affected by his rulings on Nez Perce claims, the tribe says.

"The U.S. Department of Justice asked the court to set a 'status conference' to discuss the issue."

### Elmore County commissioners meet

**ELMORE** - The Elmore County commissioners will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Elmore County Courthouse.

# Mission of jealousy and violence?

## Arizona police say Buhl man traveled to Phoenix with intent to murder woman

By Brian Haynes  
Times-News writer

**AVONDALE, Ariz.** - Fly to Phoenix, kill his ex-girlfriend and be home before Sunday.

That was Isaac Mullins' plan when he boarded a plane in Twin Falls last week, police in the Phoenix suburb of Avondale say.

But the 20-year-old Buhl resident didn't succeed, despite striking 18-year-old Sara Capp

several times in the head with a hammer and stabbing her with a kitchen knife, said detective Kirk Wheeler of the Avondale Police Department.

Mullins was arrested Saturday and charged with attempted homicide, aggravated assault, first-degree burglary and stealing a car. He was being held in jail on a \$750,000 bond, and a probable cause hearing and a grand jury will be held next week, Wheeler said.

Capp, who left a bloody trail in her home dragging herself to a phone, went home Wednesday after spending six days at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix.

Jealousy was the apparent motive for the attack, Wheeler said.

Mullins and Capp dated for about two years in Phoenix before breaking up. They didn't know each other while attending the same high school, but

they met later on the Internet and began a relationship, Wheeler said.

Capp broke up with Mullins last summer around the time Mullins moved in with his father in Buhl, he said.

When Capp started dating another man, Mullins planned to kill her, Wheeler said.

He boarded a plane in Twin Falls and arrived in Phoenix Wednesday morning, he said.

Wheeler, who interviewed

Mullins, described the events leading up to and including the attack as follows:

After arriving in Phoenix, Mullins cracked into a nearby hotel and spent the day around town. Later that night he went to a strip club and stayed until about 3 a.m. before returning to his hotel.

He woke up at 5:30 a.m. Thursday and took a taxi to Capp's neighborhood, where he

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## AFTERMATH



Idaho State Police Trooper Sean Walker inspects the vehicle that collided with a semi truck Wednesday afternoon on Highway 93 south of Hollister. The truck, loaded with charcoal briquettes, went up in flames.

# Up in flames: Wreck closes road

## Accident hurts three, starts blaze

By Brian Haynes  
Times-News writer

**HOLLISTER** - A collision on U.S. Highway 93 Wednesday afternoon between a pickup and a semi truck carrying charcoal briquettes left the semi in flames, and sent three people to the hospital.

The wreck, about a mile south of Hollister, closed the road into

the evening while the charcoal burned and scattered debris was cleared.

The trucks crashed at around 2:30 p.m. when the pickup crossed the center line and hit the southbound semi, said Nancy Howell, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

The pickup driver, 29-year-old John Wambula of Filor, was taken by ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center Wednesday evening. His condition was unavailable.

The driver of the semi truck,

Charles Stroup, and passenger Darlene Stroup, both of Billings, Mont., crawled through a window to escape the burning wreckage. They were treated at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and released, Howell said.

The semi truck was hauling a trailer filled with Kingsford Match Light charcoal, which is pre-soaked in lighter fluid. After the collision the semi lost control, rolled and slid into a power pole, bringing the pole and its lines to the ground, Howell said.

The live power lines ignited the charcoal and set the truck on

fire, she said.

Authorities later cut open the trailer so the charcoal could burn itself out.

The impact of the collision launched the pickup's engine block about 40 feet into the roadside brush and scattered debris across the road.

No citations have been issued. An investigation is continuing, Howell said.

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# House tackles issues of real property

By Michael Joumes  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** - A House committee on Wednesday endorsed a series of bills that changes the state's approach to its real property after making one change to prevent the mingling of state and federal money.

Because the Fish and Game Department receives a lot of matching grants for its programs, Rep. R. A. N. Hansen, R-Twin Falls, and Sen. H. a. I. Bunderson, R-Meridian, worked with the House State Affairs Committee for more than an hour on specific language in one of five bills aimed at revamping the way the state buys, sells and keeps track of its improved property.

That bill, House Bill 485, deals with the control of the finances of buying, selling or leasing state property being concentrated in the Department of Administration. It is undergoing a rewrite to add the additional guidelines to keep federal and state dollars separate.

The legislation, popular with the committee despite the clarification it required, will likely be voted on by the full House early next week. The Senate State

## New in the House

□ **House Bill 485** - Puts the Department of Administration in control of real estate, buildings and improvements used for agency administration. It provides for the selling of real estate that is either not needed or is unsuitable for state purposes. The proceeds from those sales are to be deposited in the state's Permanent Building Fund and will then be earmarked for future real estate purchases by the agency previously holding the property.

□ **House Bill 486** - Stipulates that each state agency submit a five-year plan outlining its projected facilities needs to the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee annually. The agencies are to evaluate their building facilities for unused or under-used space each year as well. The objective is to ensure all identified building space is identified and utilized to its full potential.

□ **House Bill 487** - Establishes a central electronic database registry for all state-owned and leased real estate administered by the Department of Administration. The database will be accessible from the Internet and will include topographical maps, road and street maps, aerial photographs and general information about the property. The total estimated cost for establishing the database will be \$112,000 and will require 3-5 years for research, cataloging and digital documentation of the properties.

□ **House Bill 516** - Provides that state agencies have right of first refusal to buy property put up for sale by other state agencies. If not taken by a state agency, the property is offered to other state tax supported entities. Next in line would be federal agencies and then the general public. Sales prices of property to other gov-

ernment agencies may be negotiated, but sale to the public must be by auction.

□ **House Bill 517** - Charges a committee made up of the state's Board of Examiners (the governor, secretary of state, attorney general and state treasurer), the speaker of the house and the president pro tem of the Senate with power to authorize the acquisition of property during the interim between legislative sessions. Currently, any agency must bring property acquisition proposals to the Legislature while it's in session. To ensure legislative control over the procedure, each of the committee's members has veto power over any proposal and the Office of Legislative Services must verify the action will produce the lowest possible cost to taxpayers in the long run. Also each year the legislature will receive an accounting of any actions taken during the interim.

Affairs Committee will get the bill if the House approves the measures.

In a nutshell, the measures would provide an overview of available and needed building space among state agencies, gives the state the ability to acquire property between legislative sessions, puts administration of all state real property under the control of one depart-

ment, gives state departments and agencies the first opportunity to acquire available property and establishes a database containing all real property owned by the state.

Hansen defines real property as any improvement such as offices or warehouses.

will hold the measures until all five are ready to be voted on as a package.

Hansen and Bunderson worked closely with several state agencies to draft the legislation.

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# Getting in touch

## Lawmakers back rural TV signal plan

States News Service

**WASHINGTON** - Rep. Mike Simpson joined a panel of lawmakers on Wednesday in approving a plan to provide local television signals to rural areas via satellite.

The Rural Local Broadcast Signal Act, which unanimously passed the House Agriculture Committee, would provide a loan guarantee so investors could build enough satellites to beam local signals in all 210 TV markets around the nation.

Satellite providers said that unless they get the loan guarantee, they will only offer local signals in 67 markets.

Increased rural satellite capacity would help lay the groundwork for high speed Internet systems, said Simpson, R-Blackfoot.

"Getting technology to rural America is a very important thing," Simpson said. "If the access to this technology isn't available to rural America, rural America is going to be left behind."

Idaho broadcasters say local signals are important to public safety.

"The fact is that local stations carry weather warnings and local information that you can't get from distant network signals," said Connie Seares, president of the Idaho State Broadcasters Association in Boise.

Idaho communities rely on local TV when natural disasters strike, Seares said, citing the Teton Dam breach in 1975.

"When the dam burst in Eastern Idaho, you didn't pick up a paper or listen to Salt Lake City radio, you needed local TV."

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# Heater might have caused home blast

By Bart Nelwert  
Times-News correspondent

**HAILEY** - A natural gas hot water heater is believed to have been the cause of a pre-dawn explosion and fire that destroyed a two-story home north of Hailey on Tuesday.

Residents Bob and Kathy Dugan walked away from the explosion, and their dog suffered only minor injuries. The Dugan's six cats were in the house at the time and all have been found unharmed except for one cat that suffered minor burns on its face.

The explosion and ensuing fire resulted in a loss of approximately \$250,000 for the dwelling and its contents.

A thorough investigation was conducted Wednesday morning by a team of specialists from both the Boise and Idaho Falls offices of the State Fire Marshall's Department as well as Intermountain Gas, said Wood River Fire and Rescue Chief Bert Lassman who served as the chief investigator.

The team concluded that several very small leaks in the flex hose that delivered natural gas to the hot water heater was the most probable cause for the explosion.

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Compiled from staff reports

MAGIC VALLEY

Hagerman city officials look at street improvement projects

By Gina Mulder Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - The City Council on Tuesday compiled a list of street improvement projects they would like to see accomplished this year. However, with just \$30,000 in the city's street budget, what the city wants and what it can afford to do are two different issues.

Topping the list was the drainage problem at the intersection of Lake and Second streets, dust abatement and seal coating.

Last month council members approved a plan to install a drainage system that would divert the standing water from Lake and Second streets to a ditch west of town.

Jerome mulls lower speed limit

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The speed limit on South Lincoln Street may be lowered to 45 mph all the way to Interstate 84 if the Idaho Transportation Department gives the city of Jerome the go-ahead.

Bob Culver, public works director, will ask for ITD approval to change the speed limit from the current 55 mph to 45 mph and move the city limits sign to the current city limits boundary at I-84.

Culver said the speed limit reduction was needed because of projected heavy traffic to Walmart.

In other Jerome City Council business: A subdivision developer or contractor must get written permission from all concerned parties before altering an irrigation system.

An ordinance, passed by the City Council Tuesday evening,

Buhl schools modify police policy

By Mary Lou Potts Times-News correspondent

BUHL - A new law enforcement relations policy will remain in effect - with a few modifications as outlined Tuesday by the Buhl School Board.

The policy requires a law enforcement officer to contact a Buhl school principal upon entering a school building.

An officer can request, and receive information such as a student's address, telephone number, parents' names and date of birth, if the student is the subject of an official investigation stemming from a specific offense.

Additional information - such as the student's cumulative folder and any supplemental records

SERVICES

Arlie K. Risser of Twin Falls, friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Janet Wilson of Aberdeen, services at 11 a.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Aberdeen (Colonial Funeral Home, 2005 S. Fourth Ave., Pocatello).

Mary Jane "Mamie" Orndorf of Heavener, Ore., and formerly of Rupert, Ore., will be buried at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Church of the Nazarene in Gooding, and at 3 p.m. Friday at Hansen's Memorial Chapel in Rupert.

Randall E. Russell of Twin Falls, services at 2 p.m. today at the Rock Creek Veteran's Cemetery (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home and Crematory of Twin Falls).

Wayne D. Osborne of Paul, services at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary in Rupert, and before services Friday.

Willis "Bill" Whittle, formerly of Oakley, services at 2 p.m., Friday at the Oakley LDS Stake Center; friends may call from 1-1:45 p.m. Friday at the Oakley Stake Center (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

DEATH NOTICES

Herbert H. Qualls 85, of Jerome - Herbert H. Qualls, 85, of Rock Springs, Wyo., and formerly of Jerome, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000, at Rock Springs, Wyo. Funeral services are tentatively scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, 2000, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome with burial to follow at the Jerome Cemetery. A viewing is planned 6-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 2000, at the funeral chapel. A full obituary will appear in a later edition of

W.M. 'Buss' Brownfield TWIN FALLS - W.M. "Buss" Brownfield, 76, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2000, at his home following an extended illness. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, 2000, at the First Baptist Church in Twin Falls. A full obituary will appear in the Feb. 18 edition of The Times-News. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Some names are omitted at patient's request. Admitted Betty Wright of Gooding; and Courtney Thuren of Kimberly. Discharged Maribel Dominguez of Rupert; and Bethany Hill and Rita Palomo, both of Heyburn.

Husband's help is really hurting

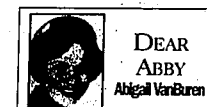
DEAR ABBY: My father-in-law is not with a good pension. He is the primary caregiver for his wife, who is paralyzed on one side and unable to carry on a conversation. She is getting worse and is practically confined to bed. He refuses outside help and is very controlling.

While she was in the rehab center shortly after her accident, she was progressing well. She was even up on parallel bars. The only thing she does now is feed herself. She's incontinent and totally dependent.

No one in the family is willing to step in on her behalf to get the proper care she deserves. They are all afraid of her husband, and say it is up to him. It is painful for me to watch this happening. I am partially disabled myself and unable to do what I used to. How - where could I find resources to give this woman some quality of life? She's only 64.

- CONCERNED IN THE MIDDLEWEST

DEAR CONCERNED: You are a caring relative who has raised an interesting, but delicate, question. From your description, both



DEAR ABBY: The letter you printed regarding the wedding invitation reminded me of the telephone call I received from the mother of the groom. She informed me there was to be no shower for the bride. The bride and her mother were going shopping for the things the bride would need for her new home. Every item was to be gift-wrapped individually, and the name of the "donor" was to be written on each package.

Although I had already given the couple a generous engagement gift, I was "invited" to send a check to pay for "my" shower gift.

Incredulous, and thinking I had misunderstood, I asked the woman to repeat the request. Then I said a quiet goodbye. - NO DUMMY IN N.Y.C.

DEAR NO DUMMY: Just when I think I have seen everything, along comes another "believe it or not" letter. You weren't being invited to a shower you were being solicited for a fund-raiser. Therefore, you were within your rights to handle it as you would any other telemarketing call.

Filer board considers activity fees

By Mickey Brown Times-News correspondent

FILER - The fees associated with student participation in extracurricular activities was a topic of discussion at Tuesday's School Board meeting.

Chris Ward, a single father with four children in the school district, asked the board why certain fees are charged to students wanting to participate in extracurricular activities and if those fees weren't excessive.

"If you pay a sports fee, I don't understand why you also need a 'Spirit Pak,'" Ward said. "And I don't understand why we're told to pay a sports fee so our children can participate in sports and to help pay for equipment and then turn around and tell the children we need to sell 20 boxes of oranges to be able to get their uniforms."

Ward said activity card fees were also required. He said pep band was another activity that required a small student fee in addition to an activity card.

"Children are not required in some other districts to have an activity card to participate in sports," Ward said.

Ward also questioned a proposal to add soccer to the district's list of sports activities.

"Why start up another team when children already have to go out and sell things to pay for playing existing sports?" he asked.

Board member Shirley Gailey said part of the increase in accessing fees could be attributed to the jump in extracurricular activities over the past 20 years. She said the district now funds 16 activities, up from five activities in previous years.

"And it's not just the increase in sports but other activities such as advanced speech, I.N.E.E.L. (a quiz team) and Business Professionals of America, all of which are wonderful programs," Gailey said. "However, they cost and I know personally that if you and your children want to be involved in any of those programs then there is a way to find the money."

Superintendent William Feusahres has watched the number of activities grow since his arrival seven years ago.

"We've added softball, baseball and several academic programs and the related travel costs and stipends have increased our expenses from the general

fund substantially," Feusahres said. "With our estimated daily attendance down this year it's getting harder and harder to come up with the funding to have such an array of activities. I do understand how they enrich the lives of our children, but unfortunately I don't see how we can reduce activity card fees right now."

Board Chairman Gerald Orthel said the district would soon be approached with proposals to fund two new sports - soccer and bowling. Orthel suggested the board study a cost analysis of activities provided by Filer High School Principal Leon Madsen and Athletic Director LaBell Patterson. The cost analysis breakdown provides the

net cost to the district for each student involved in spring, fall and winter sports as well as academic activities. Revenue from gate receipts, activity cards and sports fees were included in the analysis. According to the study, there are 411 students participating in 16 activities. The average cost to the district per student was roughly \$243, according to the study.

Other School Board business:

Western States Bus received approval for a two-year extension as the district's transportation contractor.

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# Bucks for blasts: Jackpot club seeks money for July fireworks

By Sam Feltman  
Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. — A local group wants local officials to kick in \$20,000 for July Fourth fireworks.

Brad Hester — president of the Jackpot Civic Club, and a man involved with bringing fireworks back to Jackpot last summer — has approached the Jackpot Advisory Board with his request.

Jackpot dropped its Fourth of July celebration in 1984 because of the cost of insurance and new regulations. A citizen's rally last year convinced reluctant Elko County commissioners to award \$20,000 toward the \$25,000 display. Local businesses kicked in the other \$5,000.

The July Fourth celebration turned out to be a great success, and Hester hopes to go "above and beyond" last year's display.

"The Civic Club is looking forward to another great Fourth of July," Hester said. "With your support and the support of the community I think we will have it."

Hester said the \$20,000 would pay for the basic fireworks, insurance, licensing, training, delivery and hiring a pyrotechnician.

Hester has approached the board early this year so the request can go through the regular budget process.

"I am in the process of writing letters to each business in Jackpot seeking donations to purchase several more of the large shells," said Hester, who said he has verbal commitments from several casinos.

Hester has asked Terry Dunn, Jackpot's tourism director, to request some grants from the state tourism board to go

### Craig: Lands issues breed cooperation

BOISE (AP) — Idaho Sen. Larry Craig appears to be looking toward collaboration and cooperation in dealing with the diverse interests seeking a consensus on management of public lands.

"In all of these kinds of conflicts that resulted between those who I call radical preservationists vs. those who are right, reasonable and responsible conservationists, we have seen a lot of conflict at the local level," Craig told the Society of Range Management on Wednesday.

Craig, who has been a strident and outspoken critic of many environmental organizations and of the Clinton administration's resource management policies, said two organizations he is involved with are committed to reducing the polarization surrounding public land issues and increasing dialogue.

towards advertising.

The public money would again come from Elko County commissioners.

In other business:

- Recreation Center Director Ken Blake said the Census Bureau still needs more workers in Jackpot, for the count scheduled to be held in late March.

- Elko County will probably have to borrow money from Nevada's low-interest revolving account to go towards fixing Jackpot's sewer woes, said Lynn Foresburg of Elko County Community Development said. Up to \$1.5 million might be needed. He said the county has been working on the project but it is taking time.

Foresburg said it is also time for Jackpot to acquire more

water storage.

"We need another million and a half gallons storage; we're looking at a rate increase for water," Foresburg said.

David Hutchinson, Jackpot's fire chief, agrees the town needs more water storage for fire protection.

Ed Ellis, Jackpot's public works supervisor, reported that the water system's back flow devices will be tested in the next few weeks.

"These devices need to be tested and certified," he said.

• Ellis also reported that crosswalks on the newly refinished Ace Drive will be placed at Lady Luck Street and Keno Street.

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\$7,500	.1690	.1780	.1640	.1730	.1630	.1720	.1620	.1720
\$15,000	.1630	.1720	.1610	.1700	.1540	.1620	.1520	.1600
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\$7,500	.1160	.1220	.1050	.1110	.1030	.1090	.1010	.1070
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	Off-Off	.0343	.0362	.0114	.0121
Off-Off	Off-Off	.0958	.1010	.0319	.0337
	Off-On	.0768	.0810	.0256	.0270
800	Off-On	.0459	.0484	.0153	.0162
	Off-On	.0343	.0362	.0114	.0121
Switched	Peak	.0699	.0738	.0233	.0246
	Off-Peak	.0561	.0592	.0187	.0197
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**ELK FOUNDATION BANQUET**  
D.L. Evans Bank of Burley donated a rifle with a scope to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for a prize at the annual banquet. Bank employees and foundation representatives are, left to right: Roger M. Facer, branch manager; Valrie Praegltzer, operations officer; Laura Jolley, loan officer; Dan Lloyd, assistant manager; John V. Evans Jr., chief executive officer; Tony Stauffer and Bill Blair, foundation co-chairmen; and John V. Evans Sr., president.

## Elk Foundation holds annual banquet

**BURLEY** - Dinner, an auction and prizes are scheduled for the 10th annual Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation banquet.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 26 at the Burley Best Western Inn Convention Center, 800 N. Overland Ave.

The foundation says it has raised \$200,000 locally in the past 10 years. The group holds two annual fund raising events - the banquet and a summer golf tournament at the Rupert Country Club. Proceeds are used in local wildlife projects and to purchase land to preserve habitat.

"Any land purchased by the group has to be left open to public access," Bill Scott, public relations representative, says.

### Want more information?

To make reservation for the 10th annual Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet, call 438-8586.

The group works closely with the Idaho Fish and Game Department, which manages wildlife, and the U.S. Forest Service, which manages land in Idaho, Scott says.

The national foundation headquarters for the organization is in Missoula, Mont.

Banquet tickets are \$55 per person and the price includes membership or \$80 for a couple with one membership.

D.L. Evans Bank has donated a Savage Model 110-30.06 rifle with a Simmons 3x9 scope for the fund-raiser.



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### Businesses help Twin Falls BPA club during BPA week

I would like to take time during Business Professionals of America Week (Feb. 13-19) to thank some of the business people who have helped our Twin Falls High club this year.

College of Southern Idaho, Lady Foot Locker, Crowley's, Buckle, Lynwood Chevron, Taco Bandido, Dairy Queen, Hollywood Video, Hart's Tux & Gowns, Tuxedos Now, The White House, Tom's 50-Minute Photo, and Hair Tech, all for helping with the Mr. Twin Falls Pageant; Joe Rocke at Albertson's, Fred Meyer and Shopko for helping with the two Christmas families we sponsored.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### St. Paul's Lutheran Church serves up supper today

**JEROME** - St. Paul's Lutheran Church will hold its 18th annual Pancake and Sausage Supper from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and from 5-8 p.m. today at 1301 N. Davis St. in Jerome.

The sausage was made by members of the congregation and contains garlic and other spices. Potato patties, applesauce and beverages also will be served. Members ask for a free will donation for the supper and the public is invited to attend. For more information, call 324-2842.

### Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces results

**GOODING** - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announced the results of its latest match Feb. 11 at the Gooding City Hall.

Jodi Faulkner and Bonnie Asparto took first place in the north-south game, Doris Watts and Bev Clark snagged second and Henry and Dolores Robinson landed in third.

In the east-west game, Jim Fitch and Marge Rainbolt won first place, Lucy Gustofson and Mary Steele took second and Don and Lorna Bard placed third.

Bridge players are invited to join in at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding City Hall. Refreshments will be served. Duplicate rules apply.

### Woman celebrates 96th birthday with open house

**TWIN FALLS** - An open house celebration for Mabel H. Watson's 96th birthday will be held from 2-5 p.m.

Saturday at 1905 Dorian Dr. in Twin Falls.

The event is hosted by her daughter, Beverly McClellan and her son, and



Mabel Watson

daughter-in-law Bob and Joan Watson, all of Twin Falls. Friends and family are invited to attend. The family requests no gifts.

### Sports card show features dealers from region

**TWIN FALLS** - A sports card show, also featuring Beanie Babies and Poke'mon items, will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at The Ballroom at 205 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls.

Dealers from southern Idaho and Utah will be on hand to buy, sell and trade collectibles. The event is sponsored by Sportscards Unlimited. For more information, call 734-0779 days or 734-1384 evenings.

### Filer resident earns Eagle Scout honors Saturday

**FLIER** - William S. Jaynes, son of Fred and Lynn-Jaynes of Flier, will receive his Eagle Scout honor's pin Saturday at the Filer LDS Stake Center on Midway and Thurman streets in Flier.



William Jaynes

Jaynes completed trail head development at Pole Creek for his Eagle Scout project. He made and installed Forest Service signs for the Humboldt National Forest Service with assistance from fellow Scouts from Troop 72. The project took about 50 hours.

Jaynes is a member of Troop 72, sponsored by the Filer LDS First Ward and led by Val Hymas. He has earned 23 badges.

He is a sophomore at Filer High School and plays football and basketball.

### Open house honors woman's 90th birthday

**TWIN FALLS** - Sarina Dowd of Buhl will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house from 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the

Garden Room at Heritage Woodstone, 431 Caswell Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

The event is given by her children, Maura Dowd, Carrol Dowd, Warren Dowd and Allen Dowd.

Friends are invited to celebrate with Dowd.

### Minico Millennium Dance Camp set later this month

**RUPERT** - The Minico Millennium Dance Camp is set from 3:30-5:45 p.m. Feb. 22 and Feb. 24 at Minico High School.

The event is sponsored by the Spartan Dance Force.

The workshop is geared for children ages 4 and older. The cost is \$10 and T-shirts are available for purchase. A follow-up practice will be held on March 28 and the group will perform March 29 in the dance show at Minico.

For more information, call Sandee Schwan-Nelson at 436-5721.

### State, conservancy present Box Canyon tour

**HAGERMAN** - A walking tour of the Earl M. Hardy Box Canyon Springs Preserve will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday starting at the parking lot.

To get to the parking area, take Interstate 84 to Exit 155 in Wendell, go west 3.2 miles to county road 1500 East and turn left, following signs to Buhl. Follow this road 4.5 miles to the signed parking lot on the right-hand side of the road.

Nature Conservancy and Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation guides will lead the one to two hour tours. Participants are urged to call ahead to let guides know how many to expect.

For more information, call the Mail Gorge State Park office at 837-4505, or the Nature Conservancy office at 536-6797.

## CELEBRATING FAMILY

The surviving children of Rosal Hale and Jane Read Hale celebrated in honor of their parent's 85th wedding anniversary in Twin Falls on Dec. 10, 1999. The couple, who is now deceased, were married Dec. 10, 1914 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Their seven children were born and raised in Oakley. Their children are, left to right, front row: Marva Chambers of Ogden, Utah, and Rachel Christensen of Twin Falls; second row: Quentin Hale of Orem, Utah, and Kent Hale of Oakley; standing: Rodney Hale of Salt Lake City, Utah; and Edsel Hale of Canby, Ore. Oldest brother Ballard Hale is deceased. Rosal and Jane Read had 38 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.



Photo courtesy of Rachel Christensen

## Albertson College announces dean's list

**CALDWELL** - Albertson College of Idaho has released its dean's list for the 1999 fall semester.

Students must earn a 3.75 grade-point average to be eligi-

ble for the dean's list. Honor students from the Magic Valley are: Cassi Brothwell of Bellevue; Randy King of Bruneau; Tamara Baker of Burley; Mary Roice of

Hazelton; Traci Wilde of Glens Ferry; Erin Baldwin of Kimberly; Lindsey Ward of Murtaugh; Michael Jarolimek and Beau Scott, both of Rupert; and Jamie Russell of Twin Falls.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### Wendell resident earns awards with speech team

The Boise State University speech and debate team earned Top 10 honors at the 41st annual Air Force Academy forensics tournament in November in Colorado Springs, Colo.

BSU speech team member Michelle Fattig of Wendell took third in informative speaking and was a finalist in program oral interpretation.

She and her partner also qualified for the elimination rounds in debate competition.

### Former Gooding resident earns aviation degree

Paul "Robb" Roessler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Roessler of Gooding, received his degree in aviation from the Auburn Flight School in Auburn, Wash.

Roessler is a certified flight instructor and is pursuing his multi-engine rating, his family says. He is currently teaching and serving as a

### flight instructor.

Roessler attended Gooding High School.

### Halloy resident has poetry published, plans music CD

Evelyn Ann Dolas of Halloy will have her poetry published in the International Library of Poetry edition, "Echoes of Yesteryear" and "America at the Millennium: The Best Poems and Poets of the 20th Century."

Dolas has been published three times by the International Library, her family says. She will also receive a plaque and plans to record her poetry on cassette and compact disc.

She will record this spring a musical CD, titled "Evelyn: The Debut Album," featuring previously recorded and original works, her family says.

### Jerome resident celebrates 75th birthday with family

Mildred Chojnacky of Jerome was honored on her 75th birthday

Jan. 9 with a lasagna dinner, two birthday cakes and ice cream at the Michael and Marcia Chojnacky residence.

All nine of her children helped plan the gathering, beginning with 15 family members attending church together.

Twenty-four family members attended dinner, including Mildred's husband, Lee Chojnacky and children, Carolyn Chojnacky, Richard Chojnacky, and Gerald and Anne Chojnacky and their children, Gerald, Doug and Aimee, all of Jerome. Attending from Salt Lake City, Utah, were Susan and Todd Schilling and children Christa and Jennifer and Alex. Mary and Chuck Winn; and Krista, Steven and Debbie Chojnacky and Jeffrey, all of Boise, attended the event. A grandson, Brady Chojnacky attended from Gresham, Ore.

A surprise guest at the party was David Chojnacky, who flew in for his mother's birthday from Falls Church, Va. Her son, Ronald and wife, Andrea Chojnacky of Glenrock, Wyo. were unable to attend.

Cliff and Lisa Jaro and Bill and Winilake Mobley, all of Jerome, were afternoon visitors. The honoree's gifts included two bouquets of flowers and 12 red roses.

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# Harriman State Park woes spark concern over budget

BOISE (AP) — Pleased with the system's progress toward self-sufficiency, legislative budget writers on Wednesday expressed concerns over the inability of one of the premier parks — Harriman State Park in eastern Idaho — to generate enough cash so improvements could be made.

"Something needs to be done there to improve additional access without harming the area," Senate Finance Vice Chairman Dean Cameron told Parks and Recreation Director Yvonne Ferrell.

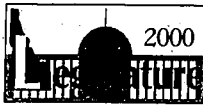
The Parks and Recreation Board recommended lawmakers receive \$1.8 million in general tax receipts to Harriman State Park, the first in the state system, to expand the sleeping and other facility there with an eye toward attracting more visitors.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne did not include that item in his budget blueprint, but Senate Finance Chairman Atwell Parry indicated that some additional money may not be out of the question.

"The governor has his responsibility," Parry told Ferrell. "We also have our responsibility to look at the budget."

Cameron said the entire allocation may not be possible but increments could be.

In recent years, the department has made great strides in implementing what Board Chairman Glenn Shewmaker of Kimberly called "pay-to-play"



opportunities. Last year, 60 percent of the operating budgets for the more than two dozen state parks was generated from various fees and other revenue-producing enterprises.

But Shewmaker told the committee that bureaucratic red tape was making it difficult for the board and the department to respond quickly to changing conditions with fee hikes or fee reductions and with new programs and facilities.

The department, Shewmaker said, "needs the tools to operate in a more businesslike manner."

Problems at Harriman, however, have been relatively unique because of the pressure from people in the area to leave the park undeveloped. While the park system overall generates 60 percent of its operating budget, Harriman generates only 39 percent.

Without revenue from camping and other concessions, the department was forced to begin spending money from the trust the Harriman family set up to maintain, rather than just the interest earned on the trust, until it got an infusion of general tax money a few years ago.

# Justice announces re-election bid

BOISE (AP) — Facing a potential opponent from the right, as she did in 1994, Justice Cathy Silak said there is "no room for partisanship or personal agendas" as she launches her campaign for re-election to the Idaho Supreme Court.

The first woman on Idaho's appellate bench said on Wednesday that she would take the high road in seeking another six-year term on the five-member court, but acknowledged the likelihood of an electoral challenge came as no real surprise.

"I certainly have been anticipating something of this nature, having been through it once before," Silak said after formally announcing her candidacy in front of the Supreme Court building, along with her husband, children and in-laws.

Six years ago Silak was chal-

lenged by Wayne Kidwell, a former Republican state attorney general who made no bones during the campaign about his conservative positions.

She won by about 24,000 votes out of more than 150,000 cast, but Kidwell beat former Idaho Democratic Party Chairman Mike Wetherell in the 1998 race for a Supreme Court vacancy and for the past year has served alongside Silak.

This time 4th District Judge Daniel Eismann, who has criticized the high court for what he considers its penchant for constitutional reinterpretation, is gathering signatures on a petition to challenge Silak in the May 23 election. And conservative Republicans are rallying to his banner.

In the past week Eismann has appeared at Lincoln Day fund-

raising banquets for the Idaho GOP and expressed disdain, in a general sense, for jurists whose rulings do not hew strictly to what he considers the framer's intentions.

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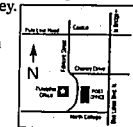


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# Board dismisses tax appeal by tribal member

KAMIAH (AP) — The Idaho Board of Tax Appeals has let stand an earlier Lewis County Board of Equalization decision to tax property belonging to a Nez Perce tribal member.

The appellate board dismissed the appeal from Jo Ann Kauffman of Kamiah on a city lot she purchased in 1997 at Kauffman's request. She argued her objections to the tax bill so a federal court can determine the underlying issue of the extent of tribal jurisdiction.

The land had been on the county's tax rolls, but after Kauffman bought it, it was removed because she is an enrolled tribal member.

Last year the Lewis County Commissioners said the land should be returned to the tax rolls, and Kauffman's appeal for tax exemption was denied for the 1999 tax year.

Kauffman appealed. But in a letter earlier this month, she withdrew, agreeing to pay "this unjust and unfair assessment, under protest, pending whatever final determination is ultimately rendered in federal court regarding Lewis County's assertion that the Nez Perce Reservation has been diminished."

Kauffman said she believes the Nez Perce Tribe, not an individual member, should be litigating the issue.

During the hearing last fall, Kauffman said she believed it was improper for the commissioners to take the issue of the extent of tribal jurisdiction in her appeal.

Since no Idaho state court or administrative body has authority to make a valid decision on federal treaty rights, she said, continuing the debate over her tax assessment in the state system is pointless.

She reinforced that point by citing the charges the Nez Perce have lodged against Snake River Basin Adjudication Judge Barry Wood. Wood, who has been accused of a conflict of interest in the water court because he personally has water rights, ruled last fall that the Nez Perce reservation had been diminished to only a fraction of its original size.

"The courts of the state of Idaho are not a forum where the Nez Perce Tribe or its members are likely to find fairness or justice," Kauffman said.

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NATION

# Fox show mixes dating game, beauty pageant, and greed

**NEW YORK (AP)** — They say money can't buy love, but it can buy a bride. Especially on national television.

Rick Rockwell, a real estate investor and motivational speaker who lives near San Diego, met and married Darva Conger after a two-hour prime-time competition aired on Fox Tuesday night.

"Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire," broadcast the night after Valentine's Day, combined elements of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," "The Dating Game" and a beauty pageant — and ended with the toss of a bouquet.

"This is no joke," said actor Jay Thomas, the emcee, at the show's outset.



Rick Rockwell kisses his bride, Darva Conger, for the first time on "Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire?" during taping last week in Las Vegas.

"I'll be your friend, your lover and your partner," Conger promised before Rockwell made his selection. "You will never be bored."

The special began with 50 women who ranged in age from 19 to the mid-40s. They were quickly cut down to 10 semi-finalists. The women paraded on stage in bathing suits and wedding gowns, and answered questions like what they considered an ideal Friday night and what they would do if they found a woman's name and phone number in their new husband's pocket.

Rockwell asked for advice judging the answers from his friends and his mother, who isn't quite sure what to make of

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The nation's top law enforcement officials acknowledged on Wednesday serious challenges finding the electronic vandals who shut down major Internet sites last week, but they also described "fast-developing leads."

"They said the hackers involved were sophisticated enough to falsify their digital fingerprints. Attorney General Janet Reno said such a disguise technique makes it difficult, and sometimes impossible, to hold the perpetrator criminally accountable."

"I would simply say that we are taking the attacks very seriously and that will simply do everything in our power to identify those responsible and bring them to justice," Reno told a Senate panel.

The FBI also urged Congress on Wednesday to consider expanding use of federal racketeering "RICO" laws — traditionally used

against the mafia and drug cartels — to apply against organized and persistent hackers. He also urged Congress to lower the \$5,000 minimum in damages that victim companies must suffer before hackers can be prosecuted under federal computer crime laws.

Freesh said lawmakers should

consider "whether some of this activity, which goes beyond a simple episode of fraud or hacking, gets into the realm of enterprise criminal activity."

"RICO was intended to get gangsters," said Jennifer Granick, a California lawyer who has represented hackers. "Now, it's getting a bunch of kids."

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# White House promises aid to ex-hostages

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright promised Wednesday to help Americans held hostage for years in Lebanon- and Iranian assets in the U.S. that could be used to pay multimillion dollar judgments assessed by U.S. courts.

Albright's assurance came as the former State Department official in charge of counter-terrorism during the 1950s kidnappings testified in federal court that Iran "with shrewdness and total ruthlessness" orchestrated the kidnapping of journalist Terry Anderson and other Westerners to put pressure on the Reagan administration to sell it.

Robert Oakley testified at a U.S. District Court hearing to determine the size of the award Anderson — the longest-held captive — could receive. He sued Iran for \$100 million, and U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson found Iran in default on Tuesday because it failed to send any representation.

After two days of testimony, Jackson took the case under consideration on Wednesday. Anderson's lawyer, Stuart Newberger, said he hoped for a judgement finding without a few weeks.

Albright, at a congressional hearing, expressed caution against confiscation of Iranian diplomatic property that might prompt retaliation against U.S. assets overseas. She indicated officials have yet to determine exactly what they can do but said she would work with hostages and their families on what actions can be taken to collect on the judgments.

"We are trying to be of assistance in terms of how to resolve these (claims) and we're prepared to work with these families to identify unblocked Iranian assets to help satisfy the judgments they have received," Albright said.

# Congressmen ask U.S. to ease Iraqi sanctions

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Several congressmen asked President Clinton Wednesday to ease non-military sanctions on Iraq, insisting children were suffering needlessly and President Saddam Hussein's regime was benefiting from the measures.

"It could be argued that the sanctions have in fact strengthened the regime and weakened the people who would be needed to overthrow the regime," Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, said at a news conference outside the Capitol.

Key John Conyers Jr., D-Mich., who was not present, has introduced a bill that would permit the export of food and medicine to Iraq. The bill is supported by 70 lawmakers.

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Conditions subject to change at home, including marital status. Cancer native invites you to dinner - accept, especially if you enjoy a good lobster.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** What appears to be a rumor could actually be factual. Know it, respond accordingly. Find out reasons, motives. Relationship is too hot not to cool down.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Attention revolves around ability to beautify surroundings. Design, color coordination relating to home featured. Libra individual, ultra-sensitive, says goodbye.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Hold off on final decision. Aura of deception involved - revise ideas, plans. Protect self in emotional clinches. Someone tries to put something over on you.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Look behind scenes; something unsavory is going on. Find out, let it be known that you won't let it happen again. Marital status is directly affected. Capricorn involved.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Sentimental journey sad but ultimately beneficial. Let go of past, prepare for exciting future.

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**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Make new start, be sure that others understand you will not follow them. Take lead, initiate project, highlight independence of thought, action. Leo takes back seat.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You will be asking, "Is this deja vu?" Scenic features, familiar places, faces. Focus on buying, selling property. Cancer-born family member dyes hair.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Experiment, explore, don't give up, you are midstream. Social activities accelerate, some people are intent on wasting your time. Gemini represented.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Some people want you to jump through hoops. Disappoint them, do things your way. Keep feet on ground even if head is in clouds. Scorpio figures prominently.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You get proverbial second chance. This time opportunity for romance is valid. Don't give up before final bell. You are headed for victory! Virgo plays role.

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Some friends and I visited a hut over the weekend, climbing on skis from Idaho Highway 75 to a ridge high above Redfish Lake. After a few hours, we reached a well-equipped wall tent where we lit fires in the wood stoves, cooked a nice dinner, did a lot of laughing and then flaked out for the night. On Sunday morning, we slapped on climbing skins and skied to within a stone's throw of the Bench Lakes.

Then we stripped the skins off our skis, pointed 'em downhill and ripped into a foot of fresh snow. We repeated the process, again and again. We logged some great skiing, but there were no lift tickets, no lift lines, and nobody else to trank the slope.



Whitney Smith, an English instructor at the College of Southern Idaho, whumps up some vittas.

It was arguably the most beautiful place in Idaho, and it was ours for the taking.

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The trip wasn't hard to arrange. I booked the hut a few weeks in advance, then mailed in a roster with names and payment for everyone on the trip. Hut fees were \$31.50 a head, so it didn't cost much to enjoy two days and

a night in our own private Idaho. The only other chore was to divide up the food assignments. Some folks were detailed to provide dinner, others were in charge of dessert, and still others were responsible for breakfast. Early Saturday morning, we

We pressed on, climbing all the while, until we topped out on a ridge that fell away on the east to Redfish Lake. The forest cover was thick, but there were occasional gaps that afforded sweeping views of the lake. Nearly 1,000 feet below us, the shoreline cut smooth arcs from the forested slopes, creating a huge horizontal plane in a cradle of mountains.

More than three hours after setting out, we fetched up at a trail junction; one fork led up to the Bench Lakes, while the other continued toward the south end of Redfish Lake.

We were close to the hut. Another 10 minutes of skiing



Jerome attorney Pat Brown checks his equipment outside the Bench Hut.

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You can't drive all the way to Redfish Lake at this time of year because the spur road from Highway 75 is snowed in. We settled for parking in a pullout on the east side of the highway, about five miles south of Stanley.

From there, we walked south on the pavement, carrying our skis about 100 yards to the Redfish Lake turnout. Then we started skiing.

The first leg of the journey was easy going up a wide, gently sloping road. The road is frequently traveled by snowmobiles, so the snow is well packed. Less than an hour after setting out, we were at the trailhead near Redfish Lake.

### Into the wilderness

Light snow was falling as we began skiing up Fishhook Creek. After a few hundred yards, the trail forked and we swung south, wending our way uphill through a lodgepole forest. There was little sign of wildlife, but here and there we cut the tracks of snowshoe hare.

After a while, we crested a knoll and got our first view of Redfish Lake. Frozen and covered with snow, it looked like a ghostly white stain on the forest. Snow was falling hard at this point, so the magnificent peaks of the Sawtooth Range - Mount Heyburn, the Grand Mogul and Williams Peak - were obscured by clouds.

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Brown goes berserk behind the Bench Hut.

External amenities include an open-air outhouse with an insulated seat. A cramped but serviceable sauna is the crowning touch.

The Bench Hut is about six miles from Highway 75, but after spending time there, most folks would agree it is light years away from the rat race. An evening there, at 7,500 feet in the Sawtooth Mountains, is a tonic to the soul.



With the Grand Mogul looming in the distance, Twin Falls family practice doctor Dan Preucil gets down to business in the Sawtooth Mountains.



Wobbly but still game, Guida slices her way through a foot of fresh snow.



Vicki Roper, outreach coordinator of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind in Gooding, left, and Buhl physician Kim Guida prepare libations inside the Bench Hut.

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OUTDOORS

# Unique grouse face tough times

### Biologists worry about colorful bird's future on its limited range

**MONTROSE, Colo. (AP)** — Sometime during the Pleistocene-Epoch, researchers suggest, a species of sage grouse began to evolve from other birds and perch on its own genetic branch. This happened hundreds of thousands of years ago, during an age when glaciers crushed mountains, a time when Homo sapiens evolved.

Caught in their own rough struggle through the thickets of evolution, Homo sapiens didn't stumble across *Centrocercus uimimus* too soon.

During the 1970s, Colorado Division of Wildlife researcher Clait Braun noticed something different about sage grouse in the Gunnison area.

"These birds are very different," Braun said, after more than two decades of work identifying the Gunnison sage grouse as an individual species. "They ... have really neat plumages. ... They are just really unique, small birds. And they are very unique citizens, so to speak, of the sagebrush steppe."

Braun, the DOW's former Avian Research Program manager, started working with sage grouse in 1973. Four years later, he began identifying differences in birds—he found—in the Gunnison Basin.

Braun, who retired from his position in July, is a consultant, operating Grouse Inc. out of Tucson, Ariz.

He and Jessica Young, an assistant professor of biology at Western State College in Gunnison, are submitting a paper about Gunnison sage grouse to the Wilson Bulletin, a publication for ornithologists. Researchers Jerry Hupp, Tom Quinn and Sara Oylar-McCance also authored it.

"This is the final documentation," Braun said, noting the article will cap more than two decades of research defining the Gunnison sage grouse as a separate species. "We have very carefully led up to this."

The paper illustrates that behaviorally, genetically and physically—the Gunnison-sage grouse meets all the definitions of a separate species, based on criteria that biologists use, Young said.

By 1994, Young said, she and Braun realized the Gunnison sage grouse is a distinct species. The following year, Braun and Young made a presentation at the Wilson Ornithological Society.

"The ornithologists were flabbergasted that there could be a new species that they didn't know about," Braun said. "They eventually agreed with us that it was a new species, and since then we have had a series of discussions."

Braun and Young are waiting for the American Ornithological Union to recognize the Gunnison-sage grouse as a distinct species. AOU is the definitive voice on new species recognition, a voice the Fish and Wildlife Service has said it will honor while studying the rare sage grouse's candidacy for the federal Endangered Species Act.

"Right now it is a proposed species, but I have no doubt it will be officially recognized within a year," Young said.

Meanwhile, two points fly in the face of Gunnison sage grouse survival: Although the species' population has been stable recently, at least in the Gunnison Basin, it has declined for decades and no more than 4,000 birds remain.

Different sage grouse species, such as the northern sage grouse and the Gunnison sage grouse, probably evolved from one species, Young said. Glaciation



A male Gunnison sage grouse puts on a show in an effort to impress females in this undated file photo.

during the Pleistocene Epoch could have formed physical barriers that caused separate species to evolve in isolated habitats.

"You can envision that through some glaciation something happened fast," Young said. "Any sort of animal species or plant species can evolve real fast under those conditions. Real fast means geologically fast."

"You can have real rapid evolution (when animals exist in an isolated habitat)," she said. "Probably they were physically separated, and the mating system is so unique it lent itself to the possibility of a new species evolving rapidly."

Historically, researchers presume, that isolated habitat included portions of Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma, according to information released by the Bureau of Land Management, which manages much of the property on which Gunnison sage grouse live.

Eight populations of Gunnison sage grouse remain, Young said. The largest, about 2,500 birds, lives in the Gunnison Basin. A second population, with less than 150, lives in San Juan County, Utah.

The other six populations, each with less than 300 birds, are in southwestern Colorado, according to the BLM.

Based on DOW counts, the Gunnison sage grouse population within the Gunnison Basin has decreased by more than 60 percent since the early 1950s, Young said. The Gunnison sage

grouse population probably was already declining when the DOW counts started.

Northern sage grouse are the closest relative of the Gunnison sage grouse, Young said, who, together with Braun, named the bird.

Three major studies, primarily out of the University of Denver, show there is no gene flow between the Gunnison sage grouse and other species, Young said.

"They lack genetic diversity, and that may have profound implications on our ability to save them," Young said. "You need to have genetic diversity to meet the needs of a changing environment, and the Southwest is rapidly changing due to human activities."

The Gunnison Sage Grouse Working Group formed in the mid-1990s to address problems the species faces and to develop solutions.

Representatives from the BLM, Black Canyon Audubon Society, DOW, Gunnison County Planning Commission, Gunnison County Stockgrowers, Gunnison County Weed Commission, High Country Citizens' Alliance, Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Western State College and the general public helped form the group.

Its main purpose has been to conserve the Gunnison sage grouse and to avoid having the bird placed on the federal Endangered Species List, Young said.

"The group formed so that there would be no need to list, so we would be able to increase both the numbers and the habitat of the Gunnison sage grouse," Young said.

Braun listed the reasons for Gunnison sage grouse decline under three categories: habitat loss, habitat fragmentation and habitat degradation.

Habitat loss, which has the biggest impact, comes primarily from expanding human populations, Braun said.

Habitat fragmentation, which Braun said probably has the second largest impact, includes factors such as roads, power lines and reservoirs. He noted predators can hunt more effectively in fragmented habitats.

Gunnison sage grouse can travel 60 miles to 70 miles in a series of flights, said Braun, which helps the birds find good habitat.

Habitat degradation includes factors such as grazing, Braun said. Other factors that impact Gunnison sage grouse habitats include converting sagebrush steppes to roads, reservoirs and croplands; urban and ranch development; hunting; predation; bird watching; off-highway-vehicle use; and scientific studies, the BLM notes.

"You can't point to one thing and say, 'This is the problem,'" he said. "It's a combination of problems, and the problems change from site to site."

# Bear researcher's study area covers 2 million acres

**KALISPELL, Mont. (AP)** — Researcher Kate Kendall once was charged by a grizzly bear with a year-old cub. The massive animal came within 10 feet of her and advanced to the very feet of her partner. Then it left.

"It was the only close call I had in six years of field work in Yellowstone Park," Kendall said. "It did make me think maybe studying mice wouldn't be a bad idea."

But Kendall never seriously considered giving up the work that is producing landmark findings about the great bear. In Glacier National Park since the early '80s, she has pursued research that began with study of tree seed and progressed to DNA analysis of the hair of the bear.

No, she doesn't personally pull hairs from grizzly bears. The Yellowstone incident, in fact, was the only time Kendall even got uncomfortably close to a bear. But she does concentrate on field research.

Kendall leads the Greater Glacier Bear DNA Project, which covers a study area of 2 million acres. The study stemmed from a search for nondisruptive ways to count bears.

Several years ago, Kendall said, researchers tried to analyze bear scat to determine whether it was from black or grizzly bears. That didn't work very well, so they expanded the work to "sign surveys" studies of not only scat but diggings and trees that had been rubbed and stripped by bears.

Then scientific advances offered a new opportunity. "In the last five years, genetic techniques came along," she said. "It became very interesting."

"DNA could be extracted from hair samples. Quickly, that became the obvious route to pursue."

Obvious, but not easy, since DNA knowledge had not been on the academic landscape when Kendall got her master's degree from Montana State University. Her thesis was on how bears use white bark pine seeds for their nutritional needs, an esoteric subject in itself.

"I was known about the relationship between bears, red squirrels and pine seeds," Kendall said.

She found that the seeds, very high in fat content, were the dominant fall food for bears preparing for hibernation; they preferred the calorie-rich seeds even to huckleberries and salmon.

But they don't anymore, because they can no longer find the seeds. The trees, Kendall said, have been all but wiped out by white pine blister rust, which came here accidentally from Europe via Canada.

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Until Kendall's study, nobody knew the status of the white bark pine, since it is not commercially valuable as timber. She found that half the trees are dead and most of the remaining ones are infested.

So much for the seeds, which had been a key to bear habitat. No researchers are zeroing in on collection and analysis of hair to estimate the population of bears and to monitor long-term population trends. The two-year field study, now at its midpoint, involves a network of 618 hair traps in 126 "cells" of 64 square kilometers each.

A hair trap is formed by attaching 80 feet of single-strand barbed wire to trees, creating an enclosure. A liquid scent lure is placed in the center, and bears brush against the wire and leave hair samples.

Kendall and her staff of 10 paid employees, 10 volunteers and other personnel from the Kootenai, Lewis and Clark and Flathead national forests, the Blackfoot Tribe, state agencies and Plum Creek Timber Co. collected 5,500 samples in one year.

"We had about 40 people," she said. "It was definitely a labor of love — 100 percent off-road, off-trail work. We did it all on foot."

The work is funded by a National Park Service grant of more than \$400,000, plus in-kind services from individual agencies. Additional Kendall has rounded up several grants from private and public sources, and Earthwatch Volunteers have helped out.

As what has been learned from all of this? Not a whole lot so far, because it takes time to analyze the data, a job that is being done by graduate students at the University of Idaho. Kendall says the results of the initial 1996 lab work are just arriving, and "it will be several years before all the data are in. This is the first large-scale study of its kind."

Kendall, who officially works for the Biological Resources Division of the U.S. Geological Survey, could scarcely have imagined a high-tech project like this when she was earning her degree in environmental sciences from the University of Virginia.

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# Minnesota man carves his niche with exquisite wooden artwork

**Knight Ridder News Service**

**CLOQUET, Minn.** — A brook trout comes by now, working upstream, almost grazing the smooth cobblestones of the streambed. Wait. Changing course now, jaws open, the brookie seems to be on the verge of inhaling an emerging mayfly.

Everything about the fish is impeccable — its crimson dappling, the dark and wormy markings atop its back, the orange and black and white of its fins. Exquisite.

An unbelievably handsome creature, and it seems to be frozen in time before you now-so that you can absorb every detail of its beauty.

You must work very hard to convince yourself that this fish was once a mere block of basswood in the hands of Cloquet carver Ed Mettner.

But then, you must work just as hard with Mettner's Arctic graying and the pair of spawning sockeye salmon and the lunging muskie. And what of the pumpkinseed and the crappie and the brown trout? How could they have ever been part of a tree? Haven't they always been swimming among the rocks and sunken logs of Mettner's den? Aren't all of them such accurate replications of the real things that when Mettner shows them around, people will often ask, "Where did you catch that one?"

You would think, gazing at Mettner's work, that he had been perfecting his technique all his life. But carving came late in life to the retired machinist who spent 40 years at Potlatch Corp. He retired in 1987 and soon after had surgery on his heart and artery and his shoulder.

A deer hunter, a fisherman, a respected football official and baseball umpire, Mettner was forced to slow down. His son, Tom, was a carver. Tom suggested his dad take it up.

"I could do it with my one arm in a sling," Mettner recalled.

Now 77, he sits in his den on a February afternoon, surveying his works. Ribbons he's earned in carving competitions hang from the walls and lie at the base of some carvings.

"I never dreamed I'd be doing this," Mettner said. "But I'm glad I've had the opportunity."

If there is a hint of the past tense in Mettner's words, it is not accidental. A week before Christmas, he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. His doctor said he might live two to five months longer.

"That wasn't quite what I was looking for," he said.

Mettner has hunted and fished for most of his life. He owns 80 acres near Mahtowa where he feeds deer in the winter and hunts them in the fall. He has taken care of the land for years, mowing trails, planting oaks, checking on the deer.

"I deer hunted this past year," he said. "I got a doe. Everyone teases me: How can I feed 'em all year long and then shoot 'em? And it had to be my little darlin', too."

Mettner was talking about the doe he shot last fall, which he had come to know by sight. (It's important to note that Mettner shoots his deer in the woods, not at a feeding site.)

He addresses the apparent conflict between feeding and shooting deer in the same direct, honest way he has always confronted life.

"It's a little tough," he said. "Although he has always hunted, Mettner quit fishing when he retired."

He has found plenty of time to sit on a stool in his modest basement shop, sketching and planning and carving. He has chosen to specialize in fish, but he's also carved showy lady's slippers, mosaic flowers, calla lilies and roses. His latest work is a buck with antlers in velvet.

Mettner has sold some of his work, mostly on the local level to people who seek him out. But he isn't carving to make money.

"I enjoy just sitting down and creating something," Mettner said. "That's the biggest thing. And when somebody comes in and says, 'Boy, that looks nice, that puts your ego right up there.'"

Early in his carving work, Mettner sought out the critique of Saginaw taxidermist Larry Goldman.

"One thing, if you do it, you'd better be able to take criticism,"

Mettner said. "Larry says he taught me everything I know. I'd go up there, and I'd put all the way home."

"My critiques must have done some good," Goldman said. "He's steadily improved."

"He's a perfectionist," said Barnum's Randy Myhre, the son of Mettner's cousin. "He was a machinist, you know. There's a lot of precision in his life."

That includes carving a brook trout.

"It took me two and a half days to do the scales on that one," Mettner said, pointing at one of his finished brookies. "There are 9,000 scales on a brook trout."

He puts the scales on, one at a time, with a small burning tool.

"Did you see the muskie?" Myhre asked. "I think the gills alone took him a week."

It would take Mettner two weeks to a month to carve a fish. He'd work in his well-lit shop, where books of reference photos line one shelf and a fine layer of dust coats everything.

Mettner wants to start another carving, Myhre said.

"He just loves to do it," Myhre said. "But he's on that chemo, and it's really taking its toll. He really wants to do one more carving, and he's grieving that he doesn't have the energy."

It is that that Mettner has ever been one to shirk in the face of adversity. He grew up during the Depression and remembers eating gravy bread and lard bread for supper.

"Fruit was a treat," he said. He worked summers on his grandfather's farm, pitching hay by hand and doing other physical farm work. He served as a Navy Seabee in World War II, working construction in the South Pacific where fighting was sometimes intense.

"The bombings were the worst."

That's all he said about that chapter of his life.

After the war, he came home and got married. He and his wife of 54 years, Dorothy, lived in Esko until Ed retired. Shortly after returning from the war, Mettner bought his own "farm" near Mahtowa.

# Windsurfers wonder about their sport's future near Palm Springs

**PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP)** —

As a teen-ager in Glasgow, Scotland, Brian Caldwell was entranced with stories of a famed windsurfing spot half a world away on a windy spit of sand in the California desert.

The dream combination of strong, steady winds whipping across a glass-like surface created some of the best sailing in the world, the magazines said. Yet by the time he arrived in the United States in 1992, the water agency in charge of the spot windsurfers call "The Ponds" had sealed them off to public access.

Caldwell and legions of other diehard windsurfers got their hopes up in recent months after a company won approval to reopen The Ponds and create a windsurfing park.

"I've sailed there a couple of times now and it's like heaven," Caldwell, now 30 and living in Escondido, who was allowed in as a guest of the company, Palm Springs Windsurfing. "It's like sailing on an mirror — just lovely and smooth."

The windsurfers' hopes were dashed after the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California decided to divert water to fill its huge new Diamond Valley Lake east of Los Angeles, leaving the ponds dry as the surrounding desert.

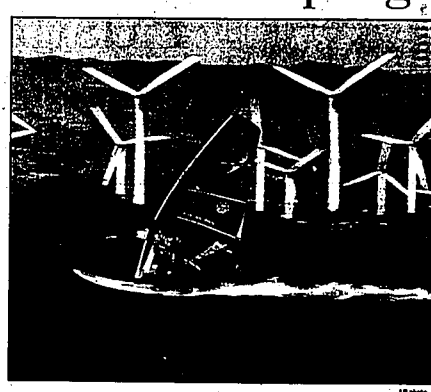
The decision, announced earlier this month, disappointed more than a thousand windsurfers who sent e-mails in anticipation of the park's planned March opening. The park now is delayed for up to two years.

"It's a pity it's not going to open," Caldwell said. "Everybody wants to come down — everybody who's anybody in windsurfing."

Like Valley Girls and Pet Rocks, windsurfing in the desert has that only-in-California ring to it.

The ponds' prominence as a sailing spot is really a freak offspring of geography and Southern California's quest for water.

The ponds are a series of 18 channels carved like a fan into the desert along the western approach to Palm Springs, about 110 miles east of Los Angeles. During typical years, they are filled with Colorado River water, which trickles through the soil and fills the underground water supply for 250,000 residents as far east as the



American windsurfing speed record holder Brad Duffy glides across a percolation pond near Palm Springs, Calif. in this June, 1999 file photo.

Salton Sea.

Near a promontory called Windy Point, the mirage-like setting is at the end of the San Geronimo Pass, a narrow canyon between rocky, scrub-brush covered foothills that separate Palm Springs from the congested corridor leading to Los Angeles.

Hundreds of windmills sprouting from the desert floor to the mountain ridges attest to the consistency and ferocity of its main feature.

The winds howl spring to fall, with gusts regularly exceeding 50 mph in May and June.

Yet the water on the ponds remains relatively flat, unlike famed West Coast windsurfing spots such as the Columbia River Gorge or San Francisco Bay, where strong winds also mean dangerous, whitecapped swells.

Built at a 90-degree angle to the wind, each channel is only as wide as a football field in long, not enough area to wind-whip the surface. The right angle also allows sailboarders to catch the wind in perfect relation to their direction of travel. With some channels as long as four football fields, windsurfers like the spot to a drag strip on water.

"To an experienced skier, it's like fresh powder on an open run where you can cut loose and go fast," said Ron Cunningham, 48, who runs an aquatic center at Lake Hodges near Escondido and sailed the ponds more than a dozen times in its heyday.

"There's really nothing like it, and every serious windsurfer in the world knew of The Ponds, just like every skier knows of Vail, Colo."

From the time they were built in 1973, the water agency channels have been a favorite for trespassers who used them to swim, sail and even boat in a region where daytime temperatures can hit 90 degrees by April and hover above 110 for much of the summer.

The Coachella Valley Water District fenced them in 1987, fearing the combination of windsurfers, personal watercraft and alcohol created a liability time bomb.

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Jewelry retailer posts a 33 percent gain

IRVING, Texas — Zale Corp. reported a 33 percent increase in earnings per share during its fiscal second quarter that ended Jan. 31, reflecting a strong Christmas shopping season from all of its stores' brands, the Irving-based retailer said this week.

Beryl B. Raff, president and chief executive officer, said each store division and geographic region "contributed comparably" to the results. Zale — which has jewelry stores in the Magic Valley Mall — had fiscal second-quarter net income of \$84 million, or \$2.33 per share, on revenue of \$736 million, compared with net income of \$64 million, or \$1.75 per share, on revenue of \$568 million in the same period last year.

Zale, the nation's biggest jeweler, operates 1,350 stores, including Zales Jewelers, Zales Outlet, Gordon's Jewelers, Bailey Banks & Biddle and Peoples Jewelers. Peoples was acquired last year, and the Canadian chain is already contributing to profits, Raff said. "Our strategy was very exportable to Canada."

On the day after Valentine's Day, Raff said she was "very pleased" with February sales, which will be reflected in fiscal quarter that ends in April.

### Blockbuster reports smaller quarterly loss

DALLAS — Blockbuster Inc., the biggest video-rental retailer, said its fourth-quarter losses narrowed as it increased market share and opened 505 company-owned stores in the United States last year.

The Dallas-based company with a Twin Falls video store said it had a fourth-quarter net loss of \$6.8 million, or 4 cents per share, on revenue of \$1.2 billion in the period ended Dec. 31, compared with a net loss of \$12.9 million, or 9 cents per share, on revenue of \$1.09 billion a year ago.

Blockbuster ended the year with 7,153 stores and increased its market share by 5 percentage points, to 32 percent from 27 percent, said John Antiochio, Blockbuster's chairman and chief executive officer, in a conference call with Wall Street analysts.

Blockbuster, which parent Viacom Inc. took public in August, matched analysts' fourth-quarter expectations, according to a survey by First Call/Thomson Financial. In the same period, Blockbuster reported a net loss of \$69.2 million (44 cents) on revenue of \$4.46 billion, compared with a net loss of \$336.6 million (52.3¢) on revenue of \$3.89 billion in 1999.

### J.C. Penney names four to new turnaround team

PLANO, Texas — J.C. Penney Co. has hired two executives from outside the company and promoted two others to the new team charged with turning around its chain of 1,150 department stores, including ones in Twin Falls and Burley.

Vanessa Castagna, who was brought in last summer from Wal-Mart Stores Inc. to restructure Penney's store operations, said recently she would be hiring people to execute several changes in the way the retailer operates.

A new position of senior vice president and director of finance and inventory was created for Jeffrey Allison, who was hired from the Express Inc., The Limited's largest specialty apparel business. Allison was chief financial officer, and his tenure at Express coincided with a turnaround there.

Liz Sweney was hired away from Kellwood Co., one of Penney's biggest women's apparel suppliers. She has 25 years of retail experience and becomes president of Penney's women's apparel division.

Ray Pierce, a 35-year veteran at Penney, was promoted from president of brand development to a new position, senior vice president and director of special projects.

Chuck Foughty, another 35-year Penney veteran, was promoted to senior vice president and director of store environment.

Compiled from wire reports

# Pushing for prosperity downtown

## Commerce chief urges attention to city's core area

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A strong downtown is an economic catalyst for

an entire city, Gary Mahn told a Twin Falls audience Wednesday. "Make sure you nurture the heart and soul of your community," Mahn, the Idaho Department of Commerce director, told the Twin Falls Rotary Club. Make the older section of Twin Falls an interesting experience for customers, and a nice place to walk, he urged.

Improvement District years ago was an inspiration for downtown Boise, where Mahn used to run a small business. Now the capital city's downtown is a healthy place to do business, he said. Mahn on Wednesday had some words of praise for Twin Falls, where he said there's "a great attitude" toward economic development.

On a tour of the College of Southern Idaho, he said, "I was absolutely astounded with what I saw" — particularly with truck manufacturer Freightliner Corp.'s participation in truck-repair training, and with the college's other technical labs. "Education is such a major part of commerce," the Commerce director said. Also Wednesday, he called Hamilton Manufacturing Inc. of

Twin Falls, and its ambitious leaders, the state's "poster company" for international business. Idaho exports jumped by more than 36 percent in the past year — from \$6.6 billion in 1998 to something more than \$2 billion in 1999, when state officials set out to kick open the doors to foreign trade for Idaho companies, Mahn said. Last year's numbers are still

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Bisbee, Ariz. city attorney James Conlogue has filed a complaint with the Arizona Corporation Commission against U S West, alleging the phone company provides poor service and uses inadequate equipment.

## U S West suffers from onslaught of gripes

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — When heavy rains hit Bisbee in southeastern Arizona, water seeps into the town's decades-old telephone cables. Lines can go dead for days.

Tom Wheeler, a U S West technician there, jokes that those are the days he's afraid to go home. "Sometimes neighbors would be in my yard, they'd flag me down in the middle of the street or call me up at home," said the 33-year-old Bisbee resident. "That's part of small town life. It's kind of neat."

But the service rural areas receive from U S West is no laughing matter to Bisbee officials and others in Arizona. The Arizona Corporation Commission logged 4,014 complaints against the Denver-based telephone company from residents and businesses statewide in 1999.

The complaints are a tiny fraction of the 2.8 million lines installed by U S West, but the Corporation Commission sees it as a reflection of a bigger problem.

"The people who call the commission are actually a very small number of people encountering problems overall," said

Corporation Commission spokeswoman Heather Murphy. "It's clearly a significant issue for residents and business owners in Arizona."

Arizona isn't alone. Colorado, Washington state, New Mexico and Oregon equivalents of Arizona's commission also have taken U S West to task for complaints, delays and other quality of service problems.

The company also has customers in Idaho, Iowa, Montana, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

In Bisbee, officials say they are fed up with waiting for improvements in service. The city filed a formal complaint against the company in November.

"We're going after them, and we're going to do what we have to do," said Jim Conlogue, an attorney for Bisbee.

U S West spokesman Jim Roof defends the company's record, saying 96 percent of its 1999 orders were completed promptly.

Most service problems are related to rapid growth and an inability to attract qualified new employees, he said.

"Orders have been increasing dramatically," Roof said. "It's not just new subdivisions that

want additional lines, it's everybody."

He said U S West spent more than \$640 million in Arizona in 1999 to replace worn out cable, switches and terminals. Arizona is the largest of the 14 states U S West serves.

Since October, the Corporation Commission has attempted to investigate customers' complaints by holding public meetings about U S West, mostly in rural areas.

"I've gotten an earful to say the least," said Commissioner Bill Mundell.

Complaints in both rural and urban areas range from missing appointments to delays in installation and repair service, Mundell said. Rural areas have repeatedly expressed concerns about the lack of modern technology.

"We know what global commerce is about and that it requires access to modern telecommunications," said Yuma Mayor Marilyn Young at a recent public meeting with the commission.

Wheeler, the Bisbee technician, said his job with U S West has been the routine twice for sneaking out against the company, he said he wants to see rural areas treated the same as Maricopa County.

Roof, however, said two-thirds of U S West's lines are in Maricopa County. "Like most other businesses, we make decisions as to where that money will make the most impact," he said.

U S West is in the process of trying to sell 39 of its rural exchanges to Citizens Utilities. Mundell said the commission is investigating whether the sale will improve service.

The commission slapped U S West with \$1.5 million fine earlier this month for violating a service quality plan initiated in 1995. The company was fined \$215,000 in 1997 and \$241,000 in 1998 under the same plan.

Mundell, however, calls the fine a "drop in the bucket" for U S West, and would like to raise fine amounts. The company's annual Arizona revenue is thought to be about \$1.5 billion.

The Corporation Commission also is considering holding up a pending \$4.5 billion merger between U S West and Qwest Communications International Inc. to get compliance with the service quality plan.

Besides Arizona, the merger is subject to approval by several other states as well. Colorado approved the merger, but there's pressure for reconsideration.

## Putting up funds

### Chamber plans to give call center up to \$10,000

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Utah-based telephone research company will get up to \$10,000 from a Twin Falls economic development campaign, the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce board decided this week.

The company's calling activity includes political and food-comsumer research, and it hopes to have a new Twin Falls call center in operation by April, the chamber's Executive Vice President Kent Just said.

The center will employ more than 100 people, and its income is being donated to the chamber's Business Plus II campaign will be based on the number of supervisory positions created — at \$1,000 per job up to \$10,000, he said.

This call center isn't the only one eyeing a Twin Falls location, economic-development leaders say.

"We are starting to get quite a little call-center activity," Just said. "This company is one that chamber leaders think will fit the community well, he said.

In other Twin Falls chamber business: "The chamber board this week approved a March 19 as the opening day for the Business Visitor's Center at the south end of the Perrine Bridge.

In preparation for the center's 12th session, the chamber has been painting the interior and doing other interior work. Center volunteers training will be the week before the opening.

A week ago the chamber's coin-operated telescope was stolen from its home on the Snake River Canyon rim near the visitor's center, Just said. The machine probably had less than \$50 inside, but the telescope itself is worth about \$2,500, he added.

The chamber has had a telescope on the rim for about nine years, and this is the second time vandals have found a way steal it. After the first, the chamber did replace the machine, but the board decided this week it won't do that again right away, Just said. Though the telescope was insured, it won't be replaced until development funds more commercial neighbors to the far-north corner of town.

The Twin Falls chamber will hold a March 1 luncheon for the Idaho Department of Commerce's international-trade leaders, who will be in the Magic Valley for a foreign-trade seminar set for the following day in Burley.

On March 1, Eddie Yen, Idaho's Trade Office manager, and Armando Orellana, Idaho-Mexico Trade Office manager, also will tour Clear Springs Foods Inc. in Buhl, Independent Meat in Twin Falls and a steam-mountain Taxidermy Studio in Kimberly, said Hank Ebert, a Magic Valley economic development specialist for the Commerce Department. All three companies have foreign customers.

Any business people — chamber members and otherwise — are welcome at the lunch, Just said, call the chamber office for information.

The chamber will tell state legislators this week that it supports a proposed requirement for licensing of contractors, and supports a bill setting parameters on employer liability for employees' actions, he said.

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## Cable Internet access bill is killed

The Associated Press

BOISE — Concerns that government interference might squelch emerging technologies prompted a House panel to kill a plan to mandate equal access to cable companies' high-speed modems for any Internet service provider that wants it.

GTE, U S WEST, Avista Corp. and Idaho Power Co. were among the businesses seeking equal footing on broad-bandwidth cable television lines that now can be restricted to use by cable companies' exclusive Internet service providers.

They argued before the State Affairs Committee this week that fairness and market forces should drive access to modems that provide much speedier Internet connections than typical telephone hookups.

"We think competition will

*'We're making the investment, we're spending the money, then somebody else can come in and use the system without making that capital investment.'*

— Mike Reynolds, general manager of Cox Communications, which operates a cable service in the Wood River Valley

work quite nicely, if we're given the opportunity to play," said Neil Colwell of Avista, a

Spokane, Wash.-based utility that recently bought an Internet service provider and wants to expand.

But cable companies carried the day with their contention that depriving them of the right to control systems that they built might discourage future spending to extend Internet access to the Idaho's far-flung rural areas.

No state requires cable companies to offer competing Internet service providers access to their lines under the same rates and conditions as their own affiliated providers.

Cable officials said the House bill would set a dangerous precedent.

"It is disingenuous for us to think we in Idaho should be taking private investment properties and opening them to public

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## Starbucks shareholders celebrate

Knight Ridder News Service

SEATTLE — A person can learn a lot about a chief executive officer at a company's annual stockholders meeting. As much as he loves baseball, Starbucks Chairman and CEO Howard Schultz hasn't been to Safeco Field since his coffee company passed on the chance to advertise there and a big Tully's billboard went up.

"The Mariners came to us with an outrageous cost for advertising," Schultz responded to an investor's question about the prominence of the "T" at the ballpark. "From a shareholder

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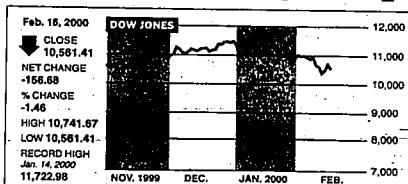
# Dow slides, Nasdaq edges up

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks were mixed in volatile trading Wednesday as blue-chip issues, falling victim to investor worries about interest rates, ended a two-day rally. Technology stocks managed a slim advance.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 156.68 points to 10,561.41, wiping out more than half of a 292-point gain in the past two sessions.

Broader stock indicators were mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 14.38 to 1,387.67, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 6.88 to 4,427.65.

American Express led the Dow lower, tumbling 5 9/32 to 153 1/2.



27/32 as investors guessed it would be among the stocks to suffer if the Federal Reserve continues raising interest rates to force a slowdown in the U.S. economy. In an effort to keep

inflation under control, the Fed has raised rates four times since last June. So far, the Fed has received little evidence that higher rates are working, analysts said.

# Starbucks

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standpoint, we made the right decision." Wild plus. But, then, the 2,000-plus stockholders who showed up at the meeting for this week's annual meeting were in a mood to cheer about everything from last quarter's 30 percent increase in both profit and sales, the company's aggressive vision for the future.

"We haven't even begun," Schultz told the crowd, predicting huge worldwide expansion and, eventually, 250 Starbucks outlets in Manhattan alone. Starbucks' current outlets include a new coffee shop in a historic Ketchum building.

"More valid applause." The only sour notes came from three investors who complained about child labor and the working conditions in the coffee fields where Starbucks buys its coffee beans. One woman said the company was in danger of becoming known as the "purveyor of sweatshop coffee."

That resulted in the only boos heard at the meeting. The cheers quickly returned when Schultz

said he and the company were taking steps to correct the problem.

"I told the secretary of agriculture in Guatemala there may be a day when we stop buying coffee from that country if conditions don't change," said Schultz. "We do not want to continue doing business this way, but there are a lot of issues, dangerous issues, we have to work through. We are trying to do a very hard to crack through a very difficult problem."

Schultz also acknowledged a prevailing problem in the retail industry: In this good economy, companies are having trouble finding qualified people willing to stand behind a sales claim.

Starbucks' meeting was held just hours after the company announced a partnership with Kozmo.com, an on-demand, Internet delivery service operating in New York, Boston, Washington, D.C., San Francisco and Seattle. Under terms of the five-year agreement, Starbucks will receive \$150 million. In return, Kozmo.com will get space in Starbucks locations for video drop boxes.

To dramatize the deal, Kozmo.com's co-founder, Joseph Park, and several delivery people rode bicycles down the aisle of Benaroya Hall, leaped off near the stage and began dispersing T-shirts.

Schultz took steps to distance this latest venture from the company's announcement last spring that it would invest heavily in Internet commerce. That led to a dramatic drop in Starbucks stock as investors worried the company was getting into a business it didn't understand.

"We tried to do something that was courageous," he said. "Suffice it to say, it didn't work. We learned a great lesson. Stick to your knitting. Do what you know."

Without significant risk to either company, this latest partnership provides a convenience to Kozmo.com's customers while giving Starbucks a new way to market and deliver its merchandise. Officials of both companies said they see the day when a Kozmo.com delivery person could pedal up to your door and drop off the video you ordered and a hot cup of coffee.

# Child credits gain more muscle, but are still as complicated as ever

One of the best tax breaks going - the child credit - added \$100 of muscle this year. But did claiming the \$500 credit get any simpler?

Fat chance. As was the case last year, when the credit hit 1040s for the first time, the calculations and paperwork remain tortuous.

Amazingly, things could have been worse. Until temporary legislation was extended in December, claiming the credit could have nudged some taxpayers into the dreaded Alternative Minimum Tax.

"That would have been truly ugly, if it had added the confusion of last year to AMT," said Kathy Harrison, manager of tax operations training for H&R



Block Tax Services Inc. in Kansas City, Mo.

In many ways, the child credit is emblematic of tax law today, with income phase-outs and limitations carefully crafted so that only select taxpayers enjoy the tax break. As a result, some taxpayers will lose all or part of the credit. Low-income taxpayers might owe too little tax to claim the full amount. Higher-income taxpayers could lose it too; the

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credit begins to phase out when modified adjusted gross income hits \$110,000 for joint filers or \$75,000 for singles.

# Cable

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use," said Ron Williams, executive director of the Idaho Cable Telecommunications Association.

Others who take away the economic incentive for this kind of progress could put Idaho in the back woods," Rep. Margaret Henbest, a Boise Democrat, agreed.

Only GOP Reps. John Campbell of Sandpoint and David Callister of Boise and Democrats June Judd of St. Maries and Jerry Stoichoff of Sandpoint supported the legislation that advocates said would ensure open competition for Internet services.

While only a tiny fraction of Internet customers now log onto the Web through cable lines, companies like AT&T Cable Services hope to upgrade their

service to the hundreds of thousands of Idaho homes to which they already have access and intend to extend facilities to more of the state's rural communities.

"We're making the investment, we're spending the money, then somebody else can come in and use the system without making any capital investment," said Mike Reynolds, Idaho Cable Telecommunications Association president and general manager of Cox Communications, which operates a cable service in the Wood River Valley.

There are other options for high-speed Internet access, such as digital subscriber lines that telephone companies already can use for their service, cable advocates said, so they should not be required to share their technology.

"We've got the best pipeline in the business, and everybody wants a piece of it right now," said Jeff Butler of Adelphia Communications, which operates a cable service in Moscow, Mountain Home, Coeur d'Alene and Bonners Ferry. "But the bottom line is, it's our pipeline."

AT&T Cable Services has said it will open its lines to competing Internet service providers when its exclusive contract with Excite@Home ends in mid-2002. But if the state were to force access earlier, officials said the company might well shift its resources to expansion and upgrades outside of Idaho.

Colwell questioned AT&T's commitment to opening up access, and said that in any case the market might well be saturated in two years.

"If AT&T were willing to negotiate," he said, "we wouldn't be here."

# NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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# HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 25 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active in the NASDAQ National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are listed in the Market Report on page D1.

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Jerome chamber plans after hours social event

In Jerome. Prescott & Craig Insurance is co-sponsoring the event, the chamber said. The chamber issued a plea for donations of door prizes, asking local businesses to drop off items at the Con Paulos automobile dealership at 901 S. Lincoln or to bring them to tonight's event at the bank.

Internet game time at work?

The quarter of Americans are playing Internet games during their work breaks, according to a new Netpulse study, commissioned by pop.com, an online game service provider. Some employers encourage their staff to play games to relieve stress; others send office computers being used for diversion. In all, about 42 percent of employees surf the Web during their breaks; 15 percent are planning upcoming vacations, 16 percent are checking their money and investments, 6 percent are looking for a new place to live, 3 percent are looking for a new romance and 2 percent download pornography.

Funds

Commerce will grant the Twin Falls group a 10-year reaccreditation, probably in midsummer, just said. Its national counterpart awarded the chamber a grade of 87 of a possible 100 points, docking the local group for inaccurate bylaws and lack of long-range planning. The Twin Falls chamber will work on both matters, he said.

Downtown

The chunk of cash Idaho gets from Uncle Sam each year for such bonds generally has been fully used, and the surplus has gone to other economic development programs, he said. But a few big projects looming around the city could eat up all the allocation. So Mahn's department and the governor are working on a more formal allocation strategy than the current first-come, first-served method that tends to funnel money to whoever lands Commerce officials' attention.

COMMERCIAL

Applications will be funded through the state's Economic Development Advisory Council, which already screens a great grant applications. The council will interview companies hoping for industrial revenue bonds and set priorities for state approval, he said.

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