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# Labor groups object to bill

## Senate committee passes update to antitrust laws

By Michael Journee Times-News writer

BOISE - Few question that Idaho's antitrust laws are antiquated and in need of reworking, but labor unions are wary about legislation endorsed by the Senate State Affairs Committee Monday.



Bruce Newcomb

But a section of the bill - which sailed through the House and passed the Senate committee

First drafted in 1911, the state laws designed to protect consumers from would-be monopolies don't address the modern business climate very well, bill backers said.

### More from Boise - B1,5-6

Monday - could allow groups of employees to get together and set wages, labor groups contend.

This provision would allow "any employer or groups of employers" - not just labor unions and other employee groups - to work on labor objectives. And that's what has labor representatives upset.

The bill, based on wide-ranging federal antitrust laws and several state examples, will go to the

Senate floor for a vote, after Monday's committee action. The House gave the measure its blessing early this month in a 69-0 vote. If the Senate approves the bill, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's signature would make it law.

Sponsored by House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, the measure - which addresses civil litigation only - is intended to ban a variety of anti-competitive business practices such as price-fixing and bid-rigging. The proposal sets forth some exemptions - such as

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# Council stamps out smoking proposal

## Local woman to take issue to state

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls woman said she will take her complaints about public smoking to state legislators.

That's after Twin Falls city officials said they couldn't act on her proposal to restrict public smoking in town.

"To going to contact our local representatives," Deanna Steel said Monday night, after she asked the Twin Falls City Council to pass an ordinance prohibiting smoking in public places, such as restaurants and public meetings.

Steel proposed a city ordinance prohibiting the use of tobacco products at any public meetings, restaurants or public gatherings and within 30 feet of the public doors of business establishments.

But City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich said Idaho law regulates smoking in public places. Further smoking regulations or code amendments cannot be made at a local level.

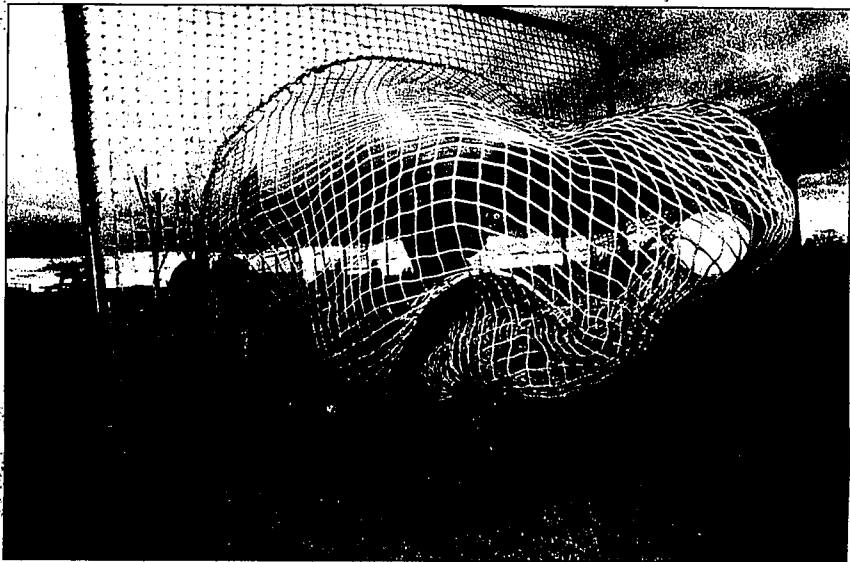
According to Idaho code, smoking areas can be designated by proprietors or other persons in charge of public places, except in places where smoking is prohibited by the fire marshal or by other law, ordinance or regulation.

State law allows smoking in bars and bowling alleys, for example, but doesn't allow it in buses or on elevators.

But Steel said the laws need to be stricter.

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# BATTER UP



Elaine Gunnell slams a home run into a net during practice for the softball team in Kimberly on Monday. Despite a blustery wind and near-freezing temperatures, Gunnell and her teammates spent part of the afternoon practicing for the upcoming season that opens in early March.

# It only happens once every 400 years

## Once in a while, the earth gets ahead of itself

By N.S. Nokkventved Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Even in figuring leap years, the rules have exceptions.

Normally leap year happens every four years, except for the last year in the century.

But this year is different. The exception to the rule - if the last year of the century is divisible by 400 it's still a leap year.

### Leap day babies - A5

Still with me?

Four hundred goes into 2000 five times, so it's a leap year. That hasn't happened in - um - 400 years. The last time we had a year ending in 00 that was a leap year was 1600.

Of course, no one had computers in 1600, so no one had to worry about glitches based on how computer calendars are calibrated. And if the experts are to be believed, no one should expect much problems caused by this follow-up of sorts to Jan. 1, 2000.

Why the leap this year? It's all because the earth

doesn't go around the sun in 365 days. As it turns out, it doesn't go around in exactly 365 1/4 days either. In fact its orbit takes just a hair short of 365 1/4 days.

Those who keep track of such things - who obviously have too much time on their hands as well as on their minds - have calculated that the earth completes each orbit in 365.24219 days.

It's not much of a difference. But over, say, 400 years it becomes noticeable, as the earth gets a few days ahead of itself.

The trouble all started with the Julian calendar, authorized by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C. This calendar concluded the year had 365 1/4 days and added one day every four years to make it come out even.

But the Romans were off - by 11 minutes and 14 seconds to be exact - according to Saint Bede the Venerable, an English Benedictine monk and scholar who worked it out in A.D. 730. The error was small, and no one did anything about it for 800 years.

The error adds up to one day every 128 years.

By the time Pope Gregory XIII decided to do something about it in 1582, the error had added an estimated 10 days. Gregory decreed that 10 days in October would simply be skipped. Oct. 4 that year was followed by Oct. 15.

To avoid season creep, scholars of the day figured the error at about three days every 400 years

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# Governors press for more input on roadless area decisions

## Kempthorne says Western states were left out of the loop

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Western governors on Monday urged President Clinton to listen to their concerns about environmental plans such as his proposal to protect up to 50 million roadless acres in national forests.

During a White House meeting sponsored by the National Governors' Association, Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said Western states were left out of the loop on the roadless initiative and other federal land-use plans. Clinton and George Frampton, the president's top

adviser on environmental issues, said they would consider the states' concerns, several governors said after the meeting.

"This is a very important issue in the West, access to lands. Sometimes perspective is lost on that by people in the East," said NGA President Mike Leavitt, Utah's Republican governor.

"You take Nevada, for example. Ninety percent of Nevada is owned by the federal government. So if you begin suddenly closing off access, you're closing off access to the entire state."

Clinton announced in October that the National Forest Service was starting an administrative process to ban road-building in up to 50 million acres which currently have no roads. The Forest Service intends to unveil a draft road-

less area protection plan in May.

Environmentalists have cheered Clinton's proposal but many Republicans have criticized it, saying it would usurp existing forest management plans and keep all but the hardest areas out of large tracts of government-owned forest.

"It's not necessarily practical in the West," said New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson, a Republican.

Some Republicans also have accused the Clinton administration of springing an almost fully formed plan on them with little or no advance warning. Clinton has faced similar criticism of his land-use policies before, particularly over his 1996 creation of the 1.7 million-acre Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in southern Utah.



President Clinton leads a roundtable conference with governors in the East Room of the White House in Washington Monday. Joining the president at left is Gov. Paris N. Glendening, D-MD, and Gov. Michael Leavitt, R-Utah, chairman of the National Governors' Association.



NATION

# McCain, Bradley look for a lift in Washington primary

OLYMPIA (AP) — Insurgents John McCain and Bill Bradley were looking for a lift Tuesday as Washington's independent-minded voters cast primary ballots. Republicans George W. Bush and McCain both made primary-eye campaign appearances Monday, and Bradley got in a few more licks before decamping from an unusual go-for-broke visit of nearly a week. Vice President Al Gore, who campaigned in the state over the weekend, kept his eye on

Washington Monday. A record 1 million were expected to vote in Washington, perhaps half of them by mail, drawn by a brief but intense campaign season such as the state has never seen. All four prime contenders have crisscrossed the state, mailboxes have been flooded with campaign literature, and the airwaves have been jammed with commercials — some attack ads and some feel-good spots like one about Gore's Mount Rainier climb.

## Bradley needs a win — CG

All of this attention has come despite the reality that it's mostly for bragging rights and momentum heading into the March 7 balloting in 16 states. Washington's \$3 million primary won't award a single Democratic delegate, since the national party wouldn't give the state a waiver to jump ahead of the March 7 starting date for dele-

gate selection. Thus, the state Democrats will allocate their 94 national convention delegates through the caucus-convention process that begins next Tuesday in living rooms and schoolhouses across the state. Republicans will choose only 12 of their 37 delegates through the primary returns. Another little twist: Voters may select an unaffiliated ballot if they don't want to identify themselves as members of either party. Four years ago, 67 percent

of the voters chose the unaffiliated ballot, even though both parties have said they won't abide by the results. "You all DESIGN this system?" an amused Gore asked a Seattle audience. Bradley called it "the Washington two-step." Cooly system or not, the candidates have made the state a major battlefield, primarily because of the timing, coming just before Super Tuesday, and because of the unpredictable and even quirky electorate.

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# U S West loses round over long-distance service.

WASHINGTON (AP) - U S West, one of the major regional phone companies, failed to win the Supreme Court's permission on Monday to sell another firm's long-distance service to its long-distance customers in Idaho and 13 other states. The court, without comment, turned away U S West's argument that the arrangement is authorized by a 1996 federal law intended to

open local phone markets to full competition. AT&T's long-standing monopoly over phone service was broken up by a 1982 agreement that created competition in long-distance service while setting up regional phone companies to provide local service on a monopoly basis. The 1996 Telecommunications Act overhauled that system and sought to open local

phone service to competition for the first time. Among other things, the law let local phone companies provide long-distance service if they opened their local markets to competition. Last December, Bell Atlantic got Federal Communications Commission permission under that provision to offer long-distance service to its New York customers.

# Donation to MIT will fund research

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) - The founder of computer publishing giant International Data Group Inc. pledged a record \$50 million to MIT on Monday to establish an institute to study the mysteries of the mind. The donation, to be given over 20 years, is the largest ever made to a university. The new institute, named for IDG founder and chairman Patrick J. McGovern Jr. and his wife, Lore Harp McGovern, will focus on human learning and communication.

# California town wins water title

BERKELEY SPRINGS, W.Va. (AP) - Bragging rights for best-tasting tap water go to Yucca Valley, Calif., toasted by judges at the International Water Tasting competition Saturday as the nation's most drinkable. Yucca Valley beat out 45 competitors from more than two dozen states in the municipal water category, one of three at the world's largest water-tasting contest. The city bumped off last year's winner, Desert Hot Springs, Calif., which competed

again this year along with three-time winner Atlantic City, N.J., and two-time winner Charleston, W.Va. Calistoga Sparkling Mineral Waters of Napa Valley, Calif., was picked as having the best-tasting sparkling water of the 17 entries. Honors for best uncarbonated bottled water went to Halstead Spring Water of Cumberland Gap, Tenn., which beat 35 other entries. This year's contestants included France, Italy and Bosnia, Herzegovina.

Ozatesanj of Bosnia, Herzegovina won the People's Choice award for packaging design. Arthur von Wiesenberger, an author and trained water master from Santa Barbara, Calif., helped train the panel of amateur judges just hours before Saturday's competition at Coolfont resort and spa. One judge, Colleen Anderson of Charleston, served as a judge at the first competition 10 years ago. She said the event has grown in size in prestigious since then.

# Leapers celebrate birthday

### Many share pride in unique date

NEW YORK (AP) - For parents debating a name for their Feb. 29 newborn, the Honor Society of Leap Year Babies has some suggestions: Leaporah, Leaptron, Leaptray, perhaps, Or for a Nordic touch, Leapsson. With or without such bouncy names, any baby born on Tuesday will stand apart even from others with the distinction of a Leap Year Day birthday. This is the first Leap Day in 400 years to start a century. To mark the occasion, Leap Day parties are planned across the United States and overseas, promoted by "Leap Year" Web sites that have linked people whose birthdays come only once every four years. "We get a lot of people e-mailing us who've never met anyone else born on Leap Year Day, said a spokeswoman for the Honor Society. "They're pretty thrilled to find they're not alone."

The most vigorously promoted party, a four-day event that got a head start Saturday, is in the small farming town of Anthony, straddling the Texas-New Mexico state line. Thousands of people, including dozens of genuine "leapers," are expected at the festivities in the town that proclaimed the Leap Year Capital of the World. Statistically, one of every 1,461 people is a leaper. There are an estimated 200,000 in the United States and 1 million worldwide. Leapers from more than 30 countries have joined the Honor Society of Leap Year Babies, which is approaching a membership of 1,300.

Among them is J.N. Olesp Fernand, a professor from Sri Lanka, who proposed that other parents emulate his own by giving their Leap Day babies names that reflect the special date. Ransell Dawn, born on Leap Year Day in 1950 (and thus celebrating her 10th birthday Tuesday), endorsed this campaign on the Honor Society Web site. She also lobbies for her own favorite cause: pressing calendar publishers to designate the quadrennial Feb. 29 as Leap Year Day. "I've written hundreds of letters, and I've never heard back from any of them," she said from her home in Salem, Ore. "You think they'd get the hang of it, since it's a date that celebrates the calendar."

Only a handful of mass-produced calendars designate the day, she said. One of them, a Grateful Dead calendar - adorns her home even though she doesn't listen to the band's music. The Internet's reach has enabled leapers worldwide to feel part of a collegial, high-spirited movement.

### Some brace for a leap year computer glitch

Newsway Just when it seemed that the Y2K issue had come and gone, Feb. 29 comes along. The federal government and several other Y2K watchers are standing ready over the next couple of days just in case computer programmers overlooked the fact that the year 2000 is a leap year. "We do not think that this issue is as significant as the Jan. 1 rollover," said Jack Gibben, spokesman for the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion. But "enough people probably made the mistake in programming that we may have some glitches."

The Y2K Council will again rely on its \$50 million command center blocks from the White House to make sure critical government and private-sector systems are working normally. The Information Coordination Center, as it's called, won't be staffed around the clock like it was around New Year's, but about 150 personnel from federal agencies will be on hand over two seven-hour shifts from Tuesday through Thursday.

Overlooking the Feb. 29 date, officials said, could cause errors in cases where the number of days in a month is critical, such as in calculating interest, setting due dates and scheduling some events.

# Hog farmers will vote on checkoff

The Washington Post

CHICAGO - The nation's financially beleaguered hog farmers won a long-fought battle Monday as Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman announced that they can have a referendum on ending mandatory assessments used to promote pork products and to fund research on improving them. Glickman said his directive for the binding referendum, which the U.S. Department of Agriculture will conduct and pay for, was a "matter of basic fairness" because the \$48 million in annual assessments are akin to a tax that hog farmers must pay even if they disagree with it.

Glickman's announcement, made in a speech at a National Farmers Union convention in Salt Lake City, appeared to open the door to a speedy vote on mandatory assessments by the nation's beef producers, who have given the USDA petitions with 126,000 signatures amid growing opposition to their promotional program. Under the so-called "pork checkoff" system, hog producers are required to contribute 4 cents of every \$100 of pork sales - a fee that farmers say is especially hurtful when the price of hogs falls below the production cost, as it has periodically for several years because of shrinking demand and worldwide overproduction.

For most of last year, hogs sold for 20 cents a pound in the Midwest, contributing heavily to a drop-off in the number of hog farms nationally from 249,500 in 1992 to only 98,460 last year. In the last year alone, more than 15,000 hog operations, virtually all of them small family farms, shut down as hog prices dipped to as low as 8 cents a pound at times.

# Clinton aims at corporate tax shelters

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration stepped up its attack on corporate tax shelters Monday, imposing tougher disclosure requirements and making it easier to uncover illegal schemes estimated to cost the Treasury \$10 billion annually. The disclosure requirements will apply both to corporations and the tax accountants and lawyers who market the schemes.

The administration also said it would ask Congress to stiffen penalties for violation of disclosure requirements, and it announced an immediate move to shut down a popular shelter known as a "debt straddle."

Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers, who disclosed the proposals in a speech to the Federal Bar Association, said the comprehensive package was aimed at addressing "what may be the most serious compliance issue threatening the American tax system today."

Tax shelters are complex plans developed by tax accountants and lawyers and sold to corporations as a way to avoid paying taxes. The administration estimates that illegal shelters the government has uncovered and closed over the past decade should result in \$80 billion in increased tax revenues in the next 10 years. "These transactions have no goal other than to reduce a corporation's tax liabilities. In doing so, they undermine the integrity of the tax system," Summers said.

The Treasury Department said it was putting in effect immediately three new disclosure regulations to require corporations to report use of certain shelters to the IRS when it files a tax return.

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## EDITORIAL

### State surplus: Spend some, save some, give some back

There's a good reason why Idaho is among the most fiscally conservative states in the nation. It's because Idaho voters elect leaders who require a lot of convincing before they'll spend the people's money.

That guiding principle has gotten Idaho to where it is today. Now that the state has a budget surplus of about \$65 million - the largest in nearly a decade - Idaho lawmakers are wise to keep dancing with the taxpayers who brought them to the dance.

That's why the Legislature is cutting state budget requests even though it's awash in money. The idea is to fund essential services while keeping state government lean and hungry. Using that approach, it's inevitable that some of the budget surplus will survive.

Prudence dictates that some of the surviving surplus be salted away for the day when the state's economy cools. After that, fairness dictates that some be returned to taxpayers in the form of a tax cut.

But state lawmakers should not be pressured into tax cuts that are irresponsibly large. Just as they are slow to raise taxes, so should they be slow to lower them. If the economy turns sour, raising taxes to make up a shortfall won't be popular.

Some of the proposed budget trimming is bound to affect Idaho's public schools. It's almost impossible to avoid,

given that public education consumes 45 percent of the \$1.8 billion budget proposed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. He has suggested a \$49 million budget hike for public schools, but lawmakers in Boise may limit that increase.

Every taxpayer in the state should applaud the Legislature's frugality, particularly at a time when state coffers are overflowing. Rather than raise spending to consume all the revenue, the Legislature should set some money aside for a rainy day - and then enact a tax cut to reduce revenue to match prudent spending.

#### And another thing ...

If you're weary of local animal shelters putting unwanted dogs and cats to sleep, today is the day you can make a difference.

Today is Spay Day USA. Many veterinarians across southern Idaho are offering low rates to spay or neuter household pets. If your dogs and cats are already fixed, you can always sponsor a critter at your local animal shelter. Spaying or neutering them greatly enhances their chances of being adopted.

It all boils down to a matter of supply and demand. If we reduce the number of homeless animals, their lives will have more value. They - and their offspring - deserve more than a lethal injection and a one-way trip to the dump.

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### Real selfish service at the gas station

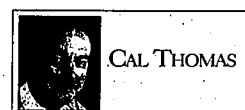
Two years ago at a Texas convention, the president of a large petroleum company walked up to me and said, "I just bought gasoline for 68 cents a gallon."

I asked him how he managed to get such a great price.

"That's the cost before taxes are added," he said. As fuel prices rise, pushing even passing \$2 a gallon in parts of California, politicians blame production cutbacks by Arab nations. But the primary culprits are taxes, a refusal to exploit oil sources on U.S. territory for fear of a backlash from environmentalists, and what looks suspiciously like a deal among politicians, American oil companies and Arab oil-producing states.

Last week, angry truckers brought a convoy to Washington to protest the high fuel prices. Congress and the Clinton administration could grant immediate relief to the truckers and to consumers of heating oil in the Northeast and consumers nationwide by accepting a National Taxpayers Union recommendation to cut gas prices by 10 cents per gallon.

The pre-tax price of gasoline at the pump barely changed between 1990 and 2000, actually declining from 88 cents per gallon to 86 cents as of last November. But over that same period, state and federal gasoline taxes jumped from 27 cents per gallon to 43 cents. The 1993 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (read tax increase)



CAL THOMAS

created a 4.3-cent-per-gallon fuel surtax for "deficit reduction." This tax continues even though we supposedly have a federal budget surplus.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the fiscal year 2000 "on budget" surplus, not including the so-called "Social Security surplus," will total \$23 billion. With \$34.3 billion in fuel taxes allocated to the Highway Trust Fund this year, slashing the 18.4-cent gas tax and the 24.3-cent diesel tax by 10 cents won't negatively impact any current programs and won't consume any funds set aside for Social Security "reform."

The administration, which regularly claims to be looking out for the poor, could actually do something for low-income people by cutting the fuel tax by a dime. A recent study by the Tax Foundation shows that excise taxes are five times more burdensome to the poor than they are to the wealthy. Politically, everybody wins.

Taxes, though, aren't the only reason for the higher prices. President Clinton sends Energy Secretary Bill Richardson to the Middle East to ask for increased production by Arab oil states. They tell him not now. Why isn't someone asking

whether the fix is in with those nations that wanted to jack up prices from \$10 to \$30 a barrel, not only because of the cash windfall but also to allow them to increase their arms purchases? The same goes for the U.S. oil-producing companies, which are hungry to get their share of increased profits, and arms manufacturers, which are delighted to sell more arms and pad their own bottom lines.

Is anyone curious why neither the administration nor the Congress has criticized U.S. oil companies for running a monopoly while they have criticized and even sued Microsoft? There are many new sources of petroleum, including Mexico and Venezuela, since the Arab oil boycott of the '70s. There would be even more if U.S. land could be further exploited in environmentally friendly ways. After the cash has filled the right pockets, look for the administration and congressional Democrats to conduct a campaign to lower gas prices, which will fall between 10 and 15 cents per gallon before the election. Democrats will claim the credit and the media will persuade the public to give it to them.

There is no legal or moral reason for fuel prices to be this high, but with the money flowing faster than low-priced gasoline, don't look for anything legal or moral to be done until the possibly illegal and certainly immoral have topped off the pockets of the greedy and the sleazy.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

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## LETTERS

### Let's hope this is the year

I have never taken the time to write a letter to the editor, and with the Jerome School bond election this week, I wanted to write in favor of it and my reasoning why.

In the past years, I have seen the improvement in our education system. Better leadership, more people giving of their time for the benefit of our youth. There are more parents, grandparents and teenagers who really care about what is going on in our growing town. Perhaps the year 2000 will provide a miracle in the ongoing quest for a successful bond election.

The new bond is less expensive. It will cost me less than my existing taxes on the override bond we currently have. The location is better, the plans are better and the youth of Jerome are worthy of the support. Even if the timing is rough due to present economics, what will happen five years from now if we do nothing?

Jerome has some wonderful people, as do all Magic Valley, and with the bond and a large number of them have worked unselfishly for the progress of education. As I watch those young people leave the high school upon graduation, I want all of us to feel like we did our best to give them the start they will need for their lives. Please vote yes for Jerome!

Ahhh, Magic Valley - I love this place.  
DAVID CAPPS  
Jerome

### Bank weighs in for bond issue

To the citizens of Jerome: When D.L. Evans Bank decided to locate in Jerome, we made a commitment to be an active participant in the growth and productivity of the area. One important component of any strong, pro-

gressive community is a quality educational system.

While the Jerome School District can be proud of what it achieves in its classrooms, playing fields and stages, its achievements are not due to complacency and satisfaction with the status quo. Its programs are what they are because a staff of dedicated, aspiring men and women have a common goal - to do what is best for students - and are always looking for ways to achieve that goal. We need to provide them with adequate facilities in the future to ensure to excel in all areas of the educational process.

D.L. Evans Bank is asking for the citizens of Jerome to join with us in supporting the Jerome School District as they move forward with Thursday's bond levy election. Your positive stand for the new middle school will not only affect the lives of children but will also help maintain and expand the economic vitality and growth of Jerome, providing benefits to all who live, work and own businesses there.

GOV. JOHN V. EVANS  
President, D.L. Evans Bank  
Burley

### Invest in our future generation

As an aging baby boomer, I recognize that my generation will soon be passing the baton to the next generation. How well our society and our economy function in the future will depend in large part upon how well we educate our children today.

I encourage voters to approve the Jerome School levy on Thursday. By investing in the education of today's children, we are investing in our own futures as well.

LYNNE M. MATTISON  
Jerome

### Step up to it, Jeromes!

C'mon, Jerome voters, step up to the bat. Now is the time to build a new middle school. It will only cost more later and we'll get less for our money.

A new school will get our ninth graders out of the high school so it can function like it should. We have a great community and lots for which to be proud. I have never been more proud of our athletic teams; they made a big impression in the A-1 division in their first year.

Our downtown looks great with the new construction that was done last summer and our Christmas decorations were second to none. Sure, our downtown area has lost a lot of retail; no one's business has felt that more than mine, but it's time to bite the bullet and bring our school system up to date with an affirmative vote on Thursday.

A new school will be the icing on the cake for our community.  
ALLEN AND JO RENE LEE  
Jerome (Currently in Yuma, Ariz.)

### What would we really be getting?

Classrooms or offices? I was informed that the eight classrooms we passed the bond for was going to be split and there would be four classrooms and four offices. Is this true?

KATHY HEFORTH  
Jerome

### Please reconsider that 'no' vote

For those Jerome School District residents considering voting no on the school bond because you want to protest high property taxes, please reconsider. You are choosing to protest the easy way at the expense of our children.

Each taxing district holds a public hearing on their proposed expenditures that will be paid for with your tax dollars prior to the taxes being assessed. Attend these meetings or contact your county commissioners, City Council

members, highway district commissioners and other representatives of these taxing districts.

I vote yes on the bond and then protest through the proper channels. The children in our community don't deserve to be penalized because we are too lazy to become involved.

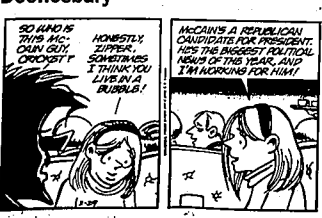
LAURIE HARBERD  
Jerome

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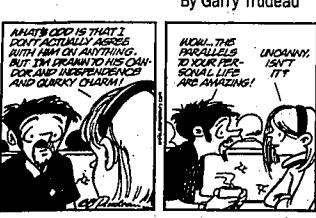
I am from Twin Falls and I am currently serving my country as a Navy nurse in Jacksonville, Fla. I wanted to thank you for putting The Times-News on line. It's nice to be able to keep up to date on current issues in the Magic Valley and have a small piece of "home" available at the click of a mouse!

LT. BERNIE WILLIAMS-MCGUIRE  
United States Navy Nurse Corps  
Jacksonville, Fla.

### Doonesbury



### By Garry Trudeau



### Mallard Fillmore

### By Bruce Tinsley



OPINION

# Bradley will ride the bench in November

At the Sunday morning service at the First African Methodist Episcopal Church here, the Gospel choir was singing "Victory Is Mine," the congregation was on its feet, and the whole edifice seemed to sway to the rhythm of the music and the beat of everyone's clapping hands. Standing in the front row, waiting to speak, Bill Bradley was almost motionless as if in his private reverie.

That tableau was revealing as any complex analysis of why the former New Jersey senator's well-conceived and well-financed presidential campaign is coming to an end as a gallant failure. To the surprise of many, especially after last autumn's surge in the New Hampshire polls and his strong showing in the money chase, Bradley is losing to Vice President Al Gore — largely because he has failed to connect with voters any more than he caught the spirit of the Seattle church.

"If you had told me six months ago that Bradley would be in single digits in our state, I would have said you were crazy," state Sen. Jim Brulte, a shrewd California Republican and George Bush backer, told me last week. But tracking polls show Bradley lagging far, far behind Bush, Gore and John McCain in the "beauty contest" portion of the March 7 primary, where all candidates appear on the same ballot.

"I'm very surprised," Edmund



DAVID S. BRODER

G. (Jerry) Brown Jr., the former California governor and now Oakland mayor, remarked a few days later. "He certainly has the intelligence to do the job." Brown, who battled establishment candidates in his futile bids for the Democratic presidential nomination, is one of many left-leaning liberals who have jumped aboard the Gore bandwagon, leaving Bradley isolated. "If you really want to go against the establishment," Brown said, "you have to sharpen the issues. And that's hard to do when you've been in the Senate for three terms (as Bradley was). You get too embedded in strategy."

In retrospect, it is clear that Bradley chose the wrong strategy in challenging Gore first in the January Iowa caucuses — and McCain made the right guess in skipping Iowa. The mistake was compounded by the slow Bradley response to Gore's furious attack on his health care plan and by his complete capitulation in the Iowa debate to Gore's dubious claim that Bradley had voted against federal aid to Iowa flood victims. Bradley had made a big television buy in Iowa when he thought he had a chance, and decided he had to match it with a comparable investment of time. But his

prolonged absence from New Hampshire in the final two weeks before its primary cost him badly — in large part because McCain was always there wooing the same independent voters Bradley needed. In the end, labor and the teachers delivered Iowa for Gore, McCain won New Hampshire over Bush by 19 points, thanks to a flood of independents, and Bradley fell an agonizing 4 points short of catching Gore. Media and public attention swung to McCain. And, to Bradley's dismay, the close Republican contest has absorbed virtually all the coverage ever since.

At a deeper level, Bradley was also at a disadvantage when measured against Bush, Gore and McCain. In the early, face-to-face campaigning phase of the presidential contest, TV ads count for less than attracting and energizing live audiences of voters. Even when he was doing well, Bradley was the least passionate of the four major contenders — and his energy clearly flagged as the race went on. Supporters admired his modest, self-sold approach of simply putting himself and his policies forward and letting voters decide whether to embrace them. But when Gore heeded the early signs of a Bradley threat and kicked his own campaigning into a higher gear, Bradley could not or would not follow. The heart anxiety and stroke he was faced in December was of no great significance in itself, but it heightened Democrats' concern whether Bradley was up to the

campaign challenge. Jesse Mittleman, a Bainbridge Island retiree, told me Saturday that after much wavering, he chose Gore because "he's a little stronger. You can see him taking charge in a difficult situation more than you can see Bradley." There is much to honor in Bradley's campaign: his honesty about racial issues, his willingness to think big about fixing the dysfunctional health care system. His human qualities came through at times — when patiently coaching young basketball players at a Boys and Girls Club in suburban Bellevue on Sunday, for example. He would make an exemplary university head. But the career that was marked with such promise, from schoolboy days onward, will not reach the presidency this year.

David S. Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

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## LETTERS

### No good reason for 'no'

I too, am a property tax payer in Jerome County. And like many others, I will vote in the upcoming school bond vote. The need for a new middle school has been proven, in my opinion. I have taught as a substitute teacher at the high school and have seen the overcrowding situation first-hand. If lab rats were kept as close together as those students are, they would eat each other out of stress. Being able to go to school in a safe environment is a critical component in the student's ability to get a good education. Overall, it is not a good situation for learning.

It is faulty logic to say that voting "no" will send some sort of message to the Legislature about school funding. The current Legislature, according to current reports, does not appear inclined to make any significant changes soon. Another "no" vote will make the news and cause our elected officials to spew forth more talk about change. Change in our current elected officials would probably be a better solution.

Saying "no" will have an impact on the students in the school district, and it will not be good. It is not acceptable to allow our students to be the casualties in the adults' battle with a tax system that needs change. So I will say "yes," even if it means my taxes will stay at \$1,800. I'll vote "no" to same elected officials that will not deal with the problem.

REX E. JESSUP  
Jerome

### School bond issue Q&A

Let's address some of the complaints about the Jerome School bond.

**Q.** Why does the School Board keep bringing this up?

**A.** Because the schools are overcrowded and another building is needed. Just because previous measures have narrowly failed does not mean the need has changed or gone away. We cannot wait until the need for more schools. The board and the citizens committee has cut back the proposal for the last two bond attempts, yet building costs keep rising faster than the inflation rate. This is a reasonable proposal!

**Q.** Why can't someone else pay for it?

**A.** As much as we would like, in challenging, it is not going to happen. None of the current proposals before the Legislature nor the lawsuit deal with growth and the needs to build additional buildings.

**Q.** Why does it have to be a property tax on homeowners?

**A.** First, this is the only method we have to fund school buildings. We cannot raise sales taxes or assess other fees. This is it.

Second, everyone pays property taxes in one form or another. Businesses pay property taxes, landlords pay property taxes on rental units and factor that in rent. Yes, even dairymen pay property taxes. If they choose to provide lodging to laborers as part of their compensation, the property tax on that laborer's house is still being paid.

**Q.** Will my property taxes go up any more?

**A.** Actually, they will go down from their current levels even if the bond passes. The supplemental levy will go away and the yearly bond tax payment will be lower than the levy was. I would rather have the bond amount than a higher supplemental levy amount if the district has to do that again.

**Q.** But I don't have any kids in the schools, why should I vote for this?

**A.** This is where we have to appeal to civic duty. We all have a responsibility toward our community to provide schools. The district has no control over city taxes or the College of Southern Idaho assessment and spending. It does a good job of managing the money it has. Its cost-per-student spending is amongst the lowest in the state. We need decent schools to have a decent community.

Please think logically and unselfishly about this issue and vote yes on the Jerome School bond.

MARK AND MELONIE SWENSON  
Jerome

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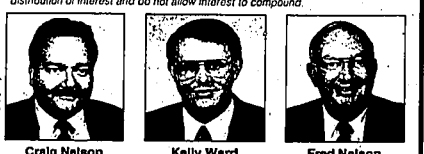
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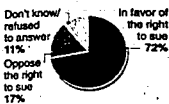
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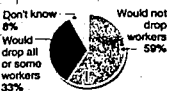
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Insurers and corporations are waging a pitched battle against the proposed legislation, arguing that giving Americans the right to sue over denial of care will raise premiums.

They've even conducted their own polls suggesting many workers would lose coverage because companies, fearing lawsuits, would stop offering health plans.

Lawmakers who must reconcile two versions of the legislation - one passed by the House that allows lawsuits and another approved by the Senate that does not - are caught in the crossfire of a well-heeled business lobby and the dynamics of presidential politics.

Many Republicans, particularly in the Senate, oppose giving patients the right to sue.

But their task became more complicated when the party's presidential frontrunner, George W. Bush, began running ads boasting he "delivered a patient's bill of rights" in Texas "while Washington politicians deadlocked."

In fact, Bush didn't even approve his state law - it became law without his signature.

But both he and his main rival, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., have declared their support for federal legislation that permits lawsuits. And that has upped the ante for the party's congressional leaders.

"We get the Texas model thrown up at us all the time," said Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., a member of a House-Senate conference committee that meets Thursday to begin hammering out a compromise. "It puts added pressure on Republicans."

The Texas law, among the strongest patient protection measures in the country, allows patients to sue their HMO for delaying or denying care if those decisions harmed patients.

Republican leaders concede a compromise will have to include some provision for lawsuits, but the question remains how far GOP senators will go.

Hutchinson predicted any GOP-backed right-to-sue provision would come with lots of restrictions.

One possibility, similar to a Republican House bill rejected last fall, would:

- Allow lawsuits only after patients go through appeal panels;
- Cap the size of damage awards;
- Cover only the 48 million Americans whose health plans are exempt from state regulations.

The conference committee has set a tight deadline of March 31 to finish a compromise bill.

If pressure from Republican presidential hopefuls isn't enough, Americans are widely in favor of new measures against health maintenance organizations.

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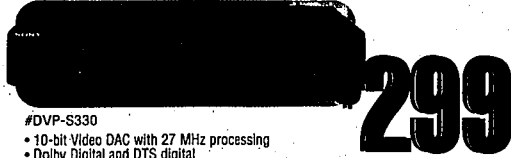
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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Court upholds malpractice case

**BOISE** - The Idaho Supreme Court rejected most of an appeal by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in a \$1.7 million malpractice lawsuit.

In February 1998 a jury awarded Pauline Perry \$155 million in economic damages and \$150,000 in non-economic damages for an injured sciatic nerve she suffered from in 1994 when a hospital nurse gave two her tetanus shots. After District Judge Daniel Meehl denied the hospital's request for a new trial, the hospital appealed to the Supreme Court. The hospital said Meehl had erred in many rulings regarding evidence, and it said some jury instructions and the special verdict form were erroneous. The Supreme Court rejected those claims, but agreed with the hospital's claim that Meehl was wrong to award certain costs to Perry. The Supreme Court sent the case back to District Court to send disputed discretionary costs and to reduce costs by \$489, the release said.

### Livestock moratorium request tabled in Gooding

**GOODING** - A request for a four-month livestock moratorium in Gooding County has died for lack of action by county commissioners.

The request was made about a month ago by the Gooding County Planning and Zoning Commission.

The county's three commissioners decided to go on the record as taking no action on the planning commission request, County Clerk Helen Edwards said. Planning commission Chairman Dave Adair said the moratorium was requested to gain time to refine nutrient management aspects of confined animal feeding operations. Adair said he does not believe the planning commission has the tools necessary to bring offending CAFOs into compliance.

Livestock moratoriums have been an issue in other Magic Valley counties. Cassia County has a moratorium in place. Twin Falls County commissioners have rejected requests for a livestock moratorium.

### Pickup found in canal; driver hospitalized

**BLISS** - Gooding County deputies were trying to figure out why an 18-year-old drove his pickup into a canal Monday.

The crash sent John Dustin Henington of Bliss to Gooding County Memorial Hospital, and a Life Flight helicopter was called to take him to another hospital Monday night, Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Coon said.

Henington and his truck were found at around 6:30 p.m. in the roadside canal about six miles west of Bliss on U.S. Highway 30, Gough County Sheriff's Office said.

Henington said he was uncertain why the accident happened and were continuing their investigation, he said.

### Schedule change topic at Robert Stuart parent forum

**TWIN FALLS** - Robert Stuart Junior High School will host a parent forum today to discuss a proposed new schedule for the 2000-2001 school year. Under the plan, called block scheduling, students would take four 85-minute classes a day, alternating classes every other day.

The purpose is to give teachers more time for lesson planning and in-depth instruction. It also would allow time to offer reading classes for seventh and eighth grades, and advanced and remedial ninth-grade classes.

The number of days a student could be absent from school.

Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School moved to block scheduling this school year. Today's meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria at Robert Stuart.

### TF planners consider variety of issues

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission will hold several public hearings at its meeting tonight.

The commission will discuss a Forest Road sign plan and a Lease Mueller for a special-use permit to operate an automobile sales business on property at 2441 Kimberly Road. The commission will also have a public hearing on an Albertson's Inc. request to operate a gas station at 851 Pole Line Road.

The commission will meet at 7 p.m. tonight at Twin Falls City Hall.

Compiled from staff reports

# Bill would can 'spam'

By Michael Joimoe  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** - Another example of how the Internet has changed everyday life came up on the floor of the House of Representatives Monday.

A bill aimed at restricting "spamming" - the practice of sending large amounts of unsolicited electronic mail, generally of a commercial nature - was approved by a vote of 62-2 and will be passed on to Senate com-

mittees for further action.

Sponsored by Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, the measure would amend the Idaho Consumer Protection Act by prohibiting a person from sending bulk e-mail advertisements to people who have asked to not be included in such campaigns. The measure also proposed penalties for violators of the proposed law.

"This will not stop all spamming, but it would give the attorney general more tools for dealing with the more egregious

cases," Smith said.

The measure requires that anyone who sends bulk e-mail advertisements must include a "readily identifiable" e-mail address to which the recipient can reply. It provides that anyone sending an e-mail which misrepresents or fails to identify its point of origin is illegal.

Smith's measure also would give the recipient the option of filing suit to recover actual damages caused by spamming. Or in place of actual damages a recipi-

ent can sue the sender for \$100 for each e-mail received or \$1,000.

The measure excludes unknowing Internet or e-mail access providers from liability. Smith said that much of the material involved in spamming is sexually oriented in addition to being commercial.

Rep. Tom Trail, R-Moscow, who co-sponsored the bill with Smith, told legislators that spamming is becoming a serious problem.

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## Officials to work on city plan

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - City officials expect to work all day long on the city's strategic plan for the coming year.

City Council members and city staff have scheduled an all-day work session to develop a strategic plan for 2000-2001, which will probably include such goals as providing better fire and police services, reducing traffic congestion and improving the water and waste water systems.

A survey sent out to residents last year should help officials work out a plan, City Manager Tom Courtney said.

Of 2,700 surveys sent out, the city

### Meeting time

**T**he City Council and city staff will have a special meeting today to develop a Strategic Plan for the city. The meeting will start at 8 a.m. at the Best Western Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs Hotel in Twin Falls.

The response to year's survey was the lowest compared with other years, said Twin Falls Economic Development Director Dave McAllinden. He blamed the time of year, saying it was sent out too close to Christmas.

City officials also filled out a questionnaire that included questions about the city's mission statement and whether it reflected the vision they have for the city and issues that will be important in the coming years.

But items outlined as necessary plans to work on in previous strategic plans usually turn into an implementation strategy, Courtney said.

For instance, the city's 1998-1999 plan to develop a Twin Falls Second Century community plan, which is still being worked on, could become the strategy to make Twin Falls Second Century community plan a reality in 2000-2001.

The city's strategic plan is separate from the city's mission statement, though the two address many of the same issues. And the city's mission statement could be revised along with the strategic plan, Courtney said.

"Everything we do from a policy and budget planning standpoint concentrates on these (strategic plan) objectives," Courtney said.

Up to this point, the plan has covered all the important aspects of the city. But if something important is left out, the plan could be revised, Courtney said.

"It hasn't been done before," he said.

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## USING 'NATURAL' ANALOGIES



Heather Williams shows her class a plant with fibrous roots during a biology class at Gooding High School. Williams is The Times-News' At-Teacher for February.

# Learning stems from best examples

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

**GOODING** - A plant's cuticle - a delicate, waxy coating that protects it from drying out - can be compared to the lotion used to hydrate human skin.

That's one example teacher Heather Williams uses to make biology terms easier for her high school students to understand and remember.

She filled her lesson on plant structures Monday with numerous tangible examples, and students say that's one thing they like about her teaching style.

"She always backs up her lessons with an analogy or an example to make things easier to understand," student Hollie M. Story said.

Williams, chosen by The Times-News as February's A+ Teacher, is in her fourth year of teaching. She teaches biology and psychology at Gooding High School.

Williams, 28, is trying something new in biology class this year, and school Principal Dennis Osman cites it as an example of Williams' willingness to try new things, her desire to motivate students to take responsibility for their education, and her ambition to reach students with varying learning styles.

"Biology is hard for some kids," Williams said. "You feel defeated before they come to class."

To help address the problem, during alternating units she allows students to choose from a list of projects. Students can see

### Insights in education

The Times-News asked Gooding High School teacher Heather Williams to share her beliefs about education. Here, in her own words, is her advice to teachers:

- Students must take an active role in their education. The role of the teacher should be to facilitate students in the learning process.
- Teachers shouldn't be an all-knowing bearer of information; we don't have all the answers. We need to help students gain knowledge for themselves - knowledge that is valuable to their personal life and ambitions. The ultimate goal of education should be to help students find their authentic selves and help them develop problem solving skills for both personal and social issues.
- Teachers must wear many different

hats as a demonstrator, a role model, a project leader, a disciplinarian, and the list continues. Sometimes the expectations for the teacher are overwhelming, but the rewards are certainly worth it.

- I enjoy learning from my students and helping them gain knowledge that is truly beneficial to them. But, I must say I also like to challenge students, and sometimes this can be frustrating for both them and me.
- The classroom environment should be one that is risk-free, a place where students can feel confident in themselves. Kids should not be inhibited in sharing their ideas with others.
- I want to teach kids to take responsibility for their own education, be proud of their successes, and recognize their setbacks.

Each month of the 1999-2000 school year, The Times-News will profile an outstanding Magic Valley teacher.

To nominate your special efforts are paying off for students, contact Jennifer Sandmann at 733-0931, Ext. 241, or by e-mail at jsandmann@magicvalley.com

high school level," said Williams, who can have reading abilities in a single class that range from the fifth grade to college level.

The most challenging part of her job, she said, is challenging all her students.

Osman says Williams varies her lectures and tries to avoid doing the same thing every day, so students will wonder what tomorrow will bring in her classes. Even seating is changed every two or three weeks. She uses the white board one day for notes, a computer presentation the next and then the overhead projector for variety.

"A rat is just a few inches shallower than a grave," is one of

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## Tuition increases loom large at CSI

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - A tuition and fee increase in the works at the College of Southern Idaho for the 2000-2001 school year would mean another \$25 per semester for full-time students.

The college's board on Monday gave administrators the nod to take the proposal - which will come back to the board for final approval - to the Student Association. Under the plan, tuition and fees would increase from \$640 to \$665, amounting to a 3.9 percent rise in the cost of a semester at CSI and generating an estimated \$90,000 for CSI's

general fund plus new money for other accounts.

CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer said it's the lowest proposed increase among the state's public colleges and universities. North Idaho College is looking at a 6.2 percent rise from \$609 to \$647, and the four-year universities are considering cost upturns in the 7 percent range.

Here's a breakdown of the proposed increase for full-time students each semester:

- 3 percent increase in tuition, up \$10 over this year, generating about an additional \$60,000 for the general fund.
- A \$5 increase in athletic fees,

an 11.1 percent increase over this year, raising a projected \$30,000 for the general fund.

- A \$5 increase in Student Association fees, a 16.7 percent increase over this year, raising an estimated \$30,000. The association would assume responsibility for the student newspaper, dance team and cheerleaders.
- \$2 increase in graduation fees, up 66.7 percent, generating a projected \$12,000. The college says would allow it to balance the account.
- A \$3 increase in the Outdoor Club fee, an increase of 60 percent, raising an estimated \$18,000.

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## Work to begin on new transfer station in March

By John T. Huddy  
The Times-News

Construction on the \$1.2 million transfer station, on the corner of Eastland Drive and Orchard Road just south of town, should begin by the end of March, Schultze said. Construction should take about two months.

"It's going to take a lot of fill," he said.

The station will be 88 feet long, 60 feet wide - big enough

to hold trash from a 53-foot-long trailer.

Excavation should start by March 5 and construction later in the month, Schultze said.

The county joined the waste district (largely owned by several other Magic Valley counties, in December.

Under a contract with the county, the waste district will pay the estimated \$1.2 million cost of the transfer station. But the county will have to pay for

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# Seminar focuses on leadership

By Dan Fields  
Times-News writer

**ALBION** - If his efforts will help make someone a leader in their community, Dick Gardner doesn't mind the traveling. Gardner, president of the Boise-based Idaho Rural Partnership, will travel Wednesday with the organization to help put on the 2000 Community Leader Mini-Forum at the Marsh Creek Events Center in Albion.

The forum is designed for everyone from city government workers to librarians. And Gardner said there's plenty of room for others to join the 25

people who've already signed up and plan to work together to help find solutions.

"A lot of problems, these days, are solved in partnerships," Gardner said. "We'll have five trainers that will get to talk a little bit. We lead a conversation and then we hope a lot of people will share their experiences."

Gardner said the conference, which used to run a day and a half, is better suited for a half day.

"We found the longer conferences were great, in that we could only do them in larger towns," Gardner said. "This way, people can choose three of six programs that we offer and still do it within a day. It's just a real energizing experience. People usually come

"away feeling recharged."

Those who attend the conference, which starts at 8:30 a.m., will leave with leadership abilities that are designed to help those people strengthen their communities, Gardner said.

"Effective progress is only made in communities with strong community leaders and local organizations," Gardner said. "We're offering training opportunities for people to improve their skill levels and effectiveness."

Those interested in attending the forum can register at the event. The cost for the program is \$35, which includes continental breakfast, lunch, training materials "and a good time," Gardner said.

# Gravel pit's future looks bleak

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** - New restrictions on gravel pits in Minidoka County are one step away from being completed.

The public has until March 13 to comment on the proposed ordinance. At that time, commissioners are expected to sign the final version of the ordinance.

Restrictions in the ordinance were developed by the Minidoka County Planning and Zoning department in answer to neighbors' complaints about the Triple C gravel pit at 500 East 200 North owned by David Coats. Coats applied for a permit to begin mining a new pit after mining out one of his other pits.

Neighbors said the gravel pit is an eyesore because of weeds and stagnant water, and the pits need setbacks and other regulations. Hoping for regulations similar to Cassia County's, neighbors circulated a petition asking for more stringent regulations.

The ordinance would require

minimum setbacks from roads and neighboring property lines, with a maximum slope of 45 degrees to be backfilled next to those roads and property lines.

It also would require a buffer to obscure the site. The buffer can be hedges, trees or mounds of earth and must be in place before the pit reaches 200 feet from neighboring property lines.

To fulfill this requirement, a gravel pit owner can develop a strip subdivision along the edge of the pit. But homeowners in the subdivision must be notified of the gravel pit in their backyard, said Paul Aston, head of the Minidoka County Planning and Zoning department. Safety fencing with security-access gates around the pit also would be required. New hours of operation for gravel pits would be from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Gravel pits would be allowed to operate on Sunday only if a special-use permit were granted, and gravel crushing would be allowed only in the bottom of the pit. Other restrictions

included a ban on standing water, but a special permit could be granted if the owner wanted to develop a pond in the bottom of the pit.

Aston researched regulations in Cassia and other counties to help develop Minidoka County regulations. Triple C would be bound by the regulations. Triple C would be able to comply with the new regulations, Coats said. The seven-acre pit is almost mined out and Coats said he will be asking for a permit for a larger pit.

There are several other gravel pits on the Snake River near the Triple C pits, including one owned by the Minidoka County Highway District.

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# Deputy will run in May primary

By Thomas Mohrlang  
Times-News correspondent

**BURLEY** - A Cassia County sheriff's deputy is running against his boss in the May Republican primary election.

George Warrell Jr. of Burley, is seeking the post held by current sheriff Billy Crystal for the past 15 years.

Warrell said he's confident he has the experience necessary to do the job.

"I believe I can run a better department," said Warrell, 59, who has lived in Burley for the

past 42 years with his wife, Pat. "I don't think (my experience here) made me stale. I think it's made me observant and creative and more interested than anyone else around."

Crystal declined comment on Warrell's announcement, saying he wants to wait until after the spring candidate filing deadline to make a statement.

Warrell's father, George Warrell Sr., is a former Burley police chief. George Warrell Jr.'s son, George Warrell III, is Heyburn's police chief.

George Warrell Jr. served as a

reserve officer and part-time dispatcher in the Burley Police Department from the mid-1960s until its consolidation with the Cassia County Sheriff's Department in 1986. In 1988, he became a full-time dispatcher and reserve deputy with the department. In 1994, he attended the Idaho Peace Officers Training Academy and received a Peace Officer Standards Training Council certificate.

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# Gateway development plans remain uncertain

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** - A parcel of land near Exit 208 is unlikely to be developed publicly, an advisory committee told Minidoka County commissioners Monday.

Private development of the county-owned property off Interstate 84 probably would be the best solution, said Gary Asson, chairman of the advisory committee. He noted a Mini-Cassia combined fairgrounds, arena and recreational facility has been discussed in the past.

"As I recall, a number of contrasting views were expressed," he said.

Asson and Commissioner Don Handy agreed that public development would also be a tax liability.

"Anything public would be an uphill run," Handy said. "A combined fairgrounds would be really neat, but not there."

Asson suggested to commissioners that a nationwide marketing campaign be done through the Mini-Cassia Development Commission.

"I'm going to be surprised if we don't get a lot of interest in that property when it is marketed nationally," Asson said. "It is ripe for development and worth a heck of a lot more than the appraised value."

The property has been appraised at \$153,000, but the appraisal is low for a number of reasons - the Idaho Department of Fish and Game has easement on the property, and the property can't be used for fuel dispensing, Asson said.

Commissioners plan to take the

committee's comments under advisement.

A study may be done for up to \$3,000, which has been set aside to determine restrictions and covenants for the property, Asson said.

But Tom Williams, a developer who has expressed interest in the property, asked commissioners when all these studies and decisions would happen. Williams wants to bring an architectural design and an artist's rendition of what he would like to do with the property to the commissioners within two to three months.

Williams has proposed a privately-funded 1800's-style gold rush resort with a restaurant, cabins and recreational facilities. His plan would include an urban fishery, making it a place for people from town to come out and fish.

The fishery would fit in with Fish and Game's easement to the pond. But Fish and Game would

like access to the lake to plant fish.

Williams said his proposal would make the area look nice, attract tourists from around the world and bring in jobs.

"There is no doubt in my mind that my project is the one for that area," he said.

But Rick Bollar, the county attorney, said the commissioners would be very deliberate with the decision process about the property.

"For the community, once you've made the decision, it's done," said Ferril King, one of the advisory committee members.

The main thing commissioners are trying to accomplish with the property is to make it a gateway to the area, Rensberg said.

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the operation.

Financing will be about one-quarter percent higher than expected, Schultz has said. That averages \$2,000 to \$3,000 more annually that the county will have to pay.

But district and county officials contend that the joint effort will save the county money in the long run.

Waste district officials have guaranteed tipping fees at the new transfer station and the Hub Butte Landfill would drop 52 percent as soon as the contract takes effect. The contract takes effect when the transfer station is operational and runs through May 31, 2014.

The reduced rate will help the county pay off the rest of its \$4 million Hub Butte debt, half of

which has already been paid. Hub Butte will remain open for specialized waste.

Schultz told the commissioners Monday that the county would need to revise its Hub Butte Landfill operation plan.

But perhaps the biggest decision the commissioners need to make soon will be whether to close the West End Transfer Station in Buhl or try and restructure Buhl's bi-weekly trash pickup schedule. Twin Falls County and waste district officials have said this schedule is creating high pickup costs for Buhl residents.

But Buhl city officials have said they want to continue with the bi-weekly schedule.

"That is going to be a tough decision," Commissioner Marvin Hempleman said Monday.

The county's plans to join the

district has also raised some concerns among some county employees.

County employees at the Hub Butte Landfill will be laid off by the district when the contract takes effect. And they will have the chance to reapply with the district, Schultz has said. The hiring and salaries will be "based on performance."

Schultz said Monday that a district manager will be placed at the new transfer station and those working at Hub Butte will be reassigned to the new station.

The merger will create two or three new jobs, Schultz said in an earlier interview. Hourly wages will increase between \$1.25 and \$1.50, he said. The average wage of county employees at Hub Butte is \$8 to \$10 per hour.

# CSI

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for the club to meet its projected expenses.

- A 9 percent increase in out-of-state and foreign student tuition from \$110 per credit to \$120 per credit. These rates are paid in addition to regular tuition and fees, which weren't raised last year.
- In other business the board:
  - Approved a revision to CSI's policies and procedures manual.
  - The board will discuss the issue of employee drug testing at another time. It was not included in the

manual approved Monday.

- Approved a \$1 million transfer from the general fund to plant facilities, which had a balance of about half a million dollars. In a memo to the board, the college says it committed more than \$1 million in matching funds to a classroom expansion project in one building. Money also is needed for other projects. A real-estate purchase on North College Road, regularly scheduled maintenance and renovation projects have depleted the fund, the memo said.
- Learned that the college

secured environmental permits needed to install campus bridges that will once again provide vehicle access from the center of campus to Frontier Road. The college had approval from the Twin Falls Canal Co. and started the project, but also needed approval from the Idaho Department of Water Resources that manages 100-year flood planning.

An unknown person over the summer destroyed timber bridges that had been in place, and the college is replacing them with bridges that have steel culverts running under them.

to a discussion and see the way they look at the world.

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# Teach

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Williams' motives.

If they need help either with school work or personal issues, students say they feel comfortable going to Williams, who they say gets involved with their

school activities.

"She's usually the first one to ask you what's wrong," student Ali Nelson, 15, said.

The best part of the job, Williams says, is discovering the perspectives her students bring

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# Marlboro Man or maverick governor?

Oregon politician's Old West image wins voter support



John Kitzhaber talks in his capitol office in Salem, Ore., in this file photo. Under Kitzhaber, Oregon became the first state to pass a law allowing doctors to help terminally ill patients end their lives.

SALEM, Ore. (AP) - Wearing blue jeans, boots and a big belt buckle even at formal affairs, John Kitzhaber looks more like a cowboy than governor of Oregon.

This Democrat is a maverick not just in his choice of clothing, but in his politics.

Recently he broke with every major politician in the West by supporting environmentalists' calls for the breaching of four hydroelectric dams on the Snake River to help restore the region's dwindling salmon.

"If you are not willing to take risks and speak out on things you believe in, I don't know why you would want to serve in office in the first place," the former emergency room doctor said in a recent interview.

Kitzhaber's informality and his blunt-spoken ways earn him high marks with Oregon voters after five years in office. There is speculation that he might seek run for the Senate in 2002.

"He looks like the Marlboro Man of the old smoking era," political analyst Jim Moore says. "His image is something that most people in Oregon aspire to - the outdoorsiness and the freedom to dress comfortably rather than what society expects."

Kitzhaber, 52, was born in Washington state and raised in Eugene. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1969 and attended medical school at what is now Oregon Health Sciences University.

In 1974 he began his practice as an ER physician in Roseburg. Four years later, he won a seat in the Oregon House. He spent 14 years in the Legislature, the last

eight as Senate president, before winning his first four-year term as governor in 1994.

Under Kitzhaber, Oregon became the first state to allow doctors to help terminally ill patients commit suicide. The measure caused a furor in Congress, where an effort has been launched to annul the Oregon law. This year, Kitzhaber surprised

many fellow Democrats by becoming the only governor to endorse Bill Bradley over Vice President Al Gore for president.

He has also snubbed President Clinton a few times. He begged off a 1996 campaign rally for Clinton, and went fishing in Alaska instead, and politely rebuffed a White House request that he be on hand for Clinton's

renomination at the 1996 Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

"I'm a good Democrat, but that doesn't mean I have to be an ideologue," the governor says. Earlier this month, he drew a collective gasp from other Western governors with his announcement that breaching four federal dams on the Snake River should be considered.

Kitzhaber's stand shouldn't be surprising. He is an avid whitewater rafter and fly fisherman. He is also an admirer of Edward Abbey, the radical environmentalist whose books include "The Monkey Wrench Gang."

Though Kitzhaber is a maverick, he's no Jesse Ventura. While the wrestler-turned-Minnesota governor often seems to say things calculated to shock, Kitzhaber is more likely to appoint a task force than to issue fiery pronouncements or snappy one-liners.

And Kitzhaber says people shouldn't attach too much importance to the way he dresses, either. "If the future of the state of Oregon rests on the difference between Brooks Brothers and Levi's, this state is in real trouble," he jokes.

In the Legislature, where both houses are controlled by the Republicans, GOP lawmakers complain that Kitzhaber is also an often fails to bring them into the loop on major policy initiatives.

Senate President Brady Adams says the dam-breaching announcement was a classic example of Kitzhaber's go-it-alone philosophy of governing. "He's not the world's best communicator," Adams says. "He goes off, develops these grand schemes and has very little communications with others in the process."

## Death hoax lands Marine in trouble

ONTARIO, Ore. (AP) - A U.S. Marine accused of faking his own death on a railroad bridge over the Columbia River at Portland two weeks ago was arrested by Oregon State Police at a freeway rest stop in south eastern Oregon.

Steven John Schaut, 23, was sleeping in a car police determined to have been stolen when they checked on it Sunday morning. He was arrested without incident.

He was jailed on local charges of unauthorized use of an auto and furnishing false information to a police officer and also faces military desertion charges.

Schaut's 18-year-old sister Michelle said she and her brother were on the bridge early on the morning of Feb. 13 when a train came along. When it passed, she said, she could not find her brother on the bridge.

A search of the river found no body and an investigation determined that the tale was a hoax to get Schaut out of the service and collect on a \$200,000 insurance policy.

Schaut was stationed at Camp Pendleton near San Diego and was from the Kent, Wash. area. Marine investigators have said they plan to charge Schaut with

being absent without leave, falsifying a government document, faking his death and fraudulent purchase of a vehicle.

But a decision on the specific federal charges has not yet been made, according to Jay Bigelow, petty officer for Coast Guards District 13, which covers Oregon, Washington and Montana.

Schaut could also be billed \$3,500 for the Coast Guards part in the river search and a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 for filing a false distress call.

Officials said they think that

Schaut, his brother, Chris, and his 16-year-old sister, Michelle, came up with the story about him walking on the railroad bridge and called 911 to say he had jumped into the river to get out of the way of a train.

The story resulted in a massive search for Schaut's body by fireboats, the river-patrol, the Coast Guard and firefighters, who searched early Feb. 13 and again on Feb. 14.

Michelle and Chris Schaut could also face prosecution for obstruction of justice.

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Tues., March 7 • 11 am  
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**HIGHLIGHTS**

Tractors include John Deere 7800, 4440, 4240; 4) Ten Wheeler Trucks w/Dump Beds; Beet, Bean, Hay & Grain Equipment. 10) Handline, 2) Wheellines, Mainline Irrigation Pipe.

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Thurs., March 2 • 11 am  
Jerome, Idaho

**HIGHLIGHTS**

14) Tractors includes John Deere 4560, 4555, 4850, 8640, 4640, 4630, 4430, 4020, 2510; 6) Ten Wheelers w/Potato Beds; John Deere 7720 Combine; Potato, Grain, Corn & Hay Equipment; Case 680 Backhoe; Tillage.

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# Feds plan to keep an eye on field burning

SPOKANE (AP) - Clean-air advocates have persuaded federal regulators to begin monitoring smoke from spring wheat stubble burning in Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

Environmental Protection Agency officials are coordinating plans with local and state air quality staff.

"We want to make it a regional inquiry into the human health and environmental effects of field burning," Regional Counsel Jack Fox said.

Washington wheat growers early last year reached a voluntary agreement with the state to

cut emissions from wheat stubble burning in half over seven years.

And a spokesman for the Washington Association of Wheat Growers criticized the new plans.

"We think EPA will conclude the progress we are making protects public health, and there's no need for them to step in," said Brett Blankenship of Ritzville.

The Washington Department of Ecology welcomed federal involvement in light of last fall's passage of Initiative 695, which cut car license tabs and forced budget cuts at many state agencies, spokeswoman Jani Gilbert said.

"If the EPA can come in with some resources, that would be great," she said.

Lawyers for Save Our Summers, a Spokane clean-air advocacy group, requested federal involvement, Fox said.

"We've been asked to evaluate wheat stubble-burning and to determine whether EPA considers it necessary to bring an enforcement action" under the federal Clean Air Act, Fox said.

The agency has emergency powers to curtail emissions from industries that pollute the air. In most cases, it delegates air-quality regulation to the states.

Farmers contend they need to burn periodically to clear fields of insects, plant diseases and stubble left after harvest, and to promote future growth.

Critics maintain agricultural burning is a major source of air pollution in Washington and creates a public health risk.

Last October, lawyers for Save Our Summers sought a federal judge's order to halt wheat stubble burning in Washington and Idaho, under the Americans With Disabilities Act.

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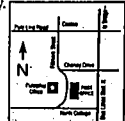
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# Budget-cutting effort comes up short

BOISE (AP) - With House tax-cutters digging in their heels behind a huge election-year break, their budget writing counterparts have been bracing against substantially curtailing the modest budget blueprint of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to accommodate reduced revenue.

But the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee came up a little short on an initial test of its resolve Monday, providing what could be a preview of the problems it will face if taxes are cut by tens of millions of dollars this year.

The committee also headed off an attempt to bar a user council from allocating revenue from the special recreational vehicle permits to projects upgrading camp grounds on national forest lands.

Critics of this year's \$1 million allocation to the forest service from more than \$3 million disbursed for all projects claim it is inconsistent with the state's battle to gain more access to federal lands.

But Parks and Recreation Director Yvonne Ferrell pointed out



again that with two thirds of Idaho's land in federal ownership, facilities on those tracts are as important as those on state parkland.

The effort to preclude any federal projects died on a 10-10 vote.

The fate was the same, though not as close, for two attempts to eliminate just \$1 million earmarked for school district technology coordination from the \$1.8 billion general tax budget. It was only after five alternatives were considered that the committee settled on Kempthorne's option of reducing the program to \$500,000.

"I don't know when or where this Legislature made a commitment that these programs will go on forever," House Appropriations Chairman Bob Geddes said in apparent frustration. "Where is it going to stop?"

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There were still six votes

against the Kempthorne compromise from lawmakers who believed the entire \$1 million should be retained.

While the committee has been nickel and diming the general tax budgets of agencies that have only limited impact on the overall revenue picture, it has avoided any major reductions to free up cash for a tax cut that some in the House want to total over \$50 million. Savings now, committee leaders reasoned, will avoid taking the difference out of the state aid package for public schools, possibly the most politically sensitive budget the Legislature sets each year.

Even attempts to tinker with that package were beaten back on Monday. Support was marginal for proposals to divert cash to the coordination program from the amount schools get annually to make technological improvements.

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**House approves examiner's office**

**BOISE (AP)** - Years of effort by Rep. Margaret Henbest finally paid off as the House approved her plan for standardizing death investigation procedures state-wide by creating an office of state medical examiner.



The 38-29 vote on Monday came a year after the House voted 39-31 to kill a similar proposal from the Boise Democrat, a nurse practitioner who has made modernizing Idaho's county coroner system a personal cause.

She was hopeful about final legislative approval in the Senate. "If the system worked well I would not be here before you today," Henbest told her House colleagues. "This is a difficult but important step for our state to take."

Her arguments' withstood assault from opponents who said the bill would establish another layer of expensive and unneeded state bureaucracy that favors urban areas while undermining the authority of locally elected officials. "This appears to be another of our one-size-fits-all, sock-it-to-

local officials. Idaho is one of nine states solely dependent on county coroners to conduct death investigations and one of four - along with Colorado, Indiana and South Dakota - that both directly elects its county coroners and requires no professional qualifications for offices."

Henbest contends the system, little changed in more than a century since statehood, has led to a crazy quilt of often inconsistent local protocols for investigating deaths. When coroners lack the resources or expertise to do their jobs thoroughly, she said, it too often has resulted in a heart-wrenching lack of resolution for the families of people whose deaths were unattended or suspicious.

Her plan calls for making a forensic pathologist, hired by the governor-appointed commission as state medical examiner, responsible for training coroners, developing a uniform protocol for conducting death investigations, performing autopsies and providing expert testimony.



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**HB98 (Revenue and Taxation)** - Allows landowners who maintain public roads and access to forest areas to tax themselves for construction and maintenance.  
**HB99 (Revenue and Taxation)** - Provides about \$4 million in revenue for the Department of Fish and Game from interest and penalties fees.  
**HB700 (State Affairs)** - Revises the allocation formula and authorizes the governor to set priorities by executive order for the Idaho Fire and Active Wildland Geologic Allocation Act.  
**HB701 (Appropriations)** - Appropriates \$1.16 million to the Department of Finance for the budget year that began July 1.  
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# Racial conflict remains fact of life for inmates

CRESCENT CITY, Calif. (AP) — When a group of inmates stepped out of their concrete cellblocks and into the exercise yard at Pelican Bay State Prison, many were ready to fight — for their race and for their own survival.

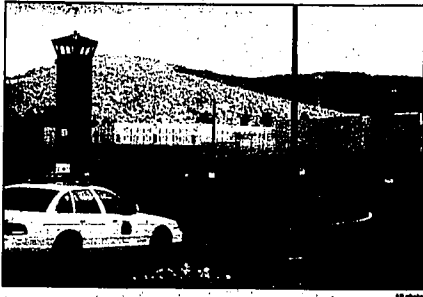
Guards had kept them from mingling for almost six months, since an August riot, fearing another eruption of the racial tension that is a fact of life behind bars in California. They couldn't keep them apart forever.

When fighting broke out Wednesday, it escalated into the state's worst prison riot in more than a decade.

As many as 150 inmates joined in. Hispanics converged on a smaller group of black inmates, most paying no heed to the guards' pepper spray, tear gas or rubber bullets. Guards finally used lethal force and shot 16 prisoners, killing one and critically wounding another. At least 32 others were stabbed or slashed by fellow inmates. No guards were injured.

Prison officials say most of the inmates probably felt they had little choice but to join the fight, that their social code demands they take sides in racial conflicts or suffer retaliation from other prisoners.

"A large part of the problem is



A California Department of Corrections vehicle returns to Pelican Bay State Prison near Crescent City, Calif., Wednesday. Guards had kept prisoners from mingling for almost six months, fearing an eruption of racial violence.

a fraction of 1 percent of the inmate population that pushes their beliefs on the rest of the population," said prison spokesman L. Ben Grundy.

Pelican Bay, one of California's two maximum security prisons, is filled well past capacity with the state's most violent criminals — 3,326 inmates in a facility built to house 2,280 — and has a history thick with violence.

In 1997, six inmates were killed in clashes between cellmates.

Three were killed in 1998.

Earlier this month, two former guards were indicted on charges they violated prisoners' civil rights by arranging assaults on prisoners, one of them fatal. Another guard was convicted on civil rights charges for shooting a prisoner after a fight in 1994.

Inmate advocates argue the violence stems at least in part from mismanagement, noting that in 1995 a federal judge found prison officials had

endorsed the use of excessive force.

At a National Prison Project conference in Washington, D.C., last week, some participants called for an independent investigation of the Pelican Bay riot. The FBI, which already is investigating allegations of civil rights violations at Pelican Bay, said it will closely monitor a state Corrections Department review of the riot.

Some critics said Pelican Bay officials should do more to protect inmates from one another.

Grundy said the officials will punish the riot instigators and intensify their searches for weapons. They are reviewing videotapes of the brawl, hoping to identify the leaders, he said.

"We are going to do whatever we have to do to lock those perpetrators up. So if they want to be a tough guy or violent person, they can be a violent person all by themselves," Grundy said.

But critics say increasingly severe punishment is what sparks riots in the first place.

"If you label somebody the worst of the worst and you tell them they're the worst of the worst, and you put them in and treat them like animals, they tend to live up or live down to those labels," said Jenni Gainsborough, a prison policy analyst with the Washington-based Sentencing Project.

# Program helps prisoners focus as fathers

OROFINO (AP) — The men in short-sleeved, robin's-egg blue shirts are rapists, robbers, molesters, murderers — and daddies.

Their names, written in patches sewn to their shirts to ensure their names — not the patches — are the legacies they pass on to their children.

They all are graduates of the Family Life Education Program at Idaho Correctional Institution. The class aims to give men focus as fathers and therefore a reason to stay out of prison.

"There's some tough guys here talkin' the right talk," says Jim Rehder, education program manager.

"I've learned to write letters to my children," said one man.

Another said he has learned how to talk to his family about what he has done.

Inmates enroll on a volunteer basis. At Orofino, 138 men have completed the program since 1998 and almost as many are enrolled at North Idaho Correctional Institution in Cottonwood. Waiting lists are swelling at both places.

"Some of them are going to be in for life, but if they have a child out there, that child is there for life," said Mary Nichols, Lewis-Clark State College Family Education Program coordinator.

The college partially funds the program at Orofino.

Before the family life program was officially established, Rehder

and others worked behind the scenes with individuals on family matters.

They hope to make the class a permanent addition to the school because they believe it is the glue that will hold together everything the prisoners learn here.

But funding the education of prisoners does: it top legislators' lists of priorities.

The Orofino prison education program has two full-time teachers and \$8,900 in general operation funds. Grants and contributions from Lewis-Clark State College keep the family education program alive.

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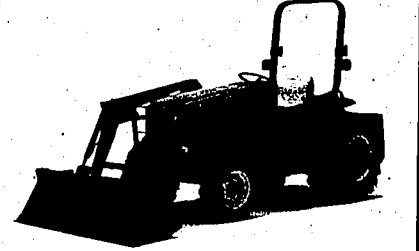
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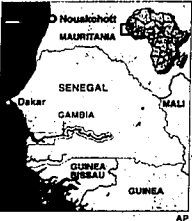
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# Haider resigns as head of Freedom Party

VIENNA, Austria - Joerg Haider, the politician known for his anti-foreigner statements and past praise of Nazi employment policies, resigned Monday as head of the far-right Freedom Party, the Austria Press Agency reported.

The agency quoted unidentified party sources attending a closed-door meeting of the group's national leadership at a downtown hotel. Party officials would not confirm the report pending a news conference expected later Monday.

AFA said Haider, who holds no post in the national government, would stay on as governor of Carinthia province. The move was seen as an attempt to reduce international criticism of the new coalition government between Haider's rightists and the center-right Austrian People's Party.



## Senegalese elections strain icon of African democracy

DAKAR, Senegal - Under cool and sunny skies, Senegal's paupers and millionaires voted in a presidential election Sunday as rebel attacks and political unrest threatened one of Africa's few enduring democracies.

The contest pitting President Abdou Diouf against seven challengers is the country's most contentious in decades after 40 years of rule by the Socialist Party.

Initially results weren't expected until at least Tuesday. But electoral officials said late Sunday night that a provisional count could be released Monday.

If Senegal plunges into violence soon after the December military takeover in nearby Ivory Coast - another traditional bastion of African stability - Western diplomats worry it could trigger a flight of development aid and trade away from the continent.

## A Nigerian city sweeps its rubble, but hatred remains

KADUNA, Nigeria - The wreckage of violence is being slowly swept from the streets of this northern Nigerian city. The smells - the burned buildings, the bonfires, the corpses left outside to rot for days - are fading. But the hatred remains.

Days after horrific violence raged through this city, ignited by a proposal to bring Islamic law to Kaduna state and quelled only after a massive military deployment, few people believe they have seen the last of the fighting - here or elsewhere.

In a nation of 120 million sharply divided by religion, ethnicity and geography, the fury over Islamic law, or sharia, could prove to be one of the biggest challenges facing Nigeria's nascent democracy.

## Denmark reports case of mad cow disease

COPENHAGEN, Denmark - A case of mad cow disease has been reported in northern Denmark,

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the government said today. The 4-year-old cow was immediately slaughtered while the rest of the 700-head milk herd was put under observation.

The cow's head was sent to laboratories in Denmark and Britain, which confirmed it had the disease. The result of the test arrived Sunday in Denmark and the case was made public today, Thune-Stephensen said.

### Scandal-plagued Christian Democrats suffer losses

BERLIN - In the wake of a drubbing in a state election, Germany's Christian Democrats gathered today to assess how the results will affect the fortunes of two politicians hoping to be their new party leader.

Sunday's election in the northern state of Schleswig-Holstein, the first such test for the conservatives since a funding scandal erupted over secret donations around ex-Chancellor Helmut Kohl, ended with the party receiving 35 percent, just 2 percent less than the last contest there four years ago.

But the Christian Democrats had been running far ahead in polls before the scandal, and had earlier been expected to beat Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's Social Democrats in the state. They had already defeated Schroeder's party in a series of elections in the fall, capitalizing on voter discontent over plans to cut Germany's generous social benefits.

### Human rights leader calls for rebuilding, investigation

GROZNY, Russia - Surrounded by war-ravaged buildings and shattered lives, Europe's top human rights advocate called Monday for rebuilding Chechnya's capital and said he would press for an investigation of claims of atrocities.

Alvaro Gil-Robles, human rights commissioner for the Council of Europe, made the statements on a one-day trip to Grozny, accompanied by Col. Gen. Gunnar Frednes, the top commander of the Chechnya offensive, and Sergei Yastrebemsky, acting President Vladimir Putin's news media pointman for Chechnya.

The trip did not take Gil-Robles to sites where refugees and human rights groups have alleged that Russian troops committed atrocities such as executions and torture.

### Cubans demonstrate outside diplomat's home

HAVANA - Waiting for the arrival of a Cuban diplomat expelled from the United States after he ignored a State Department demand to leave the country, scores of teenagers held a pro-government rally outside his family's home in Havana.

Jose Imperatori, 46, was taken into custody by U.S. authorities and flown aboard a U.S. government plane to Montreal late Saturday. He had been expected to leave Canada for Havana on Sunday, but even Imperatori's family said they weren't sure when he would arrive.

Watching the small demonstration of teen-agers shouting, "Down with the lie!" and waving Cuban flags outside her white, two-story home in Havana's Vedado neighborhood, Imperatori's mother, Matilde Garcia, said she looked forward to her son's arrival.

### Indonesia's president looks to Kissinger for help

JAKARTA, Indonesia - Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger threw weight behind Indonesia's democratic and market reforms Monday, accepting a new job as political adviser to Indonesia's president.

Calling himself a "patriotic American," Kissinger said he

would gladly assist in the Southeast Asian nation's transition to democracy, consulting with Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid at least once a year on political and social policy.

Kissinger, a Nobel Peace laureate, said he had full confidence in Wahid's ability to implement reforms in the world's fourth most populous nation.

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The Times-News

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Don't mess with it if it ain't broke

In Saturday's sports section on Page B-5, a story ran that focused on how Lamine Diack...

A couple of the proposed ideas include, but are not limited to, eliminating disqualifications for false starts and limiting total pole vault and jump attempts...

First, the false starts. Think about it: What does an athlete have to do in order to get disqualified from an event...

Every sport needs rules. Linford Christie knows this better than anyone. The British sprinter made a spectacle of himself at last year's World Championships when, after two obvious false starts...

Heck, he just might make it. Let's talk about the Confederated flag. It continues to fly over the Statehouse in Columbia, S.C...

Masback, who incidentally holds the 800-yard run record at White Plains (N.Y.) High School, the same place I set the National (N.Y.) High School record in 1984 (1:53.8)...

Did you know? The University of Idaho men's track and field team broke into Track 25 last week with a No. 23 ranking...

Vin Cappiello, a full-time teacher and former track coach, is a part-time sportswriter for The Times-News...

Eagles seek titles in Ephraim Men go to war at regionals

By Kevin Hall Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — "It'll be a war." The metaphor used by College of Southern Idaho head coach Derek Zeck to describe Thursday's Region XVIII Men's Basketball Championship...

All games, all sides, it's (going to be) something," he said, his dark eyes hardening with the words. "Three days removed from one battlefield..."

Weaving his words carefully, like a foot soldier stepping through a minefield, Zeck said the Golden Eagles' 93-82 victory over UVSC was a team Zeck knows will be fully recovered and ready for revenge.

"We're not going to try and do anything differently," he said, a wisp of a grin creeping from the corner of his lips.

Besides Sonnenberg, CSI will have to once again contain the inside play of double-double men Jim Hanchett and Donnie Jackson.

"To win it, CSI will need its big dogs to step up once again. Friday night, the Golden Eagles put up double digits, with Cardell Butler's 19 leading the way..."

"Our attack right now is the most balanced maybe in the country — at any level," Zeck said. "Every night to have five guys in double figures..."

2000 REGION XVIII MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Schedule for men's championship including matchups like Utah Valley vs Salt Lake CC, Eastern Utah vs Snow College, and Northern Idaho vs Dixie College. Includes a photo of the CSI mascot.

Lady Eagles guard against Snow loss

By Kevin Hall Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Dead team walking. That's one way to categorize this season's version of the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team.

Beset by injuries through the first half of the season and unable to put solid, back-to-back nights together the majority of the year, Southern Idaho finally got it together when they needed it most.

The Golden Eagles, who endured two three game losing streaks and went 6-9 over the final 11 games, beat Utah Valley State College 67-52 on Friday to secure a position in Wednesday's opening round of the Region XVIII Women's Basketball Championship Tournament at Ephraim, Utah.

Now they face host and top seed Snow College (25-5) on Wednesday at 8 p.m. to try and keep their up-and-down season alive.

"I like this role," he said. "A scary eighth seed when we can go to playing, and (Snow) can be beat."

CSU proved that Dec. 10, handing the Lady Badgers their first Scenic West Athletic Conference loss of the year, 74-71.

"We know what some of the things Dixie (College) was able to do," said Bate, referring to St. George school's 64-51 win over Snow on Saturday.

"It's stuff that goes right in to our philosophy: pressure defense and not letting dribble penetration happen," Bate said.

"I knew they could be beat. For them to get beat going into the tournament, it has to put some doubt into their minds, which is exactly where we want them."

For CSI to advance, the Golden Eagles have to stop Snow's fleet-footed trio of guards in Candace Cooke, DeLo's Anna Bateman and Nicole Paul. In Snow's 83-73 win over CSI at Ephraim, that trio some combined for 52 points, 10 assists and three steals.

"If Snow has a problem, it's their bench," he said. "They rely on those three guards so much that one night of bad shooting and its over for them."

Offensively, CSI must control the ball against Snow's quick defense, while getting the ball inside to posts Erika Empey, Kim Wegner, Raini Yost and Tishia Gardner, who can exploit Snow's soft interior defense.

"We'll be working on fine-tuning a lot of our stuff that we'll be able to throw at them," Bate said. "Again, I like our matchups on the inside. If we can get the ball down on the inside, we'll be OK."

"Empey has been playing awesome lately, cracking down a lot of boards," he said. "We get Kim Wegner back in there healthy and Raini Yost is a tough matchup for a bigger post down there, so she'll be seeing some time in there."

Plus, all of the pressure is on the Lady Badgers. Please see EAGLES, page C2.

2000 REGION XVIII WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Schedule for women's championship including matchups like Snow College vs Dixie College, Eastern Utah vs Ricks College, and Northern Idaho vs Utah Valley. Includes a photo of the CSI mascot.

Selig suspends Strawberry for one year due to drugs

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — A third strike for cocaine landed Darryl Strawberry a one-year suspension Monday, and left the New York Yankees and most of baseball wondering: Will he ever play again?

Commissioner Bud Selig imposed the penalty and did not make any provision for the troubled slugger, who turns 38 next month, to return early for good behavior.

This was a very difficult and painful decision for me to make," Selig said. "The meeting I had with Darryl and his wife, Charisse, last Tuesday was an emotional experience for all of us. I had no doubt that his remorse and sorrow were genuine, and I worried about the effect my decision would have on his health and the welfare of his family."

"In the end, I could not ignore Darryl's past inflections and concluded that each of us must be held accountable for his or her actions. I am hopeful that he will use this time away from the game productively and will care for himself and his family."

Strawberry has not been at Legends Field since baseball

More on Darryl — C2

ordered him out of the spring training complex last Wednesday, a day after his latest failed drug test became public.

His pinstriped uniform still hangs in his clubhouse locker along with a batting helmet and spikes. There's also a stack of mail, though there's no telling when he'll ever get to pick it up.

Strawberry, an eight-time All-Star, had been expected to be the prime designated hitter for the two-time World Series champions this season. Instead, his third cocaine-related suspension from baseball in five years left his future in doubt.

"Bud just told me," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said when he left the ballpark after an intrusive game. "We will abide by the decision. I feel badly for Darryl. My hopes and prayers are that he can do the things he needs to do to get his life in order."

Club manager Joe Torre, shortly before the penalty was made public: "You don't have to condone what he's done to have a feeling for him. He's not a bad person."

Malone muscles Jazz past Nets

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone barely missed a triple-double, scoring 35 points, collecting 12 rebounds and distributing nine assists as the Utah Jazz beat the New Jersey Nets 106-101 on Monday night.

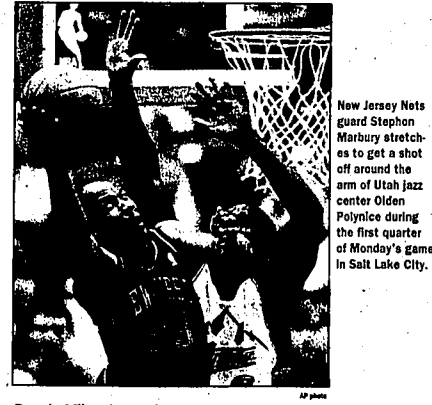
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Jeff Hornacek scored 27 points, hitting 10-of-11 from the field, and Bryon Russell added 14 as the Jazz won for the sixth time in the last seven games.

Stephon Marbury, going against John Stockton in a matchup of two of the NBA's best point guards, led the Nets with 34 points while Kerry Kittles scored 22 and Keith Van Horn had 18.

Hornacek sealed the victory on a pair of free throws with 11 seconds left, after the Nets had cut their deficit to 103-101 on a 3-pointer by Marbury with 16.8 seconds remaining.

The loss spoiled the return to Salt Lake City by Van Horn, the former University of Utah standout who sat out his rookie game at the Delta Center with an injured ankle. Last year's game was lost to the lockout, and Bryon Russell, who was sent down to the wire at home against Eastern Conference mid-



New Jersey Nets guard Stephon Marbury stretches to get a shot off around the time of Utah center Olden Polynice during the first quarter of Monday's game in Salt Lake City.

Detroit, Milwaukee and Atlanta. The Celtics and Bucks escaped the Delta Center with victories. When Van Horn's free throw with 5:28 remaining gave the Nets an 88-87 lead, the Jazz responded. Russell made a three-point play, Malone got a basket and Hornacek hit a 3-pointer to make it 95-88 with 3:40 to play.

Notes: Hornacek, the NBA free-throw percentage leader, missed on a technical with 55 seconds left in the first quarter. He has hit 113 of 139 attempts this season... Marbury has reached double figures in 57 straight games.



# 'Zo-less Heat burn Knicks 85-76 Texas beats Kansas

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Heat overcame Alonso Mourning's absence and a 20-point first-half deficit Monday night, rallying past the New York Knicks 85-76 to remain in first place in the Atlantic Division.

Marked by Jamal Mashburn and Clarence Weatherspoon, the short-handed Heat came back with smothering defense after they fell behind 37-17. The Knicks started 12-for-16 but shot just 30 percent the rest of the way.

Miami, which has led the division for nearly the entire season, pulled 1.5 games ahead of

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New York. Mashburn scored 24 points for Miami, and Weatherspoon had 14 points and 12 rebounds off the bench. Larry Johnson led New York with 20 points.

**SuperSonics 84, Hornets 81.** CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Gary Payton scored 32 points and the SuperSonics held struggling Charlotte to 32 percent shooting in the second half.

Payton had 21 points in the sec-

ond half, going 5-for-8 from 3-point range, to help send the Hornets to their third consecutive loss and their fifth in seven games.

Payton added nine rebounds, eight assists and two steals for Seattle, which began a five-game road trip by holding Charlotte to just three field goals in the final five-plus minutes.

Eddie Jones led the Hornets with 23 points.

**Mavericks 108, Celtics 100.** BOSTON — Dirk Nowitzki scored 28 points, including a pair of key 3-pointers in the fourth

quarter, and Erick Strickland added 19.

Dallas improved to 4-4 since the arrival of Dennis Rodman, who won his best behavior as he scored four points and grabbed 16 rebounds.

Dallas took its first lead since early in the first quarter when Rodman grabbed an offensive rebound and kicked it out to Michael Finley, who sank a 3-pointer for a 90-87 advantage. Cedric Ceballos' three-point play capped a 35-9 spurt that made it 93-87.

Antoine Walker led Boston with 23 points.

**AUSTIN, Texas (AP)** — Ivan Wagner scored a career-high 19 points and Gabe Mooney added 16 as No. 14 Texas stayed in contention for the Big 12 title with a 68-54 win on Monday night over No. 23 Kansas.

Chris Owens added 11 points for Texas (21-7, 12-3), which remains a game behind conference leader Iowa State. It was Texas' first win over Kansas (21-8, 10-5) since 1938.

The Longhorns are 7-2 against the Jayhawks overall, and 3-1 since the Big 12 was formed.

The defending regular season champions need to win at Kansas State on Saturday and hope for an unlikely loss by Iowa State to either Texas Tech or Baylor, who are a combined 6-22 in the conference.

Kirk Hinrich was the only Jayhawk player in double fig-

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ures with 11 points.

**No. 24 Connecticut 74, Rutgers 69.** PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Khalid El-Amin hit four free throws and made a game-clinching steal in the final 26.1 seconds as Connecticut held off Rutgers.

Albert Mourning added 16 points and Jake Voskuhl 15 points and 13 rebounds as Connecticut (20-8, 9-6 Big East) clinched its seventh straight 20-win season.

Duhay Jones had 25 points to lead Rutgers (15-13, 6-9), including a long 3-pointer with 15.9 seconds go to cut the Huskies' lead to 70-69.

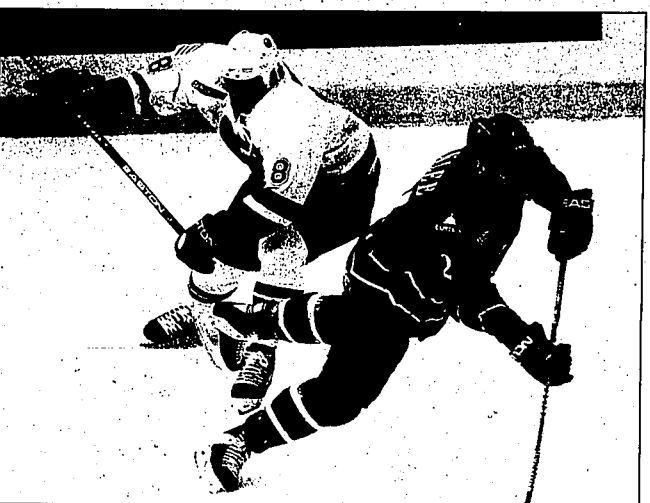
## Struggling Penguins tie with Senators

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Penguins, struggling without injured star Jaromir Jagr, got only 17 shots in a 1-1 tie with the Ottawa Senators on Monday night.

The Penguins are 0-2-2 since Jagr injured his hamstring last week and are 1-0-4 in five home games. Ottawa is 1-1-4 all-time in Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, 1-5-3 overall without Jagr this season, has not scored more than three goals in 10 games.

Matthew Barnaby gave Pittsburgh a 1-0 first-period lead, but Andreas Dackell tied it in the second. Jean-Sebastien Aubin turned aside 32 shots in his 10th consecutive start.



Washington's Ken Lee gets tripped up by New York's Steve Webb during the first period of Monday's game at the Nassau Coliseum in Unadoma, N.Y.

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**Sabres 5, Panthers 2.** SUNRISE, Fla. — Stu Barnes scored a pair of goals and Dominik Hasek stopped 30 shots as Buffalo beat Florida.

The Panthers lost for the fifth time in six games and finished the month 5-8, their seventh consecutive season with a losing record in February.

Alexei Zhitnik, Erik Rasmussen and Richard Smehlik also had Sabres goals.

Pavel Buro scored his league-leading 43rd goal and Todd Simpson added a third-period tally for the Panthers, 7-11-1 in 19 games.

Washington a victory over the New York Islanders.

Jeff Halpern and Ulf Dahlén also scored for Washington, which got 16 saves from Olaf Kolzig. The Capitals trail

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**Capitals 3, Islanders 2.** UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Adam Oates scored his 300th career goal with 5:01 left, giving

## CSI

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and to have guys at No. 6 and No. 7 with nine points, I mean, that's unbelievable."

The Golden Eagles must also get quality minutes from Uche Okafor, whose presence is steadily rising each game he plays.

"Uche's presence has been pretty dominating inside defensively," Zeck said.

With Blanton Ferguson adding muscle underneath, the bench has been productive as well. Larry Stewart, Jerry Dupree, Matt Brown and Kendall Minor have each contributed key baskets and rebounds. Dupree was a board away from a double-double on Friday.

"I think if we do play three

back-to-back games, it's to our advantage, because of our depth," Zeck said.

Surpass UVSC, and standing in CSI's way will be either the Bruins or an underrated College of Eastern Utah (15-15), both of which give Zeck the shivers.

"That's another big game," he said. "I mean Eastern Utah is a very talented team, one of the more talented teams in the league, and Salt Lake is a lot better than they played (Saturday). That's a toss-up."

UVSC swept the two meetings this season.

Sweep is also a familiar refrain on the other side of the Courtney Brackett off the competition at

noon will be fourth-seed Dixie College (20-10) facing revenge-minded Ricks College (23-7). The Rebels, who are on a two-game winning streak, won both regular season games over the Vikings, including a 77-70 win at Rexburg.

"Wow, what a first game," Zeck said. "That'll be tough to beat them three times."

Top seed and host Snow College (24-6) closes out the first round with an 8 p.m. game against No. 8 North Idaho College (17-13). Ranked No. 11 nationally before its loss at Dixie on Saturday, the Bulldogs had to go to overtime in Coeur d'Alene Jan. 13 before routing NIC by 21 at home.

"It's wide-open," Zeck said. "Anybody can beat anybody."

## Michigan makes AP poll

**The Associated Press**

Michigan completed the cycle for the Big Ten in The Associated Press women's basketball poll.

The only team in the league that had not been ranked, Michigan's drought ended Monday when the Wolverines broke into the poll at No. 22.

The Wolverines (21-6) came in with an eight-game winning streak that carried them to a second-place finish in the Big Ten and a school-record victory total. Michigan's previous high was 20 victories in 1989-90.

Connecticut continued its season-long run at No. 1 and Georgia moved into a tie with Tennessee for second. They trailed UConn by 59 points in the voting by a national media panel.

Stanford returned at No. 25 as the only other newcomer. UCLA, ranked fourth early in the season, and Kansas dropped out.

Michigan went 15-11, 19-10 and 18-12 in Guevara's first three seasons and made the NCAA tournament in 1998.

Three of the Wolverines' losses have been to teams now in the Top Ten: Louisiana Tech, Penn State and LSU.

Five Michigan players have double-figure scoring averages in conference play. Senior Stacy Thomas leads the team at 15 points a game, and set a school record with 10 steals in Sunday's 70-46 victory over Northwestern.

The Big Ten is now one of four

**Women's poll**

conferences that has had all its current members ranked. The Southeastern Conference, Big 12 and Atlantic Coast Conference are the others.

Connecticut (26-1) received 35 first-place and 1,089 points after sweeping its first three games, 100-28 and beating Notre Dame 77-59.

Georgia (28-2) and Tennessee (25-3) each had 1,030 points to share the No. 2 spot, with Georgia setting seven first-place votes and Tennessee two. The Lady Bulldogs also received more first-place votes each of the three previous weeks, but Tennessee has come out ahead in total points.

Louisiana Tech (23-2) held at No. 4 with 984 points, Penn State moved up one spot to fifth and Notre Dame slipped from fifth to sixth. Texas Tech, Rutgers, UO, Santa Barbara and LSU completed the Top Ten.

Two decisive victories sent Iowa State from 13th to 11th, while Auburn and Duke tied for 12th. Auburn was down one spot and Duke fell three places after losing to North Carolina.

Ole Dominion went 14th and North Carolina State 15th. Then it was Virginia, Mississippi State, Purdue, Boston College and Arizona.

Alabama, Michigan, Tulane, Marquette and Stanford held the final five places.

## Stanford voted top dog

**The Associated Press**

Stanford, which extended its winning streak to 12 games with easy victories over Washington State and Washington last week, was the unanimous No. 1 team in The Associated Press Top 25 Monday.

The Cardinal (24-1), who won their two games by an average of 51 points, received all 70 first-place votes and 1,750 points from the national media panel. They are the first unanimous No. 1 since North Carolina on Dec. 22, 1997.

Cincinnati and Arizona, the only team to beat Stanford this season, each moved up one spot to second and third in the poll. The Stanford-Arizona rematch is March 9 in Tucson.

**Men's poll**

Duke, which had been second, dropped to fourth following its 83-82 home loss to St. John's.

That victory was the third in a week over a ranked team for the Red Storm (20-6), who moved back into the Top 25 at No. 18.

Temple, which extended its winning streak to 13 games with victories over St. Bonaventure and Massachusetts last week, moved from eighth to fifth, matching the Owl's highest ranking since the second poll of the regular season.

Ohio State held sixth and was followed by Michigan State, Florida, Syracuse and Iowa State, which jumped from 17th to No. 10.

## The Strawberry Saga

April 4, 1994 — Dodgers announce Strawberry has a substance abuse problem and place him on the disabled list.

Feb. 6, 1995 — Major league baseball suspends Strawberry for 60 days after he tested positive for cocaine. The Giants, citing a clause in his contract, terminate the deal and release him.

Feb. 9, 1999 — Makes debut as spokesman for the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, saying he is optimistic about his future.

March 28, 1999 — Yankees announce that Strawberry will remain at extended spring training instead of joining the club on the opening-day roster.

April 24, 1999 — Placed on administrative leave by major league baseball pending a review of his arrest on drug charges. Strawberry cannot play or work out with the Yankees or their farm teams during this time.

June 18, 1999 — Bud Selig announces that Strawberry can return to baseball after a 120-day suspension ends on Aug. 1.

Sept. 1, 1999 — Yankees purchase Strawberry's contract from Columbus and he finishes the season with a .327 batting average, three homers and six RBIs. In the postseason, he hits .333 (5-for-15) with two homers and four RBIs as the Yankees win their second straight world championship.

Feb. 22, 2000 — A Florida Department of Corrections report says Strawberry is ineligible to return to baseball in five years.

## Eagles

Continued from C1

"The first 10 minutes of the game was going to be very crucial when we play them at the regional tournament," Bate said. "They have a lot of pressure on their backs right now, and we have nothing to lose."

In other games on Wednesday: No. 4 Dixie (19-10) plays No. 5 College of Eastern Utah (18-12) at noon, with the winner to face either CSI or Snow in one Friday semifinal. CSI swept the season series from the Lady Rebels.

On the lower side of the bracket, second-seed Ricks College (24-6), who are on a four-game winning streak, face No. 7 Salt Lake Community College (16-14) at 6 p.m. Wednesday. They split on the year with each winning at home. The winner faces the victor between No. 3 UVSC (21-8) and No. 6 North Idaho College (17-13), who play at 2 p.m.

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TWIN FALLS - All facilities at Candleridge Golf Course will be open Wednesday.

Regular greens fees will be charged, and carts are available.
Nine holes cost \$9, while 18 holes cost \$13.50.

Brian Avram is the new head professional. He has served under Rob Ellis at Blue Lakes Country Club recently and will teach lessons throughout the year.

Call 733-6577 with questions or to inquire about establishing an IGA handicap. IGA dues are \$20.

Sign-ups coming for MV Babe Ruth
TWIN FALLS - Sign-ups for Magic Valley Babe Ruth Baseball will be held Tuesday and Wednesday from 7 p.m. at the Harmon Park recreation building.

The league is open to boys who will be 13 before Aug. 1 but not 19 until July 31. Cost is \$55; players need a parent to sign a release form and a photograph of their birth certificate for the league's records. For more information, call Gary Leavitt at 733-5532 or Linda Brittain at 734-2633.

Meetings set for city league softball
TWIN FALLS - Organizational meetings for both men's and co-ed city softball leagues will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Twin Falls Park and Rec Building at 136 Maxwell Ave.

plan to limit broadcast access to Olympic sites only to rights holders and local television, the Sydney Morning Herald reported Monday.
If the plan is carried out, only NBC, its affiliates and non-U.S. rights holders would be allowed to shoot videotape at the Olympic sites on ESPN, CNN/SI, HBO and the other U.S. networks would not be able to tape any interviews inside the Homebush Bay area, where most major stadiums are located.

The paper quoted David Richmond, head of New South Wales state's Olympic Coordination Authority, as saying the plan was concerning Sydney residents were well informed of what was going on.

Medalists on ice head to Bank of America Centre
BOISE - Medalists on ice, a hockey showcase presented by Governor Dirk Kempthorne and the Idaho 2002 Committee and paired with music by the Boise Philharmonic to benefit Idaho's Olympic athlete hopefuls, arrives at the Bank of America Centre this Thursday.

Scheduled to perform are Brian Orser, Nicole Bobek, Yukia Sato, Caryn Kadavy and Jason Dungeon. Tickets are \$150 for the Governor's reception and the ice show, or \$24 to \$35.50 for the performance only, which begins at 7:45 p.m. Proceeds will go to the state's Olympic athletes through the U.S. Olympic Committee. For more information, call (208) 331-TIDS.

Organizers might limit news access to Olympics
SYDNEY, Australia - Sydney Olympic organizers

la bridge in the cards for Olympics?
SALT LAKE CITY - What next - poker? Monopoly? Go Fish?

Bridge - the card game, not the structure that spans rivers - is taking the lead from ballroom dancing and looking to join the Olympics.

So instead of a Miracle on Ice, think spades, diamonds, hearts and clubs.

"I'm a believer that the human brain is at least as important as muscles," IOC executive Marc Hodler said.

Hodler, who blew the whistle in the Olympic bribery scandal, is trying to bring an international bridge tournament to the Salt Lake City Games. He was president of the Swiss Bridge Federation for 30 years.

He also heads the IOC Coordination Commission for the 2002 Games that is in Salt Lake City for four days of meetings this week.

Auckland, New Zealand - With no wind again, the America's Cup has gone to the dogs.

Race 4 was postponed for a second time as the Hauraki Gulf was completely devoid of wind early today, leaving New Zealand's Black Magic and Italy's Luna Rossa floating listlessly for two hours before the race committee abandoned the race.

The best action on the water was when a man in a motorized rubber boat pulled his tether on a boogie board through the spectator fleet.

With even the race committee chairman admitting to being bored by the lack of wind that has forced four postponements in 11 days, officials announced that the two teams and TV rights holders have agreed to try to get in Race 4 on Wednesday, which had been scheduled as a lay day.

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By Steve Moore



"OK, listen up. Same game plan as always: Pass the ball to Chuck and let him back his way into the hoop."

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TENNIS results table listing matches and winners.

SPORTS

# Sparky will pace yard as he waits

Knight Ridder News Service

LAKELAND, Fla. — Sparky Anderson plans to pace in his back yard today as he waits to find out if he has become a Baseball Hall of Fame resident — an honor that finally would allow him to become a Hall of Fame visitor.

Anderson vowed long ago that he never would set foot in the Hall in Cooperstown, N.Y., until he was elected to it. "If I'm not voted in, I don't belong," he said.

Today in Tampa, Fla., the Hall of Fame veterans committee, which elects managers and all other non-playing officials, holds its annual vote. If Anderson gets 12 votes from the 15-member committee, he will have achieved the sport's highest honor in his first year of eligibility.

The broadcaster Ernie Harwell, a former veterans committee member, doesn't see any reason Anderson won't be elected today.

"I think it's strictly a cinch," Harwell said. "It's about as automatic as it will ever get."

Anderson managed the Cincinnati Reds for nine years and then the Tigers for 17. He piled up more managerial victories than anyone except long-ago Connie Mack and John McGraw, and he became the only manager to win the World Series in both leagues.

Although in today's voting he

seems as unstoppable as his Reds teams in the '70s or his fast-starting Tigers in '81, Anderson has been trying to convince himself he's not an automatic choice. That way, he buffers his disappointment if he must wait till next year.

"I like the way they tell you this is a shoo-in," said Anderson, 66. "I don't know anything that's a shoo-in. It's like Don Shula said (about the Pro Football Hall of Fame): 'When they call me, I'll know I'm there.'"

Anderson, who usually gets more excited talking about other people's achievements than his own, doesn't hide his potential rapture at becoming a Hall of Famer. He said recently that entering the shrine would be his "all-time best" achievement in the game, with nothing else close.

Monday, speaking from his home north of Los Angeles, Anderson acknowledged feeling the election-eve nervousness he had been expecting. He said he will take his normal walk this morning, then skip his usual round of golf so he can be home if The Call comes. (It likely would arrive by 2 p.m. Eastern time.)

He doesn't want to be monitoring the phone, so he will retreat to the back yard, pacing as he did in his hotel room when the Tigers were slumping. He will wait for his wife, Carol, or his guest, longtime Detroit friend and associate

Dan Ewald, to tell him that he's wanted on the phone.

The veterans committee consists of executives, former executives, veteran media members, historians and five Hall of Fame players: Ted Williams, Stan Musial, Juan Marichal, Yogi Berra and Hank Aaron.

If elected, Anderson will announce Tuesday whether his Hall of Fame plaque will show him in a Reds cap or a Tigers cap. Every living Hall of Famer electee who has served more than one franchise must choose a cap for his plaque. It has been an especially difficult decision for Anderson, who is unforgettable in both Cincinnati and Detroit.

"In my heart, I know I have done everything I can to make the right decision," Anderson said. "You can only do what you think is right."

"If people want to get angry, they have a right to get angry. I see nothing wrong with someone getting angry over my decision. It's very important to both cities."

Not long ago, he made this point about anyone who will feel shunned by his choice of cap: "I don't know why people make such a big thing out of it. It's not like I didn't like those people, or not like these people. It's only a hat. If they don't think the same of me as a person as before, then I did a very poor job of credibility with them."

# Aches and pains

Schilling, Erickson, Garciaparra ailing in early going

The Associated Press

While the New York Yankees learned they'll have to make due without Darryl Strawberry this season, other teams wondered how long some of their stars will be sidelined.

Philadelphia's Curt Schilling, Baltimore's Scott Erickson and Boston's Nomar Garciaparra were all feeling some aches and pains at spring training Monday.

Schilling, coming off arthroscopic surgery on his right shoulder, felt stiffness for the second straight day and skipped his throwing program.

"I definitely feel better than I did yesterday," the pitcher said in Clearwater, Fla. "We're going to give it one more day and get back to throwing."

Phillies trainer Jeff Cooper thinks similar stiffness could slow down Schilling four or five more times before his projected mid-May return.

"I'm not nervous," general manager Ed Wade said. "It may be a setback, but it doesn't put him back to square one or square 101 at this point."

Schilling had arthroscopic surgery Dec. 13 after missing most of the second half of last season with shoulder pain.

In Fort Lauderdale, Fla., the Orioles said Erickson will be held out of Friday's exhibition opener against the Cincinnati Reds because of a sprained right ankle.

It's the second setback this spring for the No. 2 man in the Orioles' starting rotation. Erickson, who injured the ankle Sunday, has been sidelined since Tuesday with stiffness behind his right elbow.

Although Erickson has said the stiffness is "no big deal," he will have it examined as a precaution.

"If there's nothing wrong, he should be able to throw as soon as his ankle will allow it," Orioles manager Mike Harrowe said.

In Fort Myers, Fla., Garciaparra had tests on his sprained ligament in his right knee and will have an MRI exam, team physician Dr. William Morgan said. There did not appear to be any swelling in the knee.

"It's like a discomfort more than anything," said Garciaparra, who felt a "twinge" Friday.

In Tampa, Fla., the Yankees were gone after an intrasquad game when commissioner Bud Selig suspended Strawberry for one year because of a positive cocaine test.

"We will abide by the decision," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said. "I feel badly for Darryl. My hopes and prayers are that he can do the things he needs to do to get his life in order."



Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Curt Schilling leads his squad through an agility drill during spring training practice Sunday at the Carpenter Complex in Clearwater, Fla.

Across the state in Port St. Lucie, Mike Hampton pitched two hitless innings and struck out two as the New York Mets played their first intrasquad game of the spring.

"My arm felt good," Hampton said. "My location was pretty bad, but I didn't expect it to be right on this early."

Country singer Garth Brooks, playing left field, went 0-for-4 with a walk and two strikeouts. He also lined into a double play.

"It wasn't a great day, but it was better than any day I've had. I didn't feel like I was drowning," Brooks said.

In Mesa, Ariz., Chicago Cubs backup third baseman Willie Greene missed his second straight day of workouts.

Greene didn't report to camp until Sunday because he was tending to a family situation and felt lightheaded and nauseated when stretching. He was taken by ambulance to a hospital, given two liters of fluid and released.

The Cubs expected him to take part in a light work Monday, but he arrived with chills and a low-grade fever.

"He's sick," manager Don Baylor said. "I came in here early this morning and he was already here. He had a heavy coat on because he had the chills. He had dehydration yesterday. He told me this was his first time in Arizona, and I know I've had some of the worst allergy attacks here."

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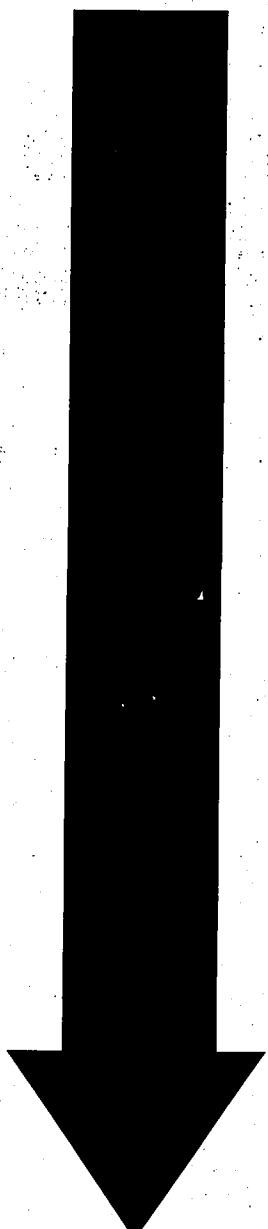
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# Tennis star to get hitched

The Associated Press

**SUNRISE, Fla.** — NHL star Pavel Bure said he popped the question to tennis player Anna Kournikova — and she accepted.

The Russian Rocket said he proposed to Kournikova, also known as Friday night at a Miami Beach restaurant. He did not announce a wedding date. "We'll tell details when she gets back in town in the middle of March," Bure said before the Florida Panthers' game against Buffalo on Monday night.

Kournikova, 18, and Bure, 28, are neighbors in an apartment building in trendy south Miami Beach.

## Sampras joins Agassi on U.S. Davis Cup team

Captain John McEnroe and Pete Sampras have patched up their differences, meaning the United States will have one formidable team for the next round of the Davis Cup.

Sampras and Andre Agassi will play singles for the quarterfinal against the Czech Republic in Inglewood, Calif., on April 7-9.

"I like our chances," McEnroe said Monday when he announced the two players.

He should. Agassi is the world's No. 1 player. He has won the last two Grand Slam tournaments — the U.S. and Australian Opens. He also won the French Open last June.

Sampras won the other Grand Slam tournament, Wimbledon, and is tied with Roy Emerson with 12 major titles, the most in men's tennis.

McEnroe plans to select the remaining two players within two weeks of the quarterfinal.

McEnroe made his debut as U.S. Davis Cup captain with 3-2 decision over Zimbabwe earlier this month.

He then had to mend fences before Sampras rejoined the squad. Sampras missed the Zimbabwe series after injuring his hip at the Australian Open. McEnroe questioned Sampras' commitment to the Davis Cup.

"I contacted him," McEnroe said. "People know we need to communicate. We expressed our views. ... Now it's time to move on."

The quarterfinal will be held at the Forum, near most of Sampras' family, including his older sister Stella, the tennis coach at UCLA.

Against Zimbabwe, Agassi was joined by Chris Woodruff, a last-minute substitute for Sampras, along with Alex O'Brien and Rick Leach. Leach replaced Todd Martin, who missed the series because of a viral infection.

Woodruff lost his opening singles and the United States trailed 2-1 before Agassi and Woodruff won their reverse singles.

"It will be a little bit more fun being at home," McEnroe said during a conference call. "The stress level won't be as high."

With Agassi and Sampras, the United States will be a strong favorite to beat the Czech Republic and advance to the semifinals.

"I like our chances against Czechoslovakia," said McEnroe, still referring to the country by its former name. "But things are going to get harder. We're going to need our top guns."

McEnroe said Woodruff is "definitely in the mix" for one of the two remaining spots.

"I almost feel like it would be a shame if he wasn't on the team," he said.

## Ivanisevic, Bjorkman advance in Copenhagen

**COPENHAGEN, Denmark** — Fifth-seeded Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia advanced to the second round of the Copenhagen Open on Monday, beating Germany's David Prinosil 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-0.

Eighth-seeded Jonas Bjorkman also advanced, along with fellow Swede Fredrik Johansson and Andreas Vinciguerra, Italy's Gianluca Pozzi and Croatia's Ivan Ljubic.

Bjorkman beat France's Antony Dupuis 6-2, 7-5; Johansson edged Germany's Axel Pretsch 2-6, 6-2, 6-2; Vinciguerra routed Belgium's Christophe Rochus 6-2, 6-1; Pozzi beat Dutchman Jan Siemerink 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; and Ljubic defeated Czech Petr Luxa 6-7 (6), 6-1, 6-3.

## Clavet moves up in Citrix Championships

**DELAIR BEACH, Fla.** — Spain's Francisco Clavet beat Australia's Mark Woodforde 6-2, 6-4 on Monday to advance to the second round of the Citrix Championships. In the matchup of left-handers

## Tennis

that opened play on stadium court, the eighth-seeded Clavet beat Woodforde, at 34 the oldest player in the field, for the first time in six career meetings.

In another first-round match, Paul Goldstein beat Romania's Andrei Pavel 6-3, 6-4.

Michael Chang, the No. 7 seed

who received a wild-card berth in the tournament, faces Andrew Ilie in the featured night match. Ilie won the tournament as a qualifier in 1998.

Andy Roddick, the second-ranked junior player in the world, will face Italy's Laurence Tielemans in another night match.

Roddick, 17, of Boca Raton, became the first American in 41 years to win the boys singles title in the Australian Open.

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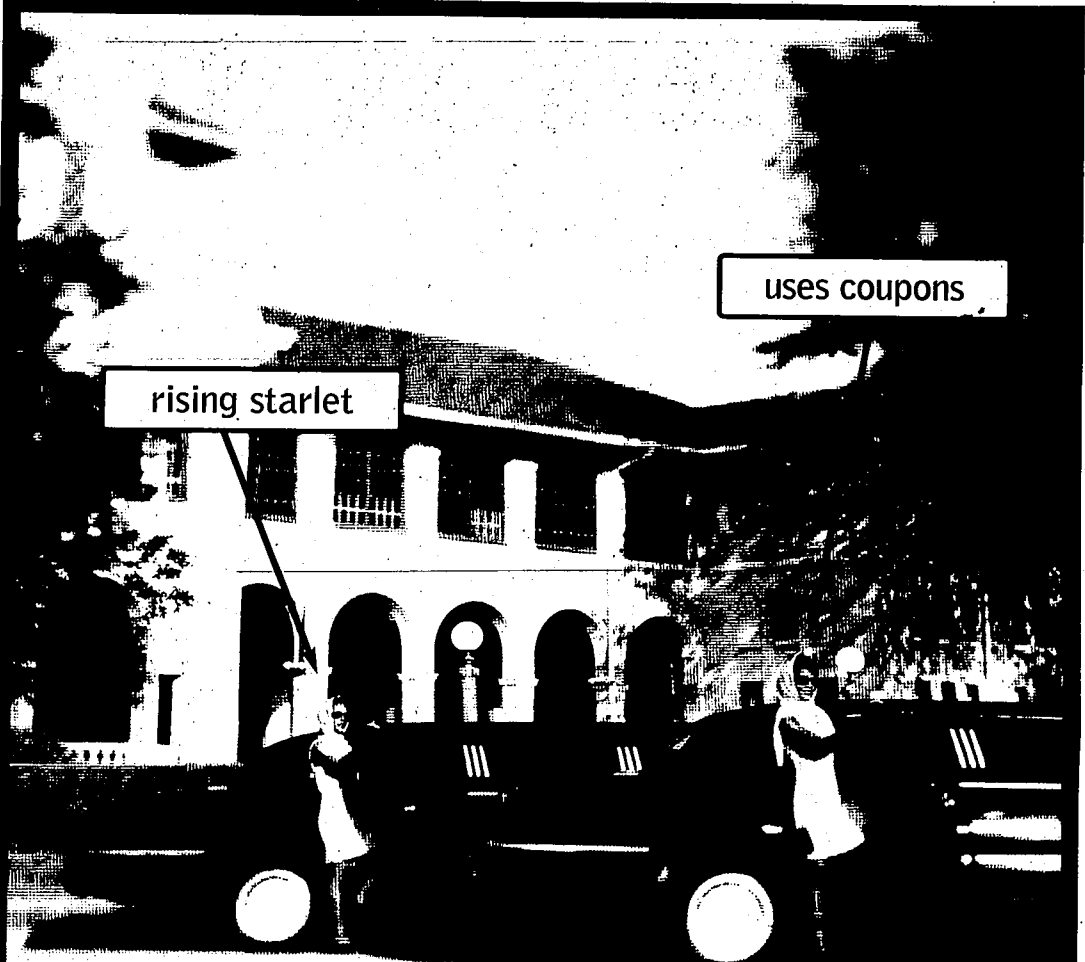
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# Bradley needs a win

**Knight Ridder News Service**

SEATTLE - They call it a beauty contest. In the world of presidential politics, this state's Democratic primary Tuesday simply doesn't count for much.

Except to Bill Bradley. With four losses and no wins, the former New Jersey senator and basketball legend has singled out this unlikely state as the site of a would-be comeback. He spent an astonishing six days campaigning feverishly here, and left Monday after imploring several thousand college students to "send a message" to the nation.

"People say we're behind. But people aren't here," Bradley said during a rainy rally on the quadrangle of the University of Washington. "People don't sense your energy, your idealism, your commitment. People don't sense your yearning for a new kind of politics."

"People don't sense your yearning for having politicians that give you straight talk, tell you what they want to do and then do what they say," he said.

"I offer that kind of future for us."

But the applause was tepid and, along with the raindrops, there was a sense in the air that Bradley has become something of a Don Quixote figure tilting at what could be his final windmill.

"I think he's a man of high intelligence and high integrity. That's the kind of person I'd like to see as president," said Astrid Cerny, 31, a student of Chinese and writing. "It disturbs me that people don't seem to want an intelligent candidate."

Even if Bradley wins here, in a primary that selects none of the delegates who will choose the party's nominee, he is likely to get only a small boost going into New York, California and 13 other states that hold Democratic primaries or caucuses next week, experts said. If he loses Washington state, they said, his campaign will be dead. "He really has to win in order to reclaim some credibility," said Bruce Buchanan, a political scientist at the University of Texas-Austin. "Bradley needs something dramatic to have a prayer."

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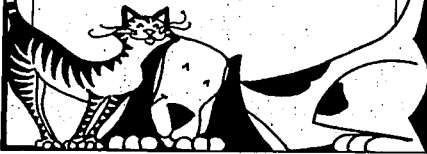
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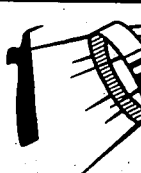
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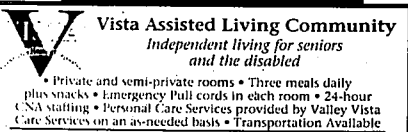
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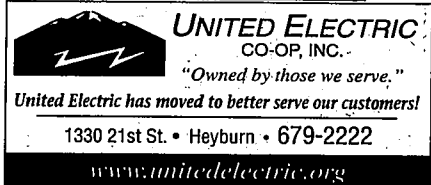
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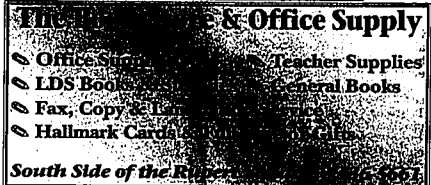
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# Bush claims record is evidence of reform

## Critics say business is only beneficiary

The Dallas Morning News Service

AUSTIN, Texas - To counter John McCain's message of campaign-finance reform, George W. Bush is touting his own six-year record in Texas as evidence that he is "a reformer with results."

Bush cites his efforts to cut taxes, change the civil justice system and pass patient protection laws.

"The primary beneficiary of these initiatives has been business, raising new questions about the definition of political reform - and who can authentically claim the mantle of reformer."



George W. Bush

"A reformer is one who restores the balance between special interests and everyday people, and he's tipped the scales in the other direction," said Craig McDonald of Citizens for Public Justice, an Austin-based group that tracks campaign contributions.

"He's a reformer who has delivered new policies, but policies that favor his top donors," McDonald said.

Bush allies disagree, saying the governor's economic agenda in office has helped everybody.

"It's reform because it helps create jobs in Texas," Bill Hammond, president of the Texas Association of Business and Chambers of Commerce.

"He has done things that make capital come to the state and, therefore, increase jobs. And, therefore, everyone benefits," he said.

On the stump as he pursues the governor's presidential nomination, Bush urges voters elsewhere to examine his record in Texas. "I bring an agenda of reform and a record of results," he says.

High on the agenda of results that Bush touts are tax cuts in Texas. The governor's most ambitious tax proposal came in 1997, when he outlined a \$3 billion plan to substantially reduce property taxes. Bush introduced the plan after meeting with Charles Walker, a key architect of the sweeping business tax changes President Ronald Reagan introduced after his 1980 election.

The Bush plan embodied an approach advocated by Walker, who at the time ran a Washington tax-reduction advocacy group funded largely by industries that would have benefited under the governor's proposal. Walker described himself as "one of many resources" helping the governor develop his proposal.

The Legislature rejected Bush's plan and, after considerable debate, agreed to apply \$1 billion from state surplus to property tax relief.

The governor touted the result as the largest tax cut in Texas history. He said it would particularly help lower-income Texans, who could see their tax bills cut by as much as one-half.

Subsequent studies indicate few homeowners saw any reduction because of local increases in tax rates and property valuation.

"The bottom line is that most homeowners paid at least as much the next year as they did the year before," said Dick Lavine, a fiscal analyst with the Center for Public Policy Priorities, a non-profit group that monitors the interests of the poor.

Last year, Bush advocated an additional \$2.6 billion in tax relief for business and consumers. The final package adopted by the Legislature included \$1 billion in property-tax relief and \$547 million in sales and other tax cuts for business and consumers.

Of the property-tax relief, 60 percent went to business and 40 percent to homeowners.

Of the other tax cuts, the benefits in the first two years are equally divided. For example, a search and development tax break for business and a back-to-school sales-tax holiday on clothing and supplies for consumers, according to a study by the Center for Public Policy Priorities. By 2004, however, business tax cuts will account for 60 percent of the total, the study found. In a speech in December in Iowa outlining his tax cut ideas in the presidential race, Bush said his record in Texas underscores his commitment to tax cuts that help lower- and middle-income people.

"These," he said, "are the basic ideas that guide my tax pol-

icy: lower taxes for all, with the greatest help for those most in need. Everyone benefits - while the highest percentage tax cuts go to the lowest income Americans. In his first legislative session

in 1995, Bush made so-called tort reform - limiting civil lawsuits against business in cases involving injury and death - a top priority. Assisted by business lobby groups, the governor

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# McCain takes on 'agents of intolerance'

WASHINGTON (AP) — John McCain derided Pat Robertson and other evangelical "agents of intolerance" Monday in a high-stakes bid to stretch the Republican coalition beyond the religious conservative base that has swayed GOP politics for more than a decade.

"We are the party of Ronald Reagan, not Pat Robertson," the Arizona senator said Monday in Virginia Beach, home of Robertson's Christian Coalition. "I am a Reagan Republican who will defeat Al Gore," he said. Rival George W. Bush "is a Pat Robertson-Republican who will lose to Al Gore."

McCain's advisers likened his visit to the lion's den to a 1992 address by Bill Clinton, who criticized a black rap artist while sharing the stage with the Rev. Jesse Jackson — dramatizing the Arkansas governor's pledge to rip the Democratic Party from the clutches of its most liberal elements. McCain's address marked a sharpening of his strategy to "build a bigger Republican Party" by courting independents, Democrats and moderate Republicans who normally don't participate in the political process.

Not ceding the evangelical vote, McCain was trying to reach beyond the leadership to social conservatives by saying the rank-and-file should not fear "new faces and fresh ideas."

Religious conservatives are an active component of the Republican coalition that controls Congress, an electrified "third rail" of GOP politics rarely crossed by candidates seeking a party nomination or needing help in a general election. "The social conservatives are an important part of the Republican coalition and they need to be part of a winning coalition to beat Al Gore," said GOP strategist Scott Reed, who ran Bob Dole's 1996 presidential campaign.

Exit polls showed that 17 percent of the general election voters in 1996 identified themselves as Christian conservatives. An overwhelming number of them backed Dole. In Virginia, where McCain faces Bush in an important Tuesday primary, 21 percent of all voters in the 1996 general election called themselves Christian conservatives. And one-fourth of California Republicans who voted in the state's 1996 primary were religious conservatives. They could play a critical role in the state's March 7 primary, which McCain believes he must win to keep his candidacy alive.

"Everything in politics has its downside," McCain campaign

manager Rick Davis said. A risk for McCain, he said, would be for his comments "to be characterized inappropriately as going on some anti-Republican, anti-religious right crusade."

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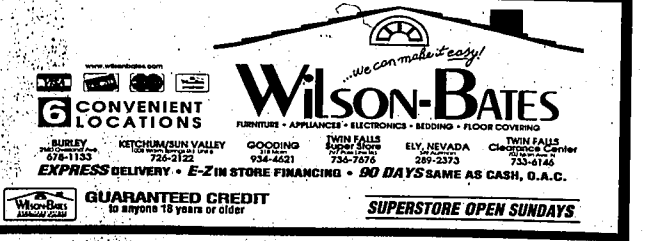


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## Help during taxing times Volunteers offer free tax help around valley

By Gina Mulder  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - If you think preparing tax returns can be somewhat taxing, fear not, there is help.

The Idaho Tax-Aide Program set up shop around the Magic Valley, Mini-Cassia and Wood River areas earlier this month.

The program's goal is to take the stress put of filing by offering free tax counseling and preparation services for those in the middle to low-income brackets and for people 60 years and older.

What makes this service unique is the people standing ready with pencil and calculator in hand.

"This program is run by volunteers and is the largest volunteer-run tax service in the nation," District Five Coordinator Bob Wunderly says. "We are not out to compete with paid tax preparers. We're here because we have the time and we want to help."

### Where to find help

Tax-Aide assistance is available at several Magic Valley senior centers. For more information about the program in your area, call: Filer 326-4808; Blaine County/Halley 788-3468; Gooding 934-5504; Kimberly 423-4339; Jerome 324-5102; Hagerman 837-8178; Wendell 536-6562; Buhl 543-4677; Rupert 436-6679; and Twin Falls 734-5084 and 733-3500.

The program started 31 years ago as a joint venture between the Internal Revenue Service and the American Association of Retired Persons Foundation, a subsidiary of the AARP, Wunderly says. Almost 10,000 people statewide last year received tax assistance through the program and Wunderly expects that many again this year.

"But, this isn't charity," Wunderly adds. "This was created to assist the IRS perform a mandated service of helping

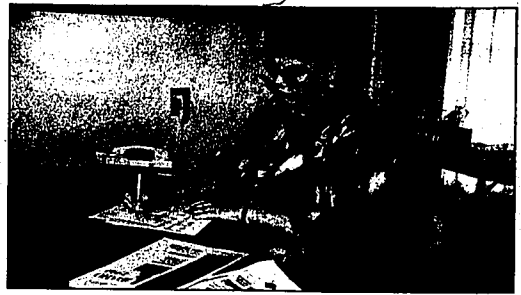
citizens complete their tax returns. We're just volunteers helping to accomplish that.

Anyone can volunteer to help - no tax experience is necessary. All that is needed is the ability to learn and desire to help.

About 30 volunteers this year spent five days in January, six hours each day, pouring over the latest tax rules and regulations. Students then had to score an 80 percent or higher on a five-part test.

The counselors are limited to preparing the 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ returns. But they can handle many tax situations facing low to moderate taxpayers such as child tax credits, earned income credit and dependent care credits. For the elderly, the counselors know about pensions, IRA distributions and Social Security issues.

This year, the State Tax Commission loaned the program six computers, which means some sites can file returns electronically, Wunderly says. The advantage: refunds arrive in half the time. Taxpayers who want to take advantage



Above, Joan Stokesberry has been a Tax-Aide volunteer for the past 23 years. Below, District Coordinator Bob Wunderly talks to Tax-Aide volunteers, who are training to provide free tax help to low to moderate income families. The tax help is available now throughout the Magic Valley.

of the program must bring a copy of last year's tax records, 1999 W-2, Social Security numbers and any other pertinent income and tax information and forms. Spanish-speaking taxpayers should bring an interpreter. Appointments are recommended.

## Filer woman spends 23 years as volunteer for tax season

By Gina Mulder  
Times-News correspondent

**FILER** - Joan Stokesberry heard the radio advertisement one winter's day. The Internal Revenue Service was recruiting volunteers to staff Tax-Aide sites around the Magic Valley. To Stokesberry, it sounded interesting and challenging.

"I was a housewife at the time and I didn't know if I would know enough to help do taxes, but I was willing to learn," Stokesberry recalls. "Besides, what did I

have to lose if it turned out that I couldn't do the work or if I didn't like it?"

But, Stokesberry did catch on and learned how to prepare a simple tax return and better yet, she liked it.

That was 23 years ago and today Stokesberry, a site coordinator, heads up the Valley Vista site in Twin Falls where senior citizens or taxpayers with moderate to low incomes can come for tax counseling and preparation.

Over the two plus decades, Stokesberry has seen the tax laws and requirements change.

The first textbook she used was thin and the volunteer test was shorter and a breeze to complete.

Now, both the text and test booklets have grown to nearly an inch thick and take much longer to review.

"The tests keep getting harder, too," Stokesberry adds.

As the site coordinator, Stokesberry is in charge of keeping the IRS forms in stock along with tracking clients and filling out progress reports. At the end of the season, she compiles a report and sends it to the American Association of

Retired Persons Foundation, a subsidiary of the AARP, which co-sponsors the program along with the IRS. When she isn't busy with reports, Stokesberry works with clients and prepares tax returns.

"I get a little burned out at the end of each tax season, I think about quitting," Stokesberry says. "But by the time the next year comes around, I always decide to give it just one more year."

It's the people that keep Stokesberry coming back for more. Meeting new people and getting to know them is just one



of the program's perks, she says. "I've met a lot of very nice people over the years and made some new friends along the way," Stokesberry adds. "Learning about the different cultures is interesting as well. It adds a little spice to the job."

## Historical association paves the way for visitors

By Coreen Hart  
Times-News correspondent

**ALMO** - Bill Scott says he's a member of the City of Rocks Historical Association because he's always loved history. Maybe that's why the members voted him this year's president.

"We're just always doing things to make it nicer for the visitors here," Scott says, who resides in Yost, Utah, 17 miles down the road from the City of Rocks National Reserves. "Last year, we restored an old horse-drawn wagon. This year, we'll do some nice displays and we're working on brochures to help people get around the park better."

Established in 1991, the purpose of the association is to increase visitor understanding of and appreciation for the reserve; aid in interpretive, educational and visitor-related services; conduct programs and distribute maps and other materials.

The association has 10 members. DeeAnn Spencer, also of Yost, Utah, is the group's secretary and produces a newsletter every three months. The current one showcases winter activities in the park, such as cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, snowmobiling, winter camping, ice climbing and wildlife viewing. The Rock Ledger is a two-page leaflet chock full of interesting tidbits.

Member John D. Russell works as the chief of interpretation at the City of Rocks so he deliberately keeps a low profile with the association. But he speaks highly of the group's goals and pitches in whenever he can.

"We've been able to donate some Nez Perce arrowheads and artifacts, even ground samples, to museum collections," Russell says.

One of his favorite days at the park last year was Reptile Day because it was great fun to have the visiting school children see the animals, Russell adds.

"I am interested in the history of the area and feel it is important to preserve it," Spencer says.



John Russell and Dee Ann Spencer pore over a map in the City of Rocks gift shop. The two are members of the City of Rocks Historical Association.

## Hagerman student is academic superstar

By Kellee Gaston  
Times-News writer

**HAGERMAN** - Ryan Urie has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade-point average since the first grade.

So, it's probably no surprise the senior at Hagerman High School was recently chosen as a finalist candidate for the National Merit Scholar competition.

"Ryan is intrinsically motivated," Hagerman School District Superintendent Lee Mitchell says. "You don't have to talk to him about doing well because he's headed in the right direction."

Urie, a Hagerman native, is the president of the Business Professionals of America club and Honor Society at Hagerman High School and is past student body vice president.

Urie has twice captured first place in the payroll accounting category at the state Business Professionals of America competition held annually.

Even busy students need hobbies. Urie includes music, reading and poetry among his interests and is a member of the International Society of Poets, achieving publication in four society anthologies.

He also plays guitar, piano and trumpet.

"My favorite music is classical," he says.

Urie would like to attend Rice University in Texas, but is also thinking about Albertson College, the University of Texas at Dallas, and the University of North Texas.

He takes physics, calculus, business administration and oil painting at Hagerman High School in the mornings and attends a communications and government course at the College of Southern Idaho in the afternoon.

"College classes are a lot more challenging," he says.

Urie hasn't selected a possible college major, but is interested in physics, creative writing, business administration and music composition.

"All of them have nothing to do with each other," he says.

Whatever major he settles on, Urie plans to earn a master's degree and with the support of Mitchell, become a Rhodes Scholar for the state of Idaho after he earns his bachelor's degree.

"He's a superstar," Mitchell says.

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Ryan Urie, a senior at Hagerman High School, is a finalist for the National Merit Scholarship and hopes to be a future Rhodes Scholar.



Key Clubs officers include, left to right, Jeremy Mason, vice president; Erica Littlefield, historian; and Mackenzie Gennel, president. Other officers are Shawna Clements, secretary; and Andrew Stevens, treasurer. Lisa Bell is the adviser with assistants, Trish Wetzelstein and Kimi Mletzner. Mike Phillips is the Kiwanis representative to the club.

## In school and out, Key Club takes activities seriously

By Mary Lou Potts  
Times-News correspondent

**BUHL** - The Key Club offers its own "breakfast of champions" fund-raiser, selling muffins and rolls to Buhl High School students in the morning.

Members are also planning an ice skating party as a fun outing to Sun Valley.

In November, the club collected canned food, delivering baskets to needy families. Members also regularly read to Head Start children.

Needless to say, the 60-member Key Club is one of the most active at Buhl High School.

Key Clubs are service clubs sponsored by the Kiwanis. The Key stands for Kiwanis Educating Youth.

Each member in good standing must do 50 hours of service to the community each year.

Most Buhl students exceed that and club service hours amount to 3,000 hours each year, the members say.

Key Club is an international organization, divided into districts. Some Buhl members plan to go to Salt Lake City, Utah for a district convention April 26-28 and Miami, Fla. for the international convention July 1-6. The current lieutenant governor of the Utah/Idaho District is Holly Machacek, a Buhl Key Club past president.

Club members have something scheduled most of the year. They attended leadership training in October at Pocatello, worked the volleyball concession stands and sponsored a successful "Powder Buff" volleyball game for boys, they say.

In December, they participated in the chili feed sponsored by the Kiwanis Club preceding the annual Buhl Christmas Light Parade. They also rounded up winter clothing for needy children as part of the Coats for Kids project and helped KMVT-TV distribute toys to 27 families in the Buhl area.

Plans are also under way for the Senior Citizens Frolic in May. Idaho Gov. Dirk and Mrs. Kempthorne have been invited and the governor has expressed interest in starting similar senior citizen projects throughout the state, the club says.

Members will also be involved in the Special Olympics this spring. The activities do not end with the school year.

Last July, club members worked on a fun run and sold admission tickets at the Twin Falls County Fair in September.

The Buhl club meets each Thursday during lunch break and invites guests. Past speakers have included Mayor Barbara Gletzen, College of Southern Idaho volleyball players, state Rep. Cella Gould, musician Karmella Nye and Eighth Street Cultural Center founder Kathy Ruets.



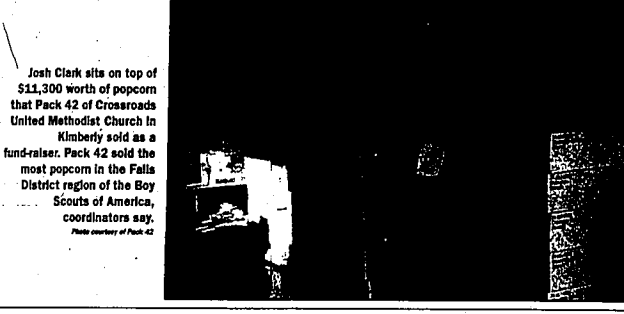
## TWIN FALLS COMMUNITY

### HEARTS AND BEAUS



Partygoers enjoy the music at the recent Hearts & Beaus Ball in Twin Falls. Co-sponsors — the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation and the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital Foundation — call the event a success with 116 reservations at \$45 per person. Local merchants also donated items for the silent auction. Proceeds benefit the establishment of the Magic Valley Health and Education Endowment.

### LOTS OF POPCORN



Josh Clark sits on top of \$14,300 worth of popcorn that Pack 42 of Crossroads United Methodist Church in Kimberly sold as a fund-raiser. Pack 42 sold the most popcorn in the Falls District region of the Boy Scouts of America, coordinators say.

## Twin Falls High announces honor roll

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School recently announced the honor roll for the first semester of the 1999-2000 school year.

Seniors on the high honor roll, earning a 4.0 grade-point average are Matthew Anderson, Jess Arrington, Sara Arrington, Jennifer Ashley, Victoria Bagdasarian, Sara Barton, Grant Bell, Tiffany Billington, Amy Black, Jackie Blair, Ashley Borron, Matthew Bowman, Brian Brown, Holly Casper, Laura Clark, Melissa Clark, Caleb Collins, Ann Connors, Lance Cook, Ciseo Davis, Jill Deagle, David Dods, Amy Edger, Emily Fivewood, Dustin Fry, Zach Gregersten, Tara Hansen, Kristi Hawes, Patrick Hobbs, Brian Huribut, Brad Hyatt, Jerry Hymas, Mami James, Caroline Jelavich, Jenny Kassie, Kelly Kramer, Matthew Krum, Brianna Lenz, Gustavo Lopez, Dale Martens, Adrian Mascorro, Almie McCloud, Jana Newbery, Nicholas Olsen, Christie Pait, Adam Paxton, Jennifer Phipps, Cara Pook, Derek Reis, Garrett Reynolds, Whitney Reig, Sarah Royalty, Jennifer Sechen, Kent Short, Deborah Sling, Daniel Evan Smith, Megan Stanger, Emily Sterling, Charise Strander, Jeremy Sudik, Casey Turner, Courtney Volkweiler, Robert Walker, Trevor Walker and Rachel Webb.

Seniors on the honor roll, earning between a 3.9 and 3.5 grade-point average are Evan Allan, Tessa Archibald, Rachel Arkoosh, Jillian Arrington, Joel Barker, Isaac Batchelor, Bea Beale, Wendy Beutler, Callie Blackwood, Chase Boyard, Kelly Boujain, Jennifer Boyd, Kristina Brook, Alison Brown, Sarah Brown, Joseph Brumbaek, Jonathan Brumbaek, Jaren Bunnell, Amy Casper, Chelsi Chadwick, Nicole Chentum, Toni Christensen, Melissa Connell, Alina Constantinou, Jolee Coward, John Cristobal, Jolene Davidson, Megan Delmore, Kristin Dotts, Danielle Bonan, Danielle Eilson, Lina Estrada, Andy Fisher, Jennifer Fort, Lori Foster, Belinda Frankes, Dana Frisbie, Tiffany Frisby, Geoff Gable, Kristen Gardner, Bryann Given, Megan Giffin, Ruben Guman, Horis Hadzicelmovic, Mimi Haneyke, Chelsea Hansen, Wendy Haymore, Joshua Hirtvink, Jeremy Hudson, Alaina Huether, Audrey Husncker, Deborah Jensen, Lauren Jensen, Angie Kasis, Angela Katon, Kendra Klein, Jillian Knapple, Sarah Laley, Victoria Lassiter, Brandi Lee, Becca Lepp, Doue Mater, Gian Makiak, Brady Martin, Jill Martin, Jaime McClaymonds, Jeremy McElliot, Annie Mitchell, Stephanie Mills, Jacquelyn Morgan, Shelly Olmstead, Hugh Olmstead, Amanda Pierce, Danielle Patton, Roman Patton, Stephanie Peck, Melinda Quigley, Jack Roberts,

Michael Rogers, Sara Sligar, Helen Smith, Jennifer Speirs, Ryan Spritzer, Megan Strallings, Stephanie Steel, Ashley Stevens, Erica Stimpson, Christopher Stoker, Andrew Stone, Melissa Stubbs, Jenna Tate, Allice Teaney, Elona Ter-Simery, Amber Terry, Ryan Thomas, Sammy Thomas, Darcy Thomas, Zach Thompson, Natalie Thurston, Nysie Turner, Shawn VanTassel, Brinley VanWagoner, Jill Vaughn, Jana Verburg, Elizabeth Verdusco, Jonathan Walker, Stephanie Wallin, Tyler Warburton, Jerrod Warr, Laura Wells, Shawn Wheeler, Sarah Wilkin, Christopher Willis, Travis Woodland, Marie Young and Kim Zigich.

Juniors on the high honor roll, earning a 4.0 grade-point average are Carmel Adrian, Eric Allan, Paige Allen, Ashley Allen, Valerie Aash, Levi Aspeythin, Matthew Barnes, Tam Bolton, Brockney Borron, Joel Brown, Carrie Butters, Jennifer Carvajal, Kerli Coats, Amy Cotover, Nathan Evans, Bud Lifer, Vaughn Harris, Abigail Harris, Bryant Hawkes, Jennifer Hedberg, Michael Henry, Erin Johnson, Adam Jusell, Lindsay Kevan, Holly Keay, Sara King, Lyricette Knopp, Krisi Kolouch, Lori Lynn, Jennifer Kroll, Andrea Lindberg, Erica Lively, Ivan Lopez, Joseph Michuda, Jessica May, Seth Merritt, Keri Morgan, Brandon Nielsen, Katy Nielson, Ashlee Pfeifferle, Eric Roy, James Smart, Natasha Sorenson, Scott Spritzer, Jeff St. Clair, Kaylie Steel, Kimberly Sutton, Alyson Swan, Kristina Vedder, Rachel Welch, Tyler White, Elizabeth Wonderful and Heidi Worthington.

Juniors on the honor roll, earning between a 3.9 and 3.5 grade-point average are Lisa Althorn, Celia Allen, Sadie Ashenbrenner, David Atkins, Geoffrey Bartram, Sean Bernhard, Savannah Bogges, Julianna Cali, Amy Chandler, Amanda Christensen, Whitney Christmann, Stephan Chisman, Jacquie Deuhl, Deborah Dotts, Nicole Drossy, Erin Drumming, Sean Edmunds, Cody Eldredge, Joshua Fisher, James Frey, Greg Galicia, Jennifer Guzman, Jennifer Harsh, Andra Harris, Kellen Harrison, Michelle Hartwell, Michelle Hazen, Justin Heatwole, Sydney Heister, Wendy Hillman, Elizabeth Hoque, Dixie Holloway, Scott Huber-Saldana, Kinsey Huddleston, Stacy Hussain, David Johnson, Elizabeth Jenks, Eric Jensen, Jill Jones, Emilia Kanarivska, Jenny Kinsey, Danielle Kolb, Kathleen Lan, Shavna Lancaster, Rhona Lanigan, Katherine Logz, Ben Meade, Daniel Miller, Danielle Mingo, Yolanda Montes, Shaylee O'Connor, Julie Koles Olander, Joel Osborne, Steve Pitcher, Michael Plane, Eric Rambo, Rhiannon Rodriguez, Michael Sanson, Jacob Steem, Dan Smith, Michael Smith,

## SENIOR CALENDAR

**Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center**  
616 Eastland Drive  
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.  
The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.  
Tuesday: Cook's choice.  
Wednesday: Ground beef stroganoff, spinach, corn salad, biscuit, fruit.  
Thursday: Chicken cartoon bleu, scalloped potatoes, mixed veggies, Jell-O with fruit, muffin, carrot cake.  
Friday: Ham and potato casserole, green beans, cottage cheese salad, muffin, dessert.  
Monday: Salisbury steak, potatoes, vegetables, whipped Jell-O, bread, shortcake.  
**Activities**  
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzle, and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday Blood pressure check 10 a.m. to noon.  
Tax assistance, please make appointment.  
Wednesday Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Elks card club.  
Thursday Patching 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Friday Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Blood pressure check 10 a.m. to noon.  
Tax assistance. Lunch bingo.  
Saturday Pancake breakfast; 8:11-30 a.m., \$3 donation for seniors 60 and over, \$4 for people 59 and under, \$2.50 children under age 12.  
Monday Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Foot clinic, make appointment.

**West End Senior Citizens Inc.**  
1010 Main St., Buhl.  
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.  
Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12-years-old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride.  
Tuesday: Lasagna, green salad, spinach, french bread.  
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, peas and carrots, roll, fruit, pudding.  
Thursday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, roll, cobbler; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.  
Friday: Fish and chips, salad, roll, cobbler, smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday: All-you-can-eat pork chops at 1 p.m.  
Monday: Sloppy Joes, macaroni salad, cheese sticks, fruit, brownie; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.  
**Activities**  
Thrift shop open every day. Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday Exercises, 7 to 8 a.m.  
Tax preparation 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.  
Thursday Exercises 7-8 a.m. Bingo 1-3 p.m. Karaoke meal 5:30 p.m.  
Friday Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.

**Flar Senior Haven**  
222 Main St., Flar.  
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.  
Tuesday: Chili, macaroni casserole.  
Thursday: Hot turkey sandwich.  
Friday: Barbecue beef on a bun.

**Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.**  
310 Main N., Kimberly  
Wednesday: Kansas meatballs, Friday Salad bar.  
Sunday: Dinner, cheese steak, noon to 2, \$5 for adults, \$2.50 children under 12, public is invited.  
**Monday: Beef stew.**  
**Activities**  
Wednesday Blood pressure check.  
Thursday Calls at 1 p.m.  
Friday Ribbon-cutting ceremony, dinner provided at noon. Ribbon-cutting ceremony and refreshments at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.  
Monday Board meeting 1:30 p.m.  
Volunteer tax preparation starting Tuesday, Feb. 8, for seniors and low income families. For more information, or to make an appointment, call Ageless Senior Citizens at 423-4338.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Party today honors Twin Falls man's retirement**  
TWIN FALLS — A retirement party for Bill Curry will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. today at Gem State Paper and Supply Company at 1801 Highland Ave. E. in Twin Falls.  
Curry has worked for the company for 35 years.

**CSI offers certified arborist program next month**  
TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center and the International Society of Arboriculture are offering a certified arborist program from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 9 and from 8 a.m. to noon March 10 in room 276 in the Taylor building on the CSI campus in Twin Falls.  
The program will teach tree nutrition and fertilization, tree biology, soil and water relations, cabling and bracing, identification and selection, diagnosis and treatment and safe climbing techniques.  
Cost is \$125 per person with the manual or \$60 without it. The International Society of Arboriculture certification exam will be given in June and requires a separate registration following a successful completion of the course.  
For more information, call CSI arborist Dave Kiesig at 733-9554, Ext. 2606.

**Twin Falls Pool hosts open kayak night, scuba lessons**  
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls City Pool will host an open kayak night and a discovery scuba class from 7:30-10 p.m. March 31 at its location on Stadium Boulevard near Twin Falls High School.  
Cost is \$5 per person and River Ratz will supply loaner boats. Dive Magic will instruct the scuba class. Cost is \$3 per person.  
For more information, call the Twin Falls City Pool at 734-2336.

**Spring Into Crafts Show set in April at armory**  
TWIN FALLS — The first annual Spring Into Crafts Show will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 1-2 at the Twin Falls National Guard Armory at 1069 Frontier Road near the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.  
Vendor booths are \$60 for an 8 x 10-foot space or \$40 for a 6 x 8-foot space.  
For more information or to reserve a booth, call Michelle Leback at 324-9568, or write at 1015 N. Fir 10A, Jerome, ID 83338.

**MOM group hears about martial arts, self defense**  
TWIN FALLS — The MOMS (Mothers Offering Mothers Support) Club will be having a speaker at its business meeting at 10:30 a.m. Friday.  
Martial arts and self-defense instructor Keith Owen will be offering safety tips.  
For more information, call Heather at 733-9167.

**Living with Chronic Illness support group meets**  
TWIN FALLS — Living with Chronic Illness support group meets the second Monday of every month at the Center for New Directions from 5:30-7:00 p.m.  
The purpose of the group is to help people face the common mental, emotional, physical and spiritual issues of living with a chronic illness. The group also welcomes family and friends affected by chronic illness.  
For more information please call Jodie at 733-9554, Ext. 2680 or Barbara at 734-7394.

**Psoriasis support group meets third Tuesday**  
Buhl — A psoriasis support group meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Buhl Moose Lodge, at 1101 Main St. Buhl.  
For more information call Evelyn Davenport at 543-6516.

**AARP Twin Fall Chapter meets at Office on Aging**  
TWIN FALLS — AARP American Association of Retired Persons, Twin Fall Chapter 4352 meets at 2 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Office on Aging at the College of Southern Idaho campus.  
For more information call Evelyn Davenport at 543-6516 or Jackie Shaffer at 737-5035 or Grace Crawford at 733-5258.

**O'Leary adds more students to honor roll**  
TWIN FALLS — The following O'Leary Junior High School students were inductively left off the first semester honor roll:  
Seventh-grade: all A's — Emily Jackson and Kimberly Sanchez; all A's and B's — Christopher Arens, Shakira Bandollin, Anca Bancu, Amy Bratvold, Jeri Cooper, Alyssa Draves, Lauren Gaines, Renata Hadzic, Lacey Higley, Caitlin Kirby Allison Lang, Matthew Lee, Connor McCormack, E.J. Morgan, Martin Pothier, Eric Streveld, Zachary Schaal, Emily Stremman, Jeremy VandenBosch and Sierra Widmer.

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**BIZFACTS**

**Trains and a drink**

• A shareholder has proposed to establish class warfare.

• **WALMART** - The retailer's stock price rose 1.5% to \$42.50.

• **AMGEN** - The pharmaceutical company's stock price rose 1.2% to \$52.00.

• **UNITED** - The airline's stock price rose 1.1% to \$28.00.

• **ORACLE** - The software company's stock price rose 1.0% to \$55.00.

• **INTEL** - The semiconductor company's stock price rose 0.9% to \$35.00.

• **IBM** - The computer company's stock price rose 0.8% to \$100.00.

• **MSFT** - The software company's stock price rose 0.7% to \$55.00.

• **GOOG** - The search engine company's stock price rose 0.6% to \$100.00.

• **YAHOO** - The internet company's stock price rose 0.5% to \$35.00.

• **EBAY** - The online auction site's stock price rose 0.4% to \$25.00.

• **AMZN** - The online retailer's stock price rose 0.3% to \$45.00.

• **DISNEY** - The entertainment company's stock price rose 0.2% to \$35.00.

• **APPLE** - The technology company's stock price rose 0.1% to \$55.00.

## Jerome chamber seeks new director

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** - Until March 15, the Jerome Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications from would-be executive directors, after firing its director this month.

Executive Director Tracey Klaas said Monday her firing was a disappointment, because she enjoyed the position she held for nine months, but also a relief

because of issues that arose during that time.

At a midnight meeting, the chamber's board members "decided unanimously to just release her of her position," said Jerome car dealer Con Paulos, winding up his term as the chamber's president. Klaas' termination was effective Feb. 18 and included severance pay, he said.

Last week, the board appointed Mary Miller, who had been Klaas' assistant in the chamber office, as

interim director, Paulos said. He encouraged anyone interested in the job to call the chamber office for an application. The board will begin interviews sometime after March 15.

Paulos said several issues were involved in the board's firing decision - "kind of a broad spectrum of some issues" - but he declined to name them.

"I wasn't really given a lot of reason, at all," Klaas said Monday, while on vacation out of town.

She was notified Feb. 18 - her last day - that there were personality conflicts and the only way for the board to fix the situation was to let her go, she said. She, also, declined to be more specific.

Klaas said her annual salary was \$24,000.

Her replacement's pay probably will depend on experience, Paulos said. Past directors' salaries have ranged widely, he said.

Klaas, who worked for a Twin Falls television station before her

chamber job, said she doesn't know what she'll do next. She'll likely conduct a job search in the Twin Falls area.

"I do wish the chamber the best of luck," Klaas said, adding that she was glad to be part of the chamber's accomplishments in the past nine months.

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### BRIEFLY IN MONEY

#### Good workers keep things under control

**BURLEY** - A productive worker is one who manages time, stress and emotions - on and off the job - says Diana Rowe Paulos of the Center for New Directions.

The center, at the College of Southern Idaho, said it is offering "WorkSmart: Self-Management Skills" to assist employees in becoming more productive by developing self-management skills. But not just; the center is asking for immediate registrations.

Training participants will set goals for improvement in these areas. They will learn new techniques for self-control, dependability and efficiency, Paulos said.

"WorkSmart: Self-Management Skills" will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, March 1-15, at CST's Mini-Cassia center.

Preregistration is required. The fee for one credit is \$64. Scholarships and employers discounts are available. For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2680, or 1-800-680-0274, Ext. 2680.

#### Northwest farm credit nets higher earnings

**SPOKANE, Wash.** - Northwest Farm Credit Services announced earnings of \$46.8 million - slightly higher than originally forecast - and growth of loan volume owned and serviced of 7 percent for 1999.

Total capital in the association increased 12.9 percent during the year to \$405.1 million at the end of 1999, Farm Credit Services said.

"Congressional action this past fall provided relief to many Northwest ag producers which allowed the producers to continue to meet their financial obligations and move forward with their production plans for 2000," said Jay Penick, president and chief executive.

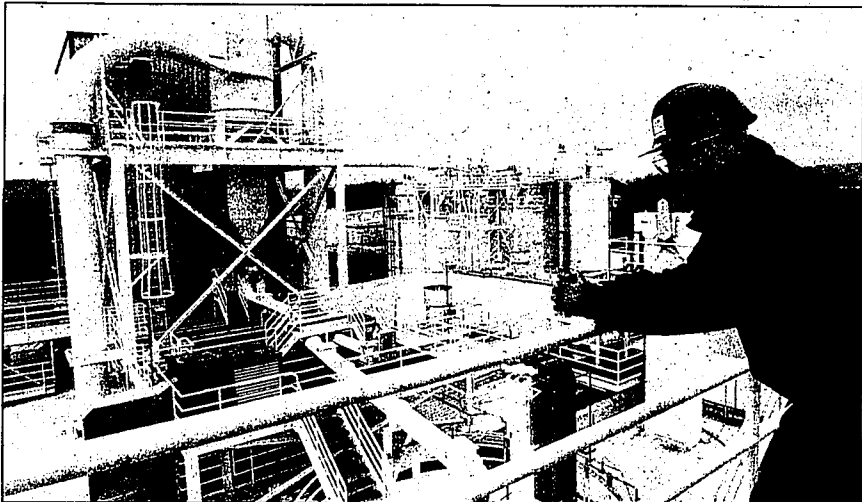
"Although we expect modest improvement in agriculture's economy during 2000, it will again be a challenging year for many producers," Penick said.

Total accrual loan volume owned and serviced by the association increased by 7.4 percent to \$32 billion at Dec. 31, Farm Credit Services said. Nonaccrual loans were 1.3 percent of the portfolio at Dec. 31, down from 1.6 percent a year earlier. At year-end, delinquencies greater than 30 days were 1.47 percent of the total loans compared with 1.7 percent at 1998's year-end.

The company provides financing and related services to farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses, aquatic harvesters, timber producers and rural homeowners in Idaho and other states.

Compiled from staff reports

### Western business



Joerg Bleeck, majority owner of Columbia River Carbonates, looks over his Woodland, Wash., plant, which grinds limestone rock from Republic, Wash., into various dry slurry products.

## Right down to the nitty-gritty work

### Carbonate producer develops diverse market for his wares

The Associated Press

**WOODLAND, Wash.** - Fourteen years ago, it wasn't at all certain Columbia River Carbonates would succeed.

From the time company founder Joerg Bleeck started up the \$7 million plant in 1986, he battled on several fronts to sell calcium carbonate to Northwest industries.

At the beginning, those sales proved disappointing because his main target, the region's paper producers, were unwilling or unable to alter long-established supply lines and technologies.

Neither were the plant's neighbors very friendly. Many were suspicious of the dust and noise the operation might cause and

became more critical when an expansion plan meant to stabilize the business was unveiled.

But Bleeck is no ordinary man, say local business people.

"He literally willed this company into existence," said Reed Sherar, a consultant to Columbia River Carbonates.

"What Joerg has been able to do is take a negative and make it a positive," said Dave Ripp, executive director of the Port of Woodland. "When the paper industry fell through, he looked for other opportunities. He worked with the community."

Calcium carbonate is the stuff that gives toothpaste its grit. It brings brightness to slick color magazine pages. It provides filler for everything from antacids to paint. Calcium carbonate, better known in its natural forms as chalk, limestone and marble, helps things hold together.

Today, 55 employees produce a variety of calcium carbonate for Northwest industries, includ-

ing dry products and slurries. Customers include papermakers, extruded PVC pipe manufacturers, bathroom fixture manufacturers and the food industry, to name a few.

Rock tonnage through the Woodland facility has been increasing lately by about 10 percent a year. That growth rate is expected to continue.

Columbia River Carbonate's improved business profile can be attributed to:

- A shift in investment partners in 1993 from Genstar Corp. to Northwest Carbonates Inc., a subsidiary of Pluess-Staufner, a Swiss-owned worldwide carbonate producer.

- Bleck Management Inc. is still the controlling partner.
- Use of feedback to improve both the work environment for employees and to provide top-notch technical service to customers.

The company also asked the advice of nearby residents in order to reduce the impact of

operations on the neighborhood.

- Continued investment in new equipment in response to customers, markets and environmental issues. In the past two years, the company has spent \$2 million on process improvements to manage noise, dust and water discharge.

- The recruitment to Woodland of Hamilton Materials, a drywall compound manufacturer out of California.

- The plan called for Hamilton, which uses large amounts of carbonate in its products, to buy and build a plant on land owned by Columbia River Carbonate, just across Peikin Road. The two plants would be connected by an underground pipeline, which would move calcium carbonate powder underground from one plant to the other with no dust, no noise and, maybe most importantly, no transportation costs.

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## Rallying the Sears troops

### Retailer calls 900 managers to headquarters

Knight Ridder News Service

**HOFFMAN ESTATES, Ill.** - For the top brass at Sears, Roebuck and Co., it's do or die in 2000.

The nation's second-largest retailer - with stores in Twin Falls Burley and Hailey - has been losing ground for the past three years as aggressive competitors such as Kohl's Corp. and Target have increased their market share among Sears' core middle-income shoppers.

Now it's time to rally the troops.

For the first time in 15 years, Sears is flying in almost 900 store managers for a field meeting this week at the retailer's sprawling headquarters in northwest suburban Hoffman Estates.

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## Sears launches online purchasing exchange

Bridge News

**HOFFMAN ESTATES, Ill.** - Sears, Roebuck and Co. said Monday it plans to form an online business-to-business purchasing exchange with French retailer Carrefour SA and U.S. software giant Oracle Corp.

Sears and Carrefour said they will share a majority stake in the exchange, to be called GlobalNetXchange, while Oracle will hold a minority stake. Shares in the business could eventually be sold to the public, the companies said.

Sears, Carrefour and Oracle said their goal is to enable the entire retail supply chain, a \$5 trillion industry, to do business on the Web.

"This is a revolution in retail," said Sears chairman Arthur C. Martinez. "It will forever redefine supply-chain processes, increase collaboration with sup-

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MONEY

Income jumps faster than spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' incomes went up faster than their spending did last month, the first time that's happened since October 1999.

Personal income, which includes wages, interest and government benefits, increased by a sizable and expected 0.7 percent in January, the Commerce Department said Monday.

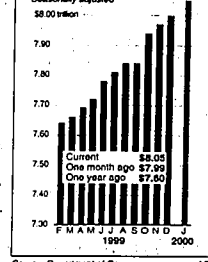
A number of factors boosted income, including cost-of-living adjustments to Social Security payments and other government benefits programs, pay raises for federal workers and military personnel, and federal subsidy payments to farmers, the government said.

Still, excluding these factors, incomes grew by 0.6 percent, suggesting that Americans, posting strong income gains, started the new year off on solid footing.

Consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of all eco-

Income rise

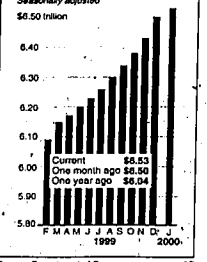
Here is a look at Americans' personal income.



Source: Department of Commerce

Spending increases

Here is a look at the nation's personal spending.



Source: Department of Commerce

nomical activity and is powering the red-hot growth in the U.S. economy, rose by a brisk 0.5 percent last month — a slightly stronger than the gain many analysts were forecasting.

"Income growth is providing a significant thrust for consumer spending," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist for the Bank of America Asset Management Group.

EchoStar president says firm trumps competition

Knight Ridder News Service

DENVER — EchoStar Communications Corp. founder Charlie Ergen recalls surviving on food stamps two decades ago to build what would become the Dish Satellite TV network.

Today, he says he finally has the perfect product and will spend \$100 million this year to tell the world about it.

"We feel we've leap-frogged the competition, and our system is built out the way we've always envisioned," Ergen said Thursday during a three-day EchoStar dealer conference in Denver.

"We hesitated to talk about it in the past because we didn't have the system in terms of capacity," he said.

EchoStar this year will spend more than \$100 million on a television, radio and print advertising blitz, touting its Dish TV Network's improved 500-channel packages, interactive and recording features, local TV programming and special rebates on equipment. This fall, the company also will offer high-

speed Internet service via a single satellite TV dish.

"It's excellent news," said Jim Lyle of Las Vegas, who sells the Dish satellite systems and attended EchoStar's conference.

"Customers are screaming for variety for choices, and we'll have the additional capacity to give it to them."

Bargain hunters send stocks back up

NEW YORK (AP) — Bargain hunters grabbed blue-chip stocks Monday, sending the Dow Jones industrial average soaring more than 176 points in a sharp recovery from last week's sell-off.

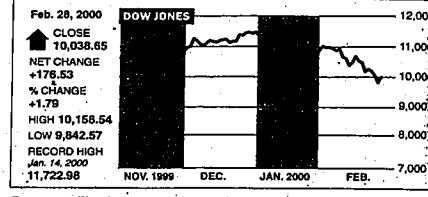
While the Dow posted big gains, the Nasdaq composite index closed lower after a volatile session for technology stocks.

The Dow rose 176.53 to 10,035.5, climbing back above the 10,000-mark that it dropped below Friday for the first time since last April. The average was up more than 294 points in late afternoon Monday before pulling back.

The Nasdaq composite index, which fell 124 points early Monday, finished the day only slightly lower with a loss of 12.65 to 4,577.85. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 14.69 to 1,348.05.

"Stocks never go up or down in a straight line. They bounce around, and that's exactly what we saw in the market today," said A.C. Moore, chief investment strategist for Dunvegan Associates in Santa Barbara, Calif.

In recent weeks, much of the stock market — especially blue-chip issues — has been battered by fears that the Federal



Reserve will raise interest rates for the fifth time in a year to reduce inflationary pressures in the robust U.S. economy.

But investors managed to look past such concerns on Monday, instead focusing on the cheap prices available as a result of the sharp decline in financial services, real estate and stocks over the last few weeks.

American Express, which has fallen sharply from the 52-week high of 169.5 reached on Feb. 1, rose 7/8 to 123 5/8 on Monday, the biggest gainer in the Dow.

"Today was a mirror image of the dismal performance on Friday that left investors trembling," said Alan Ackerman,

senior vice president at Fahrenstok & Co. "But today it reversed itself and there was a genuine sign of relief in the market."

Still, analysts warned that the Dow's dramatic rise might be short-lived and many expect the index to fall back into its volatile pattern in coming weeks as investors continue to shift money into companies with the best chance for rapid earnings growth.

That should bode well for the Nasdaq, which comprises many companies that are on the forefront of the new economy.

In recent weeks, the Nasdaq has outperformed the Dow, hitting seven record highs in February while the Dow has tumbled about 1,000 points.

AOL will deliver features to wireless users

Bridge News

DULLES, Va. — America Online Inc., the world's largest Internet service provider, announced a series of agreements Monday to deliver popular AOL features to wireless phone customers.

The agreement with wireless service providers Sprint PCS and BellSouth Corp., cell-phone mak-

ers Nokia Corp. and Motorola Inc., wireless device-maker Research In Motion Ltd. of Canada and pager company Arch Communications Inc. will allow consumers to use their mobile devices to access AOL e-mail, instant messaging and several other services previously available only through direct connection to the World

Wide Web.

"Today's wireless announcements are a major step forward for the AOL Anywhere strategy — allowing consumers to be connected anywhere," said Steve Case, chairman and chief executive of AOL.

AOL is in the process of completing its acquisition of Time Warner Inc.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, CUSIP, and various stock symbols like AAPL, AMZN, etc.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ with columns for Most Active, Gainers, and Losers.

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Table listing various NASDAQ stocks with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and CUSIP.

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How to read the 625 stock table on the New York Stock Exchange... Includes instructions on interpreting the data columns.

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Table listing American Stock Exchange stocks with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and YTD.

CLOSING FUTURES

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Table listing sugar futures contracts, including New York and London, with their respective prices and changes.

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FOSSIL FUELS

Table listing fossil fuel futures contracts, including oil, natural gas, and heating oil, with their respective prices and changes.

METALS/CURRENCY

Table listing metals and currency futures contracts, including gold, silver, and various currencies, with their respective prices and changes.

Sears

Continued from D1. "It's sort of a sales rally," said Sears spokeswoman Peggy Paltor. "But more importantly, they'll be getting information about what our strategy is and what areas they should be focused on."

The message is Let's squeeze a little more out of the orange," said Sid Doolittle, a veteran Chicago retail consultant. "The survival issue is boosting shareholdings on the equity."

The National Association of State Attorneys General is planning to fly over headquarters with a banner reading, "Sears Unfair to Retirees."

The depressed stock price is expected to be a hot-button issue at the annual meeting, because many store managers hold stock options with exercise prices of \$40 a share and \$60 a share, far above where the stock has been trading.

Online

Continued from D1. GlobalNetExchange, which will be available to suppliers and buyers, is scheduled to be launched next week.

Grit

Continued from D1. Council to help bring Hamilton to Woodland. "The project, which took more than a year through lots of battles with the community," recalled Clint Page, executive director of the development council.

The Hamilton plant, which allowed CRC to increase its allowed capacity, has been successfully operating since August.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table listing various mutual funds, including domestic, international, and specialty funds, with their respective names, assets, and performance metrics.

# COMICS

Classic Peanuts



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For Better or For Worse



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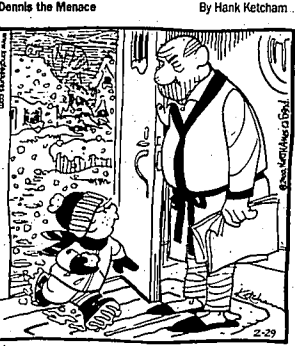
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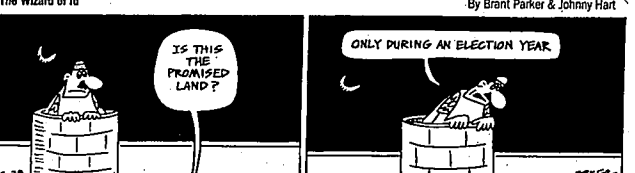


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"Hi, Mr. Wilson. Bet you were afraid this weather would keep me at home."

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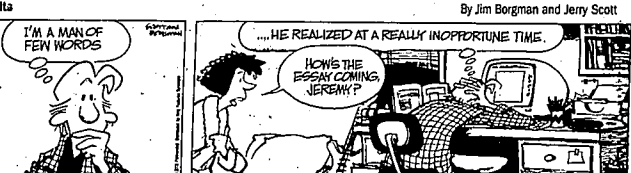
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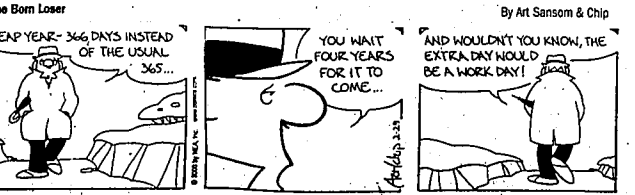
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**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

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# Take heart short people; you just might live longer

So you thought Atlantic hurricanes start at the equator? Maybe so, but they're not hurricanes when there. Professional weather watches say no tropical cyclone has been observed within 5 degrees latitude of the equator. Ugly creatures, lobsters. Most remain edible. Understandable.

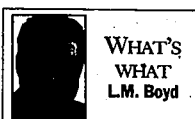
Up jumps the question once again: Do short people tend to live longer than tall people? Periodic surveys come up with contradictory findings on this matter. But a recent study of 3,000 professional baseball players of the past indicates - with a few exceptions - the shorter the player, the longer he lived.

It only takes you an hour longer to fly from London to Tokyo than from Los Angeles to Tokyo.

When the weather is coldest, your blood pressure is highest. Probably because cold constricts blood vessels, the doctors say. Medical records in both Scotland and New Zealand indicate deaths from cardio-vascular diseases go up 30 percent in the cold months.

Q. If the moon fell to earth, what would be the diameter of the dent?  
A. About the same as the distance between Boston and Houston.

A student of music asks, "What kind of musical instrument is



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powered by a 365 hp engine?" The Auditorium Organ in Atlantic City, N.J. With 1,477 stops and 33,112 pipes. World's largest organ, that one.

Only one in every three people is susceptible to motion sickness, if the statisticians have this one right.

Nasal cavities of numerous dinosaurs were half as big as their skulls, and scientists think those proboscis pits served to cool the big beasts' brains. Didn't help, evidently.

Q. How far away can a hawk spot a rabbit?  
A. A mile maybe. That's the usual guess of experts.

Were you born before 1957? If so, you've probably had the menses. Medical researchers say just about everybody born earlier did.

It was yesteryear's Ogden Nash who said, "Progress might have been all right once, but it has gone on too long."

# Pisces: Don't let bureaucrats trip you

**IF FEBRUARY 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You are intuitive, possess intellectual curiosity, are fascinated by astrology and mantic arts and sciences. During this year you change residence and possibly marital status. Plenty of decorating, remodeling featured. June and November will be outstanding months for you in 2000.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You find it hard to believe what you hear, see. People who are usually staid now act in eccentric manner. In romance, protect self in emotional clinches.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Be practical, don't sell yourself short, participate in financial maneuver which could make you rich. Capricorn, Cancer natives will figure prominently.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Travel is distinct possibility, check with those knowledgeable concerning foreign lands. Locate individual to represent your talent, product. Dramatic reunion.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Shake-up due, legal dilemma involved, face the music. Focus on

**HOROSCOPE**  
Sydney Omarr

cooperative efforts, partnership, marriage. Capricorn attempts to tie up assets.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Focus on direction, motivation, necessity for meditation. Emphasis on commitments, partnership, marital status. Check accounts, computer error could be involved.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Discuss foreign affairs with Pisces, find out what you can about language, habits. Do plenty of pro-reading, research. You impress higher-ups favorably.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Some people attempt to trip you up. Be sure path is clear. Obstacles are minor, bureaucrats involved, you get green light from those in positions of authority.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Let people know you are going to travel, to read and write and to make your mark. Those who express doubts will be eventually won over.

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**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Emotions under control - focus on home, decorations, marital status. You are due for money, could be from surprise source. Color blue figures prominently.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Cycle high, circumstances turn in your favor. Be selective, make personal appearances, insist on quality. People are drawn to you, look to you as role model.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Some will be astounded - you clear emotional debris. Act with style, conviction. Older individual professes admiration. Love relationship gets warm.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Long-range project featured. You perceive potential and latch on to winning hand. Predict future, make it favorable for you. Aries, Libra persons involved.

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MORNING BREAK

# To Grandma's house we go: Mother worries about baby-proofing

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a first-time mother of a beautiful 18-month-old son. My mother is crazy about being a grandma and begs me to come for extended visits so she can get to know her grandson. I just returned from a week's visit - and I am exhausted. Why? Because Mother refuses to "baby-proof" her house for our visits, so I spend all my time watching my son to ensure that he doesn't break something valuable, or get into the bleach under the kitchen sink.

Every baby book you buy stresses the importance of baby-proofing during the toddler years, so here are a few suggestions I have for grandparents who want their grandchildren to have a safe visit:

1. Move all cleaning supplies, cosmetics and room deodorizers UP to a high shelf or cupboard.
2. Invest in outlet covers and drawer and cupboard locks. They are inexpensive and easy to remove after visits.
3. Put away all hard candies, coins, glass-framed photos, candles, and anything of sentimental value before your grandchild arrives.
4. Plants, animal litter boxes, per food, detergents and caustic chemicals should be out of reach and out of sight.

## Prince Charles tours Caribbean, visits school

MOUNT ROSSER, Jamaica (AP) - Singing "We welcome you, Prince of Wales!" schoolchildren invited a smiling Prince Charles to inspect their gardens and plant a tree Monday.

The visit to Mount Rosser Primary School was part of the prince's three-nation Caribbean tour. He visited Trinidad and Guyana last week.

Children showed the prince their gardens of string beans and avocado trees in the courtyard, then beamed as he commended their compost heap. He planted a Lignum Tree - the national tree of Jamaica - outside the school, which specializes in teaching conservation to children.

The visit comes as Jamaica moves to sever its symbolic ties with Britain, removing Queen Elizabeth II as its ceremonial head of state and eliminating the role of her local representative, the governor general. Jamaica will remain a part of the Commonwealth, a loose affiliation of Britain and its former colonies.

The prince was scheduled to crisscross the country Monday and Tuesday, visiting a marine laboratory that researches coral reefs, an employee-owned cooperative that makes Caribbean sauces and a poor community of Kingston beset by gang wars.



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abigail VanBuren

5. Sharp-edged furniture, such as coffee tables or end tables, should have easily installed corner protectors applied, or should be turned on their sides during visits. One of my girlfriends told me that when she's coming for a visit,

her mother buys diapers, baby wipes and appropriate baby food. She also has bibs, baby cups and spoons on hand. She even buys age-appropriate toys to keep at her house so her granddaughter has special toys to look forward to playing with during the visit.

In most cases, it's been about 20 years since these grandparents have been around babies. I think if they would read a current baby/toddler book, they would be surprised to learn about the new information available.

- BENT OUT OF SHAPE

**DEAR BENT IN BEND:** Your suggestions for grandparents seem sensible to me, and worth sharing with any new grandparent who might be out of touch. Since your mother seems to fall into that category, send her a book on baby/toddler child care as a gift. It could save her, you and your son a lot of stress or even an unfortunate accident.

**DEAR ABBY:** While on a whitewater rafting trip, I was rescued from drowning by a man in a kayak, and I can't stop thinking

about him. I am happily married, but am worried that I have "fallen in love" with the man who saved my life: The man not only pulled me out of the water, he held my hand and kept eye contact for 15 minutes while I was in shock. He took care of me until I felt safe again.

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## Color on the Palm in your hand

### Company readies for IPO with flashy new products

**Knight Ridder News Service**

Betting that more consumers want more than black-and-white at their fingertips, Palm Inc. flipped back the cover Tuesday on its first color model, the Palm IIIc.

Like its predecessors, the \$449 Palm IIIc is lightweight and easily slips into a pocket or purse. New features let users compile a digital photo album and play backgammon in shades of green, pink and brown.

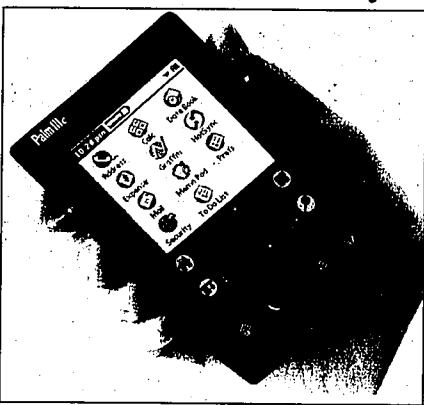
"We believe this will be the lightest, smallest, full-functioning, hand-held computer anybody is offering today," said John Cook, director of consumer product marketing for Palm Inc., a unit of 3Com Corp.

However, the new Palm, which comes with 8 MB of memory, could have a tough time finding an audience due to its bulky profile, a lack of applications that need color and its roughly five-hour battery life.

Regardless of its long-term success, the long-awaited color Palm device is sure to heighten the buzz about the Santa Clara company just before its planned spin-off this week from parent company 3Com Corp., a Santa Clara networking company that acquired Palm in 1997.

Palm hopes to raise about \$570 million by selling 23 million shares to ordinary investors and 15 million shares to three corporate partners - America Online Inc., Motorola Inc. and Nokia Corp. - at \$14 to \$16 apiece. 3Com plans to spin off the remaining 93 percent of the company to its shareholders later this year.

Palm is not the first company



AP Photo

Palm Inc., a unit of 3Com Corp., unveiled the first color-equipped Palm hand-held computer, the Palm IIIc, Feb. 22. In addition to the color screen, the device sports 8 MB of memory and a built-in rechargeable battery. The Palm IIIc retails for \$449.

on the block to offer color screens. Competitors such as Casio Computer Co., Hewlett-Packard Co. and Compaq Computer Co. make similarly priced hand-held devices with color screens that run Microsoft Corp.'s Windows CE software.

Cook said competitors' machines are larger and bulkier than the Palm IIIc and don't have the long-lasting battery power needed for color screens.

"We didn't want to just add color. We wanted to be able to offer it in a small form. This is pretty critical," said Cook.

The Palm IIIc weighs about 6.8 ounces, compared to 10.9 ounces

for the rival Compaq Aero 2130. "It's really easy to slip into a pocket or purse and not be tied down to it," Cook said.

But not everyone is as sanguine about the Palm IIIc - or the company's IPO.

Though researchers at International Data Corp. say Palm Inc. had a 68 percent worldwide market share for PDA computers in 1998, the emerging field of hand-held devices is extremely competitive.

"People will buy it, but I think they will be disappointed," said Rob Enderle, vice president in charge of mobile and desktop technology for Giga Information

Group in San Jose.

For one thing, Enderle said, the Palm IIIc will likely encourage users to keep it on longer than 20 minutes a day, the average time Palm figures users usually spend on a hand-held computer.

"People tend to do more on color screens, like play games and do things that are more time-intensive," said Enderle. While 20 minutes a day for two weeks before a recharge is laudable, he said, people will probably go over the daily allotment and drain power faster.

Moreover, he said, it's hard to improve on the popular Palm V, which is sleeker, cheaper, easy to use and has a longer battery life because it runs in black and white.

Eric Bing, a loyal Palm III user, said a Palm with color would be nice, but he wants to wait until more applications and programs are available before buying one. "And at \$449, that's a little bit more than I would like to pay right now," said Bing, an applications architect at Oracle Corp. in Redwood Shores, Calif., who has written his own simple Palm program.

As for the IPO, Enderle says the company remains known most for its hardware, yet it is trying to license its software to others and expand more into Internet services.

"The market is getting kind of confused over who they are," said Enderle. "Investors may simply not know what value to put on Palm."

In addition to the color device, Palm introduced two other new products Tuesday: the \$249 Palm IIIe with 8 MB of RAM for customers working with many applications or large data needs, and the \$99 Palm Portable Keyboard, a collapsible full-size keyboard that allows a user to type data into any Palm hand-held computer.

## Data trapped on old Atari disk? Mac to the rescue!

By Jim Coates  
Chicago Tribune

Q. An author came to our publishing house with a novel written on an Atari disk and I would like to know how I go about transferring the disk to a Windows 95 computer. I am small press and publish two or three books a year - mostly children's books. The book on the Atari disk is a full-length war novel of about 400 pages.

-Bette Peterson, Poppy Lane Publishing Co., Fresno, Calif.

A. It isn't going to be easy for you to jump through all the required hoops but I've got your answer, Ms. P., and it's a geek's daydream come true. Since the Atari PCs of the early '80s are rare as hens' teeth these days, most Atari nuts have taken to running their Atari-only software on Macintosh computers using a software program called an emulator to ape the inner workings of the defunct Atari. You can get this Mac emulator at: <http://www.emulation.com/atari/index.html> it's free.

You then will need to save that Great American Novel as text files on Mac-formatted floppy disks and feed all 400 pages into your conventional Windows PC.

Q. How can I transfer someone's desktop background to my computer desktop background?

-Sandra Feir

A. Your short question requires a lengthy answer, Ms. P., but stick with me and you'll soon be able to dress up your desktop with an endless variety of images.

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You can use a floppy disk to move the picture on somebody else's PC desktop onto your own machine. First, of course, you need to find the picture.

So, with the cursor on the desktop of your friend's machine right-click the mouse and chose Properties. A box will come up with the name of whatever file is being used as the background picture highlighted.

Now that you know the name, click on Start and then Find File folder and then type in the name of the file.

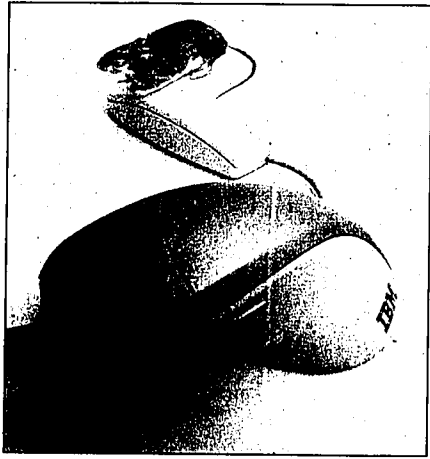
This will call up the icon for the picture. If you right-click on that icon, the box that appears will include the Send To command. It will let you copy the picture to a floppy disk. Put that floppy in your own machine's drive and move the picture onto your desktop.

Once you have the picture file on your PC you reverse the process. To keep it simple, drag the icon for your new picture to the My Documents folder on the desktop of your PC. Finally, right-click once again on the desktop and pick the browse button on the display you get.

This will let you click on a tiny icon shaped like a desk blotter for your desktop, then on the My Documents folder and finally on the picture icon.

Click the box called Apply on that last display and the new photo will become your own desktop display.

### MOUSING AROUND IN STYLE



The IBM ScrollPoint Pro Mouse, announced Monday, demonstrates design innovation and the evolution of the mouse from computer peripheral to high-tech, functional art. Internet users with this contoured mouse will enjoy comfortable, pressure-sensitive scrolling in any direction. A programmable third button offers one-touch access to nearly any user-defined function.

## Real Feel PoolShark is nice idea, but only scratches

The Dallas Morning News

Those who want a bit more interaction with their computer pool games may be tempted by Interact's Real Feel PoolShark. It's an interesting device, but despite its name, it doesn't have the feel of a real game.

PoolShark hardware consists of a mouse-like device that connects to the computer's USB port. You run a mock cue stick over a roller atop the device to simulate stroking. This gadget comes with Ultimate 8 Ball from THQ and is compatible with other mouse-supported pool games.

PoolShark isn't difficult to understand but is awkward to use. A couple of flesh-and-bone pool sharks who tried out the controller for me both concluded that it doesn't approach the feel of a real game. Players have little control over the force or speed of

a shot with the cue stick, although reverse spin and top English are somewhat realistic. PoolShark has potential; it's

just not there yet. The device works with Windows or iMac systems with a USB port. Visit <http://www.interact-acc.com>

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## 'Cheap' PC deals will wind up costing a bundle

By James Coates  
Chicago Tribune

Q. What are your thoughts on reducing the purchase price of a new computer using one of those rebate offers which include a three-year Internet Service Provider subscription? I am trying to help a relative buy a first machine for a 13-year-old without paying too much money.

-Sandra Fink@aol.com

A. Not to put too fine a point on things, I have had a bevy of outfits like Best Buy, Circuit City, CompUSA and the rest of the pack, insulating the intelligence of their customers with prices that not only are bogus, but are based on an utterly lousy rebate scheme.

It was bad enough back in the days when ads blazed out seductive desktop computer prices in 48-point font type along with tiny light-faced agate admissions of "Monitor sold separately."

At least buying a monitor sold separately at a fair price left you with a worthwhile product, you would want to use for several years. Those offers that require you to sign up for 36 months from and ISP in exchange for a \$400 rebate come from the same mind-set of the predators that run storefront paycheck advance loan mills.

Here's the arithmetic: 36 months times \$21.95 equals \$790

### Computer Q&A

and change. So you sign on for roughly \$800 to "save" \$400. Worse still, you are obligated no matter what to stick with an untried ISP that may or may not work best with the telephone-switching network where you happen to live.

It is commonplace for people to jump from Prodigy to MSN to America Online to a local Internet Service Provider (not necessarily in that order) before finding one that works best at their particular house due to the alignments of switches and wiring involved at the telephone company and the ISP in question.

As if that's not bad enough, taking the \$800 offer leaves you obligated to dial-up Internet service at a time when virtually every cable television provider and phone company in America is on the verge of offering far faster cable or DSL connections - your neighborhood is probably less than a year away from blindingly fast connectivity.

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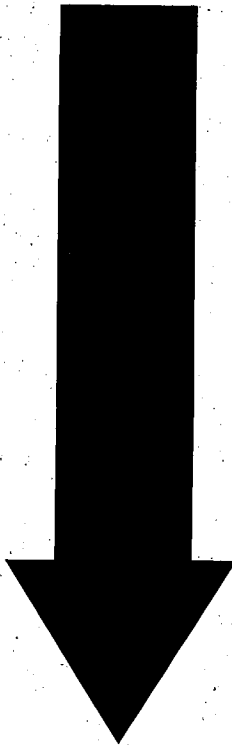
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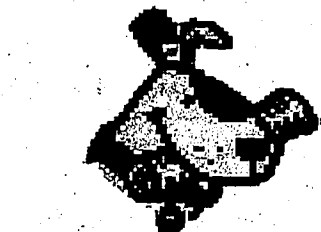


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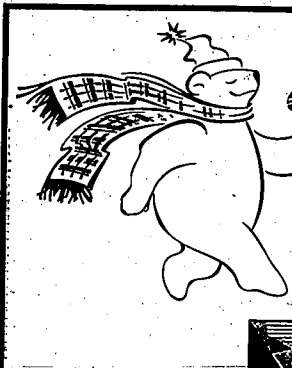
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1999	Oldsmobile	88 LS Sedan 4-Door Loaded #P2716	\$19,955	\$16,985
1999	Dodge	Neon Highline Coupe 2-Door #P2872	\$12,025	\$9,850
1999	Chevy	Monte Carlo LS Coupe 2-Door #P2898	\$17,530	\$15,995
1999	Chevy	Metro LSi Sedan 4-Door #P2873	\$9,700	\$8,700
1999	Chevy	Malibu Sedan 4-Door #P2863	\$15,665	\$12,690
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1998	Chevy	Astro Wagon #P2713	\$20,935	\$16,500
1989	Chevrolet	S10 Blazer 4x4 #2853A	\$6,885	\$4,988
1997	Chevy	Pickup 2500 Extended Cab Short Bed 4x4 #0120A	\$20,135	\$18,995
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1997	Chevy	Blazer Sport Utility 4-Door 4x4 LT #P2881	\$21,170	\$17,500
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1996	Chevy	Tahoe Wagon 4-Door 4x4 LT #P2879A	\$24,105	\$18,700
1996	Chevy	Blazer Sport Utility 4-Door 4x4 LT #P2800	\$20,455	\$17,500
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1995	Chevy	Pickup 1500 Long Bed 4x4 #0179A	\$18,025	\$14,985
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1998	GMC	Jimmy 4x4 4-Door #P2696A	\$22,000	\$17,800
1992	Chevy	Pickup 1500 Extended Cab Short Bed 4x4 #P2812A	\$12,715	\$10,850
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