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# Twin Falls lands call center

## Facility could employ 200 by later this year, TF leaders seek more businesses moving in

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

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TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls has cut itself a slice of the coveted call-center job market, with hopes that a deal signed Wednesday will be an appetizer for a bigger banquet.  
Discovery Research Group of Utah Inc. will employ about 200 people by year's end in a Twin

Falls facility it plans to open next month, President Rick Hoelt said.  
Hoelt on Wednesday signed a lease for a Turf Plaza location at 778 Falls Ave., Unit 202 - the former site of an auto parts business. He said Discovery is leasing the facility from TPM LLC.

Twin Falls' economic development leaders have craved call centers - centralized offices handling a large volume of calls such as customer orders, telemarketing or technical support - since they lost a bid two years ago to bring a Boise Cascade call center to town.  
They are urging U S West and other telecommunications providers to upgrade Twin Falls'

high-tech offerings, and they say several other call-center companies have inquired about Magic Valley locations.  
But Salt Lake City-based Discovery is the first big one to say it's coming.  
"We are officially in today or tomorrow," Hoelt said Wednesday.  
It will recruit employees immediately, but Discovery has some

building preparations to make: adding a drop ceiling, offices, restrooms, more air conditioning and electrical and telecommunications upgrades, Hoelt said.  
Discovery call centers typically use voice-and-data T1 telecommunications lines, and the Twin Falls center will be part of the company's frame-relay wide-area network.  
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## NATIONAL RECOGNITION



Kimberly High School Junior Flint Espil, right, and senior Philip Slovors are gaining valuable job skills by taking classes through the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition program. ARTEC is a business and school partnership seeking to prepare students for the workplace.

# Education project gains attention

## Study will look at what makes Twin Falls School-to-Work program one of the best

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Local educators and businesses joined forces in recent years to elevate the value of a high school diploma.  
Their efforts have caught the attention of the National School-to-Work Office. In the spring it will send representatives from Washington, D.C., to visit programs in the Twin Falls County School-to-Work Council.  
Idaho was one of six states selected for the national office's study on what works in School-to-Work. Twin Falls County and the St. Maries area in northern Idaho were among the 12 communities in the nation, two in each of the six states, that federal officials chose to profile.  
President Clinton in 1994 signed the School-to-Work Opportunities Act that sunsets in October. It provided seed money for communities to tackle the problem of young people leaving high school unprepared for good jobs. The need is great considering statistics show that only about 25 percent of the population earns a four-year college degree.  
Ties between businesses and educators drove the local School-

to-Work effort, said Karen Christensen, facilitator of School-to-Work in the Magic Valley.  
Regional School-to-Work components include a database of employers willing to offer schools assistance; support from the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce; assistance from the College of Southern Idaho in offering new programs; student-run businesses such as cafes and T-shirt shops in nearby all area schools; business internships that allow teachers to stay up-to-date on industry needs; and more opportunities for student internships.

Not everything that drew attention to Twin Falls grew directly from School-to-Work, said Karen Fraley, School-to-Work executive director for Idaho: The Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition, ARTEC, is one example of area schools and businesses taking initiative to pool resources. ARTEC offers college-level training to juniors and seniors in high school.  
Another sign of significant regional cooperation is the recent move by school districts to coordinate.

# Bill would allow work, maintain Social Security pay

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - In a rare display of unanimity, the House voted Wednesday to knock down a pillar of the nation's retirement system by allowing Americans who reach 65 to keep working, no matter how much money they earn, without sacrificing the size of their Social Security checks.  
The stampede to sweep aside

the Social Security program's income limits, attests to the eagerness of both parties to win favor with elderly voters during an election year when they loom as a swing constituency - and when the prospect of broader Social Security reforms appears remote. The legislation enjoys wide support in the Senate, and President Clinton already has pledged to sign it.

The eagerness of both parties to alter one of Social Security's guiding principles - that it was intended to pay benefits largely to people who cannot hold jobs - also represents an effort by politicians to adjust to profound changes in the country's demography. As more older Americans are living longer and staying healthier, many want to continue to work, and they have become

prized by employers in a tight labor market.  
The bill, approved by the House on a vote of 422-0, would apply to people who are 65 to 69. Now, people in that age group who work may claim Social Security benefits, but their checks from the government are reduced by \$1 for every \$3 they earn above a certain ceiling - currently, \$17,000 a year.

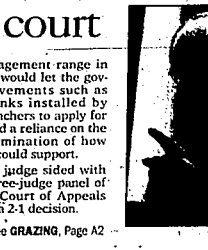
# Ranchers take grazing fight to high court

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt broke the law by establishing new grazing rules on federal lands, a lawyer for ranchers' groups told the Supreme Court on Wednesday.  
A lawyer representing the Interior Department responded that the rules are a "reasonable interpretation" of federal grazing laws dating back to 1934.  
The case is one of several challenges to Clinton administration proposals on federal land use. Critics say the administra-

tion has resorted to changing administrative rules to restrict grazing, logging and mining on federal land when Congress would not agree to similar rules.  
Ranching groups sued in 1995 to block enforcement of several new rules for grazing on about 170 million acres of

Bureau of Land Management range in the West. Those rules would let the government own improvements such as fences and water tanks installed by ranchers, allow non-ranchers to apply for grazing permits and end a reliance on the BLM's original determination of how many animals an area could support.  
A Wyoming federal judge sided with the ranchers, but a three-judge panel of the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed that ruling in a 2-1 decision.



Idaho Sen. Larry Craig meets with reporters Wednesday outside the Supreme Court building in Washington, D.C., after the Court heard a challenge to federal land use proposals.  
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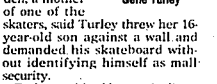
# Coroner could face charges

## But stories differ on scuffle to remove skateboarders

By Brian Haynes  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Lynnwood Mall's zero-tolerance policy toward skateboarders was meant to be tough, but it wasn't supposed to spark a confrontation that horrified onlookers and could mean criminal charges against the Twin Falls County coroner.  
That's what happened Feb. 16. Gem State Security manager Gene Turley, who is the county's elected part-time coroner, confronted a group of skateboarders at the back of the mall.  
The altercation began when an off-duty Gem State Security guard saw a handful of skaters at the mall. He called Turley, who drove to the mall and approached the teens. What happened next depends on who tells the story.  
Rose Loden, a mother of one of the skaters, said Turley threw her 16-year-old son against a wall and demanded his skateboard without identifying himself as mall security.  
Turley grabbed her son's skateboard and then chased another skater who was walking away, Loden said.  
After a brief chase through the parking lot, Turley tackled the 17-year-old, pinned him face down on the pavement and slapped him several times, she said.

Witnesses who flocked to the parking lot during the commotion saw Turley slapping the boy and yelling profanities.  
"It was ugly," said insurance agent Debbie Lattin, whose office faces the parking lot.  
Turley tells a different story - a story of unruly skateboarders who defied the rules and authority.  
When he arrived on the scene, Turley identified himself as mall security and demanded the boys' skateboards, he said. Under the mall's new zero-tolerance policy toward skaters, security was to confiscate the boards, take them to the manager's office and call the skaters' parents. Turley has since discovered that taking



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THE REGION

Camas Prairie High: 37 Low: 20 Cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain/snow. Mostly cloudy Friday, chance of rain/snow, high 37.

Treasure Valley High: 49 Low: 33 Cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain. Partly cloudy Friday, high 52.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley High: 36 Low: 20 Cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain/snow. Mostly cloudy Friday, chance of rain/snow, high 36.

Eastern Idaho High: 50 Low: 25 Cloudy today with chance of rain. Some clearing tonight. Partly cloudy Friday, high 49.

Northern Idaho High: 43 Low: 25 Cloudy today with rain likely. Some clearing tonight. Partly cloudy Friday, high 47.

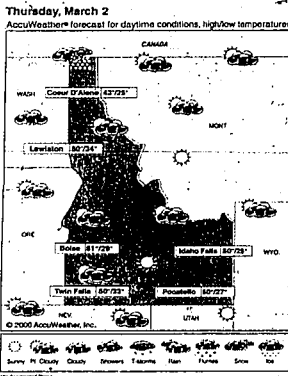
Northern Utah High: 50 Low: 32 Partly cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain. Partly cloudy Friday, chance of rain, high 51.

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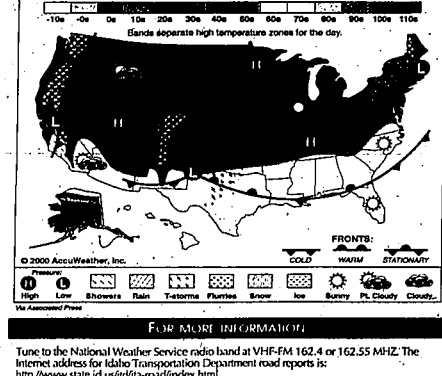
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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

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Idaho

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The Nation

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Turley

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skateboards is illegal, he said.
"I wanted the word out that the Lynwood would not tolerate skateboarders," Turley said.
After Turley asked for the boards, the teens became uncooperative. Turley got hold of one 17-year-old boy walking away, he said.
He chased the boy, who hit Turley three times in the face with his skateboard and punched him and spit on him during the scuffle, Turley said.
While Turley pinned the teen on the ground and waited for police, he slapped the back of the boy's head and cursed at the boy, who was cursing back, Turley said.
"I admit I was probably a little more aggressive than I should have been, but I felt the situation called for it," Turley said. "I don't think I was in the wrong."
Neither does Turley's boss, Gem State Security owner Mark Stubbs.
"In our opinion, he used reasonable force to control the situation," said Stubbs, an attorney and former state legislator.
But the Twin Falls police might say differently. They are investigating the case and could file battery charges against Turley or the 17-year-old boy.
"We're trying to tie up loose ends as to whether or not any action," Capt. Jim Massey said.
The mother of the 17-year-old declined to comment on the inci-

U.S. Road Report
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ACROSS THE NATION

Nation: Showers rolled across the Northeast on Wednesday, and isolated showers, snow showers were scattered over the Rockies and light showers keep Idaho wet early in the day.
A disturbance moving through Rockies produced light, widely separated showers and snow showers from Montana and Idaho through parts of Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico. Winter storm and snow watches were posted for higher elevations in parts of southern Colorado and northern New Mexico. Showers and occasional thundershowers spread across Pennsylvania, New York and into New England, and a few showers also extended southward through West Virginia, Maryland and Virginia. Rainfall in most areas totaled a quarter of an inch or less.
A few light showers also spread eastward into parts of western and central Texas and the Oklahoma Panhandle.
Along the West Coast, a disturbance spread clouds and a few showers over coastal areas of Oregon and Washington.

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Grazing Jobs

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Most of the arguments in the Supreme Court on Wednesday centered on that last change to grazing permits. Under previous rules the BLM had determined the maximum number of livestock an area could ever support and then allowed a rancher to graze a certain number of animals less than the rancher call that maximum number their "grazing preference."
Ranchers argue they have a right to keep that preference, which gives them the ability to put more animals on the land if range conditions improve - such as after long periods of heavier than normal rains, for example.
"As long as the land is designated as a grazing district, my preference gives me a claim to forage if it becomes available," said Timothy Bishop, the Chicago lawyer representing ranchers.
But three justices - including Sandra Day O'Connor, who grew up on an Arizona cattle ranch - pointed out that even under the old regulations, the Interior Department could limit the number of animals on each permit.
Bishop agreed but argued the 1934 grazing law required the Interior Department to keep the preferences as one way to keep other ranchers from sending their animals onto the same land. Without the certainty of that preference, but with the unwillingness to loan money to some ranchers who depend on federal land for grazing, Bishop argued.
"If we don't have preference, we can't go to the bank and borrow money. It's that simple," Montana rancher Lynn Cornwell said after the arguments.
Cornwell, president-elect of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, has five permits to graze cattle on BLM land near Glasgow, Mont.

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Correction

A story in Friday's Times-News on the Gooding City Council contained an error. The council approved lowering the speed limit on Main Street in Gooding from 5 mph to 4 mph. The Times-News regrets the error.

LOTTERY UPDATE

Times-News Marketplace
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# Gunman kills two in rampage near Pittsburgh



Devin Brandon and his mother, Crystal, pause at the spot of the Buell Elementary School in Mount Morris Township, Mich., Wednesday after placing some flowers at a makeshift memorial.

WILKINSBURG, Pa. (AP) — A gunman who reportedly flew into a rage over a broken door went on a rampage Wednesday, shooting a maintenance worker at his apartment and customers at two fast-food restaurants before surrendering to police during a hostage standoff. Two people were killed and three critically wounded.

Ronald Taylor, 39, of Wilkesburg, was arrested in an office building after he kept police at bay for about two hours, holding four or five people in wheelchairs hostage at a senior hospice

center. During the standoff, more than three dozen children from a third-floor day-care center in the building were evacuated, along with other workers.

Taylor, who was not immediately charged, was to be arraigned Wednesday night.

Police refused to comment on a motive, but a worker at Taylor's apartment building said the suspected gunman was angry that workers had not repaired his broken apartment door fast enough. "He said, 'You're all white trash, racist pigs,'" maintenance

worker John DeWitt told The Associated Press.

DeWitt said he left to work on another apartment but later saw one of his colleagues carrying another maintenance worker, who had been shot. DeWitt said he saw Taylor, who is black, walking toward the restaurants.

The shooting spree began about 11:15 a.m. in this working-class suburb about nine miles east of downtown Pittsburgh. Police, responding to a call at the man's home, followed him to

the restaurants and chased him into the office building.

Four people were shot at the Burger King and McDonald's restaurants in the borough of about 21,000 people.

Wilkesburg police Chief Gerald Brewer said two people were dead and three were in critical condition in Pittsburgh area hospitals. At least two of the victims were shot in the head, said doctors at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center-Presbyterian.

## Authorities: Boy found loaded pistol on bed

MOUNT MORRIS TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — The 6-year-old boy who killed a first-grade classmate used a stolen gun he apparently discovered loaded and lying around in a bedroom at the "flophouse" where he was living, investigators said Wednesday.

Authorities focused on possible criminal charges against any adults who gave the boy access to the 32-caliber pistol he used to shoot 6-year-old Kayla Roland on Tuesday morning, a day after the two apparently had scuffled on the playground at Buell Elementary School.

The boy is too young to understand what he was doing, and probably won't be charged, the prosecutor said.

After the shooting, the boy put the gun in his desk and went to the school office. Superintendent Ira Rutherford said. After police questioned him, Police Chief Eric King said, he "sat there drawing pictures."

"He is a victim in many ways," Genesee County Prosecutor Arthur Busch said. "It is very sad. We need to put our arms around him and love him."

Busch said the house where the boy and his brother were staying with an uncle was frequented by strangers, and the boy's father, who is in jail — told the sheriff that people at the house traded crack for guns.

The uncle was arrested Tuesday night on an outstanding warrant on charges of receiving stolen property and was to be questioned, police said. Officers also were looking for another man they believe once had the gun.

"It's our understanding from the police investigation that this gun was obtained from a bedroom under some blankets which had been left lying, apparently loaded, in this bedroom," Busch said at a news conference.

Investigators also found a

stolen 12-gauge shotgun and drugs in the house, the prosecutor said.

Outside the school Wednesday, mourners created memorials of candles, flowers and cards for Kayla, who died a half-hour after she was shot once in the chest. Classes were canceled for the day, but counselors were on hand for anyone who needed them.

Sheila Alger and her 4-year-old son, Austin, placed a teddy bear at the school's front door. "He doesn't understand, and I don't think other kids do," Alger said. "I don't think the boy who did it understands."

Police said they had gotten conflicting stories from the young witnesses about what exactly happened inside Room 6. Some said the boy pointed the gun at others first, others said he didn't. Some reported that he said something to Kayla first, others said he said nothing.

"The witnesses are little kids," King said. Busch said the school had no metal detectors but had private security guards.

The boy's father, serving time in the county jail for an alleged parole violation involving burglary, told the sheriff that his son had been suspended from school for fighting and for stabbing a girl with a pencil.

The 29-year-old father heard about Tuesday's shooting from a cellmate and "a cold, sinking feeling came over him because he knew it was his son," Sheriff Robert J. Pickell said. "He said (his son) liked to watch the violent movies, the television shows."

The sheriff said the father told him that when he asked his son why he fought with other children, the boy "told him that he hated them."



Kayla Roland

## Fund-raiser tells Congress he was trying to obey laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — Charlie Trie, the chief executive officer of a bankrupt owner turned illegal fund-raiser, told disbelieving congressional Republicans Wednesday he didn't realize he was committing a crime when he moved hundreds of thousands of dollars from overseas businessmen to the Democratic Party.

Telling his story for the first time in public, Trie delighted Democrats on the House Government Reform Committee by saying he told no one at the White House or the Democratic National Committee that he was reimbursing donors with cash and travelers' checks from overseas.

"I pleaded guilty" to a felony "because my counsel advised me that, I didn't know the campaign

finance law," said Trie, who spoke in broken English and occasionally asked his interrogators to slow down their questions.

"No," Trie answered emphatically when the committee's ranking Democrat, Rep. Henry Waxman of California, inquired whether Trie knew at the time he funneled the money to the party from overseas that it was illegal to do so.

Then why did Trie reimburse the donors instead of making the donations himself? asked committee chairman Dan Burton, R-Ind.

"Because 'I bounced one check in 1995 for \$50,000' to the party and 'I was very uncomfortable' giving any more checks in his own name," answered Trie.

## Agency to fight privacy order

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trans Union Corp., one of the nation's largest credit bureaus, said Wednesday it will appeal an order from the Federal Trade Commission to stop selling private financial details about its customers to third-party marketers.

In a decision made public Wednesday, commissioners upheld a July 1998 ruling by an administrative law judge, who agreed that Chicago-based Trans Union had violated the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Trans Union said it was "not surprised" and will appeal the commission's decision to the U.S.

Circuit Court of Appeals. It had earlier appealed the law judge's 1998 ruling to the full trade commission.

"We regret that the commissioners did not agree with our legal position, but are not surprised by the ruling," said Oscar Marquis, the company's vice president and general counsel. He said officials "expect to prevail" in federal circuit court.

The case was originally brought by the FTC, which had accused Trans Union of selling information to marketing companies about the auto loans, mortgages and credit cards held by its more than 170 million customers.

## Military chiefs fight for bases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary William Cohen made a strong plea to Congress on Wednesday for authority to close more military bases, but some service chiefs sent a less enthusiastic signal.

"As the smallest service with the fewest number of bases, I know of no installation that I would recommend be closed in the Marine Corps," Gen. James Jones, the Marine Corps commandant, told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Adm. Jay Johnson, the chief of naval operations, said his view

was "not far" from Jones's.

Johnson said a round of base closings "probably needs to happen," but added that he is concerned that in opening up a national debate on how and where to reduce the military's land holdings, the Navy could end up losing training ranges or access to airspace or the sea that it cannot afford to lose.

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## Ailing cardinal gets highest civilian honor

WASHINGTON (AP) — With New York Cardinal John O'Connor's health deteriorating, the Senate on Wednesday hustled through legislation to award the Catholic leader its highest civilian honor.

By unanimous consent, the Senate passed a resolution to award O'Connor the Congressional Gold Medal.

The 80-year-old cardinal had surgery last fall to remove a brain tumor. He was sidelined for a time by radiation treatments but by Christmas was back delivering Sunday mass.

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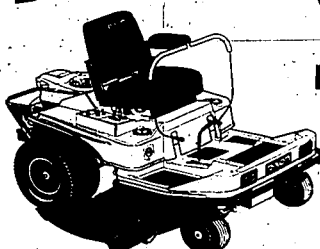
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### Research gives hope to hemophiliacs

The Associated Press

Amid controversy over the risks of gene therapy, scientists reported that an experimental gene-replacement procedure appears to improve blood clotting in hemophiliacs without triggering complications.

Researchers at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Stanford University cautioned that their success in treating hemophilia B, a relatively rare form of the illness, was encouraging but preliminary.

Just three patients participated in the experiment, in which researchers injected patients with a healthy gene to stimulate production of a blood-clotting protein. An expanded trial with more patients and higher doses is under way.

If the method continues to work, it would be one of the few successful genetic treatments of any disease since the approach was introduced a decade ago.

"The new gene's effect is 'modest, but measurable,'" said Stanford geneticist Mark A. Kay, who led the study. "It changes from severe disease to moderate, which really increases the quality of life for the individual."

The hemophilia study appears in the March issue of Nature Genetics amid a public backlash against gene therapy. The outcry was prompted by the death last September of a Phoenix teenager who had volunteered for a different gene experiment.

Jesse Gelsinger, 18, was the first person believed to die as a direct result of a genetic experiment. Researchers at the University of Pennsylvania had convinced his liver with a gene therapy aimed at reversing a rare metabolic disease. The procedure triggered an extreme immune-system reaction that caused multiple-organ failure.

### Online sex material draws 200,000 users

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of Internet users show compulsion for porn sites, X-rated chat rooms or other sex-related materials online, according to a study released this week.

In one of the first studies to estimate the number of "cybersex compulsives," researchers say it is at least 200,000 and millions more are at risk.

"This is a hidden public health hazard exploding, in part, because very few are recognizing it as such or taking it seriously," according to the psychologists at Stanford and Duquesne universities. Their study appears in the March issue of the journal Sexual Addiction and Compulsivity.

The researchers classified users as "cybersex compulsives" if they spent more than 11 hours a week visiting sexually oriented areas and scored high on a 10-item questionnaire about relationships and attitudes toward sex.

The researchers, led by AI Cooper, clinical director at the Center for Sexual and Gender Identity, found evidence that compulsives have more problems with relationships and jobs than Internet users who visit X-rated sites occasionally.

"There is and should be a lot of concern about these people," Cooper said. "They are developing problems that can be serious."

### Web lets kids track balloonist

The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Clipping along at 120 miles an hour, hot air balloonist Kevin Uliassi continued his trek across Africa Wednesday, heading across Egypt toward the Red Sea, Saudi Arabia and Iran, where officials have granted him airspace clearance.

"If he maintains that speed, he's going to make some serious tracks," said Scott Lorenz, one of Uliassi's spokesmen, at a command center in Havelod, a Chicago suburb.

Uliassi has already traveled about 100 miles and is more than a quarter of the way around the globe, Lorenz said. He launched from a stone quarry near Rockford on Feb. 22. Uliassi's air ride will be all over logged on to the mission's Web site, www.jrncee.it.edu, and he has received calls and e-mails from people he passes over.

## Report: Board cites lawless culture at heart of LAPD woes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Poor supervision and a clique culture that encouraged officers to break rules contributed to the worst scandal in Los Angeles police history and could take years and millions to resolve, department investigators concluded. Police working in one of the city's most

crowded, violent and gang-ridden areas "believed they were in a life-and-death struggle with the gang element," said a report from a department board of inquiry. The report was released Wednesday on the police department's Web site. It said the scandal might have been

avoided if supervisors had noticed a troubling series of red flags first raised in the mid-1980s. "Punitive, injuries resulting from uses of force, officer-involved shootings and personnel complaints had a clearly identifiable pattern. ... Yet no one seems to have

noticed and, more importantly, dealt with the patterns," the report said. At a news conference today, Police Chief Bernard C. Parks emphasized that the scandal involved a small group of people and the "other 13,000 members of this department should not be broadbrushed."

## Bradley says he will stay in race

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bill Bradley insisted Wednesday that Super Tuesday was just "the starting point" for his campaign, even as some of his prominent supporters predicted he would be out of the Democratic nomination race after next week's big round of primaries. "Mark Twain put it best when he said, 'Reports of my demise are greatly exaggerated,'" Bradley told

reporters after speaking to Hispanic voters about health care in Huntington Beach, Calif. He predicted his showing next Tuesday would "surprise some people" and talked about campaigning for the next group of primaries on March 14. Responding to reports that key supporters have urged him to quit soon, Bradley said, "Zero have come

to me and said they think I ought to drop out." U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Nebr., said Bradley told him he would stay in the race against Al Gore through Tuesday's Democratic primaries in California, New York and 13 other states, but did not commit to more. "He knows that it's going to take a miracle for him to win," Kerrey said. "The wheel of fortune spun around

yesterday and came up bad for him." Bradley, who was preparing to debate Gore Wednesday night in Los Angeles, suffered a disappointing showing in Tuesday's nonbinding vote in Washington state. Another supporter, former New York City Mayor Edward I. Koch, said he would put the odds "5-1 against" Bradley winning in his state.

Bill Bradley

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## Bush basks in win

The Associated Press

Gov. George W. Bush noted "a little spring in my step" Wednesday morning after winning a three-state parlay to recapture the lead in the struggle for the GOP presidential nomination. A defiant John McCain said he would press on even though "the establishment is intent on breaking me."

As candidates in both parties turned to their focus Tuesday, McCain's campaign dealt with internal division over strategy in California, a state vital to his hopes in next week's big round of voting.

McCain sought to underscore his conservative credentials and attacked Bush as a free-spending governor who "has failed to identify a single spending cut he will make."

"The establishment is intent on breaking me but we're going to win this thing," McCain said at a morning rally in Riverside, Calif.

Bush began his day in Duluth, Ga., a conservative area north of Atlanta, telling supporters, "You might think I walked in with a little spring in my step." Looking ahead to a possible matchup with Gore, he said victories in Virginia, North Dakota and Washington "helped us take a step closer to ending the Clinton era in Washington, D.C."

Asked about the fatal shooting of a 6-year-old girl at a Michigan school, Bush said the parents or guardians of the boy who did the shooting "need to be held accountable."

"Somewhere a 6-year-old boy ended up with a weapon and needlessly killed a child. ... How did this boy get a gun?" Bush said. He called for technology that would ensure only a gun owner could fire it, and said owners should use trigger locks. But Bush said he didn't want "the trigger-lock police knocking on people's doors."

McCain said the tragedy "authenticates the need for the things that I have been talking about — mandatory trigger locks, on new handguns and filters for Internet access in libraries and schools. A new poll gave Bush a 21-point lead among likely Republican voters in California, who will choose the state's delegates. McCain's communications chief Dan Schnur, a veteran California strategist, said he had no plans to leave despite reports that he was departing as early as March 8 because of disagreements stemming from the campaign's initial decision to skip the California debate.

"If I'm leaving, it's definitely not by mutual decision," Schnur said. "But if the cost of getting John McCain to do the debate was me losing my job, that's a price I'm happy to pay."

Schnur had argued early that McCain couldn't afford to miss the California debate. But McCain initially said he would skip it, saying Bush's commitment to appear came too late and he wouldn't redo his own campaign schedule. McCain's primary in Washington state, where McCain gained his only success by leading separate balloting among voters affiliated with neither political party.

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## EDITORIAL

### Jerome voters have to make a community decision today

Supporters and opponents have had their say. Now it's time for voters in the Jerome School District to decide the fate of a \$10.9 million bond issue.

The subject has dominated discussion in Jerome for months. We haven't taken sides so far, and we won't today - except to urge registered voters to go to the polls. This is a big decision, and voters in the Jerome School District should decide it by a large, turnout, pass or not.

#### Remember to vote

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. today. Voters can cast their ballots at seven locations in Jerome County, including all five Jerome schools and the conference room in the recreation district building. Gooding County residents who pay Jerome School District taxes can vote at the Chris Gibson residence, 3021 S. 2400 E.

In June, voters approved a \$125 million override. June's override levy was aimed at building eight new classrooms at the high school. Today's election is to build a middle school for the seventh, eighth and ninth grades.

People on both sides of today's vote have legitimate concerns. Supporters are concerned about crowding. Opponents are concerned that local property taxpayers would foot all of the bills.

Bond backers say crowding can be a serious barrier to a quality education. Jerome Middle School was built in

1976 to accommodate 650 students, but roughly 895 are enrolled there today. Some teachers shuffle from room to room, carting their materials around with them. To some, that's a less-than-ideal way to educate the community's children.

Bond issue opponents don't deny that needs exist. But they say it's unfair that only property owners in the Jerome School District must pay for the new school.

Both sides can draw hope from the results of bond levy elections in recent years.

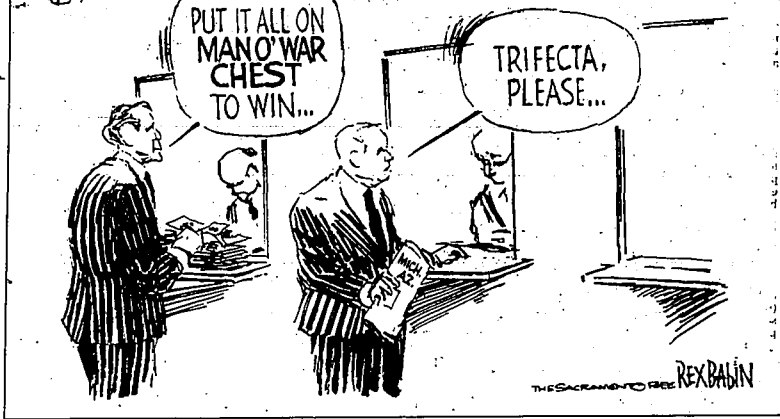
Opponents have the momentum of four successive defeats when the asking amount exceeded \$10 million.

Supporters can point to voter approvals of more than 60 percent, but still short of the two-thirds requirement.

Win or lose, today's vote should mark a turning point in the Jerome School District. If the bond issue is approved, a new middle school will be built. If it's defeated, it will be a clear message that voters want a different approach.

Every voter in the Jerome School District should decide the issue personally. It's about your community's schools. It's about your community's taxes. Be part of the decision.

## CALLING THE STAKES



## Take time to help a child read

Do you remember learning to read? At some point, someone helped you crack the mystery of the meaning of sounds, letters and words in our language. And because of that, you are able to follow the directions in a technical manual, know what is going on in the world by reading the newspaper and relax and enjoy the pleasure of a good book.

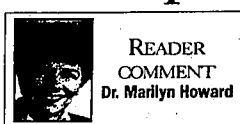
Today, I'd like to invite you to return the favor by taking time to read with a child, or send a letter or book to a child, during Read Across America Week, which ends Friday.

If learning was easy for you, you may thank your ability for granted. But to reach this point you had to connect sound to letter symbols and translate those letters into words, words into sentences and sentences into paragraphs that convey meaning.

Brain researchers tell us that reading with children, particularly during the preschool years, teaches them important lessons that will help them become independent readers later on. Listening to and repeating songs, rhymes and stories, becoming aware of the alphabet and watching adults read are all instructive as well as enjoyable activities for young children.

When an activity is simple and fun, we often overlook its value. That is especially true when it comes to reading. In fact, research validates the importance of the many games and activities parents naturally do with their children, including:

- Talk and sing with your child. This is



READER COMMENT  
Dr. Marilyn Howard

how you begin connecting with your child. From the time children are born, they are hungry to learn, and they study everything we do. They intently search our faces for the clues to communicate. They try to mimic our sounds and facial expressions. And we in turn respond with baby talk and attention. Move from repeating simple sounds to those tried and true nursery rhymes like "Jack and Jill went up a hill" "Nursery rhymes and songs, with their simple words and repetition of sounds, help young brains make the connections between sounds and language."

Read with your child. By sitting with a child and reading, show them how reading works: that books have a front and back, that pages contain letters and words and that we read from left to right. Reading with your child doesn't have to be as formal as sitting down with a book. Words and letters are everywhere. Look for those colorful inserts from grocery stores in your newspaper. These ads are full of short words and pictures. It's no surprise that one of the first letters many children learn is "M" from visiting the "golden arches" and "s-o-p" from trips in the car. Show your child that you like to read. You can demonstrate that by making books a part of your home. Children learn

what is important by watching. Make regular visits to your library to check out books - some for your child and some for yourself. Tell your child about your favorite childhood books. Encourage friends and family to give books as gifts and find a place for your child to keep his or her favorite books.

Librarians are always pleased to help you locate books for your children's ages and interests. And information is available from many other sources as well. For those with young children, "Helping Your Child Become a Reader," produced by the U.S. Department of Education, is a wonderful resource. You can find this guide on the Internet at [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov) or call (800) USA-LEARN. By the way, if you do visit this site, you'll find lots of information about helping your children with other school skills.

When you are reading with your child, you are not just building vocabulary and knowledge. You are also building memories. I would like to extend a special invitation to you and your family to participate in my "Dinner and a Book" initiative by spending 20 minutes talking and 20 minutes reading with your children every day. You can learn more about this by visiting [www.sde.state.tx.us/DinnerandBook/](http://www.sde.state.tx.us/DinnerandBook/).

Finally, use Read Across America Week, and especially today, Read Across America Day, to renew or begin your commitment to help a child learn to love reading.

Dr. Marilyn Howard is the state superintendent of public instruction.

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## LETTERS

### Feds want political control

Mary Inman's challenge to my letter proves nothing. The federal government did own the ground that is in the Nevada, Idaho and the Western states boundaries. The reason Congress drew state boundaries around federal ground was to change federal land to state land. This is called creating a new state. When a new state like Nevada comes into the union, it is 100 percent under the Constitution, just as the 13 original states are. The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 declared that all new states would come into the union on a basis of complete equality with the original 13 states. Therefore, it was assumed that as soon as a new territory was granted statehood, the people of the state would acquire title to every acre of land. Therefore, Article I, Section 8.17 is in full force in the state of Nevada, just as much as it is in any of the original 13 states. Under the Constitution, the eastern states are not superior to the Western states. Congress radically digressed from the Constitution by virtually eliminating the Western states' constitutional right to all the land within their borders.

It is obvious that the feds are currently occupying millions of acres in the Western states without the "consent" of those states. This is a clear-cut violation of the Constitution, a clear-cut violation of the people's rights to own and control property. By doing this, the feds have undermined one of the great checks and balances of the Constitution, which keeps the feds from encroaching on states' rights and the people's unalienable rights.

If the feds really own 96 percent of Alaska, 86 percent of Nevada and 66 percent of Utah, then the Constitution is null and void. The feds really own this land, yet they then did they put state boundaries around it.

The feds no more own this state land than does a thug who snatched an old lady's purse when her purse just because she can't take it away from him. Fed

occupation of state land is tyranny. Private property is a foundation for freedom. Public land is a foundation for oppression and slavery. Don't be tricked, political control is what the feds are really after.

MARVIN C. HALL  
Malta

### Make change at Legislature

The letters columns have been bombarded by indignant citizens complaining about Jesse Thrus's light sentence. Judge Mechl says his hands were tied, and I have no reason to doubt him. So all these letters are useless except as a way to blow off steam. If what Judge Mechl says is true, the only way to prevent future sentencing atrocities is through the Legislature. Maybe the time has come for mandatory sentencing requirements or to restrict plea bargaining. I'm a poor judge of whether such requirements are appropriate, but I do know that writing letters to a newspaper won't get it done. If you want change, your efforts must be directed to the Idaho legislators. They make the laws, not the judges. A referendum vote could go a ways toward change, but it would be very difficult for a citizens' group to properly draft such a bill, let alone get it passed. I doubt that this would be an effective way to spend time and effort. Besides, legislators resent referendums. You would have better luck working with Boise, not going around it. So who out there is indignant enough to get things rolling in Boise? Who is mad enough to pressure your representatives to act? Who can organize enough citizens to get Boise to notice? Like it or not, some citizens are much more noticeable than others. Can you recruit enough high-powered, deep-pocketed leaders to seriously catch Boise's eye?

If you want change, you will have to fight for it.

LOIS BISR  
Morga, Calif.

### Remembering when radio ruled

Thanks for putting the past issues back on line.

I would like to make a comment regarding the article on Feb. 20 about the religious radio station. A comment was made that their location was a "former theater." It was never a theater. It also stated that room was "wasted because the building wasn't constructed as a church or a radio station." It definitely was not a church, but the upstairs was definitely a radio station. A big neon sign proclaimed "Radio Renaissance." The downstairs was a ballroom that during World War II hosted many famous big bands. Autographed pictures of the groups that appeared there adorned the inside walls for many years after it ceased being a ballroom and became a roller-skating rink. The radio station was built in the days when radio ruled. There was a big plush studio where many programs were aired "live." It contained a grand piano, etc. The upstairs portion remained as a radio station for many years before moving to another downtown location.

LOIS BISR  
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### Applaud common sense ideas

I fell out of my chair Sunday morning. After three legislative sessions of incessant criticism from The Times-News editorial board about the "dangers" of passing a parental consent bill regarding minors getting abortions, the Magic Valley awoke last Sunday to this ringing endorsement: "... Idaho's parental consent law is a shining example of doing what's right."

My first reaction is to cry hypocrisy. It was only a few weeks ago that The Times-News wrote a very gracious editorial on the late Sen. Jerry Twigg. But inserted in this eulogy was a mean-spirited comment applauding Twigg for keeping nuts like Dennis Mansfield and me at arm's length. For the record, we almost got the parental consent bill through last year, but ran out of time. Jerry Twigg assured us that it would be top priority this session. He is a man of his word, even after his untimely death. If it not for heroes like Jerry Twigg, Dennis Mansfield and Nancy Bloomer, The Times-News would not have a bandwagon to jump on.

Two years ago, it was parries like The Times-News and Butch Omer calling for Gov. Barr's veto on this bill. He did and

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The Times-News applauded. Perhaps The Times-News really is sincere here. Has it finally gotten its affairs with wanting unborn children terminated? That's what this debate really comes down to. The newly passed bill will save approximately 10 to 12 Idaho children annually (based on records from other states). That may be meaningless to a moderate, but it's huge to me. If any of these children are unwanted, I'll take them, feed them and love them. So would any of the 2.4 million families across America desperately wanting a child to adopt and love.

If The Times-News is sincere, then welcome aboard. But next time, applaud common sense ideas from the beginning. The paper will be more believable to the 80 percent of your readers who have always agreed with the concept of parental consent.

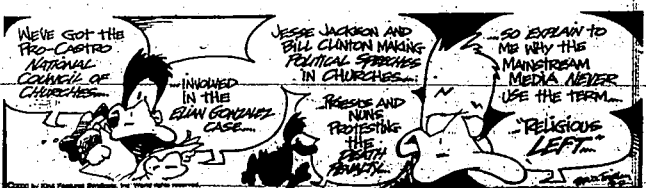
Gov. Kempthorne is establishing a solid legacy. Why? He doesn't waver when he sees a good idea. Conversely, The Times-News epitomizes the definition of a moderate: Someone who is totally willing to change their position on any issue once they see where the majority is.

KELLY WALTON  
Burley

## Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau



## Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley



# Government subsidizes e-commerce with sales tax exemption

The Internet is one of those subjects that make normally sensible people go squirly in the brain. Within the debate over Internet taxes, we're told not to tax the Internet, look, we're not supposed to wonder why. It's obvious. The Internet is the future. Don't kill it with taxes. This skillfully sidesteps the basic question: Why should the Internet be taxed like everything else? The answer is that it should.

Exempting e-commerce (items sold over the Internet) from sales taxes makes no sense. It's a disguised subsidy that favors one type of business over another and could make tax avoidance a permanent feature of the Internet society. If, finally, the Internet ought to compete with traditional stores on an equal footing, people should not buy simply to avoid taxes.

We are now subsidizing the Internet in precisely this way. All but five states (Alaska, Delaware, Montana, New Hampshire and Oregon) have sales taxes. The typical rate is 5 percent. States raise about a third of their revenues (roughly \$16 billion in 1998) from sales taxes. Most, though not all, products sold over the Internet can

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escape sales taxes—a situation that only Congress can change. Some e-commerce depends on this hidden subsidy.

How much? Economist Austin Goolsbee of the University of Chicago has estimated that if people had to pay sales taxes, e-commerce might be 30 percent lower. People think they're simply shopping for the best price, but lower taxes would lower prices. Obviously, this matters most for big-ticket items. On a \$1,500 computer, the absence of a 5 percent sales tax is worth \$75.

Goolsbee's estimate doesn't mean that e-commerce would collapse without the tax subsidy. It's now growing faster than 30 percent a year. But some e-commerce clearly depends on the subsidy, which—like most subsidies—promotes waste and inefficiency. Superficially, consumers get cheaper products. The trouble is that the cheap price comes at the

expense of otherwise strong competitors (which must pay taxes) or governments (which lose tax revenues).

Despite its growth, e-commerce is still small enough that economic and tax distortions are modest. (Forrester Research puts 1999 lost state sales taxes at \$525 million.) Before distortions multiply, we ought to create sensible Internet rules. In 1998, Congress established an advisory commission—headed by Virginia Gov. James Gilmore and composed mainly of industry and government officials—to do this. Its proposals are due in April. As yet, it's shown few signs of reaching useful conclusions.

One reason is hypocrisy. The Internet's titan champion "the free market" but also want to keep their tax (aka government) subsidy. Another reason is ideology. Generally, people on the political right regard the Internet as a way to shrink government. The growth

of e-commerce (it's thought) will erode the sales tax and compel state and local governments to retrench. Naturally, those on the left object and warn that local services (schools, police) will suffer. They want e-commerce taxed.

Let's pause and ask: Do these debaters know what they're trying to do?

Conservatives like decentralized government. By squeezing states, they may (perverse) from their perspective) create pressures to expand national government and federal taxes. As for liberals, they dislike the sales tax—which falls more heavily on the poor—and prefer big national government. Maybe they should let the sales tax

withers? The point is that the political consequences of Internet taxation are unpredictable. We ought to ignore this debate and focus on ensuring fair competition. Fortunately, there's a way both to

avoid subsidizing e-commerce and to encourage the Internet.

Contrary to popular myth, the Internet is now taxed. There are longstanding taxes on "telecommunications services"—once ordinary phone service—that apply to lines that connect with the Internet. The taxes are steep. The federal government has a 3 percent excise tax. States and localities impose a baffling array of fees and taxes that average 18 percent, reports the Committee on State Taxation. The taxes are discriminatory; they usually exceed the local sales tax. They're also outdated. Cable TV is taxed more lightly. As cable, phone and Internet services become "bundled," what's to be taxed? How much? Finally, the taxes make it harder for low-income families to connect with the Internet, affecting the digital

divide between rich and poor.

There's an obvious bargain. Under a 1992 Supreme Court decision, states cannot impose sales taxes on most products sold by out-of-state mail-order houses. The same prohibition covers Internet sellers. Congress should lift this ban. But it should do so only for states that dramatically reduced their hefty telecommunications taxes. Presto: Connecting to the Internet would be cheaper e-commerce competition would be fairer.

Perhaps the Gilmore Commission will reach this conclusion. But it seems to be striving to avoid it. Gilmore has done much shouting about shielding the Internet from taxes. This is a good slogan—and squishy thinking.

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## Patriotism serves as McCain's antidote

We don't know where Arizona Sen. John McCain's campaign will land, but we can pinpoint when it took off. About a year ago, Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosovic was cleansing Kosovo of ethnic Albanians. There were reports of massacres and gang rapes and forced marches. The Clinton administration was gearing up to do something about it. The House Republicans were at cross purposes—pretty sure that whatever President Clinton did, they'd be against it. Texas Gov. George W. Bush did the politically prudent thing—and disappeared off the radar screen. Among Republicans, only McCain rushed to declare himself. He criticized the way Clinton was taking us into Kosovo. But he argued vehemently that the world's superpower could not stand by as civilization unraveled in the middle of Europe.

Suddenly, McCain was being quoted all over. He emerged as the most prominent GOP voice on foreign affairs. As the Carnegie Endowment's Robert Kagan noted, Kosovo was the first primary and McCain won it.

McCain has traction on foreign affairs because of his war record, but this was a policy victory. And that's worth remembering now, when McCain is surging, because many people see his rise as a triumph of character over policy. The Bushies and their allies insist he's just a war hero thriving on the anti-Clinton vote.

Patriotism is McCain's antidote. This has policy implications. In fact, it leads to the four pillars of McCainism:

1. Use government to confront selfish interests.

If you look back over his public career, you see that it is a series of confrontations with groups who McCain feels have put their own selfish interests above the national interest. He attacked the tobacco companies because he thought they were poisoning kids, lying to Congress and putting their own profits over America's needs. For similar reasons, he attacks the "special interests" in Washington, the ethanol subsidizers and the congressional pork-barrelers. When he got caught up in the Keating Five scandal a few years ago, he found himself succumbing to the temptations of the scam. That fired his combative zeal.

2. Reform government to combat cynicism.

The central sentence of the McCain campaign was in a speech at Johns Hopkins last year: "We have a new patriotic challenge for a new century: declaring war on the cynicism that threatens our

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public institutions, our culture and, ultimately, our private happiness." That is why he is so obsessed by campaign-finance reform. He thinks Americans will never be good citizens if campaigns are sleazy. That's also why McCain wants to use so much of the surplus to pay down the debt rather than cut taxes. He argues that government made promises to future retirees, and if people are to believe in government, it must keep its promises. "You might think people would say about the surplus, 'Give me my money back,'" McCain says, "but people like you say we have an obligation to the next generation of Americans. Let's pay down the debt... It's a sense of unselfishness."

3. Reform the welfare state and the regulatory bodies to keep America forever young.

As a member and then chairman of the Commerce Committee, McCain has created a distinct style. Half the time he will be bashing businessmen for acting selfishly. But the other half he will be bashing regulators for stifling innovation or exercising anti-democratic power. McCain constantly invokes Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan and, occasionally, John F. Kennedy. These were all vigorous men, who used government to help create a more vigorous country. He is a staunch deregulator because he believes only a tightly regulated economy will be vibrant. He supports legal immigration because immigrants invigorate the nation. He is not well-versed in most domestic-policy reforms, but he has staked out aggressive positions on school choice and Social Security privatization as ways to break up sclerotic systems and replace them with youthful, vigorous ones.

4. Use American might abroad to champion democracy and freedom.

McCain loves talking about foreign affairs. In many ways, he clearly longs for the days of the Cold War, when the presidency was a foreign-affairs-dominated institution, when leaders were called on to play power politics to a great extent. He has a lofty and somewhat grand vision of the job.

McCain has found—or perhaps it is more accurate to say stumbled onto—a policy approach that would project his personal character onto the national character.

David Brooks is a senior editor at the Weekly Standard. He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

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# U.S. teen-agers face murder charges for Germany highway stoning deaths

DARMSTADT, Germany (AP) — With thousands of U.S. military personnel in Germany, police are used to dealing with the occasional Army brat who runs a red light or lifts beer from a supermarket.



Police spokesman Karlheinz Trosch shows a rock Monday that was thrown from a pedestrian bridge in Darmstadt, Germany.

But three teen-age Americans who allegedly spent their nights hurling rocks at cars from a pedestrian bridge are facing something far more serious — murder charges for the deaths of two drivers.

The three boys — ages 14, 17 and 18 — charged with killing two German drivers by dropping stones on passing cars were jailed in separate facilities Wednesday as authorities continued to question them. Darmstadt prosecutor Ger Neuber said the next step in the investigation would be the teens' arraignment, "which we think will come soon."

He said the three would probably all be tried as juveniles. They would face up to 10 years in prison for a juvenile murder conviction. This community was on edge Tuesday and Wednesday as tabloids blared demands for justice. Military families worried about anti-American backlash.

"They were American soldiers' sons — the killer kids from Darmstadt," screamed a banner headline in Bild, the nation's top-selling daily, which devoted the front page to the story.

On television, German psychologists and commentators tried to explain the mindset behind the attacks. They focused on the sense of isolation felt by U.S. military personnel in Germany and a lack of direction among today's teen-agers.

"Germans get their main perception of American soldiers when they go into town, get drunk and get out of hand," said Army Spec. Richard Tennant, who has been based in Darmstadt for 2.5 years. "Now they'll think their kids are just as bad. I'm definitely ashamed."

The three teen-agers, whose names were withheld by authorities, were arrested Monday night by German and U.S. military police at the U.S. Army's Lincoln housing area near Darmstadt, a sleepy suburb of 140,000 just south of Frankfurt.

Darmstadt police say the three confessed to hurling volleyball-sized stones — some weighing 20 pounds — late Sunday from a pedestrian bridge at cars on the four-lane highway underneath.

# Kohl to pay back millions to party

BERLIN (AP) — Helmut Kohl is raising millions to help his party pay fines for illegal financing under his leadership, a magazine reported Wednesday, even as pressure grew for the former chancellor to retire from politics completely. Kohl will pay the Christian Democratic party \$3 million by April, the business weekly Wirtschaftswoche said, adding that he has already gathered nearly a third of the sum from "his friends in business."

That would cover the expected fine for up to \$1 million in off-the-books donations Kohl says he accepted in the 1990s. Parliament has set the fine for illegal campaign donations at three times the original amount. Kohl's office refused to comment on the report. The Christian Democrats were already fined \$20.6 million last

month for an incomplete 1999 financial report, which was used to set government matching funds for the party. Kohl's admission in December touched off a scandal about secret campaign accounts that is dogging the opposition conservatives. His refusal to name the donors has prompted parliament to investigate whether political favors were bought during his 16 years in power.

# China detains dissidents for U.N. chief

BEIJING (AP) — As Chinese police moved against political and religious dissidents, U.N. human rights chief Mary Robinson opened a visit to China Wednesday by calling for better civil liberties in Asia.

With the United States vowing to censure China at the upcoming meeting of the U.N. Human Rights Commission, Chinese leaders hope to use Robinson's visit to mute foreign critics. But Robinson's presence could energize dissidents and bring Beijing more bad publicity.

Ahead of her arrival Tuesday night, police detained at least three members of an outlawed opposition party, tightened surveillance of a mother whose son was killed in the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown and prevented gatherings by the banned Falun Gong sect, human rights groups said.

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# Egypt's new divorce law goes into effect

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — An unprecedented 20 women filed for divorce in Cairo Wednesday, the first day of a new law making it easier for wives to leave their husbands.

"Twenty divorce cases in one day is considered a boom," a court official said on customary condition of anonymity.

The law, which faced strong criticism in this male-dominated Muslim country, was approved by parliament on Jan. 26 and by President Hosni Mubarak three days later. Under the old law, women had to prove they were physically or psychologically harmed by their husbands in order to obtain a divorce.

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—Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal, who hit two of four free throws in the fourth quarter and was 9-of-13 for the game in his team's win over Portland Tuesday

# CSI women fall at Snow

By Kevin Hill  
Times-News writer

EPHERAIM, Utah—They gave it their all, but in the end, it wasn't enough. The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team saw its season end late Wednesday night as host and No. 1 seed Snow College downed the Golden Eagles, 65-75, in first-round play at the Region 18 Women's Basketball Championships.

Besides losing the game, the Golden Eagles lost shooting guard Sara Cellan late. The feisty shooter was injured in a collision with Snow's Amber Nielson during a loose-ball scramble at half-court. Unable to rise from the hardwood, Cellan was carried off on a stretcher and transported to Sanpete Valley Hospital in nearby Mount Pleasant for evaluation. Although disappointed, CSI

head coach Joel Bate said he was extremely proud of the effort his team displayed. “I just told them, ‘You know, we came in with a plan, we gave it our all, we played harder than we played all year,’” he said. “We played a very, very good Snow team—they knew they were in a ball game.” With the win, the Badgers (26-5) advance to a 6 p.m. Friday semifinal with the College of Eastern Utah (19-12), who ousted

Dixie College in an earlier game, 65-63. “I thought CSI played really good,” said Snow head coach Jaime White. “They did everything they had to they attacked where they needed to, their transition was really great and they run with the ball really well.” In the noon semifinal Friday, Ricks College (25-6), who beat Salt Lake 74-51, faces Utah

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# Local teams halved

## Richfield, Murtaugh notch first-day wins

By Matt Peterson and Mike Meller  
Times-News writers

CALDWELL—District IV, Class A-4 boys' state basketball tournament entries Oakley and Camas County will meet in the second round at Vallivue High School today, but not in the fashion either team sought.

# Boys State Tourney

## Class A-4

Both Magic Valley teams dropped opening-round decisions Wednesday afternoon, and now face each other in a 1:45 p.m. best-of-three contest at Vallivue High School.

District IV top seed Richfield, meanwhile, stayed alive in their winners' bracket with an easy win over Cole Valley Christian, and district No. 3 seed Murtaugh, last year's state runner-up, advanced with a first-round buzzer-beating win over Kendrick.

In other first-day A-4 matchups, it was Rockland (4-0) Falls Christian 56-33, Clark Fork beating Wilder 61-43, Troy topping Meadows Valley 66-47 and Genesee edging Greenleaf Friends Academy 55-52. The tournament continues today at Caldwell and Vallivue high schools.

## Richfield 40, C.V. Christian 31

A dominant first quarter gave Richfield a lead it would never relinquish, as the Tigers raised out to a 15-4 advantage and hung on down the stretch.

With the win, the Tigers advance to play Troy today at 8 p.m. in Caldwell. Richfield combined an aggressive fullcourt press with an uptempo offensive attack and prospered in the game's early stages, scoring the first 12 points of the contest.

In the later periods, Cole Valley clawed its way back into the game by slowing the tempo on offense and working the ball inside to a 6-foot-5 post player Berkson. The Chargers' big man recorded a double-double in the loss, scoring 12 points and pulling down 11 rebounds.

But Richfield didn't let down. “They tried to go inside,” said Richfield coach Gar Ward. “They had a big height advantage on us, but I thought we did overall defense. We kept pressure on.”

Although Richfield enjoyed a comfortable cushion for most of the game, Cole Valley chipped the lead to six, 37-31, with 34 seconds remaining. But the Tigers hit three of six free throw attempts in the final 52 seconds while holding the Chargers scoreless.

Forward Mitch Lavers led the Tigers with 12 points, and Quinton Kent followed with 10. In winning, Richfield shot 37 percent from the floor to Cole Valley's 29. The Tigers were also better from the line, connecting on 50 percent of their attempts, while Cole Valley hit just 39 percent of their tries.

Richfield's 2000-01 record is 20-10 (10-10) in 15 games. The Tigers' record is 15-12 (7-12) in 15 games. The Chargers' record is 15-12 (7-12) in 15 games. The Tigers' record is 15-12 (7-12) in 15 games.

## Council 53, Oakley 51

Council (17-7) thought it deserved better than the fourth seed from District III, but two close losses in the qualifying tournament sealed that fate.

No whimpering here. The Lumberjacks used their experience in tight battles to advance

# SLIDING IN



Southern Idaho's Adnan Thomas slides into second base during Wednesday's game against the Community College of Southern Nevada. The Golden Eagles won the McDonald's Slugout opener 9-2.

# Eagles even score against Coyotes

By Jeff Rosen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—The Golden Eagles turned the tables on the Community College of Southern Nevada to open the McDonald's Slugout Wednesday, belting 10 hits over eight innings in a 9-2 clubbing of the same squad that nipped them 1-0 in Las Vegas last week.

The College of Southern Idaho (4-5) used a three-run first inning and four-run fifth to finish off the Coyotes, who used wood bats instead of aluminum for the first time in a spring game.

The home-opening win puts the Golden Eagles one game shy 500 after an 0-5 start.

“It feels good to play on our home field,” said CSI first baseman Tyler Hushrook, whose solo home run to deep-center field keyed the fifth-inning barrage.

## McDonald's Slugout

The Coyotes used four pitchers in the contest, none from their four-man rotation and none extremely effective. Southern Nevada coach Tim Chambers was quick to point out, however, that his team didn't hit well either.

The lone exception was infielder John Perry, who went 3-for-4 with half of his team's RBIs. “We used wood all fall,” Chambers said. “But it was a little tougher to swing aluminum the last three weeks, when he lit wood in this cold weather.”

CSN starter Chris Banister got the Coyotes off to a shaky start, walking the first two batters he faced and advancing both on consecutive balks. Catcher Toby Barnett was the only Golden Eagle to record a hit in the inning. Eric Kitchen homered

## Class A-2 Boys' State Basketball Tournament

Wildcats 57-50 in their home tournament Dec. 29, but which hasn't qualified for the state tournament since 1991 and hasn't won a state title since 1964.

When your own team hasn't played a state tournament game in more than a decade, however, it's important not to lose a sense of perspective.

“We need to focus on the fact that this is just a basketball game,” Lemington said. “Even though we may be the underdogs, it's up to our kids to settle down and stick to the game plan.”

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## Old friends guide A-3 battles

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“Vikings head coach Roger Carelia and Cougars coach Stewart Portela go way back. “Roger and I are pretty good friends,” Portela said. “It'll be a real friendly rivalry. He's got us scouted us big time.”

The game pits the classic matchup of speed (Vikings) vs. size (Firth). Carelia said it should be a doozy.

“It's going to be tough,” Carelia said. “They're pretty balanced, and very capable.” But Carelia likes the matchup, especially if his Vikings can coax the Cougars into an uptempo contest. Junior forward Rob-Black (15.6 ppg, 4.2 rpg), and senior guards Dallon Moon (9.8 ppg, 4.3 assists, 2.2 steals), David

# Filer's planning could pay off

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—Eleven years have passed since Filer last made it to the state tournament.

So when the Wildcats take to the floor this afternoon for the first round of the Class A-2 boys' high school state basketball tournament at Meridian High School, some possession fitters might be expected.

But head coach Bruce Lemington has prepared his Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference champions for the rigorous road that winds toward a state title.

Instead of scheduling soft non-conference opponents early, Lemington and his staff put the Wildcats up against some of the state's stiffer competition this year.

“We tried to expose our kids to tough teams during the season,” Lemington said.

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The Cougars rely on their quartet of seniors: 5-foot-11 guard Blake Jolley (9.0 ppg, 5.0 rpg), 6-4 forward Ryan Williams (3.0 ppg, 13.0 rpg), 5-8 guard Derek

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# Minico Freestyle Wrestling meets tonight

RUPERT—Freestyle wrestling sign-ups are set for 6 p.m. today in the wrestling room at Minico High School.

Wrestlers 5 to 18 should be accompanied by a parent or guardian and bring any copy of their birth certificate and \$30. Practices will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tournaments are scheduled on Saturdays and a schedule will be provided at registration. For more information, call Brad Cooper at 436-4721.

# Race to Robie Creek still accepting entries

BOISE—About 800 slots remain open for the 23rd annual “Race to Robie Creek,” April 15.

The theme of this year's 13.1 mile half-marathon from Fort Boise Park to the Robie Creek Picnic Area is “The Tax Toad Cometh,” in homage to income tax day.

Applications must be sent with the \$25 entry fee to Race to Robie Creek, P.O. Box 205, Boise, Idaho 83701. For more information, please contact the Race to Robie Creek hotline, 368-0990 or check the web site, [www.robiecreek.com](http://www.robiecreek.com).

# Rifle Series Bullriding to be held in Gooding

GOODING—Rifle Series Bullriding will be held Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Gooding Beef Barn.

Admission will be \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and \$3 for children 12 and under. For more information, please call 934-0939.

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**111 records.** When the District III Tournament by beating Payette, 51-30, in the title game.

**Key players:** 68-yr. Cory Volete (16 pp., 8 rps); 51-yr. Joe Dismeyer (7 pp., 3 rps).

**Scouting report:** The Knights won the state title in 1998 but missed the tournament last year. Their losses came at the hands of defending state champion Kuna and A-1 opponents Jerome and Plyer. Open against Melba Valley.

## Filer Wildcats

**Coach:** Bruce Linton, 3rd year  
**Record:** 16-9

**Road to state:** Filer won District IV-Ben Kimbrey, 42-38, in district championship game.

**Key players:** 64-yr. F. Ben Allen (13 pp., 7 rps); 51-yr. F. Chase McLaughlin (leading three-point shooter, 7 pp., 51-yr. G. Brad Walker (team's assist leader, 7 pp., 54-yr. G. Zach Chawick (7 pp., 51-yr. F. Josh Pringle (7 pp., 63-yr. G. Craig Guise, 5-11 in Bromine Bulldogs.

**Scouting report:** Filer is a big, agile dunk machine. The team's lack of state tournament experience, however, is a concern. They're seniors-led, but the Wildcats have not sent a team to the state tournament since 1989. Filer purposedly played a tough non-conference schedule this season that pitted them against state contenders such as Salmon and Snake River. Open against Kellogg.

## Kellogg Wildcats

**Coach:** Tony Kerfoot, 5th year  
**Record:** 10-5

**Road to state:** Kellogg won the Intermountain League title and captured the District I crown (1999) in the title game. Kellogg's first under Kerfoot; the upcoming state appearance will be the Wildcats' first in 10 years. Kellogg won the 3B title last year, but stumbled at the district tournament and did not qualify for state.

**Key players:** 64-yr. Jermal Oerell (14.5 pp., 6 rps); 41-yr. Luke Smith (10 pp., 6 rps); 42-yr. Ryan Mann (10 pp.).

**Scouting report:** Kellogg will be one of the shortest teams in the tournament, but compensate for their lack of size. Kerfoot uses up to 11 players, with long leaping reach legs on the floor at all times. Kellogg has good 3-point shooting, but lacks a true basketball player. An unexciting team on the court. Kellogg hangs its hat on its defense and intensity. Open against Payette.

## Lakeland Hawks

**Coach:** Troy Derrick, 4th year  
**Record:** 15-7

**Road to state:** District III runner-up. Lost to Pocatello in the consolation game. Lost to Bonanza Perry, Priddy River, Jerome and Snake River. Key players: 60-yr. F. Joe Kinley, 61-yr. G. Van Horn (assist leader, 10 pp., 6 rps).

**Scouting report:** The run and gun Hawks prefer an uptempo game. Their lack of a true

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**past District IV's top seed Oakley (16-8).**

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Surprised or not, the Hornets forced themselves trailing 46-39 with less than four minutes remaining in the game. Oakley cut that lead to 50-48 behind five points by Trevor Cranney and four free throws from John Gay.

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## Salmon Savages

**Coach:** Brent Godard, 2nd year  
**Record:** 15-4

**Road to state:** The Savages defeated Shelley twice, and No. 4 South Fremont once to win the District VII title. Salmon was the No. 3 seed in the district tournament by virtue of a coin flip with 21 Shelley.

**Key players:** 61-yr. Cameron Orr (11 pp., 6.5 pp., 6.5 pp.); 62-yr. Wyatt Ray (9.3 pp., 6.2 pp., 6.2 pp.).

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SPORTS

Jazz freeze Pistons in Motor City

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) - Riri Malone scored 31 points, including 14 in the third quarter, to lead Detroit...

Raptors 96, Celtics 94

BOSTON - Vince Carter hit a fadeaway three-pointer at the buzzer, capping a 26-point performance...

New Zealand crew sails into America's Cup history by defending 1999 title

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) - With a 26-year-old rookie at the helm, New Zealand sailed into America's Cup history...

In a move that probably only the Kiwis could pull off, veteran skipper Russell Coutts stepped aside hours before Race 5 in favor of his protégé, Dean Barker...

Arbitrator cuts Rocker's suspension, fine

NEW YORK (AP) - John Rocker's suspension was cut in half to the first 14 days of the regular season...

Wizards 102, Hawks 83

ATLANTA - Mitch Richmond scored 18 points and Gerard King added 17 as the Wizards won their first road game since Dec. 21...

phobia and racism have a place, evidently, and that place is in major league baseball...

Timberline Wolves

Coach Gary Jones, 2nd year. Record: 2-1. The Wolves have a chance to make the playoffs...

Pocattello prepares to defend A-1 boys' state basketball title at Idaho Center

The Times-News. NMPA - The Class A boys' basketball title is up for grabs. Defending champion Pocattello has lost four of its last seven games...

Coutts could have been the first skipper to win 10 straight America's Cup races. Instead, he watched from a chase boat on the grey, blustery Hauraki Gulf...

Remain at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron. Within a minute of the finish, Coutts and several other members of Team New Zealand jumped aboard Black Magic...

This is just the second time the Cup has been defended outside the United States. In 1987, Australia couldn't hang onto it, losing it back to U.S. skipper Dennis Conner...

Lake City Timberwolves

Coach: Jim Wagner, 6th year. Record: 2-3. The Wolves are looking for a winning streak...

Pocattello Indians

Coach: Greg Dene. Record: 2-2. The Indians are looking to improve their record...

Skyline Hawks

Coach: Dan McGee, 4th year. Record: 2-2. The Hawks are looking to win more games...

Borah Lions

Coach: Chris Fisher. Record: 1-3. The Lions are looking to improve their record...

Madison Bobcats

Coach: Bob Johnson, 12th year. Record: 1-4-1. The Bobcats are looking to win more games...

College Basketball

College basketball, Minnesota at Michigan St. ESPN 2 p.m. College basketball, Oklahoma at DePaul. ESPN 7 p.m.

Baseball section with various league standings and game results.

SCORES AND STATS

Main scores and stats section containing various sports results, including basketball, football, and baseball.

BASEBALL

Table with baseball scores and statistics for various teams.

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# YOUR SPORTS

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## TFCA JR. HIGH UNDEFEATED



The Twin Falls Christian Academy boys' basketball team concluded an unbeaten season recently. The team went 11-0. Top scorers were Scott Kirkdorfer with 158 cumulative points, and Jake Walker with 116. Coach Chris Best said, "It was fun to watch the guys get more competitive and spontaneous on offense as the team gelled as the season progressed." Team members are: (left to right) Ben Ledbetter, A.J. Church, Dane Brown, Cody Griffith and Jacob Miller. (Back) Michael Harris, Scott Kirkdorfer, Andrew Patton, Jake Walker, Blake Rorer and coach Best. (Not shown in Black).

## Tuesday Nighters set the pace

The Tuesday Nighters Team, Jim Severa, Nate Polnow, Jim Sorenson, Dave Leon and Roland Peterson at 3,408, retained the lead in the team event at the closing for the Twin Falls Men's City Tournament.



LET'S GO BOWLING Thelma Tucker

The Pac-To-Gethers, Roy Couch, Brad Siegel, Rich Farnsworth, Max Dinos and Dale Thorne stepped into second place with 3,352. The Work of a Team that was in second place after the first weekend dropped to third with their 3,352. Team members were Tom Guss, Art Primeau, John Brennan, Steve Showell and Gene Schulte.

his 2,297 followed by Jerry Switzer 2,259, Duke Stimpson 2,242 and Doug Fritts 2,163.

Duke Stimpson is the Singles Champion with 795. Shots Showell scored at 774 and third place goes to Doug Fritts 769.

High game for the tournament was 685 rolled by Brian McGregor.

Events Handicap was retained by Shots Showell with

A little update on the State High School Scholarship Tournament held last Friday at Rupert Bowl where a total of \$1,500 was awarded.

Valley high schools participating in the event were Twin Falls, Kimberly, Minico, Jerome, Gooding, Filer, Wendell, Buhl and Burley. The entire tournament was made up of 17 teams, 5 members per team.

The only valley young gentleman was Jordan Parish, Burley, with his 606 points which earned him a \$600 scholarship. On the valley girls' side, Tiffany Bywater rolled a 596 series and earned a \$180 Scholarship for first place. Others in the order they won, scored bowled and amount of scholarship are as follows - Michelle Peterson, Gooding, 559, \$155; Erin Miller, Filer, 525, \$10; Michelle Higley, Kimberly, 520, \$105; Jessica Bodenhofer, Gooding, 519, \$85; Becca Gillespie, Minico, 518, \$75; Andrea Harmon, Jerome, 515, \$65; Judy Batten, Minico, 498, \$55. Congratulations to all.

Thelma Tucker writes a weekly bowling column for The Times-News. You can contact her at 733-437, by e-mail at trucker@maglink.com or by fax: (208) 733-3197.

## YOUR SCORES AND STATS

### BASKETBALL

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Pictured from left to right are: Italy Jo Eames (14 years old from Gooding)-Junior and Open All-Around Champion; Cy Eames (8 years old from Gooding)-Pee Wee All-Around Champion; Randy Rold (18 years old from High School All-Around Champion and Coca Cola Senior Scholarship Winner.

## Junior rodeo riders honored

Buhl - The Southern Idaho Junior Rodeo Association celebrated its 1999 champions at an awards luncheon at the Grandstand Cafe in Buhl.

Junior Division (9-14)
1st Place: Italy Jo Eames, 2nd Place: Cy Eames, 3rd Place: Randy Rold, 4th Place: ...

The SJRA will begin its 10-rodeo series on April 2 at the Shoshone Arena.

High School Division
1st Place: Italy Jo Eames, 2nd Place: Cy Eames, 3rd Place: Randy Rold, 4th Place: ...

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Jerome will vote on bond issue today

JEROME - Voters in the Jerome School District will decide today whether or not to pass a proposed \$10.9 million bond issue to build a new middle school next to the high school. The bond issue would be paid off over 20 years, resulting in a total projected levy of \$5.23 per \$1,000 of taxable property for taxpayers next year.

The bond issue is designed to address overcrowding problems in Jerome schools.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. today. Voters can cast their ballots at seven locations in Jerome County, including all five Jerome schools and the conference room in the Recreation District building. Gooding County residents who pay Jerome School District taxes can vote at the Chris Gibson residence, 3021 S. 2400 E.

Presentation will discuss salmon recovery efforts

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Conservation League has organized a public presentation tonight to discuss endangered salmon and the effects of recovery efforts on southern Idaho.

The forum will be held at 7 tonight at Adventure Outfitters in the Lynwood Shopping Center.

The featured speaker will be Tom Stuart, board member of Idaho Rivers United. The presentation will include information on the salmon issue in anticipation of a public hearing in Twin Falls Wednesday.

The hearing Wednesday starts at 5 p.m. and covers a proposed environmental impact statement by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a federal study of options for recovering endangered salmon in the Snake and Columbia river basins.

Today's presentation will cover the alternatives under consideration.

Those alternatives include restrictions on public and private land uses, changes in dams and their operation, changes in hatchery operations, restriction on fishing, using additional stored water from southern and eastern Idaho to help migrating salmon, and removing the earthen-portion-of-the-four federal dams on the lower Snake River.

Lincoln County planners put CAFO plan on agenda

SHOSHONE - The Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Commission will discuss revision to the county's proposed Confined Animal Feeding Operation ordinance at 7 tonight at the courthouse.

Also on tonight's agenda, planners will consider:

- A request for use request from Katherine Peterson to place a manufactured home on a five-acre parcel located at 495 North 375 West in Shoshone.

- A request from Willhorse Land and Cattle Company to rezone a lot on Highway 75 to light industrial-commercial.

- A request from Ken Hall to split 60 acres west of Highway 75 into three 20-acre parcels located one-half mile west of Highway 75.

Seminars will focus on water quality

TWIN FALLS - Three soil conservation districts will present a pair of water quality seminars for the owners of a few acres of live stock, a septic system and a domestic well.

The first seminar starts at 8 a.m. Saturday in Room A05 of the Evergreen Building at the College of Southern Idaho. The second begins at 1 p.m.

The seminars will focus on managing small acreages to reduce or prevent water pollution, and will provide practical information on managing irrigated pasture and assessing water quality threats.

Both seminars are free and sponsored by the Snake River, Twin Falls and Balanced Rock conservation districts.

Compiled from staff reports

Pathologist bill gains support

By Michael Journe Times-News writer



The scene and a forensic expert was shown in from out of state, Capt. Jim Massey, head of the Twin Falls Police Department's

BOISE - When a 1998 home fire on Falls Avenue turned into a murder investigation, Twin Falls detectives had no timely way of finding out the exact cause of the victim's death.

Several weeks later, after the state fire marshal investigated

detective squad, learned that the fire's cause was accidental and that the woman may have died before the fire even ignited.

The situation made a strong impression on Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, a former Twin Falls County prosecutor whose evening walking route took him past the house regularly. Because there was no forensic

pathologist at the disposal of the investigators, the case was left hanging in limbo too long, he said.

On Monday, Smith and other members of the House argued successfully for a bill that would establish a state medical examiner's office - and put the expertise of a forensic pathologist within the reach of local coroners who typically have little

ability to investigate questionable deaths.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Margaret Henbest, D-Boise, is the result of years of effort, the demise of a similar bill during last year's session and a compromise on this year's bill that would put the plan under the control of local officials. The

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History comes to life



Fourth-grader Olivia Walpando dances to Mexican music with her class on Wednesday during Sawtooth Elementary School's 'Idaho History Alive,' a program to teach children about different cultures.

Grant opens up students' eyes to other cultures

By Rachel Denny Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Almost every fourth-grader knows something about Native Americans, but few students realize the impact the Chinese, Mexicans and Basques have had on a developing Idaho.

'Idaho History Alive,' made possible by a grant from Idaho Commission on the Arts, gives children a chance to learn about

other cultures and discover the part they play in Idaho history by looking at dance arts, visual arts and video arts.

'The thing that gets me is you open up Idaho history books and there is only two paragraphs about the Chinese, two paragraphs about the Mexicans and a page about the Basques,' said Angel Wynn, a video artist and artist in residence at Sawtooth Elementary School. 'The information has been nil. All the kids

have studied Native Americans, but working with the Basques, Mexican and Chinese this week they really had to start studying.'

The three artists in residence teach as a group, spending one complete day in each of Sawtooth's three fourth-grade classes. Each class focuses on a specific culture and its impact on Idaho.

'The kids have picked up an awareness just getting more

entrenched with the cultures,' Wynn said. 'They do have some understanding, but it's not stereotypical. These are minds that can hopefully appreciate these cultures and make a change.'

Each fourth-grade class will make a video chronicling what they have learned about the culture they studied. Those videos will be made available to parents and other schools.

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P&Z says dairy plan is in wrong location

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A proposed 4,900-animal unit dairy south of Murtaugh Lake overlaps with the county's recreational overlay zone and is too close to a Boy Scout camp, Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commissioners said Wednesday.

For more than an hour at a workshop, the county planning and zoning commissioners - minus former Chairman Ken Stutzman, who resigned recently from the commission to pursue other interests - took a serious look at Gary Stouder's dairy request.

Stouder, a partner of Stouder Holstetter in Wendell, has proposed setting up his dairy on 573 acres about 1 3/4 miles south of Murtaugh Lake in the county's agricultural zone.

The dairy would have 2,000 milking cows, 250 dry cows and 2,500 replacement heifers, according to Stouder's Planning and Zoning application.

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Judge rules doctor can keep office - for now

By Ruth Streeter Times-News writer

BURLEY - A temporary restraining order was granted Wednesday to allow a Burley physician convicted of drug possession to continue practicing in his office at the Cassia Regional Medical Center until he completes his move to another facility.

Fifth District Judge Monte B. Carlson had initially denied that request Tuesday. But after the request was amended by Charles Suits' attorneys, Carlson said in a Wednesday telephone hearing.

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Discovery Research Group opens Twin Falls for calling center

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Discovery Research Group of Utah Inc. will employ about 200 people by year's end in the call center it plans to open next month at the Turf Plaza. Irvine and Justin, Calif. All locations are leased. Total employment - 60 full-time and 600 part-time. Total capacity - More than 350 computer-aided telephone interviewing stations. Discovery calls itself one of the largest data-collection companies in the United States.

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# Albion forum strives for involvement

## Pathologist

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### Leaders, residents gather to talk about the issues

By Lorraine Caviner  
Times-News writer

ALBION — While some debate the world's problems at local restaurants, some are finding other ways to get involved in community issues and decision-making.

Gaining community participation was one of the topics that nearly 30 people discussed Wednesday at an Idaho Rural Partnership leader mini-forum.

Community leaders from many different groups converged at the Marsh Creek Events Center in Albion, issues such as making partnerships with tourism development, consensus building and facilitation methods were discussed.

Informing the public about topics affecting the community can be a key to winning support for those issues, especially when adversarial groups are working to defeat something, such as a

school bond issue.

During the campaign for the Minidoka County School bond issue, there were flyers opposing the issue plastered throughout the county, said Penny Nisour, a Minidoka County School District art teacher.

"We called them the 'poison pink sheets,'" Nisour said. "There was no name on it. We never knew who the creator was."

The best way to counter adversarial information is through positive community involvement, said Dick Gardner of the Idaho Department of Commerce.

"Most conflict starts with fear," Gardner said. "That is False Evidence Appearing Real."

Mike Brown, owner of Rupert's Pancake House and Rupert City Council member, said he has seen local situations happen while folks enjoy a meal or coffee at his establishment. But a small bit of literature can change opinions, he said. Brown suggests those who want to get the word out ask owners of coffee and eating establishments if informative brochures can be left on tables for people to read.

"Often coffee klatches are the best way to get the word out," said Idaho Cooperative Extension Emeritus Mary Lee Wood.

The simple message about community participation is that people will be committed to what they are involved in, Wood said.

"The process of involving people can be time-consuming, but the payoff is really big," she said.

Looking at situations as either one person or the other winning is not productive, Wood said.

If goals seem opposing, problems often may be solved through reframing the issue, she said.

"Goals may not be that far apart," Wood said.

Information gleaned from the session could be very helpful, Brown said.

A good example of how the public is necessary to gain the public's support, he said.

"A good example of how a vision fair was used to gain input and public support was the Rupert Renaissance, said Todd Christensen, an economic development specialist for the Mini-Cassia Economic Development Commission.

Committees were formed and a consensus was reached about goals the Renaissance group would pursue. Renovation of the Wilson Theater was chosen as a high priority and the building was later purchased and the process of renovation has started.

Getting information out to tourists was discussed in another session.

Front-line employees at businesses need to be educated to inform tourists about Mini-Cassia, said Joan Asson, executive director of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce.

"One of my targets is to educate employees of area businesses about what is available to tourists," Asson said.

The event was sponsored by Idaho Department of Commerce, Idaho Cooperative Extension System, Diversity Works, Lone Tree Consulting, Mini-Cassia Development Commission, Marsh Creek Event Center, Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, Region IV Development, the Mid-Snake R&D and Rupert Renaissance.

measure was approved by the House in a long Monday morning debate by vote of 38-29. It will now be considered by the Senate Health and Welfare Committee which has the power to refer the proposed legislation to the full Senate or kill it in committee.

Because of countless similar situations across the Magic Valley and the state, local officials seem excited about the possibility of having such a resource at their disposal. Not only will it speed up the investigation process, it will give families of victims some answers during a very tough time.

"Coroners are hamstrung if they don't have someone to call on. They have to go out state to find someone who can handle it," said Jerome County Coroner Gene Ostler.

And at considerable expense, Ostler added. He said the last time he needed an expert, it cost Jerome County \$3,500 to bring someone in from Nebraska.

"It puts a heck of a load on the coroners, and by extension the taxpayers," he said.

Local elected coroners are not required by state statute to have any kind of qualifications to run for office. Anyone who can get enough votes can serve.

Although Ostler met most of the coroners he knows well of the state of medical background — he served as a paramedic before running his current office of 17 years ago — none have the know-how for examining things like bullet trajectory and blood spatters, important tools in a forensic expert's box. Performing autopsies is completely out of the question for the local officials.

Ostler said he has used pathologists employed by local hospitals in the past, but that cross-examination by murder trial defense lawyers has all but dried up that pool of expertise.

"What really leaves us in a lurch," Ostler said.

Local police and prosecutors agree. Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebis said he's flown people in from as far away as Florida to do autopsies.

"That costs an incredible amount of money," Loebis said. "I'm very much in favor of some-

### About House Bill 515

Rep. Margaret Hankins' (R-Boise) House bill would create a coroner system has changed very little since Idaho became a state a century ago and has led to a number of inconsistent procedures. Her bill, which has been approved by the House and will soon be discussed by the Senate, provides for a forensic pathologist, hired by a governor-appointed commission, to serve as a state medical examiner who would be responsible for training coroners, developing a uniform protocol for conducting death investigations, performing autopsies and providing expert testimony in court.

Below an initial \$150,000 state appropriation for start-up costs, the system would be supported by a \$5 increase in what the state charges for birth and death certificates, which Hankins said should generate about \$500,000 a year. Counties that now pay the entire cost of autopsies would be required to cover only half of the cost. And autopsies would be performed by the medical examiner or his designee or a qualified pathologist experienced in forensics.

thing that puts someone on call in Boise.

But Loebis said he does have some reservations. The new office must be used at the discretion of local prosecutors only, and must not be used in investigations where they're not wanted.

Herbena, a pediatric nurse practitioner who has crusaded for the reform of the county coroner system, fought off the strong challenges that claimed her measure would simply create another layer of ineffective government.

The commission would include the local advisory commission that would hire and oversee the new office. The commission would be made up of five local officials appointed by the governor.

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 office.

## Dairy

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Commissioners agreed the proposal, while a good one, is in a poor location — a factor that is going to make approval of the dairy difficult.

"I think it's a siting issue," County Planning and Zoning Director Bill Cronin told the commission Wednesday. "As for their proposal, I don't think you'll find anything better than that."

Commission members echoed Cronin's thoughts.

"I just think he picked the wrong location," Commissioner Ralph Breeding said.

Stouder's proposed dairy raises other problems, commissioners said.

The dairy is too close to a newly located Boy Scout Camp by Murtaugh Lake. The location is also on a flood plain, a factor that could become quite serious in terms of water runoff, commissioners said.

Stouder Wednesday had little comment about the planners' findings.

"We've made our presentation and we're leaving it in the hands of the planning and zoning commission," he said in a telephone interview.

"In a presentation that lasted more than two hours last month,

Stouder outlined his plans for his proposed dairy, and said it would not endanger the environment or its neighbors.

"We don't want to move into an area and force ourselves on them," he said. "We want to be good neighbors; we're going to live there."

About 15 people spoke for and against Stouder's plans at that last public hearing. Most agreed Stouder's plan seemed sound, but they remained skeptical, citing water quality issues and the proximity to Murtaugh Lake.

The county planning and zoning commission will make a decision on Stouder's dairy request at its March 9 meeting.

Stouder's dairy proposal is not the only item on the commission's March 9 agenda.

John Schilder has proposed expanding his dairy operation at 1164 E. 3700 N., in the county's agricultural zone.

Schilder wants to increase his herd to 650 milking cows and 150 dry cows to 1,500 milking cows and 400 dry cows.

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## Man loses fight against cancer

BURLEY — Last June a Tejuano music benefit concert was held for Burley resident Julio Reynoso, who had to quit his job because he was suffering from brain cancer. After the concert, Reynoso said, he once he got back to work, he hoped to pay everyone back.

But Reynoso, 46, never got the chance. He died Wednesday at the Burley Care Center.

Many came out to support Reynoso at last summer's concert, said his friend Damien Rodriguez, a local musician.

"Julio has shared his talents with local fund-raisers, churches, weddings and nursing homes," Rodriguez said. "This time it was time for those who loved him, cared for him and appreciated him to return the favor."

Reynoso had just started a new job when the cancer struck. After a night of suffering from an unbearable headache, he went to the Cassia Regional Medical Center where a malignant tumor was found in his brain. He had not been at the job long enough to qualify for insurance benefits.

Reynoso had emergency neurological surgery to remove a lemon-sized tumor at a Boise hospital, but not all traces of the tumor were removed. Doctors

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had hoped to remove the remaining bits of the tumor with radiation therapy.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

### Hazelton man found guilty of drug possession

BURLEY — A jury found a Hazelton man guilty of drug possession late Tuesday afternoon after a two-day trial in Fifth District Court.

Tereso Celestino Popoca, 35, faces up to seven years in prison and a maximum \$15,000 fine.

Popoca had been charged in April 1999, after he was found in possession of 7 grams of a controlled substance. Popoca had initially been a suspect in burglary and it was for that reason Cassia County officers had pursued him.

Officers obtained the evidence after Popoca reached into his pocket for a suspect and dropped the drugs to the ground. Officers had initially believed the substance to be methamphetamine, but state lab results revealed it to be cocaine.

— Compiled from staff reports

## Culture

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All the projects they are doing make what students learn that more memorable, said Pat Robinson, a visual artist and artist in residence.

"When you have more hands-on experience with any subject you're going to remember it longer," she said. "Hopefully what will also come across with this is when they run across people who are from another culture, they'll feel better about it. It's not as foreign, it's not strange."

And students are learning a number of things they didn't know before.

"I think it's fun because other things you just do papers, and this we get to do activities,"

fourth-grader Tara Melugin said. "There's a lot of things you can see and learn. I didn't know they (Mexicans) were part of Idaho's history."

Experience is what it's all about, and hands-on experience is the best kind, dance artist and artist in residence Lori Head said.

"They get to try and experience some things," she said. "It's hands-on, direct contact. I bet they will never forget these four groups."

The program was made possible through a \$1,500 grant from the Idaho Commission on the Arts. The school used matching money through student-run fundraisers and from the Parent Teacher Student Organization.

## Doctor

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there was no sufficient evidence to believe there would be more harm done to Suits if he was forced to leave his office than the harm done to the hospital if he stayed.

Suits had been notified Feb. 11 the same day a jury found him guilty of possessing methamphetamine — that he had until Wednesday to vacate his office. The temporary restraining order is only effective until the court hears cause why Suits should have been evicted. That hearing is tentatively scheduled for March 10.

Suits initially argued he shouldn't be evicted until his March 24 sentencing, because it would be difficult to lease new office space while his future was uncertain. Suits' attorney James Annett, who says Suits would also like to distance himself from the hospital, said Wednesday Suits has located office space and is in the process of moving, but needs 10 to 15 more days to complete the move.

While Annett says the hospital should have given him 30 days notice, Bill Dalling, the attorney for Intermountain Health Care, the corporation that operates the hospital, said Suits had two weeks notice to move and doesn't see why Suits couldn't open another office immediately.

At Tuesday's hearing, Carlson said there was not enough evidence leading him to believe Suits would suffer significant harm if forced to relocate his practice less than a month before his sentencing.

But Annett had said he accidentally failed to include information in his initial motion that was needed in order to call witnesses to the stand and to allow Suits to explain how he understood the terms of his leasing privileges.

"With that new evidence, Suits reapplied for a motion that the hospital show cause, and also applied for a temporary restraining order until that motion is

heard by the court.

Annett said Suits is concerned about the implications for his staff and patients if he can't continue his practice while moving and making his new office space fit for using.

The hospital's position is that once a physician loses admitting privileges, leasing privileges are also denied. Suits had voluntarily given up his privileges after his December 1998 arrest and hospital officials said only extended Suits' leasing privileges as a courtesy.

Dalling said Tuesday the hospital is concerned for patient safety.

Annett said he couldn't understand the urgency the hospital had to evict Suits, once a jury found him guilty.

"One day it's OK to tolerate him, the next day it's not," Annett said.

According to Suits' affidavit, Suits had not been notified of any allegations of inappropriate patient care after the hospital conducted a retrospective review soon after Suits was arrested.

Immediately following Wednesday's ruling, Dalling told Carlson he plans to file a motion for an expedited hearing, believing that the evidence Suits is using to show why he should not have been evicted is fraudulent, he said.

Carlson required Suits to pay \$2,000 in security, which is intended to cover 10 days rent and attorney fees.

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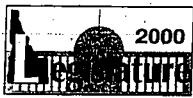
# Funds for Kempthorne's image campaign barely survive review

BOISE (AP) - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's \$100,000 campaign to ensure national perceptions of Idaho as a rapid haven barely survived legislative budget writers on Wednesday.

And the compromise that was finally agreed to diverts \$50,000 from a rural economic development initiative to fully finance the governor's image campaign. Some lawmakers contended there was a greater need to invest in the economic survival of rural Idaho, which is not experiencing the growth that Idaho's urban center around Boise has been.

The Commerce Department appropriation also includes the \$50,000 state match to \$50,000 donation from the Mexican state of Tlaxcala, Idaho's sister state, toward the \$3 million Hispanic Cultural Center proposed for Nampa. Lawmakers refused to make the donation last year to aggravate the state's image problem.

"It's about time we start shining a positive light on the great aspects of this state," Republican Rep. Jim Clark of Hayden told his colleagues on the Joint



## 2000 LEGISLATIVE LOG

**Finance-Appropriations Committee.**  
It was one of the panel's last actions before recessing to give House tax-writers some time to finalize a proposed election-year tax cut that will affect decisions on key budgets for public schools, higher education and prisons.  
A scaled-back \$41 million tax cut was introduced in the House Wednesday morning. It's centerpiece is a 3 percent annual credit against personal income taxes (S1232) that provides the lion's share of \$27 million break to the third of the taxpayers who have the highest incomes and pay the most taxes. For the two thirds of taxpayers reporting taxable incomes of \$20,000 and less, the annual savings will be less than \$42.  
An attempt to fully finance Kempthorne's Commerce Depart-

ment proposal, which included \$150,000 for rural development and \$50,000 for export promotion in Europe and South America as well as the image campaign, died on a 10-9 vote. The bid to strip the image campaign from the budget met the same fate.

"The more we discuss image, the worse the problem gets because we get media coverage," House Appropriations Chairman Bob Geddes of Preston said in finding himself on the losing end of the vote to strike the proposal.

But others argued that the issue was not simply the handful of neo-Nazis in the Idaho Panhandle - something that aggravated former Gov. Phil Batt since there are substantially more neo-Nazis in other northwestern states.

"This negative stereotype is a very small part of Idaho's image" among people in the East and Midwest, Republican Rep. Don Fischer of Coeur d'Alene argued. "Look around at our image. We're killing trees. We're destroying fish. We seem to be behind in everything. This campaign goes beyond these media stereotypes."

# Loan fund for schools stays alive

BOISE (AP) - A warm reception is expected in the full House for two bills intended to convince a judge the state is doing all it can to ensure Idaho students have safe, learning-conducive schools.

With only one dissenting vote, the House Revenue and Taxation Committee on Wednesday endorsed legislation establishing a \$20 million low-interest revolving loan fund that districts could tap after exhausting other funding sources.

"This is set up to, in effect, make the state treasurer the lender of last resort," said Deputy Attorney General Michael Gilmore, who will represent the state before 4th District Judge Deborah Bail against school districts challenging whether the state is meeting its constitutional mandate for habitable schools.

Gilmore also expressed support for a bill promoted as a complementary plan backed by the

Idaho Bankers Association for Zions Bank, First Security Bank and possibly others to provide up to \$50 million in commercial loans.

Only two lawmakers voted against the proposal that would let school districts repay the bank loans with discretionary funds, such as unencumbered money they get from the state or lottery revenues, or by getting voters to approve 20-year plant facilities levies on consolidated election dates.

The duration of those levies now is limited to 10 years, so stretching out payments would mean relatively lower property tax rates. The level of patron sup-

port needed for approval - from 55 percent to two-thirds - still would depend on the size of the levy being sought.

"It would be very useful in terms of the lawsuit to say there's an additional source of capital," said Gilmore, adding that the legislation could lead to a short-term school building and renovation boom.

The Education Committee also was expected today to forward to the House Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's plan mandating development of statewide school building safety standards and establishing a process for closing schools that pose any "imminent safety hazard."

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#### Completes for Wednesday Sent to governor

SB1443 (Finance) - Appropriates about \$3.5 million to the Natural Restoration Fund in the Bureau of Dipter Services for the Milo Creek Containment Project.

#### Confirmed by Senate

Bill Whitton, Sage, to the State Soil Conservation Commission.

#### Introduced in House

HB706 (State Affairs) - Extends to July 31, 2005, the date by which highway districts and county commissioners must publish in map form all public rights of way within their jurisdictions.

HB707 (Revenue and Taxation) - Provides for more than \$40.4 million in tax cuts, including a 3 percent tax credit against individual income tax liability and full elimination of the so-called marriage penalty.

HB708 (State Affairs) - Delays implementation of term limits on county commissioners until 2002.

#### Completes for Tuesday Sent to governor

SB1313 (Health and Welfare) - Deletes the requirement that state funding increases for the Senior Services Program must be spent for in-home services on a daily care.

SB1340 (Local Government and Taxation) - Provides that community service fees shall be paid to the district court and deposited in the county treasury for payment to the State Insurance Fund.

SB1361 (Judiciary and Rules) -

### Introduced in House

HB704 (Revenue and Taxation) - Strengthens the lemon law legislation requiring automobile manufacturers to act in a timely manner.

HB705 (Revenue and Taxation) - Expands the State Tax Commission unauthorized levy notification requirements.

### Introduced in Senate

SCR155 (State Affairs) - Declares the third Friday in September as Idaho Legislative Back to School Day.

SCR156 (State Affairs) - Directs the Department of Administration to report on state building district trustee zones.

SR106 (Judiciary and Rules) - Authorizes the Senate to select members can read of children on the 96th birthday of Dr. Seuss on Thursday.

SR107 (Judiciary and Rules) - Amends Senate rules so that bills can be signed by the President of the Senate without the full Senate being in session.

SR121 (State Affairs) - Expands the exemptions from the ban on minors in places selling alcoholic beverages to convention centers and arenas.

SR122 (State Affairs) - Shifts from the State Board of Education to the county commissions the power to redress school district trustee zones.

SR153 (Finance) - Increases from \$50,000 to \$5 million the direct annual diversion of sales tax revenue to the State Permanent Building Fund.

SR154 (Judiciary and Rules) - Deletes references to the board of correction in the parole board law.

SR155 (Judiciary and Rules) - Authorizes below market interest loans for pollution management programs.

SR156 (State Affairs) - Expands the lending authority of the Idaho Housing and Finance Association to agriculture buildings constructed by beginning farmers and ranchers.

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## NEW GENERATION

## THANK YOU LETTERS

Dillon Jay Sorenson is the fourth generation of the Sorenson family. He was born Dec. 31, 1959. His great-grandfather Wayne Sorenson, middle, grew up in Shoshone. Grandfather Galen Sorenson, left, was raised in north Shoshone and now resides in Missoula. Craig Sorenson, Dillon's father, grew up in Dietrich and lives in Idaho Falls.

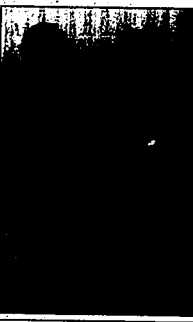


Photo courtesy of the Sorenson family

## BSU names honor roll

**BOISE** - More than 50 local residents were among 1,703 students named to the fall semester 1999 dean's list at Boise State University.

Area residents on the highest honors list, earning a 4.00 grade-point average are Kristin L. Muchow of Gooding; Juan F. Salamanca, Margaret M. Shaughnessy and Destree L. Williams, all of Hatley; Wendy L. Carlson and Dailia R. Martinez, both of Heyburn; Nico R. Cantone, Anna R. Trelles and Beverly M. Walker, all of Jerome; Gabriela Calderon, Roben M. Engles and Krista Grace O'Dell, all of Kimberly; Anita Bozic and Janis Roan, both of Twin Falls; and Shiloh D. Jax of Wendell.

Area residents on the high honors list, earning a 3.75-3.99 grade point average are Jennifer D. Barstovsky and Melissa K. Barstovsky, both of Buhl; Nicholas Heidel and Pamela Humphries, both of Burley; Lacey M. Groen of Dietrich; Kinsey L. Gott of Eden; Jonathan W. Graf of Filer; Andrew C. Tennant of Gooding; Nicholas W. Tabler of Hatley;

Jeremiah K. Edwards of Heyburn; Betty S. Clark, John K. Haines and Angela R. Koehrhans, all of Jerome; Sonia L. Pollard of Paul; and Rebecca J. Turner and Amber A. Wagner, both of Twin Falls.

Area residents on the honors list, earning a 3.50-3.74 grade-point average are Mary A. Alves and Brenda K. Blanco, both of Buhl; Holly E. Barnes, Ryan R. Holmes, Jared L. Holyoak, Erik M. Onstved and Andrew Smith, all of Burley; Melinda I. Miller of Fairfield; Candace M. Cheney of Gooding; Holly L. Zollinger of Hagerman; Kayo G. Sady of Hatley; Holly Stanger of Hansen; Tara L. Robinson of Heyburn; Ryan W. Capps of Jerome; Christina L. Price and Kai Robahn, both of Ketchum; Kate Johnson of Murtaugh; Eric P. Stroschein of Rupert; Melissa Bernier, Jenny M. Corn, Carol J. Dean, Kevin G. Frey, Rita A. Robertson, Dorothy K. Shorer, Laura Todd and Courtney N. Trowbridge, all of Twin Falls; and Abraham G. Koehler, Brian Orth and John Thompson, all of Wendell.

## Red Cross honors volunteers

**RUPERT** - The Mini-Cassia Chapter of the American Red Cross recognized volunteers and elected officers at its annual meeting and banquet Feb. 3 at the Red Cross building.

Jerry Voss of Heyburn received the Clara Barton Honor Award for meritorious volunteer leadership. Voss has dedicated more than 30 years to the Red Cross and received the award for leadership skill, volunteer performance, cooperation in growth and development of Red Cross programs and guidance of local volunteers, Red Cross representatives say.

Voss has served in the Cassia County Red Cross and then in the Mini-Cassia organization following a chapter merger. He volunteered as a first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation instructor, first aid chairman and currently serves on the board of directors.

In 1974, an estimate of 350 people trained in CPR and first aid compared to more than 1,100 trained in 1999, the Red Cross says.

Other honorees included Magic Valley Foods, customer of the year; Snyder's Surplus, good neighbor award; Super Lions Club, donor of the year; Leonard Martin, Bill Walker and Mary Bellum, blood donor recognition awards; Billie Anne Cassia Blood Service volunteer; Audrey Newirth, Ann DeWald and Lori Topfiff, exceptional volunteers; Jeff McEwen, spirit of chapter chairman (past); Doug Griffiths, spirit of excel-

lence; and Rick Birdsong, volunteer of the year.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to the National Guard Armory of Burley, Minidoka Senior Center, Pepsi, George K's, City of Rupert, Culligan Water, Rupert Lady Elks, Soropomists, St. Nicholas Catholic Women, Rupert Kiwanis, Rupert Lions, Cub Scout Pack 44, Cub Scout Pack 40, Oliver Lusk, Trudy Barnes, Jared Gillespie, Colin and Hazel Marriott and Jeff Maier.

The business meeting was conducted by George Falkner. Voting was unanimous to elect officers, including Falkner as chairman; Dave Gibbons, vice chairman; Trudy Barnes, secretary; and Audrey Newirth, treasurer.

The following board members were sustained: Falkner, Gibbons, Voss, Nelweth, Barnes, Trish Hurst, Valerie Hanks, Dennis Dudley, Carlos Roundy, Rick Birdsong, Linda Birdsong, Doug Griffiths, Jim Fletcher, Thayne Taylor, Todd McChae and Bob Stearns.

The gathering of 85 volunteers and friends of Red Cross also enjoyed a potluck dinner with roast beef donated by independent Mac Co. of Twin Falls, potatoes from Roland and Potatoes of Rupert and soft drinks from Pepsi. George K's East Restaurant prepared the meat and potatoes.

Hazel Marriott entertained with readings and Colin Marriott provided karaoke entertainment with audience participation.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

**Area residents help BSU speech team take second at tourney**

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A reception featuring the Xi Mu chapter's queens followed the fashion show.

**Eastern Washington names area residents to dean's list**

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### Businesses help with recognition of Robert Stuart students

We would like to thank the following Twin Falls businesses and organizations for their generous donation to the Robert Stuart Junior High Seventh-Grade Awards:

TCBY, Twin Falls City Pool, Treasure Cove, Reed Theaters, Twin Falls Cinema, College of Southern Idaho Athletic Department, King's, Barnes & Noble, Christian Bookstore and Daisy's.

Your generosity is a wonderful example of youth assets spending!

**MAGGI MACHALA**  
PATRECE MEZA  
Parent representatives, PTSO  
Robert Stuart Junior High  
Twin Falls

### Family remembers funeral home with kindness, generosity

Thanks to Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home. Only God can repay you folks for your loving care in providing such a lovely service and a place to rest our little princess. Mike, your kindness and generosity will always be remembered.

Thank you ever so much:  
**LARRY HOUSER**  
And the Houser Family  
Twin Falls

### Rotary makes community a special place for animals

People for Pets Humane Society would like to thank the Blue Lakes Rotary for its generous contribution to the animal shelter. It is organizations such as this that make our community a special place for animals in need.

**LAUREN SIMMONDS**  
Twin Falls

### Valentine's Day dance is shake, rattle and roaring success

Robert Stuart's Valentine's Dance - "Shake, Rattle & Roar" - was a great success! The parent-teacher-student organization extends our many thanks to Williams Market and Swensen's for their donations. A special thank you to Jim and Mary Fort for the great pictures, Kathleen Williams for the music and for those wonderful parents and teachers that helped decorate and chaperone.

**LYNN HEDBERG**  
Dance chairman  
Robert Stuart Junior High PTSO  
Twin Falls

### Contributors' gifts make wishes come true for youngsters

The Wishing Star Foundation would like to take this opportunity to thank the following sponsors for helping to make dreams come true for local children who are suffering with life-threatening illnesses.

The Twin Falls Junior Club presented us with a check for \$4,758.92. The employees of the Amalgamated Sugar Co. donated \$610, and the Filer Peace Lutheran Quilters provided several quilts this winter for children who are hospitalized. We also appreciate the continued support from La Casita and Kimberly Kut 'n' Kurl for allowing us to place donation cartons on their counters and to all of you who put donations in them.

Your generosity is putting sunshine in the lives of many. Thank you all so much.

**KLARA JONES**  
Magic Valley Chapter  
Wishing Star Foundation  
Twin Falls

### Kimberly PTSO chill supper and auction proceeds support school

The Kimberly Parent Teacher Student Organization would like to recognize and thank area businesses for their contributions for our Chill Supper and Silent Auction. We appreciate your support. Proceeds will go to Kimberly schools for various projects.

Sponsors of the supper Smith's Food, Anderson's, G.M. Farms, Keegan's, Persons's IGA, Albertson's, Falls Brand-Independent Meat and

### Professionals do good job aiding victim of ski accident

I would like to convey our extreme gratitude to all the professional staff at Pomerelle Ski Resort for their prompt and safe transportation my son, Tyler, off the mountain after a serious snowmobiling accident that broke his leg. The efforts of these professionals resulted in our son preserving the condition of his leg without further aggravating this serious situation.

Additionally, we cannot say enough about the incredible staff at Cassia Regional Medical Center Orthopedic surgery room Dr. Crane, the entire emergency room staff, anesthesiologist Dr. Jim Whitmore, and the operating room team thank you for a job well done on our son. It may have been fairly routine for these professionals, but believe me, it was anything but routine for Tyler. We received a first-hand view yester-

### Golden Heritage Senior Center at 2421 Overland Ave in Burley.

The event is sponsored by local AVA representatives and the public is invited. Participants can do their nails for free.

For more information, call 431-3257.

**Library invites children to 'Clown Around'**

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Public Library will host story presenter Claude Cash at 4 p.m. Friday in children's services at the library at 434 Second Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Cash will "clown around" during the presentation, including telling stories, jokes, riddles and doing crafts.

For more information, call the library's public library at 733-2964.

### Group offers Freedom From Smoking Program

**BOISE** - Smokers are invited to join the American Lung Association's six-week Freedom From Smoking Program.

Participants will receive a personal workbook, a relaxation tape and support to help them stop smoking, coordinators say.

For more information or to register, call 1-800-586-4872.

### Red blood drawing set Friday

**BUHL** - A Red Cross blood drawing will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at the Buhl Moose Lodge, 1101 Main.

The Red Cross has established a goal of 100 pints for the drawing.

Anyone over the age of 17, weighing at least 100 pounds and in good health is eligible to donate.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Sandra Wisecarver at 543-2737.

### Guests read to classes, classic story hits stage

**TWIN FALLS** - Readings and a classic story are part of this week's activities at Twin Falls schools.

As part of Read Across America Day, community and parent guest readers will tell stories in classrooms on Thursday at Lincoln Elementary in Twin Falls.

The Twin Falls High School Drama Department presents "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thursday and Friday at Twin Falls High School. Area children are invited to attend and to show lasts about one hour.

For more information, call Twin Falls High School at 733-6551.

### Western Wyoming rep schedules school visits

**TWIN FALLS** - Laurie Watkins, assistant director of admissions at Western Wyoming Community College in Rock Springs, Wyo., will visit with area high school students throughout March.

Watkins will visit at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Burley High School.

On March 9, Watkins will visit at 8:10 a.m. at Twin Falls High School; at 10 a.m. at Buhl High School; at 11:50 a.m. at Filer High School; at 1:15 p.m. at Jerome High School; and at 2:30 p.m. at Gooding High School.

"Honor scholarships will be awarded during Watkins' visit and she will discuss other scholarship and financial aid opportunities available to potential Western Wyoming Community College students, coordinators say.

For additional information, call the Western Wyoming Office of Enrollment Services at (307)-382-1648.

### Local school team holds winter carnival

**HAILEY** - The Wood River Middle School Purple Team will hold a winter carnival on Friday.

Students can compete as sled teams for prizes and parent volunteers are needed.

For more information, call Wood River Middle School at 788-3523.

### Iris society sees video of gardens at meeting

**TWIN FALLS** - The Magic Valley Iris Society will hold its meeting on Saturday at the Jade Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road.

A video from Schreiners Iris Gardens on The Rainbow Goddess will be shown.

The meeting will start at 11:30 a.m. with a luncheon, short meeting and video.

Guests are welcome. For more information, call Don Chadd at 733-0040.

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### Care center holds open house for musician

**BURLEY** - The Burley Care Center will hold an open house for Julio Reynoso from 3 p.m. Friday at the center, 1729 Miller Ave. in Burley.

Friends and family are invited to honor Reynoso, a local musician who regularly performed at care centers in Burley and Rupert.

For more information, call the Burley Care Center at 788-9474.

### Magie Valley New Neighbors lunch set

**TWIN FALLS** - The Magic Valley New Neighbors monthly luncheon will be held Tuesday at the Jade Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Lunch menu cost is \$10.

People who are new to the Magic Valley and want to get acquainted, can call Paulette Calbreath, 735-0651 for reservations. Reservations are requested by Sunday.

### Network hosts mental support group meeting

**TWIN FALLS** - The Living Independence Network will host a mental health support group meeting at 8 p.m. Monday and March 20 in the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital conference room.

The mental health support group is a self-help, support

## Phi Mu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi names sweetheart queen

The Xi Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi hosted the annual Valentine's Social on Feb. 19 at the Jerome Presbyterian Church.

She and her husband, Gary, and sons, Jason and Jack have resided in Jerome for the past six years.

## Minidoka County Scouts schedule round table

**RUPERT** - A Minidoka County Scouts Round table is set for tonight at East Minico Junior High School, 1805 E. St.

Chairman and commissioners are invited to a four-organizational meeting at 7:15 p.m. before the round table begins at 8 p.m.

Silver Tomahawk training will continue at the round table.

## Area presents nail party open house at center

**BURLEY** - A nail wear party open house will be held from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at

The Times-News would like to provide your organization. Send your information along with your name, a photo and your phone number to Pat Marcantonio, Community Editor, Times-News, Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83401.



## Notes on the economy

### Magic Valley report

**B**usinesses in Twin Falls County rang up just \$250.36 million in sales during the quarter that ended Dec. 31.

That's a 6.3 percent loss than the county's sales in the fourth quarter of 1998. That year, sales jumped by 1.6 percent over 1997's fourth-quarter sales, according to Dave McAlindin's records. He is Twin Falls city's economic development director. These totals exclude sales by businesses that have locations in more than one county. They file just one sales tax return and aren't included in the county numbers. Also excluded from county totals are sales by businesses headquartered outside of Idaho.

Despite the fourth quarter's downturn, Twin Falls County finished the year with \$1.08 billion in sales — up .9 percent from 1998's \$1.07 billion.

Other Magic Valley sales totals for October through December 1999, reported by the Idaho State Tax Commission:

- Cassia — \$126.35 million.
- Blaine — \$118.26 million.
- Gooding — \$117.38 million.
- Jerome — \$79.41 million.
- Minidoka — \$68.57 million.
- Elmore — \$52.87 million.
- Lincoln — \$4.73 million.
- Camas — \$2.06 million.

# Dairy firm plans to land in Jerome

By Jay Howser  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** — An Ohio-based company that produces dairy products has announced it plans to set up shop in Jerome, and one area official thinks its arrival will boost the city's economy.

Family-owned Diehl Inc. announced Tuesday it intends to build a canning plant for dairy products in Jerome's Industrial Park.

Diehl, Inc. only needs to close on the

property, which should be accomplished no later than April 1, said Rick Bensen, president of the Jerome Development Corporation.

The company plans to have the new facility operational in the fourth quarter of this year, Bensen said, in time for the peak product demand in the fall.

Bensen said the move will be good for Jerome economically.

"This will be another product we produce here. It's a real shot in the arm for Jerome," he said.

Diehl, Inc. plans to employ 20 to 30 people at the new facility, and Bensen said that scale is just right for Jerome.

"Having a smaller employer here is perfect, better than a bigger employer that makes you put all your eggs in one basket," he said.

Bensen pointed out that not only is the company good for Jerome, but Jerome is good for the company.

"I think they recognize what we have here in the Magic Valley is a continuous supply of milk," he said.

Company President Peter Diehl agreed, saying the new location will be ideal for his company.

"This is a natural progression for us to increase our market share and improve our competitiveness. This gives us access to the western part of the United States where we have not been able to compete on even footing in the past," Diehl said in a news release.

According to the company's website, Diehl, Inc. is a privately-owned company with

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## WORKING THE MERGER ANGLE



Specialist Miuke LaBranche, center, conducts trades in shares of Qwest and U S West on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday. U S West Inc. is working with Intel Corp. to provide home networking systems that enable two or more people to share a single digital subscriber line Internet connection as well as share computer files and network printers.

## Entering a new era

Cavanaugh's chain becomes WestCoast

The Times-News and The Associated Press

**TWIN FALLS** — Look for a new name to appear in north Twin Falls.

Cavanaugh's Hospitality Corp., a Spokane, Wash.-based hotel, entertainment and property-management chain with Twin Falls hotels, changed its name to WestCoast Hospitality Corp. Wednesday.

The switch comes more than two months after Cavanaugh's acquired Seattle-based WestCoast Hotels, a widely known hotel name throughout the West. The deal gave Cavanaugh's direct or partial ownership of 24 hotel properties, including the Paramount and Vance in Seattle and the Benson in Portland, Ore.

Before the deal, Cavanaugh's had owned 19 properties. The Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs Hotel in Twin Falls is on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

The company had gone by the name Goodale & Barbiere for about 20 years. That name was dropped in favor of Cavanaugh's when the company made an initial public stock offering in 1998 on the New York Stock Exchange.

To reflect the new name, the company's abbreviated stock name was changed from "CVH" to "WEH."

The sign at company headquarters was to be changed Wednesday, with the new name expected to appear on hotel signs, business cards and stationery throughout the chain by July 1.

In addition to owning hotel properties, the company manages other commercial properties and operates a ticketing operation for entertainment events.

The Twin Falls hotel, now newly rebranded, has seen a number of changes recently.

The Canyon Springs Park Hotel in Twin Falls changed hands in summer 1998 when Cavanaugh's bought it from Sunstone Hotel Investors Inc. of San Clemente, Calif. Sunstone purchased the Canyon Springs hotel and 16 other properties in October 1997 from a Rochester, Minn., company.

## Oil tops \$31 range

Bridge News

**NEW YORK** — Oil prices surged to a nine-year high Wednesday as investors played down reports that Saudi Arabia, Mexico and Venezuela had agreed on an output increase and data showed continuing tightness in U.S. oil stockpiles.

The price of crude soared through the \$31 level after Venezuelan oil minister Ali Rodriguez denied news reports, quoting OPEC delegates, of a pact between Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Mexico that would see OPEC and its non-members increase oil output in April by 1.2 billion barrels a day.

In daily trade on NYMEX, crude for April delivery fetched \$31.26, a jump of 84 cents a barrel.

Rodriguez said he would not be having any talks with his Saudi Arabian and Mexican counterparts until Thursday, when they are due to meet in London.

Luis Telles, oil minister for non-OPEC Mexico, also said

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Firms boast progress in diabetes program

**TWIN FALLS** — ProMedex Inc. and Regence BlueShield of Idaho Wednesday announced updated results of ProMedex's Managing for Tomorrow diabetes care program.

Results confirm that a low-cost, computer-assisted program can improve diabetes control and care, the companies said. Managing for Tomorrow starts with a comprehensive survey of the individual, by telephone or over the Internet.

Diabetes affects about 5.9 percent of the U.S. population and is the cause of serious, life-threatening and disabling complications; it is one of the most costly health problems in America, the companies said. Health care and other costs directly related to diabetes treatment, as well as the costs of lost productivity, run about \$98 billion annually.

Good diabetes control can reduce risk for serious complications by as much as 75 percent. Good medical care can further reduce risk and disability associated with complications, ProMedex and Regence BlueShield of Idaho said.

Raleigh, N.C.-based ProMedex developed the program and manages it for Regence Blue Shield of Idaho and other health plans nationwide. The program is offered at no cost to members, whose participation is voluntary.

"It is rewarding to see that in Regence BlueShield of Idaho's largely rural, non-managed care environment, a program like ours holds the key to improving care and outcomes," said Dr. Pieter Muntendam, president of ProMedex.

Regence Blue Shield of Idaho is headquartered in Lewiston with an office in Twin Falls.

### 7-Eleven gets cash from main shareholder

**DALLAS** — 7-Eleven Inc. said Wednesday its controlling shareholder, Japan-based IY Holding Co., will invest \$540 million to boost its stake of the world's largest convenience store chain to 72 percent from 65 percent.

Dallas-based 7-Eleven — whose name is on a Twin Falls store — said IY will receive about 113.7 million primary shares in exchange for the infusion, which equates to an equity issue price of \$4.75 per share and represents an 83 percent premium to the Feb. 29 closing share price.

The company's stock jumped on the news.

"This transaction will allow us to significantly reduce debt, lower interest expense and is the first step towards improving our capital structure," said 7-Eleven CEO Clark Mawhood.

7-Eleven also said shareholders will vote April 26 on a proposal for a one-for-five reverse stock split, which would take effect May 1.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

## Panel asks for review of U S West merger

Knight Ridder News Service

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** — Saying it lacked a clear enough record to make a decision, Minnesota's Public Utilities Commission voted 3-to-2 this week to have an administrative law judge review proposed conditions that could be set on the merger of U S West and Qwest.

The judge, who will be appointed by the state office of administrative hearings, would hear interested parties' cases and make recommendations about merger conditions, possibly by June or July.

"Nothing has crystallized for us," said commission chairman

Gregory Scott. "We're looking for clarity in the record. There has to be a better-developed actual record."

U S West, he said, asked for unconditional approval of the merger while competitors, state agencies and U S West retirees asked for a host of conditions.

It's assumed the merger will be approved. The question is what conditions regulators will try to impose on the merger and whether or not U S West — which also provides local phone service to the Magic Valley — and Qwest will accept them.

They include a series of benchmarks and penalties for service quality issues, agreements to

assure competition and investment in telecommunications services in Minnesota, and guarantees protecting retirees' pension funds.

The state Commerce Department expressed concern that the combined company would not make adequate investments in service-quality improvements and its telecommunications network in Minnesota, shifting resources to other markets.

Colorado has already approved the Qwest-U S West merger. The deal also needs the approval of the Federal Communications Commission and other states' Utilities Commissioners

Edward Garvey argued that the board had enough information to approve the deal — and could have imposed conditions that would address concerns about service quality, competition, network investment and other issues.

"The question is whether or not this merger will create harm in the future," said Garvey. "The best way to handle it is to put mechanisms in place that assure appropriate behavior."

Qwest and U S West agreed to combine in July in a \$45 billion deal. Qwest gives U S West a national network and advanced data and Internet services, while U S West brings Qwest 25 million customers in 14 states.

## Departing U S West CEO leaves with 'icon' status

Knight Ridder News Service

**DENVER** — Business leaders, consumer advocates and industry analysts weren't surprised by Sol Trujillo's announcement this week that he will leave U S West after the company's merger with Qwest Communications International.

"No one understood how the triumvirate was going to work," said Ken Reif, director of Colorado's Office of Consumer Counsel, about the earlier expectation that Trujillo, Qwest Chief Executive Officer Joe Nacchio and Philip Anschutz, Qwest's largest shareholder, would share leadership of the new company following the merger.

"This is not a total surprise, but it's still a bit startling," said Jeffrey Kagan, a telecommunications industry analyst, about

### Not leaving empty-handed

**S**ol Trujillo is giving up stock and stock options worth an estimated \$53 million with his decision to leave his job. But he won't exactly leave empty-handed. If he stays until the merger deal closes, as he plans, he will have options on 1.2 million shares worth nearly \$1.8 billion, said U S West spokesman David Banks.

Banks said he didn't know whether Trujillo had negotiated a separate pay package with the boards of U S West or Qwest once he had decided to leave. According to a change-of-control agreement that Trujillo signed with U S West, he might be entitled to receive three times his annual salary and bonus — which would be worth at least \$4 million — as well as the value of any long-term compensation award such as stock options.

In 1998, Trujillo was paid \$1.4 million in salary and bonus, according to the company's proxy statement, which records executive pay packages.

Trujillo's upcoming departure. "It was really not a question of if Sol would leave, just when," Kagan also acknowledged Trujillo's legacy. "Sol is an icon," Kagan said. "Sol has been one of the real visionaries in the industry. He pushed U S West full-throttle

into the information age with an aggressive rollout of data services like DSL."

Reif agreed that Trujillo did innovative and aggressive things at U S West, such as helping implement the company's DSL, broadband and Internet strategies. But Reif said Trujillo's

Achilles' heel was a decline in service quality for U S West consumers. The Colorado Public Utilities Commission penalized the telecommunications company for service lapses.

A spokeswoman said the PUC would not comment on Trujillo's announced plan to leave U S West since he will remain as head of the company for some months to come and U S West will have continued dealings with the commission.

Trujillo's tenure at U S West will be remembered as much for civic involvement as for his business leadership, said Doug Jones, chairman of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce and president of Jones Realty Group.

"Sol was a major sponsor and benefactor to many great causes in the community," Jones said.

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MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including Mon Commodity, High, Low, and Change. Includes sub-sections for Wheat, Corn, Soybeans, and other grains.

Table of closing futures prices for Livestock, including categories like 112,000 lbs. cattle, 100 lbs. hogs, and 100 lbs. sheep.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock prices, including categories like 100 lbs. hogs, 100 lbs. sheep, and various types of cattle.

BEANS

Table of bean prices, including categories like Valley Beans, White Beans, and Green Beans.

GRAINS

Table of grain prices, including categories like Valley Grains, Wheat, and Corn.

CHEESE

Table of cheese prices, including categories like Cheddar cheese, Swiss cheese, and other varieties.

POTATOES

Table of potato prices, including categories like Idaho Falls, Burbank, and other potato types.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Futures trading on the Minneapolis Board of Trade

Table of Minneapolis futures prices, including categories like Wheat, Corn, and Soybeans.

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## Rain serenade salvages day of futile fishing

A steady rain thrummed upon the St. Joseph River on Thursday - perfect for walleye fishing, except we were after steelhead.

We packed three of our hookups into our cooler and counted a fine day.

A bigger thrill was the weather. There is nothing like the overhead drumming of a heavy rain that you have escaped.

I cannot count the hours of pleasure I have spent snugly peering through a barn door or a tin-roofed shed while rain tapped a percussive concerto above me.

We were on the swiftly awakening St. Joseph River between Benton Harbor and Berrien Springs, Mich., three guys on the anchored fanall of Jerry Dilts' 24-foot Carolina Skip, and one casting from the front.

### BEND IN THE RIVER

John Husar

Thanks to the miracle of modern fabrics, no one was getting wet. Founded, but not wet. Even the two throwbacks out there in rowtime. And I was not even getting pounded. I sat inside of Jerry's glassy cabin, a propane heater at my feet, my nose stuck through the open door.

From above rattled that honey staccato symphony. And outside was the sweet, clean air of a false spring.

The river pretty well has melted now. There had been solid ice on the St. Joe for several weeks during our spate of winter. Now the only strips of ice were dirty remnants along the shadier southern shorelines. Those shores, like south roadside ditches, always are the last to lose their snow and ice.

"It's perfect fishing weather," gloated George Rourke, the rain dripping off his cap. A heavy rain tends to make the St. Joe muddy, limiting the strike range for denizens of 7- to 12-foot holes where big gamefish lurk.

"I've never had much luck on the St. Joe when it has been muddy," Aldo Marchetti allowed.

Dilts said that big walleyes might be found near shoreline flats or along any shelves that lead to and from deeper holes. Limits of wall-eye always are possible in this river, especially in a false spring when fish nose toward the fresh scents of newly opened creeks and rivulets.

We should have parked off some of those, casting lighter lures just to see if we were right, but we didn't. We were lured by a greedy lust for big, fighting fish.

"My taste soon changed when a steelhead tore into a skein of salmon eggs and then tried to tow our boat around the river.

Fresh from the lake and bursting with pre-spawn energy, this oversized rainbow trout made nine good runs after I thought it had to be exhausted. Half the time I played the fish with open gears, just easing line out.

After 15 minutes I finally got it close enough to the boat for Dilts to prepare his landing net.

"Now," intoned Bill Cullerton, thereby hearing me.

It was the critical point, all right. You never "horse" a fish like this and get it into the boat.

Just as I tried to turn its head, that fish took one look at the landing net in Dilts' hands and bolted for the deep. The line sprang back and a 1-ounce weight with a sadly stripped-hook rattled against the cabin wall.

"I said no," I reported, as we all watched the fish shake off its shock and glide away.

"That's right," echoed one of the guys. "I said no."

I was consoled, after a fashion, by Marchetti.

"Fishing for these things is like having a field trial dog," he said. "Once your dog has made four or five points, you don't want to fine any more birds because the odds now are great that he'll screw up and it takes only one mistake to be eliminated."

John Husar is an outdoors writer for the Chicago Tribune.

## Selecting the best ...

# Hot rods

By James J. Krunich  
Times-News correspondent

It's the time of year when sportsmen are in limbo, caught between seasons, wandering around aimlessly and shaking off cabin fever. But there is hope, and the cure can be found at the rod rack in many fishing shops. Now is the time to consider buying a new fly rod for the season opener.

But the decision to buy often is accompanied by questions. How long should the rod be? What weight is best? Why does one rod cost more than another? These are some of the questions that must be answered before a hard cash is laid down on the counter.

### Rod length

Practicality is the key criterion. The general rule is that people who fish medium to large rivers or use float tubes should have rods in the 8 1/2- to 9-foot range. Longer rods equal longer casts, which are necessary on larger streams. Also note that a fairly wide river or stream can be waded or floated, which places anglers farther away from backcasting obstacles such as trees and bushes. Lengthy rods also provide relative ease when cross-currents require mending your line to offset drag.

Floater-tubers should remember that they don't have to worry about obstacles in the backcast because they are usually well away from shore. But floater-tubers are nearly waist deep in the water. In their case, a 9-foot rod helps maintain a high backcast and keeps the line from hitting the water, thus shortening casting distance. Also consider that a rod in the 8 1/2- to 9-foot range makes it easier to lift a sinking line from the water.

Shorter rods have their place on small streams and creeks. In most cases, such waterways are lined with trees and brush, often forming an overhead canopy. Rods from 6 feet to 7 1/2 feet are ideal under these restricted situations.

### Rod weight

Modern rods range from dinky 1-weight up into the teens. While a 12-weight rod might be great in salt water, there is no practical use for one in Idaho.

The most useful rod weights in the Gem State vary from 1 to 7. The delicate rods - those of 1, 2 or 3 weight - are necessary for artful presentation of small flies on calm waters, such as Silver Creek. A side benefit is that they allow small fish to provide a big fight. While these rods allow wonderful presentation of small flies, casting on a windy day or trying to throw larger flies is darn near impossible.

Rods in the 4-, 5- and 6-weight range are the most popular because they are more versatile. A 4-weight rod will enable delicate presentation with small fly patterns and easily cast small to medium-sized flies. They can handle some lead, which is necessary when fishing nymphs, but significant amounts of lead makes for ugly casting.

The most popular fly rod for southern Idaho probably is the 5-weight. Small flies can be presented nicely and the rod works well in most situations, barring large hopper patterns, big streamers and bulky, wind-resistant patterns. More lead can be thrown with a 5-weight because it has more backbone than lighter rods. This means 5 weights cast relatively well on windy days. Although not ideal, 5 weights can be used when fishing from a float tube.

For bulky bugs, streamers and other situations when substantial lead is required, 6-weight rods are a wise choice. Again, the stiffness of the rod allows anglers to apply more power, which means better control when tossing big flies and lead, lifting line from beneath a float tube, or fighting windy conditions. The downside of 6-weight rods is that they are too stiff for delicate presentations unless in the hands of experienced casters.

All rods have their place and the 7-weight is no exception. On large, open rivers where the wind is a constant consideration and long casts are the norm, a 7-weight is the ticket. These rods also are popular for anglers in drift boats when quick, powerful casts are needed toward shorelines. For float-tube anglers, a 7-weight performs admirably.

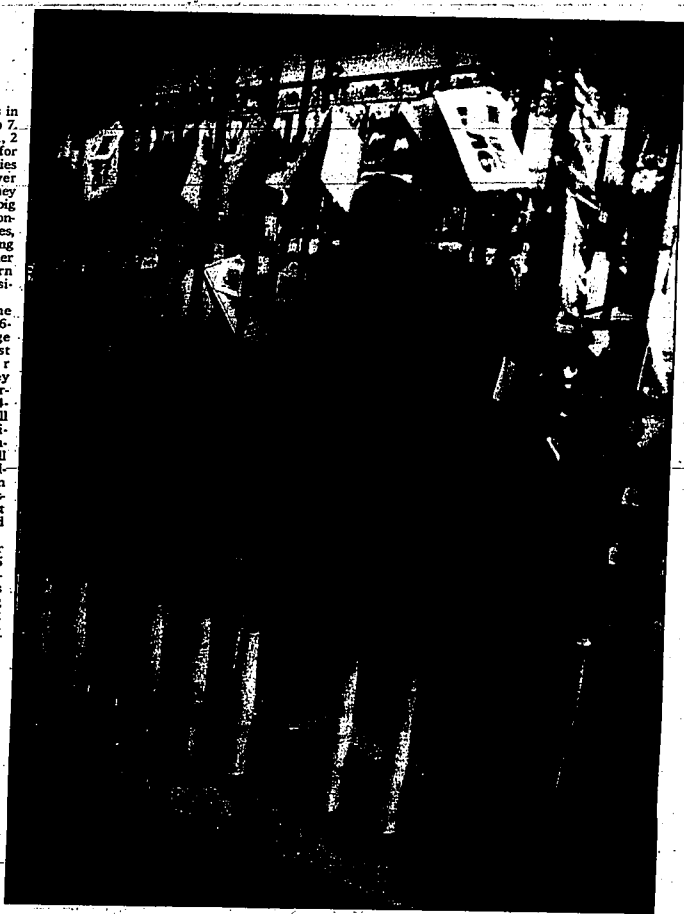
### Cost

Rods vary in cost for many reasons, but the main factors are



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Proper rod selection can spell the difference between catching fish - or not.



There's no shortage of good fly rods on the market, as Red Montgomery, owner of Snake River Outfitters in downtown Twin Falls, will attest.

materials and craftsmanship: A rod at the lower end of the spectrum can cost around \$100. Conversely, a top-of-the-line rod may carry a price tag in excess of \$500.

- In terms of materials, consider the following:
  - Cork grips, which vary from rod to rod and manufacturer to manufacturer. Pay attention to the density of the cork and the consistency of the grip.
  - Reel seats, which can have a

profound influence on cost. A standard finish, with nothing showy, is less expensive than a reel seat made of, say, German silver. Some reel seats may contain teak, rosewood or other materials of aesthetic value that increase costs.

• The quality and number of guides. More guides obviously means more money.

Even little details, such as the wrappings on the guides, can contribute significantly to the cost of

a rod. Some guides are attached to the rod with thread and a fish coat to keep the thread from unraveling. Others are anchored with thread, tape and then a finish. The more steps in the process, the higher the cost.

A final consideration is the finish. A quick tour of the rod rack in any fishing shop will reveal that some rods are just prettier than others. The rule of thumb is that a pretty rod will cost a pretty penny.

# Aaarf! Cross-country skiers exercise pooches

The Associated Press

BEND, Ore. - On a snow-covered trail in Oregon's Cascade Mountains, Bob Crain snags into his cross-country skis, hooks a rope and harness to his chocolate Labrador retriever - Buster - and hollers, "Hi-ke!"

And off they go.

For about five yards, Buster comes to a sudden stop. He barks at Crain. He rolls in the snow. He gets up and wags his tail. Then Buster circles his master - until the rope is tangled around Crain's legs.

Crain, 50, has discovered the perfect winter sport to keep him and his pet in shape, if only Buster would cooperate.

Skijoring, Norwegian for snow driving, is becoming the winter sport of choice for a growing number of people, like Crain, who want to bond with their dogs. But getting a dog to pull while the skier pushes usually requires a few, clinics, steady practice, and in some cases, a bribe or two.

"As long as he thinks there's a snowball in it for him, he'll go," said Crain, who tosses pine cones and snowballs for Buster to chase down the trails.

Skijoring came to this country with Scandinavian immigrants, but only in the last year have it caught on. The International Federation of Sleddog Sports officially has recognized skijoring as

### Skijor resources

- Q **"Skijor with Your Dog,"** a book by Carol Capron and Mari Hoe. Retail: \$14.95.
- Q **North American Skijoring and Ski-Pulk Association,** (907) 349-WOOF.
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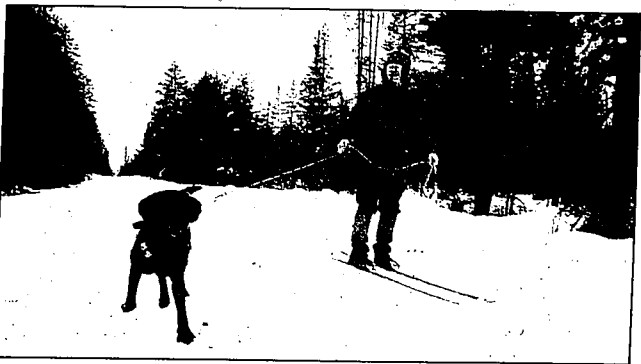
a competitive sport. And, weekend clinics and "fun-runs" have introduced more dogs to trails once dominated by Nordic skiers and snowmobiles.

"It gets in your blood," said 46-year-old Dina McClure of Sisters, who has been instrumental in introducing skijoring to Central Oregon.

The idea is that the dog and skier do an equal amount of work. The cross-country skier pumps down the trail, and gets extra speed from being pulled by a dog. Imagine dog sledding without the burden of a sled.

Traditionally, Northern bred dogs like Malamutes have been used to skijor. But these days, dogs of all kinds are used, even poodles and mutts. Amateur skijorers say it's the closeness that develops between dog and skier that keeps them coming back for more.

"It's unlike anything you're ever been through before," said



Buster, a Labrador retriever, and owner Bob Crain skijor at the foot of Mount Bachelor, southwest of Bend, Ore.

Bob Brock of the North American Skijoring and Ski Pulk Association in Anchorage, Ala.

His dog has a competitive streak, and expects the same from his owner.

"When we're doing, if I'm not cutting it, my dog will turn around, as if to say, 'What are you doing?'" Brock said.

Although the sport is practiced around the world - in Australia skijorers use scooters in lieu of skis - purists rely on snow, skis, and one to three dogs.

In this country, that means most skijoring happens in cold places such as Alaska, the sport's unofficial home base, the Midwest Northeastern states, the Midwest

and the Cascades.

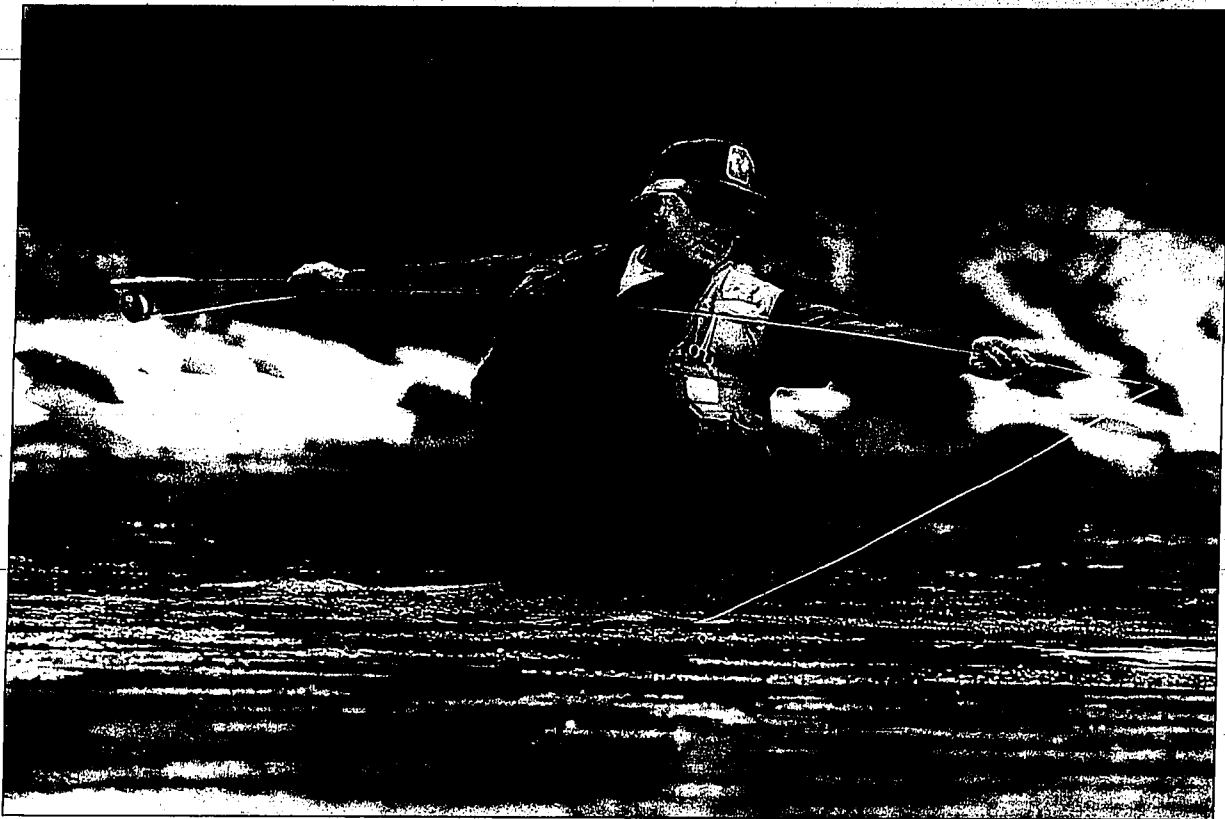
McClure moved from Alaska to Oregon 11 years ago, to be close to Mount Bachelor and its miles of snow trails.

She founded the Cascade Skijor Alliance, a Bend-based association dedicated to promoting the sport, competitively and



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PRE-FLIGHT DE-ICING



Gallatin River guide Gary Lewis clears ice from his line while fly-fishing near Bozeman, Mt., recently. For Lewis, this is the best time of year for fly-fishing, when the most traveled paths are hidden beneath crusted snow and soft sandy ramps into the river are replaced by icy ledges.

Parkdale Fish Facility makes hatchery fish more wild

HOOD RIVER, Ore. (AP)—The Parkdale Fish Facility is not your father's fish hatchery. Run in partnership between the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, it is trying to rebuild dwindling stocks of salmon and steelhead in the Hood River by making fish spawned in hatcheries behave more wild.

"In order to do that, we feel we've got to imitate Mother Nature the best we can," said Mick Jennings, a former state fisheries biologist now working for the Warm Springs tribes.

"These fish have adapted over thousands of years on their own. The problems in this basin are man-caused activities." That concept colors the way they gather brood stock, raise young fish, and even how they release them back into the river that is born in the snows of Mount Hood and empties into the Columbia River.

At Powerdale Dam, the brood stock for summer and winter steelhead and spring chinook are drawn from across the breadth of the run by taking every 10th to 15th wild fish that comes up the fish ladder.

Fisheries technician Terry Guisto anesthetizes the fish and takes scale samples to figure out their ages, so that they can mimic the age mix of the wild run in the hatchery stock. For steelhead, for example, they want 80 percent 4-year-old fish, 15 percent 3-year-olds, and so on.

To make fish feel more at home, holding ponds at Parkdale are painted camouflage, and old Christmas trees are thrown in for cover. Pools are 12 feet deep at one end. Sprinklers spray the surface to keep fish on the bottom.

"They have a completely different behavior than traditional

hatchery stocks," said ODFW fish biologist Jim Newton. "They're a lot more flighty. We try to minimize contact with humans. Things are as wild as they can get."

Like a chameleon, young fish will take on the color of their environment. When traditional hatcheries raise young fish in light-colored pools, they come out lighter than their wild cousins, and are easier targets for predators until they turn darker over a couple of weeks.

Rather than dump the fish into the river from a truck all at once, Parkdale puts them out in river-

side pools where they have a chance to imprint longer on the scent of their home water, and migrate out when they choose by jumping over a stoplog.

It is too early to see an impact on adult returns, but the changes seem to be having an impact on the survival of young fish, Jennings said.

Sampling shows that between 76 percent and 81 percent of the fish raised to be wilder and allowed to go out when they choose are making it to the mouth of Hood River, compared to 32 percent to 38 percent of fish treated the old way.

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recreationally. She helped one business, Critter Creations of Oregon, incorporate skijoring equipment in its inventory. And she founded her own company, Skijoring Outfitters.

It wasn't until this year, however, when McClure was asked to teach a skijoring workshop through Central Oregon Community College, that she realized the sport that used to raise eyebrows was gaining wider acceptance.

"It's an affordable sport you can do with your dog," said McClure, whose skijoring group has reached a membership of 50. "But it's far from reaching its peak."

To get started, skijorers need dogs that weigh at least 40 pounds

and about \$100 worth of equipment — including skis, poles, a dog harness, belt, and a tow line with a built-in shock cord for the dog.

And, of course, a good attitude. McClure encourages people to take classes, where they learn to evaluate their skiing skills and their dog's abilities. She emphasizes the importance of dog care, trail etiquette, and attending weekend "fun-runs" where beginners, like Crain and Buster, can learn from advanced skijorers and their dogs.

On a Saturday morning, about a dozen skijorers arrive at the mouth of a tree-lined trail at 9 a.m. Socializing begins immediately — for the dogs, that is. Meanwhile, owners make sure everything is

set up to make the animals as comfortable as possible.

McClure sets up a line between two trees, which serves as a sort of hitching post for the dogs to rest before and after runs. Next to the line, she sets water bowls and a bag of biscuits. Once her dogs are hooked up, she checks the trail — paws need booties if it's too icy — and gets herself ready.

Dogs come before skiers in this sport. Two hours before McClure arrived at the trail, she fed, watered and walked her pets. Competitive skiers treat dogs like athletes, giving them broth, a dog's version of coffee, to clean out the digestive system before a big race.

"You want to try and get the tim-

ing down right so the dog can be as comfortable as possible," said Blaine Florence, 35, of Bend, who skijors competitively. This helps skiers avoid "packing poop" — cleaning dog droppings off the trail.

After set-up, everyone begins to do their own thing.

Florence, the most experienced, takes off for a six-mile run with his dogs. McClure goes out with hers, but they're not in the mood, so she heads back.

Beginner Ed Lavery, 52, of Sun River, doesn't even bother to put on skis. He spends the morning teaching his dog, Seven, to pull plastic jugs filled with water.

"We're starting out slowly," Lavery said.

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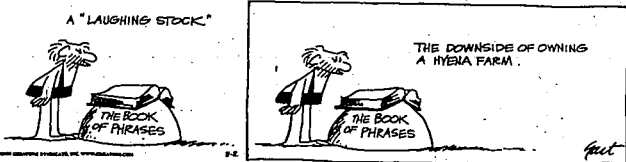
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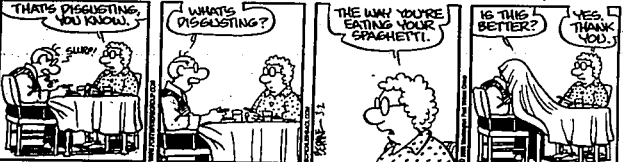
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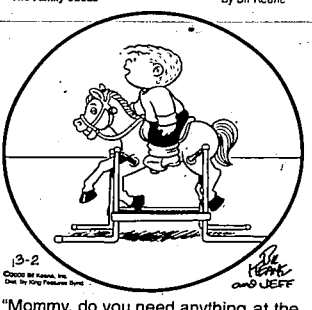
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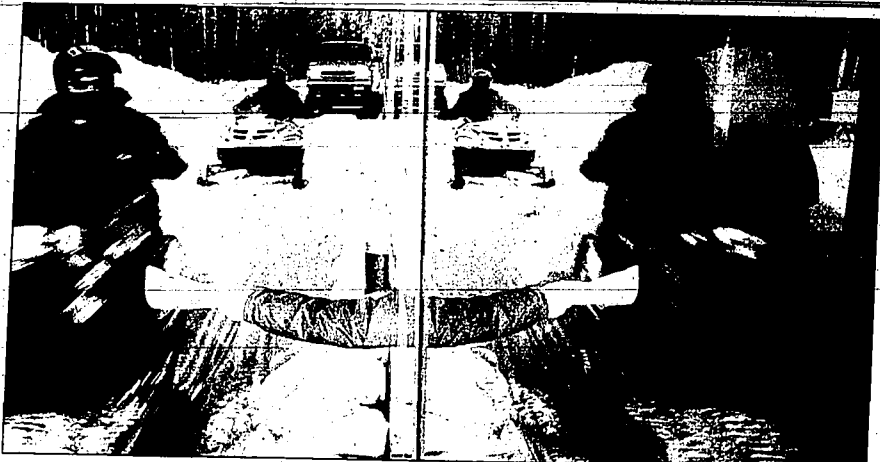


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Snowmobilers approach an entrance to Yellowstone National Park in West Yellowstone recently. In the world's first national park, snowmobiles are the major form of transportation in winter. They bring in tourists, plus the added baggage of pollution and noise, and a big dilemma for the National Park Service that's struggling to balance the conflict.

# Snowmobilers pressure park

**YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP)** - The scene is one of primordial beauty - shaggy bison brushing aside the blanket of snow to paw at buried forage.

Beyond, elk graze for a winter meal in the mist of bubbling hot pots and fumaroles. The magical scene in Yellowstone National Park recalls an Eden of ages ago, a place and time where elk and bison endure winter under the watchful eye of coyotes, bald eagles and wolves.

Today the park is a crossroads of motor sports and Mother Nature.

The sound track for the tranquil scene is the whine of snowmobile engines. In the world's first national park, snowmobiles are the major form of transportation in winter.

They bring in tourists, plus the added baggage of pollution and noise, and a big dilemma for the National Park Service that's struggling to balance the conflict.

As park officials consider restricting access, they risk alienating the likes of Gordon Winlow, a California resident who is on his 13th winter trip to Yellowstone.

Winlow went on an excursion over the President's Day weekend with his children and grandchildren, a caravan of 12 people on seven sleds.

"Snowmobile here for the wildlife and the fun," he says. "I want to make sure they keep the park open to snowmobiles. They have got to be able to figure out a way to manage the crowds. If they can put a man on the moon they can figure out how to deal with the people in Yellowstone in the winter."

From Saturday through Monday that weekend, 2,721 snowmobiles entered the West Entrance, according to park spokeswoman Marsha Karle.

By 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning, snowmobilers arriving from West Yellowstone, Mont., were 20 deep in line.

The backup lasted throughout the morning as people flocked to the park during the busiest weekend of the season.

"I have lived here all my life and the draw for these people is Yellowstone," said David McCray, owner of Two Top Snowmobile rentals. "This is peak time, it is absolute peak and we are very busy."

McCray is wary of a park plan that could upset business in West Yellowstone. It calls for plowing the road from West to Old Faithful as a way to reduce



Laurel Ward, left, and her daughters, Elyssa and Haylee, shop in a West Yellowstone grocery store recently, during a Yellowstone snowmobiling vacation.

air, water and noise pollution while keeping the park open for the American public.

Many environmentalists call for eliminating snowmobiles altogether while snowmachine advocates want continued sled access to the park.

Agency officials expect to release a final decision later this year.

Meanwhile, snowmobilers move through the park, clad in insulated black pants, fluorescent-colored jackets decorated with checkerboard patterns, bubble-shaped helmets, and gloves. They traveled in line, and stopped at lookouts together.

"They zoomed between formations of bison one by one."

Fran and Ross Ingersoll brought their snowmobiles to the park from Eagle, Colo. "I really think it is neat we have to travel by snowmobile to get here," Fran said in the park's interior. "You feel free. I don't think I would have come here if we couldn't do it on snowmobiles. We have grandkids and we want to bring them up here on snowmobiles."

Brandy Mason from Terre Haute, Ind., ventured into Yellowstone during the winter for the first time.

"Being on the snowmobile puts you right in the middle of nature," she said. "It is great because you can see so much and you have the speed."

Rangers say the most common violation is breaking the 45 mph speed limit. Sometimes thrill-seekers collide with wildlife, either killing the beast or themselves, said Bob Seibert, West District ranger for Yellowstone.

"Violent conflicts are very rare," Seibert said. "Bison are quite tolerant if you are sensi-

But people have killed some animals on snowmachines. Speeding, racing, and off-road driving are the most common citations."

Seibert has been working on winter use in Yellowstone for the past nine years and is eager for the park to reach a decision that will reduce pollution.

Business owners in West Yellowstone have already tried to make the air cleaner by using synthetic oils and biofuels in the sleds, he said.

But the majority of the community wants the status quo to remain.

"The town hasn't been very responsive until they felt the hammer over their head," Seibert said. "I hate to say that, but that is what I have seen. This is a painful process driven by external pressure and we are coming to change."

Park City, Utah, resident Nanna Meyer wants the change to come soon. She did not like the snowmobile ride to Old Faithful and would not repeat it.

"It was too noisy for me," she said. "There is too much nature here to have snowmachines. I could see coming in with a sled or horses, or anything that is quieter. But that would be difficult because you would get run over by snowmobiles."

West Yellowstone snowmobile guide Scott Penney said eastern bureaucrats who know nothing about winter in Yellowstone want to close the park.

"I don't see what the big controversy is," he said. "The animals don't care that we're here. I don't get where the people back east want to shut us down. I have guided people who are 90 years old into Yellowstone on snowmobiles. That's what's great. Anyone can come out and enjoy their park."

The Old Faithful parking lot at noon on Saturday was overflowing with snowmobiles. From the observation deck of the famous geyser, the high-pitched whine of the motors was audible as Old Faithful erupted.

Jackson cross-country skiers Bruce and Michelle Hanson said they could not find a quiet place to ski during the weekend.

"You can hear them and now that we are down on the road we can smell them," Michelle said. "I can still hear the birds and the water but there is nowhere you can go without hearing the constant whine of the machines."

Kae Dakin of Washington, D.C. entered the park by snowcoach to see Old Faithful for the first time. "Snowmobiles are too noisy, too much smell and too cold," she said. "The snowcoach was warm and quiet and they served a wonderful lunch. The trip would have been marginally better if there were no snowmobiles."

But for shop owner McCray, no snowmobiles in Yellowstone spells economic disaster.

"Without Yellowstone we would be just another community with trails," he said. "Nobody is saying we can have business as usual and we know that. But the American people want the freedom to stop where they want to stop. There is no good alternative to visiting Yellowstone besides snowmobiles."

# Report: Infrastructure needs improvements

**YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP)** - Wildlife management, visitor services and infrastructure at Yellowstone National Park are inadequate and will require millions of dollars to fix, a park report says.

The park has made some improvements, including new exhibits, expanded educational programs and concession services, such as visitor accommodations at Canyon and Old Faithful.

Repaired roads, improved telecommunications and employee housing and an aggressive program for alternative fuels are among its accomplishments also, the report said. But the park needs millions of dollars more to improve roads and other infrastructure, in addition to extra funding for park protection and management, the report said.

An escalating number of alien plants, animals and diseases threaten wildlife, according to the recently released "State of the Park" report, which is intended to show Congress how its money is being spent. The report also cites concerns about the future of geo-

thermal systems and bison and pronghorn populations. It mentions tourists' frustrations with gridlocks, crowds and noise.

"The gift this country gave itself and the world when the Yellowstone idea took hold has multiplied in value a hundredfold," said park Superintendent Michael Finley in a prepared statement Monday. "And its assets will become more precious in the future, if we let them."

The park has increased its management and preservation of cultural resources but those efforts still fall below federal standards, the report said. Cultural resources include archeological sites, nationally significant historic structures and material in the park's library, museum and archives.

The park will remain at risk, Finley said, "if the American public ceases to care, if budgetary needs are not met, or if the many county, state and federal jurisdictions whose decisions affect Yellowstone do not recognize and act upon our collective interest in safeguarding essential resources beyond the park's boundary."

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### AROUND THE WEST

#### EPA hears comment on FMC cleanup

POCATELLO — Environmentalists and a tribal leader are lashing out at a proposed federal plan to clean up air pollution at FMC Corp., claiming the pending draft will fall short of getting the job done.

But Environmental Protection Agency air quality attorney Julie Vergeron told an advisory committee of about 60 this week that existing information supports the steps being proposed. "One big goal is getting controls on as soon as we can," Vergeron said. New information could still turn up that would require eventual revision of the 1998 settlement with the company. While the old air quality permit limited FMC's emissions to 2,184 pounds of pollutants a day, Sander Dunksel of Pocatello complained that the new version raises the cap on emissions to nearly 3,000 pounds.

But Gil Hasselberger, one of the federal officials monitoring FMC, contended there were two ways to look at the numbers. FMC had originally reported emissions of 7,000 pounds per day, and the federal implementation plan had proposed to reduce those by about 66 percent. New tests revealed FMC's emissions are actually closer to 15,000 pounds per day, and the plan proposes to reduce that volume by 80 percent.

#### Judge sentences Boise police officer for rape

BOISE — Former police officer Randall Hayes has been sentenced to three to 10 years in prison for the statutory rape of a 15-year-old girl while he was on duty in 1998. "I know that the defendant's conduct did cause the victim damage," 4th District Judge Ronald Wilper said moments before sentencing Hayes, 32, on Monday.

Six weeks ago, Hayes pleaded guilty to the statutory rape charge. He admitted he had picked the girl up in his patrol car while investigating her for shoplifting, took her to his house and had sexual intercourse with her.

The girl was not in court, but reading from a presentence report on Hayes, Judge Wilper quoted her. "She says, 'You pretended to be the protector, but you ended up being the predator,'" Wilper said.

Prosecutors recommended Wilper sentence Hayes to five to 15 years in prison. Defense attorneys asked for 60 days in the Owyhee County Jail and five years' probation.

"This man doesn't have both ears in the water with regard to what morality, legality and ethics mean. He doesn't have a clue," Idaho Deputy Attorney General Ron Howen, who prosecuted the case, said of Hayes in closing remarks before Wilper imposed sentence.

#### Woman faces murder charges over dead infant

ST. GEORGE, Utah — A woman believed to have been the mother of an infant found dead at a miniature golf course in St. George, Utah has been arrested in Chicago and now faces a murder charge in Utah.

Rabekah Jolynn Woods, 34, was picked up in Chicago early Monday by a patrol officer who identified her from a nationwide database. She was being held on a drug charge. Prosecutors in St. George charged her with murder on Tuesday.

On Feb. 8 a groundskeeper at the Fiesta Fun Center in St. George discovered the body of an infant boy in a pump house.

Police think he was abandoned on Jan. 23, four days after his birth in a St. George motel room. They do not know whether he was alive or dead when he was abandoned.

#### Police service dogs will get bulletproof vests

CEDAR CITY, Utah — Thanks to a \$1,000 donation by the Beat Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, two city canines will get more than their fund-raising goal to provide bulletproof vests for two police service dogs.

Councilman Dave Bentley and Councilwoman Debra Taylor saw the tip Hansen wore like to see the fund continue to grow for a rinday fund to equip the next dog that joins area law enforcement agencies.

Compiled from staff reports

## Finding: Candidate didn't violate laws

The Associated Press

BOISE — The state attorney general's office has concluded that 4th District Judge Daniel Eismann did not violate any laws when he spoke at last month's Republican fund-raising dinner in Idaho Falls.

Individuals at the Feb. 12 event may have endorsed Eismann and Eismann himself may have spoken favorably about his candidacy, but that does not constitute a formal

party endorsement, Thorpe Orton, deputy chief of staff to Attorney General Al Lance, wrote in a letter to Robert Huntley.

Huntley, a former Supreme Court justice and failed 1998 Democratic gubernatorial nomi-

nee, filed a complaint last week against Eismann, who has solid Republican ties.

Huntley maintains Eismann's appearance was illegal under Article 6 of the state Constitution, which says the selection of Supreme Court justices shall be nonpartisan and that candidates for the court cannot be endorsed or nominated by any political party.

At the Idaho Falls event, Eismann made public for the first time his interest in challeng-

ing Justice Cathy Silak in the May 23 election. Earlier that day at a Republican town meeting, GOP legislators said they would likely be introducing a candidate who would be a conservative alternative to Silak, who was appointed to the Court of Appeals 10 years ago by former Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus and elevated to the Supreme Court bench in 1993.

Silak, who had to survive another challenge from the right to win a full six-year term in

1994, made the rounds of the political parties' winter fundraisers in the 1994 campaign, although she did not speak. And Eismann also appeared last Sunday at the state Democratic Party's annual fund-raiser without speaking.

Huntley said he realizes the Republican Party did not make a formal endorsement, but he argued that any involvement by political parties in the selection of judges violates the spirit of the Constitution.



Daniel Eismann

### I SAY NOTHING



A protester standing in front of U.S. District Court in Portland, Ore., Tuesday wears a gag during a demonstration in support of Craig Rosebraugh. Rosebraugh was called before a federal grand jury Tuesday as part of an investigation into arson attacks in a number of states.

## Spokesman pleads the fifth

#### Oregon man remains silent before grand jury eco-terrorists probe

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — A self-described spokesman for environmental terrorists was silent this week during an investigation into arson attacks in a number of states.

Leaving the U.S. District Court after the confidential grand jury proceedings, Craig Rosebraugh said outside the U.S. District Court building Tuesday that he refused to answer questions about fires in Colorado, Oregon and Michigan and about various items seized from his home in an FBI raid earlier this month.

"I was released today, but have been called back in late March," Rosebraugh told reporters.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen Peifer declined to comment about the proceedings.

About 150 supporters of Rosebraugh stood outside the courthouse to protest the grand jury inquiry. Some beat drums, others put gags in their mouths and held up signs that read "Stop the Fascist Grand Jury."



These photographs depict Craig Rosebraugh as he testified before a grand jury on Tuesday, left, and as he appeared on Jan. 1, 1999.



"No More Political Prisoners" and "Grand Jury is Political Repression."

"Whether or not you support what these people (eco-terrorists) do, you can't fingerprint him on anything," said 18-year-old Hans Barklis, a student at

Portland State University.

One of the organizers, Leslie Pickering, was arrested by police in full riot gear. Authorities said he was being held on a disorderly conduct charge.

Rosebraugh, who runs a vegan bakery in Portland, has acted as spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front and Earth Liberation Front since 1997.

The two groups have claimed responsibility for \$15.6 million in damage from arsons and other attacks, including the burning of a lodge and other buildings on Vail Mountain in Colorado in December 1998.

Rosebraugh, 22, issued press releases about the arsons but insisted that he knew nothing about the crimes. He claims he merely passed along information he had received anonymously.

"They send in anonymous communications, and I have no way of tracing where they come from," he said.

"This is nothing more than a

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## Court imposes injunction limiting Owyhee grazing

The Associated Press

BOISE — A federal judge has issued an injunction which limits its grazing practices on vast amounts of southwestern Idaho public range to protect the environment until the U.S. Bureau of Land Management fully audits its impacts.

The injunction was issued by U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill in a suit by the Idaho Watersheds Project and Committee for Idaho's High Desert over grazing across the 1.8 million-acre Owyhee Resource Area.

Last April, Winmill had ruled the BLM improperly issued permits to 68 ranchers taking in

about 1 million acres of land. Laird Lucas, a Land and Water Fund attorney representing the conservationists, said Winmill's latest ruling puts the bureau on a timetable to take a hard look at all the major allotments in the resource area by 2003, instead of 2005 as before.

"The court is confident that the BLM will obtain the funding necessary to meet an expedited schedule," Winmill wrote. The BLM must analyze "fundamentals of rangeland health," such as water quality, endangered species and habitat, Lucas said. And cattlemen must meet interim measures to protect streams from trampling by cattle and other actions:

## Salmon hearing remains quiet in Seattle

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Squamish elder Harold Belmont Sr. belted out an ancient song of despair for a panel of stone-faced federal officials.

"Look at us. Pity us," the Seattle man sang in a native tongue, at a hearing on whether to breach four dams on the Snake River. "We are in a struggle to save the land and the water."

About 450 people showed up Tuesday at the latest of numerous public hearings on federal plans to save declining salmon runs in the Northwest.

The Seattle hearing was much quieter than emotional demonstrations in other cities, such as Pasco and Lewiston, Idaho.

This hearing featured a sub-

stantial number of environmental activists who spoke in favor of removing the dams to return the river to a free-flowing status.

American Rivers, the Sierra Club, Trout Unlimited, Northwest Energy Coalition and many other environmental groups paraded speaker after speaker in front of the bureaucrats to decry the slack-water river and the system of moving juvenile fish in boats and trucks.

"We've made the rivers safe for wheat and the highways safe for salmon," said Bill Arthur with the Sierra Club. "There is something fundamentally wrong with that."

About 100 Eastern Washington farmers and politicians arrived by caravan to tell federal agents dam-breaching

was risky, extreme and unwarranted.

A bus chartered by farm groups left Spokane at 4 a.m. Tuesday and swept through the Columbia Basin, gathering passengers from nearly every town in its path. "It's critical they hear from us," said Alice Parker of Royal City, executive director of the Columbia Basin Development League. "They really are dependent on us in Eastern Washington more than they realize."

Nearly 50 members of the state Legislature sent Republican caucus research analyst Tom Davis to Seattle to make a case for saving the dams. "Who will pay for the more than \$500 million worth of infrastructure improvements to the

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## Water control changes?

The Associated Press

COEUR D'ALENE — Idaho intends to take the reins from the federal government when it comes to establishing water quality standards, but the South Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River may be the only place where the change could make a difference in the near future.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency plans to release Idaho from the so-called "national toxics rule" within 60 to 90 days, said officials in the agency's Seattle office.

In theory, that will give state officials more flexibility to establish state water quality rules.

But in reality, officials say, the change does not mean that much — except to one contaminated river in northern Idaho.

That is because mining pollution left enough metals in the South Fork that the state wants to apply weaker standards there, officials say.

"Nowhere else in the state are they looking to change the toxic numbers," said Lisa Macchio, an EPA water quality officer for Idaho.

Statewide, Idaho adopted national water quality standards in 1992, so even though the state will control its water quality, it still will do so based on federal guidelines.

Even on the South Fork, the shift to state control likely will not change anything immediately.

Ordinarily, establishing new standards for the South Fork would take a year, said Geoff Harvey with the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality.

But the process could be delayed by efforts to settle a costly lawsuit filed by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and the federal government against Silver Valley mining companies over cleaning up the basin, Harvey said.

Federal officials also must approve any of Idaho's new standards.

Mining companies and state officials have studied weaker guidelines for an eight-mile section of the South Fork since 1995. Research has expected to include the whole fork, said Chris Mebane, the division's water quality standards chief.

State funding ran out in 1998. Mebane said. Since then, the three active mines in the Silver Valley have paid for the studies, he said.



MORNING BREAK

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- 34 Arvi-Jaffa
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- 45 C. W. F.
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- 11 Eat
- 11 Edwin Arlington
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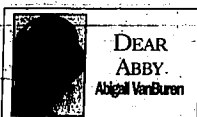
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Warning opens woman's eyes to abusive behavior

**DEAR ABBY:** When I read your list of "15 Reasons to Leave Your Lover," Warning Signs of an Abusive Personality," my jaw dropped. My heart began to race and my stomach did flip-flops. My boyfriend isn't the one who fits so many of the characteristics on the list — I am!

My boyfriend and I have been dating for nine months. The first three or four months, I was an angel. Then slowly I began to change. It started with one incident every few weeks, then once a week, and now it happens almost every day.

I interrogate my man about where he has been, who was there, and how long the conversations went on. When things don't go the way I think they should, I blame him and call him mean and hateful names. I criticize him for things over which he has no control and curse at him. I have actually kicked him while he was asleep so he'd wake up and I could finish giving him a verbal bashing.



**DEAR ABBY:** I've threatened to kill him — and that's not right. One minute I'm sweet and loving, then he says something that sets me off and I'm on a tirade, cursing and yelling.

Sometimes, when we aren't fighting, I look into his eyes and see the pain I've caused over the last few months and I feel awful.

So, Abby, I want to thank you. I am going to get help immediately! The next time you print that list, remember that women aren't always on the receiving end. My boyfriend has been nothing but good to me, and no one deserves the treatment I've given him. That article opened my eyes.

Thanks, Abby.

— A NEW LEAF IN GEORGIA

**DEAR NEW LEAF:** I'm pleased that the "15-Reasons" provided a mirror in which you saw yourself. I'm even more pleased that the column gave you the push you needed to seek professional help.

With guidance and a sincere desire to deal with your anger, insecurity and need to control, you will consider the problem and ensure a safer environment for the people you love and who love you.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a sensitive problem I don't know how to handle. I have a sister-in-law I would do anything for. I love her as I would a sister. She is my best friend, but her husband is a total jerk. He has been making advances toward me and saying things like, "I wish you were mine," and "A lot of women think I'm great and would be happy to have me."

My sister invites me to their house frequently, and I am con-

stantly turning her down because of the jerk she's married to. Instead, I suggest that we meet somewhere and have dinner or coffee because I don't want to hurt her in any way.

I want to tell her what a cheat her husband is, but I'm afraid of hurting her and our relationship. There's no telling how many women he has made advances to, or how many may have taken him up on it.

What can I do? I love her and don't want to cause her pain, but she needs to know what her husband is up to.

— FRUSTRATED IN TEXAS

**DEAR FRUSTRATED:** The next time your sister-in-law's husband makes advances, tell him in no uncertain terms that you are not interested in anything he has to offer, and if it happens again you will tell his wife. If you don't tell him, tell her everything and don't mince words.

Drivers feel the need for speed around other cars

**Q. Why are Go-Go dancers called by that name?**

**A.** First of same appeared in a New York bar named "Whiskey-a-Go-Go." It was a spin-off from a Paris bar similarly named.

**Q. Science meets philosophy in this statement: You're always in the exact center of the rainbow you see.**

**A.** About 5 miles, according to balloon industry reports. Lagniappe: It's said the balloons shredded remains decay in about a year. Faster than oak leaves or wood chips.

**Q. Where did comedian Tim Conway get his college degree?**

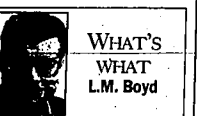
**A.** Bowling Green. Television and Radio.

**Q. When did the last rear-engine Volkswagen roll off the line in Germany?**

**A.** In 1978. Same year Dan White shot Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk in San Francisco; Atlantic City opened the first legal U.S. gambling casino outside Nevada; and Novelist Judith Krantz brought forth her book "Scruples." You may recall, all of the above lead into the coldest winter — 1978-79 — in the history of the Lower 48.

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

The original mince in mince-pie was the flesh of small birds.

Potter merchants once were known as "guineamen." They were the first to import from South America the toad that got its name from them: the guinea pig.

Drivers drive faster when other cars are around, whether those cars are behind, in front, or beside.

Before Italy's Milan started paving over its canals, it had more of them than Venice.

Oh, yes, you can call India diverse. It's among the world's top five producers of computer-language software. And almost half its billion people can't read or write in any language.

If you could get your body temperature down to a comfortable 50 degrees F, you'd live 200 years. Some medical researchers believe that, some don't.

Said Confucius: "To see the right and not do it is cowardice."

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state's transportation system caused by dam breaching?" Davis asked.

The legislators also questioned the environmental benefits of dam breaching if, as predicted, it would mean massive increases in trucks on regional highways and

new gas-fired power plants. But nothing incited the crowd quite like five of Seattle's Raging Grannies with their pom-poms, eccentric garb and salmon song. "Boop, boop, diddum," sang the self-described radical environmentalists. "Your luck is over-drawn, cuz you'll never make it up the river to spawn!"

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The search warrant documents showed that the agents, besides hoping to solve the Vail arson, also sought evidence to track down perpetrators of a \$400,000 arson Dec. 31, 1999, at Michigan State University's animal research facility in East Lansing, Mich.; the Boise Cascade fire; a \$500,000 arson on Dec. 27, 1998, at the headquarters of U.S. Forest Industries Inc. in Medford; a \$350,000 arson on Nov. 29, 1997 at the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's wild horse corral near Burns; and a \$1.4 million fire at the Cavel West horse meat processing plant in Redmond.

The documents also showed that the agents hope to identify the parties who released about 9,700 mink on May 30, 1997, from breeding boxes at the Arritola Mink Farm in Mount Angel. The loss from that incident has been estimated at \$300,000.

The ELF has also claimed responsibility for an arson fire that destroyed a house at a housing development in Bloomington, Ind. on Jan. 23.

Salmon

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Develop talent, Scorpio

**IF MARCH 2 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You are sensitive, creative, knowledgeable about food, nutrition. You are loyal, take marriage vows seriously. You have tendency to brood, should meditate instead. During April you encounter glamorous individual. Protect self in emotional clinch.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Some of your hopes, desires will be fulfilled. Finish project begun long ago. Relationship goes hot.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Finish what you start, maintain universal outlook. Toss aside preconceived notions, hope for a miracle. Act, labor individuals play sensational roles.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You have waited for this day. Burden is lifted, you will have greater freedom and independence. Len will strike chord of sex appeal. Protect self.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Your kind of day. Focus on family, property, food, marriage. Follow instincts and your heart. You will get second chance in romance. Capricorn involved.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Check Gemini message. Directly, give full to intellectual curiosity. Decision reached concerning partnership, marriage. Dream significant.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** For a time you might feel imprisoned. You will be free, independent, attractive, creative. Protect self in emotional clinch.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Obtain

HOROSCOPE

**Sydney Omarr**

hint from Virgo message. Read, write, teach. Member of opposite sex confides. "I can hardly keep my hands off you." Written material important.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Attention revolves around sale or purchase of property, sound patterns, music, voice. Taurus individual encourages. "You should develop your talent."

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Financial burden relieved, you will know where you are going, what it costs. You'll miss, "I am lucky after all." Pices, Virgo persons play roles.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You've been involved in various, exciting transactions. This time you get credit due. Relationship is intense, could be for real. Cancer native involved.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You have unique ability to predict future. Do so, make positive elements come true. Open lines of communication — someone wants to tell you something.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** What you thought impossible becomes real, practical. Keep open mind, welcome chance for different kind of love. Leo will play top role.

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### Jerome County School Bond

#### What will the proposed bond issue provide?

- An educational system to meet the needs of all students preschool through high school.
- Improvements to district facilities to strengthen student safety and security.
- Facilities to allow the district to increase student use and understanding of technology.
- Facility improvements to help decrease the drop-out rate of Jerome's at risk students.
- The best education possible with the available resources.
- A positive, productive environment for students, teachers, parents and patrons.

#### Why don't we build a new high school or just add more to the existing high school?

Serious consideration has been given to each of these options. An analysis of all anticipated expenditures has shown that a new high school (grades 9 through 12) would cost approximately \$6,300,000 more than the middle school option. It would also create a middle school (the current high school) with parking and support facilities that go far beyond what most would consider cost effective at a middle school.

Further expansion of the existing high school has some major practical problems. State and federal building requirements make it extremely expensive to add on to existing structures. The last eight classroom additions was about as far as we could go without bringing the entire building up to 1999 building codes.

#### What will the proposed \$10.9 bond issue provide?

- 116,000 square foot middle school building located on 23.3 acres adjacent to the present high school property.
- Site development.
- 40 teaching stations.
- Instructional Library.
- Music and Art rooms.
- 4 Science Labs.
- Vocational Labs.
- Computer Labs.
- Kitchen and Lunch Room.

#### Why is a new site being proposed?

- Location, location, location!
- Shared Programs.
- Shared Staff.
- Lower operating costs for shared programs.
- Lower operating costs of transportation.
- Lower operating costs for staff.
- Common use of athletic facilities.
- Common use of support facilities.

Operating costs occur every year and by sharing facilities in a secondary school complex, we will be able to significantly lower operating costs every year in the future.

#### If the bond passes, how much will it cost me?

The bond levy for this project is expected to cost the taxpayer \$.90 less per thousand of assessed value than the current levy rate. The current 1999 levy rate contains a one-year supplemental levy to construct an eight classroom addition to the Jerome High School. The new levy rate will still be less than the District Levy assessed in 1993 and 1994 and \$.24 more than the levy rate in 1995. The levy rates in 1996 through 1998 were quite a bit lower than historical rates because the district positioned itself financially to absorb the new levy needed for facilities. If adopted, the new levy rate will continue to be in line with other school districts adjacent to Jerome and help the district to bring facilities closer to the level needed for a modern school system.

#### When?

Thursday, March 2, 2000  
7:00 am to 8:00 pm

#### Where?

#### Jerome County Residents

Horizon Elementary  
Central Elementary  
Jerome High School

Jefferson Elementary  
Jerome Middle School  
Jerome Recreation District

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The Community Facility Advisory Committee believes that education is basic to the success of our youth and that in order to provide a healthy and safe education to its students, our school district must have the support of our community members. We invite everyone to become involved in efforts to resolve the overcrowding at the secondary schools level. The current high school was constructed for a 650 capacity. At the present time, over 950 students are enrolled. The middle school has over 550 students enrolled in a building designed for 450. The committee feels confident the proposed plan bridges the need for educational opportunities for the youth of Jerome and the need for cost effective schools and fiscal responsibility.

If you have questions or need more information,  
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We will vote YES at the school bond election on March 2, 2000 and hope that many other Jerome residents will join us.

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# THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

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Good players sometimes vary tactics to keep opponents off balance. This is particularly true in the region of pre-empts. A preemptive bid in third chair should not always be equivalent to one in first or second chair. A passing partner changes the conditions dramatically. Today's deal provides a good example.

If South were dealer, most would open one spade instead of choosing a pre-emptive strike. The chances for slam are too good for South to choose such an unfamiliar position. However, after North's pass, the chances are slim, so it's a good time for South to take charge. South's four-spade barrage would silence most opponents, achieving his main goal of keeping the opponents from finding their fit. (East-West can make a club game.)

Another bonus accrues if South plays well. When West cashes his club king and continues with his ace, South should not ruff. Instead, he should discard a heart. This maneuver keeps East off lead, avoiding East's fatal diamond shift and giving South time to establish dummy's fourth and fifth hearts. On these, he discards two diamonds and shifts his losses to only three aces. If West shifts to a heart at trick two? South must win dummy's ace and lead the club queen, unloading his last heart. This cuts the enemy's communications and South enjoys two diamond discards on dummy's hearts.

<b>NORTH</b>		03-02-A
♠ J 9 8 6	♥ A 10 8 7 5	♦ 8 2
♣ Q 9		
<b>WEST</b>		
♠ 4 3	♥ A Q J	♦ 5
♣ A K 10 8 3	♥ J K 6 4 2	♦ 8 2
♠ A K 10 3	♥ 9 7 4	♦ 8 2
♣ A K Q J	♥ 6 2	♦ K J 5
♣ 7	♥ A 7	♦ 8 2

Vulnerable: East-West  
Dealer: North

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	4♠	All pass

Opening lead: Club king

**BID WITH THE ACES**

South holds:

♠ 5	♥ K Q J
♦ 9 7 4	♣ J 8 6 5 4 2

North South

**ANSWER:** Two diamonds. It's the least distorting response of a sorry lot. One no-trump, one heart and two clubs tell bigger lies than does the single raise on three-card support.

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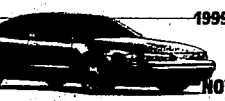
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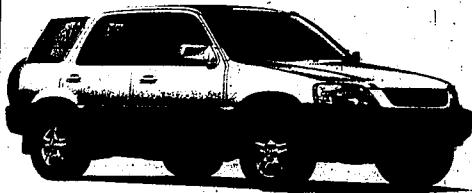
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