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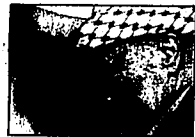
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# Planners support activist Chisholm finds some backing for animal moratorium

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer



Bill Chisholm

TWIN FALLS - A Buhl activist was pushing again for a four-month county moratorium on large animal feeding operations Wednesday, and this time he had some new supporters.

"If bad law and degradation of the water quality is not enough reason to declare a moratorium, then we're in bad shape," Bill Chisholm, clad in faded jeans and a tan shirt, said at a public hearing before Twin Falls County commissioners Wednesday.

Chisholm is spearheading a

local campaign supporting a moratorium, his third such request since September 1999.

For the first time Wednesday, though, Chisholm had public backing from local planners - such as Gooding Planning and Zoning Commission member Dianna Miketa and Buhl Planning board member Randy Clark. The local planners acknowledged problems in Twin Falls County's

### What's next?

Twin Falls County commissioners have scheduled a decision on the livestock moratorium request for 10 a.m. on April 10.

livestock ordinance, but other city and county ordinances.

"I wasn't sure if a moratorium would work for various reasons, but I'm here to ask you to seriously consider this," Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission member Jack Thornborrow told county commissioners. "When you take

these things (operations) individually they sound all right. But I think there needs to be some serious reconsideration of our ordinance. It's negligent for us to move forward."

Other speakers Wednesday questioned the need for a moratorium, an idea county commissioners have resisted in the past.

"There are too many laws and regulations on the books now," said Mary Nunes, a local dairy farmer.

Commissioners want more time to consider Chisholm's latest proposal. Commissioner Gary Grindstaff made a motion to take a few

weeks to consider Chisholm's request.

"I'd like to have some time to think about this," Grindstaff said. Commission Chairman Bill Brockman said it was too early to tell what the commissioners might decide.

He said he was pleased with Wednesday's turnout, however. "There was a lot of good input from a lot of different people," Brockman said.

On another front, Chisholm says he will keep pursuing a lawsuit against Twin Falls County.

Chisholm and several other members of the Farm Urban  
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## DIRTY WORK



Gary Cooper raises a cloud of dust mowing down the weeds outside his home on U.S. Highway 30. Weather forecasters say there is an increasing chance rain will return to the Magic Valley later this week.

BRUCE WELCH/The Times-News

# STRANDED

## Trio of snowmobilers survive night in mountains near Fairfield

By Brian Haynes  
Times-News writer

FAIRFIELD - Three generations of Esterbrooks headed into the mountains last weekend for a day of snowmobiling and bonding, but a wrong turn transformed their trip into a perilous night in a snow cave during blizzard conditions.

The three Gooding men, Bob Esterbrook, 64, Scott Esterbrook, 42, and Tanner Esterbrook, 18, headed out Saturday into the mountains north of Fairfield on three snowmobiles.

At one point in the afternoon they all got stuck in deep snow and couldn't get out, Bob Esterbrook said.

Leaving much of their gear behind, they decided to hike out for help, and they got about a mile away before they were stuck on the mountain in driving snow and wind, he said.

They built a small fire, dug a snow cave and waited. "It was scary, I'm telling you," Bob Esterbrook said. "I visited

with the lord, I can tell you that."

At daybreak they decided they had better get out of there, so they hiked to the bottom of the hill, where the elder Esterbrook waited while the other two hiked out to find help, Bob Esterbrook said.

Meanwhile three search parties went out, including a snow groomer to smooth the road in case someone had to be driven out, Camas County Sheriff Harold Lee said.

It was the snow groomer that eventually picked up the two hikers around 11 a.m., Lee said.

The most serious injury was windburn, Bob Esterbrook said.

"It's kind of a story you hear about and think 'It's not going to happen to me,'" he said. "That's one way to bond, but it's not the way to do it."

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## Identity theft bill gets panel's OK

Opponents doubt Hansen's legislation would be effective

By Michael Journee  
Times-News writer

BOISE - A Senate panel Wednesday endorsed a provision sponsors say would help victims repair damage done to credit ratings by fraud and "identity theft."

Despite the committee's



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approval, opponents say the measure would increase fraud and keep credit bureau employees, who would be required to hold back unfavorable credit reports, from thoroughly investigating a person's credit history.

Under the proposed law, victims of identity theft - the unlaw-

ful use of a person's identifying information, such as a credit card, driver's license or social security number - would be allowed to present a credit bureau with a certified copy of a police report outlining probable cause that the person was indeed a victim of fraud. The bureau would have to decide within 30 days whether to remove the credit information in question from the person's credit report.

Bureaus could decline to remove or replace the ques-

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## Budget writers to set aid level to schools

The Associated Press

BOISE - A solution to the state's financial puzzle continued to elude lawmakers on Wednesday, but budget writers were ready to provide direction by deciding just how much money the state will contribute to public school operations during the 2000-2001 school year.

"So many times this year we've been accused of making policy in this committee," Sen. Cecil

Ingram of Boise told his colleagues on the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee. "But at times they call on us to make a decision that no one else wants to make."

The committee scheduled consideration of the huge support package for Thursday morning amid indications that a majority may well vote to match Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's recommendation

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## Fed chief targets 'predatory' loans, says regulators are taking a close look

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan used his bully pulpit Wednesday to criticize a growing practice by some mortgage and home-equity loan companies of seeking low-income borrowers and charging them unfairly high fees and interest.

The practice, called predatory lending by its critics, can damage poorer neighborhoods, Green-

span said in a speech to a meeting of the National Community Reinvestment Coalition, a liberal group.

Greenspan said the Federal Reserve is concerned about "abusive lending practices that target specific neighborhoods or vulnerable segments of the population and can result in unaffordable (mortgage) payments," loss of homeowners' equity and foreclosure.

It was the first time Greenspan

has spoken publicly on the subject. Other federal banking regulators have criticized predatory lending recently, but the central bank chairman's remarks raised the profile of the issue.

The Fed oversees many Wall Street investment banks that have raised money for consumer finance companies, but the lenders themselves are mostly regulated by the states. Legisla-

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Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan, right, listens to John Taylor, president of the National Community Reinvestment Coalition, Wednesday.

# THE REGION

# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

### Camas Prairie

High: 44 Low: 14  
Chance of snow early today, then some clearing. Partly cloudy Friday, high 48.

### Treasure Valley

High: 54 Low: 28  
Chance of rain early today, then some clearing. Mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny Friday, high 57.

### Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 47 Low: 29  
Cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain or snow. Some clearing Friday, high 44.

### Eastern Idaho

High: 53 Low: 33  
Mostly cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain or snow. Some clearing Friday, high 47.

### Northern Idaho

High: 48 Low: 26  
Partly cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain or snow. Mostly sunny Friday, high 52.

### Northern Utah

High: 55 Low: 34  
Increasing clouds, with a 30 percent chance of afternoon showers. Mostly cloudy on Friday.

### Northern Nevada

High: 54 Low: 28  
Chance of rain early today, then some clearing. Mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny Friday, high 57.

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### Friday

High: 57 Low: 30  
Mostly sunny.

### Saturday

High: 40s Low: 20  
Chance of valley rain.

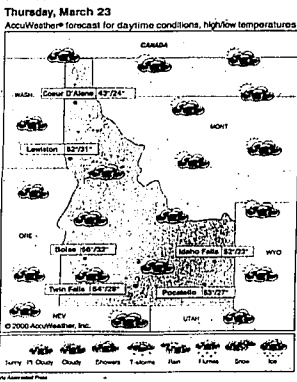
### Sunday

High: 40s Low: 20s  
Partly cloudy.

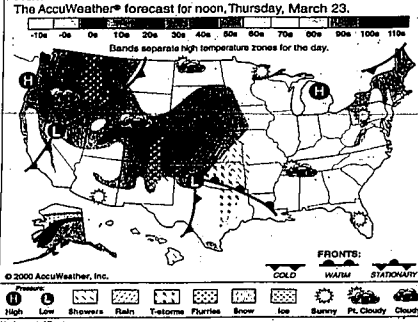
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Partly cloudy.

### Idaho weather



### National weather



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### Twin Falls

Yesterday	62	Precipitation
Last year	58	27
Normal	55	29

### Idaho

City	Max	Min	Fcp	Idaho: High, 66
Boise	66	37	.....	degrees at Boise,
Burley	66	24	.....	and Coeur d'Alene.
Coeur d'Alene	63	24	.....	Low, 9 degrees at
Grangeville	m	m	.....	Stanley.
Hagerman	m	m	.....	Notes: High, 87 at
Idaho Falls	52	21	.....	Couula, McAllen and
Lowiston	m	38	.....	Fl. Meyers, Texas.
Malad	m	m	.....	Wind, minus 2 at West
Malta	m	m	.....	Yellowstone, W.
McCall	47	14	.....	Comfort factors
Pocatello	58	22	.....	Noon humidity: 39%
Salmon	63	23	.....	Noon barometer: 30.00
Stanley	53	9	.....	Pollen and mold counts:
Sun Valley	47	10	.....	Pollen: 1, low, juniper,

### The Nation

City	Max	Min	Fcp	Idaho: High, 66
Albuquerque	50	33	.....	degrees at Boise,
Anchorage	74	49	.....	and Coeur d'Alene.
Atlanta	74	49	.....	Low, 9 degrees at
Boston	58	32	.....	Stanley.
Chicago	59	42	.....	Notes: High, 87 at
Dallas	76	55	.....	Couula, McAllen and
Denver	67	45	.....	Fl. Meyers, Texas.
Des Moines	63	45	.....	Wind, minus 2 at West
Detroit	58	34	.....	Yellowstone, W.
Houston	62	39	.....	Comfort factors
Indianapolis	62	39	.....	Noon humidity: 39%
Los Angeles	71	49	.....	Noon barometer: 30.00
Las Vegas	71	49	.....	Pollen and mold counts:
Memphis	71	47	.....	Pollen: 1, low, juniper,
Miami Beach	85	71	.....	mtn, cedar, cottonwood.
Milwaukee	58	40	.....	Mold: 695, low, smgs
Minneapolis	53	43	.....	Adams & Allegry of
New Orleans	80	58	.....	Idaho.
New York	60	38	.....	
Oklahoma City	56	50	.....	
Omaha	68	49	.....	
Phoenix	55	36	.....	
Pittsburgh	59	42	.....	
Portland, Ore.	53	43	.....	
Reno	68	33	.....	
St. Louis	59	42	.....	
Salt Lake City	52	28	.....	
San Francisco	64	43	.....	
Seattle	66	50	.....	
Spokane	62	32	.....	
Washington	60	41	.....	
Yuma	73	55	.....	

### Canadian Cities

City	Max	Min	Fcp
Calgary	54	32	.....
Edmonton	52	31	.....
Toronto	52	39	.....
Vancouver	52	42	.....

## NASA chief admits too many cuts, management problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — NASA, trying to do more missions with less money and fewer people, made management mistakes that contributed to a string of recent failures in space, the chief of the agency said Wednesday. "We probably cut too tight" in reducing the NASA work force from 25,000 to 18,500 over the last seven years, Daniel S. Goldin, NASA's administrator, told the Senate Commerce subcommittee on space. "We found we were really too thin."

about a published report that NASA engineers knew of a rocket engine flaw in a Mars-bound probe. The report said that NASA conducted flawed tests on ground models of the rocket engines, and then tried to cover up information about the problems. The Mars probe disappeared after firing its braking rockets while approaching the Red Planet. "There are very, very great irregularities in that press report," said Goldin. He said the rocket problems were identified and discussed publicly a month before the mission failure. He said that engineers conducted honest tests, and that they believed the problem was solved.

## Loans

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tion to curb predatory lending has been proposed in California, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri and New York. In some cases, consumer finance companies have taken advantage of people with low incomes or damaged credit histories, many of them minorities, who cannot get conventional loans and are desperate to become homeowners or raise cash by borrowing against their homes. A series of congressional hearings have indicated that aggressive sales tactics and excessively high interest rates were increasing.

The Federal Reserve is working on several fronts to address these issues," Greenspan said. Among other things, the Fed has convened regulators from various agencies — including the Departments of Justice and Housing and Urban Development, the Federal Trade Commission and bank regulatory agencies — to develop methods to deal with predatory lending. The group is exploring options such as stricter enforcement rules and new legislation.

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## Schools

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For a modest increase in state aid to \$871 million. With all other budgets set, the competition for the remaining \$918 million in general tax receipts pits school aid against an \$41 million electric-year tax cut settling \$27 million in damage claims from interstate truckers who successfully challenged the truck tax and a \$20 million proposal to help school districts deal with deteriorating buildings. Setting a school aid budget at the governor's level, assuming it is adopted by both houses, would essentially dictate decisions on the other issues although problems continued to loom on all fronts. And the judge in the school building lawsuit indicated current legislative proposals will not get the job done.

## ACROSS THE NATION

Nation: Showers and thunderstorms spread across the southern Plains on Wednesday, while high pressure, brought mostly clear conditions to the Great Lakes and Midwest. Rain tapered off along the mid-Atlantic region through the afternoon as a disturbance moved toward the coast. Clouds associated with the system moved northward, but much of the Northeast was dry. Heavy rain early Wednesday in New Jersey, Delaware, eastern Pennsylvania and Maryland resulted in some rivers rising above flood stage.

## Clinton repeats call for nuclear curbs

The Washington Post  
AGRA, India — President Clinton addressed the Indian Parliament and toured the Taj Mahal Wednesday, calming the pace of his southern Asia tour and reflecting at greater length on his call for India to reduce its nuclear weapons, improve its environment and upgrade working conditions. For the first time in three days, the president wasn't forced to react to fresh news of security scares or the massacre of Sikhs in Kashmir. He seized two opportunities — a 35-minute speech to Parliament in New Delhi and a 14-minute environmental speech outside the Taj Mahal in Agra — to wrap his pleas in humility and even flattery.

That was especially true of the morning speech in New Delhi. Clinton restated the case for India to dismantle some of its nuclear weapons, which Indian leaders flatly rejected Tuesday. But he did not let it only after saying the United States can learn much from India and repeatedly stating that only India can determine its nuclear policy. He said the two nations have much in common, and "there are four large challenges India and the United States must meet together": freer trade, better jobs for the poor, environmental improvements and stronger measures against terrorism and drug trafficking.

## Moratorium

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Network chapter of the Idaho Rural Council have sued over the county Planning and Zoning Commission's August 1999 approval of a dairy operation in western Twin Falls County. The lawsuit requests judicial review of the county's decision to allow Jory Visser to set up his dairy. Visser plans to house around 5,000 milking cows and 8,500 heifers on 2,400 acres about two miles north of Balanced Rock.

## Identity

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tioned credit information if it was determined there was a material misrepresentation of fact by the consumer. Drafted by Reps. Randy Hansen, R-Twin Falls, and Tom Trail, R-Moscow, with the help of Bill Von Tagen of the Attorney General's office, the bill was given the unanimous endorsement of the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee. "A lot of people who've been hit by this are out there in a kind of credit limbo, unable to clear their name or move forward," Von Tagen told the committee. But opponents said its much too easy to obtain false police reports creating a huge potential for defrauding the system, which they said, began happening in California when similar legislation was adopted there.

## Lottery Update

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### LOTTERY UPDATE

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**NATION**

# Senate votes to repeal Social Security earnings ceiling; Clinton to sign bill

WASHINGTON - By a 100-0 vote, the Senate joined the House in agreeing Wednesday to let Social Security recipients collect their full benefits no matter what they earn. President Clinton has promised to sign the bill.

The House passed an almost identical version by a 422-0 vote three weeks ago. It will have to vote on it again, most likely next week, congressional aides say, because the Senate made a technical change to assure that workers age 64 are not penalized.

"I look forward to opening a new era of opportunity for older Americans by signing this measure into law," President Clinton said in a statement from India, where he was visiting the Taj Mahal.

The change would be made retroactive to Dec. 31, 1999, effectively boosting the income of 800,000 workers 65 through 69 by thousands of dollars before election day next November.

Under current law, those workers now must return \$1 of Social Security benefits for every \$3 they earn above \$17,000. Until Congress raised the ceiling before the 1996 election, new beneficiaries could earn only \$11,250 a year before losing some of their benefits.

## China clears the way for import of U.S. products

WASHINGTON - China has issued rules clearing the way for stepped-up imports of U.S. farm products by ending a ban on citrus and easing restrictions on meat, poultry and wheat, the Clinton administration said Wednesday.

China agreed a year ago to allow importation of the commodities under U.S. certification and inspection standards but had delayed until late Tuesday releasing the necessary regulations for the shipments to start.

The Chinese action also removes a potential stumbling block in the administration's effort to get Congress to approve permanent normal trade relations for China. The administration had been worried about losing votes of farm-state lawmakers because of China's delay in implementing the agricultural agreement.

### Nation in brief

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Under terms of the agreement, China also is recognizing U.S. inspection standards for meat and poultry and allowing shipments of wheat from the Pacific Northwest that contain minimal amounts of a fungus known as TCK smut.

## Browning, Glock vows not to follow Smith & Wesson

Gunmaker Browning has condemned the gun-safety agreement between President Clinton and Smith & Wesson and says it will not negotiate such an accord with the government.

"In my estimation, (Smith & Wesson) has been politically drug into giving away their own rights, the rights of everyone in the industry, the rights of licensed gun dealers and the rights of law-abiding gun owners," said Rich Bauter, vice president of firearms marketing for Browning.

Another firearms manufacturer, Glock Inc., also repudiated the Smith & Wesson deal Tuesday, with officials of the Austrian corporation saying they will not sign a similar voluntary gun-control agreement.

Like Smith & Wesson, Browning is a defendant in a series of lawsuits filed by cities contending gun manufacturers and dealers have failed to take adequate steps to ensure the firearms they sell are safe. Utah lawmakers passed a law this month that prohibits any Utah cities from filing similar litigation.

## Hostages end long ordeal by drugging assailant

DUNDALK, Md. - Slaying suspect Joseph Palczynski announced that he planned to kill one of his three hostages, so the

capivues ended their long ordeal by drugging him with prescription medication, one of them said Wednesday.

With Palczynski sleeping on the living-room sofa in their apartment, Lynn Whitehead and Andy McCord climbed out a first-floor bedroom window late Tuesday, leaving their 12-year-old son asleep on the kitchen floor. Palczynski, accused of kidnapping Whitehead's daughter and killing four people, before the standoff began, died minutes later when police stormed the apartment and shot him. The little boy was rescued.

Earlier that day, the suspected multiple killer had told Whitehead that "today is the day she's going to die," McCord recalled.

She took prescription pills, Xanax, crushed them and put them in Palczynski's iced tea, McCord told The Associated Press. Xanax can be used as a tranquilizer or as a sleeping pill.

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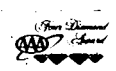
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## CELESTIAL DUES

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# Judge orders schools tested for contamination

BOISE (AP) - Fourth District Judge Deborah Bail has ordered a dozen northern Idaho school buildings tested for heavy metal contamination that doctors say could cause health problems in students.

Bail also ordered a hearing that could close parts of American Falls High School two years before a new high school is constructed for the southeastern Idaho district. Experts say the building could collapse in an earthquake.

Both decisions came as the trial wrapped on claims of 15 school districts that the state is not carrying out its responsibility to provide all students a safe environment conducive to learning.

At stake is the potential for the state to be stuck with tens of millions of dollars in school building improvements if local districts have been unable to convince property taxpayers to finance.

While the state supplies three-quarters of the cash schools need for operations, it has adamantly avoided any direct involvement in facilities, leaving that to the 113 individual districts.

But in the Capitol, state lawmakers were trying to put a pack-

age together to head off an adverse judgment.

Leaders have committed to creating a \$20 million revolving fund that districts could tap when other revenue sources are exhausted as a show of good faith to Bail although some advocates of that proposal have said they would slash the fund to just \$5 million.

Bail has said she will review whatever action the Legislature takes after both sides submit written arguments on its possible effectiveness.

The state Supreme Court, which has already ruled on various other aspects of the constitutional challenge to state operation of the public education system, will ultimately make the final decision.

Idaho is the only state that both requires a two-thirds supermajority for approval of school building bonds and does not provide direct state aid for facilities.

In ordering evaluations at specific schools on Tuesday, Bail said the potential danger from metal contamination and an earthquake required some action before she issues a ruling.

"We don't have the luxury of

waiting," she said.

Basing her northern Idaho order on experts who testified that children face a health risk because of high concentrations of lead in the soil, Bail expressed concern that some districts had not tested building interiors for lead.

The Silver Valley has been the target for nearly two decades of environmental cleanup from a century of mining and smelting. Tests conducted last year by local health officials showed the level of lead in the blood of children living in the heart of the cleanup

area was at its lowest in the 12 years tests have been conducted. Only 5 percent of the 370 children tested had lead levels higher than the national health standard.

But the rate was nearly double for children living outside the target area. Ten percent of the 272 children tested had levels above the national standard. That was up from 9 percent the year before.

Superintendents in the three districts said they do not believe their combined 2,300 students are at risk.

# Nuclear waste storage bill clears House, faces veto

WASHINGTON (AP) - Although President Clinton already promised a veto, the House passed legislation Wednesday that could open the way for thousands of tons of nuclear waste some from Idaho, to be shipped to Nevada as early as 2007.

The measure, approved last month by the Senate, now goes to the White House. The president opposes it because it raises questions about the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to establish radiation standards for a permanent waste disposal facility.

The proposed Yucca Mountain facility 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas remains under scientific review, but is scheduled to be opened in 2010 if found technically suitable. The NRC is expected to decide whether to give it a license in 2006.

The House passed the bill 253-167. Opponents called the vote a "meaningless exercise" because of the president's veto promise

and because both the House and Senate votes fell short of overcoming a veto. Idaho Reps. Mike Simpson and Helen Chenoweth-Hage voted for the measure.

"This was just an exercise in futility," Rep. Shelley Berkley, D-Nev., said in an interview after the vote. Like other Nevada lawmakers, she strongly has opposed the legislation, arguing the proposed permanent waste burial site under Yucca Mountain 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas is unsafe.

Supporters of the legislation argued that the government has a legal obligation to take more than 40,000 tons of highly radioactive used reactor fuel now kept at commercial reactors in 31 states.

"The government broke its promise to begin storing nuclear waste. The (Clinton) administration still refused to deal in good faith ... to fix the problem," said Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich.

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# Domestic Violence

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Although the partner is the primary target, violence is often directed toward children as well, and sometimes toward family members, friends and even bystanders in attempts to control their partner. Although each situation is different, there are common warning signs - "red flag" behaviors - to look out for, including those behaviors listed below.

- Pressure Tactics: Rushing you to make decisions through "guilt-tripping," sulking; manipulating the children; telling you what to do.
- Abusing Authority: Always claiming to be right; telling you what to do.
- Disrespect: Interrupting; not listening or responding; twisting your words; saying bad things about you, your friends and family.
- Abusing Trust: Lying; withholding information; cheating on you; being overly jealous.
- Emotional Withholding: Not expressing feelings or giving support.
- Minimizing, Denying & Blaming: Not taking your concerns seriously; shifting responsibility for abusive behavior; saying you caused it.
- Breaking Promises: Not following through on agreements; not taking a fair share of responsibility with child care or housework.
- Self-Destructive Behavior: Abusing drugs/alcohol; threatening suicide.
- Economic Control: Taking your money or refusing to give you money.
- Isolation: Preventing or making it difficult for you to see friends or family.
- Harassment: Making uninvited visits or calls; checking up on you.
- Intimidation: Making angry or threatening gestures.
- Destruction: Destroying your possessions, punching walls; throwing and/or breaking things.
- Threats: Making and/or carrying out threats to hurt you or others.
- Sexual Violence: Degrading treatment; using force or coercion.
- Physical Violence: Being violent to you, your children, pets or others.
- Weapons: Threatening or attempting to kill you or those you love.

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# LEGISLATIVE LOG

**The Associated Press**

**SB1395 (Newcomb)** - Deletes the term "journeymen" in a bill to provide for electricians.

**SB403 (Newcomb)** - Requires worker's compensation insurers to provide assessment for the Special Indemnity Fund within 30 days of Sept. 1 and April 1.

**HB408 (Newcomb)** - Requires that recommendations to the governor for compensation to the Board of Podiatric Medicine from the Idaho Podiatric Medical Association.

**HB411 (Newcomb)** - Authorizes the Board of Dentistry to appoint an executive director.

**HB469 (Revenue and Taxation)** - Clarifies that "pass through entities" may pay income tax on behalf of certain individual partners, shareholders, officers, owners or directors.

**SB1332 (Transportation)** - Provides for a one-year commercial driver's license for 20 year olds and a one-year Class D driver's license for people 17 or 20.

**SB1369 (Transportation)** - Excludes weekend days and legal holidays from the 72-hour period for temporary motor vehicle permits.

**SB1381 (Local Government and Taxation)** - Classifies copies of non-commercial and nongovernmental applications, plans and specifications and temporary county records.

**SB1387 (Health and Welfare)** - Clarifies that the Division of Environmental Quality may provide financial and technical assistance to community water systems and nonprofit noncommunity water systems.

**SB1409 (Transportation)** - Restricts Department of Transportation disclosure of photographs and other personal information maintained for driver's license and identification cards.

**SB1438 (Transportation)** - Requires written consent from the person involved for the Transportation Department to disclose personal information in an individual's motor vehicle or driver record.

**SB1461 (Transportation)** - Creates a firefighters special motor vehicle license plate program.

**SB1533 (Finance)** - Increases the annual distribution from the Sales Tax Account to the Permanent Building Account to \$5 million.

**SB1537 (Finance)** - Appropriates \$730,100 to the Human Rights Commission for the budget year that begins July 1.

**SB1538 (Finance)** - Appropriates more than \$2 million to the Executive Office of the Governor for the budget year that begins July 1.

**SB1539 (Finance)** - Appropriates \$47,600 to the Idaho Women's Commission for the budget year that begins July 1.

**SB1540 (Finance)** - Appropriates almost \$435.5 million to the Idaho Transportation Department for the budget year that begins July 1.

**SB1541 (Finance)** - Appropriates more than \$4.2 million to the Public Utilities Commission for the budget year that begins July 1.

**SB1544 (Finance)** - Appropriates more than \$12 million to the Industrial Commission for the budget year that begins July 1.

**Sent to Governor**  
**SB1364 (Health and Welfare)** - Places the Board of Acupuncture under the Bureau of Occupational Licenses.

**SB1372 (Education)** - Requires school districts to develop support programs for use by teachers on annual contracts, and provides three categories of annual contracts.

**SB1459 (Transportation)** - Allows vehicles up to 26,000 pounds to qualify for special license plates.

**SB1553 (Finance)** - Appropriates more than \$1.1 million to the State Appellate Public Defender for the budget year that begins July 1.

**SB1557 (Finance)** - Appropriates more than \$16.7 million to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for the budget year that begins July 1.

**SB1558 (Finance)** - Appropriates more than \$9.7 million to the Commission on Aging for the budget year that begins July 1.

**SB1559 (Finance)** - Appropriates more than \$3.9 million to the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for the budget year that begins July 1.

**SB1560 (Finance)** - Appropriates \$10 million to the Catastrophic Health Care Cost Fund for the budget year that begins July 1.

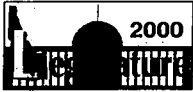
**SB1561 (Finance)** - Appropriates almost \$9.3 million to the Public Health Trust Fund for the budget year that begins July 1.

**SB1562 (Finance)** - Appropriates almost \$10.4 million to the State Liquor Dispensary for the budget year that begins July 1.

**SB1563 (Finance)** - Appropriates almost \$4.6 million to the Soil Conservation Commission for the budget year that begins July 1.

**SB1564 (Finance)** - Appropriates an additional \$50,000 to the Public Employee Retirement System for a study of retiree health benefits.

**SB1565 (Finance)** - Appropriates \$107,100 to the Office of the Lieutenant



Governor for the budget year that begins July 1.

**SB1568 (Finance)** - Appropriates almost \$124 million to the superintendent of public instruction and state Department of Education for the budget year that begins July 1.

**Killed by House**

**HB1727 (Education)** - Gives school districts the option of requiring a service-learning component for high school graduation.

**Legislative Action Complete**

**HR1 (State Affairs)** - Amends the state Constitution to create a state land bank to handle proceeds from public land sales so the cash can be used to buy other property.

**HR108 (Ways and Means)** - Urges the federal government to push for removal of Canadian bulk shipment prohibitions on imported potatoes.

**Introduced in Senate**

**SB1578 (Finance)** - Requires prior approval of legislative budget writers or the governor and top House and Senate officers of state agency property purchases.

**Introduced in House**

**HB767 (State Affairs)** - Complies with constitutional requirements that college and university endowment income be distributed to the schools' boards of trustees outside of the appropriation process.

**HB768 (Appropriations)** - Appropriates more than \$4.4 million to the

Idaho Educational Public Broadcasting System for the budget year that begins July 1, with legislative intent.

**HB769 (Appropriations)** - Appropriates more than \$48.3 million to Public Health Services for the budget year that begins July 1.

**HB770 (Appropriations)** - Appropriates more than \$115 million to the Department of Health and Welfare for self-reliance programs in the budget year that begins July 1.

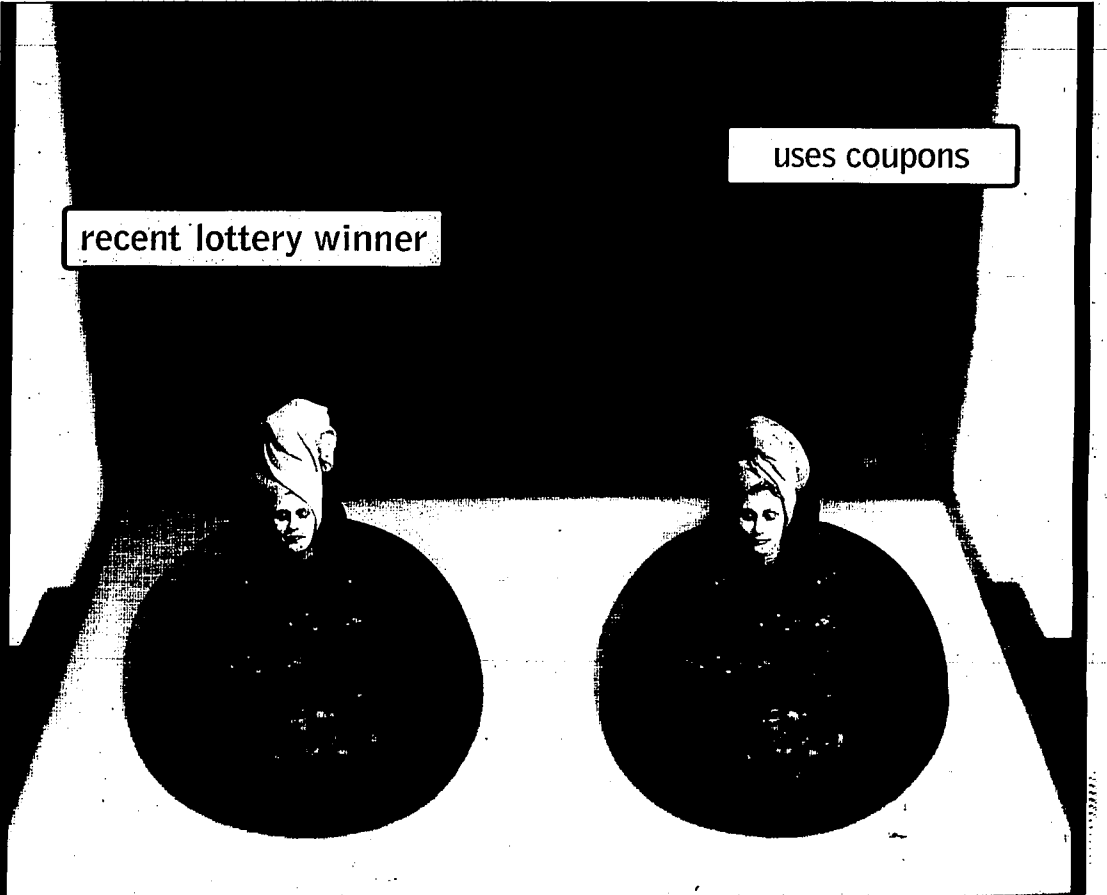
**HB771 (Appropriations)** - Appropriates almost \$34.6 million to the Department of Health and Welfare for indirect support services and indepen-

dent commissions and councils in the budget year that begins July 1.

**HB772 (Appropriations)** - Appropriates almost \$135.9 million to the Department of Health and Welfare for the Division of Family and Community Services in the budget year that begins July 1.

**HB773 (Appropriations)** - Appropriates more than \$30.9 million to the Permanent Building Fund for the Division of Public Works in the budget year that begins July 1.

**HB774 (Appropriations)** - Appropriates \$66,000 for the National World War II Memorial Fund.



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### Judge gives Kuralt's Montana property to longtime mistress

HELENA, Mont. (AP) - A judge Wednesday awarded the Montana fishing retreat of the late CBS correspondent Charles Kuralt to his longtime secret mistress.

A letter Kuralt wrote to Patricia Shannon two weeks before he died in 1997 clearly expressed his wish that she have the 90 acres along the Big Hole River after his death, state District Judge John Christensen said.

Given the long and intimate relationship between Kuralt and Shannon, the judge said, "any other conclusion would not make sense and defies logic."

VALASSIS

## EDITORIAL

### Santa Claus doesn't sit on JFAC - and that's OK

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus - but he doesn't sit on the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee. And that's a good thing for Idaho taxpayers.

JFAC, as it's known, is probably the most powerful committee in the state Legislature. It controls the money. Other committees pay attention to education, roads and the environment, but JFAC keeps an eye on the big picture of state finances.

Lately, JFAC has been criticized by lawmakers who complain that the committee is too tight-fisted.

The natural momentum of any legislature is to spend public money. In many cases, JFAC is the only entity to apply the brakes. And those brakes are heating up this year because the state has its largest budget surplus in a decade - \$855 million.

With that much "extra" money available, some legislators feel the time is ripe to fund pet projects.

JFAC is funding some but by no means all of the requests. And that's got a few lawmakers taking potshots at the committee.

We urge JFAC's members to ignore the criticism and maintain their present course. They are Idaho's unsung heroes of fiscal conservation. Rather than give money away simply because it's available, they are conserving it.

They are keeping the public checkbook out of the hands of liberal lawmakers who want to spend, spend, spend.

Every Idaho resident who pays taxes should applaud JFAC's unswerving devotion to fiscal restraint.

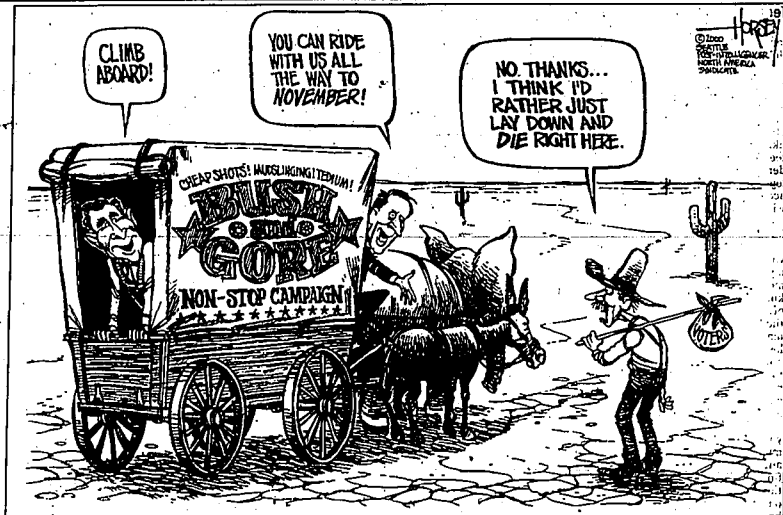
With rare exceptions, the committee's agenda should be to: 1) Pay the bills; 2) Save some money for hard times ahead; 3) Fund darn few new spending programs, if any; and 4) Give whatever is left back to the taxpayers who provided it.

The current members of JFAC, led by co-chairmen Atwell Parry and Robert C. Geddes, understand these priorities. Good for them.

Speaking of chairmen, it's worth noting that Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, and Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, are in line to be the next co-chairmen of JFAC. With them leading JFAC, the Magic Valley's legislative delegation probably would become the most powerful and cohesive in state politics.

Bell and Cameron are sound fiscal conservatives to whom the Magic Valley can be proud - and Idaho can be thankful. With them at the helm of JFAC, the committee would almost certainly chart a thoughtful course through the oft-rough waters of state financial policy.

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### Officials can't close eyes to public opinion

DAN SKINNER

Idaho and the Pacific Northwest have sent a resounding message to our elected leaders. But, as shown at the recent salmon hearings, where are they?

The federal government recently concluded a series of hearings on how to restore salmon in Idaho. The majority message from the public was very clear: restore salmon and steelhead and protect Idaho's irrigation water by breaching the four Lower Snake River dams. In so doing, we should take care of folks by investing in an improved transportation system out of Lewiston. People from all walks of life lined up one after another to deliver the same message.

These public meetings were hosted to offer folks the chance to comment on how to stop the path to extinction our salmon and steelhead now face. According to the federal government's own data, extinctions of Idaho's chinook salmon will begin within the decade if we continue the status quo.

At a telling moment in Lewiston, where politicians had usurped the first hour of testimony in support of keeping dams, a gentleman got up and offered thanks to all the elected leaders for sticking around and listening to the public. Well, he had not. The gentleman hadn't looked to see the 20 empty seats that remained after the elected leaders testified and left.

This was repeated across the state. At each hearing, elected leaders testified and exited before listening to the public. Gov. Kempthorne showed up in Boise, spoke and left before listening to a single citizen.

What did they miss? Well, at every hearing in Idaho there was majority support from the public testifiers for breaching the four Lower Snake River dams. Even in Lewiston, where support for the status quo is high, a strong coalition of outfitters, students from Moscow, folks from the Nez Perce Tribe and the conservation community merged into a majority in support of breaching dams.

At the other three Idaho hearings, those supporting breaching the dams dominated the testimony. In Boise, even including the 20 elected leaders, those supporting dam removal outnumbered the rest by a margin of 2 to 1. In Idaho Falls, it was 3 to 1. In Twin Falls, it was nearly 4 to 1. At each of these hearings, huge crowds came out in support of dam removal.

All told, more than 3,000 people attended salmon hearings in Idaho. This is clearly a vital issue for the public. The question is, if so many people are engaged in achieving salmon recovery,

why are Idaho's elected leaders ignoring the public's demands for real action?

As most who have looked into this issue know, the single best thing we can do to restore Idaho's salmon and steelhead and protect southern Idaho's irrigation water is breach the four Lower Snake River dams.

A super-majority of people told the federal government this at the hearings, not only in Idaho, but across the region. We have tried to techno-fix salmon survival for more than 20 years while wasting more than \$3 billion on failure after failure. Even so, Idaho's elected leaders continue to ignore the past, science and the public.

When are our elected officials going to start listening?

To all the elected leaders out there who ignore thousands of Idahoans during the salmon hearings, here's what you missed: restore salmon and steelhead and protect Idaho's irrigation water by breaching the four dams. In so doing, we should improve the transportation system out of Lewiston to protect our farmers.

Ignoring science and the public will accomplish nothing more than the extinction of our treasured salmon and steelhead. It is time to start listening.

Dan Skinner is a conservation associate for Idaho Rivers United.

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The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Stephen Hartgen, William Brock, Clark Walworth, Steve Crump, Kevin Richard and Dan Fields.

## LETTERS

### Comparatively, MV has it good

Clean up law enforcement, what a joke! I moved here from Las Vegas, Nev., and you citizens just don't know how good your police are in comparison. During my four-year residency in Las Vegas, we had cops do everything from drive-by shootings to forcing a couple to engage in oral sex for the officer's personal satisfaction.

Oh, and on this Gene Turley incident, we had a similar incident happen a couple of years ago. The only difference was that the kid skateboarded hit the man in the head with his skateboard, killing him - only because the man asked him to leave the tennis court so he could play.

Be thankful for what you have here because things are worse only 613 miles south on U.S. 93.

JEFF AMES  
Twin Falls

### Stop stereotyping teens

He said, she said. I am so tired of reading the letters to the editor regarding Gene Turley and the skateboarders. I happen to know one of the boys myself, as well as the parents and would like to clear up a couple of misconceptions.

First of all, both of these boys have held 3.0 grade averages. Austin holds the highest scores qualifying him for entry into the Air Force in June, and Michael maintains a full-time job, as does Austin. Michael owns his own vehicle, pays his own insurance and pays his own car payment. Michael's future plans after high school are to go to college and become an architect. I know that Michael has never done drugs, he does not drink and he does not smoke.

I guess that what I am saying is that like all classes of people, because they have a different skin color or because they speak a different language or because they ride a skateboard, these

groups of people are all alike. They are not. These are quotes from people's letters to the editor. Shame on you that have taken the time to write these letters to the editor, but have you taken the time to read the police report or the witnesses' statements? They are all public record. Could the statements of seven local business owners and witnesses be wrong? I am not saying, that Gene Turley is a bad person. I have just taken the time to read the facts.

As a resident of Twin Falls, I think it would be an asset to the community to build a facility where our youth can go and be kids. Clearly, it is a very nice man that they were in the wrong and do not dispute the fact that they should not have been where it was posted "no skateboarding," but where can these boys and girls go to skateboard? Please let us know.

Question: Where is it right for an adult or public official to lose his cool and assault a teen-age boy?

DAWN M. KING  
Twin Falls

### Instructor has helped community

I was recently giving a small seminar to some retired people at a local retirement center about three weeks ago. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Robert Tidd. Mr. Tidd had been a truancy officer with the public school system for many years. He is also a martial arts master who has shown many children the benefits of martial arts training. Mr. Tidd retired a while ago, but I have known about him since I was a child. Mr. Tidd is a very nice man, and I am so glad to have finally met him. He has my respect as a martial arts instructor, and everybody I talk to has great love for this man.

I just want Mr. Tidd to know the contribution he has made to our community through the martial arts.

KEITH OWEN  
Martial Arts America  
Twin Falls

### Dilettantes are a boon to valley

Forty-two years and still going strong. I have been a part of the Magic Valley Dilettantes productions for the past five years, both on the stage and in the orchestra pit. I have enjoyed every minute of my association with the wonderful board and cast members and have made many lifelong friends while developing talents I never knew I had.

This year has been different. I have had the opportunity to sit in the audience and watch my first Dilettantes production. The Magic Valley needs to know that the grandfather of the student organizations in the great Magic Valley is alive and strong. The board of the Magic Valley Dilettantes has once again proven that it can produce a new and exciting musical for all to enjoy.

"Into the Woods" is a modern adaptation of what happens when our favorite childhood fairy tale characters make their wishes known and then go about doing whatever it takes to fulfill those wishes. It is wonderfully portrayed through music and one laugh after another. The second act shows us what happens after happily ever after and that once we have what we wish for, we often wonder if we can be happier by wishing for more. It shows that we all must eventually pay for the consequences of choices we have made.

In today's world where we are bombarded with news of those who will do everything in their power to get power,

not caring about who is stepped on and crushed, it is refreshing to know that the Magic Valley Dilettantes would choose a show to help families realize that family comes first and that honest, hard work will be rewarded in the long run and that today's rewards do not always last forever.

Thank you, Magic Valley Dilettantes. WM. CRAIG NEBEKER  
Twin Falls

### Dairy picture is not so rosy

Once again the dairy-hog-owned Times-News is distorting or ignoring the truth. It paints a "rosy" picture wherein dairy is saving the valley. Quoting gross receipts doesn't tell the story.

Answer one question, Times-News: If the dairy industry is the altruistic savior of the local ag economy because they buy all the commodities produced by local farmers, why aren't local farmers prosperous? Now you'll trot out the well-used "just think of how bad off they'd be without dairy." With milk and cheese prices bottoming out on the corporate welfare scale, why are so many dairies wanting to expand, new cheese plants wanting to locate and new dairies wanting to come to Idaho? Do I hear buy-out?

Jerome County was the first county these people invaded. The promises of jobs, increased tax base, growth, economic development were pervasive, the dairy industry will save Jerome and make it

rich - rich, rich. To sell this, all it took were a few dollars and favors spread to university employees and politicians combined with intimidation and threats to opponents. Now, 15 years later, what do they have: dairymen who complain of being crowded out by other dairies; interest-protected county commissioners who "encourage" dairies and cheese-processing plants which bring in more dairies; an upward trend in nitrate pollution of the aquifer; and an extremely crowded school system.

The main reason for the overcrowding is the influx of the dairy worker's children, who just happen to be Hispanic. Instead of community grants, Jerome seeks grants that will pave a road to a dairy. Are Jerome citizens glad their taxes went up, are they experiencing more "services" provided for their money, has the self-appointed full-time commissioner done anything for the general public other than to dairy?

Of course dairy is doing good, as most welfare recipients are. In just two years, dairy was welfareed over \$375 million dollars, even during a time of historical high returns. Combined taxpayer and consumer costs of dairy programs since 1980 exceed \$1,090 per family, nationwide. This, of course, doesn't factor in the cost of polluted air, water and political system. Got anymore? FRANK HENNIS  
Nampa

### Doonesbury



### By Gary Trudeau



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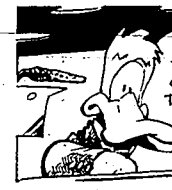
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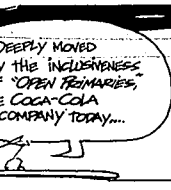
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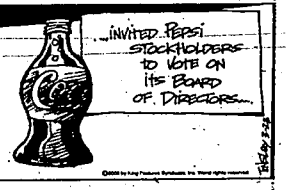
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### By Bruce Tinsley



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OPINION

LETTERS

Teens deserved better

If I am the mother of two of the teenagers involved in the "scuffle" at the Lynwood Mall.

Before Mr. Turley judges The Times-News for not being accurate, maybe he should look at the witness reports and his own statements. This "gang of skateboarders" is a group of teenagers that like to skateboard. Among these teenagers is an honor roll student, a student going on to college and one who has been accepted into the Air Force — with very high scores. They did not deserve the treatment that Mr. Turley gave them.

As far as discipline at home, you should not judge how I raise my children if you do not know me. You might ask those who do know me. I demand the respect of my children, and I respect them. I do not believe a grown man should be given a medal for losing his temper and physically abusing my son, who was trying to leave. Abusive language to witnesses and in front of women and children are not commendable actions.

My "poor, underprivileged young people" have jobs, pay for much of their own school clothing and activities. They help me financially, physically and emotionally in maintaining a single-parent household of five. They have sat at the fund-raising booth for the skatepark at Western Days and participated in the fund-raising competitions.

As far as "zero tolerance" and taking the boys' skateboards, maybe Gem State Security should have checked the laws before pursuing this avenue. Mr. Turley's job does not include the abuse of people in the Lynwood Mall. Verbal insults to witnesses — coupled with the assault upon my son — seem to be more than a little too aggressive. It was wrong. Before one judges the Lynwood Mall for dismissing Gem State Security, maybe they should read the reports from the merchants who witnessed the event.

Due to Mr. Turley's behavior, I cannot "let it end there." How would anyone feel if they received a call from someone you don't know, saying that your son was being beat up by a man in the Lynwood Mall parking lot?

Or hearing that the call to 911 was requesting an officer on the scene before he "killed the boy?" Mr. Turley's statements to The Times-News are conflicting. Yes, someone does need to get the facts straight.

**SARA HOY**  
Twin Falls

Leaders are part of problem

Let me begin this epistle with thanks to you for your editorial (March 10) which expresses so clearly what the real issues are in regard to the Jerome School bonds. The many topics you touched on (paragraph 5) concerning the overlap in the tax districts and all of your comments "to kindle discussion" get right to the crux of this matter. How true that school management credibility is a big part of resistance from our citizens. How true that the Washington School should be considered to be turned into a usable space to help overcrowding. How true that it is paid for.

I am extremely upset with the remarks attributed to Mr. Cobble in his appearance to testify in the construction lawsuit being heard in Boise. If he feels that opposition to his views "reflects poorly on the community," maybe his revulsion for our city makes him uncomfortable to live here. The comment he made that "this has polarized the community" had the effect on some previous pro voters of removing that obstacle by making gun voters out of them. His further statement that "the perception of southern Idaho is that our community doesn't care about schools" is misnaming and way out of line. I take pride in Jerome and, yes, in our schools. I am proud to call Jerome home. We are not the petty, narrow-minded people his remarks paint us to be. He missed a great opportunity to convey the needs and concerns of Jerome; rather than bad-mouthing the populace, he could have and would have been much more effective.

A more equitable method of paying for schools is all we are asking — if we need new laws to cover costs, let's get them enacted.

I try to spend my money to cover our cost of living. That

means shopping frugally and wisely. That means no extras, no whim buying, no new cars. That means our no vote is not against education; it is against adding expenses we cannot afford.

Working together for a solution other than total responsibility on the homeowner is now, and always has been, the issue.

**SUE M. SCOTT**  
Jerome

Turley isn't a bad man

Gene Turley is undoubtedly one of the finest, kindest, most compassionate persons I have ever had the pleasure of working with and knowing.

**KRIS HARVEY-GUTKNECHT**  
Twin Falls

Editorial was wrong

C'mon, Times-News. That was an unbelievable section in your editorial on March 17.

If we can continue to have a Chaco Peak in Pocatello, I'm sure we can find a N. J. Valley in California, perhaps a N. J. Pond in Alabama, maybe a Sp. C Road in Texas. Don't you just love all those colorful, "historic" names? They bring memories of the good old days when the WASPs thought that calling someone white was a compliment.

Shame on you, Times-News!  
**TRIS WOODHEAD**  
Twin Falls

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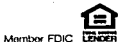
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NATION



Pope John Paul II and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat talk Wednesday during the Pope's visit to a school in Dheisheh refugee camp in Bethlehem.

**Pope makes forceful call for homeland**

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — In a powerful mixture of prayer and politics at Christ's birthplace, Pope John Paul II on Wednesday offered what Palestinians considered a forceful endorsement of their statehood hopes.

He deplored the plight of the Palestinian people, many of whom have been exiled from their homes since the 1948 Mideast War, and asked for international action to end it. "Your torment is before the eyes of the world," he declared. "And it has gone on for too long."

Soon after, Palestinian frustrations turned violent. Within an hour of the pope's departure from the Dheisheh refugee camp, adjoining Bethlehem, hundreds of Palestinians hurled stones at baton-wielding Palestinian police — a show of dissatisfaction with their leadership and the slow pace of peace. In a battle that lasted for nearly half an hour, police pushed the protesters back, but then retreated under a hail of rocks. Some minor injuries were reported.

However, the day in Bethlehem — the city John Paul said was at the heart of his pilgrimage — also had a strong spiritual note. In Manger Square, near Jesus' traditional birth grotto in the Church of the Nativity, a golden-clad pontiff leaning on a silver staff celebrated Mass before thousands of faithful.

Later, he descended into the grotto and knelt before the star marking the spot where Mary is believed to have given birth. In the soft glow of candles, the pope sat in silence as his aides respectfully slipped out of the grotto.

Despite the Vatican's portrayal of the papal trip as a purely spiritual, the pope touched on contentious issues of clear consequence to the region. He kissed a bowl of Palestinian soil — a gesture normally reserved for sovereign states — reaffirmed the Palestinians' "natural right to a homeland" and walked hand-in-hand with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in Dheisheh.

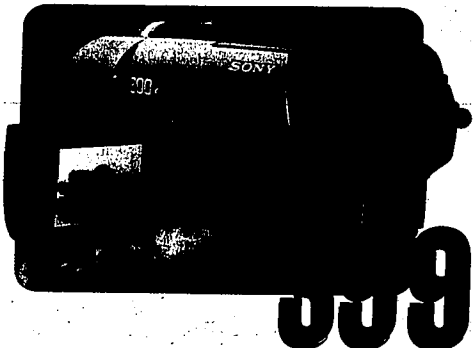
**Australia rejects NRA claims on gun bans**

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Australian officials demanded Wednesday that the National Rifle Association pull a video airing on its Web site claiming that the nation's gun reform laws had backfired.

The video, presented as a television news story, claims that crimes involving guns have increased in Australia since the laws, which ban all semi-automatic rifles, semi-automatic shotguns and pump action shotguns, were introduced.

Dr. Adam Graycar, director of the Australian Institute of Criminology, said the statistics cited in the NRA ad were misleading. He said the latest annual crime figures, for 1998, showed that assaults had increased but that most attacks did not involve guns. He said homicides decreased and were only rarely committed with guns.

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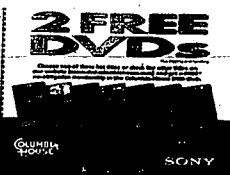
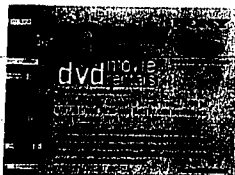
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Verbeek breaks into record books

DETROIT (AP) - Pat Verbeek became the 28th player in NHL history to score 500 career goals...

NHL scored a power-play goal with 2:13 left at St. Louis tied a franchise record with its 47th victory.

MacInnis reached 1,100 career points with his 42nd goal of the season. The record and the victory mark set in 1990-91.

Canadiens 1, Thrashers 1 ATLANTA - Oleg Petrov scored a power-play goal early in the second period as Montreal tied Atlanta...

Blues 2, Hurricanes 1 RALEIGH, N.C. - Al MacInnis scored the winning goal for the Blues...

Jordan nets out of sponsor business

CHICAGO (AP) - Michael Jordan is through endorsing products. One of the biggest names in advertising says he no longer wants to be a corporate pitchman...

His Airmax' touch Over the years, Michael Jordan's endorsement deals have ranged from cereal to cologne. They have included:

- Nike shoes and apparel; MCI long distance telephone service; Rayovac batteries; Gatorade; Ballpark Franks; Hanes underwear; Coach Leather products; Wheaties; Bljan fragrances; WorldCom long-distance telephone service; Upper Deck trading cards; Olympic Sunglasses; Wilson signature basketballs, watches and sports equipment; Sportsline Web site; Chicago Chevrolet dealers; NBA Entertainment/CBS Fox home videos; Michael Jordan's Restaurant.

previous six games, moved a point ahead of Buffalo in the race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Islanders 5, Maple Leafs 2 TORONTO - Jaromir Jagr and Petr Cech each scored two goals in New York's victory over Toronto. Brad Esbister added a goal and two assists for New York...

Iverson burns Raptors for 44 in win

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Allen Iverson scored 44 points, including 31 in the second half, and Tyronne Lue added 20 points and 12 rebounds as the Philadelphia 76ers defeated the Toronto Raptors 106-93...

NBA The victory snapped a two-game losing streak for New York and was the eighth consecutive win for the Bulls, who have dropped 16 of their 17. The 67 points were the fewest surrendered by the Knicks this season.

Timberwolves 109, Celtics 106 BOSTON - Anthony Peeler's 3-point basket with two-tenths of a second left and Kevin Garnett's career-high 40 points lifted Minnesota.

Paul Pierce had tied the game at 106 with a 3 pointer with 6.7 seconds remaining. Terrell Brandon then dribbled the ball up court and passed to Peeler, who shot from the left corner as a stumbling Pierce ran toward him.

It was a tough defeat for the Celtics, who had won seven of their previous nine games to move 1.5 games behind Orlando for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot.

Magie 103, Hawks 90 ORLANDO, Fla. - Darrell Armstrong had 27 points and 10 assists as Orlando maintained its hold on the eighth playoff position in the Eastern Conference.

Atlanta closed Orlando's lead to 89-80 on a layup by Dion Glover with 6:24 remaining, but the Magic maintained a double-digit lead the rest of the way.

Spurs 103, Clippers 78 SAN ANTONIO - Tim Duncan scored 30 points in his best game since returning from an abdominal injury.

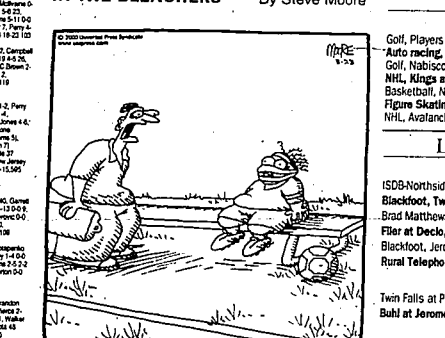
Sans 114, Kings 93 PHOENIX - All-Star guard Jason Kidd injured his left ankle with 2 seconds left in the first half while racing the clock to take a shot. Suns officials were uncertain of the extent of the injury, said Kidd was taken for MRI.

Cliff Robinson scored 26 points for the Suns, who remained 1.5 games ahead of San Antonio for fourth place in the Western Conference. Reserve Rodney Rogers had 18 points and Randy Livingston, substiting for Kidd, added 17 for Phoenix.

stood to earn \$40 million a year in endorsements. "Now I don't want my name just used," Jordan said. "Endorsements are good for a while - they give you a personality, a lot of credibility. And now I have that name. But I want to understand the business itself, see the value in something other than just endorsing."

SCORES AND STATISTICS

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



"You weren't paying attention, Joy. It's called a 'header.' There is no such thing as a 'nosser.'"

BASEBALL

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, and Recent Results. Includes American League and National League standings.

HOUSTON TEXAS 10, NY METS 10

NEW YORK Mets scored 10 runs in the 10th inning to tie the Houston Astros 10-10. The game was tied 9-9 in the 9th inning.

MINNESOTA 10, CLEVELAND 10

MINNESOTA Twins scored 10 runs in the 10th inning to tie the Cleveland Indians 10-10. The game was tied 9-9 in the 9th inning.

ON THE AIR TELEVISION

Table listing various sports events and their broadcast channels (USA, ESPN, ESPN2, CBS, ESPN, ESPNTV).

NBA Playoff Races

Table showing Eastern Conference and Western Conference playoff races with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, and Recent Results.

College Baseball Scores

Table listing college baseball scores from various conferences including Big East, Big Ten, and SEC.

CBA Standings

Table showing CBA Standings for American Conference and National Conference.

LOCAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Table listing local sports events including high school football, basketball, and tennis.

BASKETBALL

Table showing NBA Standings for Eastern Conference and Western Conference.

Men's NCAA Tournament

Table listing Men's NCAA Tournament regional and national semifinals.

Women's NCAA Tournament

Table listing Women's NCAA Tournament regional and national semifinals.

PGA Tour Schedule

Table listing PGA Tour schedule for various events including the First Tee Classic and the First Tee Classic.

Hockey

Table showing NHL Standings for Atlantic Division, Central Division, Eastern Division, and Western Division.

ATP World Leaders

Table listing ATP World Leaders for Men's Singles and Men's Doubles.

WCHL Standings

Table showing WCHL Standings for various divisions including the Western Division and Eastern Division.

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SKIING

SKI RACING - The 2000 U.S. Ski Team will compete in the 2000 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan.

TENNIS

ATP World Leaders - The ATP World Leaders list the top 100 male tennis players in the world.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL - Transactions including player movements, trades, and signings.

WCHL Standings

Table showing WCHL Standings for various divisions including the Western Division and Eastern Division.





MAGIC VALLEY

City gives proposed Hailey shopping plaza thumbs down

By Karen Bossick Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - The city Planning and Zoning Commission turned thumbs down on the proposed North Hailey Plaza Tuesday night...

...don't need to be pressured into building," he said. "The builders will come." The developers, the San Francisco-based Farallon Development Co., were planning for an endorsement by the Commission so they could finalize their commitments.

allowing traffic on and off Highway 75 and a 6-foot-tall solid barrier fence to buffer a nearby residential area from shopping center activity. A parking lot for 240 parking spaces would be broken up by tree islands. Several of the approximately 50 resi-

before deciding that the town would be better served with a grocery in the core. Several people questioned whether Hailey needed a third grocery store or more retail space when there are empty buildings downtown. But Cindy Ward, who works for Paul's Market, said that Paul's, which currently occupies an older building in downtown Hailey, is interested in moving to the proposed plaza.

redoing Empty Saddle Road. Murray said developers cannot redo Empty Saddle Road if they're not able to buy two pieces of property on the corner of the street.

Hailey Planning and Zoning Commissioner Becki Keifer said she doesn't know what could come next for the North Hailey Plaza proposal. The developers could start all over again. They could come back with designs for individual projects. Or, they might be able to appeal the decision to the City Council, she said.

OBITUARIES

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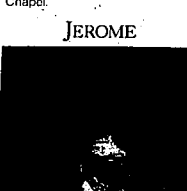
Juanita Day Cochran

Juanita Day Cochran, 75, of Twin Falls, passed away at 10:21 a.m. at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center...

A. Alaire Bobbitt

Alaire Bobbitt, 79, of Twin Falls, and formerly of Boise, passed away Monday, March 13, 2000, in Twin Falls. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 16, 2000, in Boise.

JEROME



Jewell Eilan Schwinn Dewey

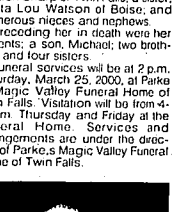
Jewell Eilan Schwinn Dewey, 89, a long-time resident of Jerome County, died Monday, March 20, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

RUPERT



Vera Ann Bott

Vera Ann Bott, a Rupert resident, died March 22, 2000, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. Vera was born April 3, 1923, in Rupert, Idaho, the daughter of Vern Stone and Olive Bailey Stone.



Elden E. Deuel

Elden Ernest Deuel, 85, of Twin Falls, went to be with his heavenly Father on Sunday, March 19, 2000, at the Twin Falls Care Center. He was born March 8, 1915, in Harrison, Nebraska.

Bliss School District to ask voters to continue plant facilities levy

By Dare Jensen Times-News correspondent

BLISS - The Bliss School District is hoping voters will approve a \$30,000 plant facilities levy.



The School Board on Monday approved the district to ask voters on May 15 to continue the plant facilities levy that has been in place for a decade. The 1990 levy was approved for \$35,000, but since the district does not anticipate much enrollment growth, the district will ask for \$30,000.

will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays June 27 through July 27. The board approved the 2000-2001 school calendar. The new school year will begin Aug. 28.

Parking crackdown irks merchants

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The city is cracking down on a downtown parking ordinance, and that's driving business away, merchants told the Jerome City Council Tuesday evening.

almost always empty," he said. "People who need to park long enough to park there."

Urban Renewal Agency member Ralph Peters told the council that the agency is trying to schedule a judicial confirmation hearing with a judge for a \$900,000 water tank and distribution line project for the industrial park area.

JEROME - The city is cracking down on a downtown parking ordinance, and that's driving business away, merchants told the Jerome City Council Tuesday evening.

Police are issuing the tickets, which carry a \$15 fine, due to merchant complaints up with a proposal to present to the Chamber of Commerce.

The city has a \$1.7 million loan already approved with the state Division of Environmental Quality drinking water fund. City Administrator Jon Cecil said. So the city needs to work out how to repay the loan before proceeding with the next phase of water system construction.

DEATH NOTICE

D. R. Thompson JEROME: D. R. Thompson, 87, of Jerome, died Wednesday, March 22, 2000, at his home.

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names are not printed at patient's request. Admits Alexus Flores, John Howell and Sunny Vitale, all of Twin Falls; Patti Duke of Hailey; and Carrie Jones of Jerome.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Some names are omitted at patient's request. Admits Taylee McCuiston, Caroline Schuck and Doris P. Aston, all of Rupert.

SERVICES

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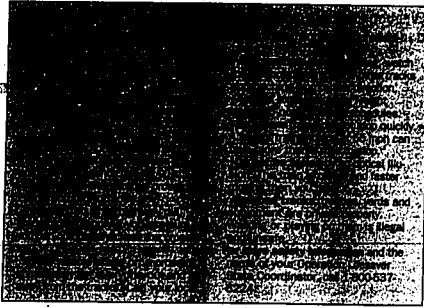
# Police get tough on safety around trains

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News writer

RUPERT - The police took a freight train out of town Wednesday. And then they turned around and came back. Idaho State and Rupert police rode an Eastern Idaho Railroad freight train Wednesday as part of the "Trooper On a Train" program. The officers rode from Rupert to Burley and back looking for automobile violations and dangers at the crossings.

Police gave 13 tickets for crossing violations and 13 hazardous moving violations by the end of the 1 1/2-hour exercise, said Rob Thrall, the trainmaster who engineered the locomotive for police.

One officer rode the train with a video camera and watched for violators, while other officers waited to pull over violators. Within the first few minutes, four drivers were stopped and cited



for not stopping at blinking warning lights or stop signs. Idaho State Police Sgt. Doug

McFall reminded participating officers that after a driver stops at a blinking light or stop sign at

railroad tracks, the driver can legally travel through at a safe distance and as long as the train is not approaching the crossing. It is against the law to go around crossing arms that are down, he said.

Police are conducting the crackdown because there are too many collisions between trains and automobiles, McFall said.

He showed officers an Operation Lifesaver training video before they went out to park near the crossings.

"Try not to stick out like a sore thumb," he said. "Get strategically located."

McFall said he will conduct another "Trooper On a Train" exercise next month.

Times-News staff writer Lorraine Cavener can be reached at the Mini-Cassia Bureau in Burley at 677-4042 or by e-mail at [lcavener@magicvalley.com](mailto:lcavener@magicvalley.com)

# Officials act to make Burley airport safer

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - City and federal officials are negotiating a solution to safety violations at the Burley Municipal Airport.

Two violations that required correction came to light in a 1998 Federal Aviation Administration compliance inspection - irrigation pipes on a taxiway, and agricultural operations in the runway's "object-free area" which obstruct visibility.

The FAA had told the airport to comply, but FAA spokesman Mitch Barker said it wasn't until a local resident contacted the FAA about his concerns that the federal agency took action.

Part of the complaint addresses a good portion of the 85 acres of cultivated farm land local farmer Paul Christensen leases from the airport. According to FAA regulations, no objects are allowed within 250 feet of either side of the runway, or within 65 feet of either side of the taxiway.

Christensen says he's willing to sacrifice 30 or 40 acres of farmland if airport safety demands it. He said it's an issue that's not really in his hands.

"I'm just a tenant, and I'll do what's necessary," said Christensen, who leases the land per cultivable acre.

A considerable amount of airport revenue comes from that lease. The forecasted average for this year, based on crop production estimations, is about \$12,000, said Mayor Doug Manning.

Possible remedies include planting crops that would not hamper visibility, or closing the runway during harvest, Barker said from the FAA's Seattle district office.

The more significant of the two violations from the city's perspective is the irrigation system, Manning said. He said city administrator Mark Mitton, who is out of town until Monday, is working with the FAA to resolve that problem.

There is no timeline by which the city is required to comply, Barker said. Failing to comply, however, jeopardizes the airport's ability to access federal funding.

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# Backup patrols cause problems in Hagerman

By Gina Mulder  
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - It's a problem that has plagued city leaders here after years. Limited money for the police department means limited manpower, which means limited police coverage.

Now, Hagerman's problem is getting extra help for money. County sheriff's deputies, Sheriff Shaun Gough said.

Hagerman employs two full-time officers. Between the two men, Hagerman has someone patrolling the streets about half the time. The remainder of the time, the two men are off duty but on call.

Gough's problem arises during the off-duty hours. County deputies are finding themselves as the primary officers responding to Hagerman calls because both city officers live outside of town. Police Chief Steve Lawson lives in Bliss and Officer

Lee Tos lives in Melon Valley near Bull.

"I'm not trying to create any waves, but it sure seems that my department is spending a lot of time down here answering calls because Hagerman's policemen are nowhere to be found," Gough said during Tuesday's council meeting. "Something needs to change. You have two officers and after 6 p.m., no one is patrolling."

A case in point came early Saturday morning. A county deputy found himself alone in Hagerman trying to handle a domestic dispute and a burglary. He was on the scene for nearly 30 minutes before Tos arrived.

"We're more than glad to respond and assist," Gough added. "But my deputies are tired of being the only one there when they have their own cases to handle."

Council member Pete Weir agreed.

"It's our obligation because we've taken on the responsibility to be chief law enforcement," Weir added. "(City police officers) do everything they can do, but they don't live here and that's always been a problem."

Mayor James Norwood defended the officers, saying Tos is trying to move, but affordable housing in Hagerman isn't always easy to find.

Tos, hired in December at a starting monthly salary of \$1,600, has a written agreement with the city that he will relocate to Hagerman within six months. "You've got to give our police department credit, we're trying to get him (Tos) in closer," Norwood added.

Council members agreed to consider a contract with the sheriff's department, to guarantee

Hagerman's taxpayers more coverage. The contract would pay the county around \$30 an hour for protection, either on a full-time or part-time basis.

Council members discussed repairing the roof of the restroom on the north end of city park.

The roof was damaged in a recent windstorm and city leaders decided to check into the feasibility of replacing it with a metal roof.

The council approved two ordinances: one addressing the unlawful removal of city barricades, signs or notices, and a second ordinance addressing unsafe buildings or structures.

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# Group sues to block roundup

WASHINGTON (AP) - An animal rights group sued the federal government Wednesday to block plans to round up hundreds of wild horses in Wyoming, saying that capturing horses after the stress of winter is unnecessarily cruel.

"Forcing wild horses ... to run up to 10 miles over snow-covered and broken terrain is inhumane," the Animal Legal Defense Fund said in a lawsuit filed in U.S.

District Court here. "This is especially true for late-term pregnant mares."

The lawsuit asks a federal judge to block plans to capture up to 400 wild horses on Bureau of Land Management property west of Rawlins in southwestern Wyoming. The lawsuit accuses the BLM of violating federal environmental laws by not considering other alternatives to the springtime roundup.

# Blaine County planners to meet

The Times-News

HABLEY - The Blaine County Planning and Zoning Commission will consider a proposal by the city of Bellevue to establish a City of Bellevue/Blaine County Area of City Impact at 6:30 tonight in

the old County Courthouse. The proposed area extends from the current city limits about four miles to the east out Muldoon Canyon, three miles to the northeast out Slaughterhouse Canyon, less than a mile to the south and about 1 1/2 miles to the west.

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of local government," said Michael Moore, an attorney for the Association of Idaho Cities. Kempton said the measure builds on a 1995 Attorney General's opinion that stated because counties and cities are separate authorities, neither could assume powers beyond

their boundaries without the consent of the other. "There really has not been any equal balance between the two," Kempton said.

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# Cabins

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said Paul Brouha, associate deputy chief of the U.S. Forest Service. Craig said the Forest Service's appraisals were inaccurate because the cabin lots are not fully developed, legally subdivided lands. He accused the Forest Service of charging more for the lots were equitable to nearby properties. "My goal is to see that the cabin program remains affordable to American families," Craig said. "The bill sets up a methodology for appraising the cabins which will determine the value of the use to the cabin owner, not

what the market would bear should the Forest Service decide to sell off its assets."

Brouha said an appraisal system not based on market rates for similar properties would be unfair to the public because it subsidizes the cost of cabin leases for those who hold permits.

Mead received his in 1975. But Brouha added that fee increases like those in Pettit Lake are the exception and not the rule. More than 58 percent of permit holders, he said, will experience a decrease in their annual rental fee when the latest appraisal process is completed.

# Schools

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personal improvement. Teacher efforts to focus on discipline and a safe school climate at Bickel evolved into student behavior logs in each classroom, Vice Principal Kelli Schroeder said.

Students receive pink slips for misbehavior. Three pink slips result in after-school detention of 15 to 30 minutes depending on a student's age. And school personnel and parents then come up with a plan to address the behavioral problem. And by the time the issue escalates to the point that it reaches the principal's office, parents already will have been aware of it.

The school has seen the number of pink slips written up daily drop from 14 at the beginning of the school year to five a day this Spring, Schroeder said. Pink slips also are given to students who demonstrate positive behavior, and those students are rewarded for it.

Since 1995, 369 students have graduated from Magic Valley High School and that number is estimated to grow to about 400 by May, Principal Bill Jones said.

It's difficult to follow student achievement trends, because students are coming or going, either moving back into their regular school setting or dropping out, he said. In each subject at each grade level, about half the students are performing below grade level. Jones thanked the district for its support of the school, which offers students another chance to graduate from high school.

"I see success when I see 369 graduates," said School Board member Chad Hafer, who said he thinks it benefits the students who had a second chance and the community.

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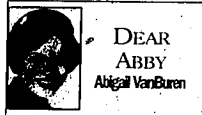
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MORNING BREAK

# Responsible gun ownership begins with safety



DEAR ABBY  
Abigail VanBuren

**DEAR ABBY:** Concerning the letter from "Debra in Oklahoma City" whose father informed her that guns are still loaded when the clip is removed - let me state my qualifications for writing. I am a former Army officer specializing in instructing small arms and hand-to-hand combat, and a former police officer.

Anyone who doesn't have the sense to open the action of his (or her) automatic weapon to remove any round left in the chamber - as illustrated by the letter in your column - should have second thoughts about owning one. Having a loaded weapon lying around if one has no intention of using it is asking for a disaster. If someone knows nothing about firearms and has no interest in owning one, I have no quarrel with that. However, if someone has no knowledge of firearms and is intent on owning one - PLEASE get qualified help before purchasing one!

-D.A.J., HERMISTON, ORE.  
DEAR D.A.J.: Good advice from

can fire a gun!  
-GRIEVING GRANDMOTHER

**DEAR GRANDMOTHER:** I offer my sincere sympathy for the tragic loss the news befell your family. I hope your chilling letter will be a wake-up call for those who need one.

**DEAR ABBY:** It amazes me that someone with such little knowledge of firearms would purchase and carry a semiautomatic handgun. My brother-in-law, who is a responsible and knowledgeable gun owner left a bullet in the chamber of his gun - and accidentally shot himself in the hand. Even longtime gun owners can have accidents.

New gun owners should make it a priority to become familiar with their weapon. Go to a gun range and practice with it. Learn how to handle it safely. Learn proper storage of the weapon. The law states that all firearms must be stored out of the reach of children. Remember, what you hold in your hand has the power to take a life -

your, a loved one's, or an innocent bystander's.  
-RICK ETZ, COCOA, FLA.

**DEAR RICK:** It's frightening how often that law is misunderstood or ignored. Read on.

**DEAR ABBY:** My only daughter and dearest friend, Tara, was killed three years ago by a man well-versed in gun safety. He's an ex-Marine and NRA member. As he sat in his apartment cleaning his guns, he failed to notice that one was loaded. The bullet penetrated the common wall and struck my daughter in the head.

The senselessness of my daughter's death and the resulting trauma will forever be in our lives.  
-ANNE COAKLEY, BOULDER, COLO.

**DEAR ANNE:** Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. No parent should ever have to face the heartache of burying a child. Let's hope that your letter serves as an important lesson that could prevent a tragedy.

a weapons expert. Predictably, Debra's letter brought me a fusilade of mail. For a sample, read on.

**DEAR ABBY:** I hope no other family has to learn how true "Debra's" statement is about there being a bullet still in the chamber after the clip has been removed. On Oct. 31, 1999, my 4-year-old and 2-year-old great-grandsons were playing with a 9 mm gun at their home. They found it in an unlocked case within their reach. The 2-year-old pulled the trigger and fatally shot the 4-year-old. Yes, the clip had been removed, but a bullet was still in the chamber.

Parents, please lock up those guns, because even a 2-year-old

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Wednesday's Puzzle solved

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# Movies

8 Oscar Nominations

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ANNETTE BENING

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Twin Cinema 12

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Now at the Twin Cinema

7 Oscar Nominations

THE CIDER HOUSE RULES

Twin Cinema 12

Disney's

# Tigger

MOVIE

Now at Twin Cinema - Friday Jerome Cinema

## Gemini, focus on tearing down, rebuilding image

**IF MARCH 23 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You possess intellectual curiosity, have natural bent for psychology, writing, the magic arts and sciences. You are attractive, and, without meaning to, you do break many hearts. You make fresh starts.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Decision reached concerning direction, motivation, solution of mystery. Relationship with Scorpio proves exciting, exhausting. Property value estimated.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Focus on marital status, fulfillment of social obligations. Clash of ideas with Sagittarius proves stimulating. Experiment, investigate, discover and report.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** What you left behind will be picked up by Taurus individual who possibly should be rewarded. Rewrite, revive, tear down in order to rebuild.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Have frank discussion with Scorpio who talks about physical attraction. Scorpio features change, travel, variety, success in writing. Advertise.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Attention revolves around insurance, protection of property, loved ones. Music in your life, dance to your own tune. You no longer will feel trapped.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Don't analyze everything to death. Utilize critical faculties but not ad nauseum. Leave room for illusion, love. Pisces will help you

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Sydney Omar

understand, will fill in blanks.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** People are drawn to you with their problems, some very intimate. Listen and learn. The more you help others, the more your own dilemmas dissolve.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You could be talk of the town: Your life is mixed with many others. You attempt to determine, "Is it love or lust?"

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Express confidence, make fresh start, exhibit independence of thought, action. Leo, Aquarius persons will play memorable roles.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You have things your way, you wonder, "What happened to all the excitement?" Some people claim you are difficult to please. Reconsider "know it all."

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Blend humor with wisdom - you are sought as companion, don't hurt others' feelings but do what is best for you. Emphasis on quality, experimentation, investigation.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Much that occurs will appear as contradictions. Solve mathematical puzzles, learn by doing crosswords. You have lots to learn and to teach. Scorpio involved.

## Owls wink just the same as most

Those who know all about birds of the dove variety say the female pigeon can't lay eggs when she's alone. They say she needs either another pigeon or her own reflection in a mirror to do that task.

Lower your thermostat 5 degrees F to save 10 percent of your fuel cost.

an hour and a half, then quits for the day. Not a bad pattern.

Most commonly used eight verbs in just about all languages translate as: do, make, say, be, have, take, give, show.

Almost but not quite all birds raise their lower eyelids to wink. But the owl doesn't. It lowers its upper eyelid. Even as you and I. Or any other intelligent winker.

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

Q. What are the two independent nations smaller than New York City's Central Park?  
A. Vatican City and Monaco.

You'll never hear this from Santa Claus, but the fact is reindeer bite. Or nip, at least.

Q. What's the "Battle of Britain" and who can buy it?  
A. A necktie brand and sold at England's Gieves and Hawkes store. It's dark blue with the rose of England and a small gold outline of the British Isles woven onto it. Only airmen who practice they fought in that historic air campaign can buy it.

The garter snake wakes up around noon, prowls for food.

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Romeo Must Die (R)

My Dog Skip (PG)

The Ninth Gate (R)

Erin Brockovich (R)

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Snow Day (PG)

Mission to Mars (PG)

Wonder Boys (R)

My Dog Skip (PG)

The Tigger Movie (PG)

Tom Hanks - Green Mile (R)

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Drowning Mona (PG-13)

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Pitch Black (R) 9:45

Exciting Co-Hit at 9:00

BICENTENNIAL MAN

ROBIN WILLIAMS

One robot's 200 year journey to become an ordinary man.

## Plant reaches safety milestone

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

New photo feature - C7

TWIN FALLS - Teamwork gets a lot of vague praise. But in a Twin Falls potato-processing plant, the concept has produced solid results and a new safety record.

The 875 employees at Lamb-Weston Inc.'s Twin Falls plant have suffered no lost-time accidents at work since May 24, said Linda Hadyka, the plant's safety supervisor. With that performance, by Feb. 1 they had worked a million hours with no such accidents, and on Wednesday they were still on their way to 2 million total hours. "That's our little slogan, 'Keep

on movin' on to two,'" Hadyka said. The slogan is based on a song by Matthew Wilder called "Break My Stride," which Lamb-Weston played at a recent celebration dinner.

A lost-time accident is one severe enough to require the employee to stay completely away from work the day after the injury, Hadyka said.

The million-hour mark is one that the plant - even under former owners - has never hit before, Operations Manager Ed White said. In fact, only one other Lamb-Weston plant has

accomplished that milestone, in American Falls in the early 1980s, he said.

The real reason for this year's unusual success? It isn't company policies, the continual machinery upgrades or even Hadyka's efforts, Hadyka said. Rather, employees' teamwork gets most of the credit.

"Instead of just worrying about themselves... they look after each other," she said.

Hourly and salaried folks have a team report that was missing before.

"A blending is going on that hadn't occurred for a long time," Hadyka said.

She's also seeing a change in

attitude about safety, partly because workers are more involved in the plant's decision making.

"We have a safety contest, but that's not what drives them," Hadyka said. The contest is a nice bonus, "but I really believe the employees are owning their lives and their safety,"

Lamb-Weston addresses potential safety problems right on the plant floor. It doesn't wait for a monthly meeting to talk them over, she said. If a machine operator spots a hazard in a machine or a process, he or she rounds up the needed help then and there.

Richard Terrill, regional admin-

istrator for the U.S. Labor Department's Occupational Safety & Health Administration in Seattle, has said milestones like this one are particularly impressive for a food-processing plant.

"Food processing in general, there are potential hazard areas," Terrill said in October, soon after McCain Foods U.S. Burley potato-processing plant achieved 2 million work hours without lost-time accidents, a feat that took around two years.

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### Notes on the economy

#### Magic Valley report

Here's the total number of new multi-family dwelling units that got building permits from Twin Falls' city building department during the past decade. Notice the slowdown in the past two years, after a rush of new construction created a soft rental market for apartment owners.

1990	8
1991	30
1992	126
1993	92
1994	112
1995	144
1996	118
1997	153
1998	66
1999	21

Source: Twin Falls Economic Development Director Dave McAllardin's records.

### BRIEFLY IN MONEY

#### New system gives utility better response

TWIN FALLS - In the recently deregulated energy market, Idaho Power Co. said, it is using information technology from IBM to seize new market opportunities.

In a sweeping change with how it deals with customers, Idaho Power is replacing its 20-year-old customer accounting system with a new "enterprise resource planning" application running on IBM S/390 enterprise servers.

The new system, capable of handling more than a million transactions a day, will enable Idaho Power to improve response times and accuracy for services such as customer tracking and billing, customer coordination and history, as well as usage and meter reading, the company said.

The company said it will be able to react more quickly to market changes, answer customer questions faster and more reliably, and improve overall efficiency of its customer service representatives.

"The utility market is an extremely competitive environment where fast, consistent and factual information is directly proportional to customer satisfaction and retention," said Ron Keogh, a project manager.

The new system is also expected to decrease the amount of redundant data entry and manual data manipulation by Idaho Power's customer service representatives. A data warehouse under development will allow Idaho Power to analyze data to help forecast usage and spot potential meter reading problems. Eventually, the new system will expand to the Internet and allow customers to access their accounts directly from the Web.

#### Bank of America reaps philanthropic award

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - Bank of America said it was named the Outstanding Philanthropic Corporation by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, the largest association of charitable fund-raisers in the world.

Bank of America, which has Magic Valley branches, will be honored at the society's international conference Monday in New Orleans.

In 1998, Bank of America contributed more than \$91 million and more than 3 million volunteer hours to a variety of causes, including nearly 1,400 educational programs, 3,300 community development organizations, more than 3,000 human service organizations and 1,100 arts organizations.

Last year, the bank announced a \$50 million commitment over five years in support of early childhood development. In 1999, the bank contributed \$94.7 million to more than 6,000 nonprofit organizations.

Compiled from staff reports



Don Drakeman, CEO of Medarox, stands in the company's manufacturing plant in Annandale, N.J. Medarox specializes in genetically engineering mice so they develop human antibodies for use in making drugs.

## Biotech firms turn animals into drug factories

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - They look like mice. They sound like mice. They carry around their cages like mice.

But they're more like people than you might think.

In laboratories in California and New Jersey, two biotechnology firms have developed strains of mice that fight disease like we do.

These super mice have been genetically altered to make human disease-fighting antibodies rather than rodent antibodies. That change lets the mice work like tiny factories for churning out powerful medicines, and potentially millions in

profits for their makers - Princeton, N.J.-based Medarox and Fremont, Calif.-based Abgenix.

Investor interest in antibody-based drugs has soared because of the recent success of two such medicines: Herceptin for breast cancer and Rituxin for lymphoma, a cancer affecting the lymph nodes. These drugs were developed in the late 1990s using antibodies that were part man, part rodent.

Medarox and Abgenix's mice produce fully human antibodies, which are now being used to test new drugs to battle a wide range of illnesses including psoriasis, cataracts and var-

ious cancers.

The all-human antibodies are considered a big advance because they can speed the development of new medicines and reduce the chance that a patient's own immune system would reject the drugs made with part-mice antibodies.

Though the two companies have yet to bring any drugs to market using their mouse technology, investors have high hopes. Shares of Medarox have soared from \$7 last September to \$206 in March before falling back to about \$5 this week amid a broad selling of biotech

stocks triggered by worries about patent issues for companies mapping the humane genome. Abgenix rose from \$38 last September to \$413 in March before falling back to about \$175.

Analysts say Abgenix and Medarox should be unaffected by the gene patents issue because they are not hunting for human genes.

"Right now these mice are hot," said Michael Ehrenreich, an analyst with Techvest in New York.

Both companies have also attracted considerable interest from large pharmaceutical companies, which have signed agreements to license the technology for help in discovering drugs.

## Housing association safeguards 1,800 units for families in state

The Associated Press

BOISE - An additional 1,800 affordable apartment units throughout the state soon will be under the administration of the Idaho Housing and Finance Association.

The news came during this week's roundtable discussions with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Boise.

Assistant HUD Secretary Bill Agar told Gerald Hunter, Housing Association president, the association's request to provide housing compliance services had been accepted.

The Idaho Housing and Finance Association will conduct management and occupancy reviews, process monthly Housing Assistance Payments and rental adjustments and renew expiring contracts on 70 HUD construction properties

throughout Idaho. "This will expand IHFA's involvement in affordable housing in Idaho," Hunter said. "Tenants, property managers and owners can turn to us for consistent, professional, prompt and reliable answers."

*'This will expand IHFA's involvement in affordable housing in Idaho.'*

-Gerald Hunter, Housing Association president

The news follows the Idaho Housing and Finance Association's recent designation as the Participating Administrative Entity for HUD's Mark-to-Market program in Idaho. In the next two years, a number of contracts on Idaho's HUD-subsidized multi-family housing developments will expire and the property owners' contract obligations with HUD will end.

## Idaho businesses feeling squeeze of high fuel prices wait for relief

The Associated Press

BOISE - Escalating fuel costs are forcing businesses that do not have the option of raising their own prices to wait and hope the price of gas does not climb to the estimated \$2 per gallon by summer.

"Our prices are set by supply and demand early on," Ada County farmer Drew Eggers said. "We can't pass an increase on to the customers because our fuel prices are high later."

But Eggers, vice president of Food Producers of Idaho, said rising gas prices are an additional hardship for farmers who are already struggling with low commodity prices.

"If fuel prices continue to increase, we're just going to have to take fertilizer money or labor money to pay the difference," Eggers said. "But with the way farm prices are, we've been in that already. It just stretches things tighter."

Eggers is stockpiling fuel in hopes it will last him through the next few months.

"I bought some diesel a couple of weeks ago that will last me for three months, until harvest season," he said. "By that time, hopefully prices will be on the decline again."

Fuel costs have not affected the Idaho Department of Law Enforcement yet, but spokeswoman Ann Thompson said that prices continue to rise, rural law enforcement could suffer.

"We have, in the last several years, done a number of major marijuana busts that were difficult to get to," Thompson said. "Gas prices could eventually affect those types of operations."

Some businesses, meanwhile, are hoping fuel costs level off.

Flying Pie Pizzeria employee Jessica Fry said the restaurant, which delivers, has opted not to pass additional costs on to customers. "We've decided that the customers are having to pay everywhere else," Fry said. "We don't want to make them pay more here. Nobody will go out to eat."

## Simplot unveils ag resource

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - J.R. Simplot Co., one of the nation's largest privately held agribusiness companies, said Wednesday it has launched what it hopes will become the most comprehensive online resource for the agricultural community: planetAg.

The free Web site provides farmers with real-time information on every aspect of the agricultural industry - from local weather conditions and crop alerts to commodities pricing and industry news, said B. G. B. Anderson, CEO of planetAg. Simplot, which has numerous operations in the Magic Valley,

planetAg also will connect farmers to crop advisors and analysis services, create a forum for information exchange among their peers, and support a variety of commercial transactions.

"What essentially began as an e-commerce portal will evolve into the broadest source of online agricultural services in the world," said Kim Anderson, Internet marketing director for Simplot. "While planetAg will not limit itself to products and services from Simplot, we will definitely leverage the strong presence that Simplot enjoys in the agricultural community, and most importantly as an acknowledged innovation leader in soil and crop analysis and enhancement technologies."

On the site, Simplot said, farmers will have access to online crop manuals, agricultural articles and advice from industry specialists and consultants. The site can generate targeted notifications on impending weather or pest conditions and agricultural commodity price fluctuations via e-mail, fax or text.

As an e-commerce portal, planetAg will match agricultural buyers and sellers through classified advertising, and provide access to agricultural retailers offering fertilizer, seeds and transportation and construction services. Farmers will also be able to shop online for complementary services, such as crop insurance, and even non-agricultural products such as clothing and music, Simplot said.

Simplot said it will use planetAg as a forum for the agricultural community - bringing farmers together through scheduled chat events and online messaging.

# Accolades

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## Century 21 lauds Riverside Realty

**THE TIMES-NEWS** — Century 21 Riverside Realty recently received a quality service office award from the Century 21 Real Estate Corp.

The Quality Service Award recognizes an office based on customer responses to a survey, the office must have an index of 90 or better.

Century 21 Riverside Realty staff is pictured here right in the front row are Oracle Stark and Sheila Adams; and in the back row, Mac Mills, Glen Loveland, Stan Buckley and Hines. Donna Meade and Alice Walter are not pictured.

## Lamb-Weston sets record for safety

**THE TIMES-NEWS** — Lamb-Weston Inc. employees in Twin Falls have worked more than a million hours with no lost-time accidents — a record for the plant.

Warehouse, sanitation, quality assurance, maintenance, production, waste treatment, field and office departments all contributed to the total hours.

These photos show representatives — both paid-hourly and salaried workers — of the graveyard shift, top right, and swing shift, lower right.

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## New Times-News feature

The Times-News feature is debuting information explaining their significance, to Accolades, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Or for more information, call Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins at 733-0931, Ext. 242.

### NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Name	Div	Last	Chg	Vol	Open	High	Low	Close
ADG	1.00	48 1/2	+1/4	100	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
ADG	1.00	48 1/2	+1/4	100	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
ADG	1.00	48 1/2	+1/4	100	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
ADG	1.00	48 1/2	+1/4	100	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
ADG	1.00	48 1/2	+1/4	100	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2

## MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE	AMEX	NASDAQ
10,667.0	1,066.7	1,066.7
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## NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Name	Div	Last	Chg	Vol	Open	High	Low	Close
ADG	1.00	48 1/2	+1/4	100	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
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ADG	1.00	48 1/2	+1/4	100	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2

## INDEXES

High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	%	YTD	52-Week
11,750.29	9,825.21	Dow Jones Industrial	10,667.00	-40.64	-0.37	-5.48	+12.41
3,797.05	2,260.78	Dow Jones Transportation	2,651.60	-16.16	-0.61	-10.93	-17.31
663.00	268.59	Dow Jones Utility	207.01	+1.29	+0.61	-1.29	-5.11
3,000.00	572.38	NYSE Composite	643.24	+4.57	+0.71	-0.00	-7.82
1,037.33	701.17	Amer Index	1,030.24	-20.41	-2.00	+1.48	+40.80
5,132.52	2,305.64	Nasdaq Composite	4,684.75	+153.07	+3.26	+18.55	+105.67
1,492.92	1,233.70	S&P 500	1,500.64	+6.77	+0.45	+2.14	+18.29
814.16	381.96	Russell 2000	571.19	+18.40	+3.23	+13.15	+48.59
14,248.22	11,446.80	Whitehouse	14,521.21	+174.99	+1.22	+5.13	+26.20

## STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD
Albertson	72	28	28 1/2	+1/8	+1.0	MormT	87	130	10 1/2	+1/4	+7.0
AmGen	9	24	20 1/2	+1/4	+1.0	MontKout	8	27	20 1/2	+1/4	+1.0
AmGen	9	24	20 1/2	+1/4	+1.0	ScottF	1,658	310	11	+1/2	+12.5
AmGen	9	24	20 1/2	+1/4	+1.0	SkyWest	141	14	20 1/2	+1/2	+5.0
AmGen	9	24	20 1/2	+1/4	+1.0	SpokeR	244	15	44 1/2	+1/4	+0.9

## HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

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## AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

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ADG	1.00	48 1/2	+1/4	100	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
ADG	1.00	48 1/2	+1/4	100	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
ADG	1.00	48 1/2	+1/4	100	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract name, high, low, and change.

BEANS

Table of closing futures prices for various bean contracts, including soybean and lima bean.

GRAINS

Table of closing futures prices for various grain contracts, including wheat and corn.

POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau

Table of Pocatello market prices for various commodities like soybeans, corn, and wheat.

CHICAGO (AP) - Major potato markets

Table of Chicago market prices for various potato contracts.

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MARKETS

Table of market prices for various commodities like soybeans, corn, and wheat.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock market prices for various types of cattle and hogs.

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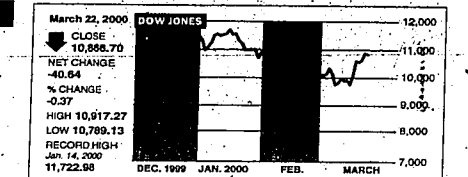
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Tech stocks soar, and S&P hits new record

NEW YORK (AP) - Technology stocks reclaimed their leadership of the stock market Wednesday, driving the Nasdaq composite index higher as investors bought shares of chip makers, Internet companies and beaten-down biotech firms. The Nasdaq rose 153.07 to close at 4,864.75.

U.S. West shareholders file lawsuit against Qwest

DENVER - U.S. West shareholders filed a lawsuit against Qwest Communications International Inc. recently, alleging Qwest deflated U.S. West's stock price by negotiating a possible acquisition with Deutsche Telekom AG.

Bank shareholders OK merger

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - First Security Corp. shareholders have approved a plan to merge with Zions Bancorporation and create the nation's 20th largest bank.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table of mutual fund performance data, including fund names, assets, and returns.

## In quest of the biggest blue catfish

Lindsay Sample Jr. speaks from experience when he warns not to drop an 80-pound blue catfish on your foot.

"It was one of the most agonizing things I ever could imagine," he says.

It sure stopped his banner day of Mississippi River fishing, when one of his fish turned out to be an Illinois state-record blue cat of 85 pounds.

Sample had boated five blues - three in the 80-to-90-pound range and two 40-pounders - when this monster squirmed from his grasp and drove a pectoral spine through his boot. He could feel the fish dig among his bones. The next day he still bled, but the fish was back in the river, where Sample releases virtually every catch.

The big one, a 91.2-pounder he had caught earlier in the day, didn't survive the stress. When Sample later weighed it on a certified scale, he knew he had a major trophy.

"It actually was 91 pounds when I caught it," he said. "But the certification had expired on the first scale we tried. By the time we found another scale, the fish was

down to 85 pounds." That still broke the 1998 state record by five pounds and fanned Sample's hopes of someday smashing the world record of 111 pounds. He figures he's not far from the Missouri mark of 103.

"I know there's a world record out there," said Sample's long-time partner, Rob Overbey. "I know one guy who has caught four blue cats that exceeded 100 pounds. Why, Lindsay already has caught one."

Sample concurred he had a likely 100-pounder in December while fishing alone. He was content to pose for a picture before he put the fish back in the water.

"All I really wanted was a picture to submit to In-Fisherman magazine to keep my rating up," he said. "I actually fudged the weight when I weighed it. I said it was a 52-inch when it really was a 54. But I didn't think anyone would believe me if I said it was 54."

He freely admits that catching big blue cats in the Mississippi can be a piece of cake for someone who knows what he is doing.

"If I don't at least catch a 20-pounder, I figure I'm having a bad day," he confessed.

The trick is to target these monsters during the cool winter months, when they congregate in deep holes and pile in swifter, deeper reaches of the river. State biologists concede that blue cats - which often dwarf very large flatheads and vastly exceed the common channel cat - thrive best below St. Louis, where the Mississippi is free of constricting dams. Blue cats actively feed throughout the winter while flatheads and paddlefish go dormant.

Sample and Overbey mainly catch them on live shad and oily slipjack herring up to 12 inches in length. They resort to smelly cut bait in muddy, low-light conditions.

"There has been a lot more interest in blue cats in the last five years," Overbey said. "Trophy hunters have sort of discovered them. The equipment has gotten better. Now we have big, heavy reels, saltwater rods and good 30- to 50-pound lines. We've learned how to find them, to fish upstream of the deeper holes, how they lay against the sides of the holes and rocks."

Only two or three anglers in southern Illinois and Kentucky now guide for blue cats, making these fish even more elusive targets for neophytes. Overbey guided for one year, then quit because of the demands of family and work.

"Believe it or not, Lindsay and I hardly ever get out more than once a week," Overbey noted. "We actually fish just a few hours on Saturdays."

Added Sample: "By the time we catch our bait, we usually get to fish from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and then it's time to pack. That's all the time we have if we're going to do anything with our families."

John Husar is an outdoors writer for The Chicago Tribune.



With the splendor of the Soldier Mountains spread before him, Twin Falls resident Matt Garner boards his snowmobile for a quick trip to Smoky Dome.

# Making tracks

## Snowmobilers enjoy the beauty, camaraderie found in Fairfield's hills

The Times-News

FAIRFIELD - Word is getting out how good the snowmobiling is around here.

Snowmobile riders come from near and far to swoop through the forests and climb the mountains just north of town. They come for the outstanding terrain, the camaraderie and the warm welcome Fairfield provides.

More are coming all the time. On most weekend nights during winter, the restaurants and bars are full and the hotel is booked up with out-of-town snowmobilers.

"Last year, we rode clear up to the 23rd of May and never rode the same spot twice," says Hill City farmer Brian Strom.

"If you want steep, here it is,"

Strom says. "If you want trail riding, here it is."

It's the blend of terrain that makes the Fairfield area so appealing. Riders who want a mellow trail ride can head up a creek drainage in the Soldier or Smoky mountains. Those who want a bigger challenge can ride the ridges. Those who want the biggest challenge can go "high-marking" on formidable peaks such as Smoky Dome.

There is terrain to suit every type of rider - and plenty of it.

Strom concedes that other areas offer good riding, but he insists the variety is what makes Fairfield so appealing. There is literally something for everybody.

Up near Stanley, he says, the terrain is either steep and extreme, or flat and mellow.

There is little in between, Strom says, so snowmobiling in the Sawtooth Valley has something of a bipolar disorder.

With top-quality snowmobiling right out the back door, there's no need for Strom or other southern Idaho locals to look any farther than the hills behind Fairfield.

Strom is one of the area's most aggressive local riders. He assembled his \$16,000 Ski-Doo piece by piece, modifying everything except the seat and the headlight in a quest for more performance. The sleek machine looks like a serious piece of equipment, and Strom knows how to wring the most from it.

On a recent Saturday, he and Twin Falls mechanic Matt Garner unloaded their sleds at the Soldier Mountain Ski Area.

They roared up Soldier Creek, then headed straight for a place where they could test their machines against the mountains. A few moments later, they were at the base of Smoky Dome.

The mountain's east flank was laced with the tracks of snowmobilers who'd ridden as high as they dared, then made a quick U-turn and swooped back down to safety. The tracks made it easy to determine who left the "high mark."

For guys like Strom and Garner, high-marking is serious business.

"I'll see if I can go over the top," Strom announces. He guns his engine, then embarks on a determined quest to conquer the mountain.

Strom quickly climbs up to,

and then beyond, the existing tracks. Gravity clutches at him, slowing his momentum, but he claws his way upward. Finally, just before he stalls out, he swings his machine around and triumphantly roars back down the hill.

His high mark is easily 100 feet higher than any other track.

Garner, on a less powerful sled, is rising to go by the time Strom returns. He guns his engine, then sets out to leave his own mark. Within seconds, Garner resembles a buzzing black speck on Smoky Dome's white flank.

He reaches Strom's high mark. The challenge has been met.

For them, and countless others, it's just another day of snowmobiling in the hills north of Fairfield.

# GLACIER CARETAKER

## Woman keeps winter vigil over snowbound park hotel

The Associated Press

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK, Mont. - Tracey Wiese pushes open the heavy wooden door, the words "No Trespassing" painted above her head. She pulls a yellow flashlight from her jacket and trains the beam into the darkness.

Here is a room the hotel guests never see, immense silver boilers squatting in the darkness to Wiese's left. Then a maintenance room, complete with blackened tools, grimy coffee maker and Budweiser girl calendar.

Wiese shines her flashlight into a labyrinth of hallways and employee rooms, as a brown, ankle-height creature flees. It's the hotel's resident pine marten. Ahead, somewhere in the dark, the occasional beep of a smoke alarm sounds as life slowly drains from its batteries.

"It's a little eerie in here,"

Wiese says. She winds her way through the depths of the old hotel, emerging in the dim light in the first recognizable room, Heidi's, a cafe.

Welcome to the Many Glacier Hotel in February, a frigid, boarded-up place where the pine marten seems to be the only guest.

This time of the year, it's easy to see why Stephen King called Many Glacier the inspiration for his book-turned-horror-flick, "The Shining."

Wiese is the hotel "winter keeper," the person who, in King's book, loses his mind and whose family falls victim to unfriendly ghosts. She's never read the book, never watched the movie, though acquaintances tell her she should.

"Absolutely without fail, every-



Tracey Wiese stands vigil over Many Glacier Hotel in this February 2000 file photo in Glacier National Park, Mont.

one mentions "The Shining," she says.

Wiese has been here since October. Her husband is the only person within miles. Her job: to walk through most of the immense building and ski around it each day. She inspects it inside and out for broken parts, unexpected visitors, weather damage and the like.

Inevitably, after a big snowstorm, she spends hours shovel-

ing and sweeping snow from rooms on the historic hotel's lake side, where the west wind blows hard and snow seeps through tiny window and door cracks.

"I've shoveled out every one of those rooms on the windward side," she says.

The job as winter keeper has had its creepy moments, but she has yet to encounter any ghosts - or Jack Nicholson.

During those first two weeks,

she carried a radio in her pocket so she could call her husband, park ranger Bruce Carter, if she needed help.

She hasn't needed it. Still, she recalls being jumpy as she yanked alone through the hotel.

With boards covering windows on the first two floors, parts of the building have only tiny bits of light to pierce the darkness.

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OUTDOORS

# Doughball lures potential record fish

By Steve Walters  
The Sun-Sentinel, South Florida

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — When Mike Bennett and Todd Ewing of Hollywood heard that there was a big fish swimming in a local canal, they decided to check it out. They never expected to catch a potential world-record black pacu weighing 44 1/2 pounds.

Ewing caught the pacu Sunday morning fishing from shore with 20-pound spinning gear and a doughball. He fought the pacu, a native of South America that is

related to the piranha, for nearly 20 minutes.

"We sort of got a hot tip from a good friend of ours," Bennett said. Like many exotic species, such as Oscars and tilapia, most of the pacus in South Florida canals were dumped there by their owners after the fish became too big for home aquariums.

Bennett, 28, is a self-described fishing fanatic, and Ewing, also 28, is on his way to becoming one. They began their day Sunday by fishing with light outfits and chumming up the small chichlids and breacm in the canal by scatter-

ing pieces of Dandee white bread. Then the pacu showed up.

"I saw the fish just hanging out in the area," Bennett said. "I was like, Todd, 'I just saw this big fish! Go get the big pole!'"

Ewing retrieved the rod from the car, rigged it with a bobber and put a white bread on the 6/0 hook. "Todd threw it in there and three seconds later he was fighting the fish," Bennett said, adding that the 160-pound Ewing had his hands full with the pacu. "He almost pulled Todd in. We thought he was going to break the line, but he didn't."

# Company will retire Rapala lures to 'Hall of Fame'

The Associated Press

After a 20-year tour of fishing duty, three well-known Rapala lures will be retired at the end of the year.

All models of the Rapala Husky, the silver/gold version of the Shad Rap, and the entire line of Rattin' Fat Raps will be discontinued, joining other classics, including the Original Flooding Rapala lure carved by Lauri Rapala in 1936, in the Rapala "Hall of Fame" in

Vaunoy, Finland.

"This marks the first time in the history of Rapala an entire lure line will be retired indefinitely," said Tom Macklin, company vice president.

"Although we have discontinued lure patterns and sizes in the past, never before have we 'broken the mold.'"

Macklin indicated the decision was made so the company could maintain high-volume production of a wide variety of lures.

# New kayak video plays at Muggers on Sunday

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Anyone who enjoys kayaking videos can feast their eyes on a good one at 6 p.m. Sunday in Muggers Brewpub.

Acclaimed whitewater video producer Eric Link will be in town to show his latest creation, TWITCH 2000. The film has a great sound track and plenty of jaw-dropping action — including the new world record waterfall descent of 98 feet! TWITCH 2000 was named Paddler's Choice by the National Paddling Film Festival.

Muggers is located at 516 Second Ave. S., immediately east of the Depot Grill on Shoshone Street. The restaurant will be open and no cover charge will be collected.

For more information, call Rusty Bowman at 734-9390.

# Caretaker

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When the wind blows, as it often does, the building rumbles. "The first few times I was in here alone, I couldn't believe how noisy it was," she says. "Then I got more comfortable."

Flashlight pointing the way, Wiese walks into the grand Many Glacier lobby, where packets of mice poison and plastic buckets — carefully placed to catch any snowmelt leaking from the ceiling — dot the floor.

Near what would be the hotel's front door is a stuffed bighorn ram. Legend has it that the ram was alive until he clambered onto a huge snowdrift and fell through a skylight into the hotel lobby.

Dennis Baker, head of engineering for Glacier Park Inc., the company that owns the hotel, laughs at that story, which might have been made up in keeping with the Many Glacier area's storytelling tradition.

Still, in heavy snow years, such a thing would be possible. "Normally when we arrive there in the spring, on the mountain side, the snow is up to the top of the roofs," Baker says. "That's the last place for it to melt, too."

Baker, who each year hires the Many Glacier winter keeper, says Wiese was an ideal candidate for the job. A seasonal park ranger during the summer, she's used to living in isolated areas. She also comes with an added benefit for the National Park Service — Carter, who this year became the first winter ranger in the Many Glacier area in a number of years.

Both live in a cabin that's the only building in the area that's

winterized. It's just across a small bridge from the hotel.

"I'm the squatter here," Carter says.

Park spokeswoman Amy Underbitt says having a ranger this year has allowed the Park Service to monitor the area for avalanche danger, check weather conditions and help Park Service biologists monitor the bighorn sheep population, among other ranger duties.

Although Wiese usually walks alone through the hotel on her daily rounds, she and Carter have been spending their days mostly together this winter. They ski to various sites to dig avalanche pits and check for potential avalanche danger, then call park headquarters to report their findings.

They sometimes ski around the outside of the hotel together or check on the nearby Swiftcurrent Motor Inn together.

"The winter keeper is kind of our eyes and ears on the whole area," Baker says. "Mostly they're there for the hotel, to make sure the shutters stay on and the doors stay closed and so forth."

"They make sure nobody comes and enters the buildings. Tracey is good security for us."

Wiese points her flashlight along the walls, where white sheets drape huge paintings on the dining room walls that depict some of the same scenes found outside the hotel.

She walks through a hallway and into a guest room, where lamps and curtains are covered in plastic, bedding and showerheads removed. On the carpet in one room, Wiese finds a small

pile of scat from the pine marten. "Our hotel guest has been in most of these rooms," she says. "I've been finding footprints in the snow in rooms on all floors of the hotel."

Baker says winter keepers are an important component in keeping maintenance costs down on the hotel. About eight years ago, a portion of the hotel's roof above the lobby blew off in high winds.

The winter keeper reported the damage and workers came in via snowmobile to repair the damage, to the tune of about \$80,000, Baker says.

"It would have been worse if we hadn't known about it right away," he says.

The high winds that are a Many Glacier trademark have presented other problems, as well. When they blow, Wiese struggles to keep herself on skis across the bridge that separates her cabin from the hotel.

Carter shows photos he took in December when the high winds and snowmelt created icicles hanging horizontally from the bridge.

"There's days where getting across the bridge is the biggest challenge of the day," she says.

Wiese usually enjoys checking the vast, empty building. She checks daily on the one room that's warmed through the winter, the room where computers are kept. But otherwise, she doesn't look into each room unless a big storm has hit.

"It's been fun to be able to come in when no one's here," she says. "It used to be hard to figure out where I was sometimes, to find my way around."

On the upper floors, where the

windows are less likely to suffer snow damage, boards don't cover the windows. Blindingly bright light streams into the barren rooms, reflecting from the snow outside.

The jobs are ideal for Wiese and Carter, who married after meeting in Yosemite, where he was then a seasonal ranger and she was out hiking. They learned later that they'd both worked as seasonal rangers at the same time in Yellowstone National Park, and even lived near each other but never met.

"The time wasn't right," Carter says.

They've worked together and separately in various other national parks as seasonal rangers who have to apply for new jobs about every six months.

For the past two years, Wiese has spent her summers stationed in the Belly River area of Glacier, while Carter has worked as the only seasonal ranger stationed at St. Mary.

Wiese has skied twice out of the Many Glacier area this winter, to see a chiropractor, drop a few items in the mail, eat a much-raved salad and, once, get her hair cut. Carter also has skied out twice, at different times than Wiese, so that someone always has been on hand to watch the hotel.

Otherwise, they've lived in the cabin near the hotel since October. They stocked it early on with groceries from a couple of trips to Lethbridge, a 90-minute drive away in Canada.

"They've been able to enjoy cabbage and the like because one room of the cabin is designated a 'cold room,' sort of a root cellar

next to their kitchen. There they've stored food in purple and green plastic bins labeled for each month.

"It's a lot of like Christmas at the start of the month when we open a new bin and find all this new food," Wiese says.

Now they laugh at some of the food they stockpiled. Wiese recalls standing in the baking aisle of the store, where women were consulting her on how much cocoa to bring to the cabin.

"All these women were worried about us running out, so now we have 5 pounds of cocoa," she says. "Do you know how much 5 pounds is? There's only so many brownies you can eat."

A few friends have skied in to see them, once in early February and once for New Year's Eve (carrying champagne). Otherwise, the only people the couple have seen have been workers putting new heaters in hotel guest rooms, a father and son who camped nearby, and biologists watching the resident bighorn sheep population.

"It's been wonderfully isolated and quiet," Wiese says. "Sometimes I stop and look around at all this beauty and I wonder why there aren't people here to see this. Where is everyone?"

She speaks of a night in October, shortly after they arrived, when one of them stepped outdoors for a moment. There, dancing across the sky, were the bright Northern Lights.

"It was spectacular," she says. "And we would have missed them if one of us hadn't gone outside."

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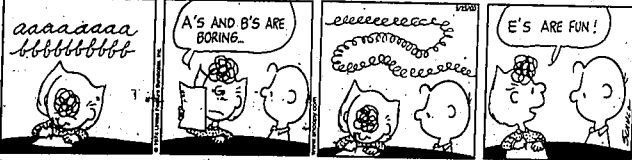
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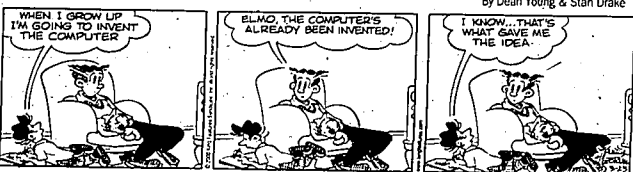
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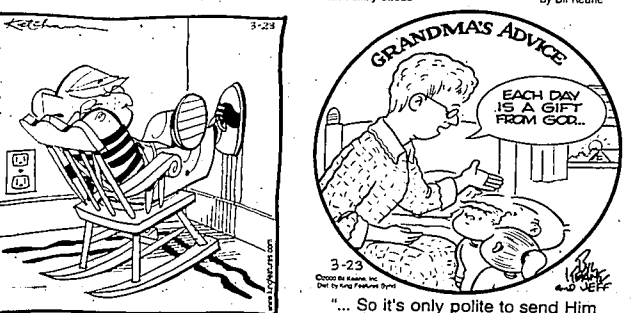


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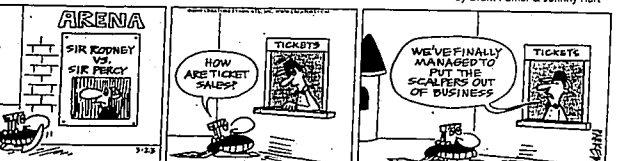
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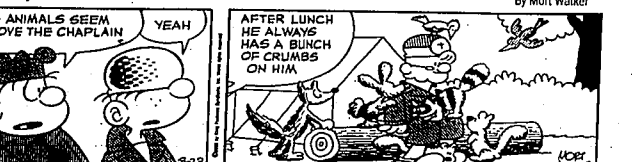
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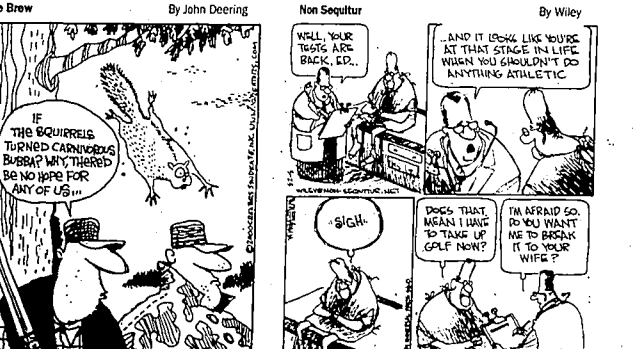


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OUTDOORS



Outdoor writer and backpacking enthusiast Douglas Lorain hikes near Eugene, Ore. In this January 2000 file photo, Lorain has logged over 30,000 trail miles, and says it is fair to say he knows the Oregon backcountry as well or better than anyone.

## Backpacker keeps track of remote treks

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Many people like backpacking. Doug Lorain is obsessed with it. After all, logging 30,000 trail miles, as Lorain has, goes a little beyond normal weekend enthusiasm for the outdoors. And Lorain has kept a written log of every trip.

"It's probably fair to say I know the Oregon backcountry as well or better than anyone," the 37-year-old Portland tax accountant said. "I'm an obsessive note-taker as it is, being a CPA," Lorain said. "So over the years, I have put together binders and binders and binders and computer files full of information from my travels."

As a result, he's a hiking encyclopedia of esoteric knowledge about the most remote reaches of Oregon. His files include "lists of every lake in Oregon — did you know there are 14 Lake Lakes in the state? — waterfalls, covered bridges, fire lookouts, lighthouses, worthwhile day hikes and backpacking trips, viewpoints, scenic drives, flower displays, fall color spots, wildlife viewing locations and many other features."

Lorain's compulsion for keeping track of such details where the best campsites on a certain section of trail are located and when the wildflower bloom is likely to be at its peak is now proving helpful to other backcountry lovers.

The highlights of Lorain's accumulated experience have been condensed into "Backpacking Oregon," published in October by Wilderness Press.

It's the Northwest's first guidebook written specifically for people who want to take longer hikes than those of three days to two weeks duration.

"I narrowed my focus to backpacking because there's a gazillion day-hiking books out there," Lorain said. "But there was nothing for what I really like to do — and what every backpacker I know likes to do — which is that one-week-a-year, get-away-from-the-rat-race backpacking trip."

Lorain's book offers detailed guides for 27 featured backpacking itineraries, ranging in length from 17 to 63 miles. Brief thumb-

nail descriptions are provided for 17 other "backpacking options."

The suggested routes are scattered around the state and throughout the backpacking season. The season begins in April, according to Lorain, so it's not too soon to start planning and preparing for a backpacking trip on the south coast, along the Rogue or Snake rivers, or in Hells Canyon.

One of the unique things about "Backpacking Oregon" is that it serves as a timetable as well as a roadmap.

"One of my pet peeves about hiking guidebooks is they never tell you when, specifically, is the best season to visit," Lorain said. "They'll tell you when the trail is open, but they never tell you when the fall colors are out, or when the flowers are out, or when the mosquitoes are gone — all the stuff that really makes a difference in seeing the best at its best."

"I organize my travels in a different way than most other people. I organized everything by season, as opposed to by area. I list when I think is the very best time to be there."

Spring is the best time for several of the best backpacking trips, he said. Three of the nine trips he rates highest for scenery are best taken in April or May.

In addition to scenery, he ranks each route for difficulty and on the amount of solitude the backpacker is likely to find. And, of course, there are details about elevation gain, length in miles, shuttle mileage (if any), and number of days required to cover the route at a comfortable pace.

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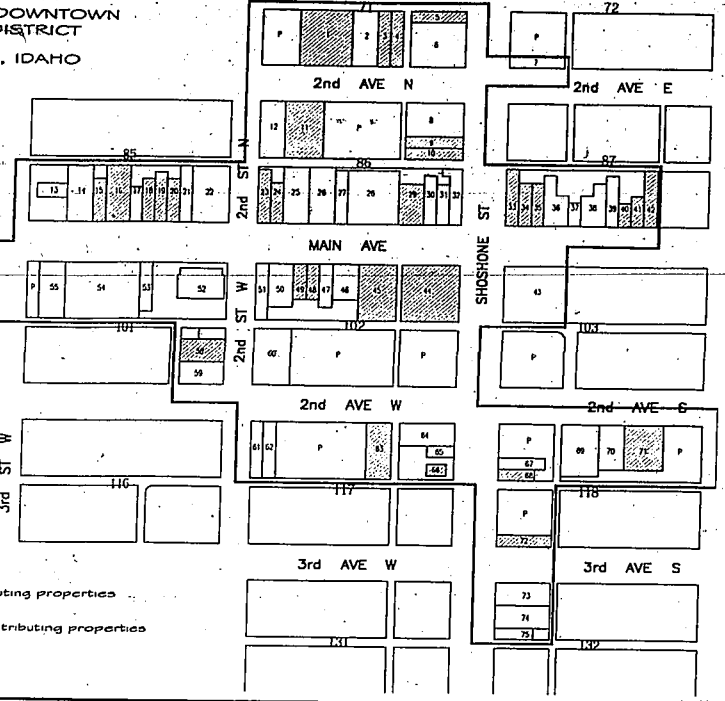




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An ordinance of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, to amend the City of Twin Falls Downtown Historic District...

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The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 336 6th Ave., N., Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property...

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