

## GOOD MORNING

### WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy in the morning with a slight chance of showers. Decreasing clouds in the afternoon. High, 67. Partly cloudy tonight, low 41.

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### MAGIC VALLEY

Mayor resigns: After finding a note in city offices this week, Hollister officials learned their city no longer has a mayor.

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### Levy approved: Blaine County residents comment on Tuesday's passage of a \$40 million plant facilities levy.

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#### Bruin bash:

The Twin Falls High School softball team had no trouble whatsoever with Century on Wednesday.

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A top Shanghai politician and several businessmen in Twin Falls Wednesday praised Idaho's trade efforts with China.

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Clear Lake Country Club, near Buhl, is a great place for fishing with float tubes.

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#### A sense of place:

Artist Ted Clausen has a sound vision for public art in Twin Falls, today's editorial says.

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# District OKs parents' plan

## Students will return to campus; bond issue plan is on horizon

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

WENDELL — Wendell Middle School students will return to their own campus in the fall where they will remain while a volunteer committee works with the school district on proposals to build a new school.

The School Board set the new course for the district Wednesday, acting on recommendations from a community facilities committee. It gives focus to a district that has been under enormous stress for several months as it has coped with the loss of most of its middle school.

Earlier this week when about 150 people attended a community forum, the committee gauged nearly unanimous support for returning students to the middle school. Fear that the temporary fix could discourage taxpayers from supporting construction of a new school was the single opposing opinion voiced.

But that shouldn't be a factor in the School Board's decision, board Chairman Don Fowler suggested. No matter what the district does, voter support of a bond issue is not guaranteed, he said.

"The first thing we need to do

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# Church reaches out to homeless

## Presbyterians will give \$35,000 to TF shelter

By Jay Howser  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Members of a local Christian denomination have decided to upgrade their church facilities, but first they are reaching out to help Twin Falls' homeless.

The First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls has planned a \$700,000 remodeling project for this summer to make its buildings more accessible and create a more inviting atmosphere for worship. The money is being raised through donations and pledges by church members from May 7 until May 21, but five percent of the total project cost is being used for a different purpose.

The church is taking the first \$35,000 raised and using it to build a new triplex at the Valley House in Twin Falls, a temporary shelter for families between homes.

Valley House Manager Roger Wyatt said the assistance could not have come at a better time. Four units built in the 1950s were torn down last June because they had no foundations and were unsafe. When Valley House lost the buildings, officials did not know when they would be replaced, he said. The Presbyterians are solving that problem now.

"I'm very, very grateful," Wyatt said. "We've been working for two years to help bring this about, and they just called us up and said they thought they could do it, and they're going to. It's the single largest assist we've ever received."

The church is providing funding for the structure and its furnishings, and the labor will be donated by the Job Corps. The three-room building will have the same square footage as the old buildings, but the rooms will be a little larger — 16 feet by 23 feet with a bedroom, bathroom and small kitchen. The addition will increase Valley House's current capacity from 24 to 36 clients, Wyatt said.

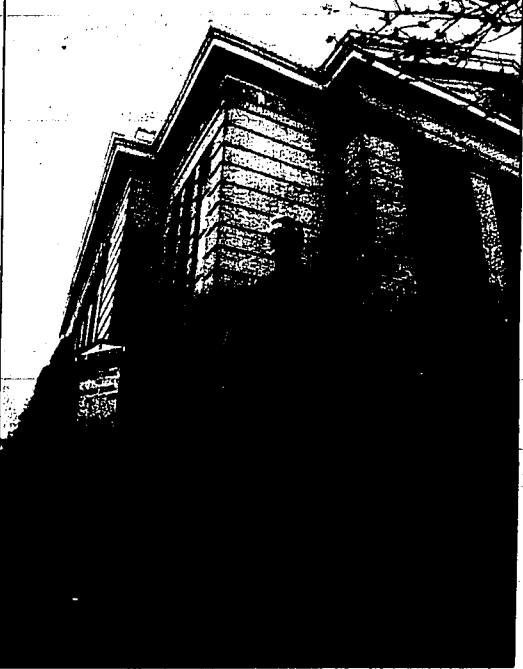
"It means that we can hold more people and possibly give them a longer stay to ensure stability as they make the transition to a new home," he said.

The Presbyterians have a long history of aiding the Valley House. They have helped remodel another building, built a fence and donated money for a new roof, among other projects, Wyatt said.

The Rev. Paul Reeves said he feels the Valley House is a cause worthy of the church's attention, and the capital funds campaign for the remodeling project provided a good opportunity to help.

"We are living out our mission statement, which is to be living examples of God's love in the world, and that means loving your neighbor as yourself," Reeves said.

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The Rev. Paul Reeves, pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls, stands in front of the church that he and his congregation hope to remodel. The congregation plans to raise \$700,000, and will give the first \$35,000 raised to help the homeless at Valley House.

# Clinton promises policing on trade

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration, stepping up its campaign for a China trade package, on Wednesday promised Congress "the most intensive enforcement" effort ever to hold Beijing to its commitments to open its markets to U.S. goods and services.

An Associated Press poll meanwhile, showed that nearly half of the House's 211 Democrats say they will oppose the package. The survey

showed fewer than 40 dozen have vowed publicly to support it, while more than 80 say they are still undecided.

With three weeks to go to a showdown vote, and organized labor waging a fierce campaign against the bill, there is little incentive for members to declare themselves before they have to, sponsors suggested.

The administration pressed its case for granting China permanent normal trade relations through a high-powered array of present and former Clinton administration officials.

"This agreement with China is a one-way street," Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers told the House Ways and Means Committee, contending all the concessions had been on China's side and that Beijing had agreed to open its markets to an unprecedented degree.

To help ease congressional concerns, Summers and other officials announced a \$2.7 million program to make sure China lives up to its market-opening promises if Congress approves the trade measure.

Summers called it "the most intensive enforcement and compliance effort ever mounted for a single trade agreement."

The proposal would include a new position of deputy assistant secretary for China at the Commerce Department to head up a "rapid response compliance team" of at least 12 trade specialists working in Washington and China.

"The administration intends to vigorously monitor and aggressively enforce the terms of this agreement," Commerce Secretary William Daley said.

U.S. manufacturers and farmers long have complained that China's trade barriers are costing them billions of dollars in lost sales in the world's largest market.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman told the committee that passage of the trade deal could mean \$1.6 billion to \$2 billion more a year for U.S. farmers.

To bolster its effort the administration also brought back former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, now a top executive at Citigroup in New York, for his first congressional appearance since leaving the administration a year ago.

Congressional rejection of the China bill "could have substantial adverse impact on our nation's economic prospects in the years and decades ahead," Rubin said.

# 'I can't face this anymore'

## Trial brings outpouring of emotions

The Associated Press

CAMP ZEIST, Netherlands — The trial of two Libyans accused in the Lockerbie bombing opened Wednesday after 12 years of diplomatic wrangling and painstaking investigations, with victims' relatives here and across the Atlantic watching a video showing the final seconds of Pan Am Flight 103.

The two alleged Libyan intelligence agents repeated their innocent pleas and sought to shift blame for the Dec. 21, 1988, bombing onto Palestinian militants.

A hush broken by anguished sobs fell over the public gallery, filled with victims' relatives, as prosecutors played a video of the flight vanishing from radar screens.

"I can't face this anymore," said a weeping Susan Cohen of Cape May Court House, N.J., whose daughter Theodora was one of the 189 Americans who died in the explosion over Lockerbie, Scotland. "I don't think I'm going back into the court room."

"It was gut-wrenching," added



Susan Cohen of Cape May Court House, N.J., is comforted by her husband as she breaks down Wednesday after leaving the Scottish Court at the end of the first day of the trial against two Libyans accused of blowing up Pan Am Flight 103.

her husband, Dan. "I just sat through a session where they described the murder of my daughter as it was happening."

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## PUBLIC TV WITHOUT CENSORSHIP?

# Board president is confident, lawmaker skeptical of policy

The Associated Press

BOISE — The state Board of Education president at the time Idaho Public Television aired it last year said a documentary on how some public schools dealt with teaching children about homosexuality "went too far."

But Harold Davis of Idaho Falls said he was confident the board can develop a policy to

meet a new legislative mandate for reining in public TV programming like "It's Elementary," without resorting to censorship.

"How do we have a process that keeps it from going too far in the future on controversial subjects without burdening the state board?" Davis, who was succeeded as president by Tom Boyd last month, said at the board's semiannual teleconfer-

ence with legislators on Wednesday. "I think it can be done."

Senate Education Chairman Gary Schroeder, however, was skeptical that the Board of Education can comply with lawmakers' edict to monitor programming "expected to be controversial" during the budget year that begins July 1 without unconstitutional prior restraint

of free speech.

"I don't know how in the Dickens this board is going to be involved with this monitoring," said the Moscow Republican who opposed the intent language legislators added to Public Television's funding bill. "This is censorship, and perhaps the courts will overturn it."

Davis reacted strongly to Schroeder's contention, flatly

rejecting the idea that the legislative mandate is legally unworkable. He said the eight-member board would discuss the issue later this month and would begin developing a policy at its June meeting.

The question may not be so much whether that policy passes constitutional muster as whether

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# FDA won't require biotech labeling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Food labels will not have to disclose any genetically engineered ingredients, the Clinton administration decided Wednesday, instead adopting a series of industry-backed steps intended to assure the public that the products are safe.

"The scientific evidence does not show that these products are any different from a health and safety standpoint," said Joe Levitt, director of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

Critics of the industry say there isn't enough known about possible allergic reactions to the food or the potential harm to the environment and have been demanding both mandatory labeling of the products and tougher testing standards for biotech plants and animals.

The administration's plan

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— Joe Levitt

Food and Drug Administration

would formalize the FDA's review process for new biotech crops, set labeling standards that would restrict the claims of biotech-free foods, and also conduct a six-month review of environmental regulations that cover gene-altered plants and animals. Biotech companies will be required to notify the FDA at least four months in advance of releasing new genetically engi-

neered ingredients for food and animal feed and to give the agency their research data. Companies now consult voluntarily with the FDA before going to market. The new plan would codify the practice and make it harder for company to challenge the agency in court if it objected to a new crop. The agency would post its conclusions and product safety data on its Web site for consumers to read. FDA officials said there is no need now to require any additional testing beyond what they already ask companies to do.

Having a voluntary review process "did not provide the level of public confidence that the FDA is really out there looking out for the consumer," although agency officials "absolutely stand behind the safety" of food now on the market, Levitt said.

Later this year, FDA also will

propose guidelines for food makers who want to label products made with or without the use of bioengineered ingredients. The guidelines will ensure that labels, such as those claiming foods are biotech-free, are "truthful and informative," the agency said. Similar guidelines have limited the marketing of organic dairy products that claim to be free of growth hormones. The labels must acknowledge that tests cannot distinguish between treated and untreated milk.

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# Cardinal O'Connor, oldest active bishop in U.S., dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Cardinal John O'Connor, who charmed New Yorkers with his wit and warmth while using his opposition to abortion and homosexuality to make headlines and chastise politicians, died Wednesday. He was 80.

O'Connor was the oldest active bishop in the United States and one of the country's most influential Catholics. His health began to fail after he had a brain tumor removed in August.

Although he mustered the strength to make a farewell visit to the pope in Rome, he made his final appearance at St. Patrick's Cathedral in early March.

"His eminence John Cardinal O'Connor has completed his earthly journey and has gone home to God," said Joseph Zwillinger, spokesman for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York. "The cardinal died very peacefully with his sister, Mary Ward, and other family members, clergy and co-workers at his side."

The cardinal was a familiar figure to devout Catholics as well as average New Yorkers. He blessed parades as they passed St. Patrick's on Fifth Avenue; propped in a wheelchair by supporters; and was frequently seen recommending excommunication for Catholic politicians who support abortion rights; and he used his pulpit to weigh in on controversies large and small.

O'Connor condemned a controversial painting of the Virgin Mary at the Brooklyn Museum; held a conciliatory interfaith service after



Cardinal John O'Connor

police shot an unarmed African immigrant, Amadou Diallo; and made front-page news by saying in 1990 that listening to certain rock songs was "a help to the devil" that could "lead to demonic possession."

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NATION

# United Way now thinks local

Charity hopes strategy will bring more results

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The United Way is changing the way it does business, putting more money into communities and small projects that are calculated to improve people's day-to-day lives. Once satisfied with channeling billions of dollars each year into big mainstream charities such as the American Cancer Society, United Way chapters across the nation are shifting their focus to local organizations that are working to reduce crime and improve health and education in poor, ethnic neighborhoods.

The changes reflect a revolution of sorts in the way Americans donate to charity. A new generation of pragmatic donors want their money put to work in their own communities, and they expect to see tangible results.

To keep up with the changes, United Way is attempting to transform itself from an organization that collects and redistributes donations to one that collaborates with local communities to attack social problems.

Betsy Beene, president of United Way of America, one of America's oldest and best-known charities, said the idea is to invest in communities "in ways that brought about change in the quality of life that

was beyond the capacity of any single agency to achieve."

More than 400 of United Way's 1,400 local chapters are expected to shift at least some money to new projects this year. Others are expected to follow.

In Los Angeles, that has meant taking about \$4 million away from traditional recipients and giving the money to new, community-based nonprofit organizations that focus on needs in minority neighborhoods.

Other cities, including Atlanta, San Francisco and Indianapolis, are reallocating money to focus on projects that will help ease crime and improve life for the poor.

FCC says Time Warner broke law in dropping ABC

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Federal Communications Commission determined Wednesday that Time Warner violated a communications law when it dropped ABC stations from its cable systems in some markets earlier this week.

Acting on a petition filed by ABC on Monday, the commission found Time Warner breached a provision that prohibits cable companies from deleting local signals during the period known as "sweeps."

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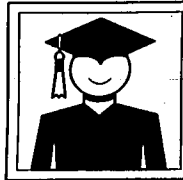
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## EDITORIAL

### Proposed art project is suited to Twin Falls

Few people from Massachusetts could roll into southern Idaho and quickly grasp the handscreable essence of the place, but Ted Clausen did.

The Cambridge, Mass., artist has proposed some public art projects that say a lot about the Magic Valley's history. The larger of the two is intended for City Park, while the other is for the corner of Main Avenue and Shoshone Street.

Clausen's themes are simple yet enduring, and we think they capture the valley's true sense of place: rock, water, labor, and agriculture.

At City Park, Clausen envisions a circle of four or five basalt blocks, bathed in flowing water, with the comments of pioneers engraved on the sides. A full-sized, horse-drawn bronze plow would rest within the circle formed by the stones.

At Shoshone and Main, the idea is for a similar basalt block, along with a bronze horse collar and sagebrush.

Clausen's design isn't exactly what we would have chosen. Twin Falls still needs a statute honoring the vision of Ira Burton Perrine - who founded what is now known as the Twin Falls Canal Co. Clausen's proposal won't pay

direct homage to Perrine, but it does touch on essential themes that motivated him: rock, water, labor and the blossom of agriculture.

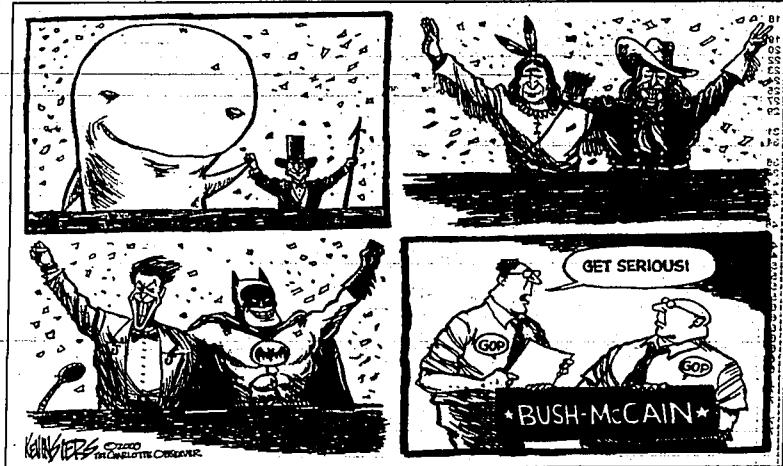
In bringing these elements together, Clausen has captured the Magic Valley's essential qualities. Elsewhere on this page, the artist himself explains his vision in his own words.

Clausen's vision is still a long way from fruition. The Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation has contributed \$20,000 to defray most of Clausen's fee; the rest will be paid in lodging when he returns to complete the work. After that, another \$80,000 to \$100,000 will be needed to pay for materials.

Though skeptics will doubtless find something to criticize, we like what Clausen has proposed. That's the nature of public art in a community that doesn't have much of a tradition of public art. What some people prize, others despise.

Though it won't pave the streets or synchronize the traffic signals, Clausen's art will add staleness and elegance to the heart of the city. It will remind us of who we are and where we've been. That has a special and enduring value.

Artist Ted Clausen's themes are simple yet enduring, and we think they capture the valley's true sense of place: rock, water, labor, and agriculture.



## And now a few words from the artist ...

Some friends come in from out of town and you decide to take a walk downtown. Your child says, "Mom, let me show them" - and you bend down to whisper, "Don't you think it would be better to have them find it for themselves?" You come to the corner of Shoshone and Main Avenue and your friend asks, "What's that rock there? Why is it sitting up on that platform? It's as big as a refrigerator! Why are parts of it shining?"

Soon, they see it has letters or words on it - in many sizes and styles. You all move closer and walk up the steps and read some of the words:

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"The freedom to be our best, the freedom to be excellent, that's what the independence of the Western mind is all about."

"And your child shows them his favorite - tucked away down at the bottom in small letters:

"That's a heck of a way for a horse to get a haircut." Mr. Cron, washing his loose horse hair through the window of Twin Falls' first barber-shop, 1904.

And you read some words together:

"It has been a great game. A great gamble. This throwing our youth, our strength, our dreams, and our ideals into a new desert country."

Look, some of the letters have glass; they look like the others, but when the water falls over them and you move around, they sparkle even more.

You are close enough now to see clearly into the center of this group of rocks. There is something dark brown and gold or something. You draw closer and it's clear now - it's a very early plow made of bronze. It's beautiful. The wood part looks like wood, and yet it is bronze. You notice, sitting on the handle exactly where a hand would hold it: A pair of old, very used work gloves - also bronze.

Oh, I remember the harness from before, the harness for the horse, the gloves for the man, both working with the plow. Your child steps up to touch one of the gloves.

You return to one of the rocks, and see you do, the water begins flowing over the boulder closest to you. And now it's starting to flow over that one over there. You know, we are surrounded by water here. You turn to the nearest rock and read:

Just as you are about to leave, your friend looks over the corner of the area and sees a pile, a pile of metal, of something ... You move closer and realize it looks like it must be part of a harness - the yoke, the reins are all there.

"Then you say, 'There's something else we'd like to show you.'" You walk with them the few blocks to City Park, and as you head into the park, your friend looks toward the middle. "Those stones there! They look like the other!" But there are five of them, in a circle around something. What is it?

In the middle of the block between Shoshone and Second Street, across the street from the Twin Falls County Courthouse under a canopy of trees, sit five large basalt stones as tall as a man, grouped in a circle. You walk closer.

These have words and phrases on them, too, but now look. There is water pouring slowly down over one of them. It falls over and into the letters, glistening.

My self-reliance is in the water. The water is our blood." F. Fisher, farmer, 1999.

As you look around one more time before leaving, the water bubbles up and falls gently over yet another stone.

Ted Clausen of Cambridge, Mass. is the artist for the Magic Valley Arts Council's Millennium Sculpture.

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## LETTERS

**Quick fixes aren't the best**

As parents, many of us don't want to invest our time where our children are concerned. Too many parents, myself included, look for the easy way out. I was vividly reminded of this when I saw a long line of kids at my daughter's school waiting to take their medications. Many of these drugs are mood-altering. It seems that prescribing these medications should be the final treatment, not the first.

I allowed my daughter to be put on drugs for behavior modification. When she was 2, she displayed violent outbursts and irrational behavior. We called a pediatrician. After 30 minutes, he decided she needed to be put on medication. Nothing prepared us for the long journey ahead.

In elementary school, it became clear that the teachers could not help her. She could not focus or stay on task. As our daughter got older, we found the easiest way to treat her was with another pill recommended by our physician. Eventually, she was taking five different meds a day.

As a parent, I was feeling angry and guilty. The side effects seemed worse than the sought-after results. I was angry with my husband, our doctors, the schools, and myself. It had to stop. I had to find some other way of dealing with her behaviors.

Finally we tried family therapy. I told the therapist we wanted to take our daughter off all drugs and find another way of dealing with the situation. The therapist took the time to do an intensive family history. The next year was spent dealing with various behaviors in our daughter and us. The process was long and results did not happen overnight. The hardest challenge for me was accepting the fact that my parenting skills were not working. I then allowed someone else to teach me a new way to interact with my family. It wasn't easy, but my now

teen-age daughter is off all medications and is doing well in school and a joy to be around.

My point is that, as parents, we need to take a closer look at how we deal with our children. We can't put all our trust in the quick fix. Teaching our kids that taking a pill will cure their problems is not the answer. Your situation, like mine, is unique. So approach it that way. Your kids will have a better life because you did.

SANDY TRAUTWEIN  
Hailey

**Support Loeb for prosecutor**

I want to take this time to express my support for our Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb in the Republican primary May 23.

Over the years, Grant has shown his exceptional ability to deal with criminals effectively, from misdemeanor crimes to felonies to murders. Twin Falls County has led the state in murders and child abuse and we will always need experienced, dedicated, knowledgeable, tireless people to deal with these problems. Grant and the great staff he has assembled have shown time and again that they are more than capable of punishing those who commit these crimes against our citizens.

Grant supervises a staff of 10 fine attorneys and 10 talented staff support people. Grant manages the office budget. Grant interacts with private attorneys and judges, police officers, sheriff's deputies and investigators, victims and defendants each and every day. The duties of the Twin Falls County prosecuting attorney are far too many and too complicated for a new arrival to the area who happens to have bold ambitions. I would encourage everyone to vote for Grant Loeb in the Republican primary on May 23.

LAURETTA GEIGER  
Twin Falls

And those shining letters? Some of the letters and words are filled with glass, and they shimmer and shine as you walk around them. Actually, you realize you have never been this close to these stones before. Sure, you've seen them in the gorge, but you have never looked this closely before. Never seen the way the color changes, the way the veins move through the rocks. You have to walk around the stone to read a few more quotes:

**Liberty loses, Castro wins**

Did you happen to see the video of our government storm troopers raiding the Lazaro Gonzalez home in Miami - for Elian's own good? Did you see the video of Elian's forced abduction from his adopted American home - for his own good? Did you see the method used to carry out the abduction - for his own good? Did you see him crying in fear and despair as he was carried away from the security of his loved ones - for his own good? Make no mistake. Of course Bill Clinton knew about the raid. He ordered it.

Our impeached president, the great legacy hunter, cut a deal with Castro to normalize relations with Cuba. The payoff is the return of the boy to a communist worker's paradise of poverty and servitude. It will be a huge propaganda feather in Fidel's cap. The military raid and the method used to carry out the abduction were also meant to intimidate the Cuban-American community. Rule of law be damned. Janet Reno will show us who's boss. But the operation backfired. Patriotic Americans are furious.

And Castro is the winner. He plucked another PR chicken feather out of Clinton's backside, and will wear it in his

hat as soon as Elian has returned to Cuba

JACK LINTELHANN  
Buhl

**Nothing 'sudden' about it**

I am a longtime employee of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. I take offense at your April 23 editorial.

You state, "suddenly, the valley's largest hospital is running out of room." I don't know what you call suddenly, but if you would check, you would see that space has been an issue at MVRMC for quite some time. If you look further, you will find that the hospital has been attempting to buy land for at least 11 years. Where I come from, this is not a sudden move.

You neglect to state that there has been a recent appraisal done on this property, but that appraisal was rejected. Fair market price has never been an issue with MVRMC. You also mentioned condemnation as an option. The county's power of eminent domain. I'd bet if the hospital chose to use this option that there would be another article condemning the "big, bad public entity" for taking advantage of Elvan. Kolouch challenge you to come "live in our world" and tell me where we might expand any further. We have to expand

our cramped laboratory into the hallway; we have members of the same department spread from the fifth floor to the business office across the street. We have to use patient rooms for storage. I find this an ineffective and inappropriate manner in which to provide quality patient care.

You also mention "breakaway rivals, such as the Sawtooth Surgery Center" competing for the same "well-insured patients." This so-called rival developed as a result of our need for expansion and the inability to do such. If this facility had been able to expand, our surgeons would not have had to develop a center to perform their routine surgeries. Our surgery capacity is full of patients, well insured or not.

You ask why the hospital provided office space for doctors and if the court-house should provide office space for patients? How dare you compare the two! This county needs to provide space and support for our doctors, or they go somewhere else. If they go somewhere else, you get sick, you can die.

Last, you state, "Mc Hart claims that the hospital cannot take the time to negotiate with Kolouch." I agree with him. Eleven years is long enough - let's get on with expansion plans.

PATRICIA HEATH, RN  
Eden

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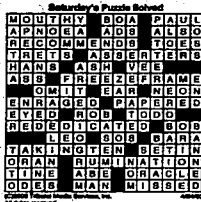
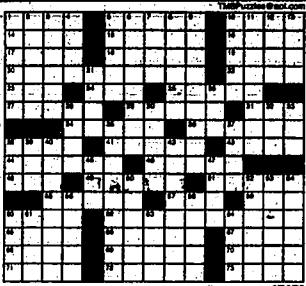


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- Peacock holder
- Look for
- Near doorway
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- ... fight with
- "Two Women" Oscar winner
- Wedding vows
- Paris on sail
- Maple
- Summer?
- Howdy-do
- Wyman movie
- Teacher
- Center of African culture
- Light for
- The ... West
- Refuge
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- From New York
- Practical
- Book for
- Tracey and
- Andrew
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- ... to now
- Love's You"
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- "Karenina"
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- Hall

**Down**

- Lesson
- Taste of
- Smooth and
- Lustrous
- Otherwise
- Delight's opponent
- Type of saw
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- Half of (Spanish)
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- See Creeper
- Slowly station
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- Period in power
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- Three Stooges
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- Dark informed
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- Comic Fudner
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- Date informed
- Exchange
- Metric weight, briefly
- Patented with
- Comic Fudner
- Example



# Born today? The stars show a messy divorce in the future

**IF May 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You are in midst of domestic dilemma. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons play dramatic roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: D, M, V. It is likely that you were separated at an early age from one or both parents. You might go through emotional wringer during May but will make fascinating comeback during June. In July you will be rid of an obnoxious burden.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** New moon highlights financial status, coincides with ability to locate lost articles. Cycle is high, applies to numerous areas of life that include romance.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You exude personal magnetism, aura of sensuality, sex appeal. Don't break too many hearts. Remember that to get a smile, give a smile. Scorpio in picture.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Examine, explore, discover, report. Revisions necessary but basically you have facts in hand. Tear down to rebuild, this could be your make-over day.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You win friends and influence people, can obtain funding for projects not so popular. You have luck in matters of speculation, especially by sticking with number 6.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Promotion due, beware of false reports. Keep guard up, protect self. However, you'll win!

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Focus promotion, production, added responsibility, additional funds. Love relationship stormy.

## HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

**Creative process stimulated.** Capricorn, Cancer natives in picture.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You possess universal appeal, people vye to wine and dine you. Don't abandon principles despite gaudy promises. Travel prospects good, you might be up in air very soon.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Talk of the town! People debate about you, some fall hopelessly in love with you. Others keep you at arms length. New opportunity to take chance on romance.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** New moon in Taurus relates to your Sixth House, work and relations with co-workers. Someone has done a lot of talking about you. Credit rating questionable despite gaudy promises. Travel prospects good, you might be up in air very soon.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Examine various aspects of offer, presentation. Ask, "Is someone playing a joke?" Be serious, also alert. It might be too good to be true, but perhaps it isn't.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Look behind scenes, basic research necessary. Mathematical puzzle solved, you'll get credit due. Individual on your side offers legitimate suggestion. Listen, learn.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Relative promises. "Take this trip with me." Don't rush decision, there are conditions which require study. Emotions involved, protect self.

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# President points to education successes, jobs Congress

OWENSBORO, Ky. (AP) - The students of Audubon Elementary are examples of some of President Clinton's favorite education maxims - chief among them that poor children can learn just fine, thank you.

"Income is not destiny," Clinton said Wednesday after a tour of the school in an agricultural patch of western Kentucky where two-thirds of the students

qualify for free or subsidized school lunches. It was the start of two days of visits to public schools where students are beating long odds.

He also announced a new federal report-card system for low-performing schools. The Education Department will compile a list of such schools and what they are doing to improve, and teams of federal experts will

try to help, Clinton said.

At Audubon, teacher Crystal Davidson was hired through a federal program to reduce class size, which studies show greatly improve student performance. She told the president she is known at school as a "Clinton teacher."

The class-size program, which has won some support in Congress, helps local school dis-

tricts subsidize the hiring of new teachers, although it often does not cover the entire cost.

Clinton wants to hire 100,000 new teachers nationwide this way, as well as building or modernizing 6,000 schools.

Audubon was among the state's worst in 1994. It now ranks 18th in the state in overall student performance and second statewide in writing skills.

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SPORTS

Bruins smash Spartans on Senior Day

By Ryan Bevan
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Tennis team remained undefeated with a 12-0 shutout of the Minico Spartans Wednesday.

High school tennis
And perhaps such a victory was a fitting end to the regular season, and what the team has yet to accomplish.
"We've had a great season," said Twin Falls coach Jason Leforgee. "It's over now and none of that counts now."

teams will compete in Boise this weekend. Leforgee said, "We've found some good combinations and we will be really competitive in every division. I expect to see quite a few of them make it to the championship bracket on Saturday."

have gone by so fast. I hope we can take advantage these last couple of weeks and live it up," said senior Zach Thompson.
After the Bruins' trip to Boise this weekend, they will have a week to rest for the regional tournament, which takes place the weekend of May 12 at five sites around Twin Falls.

- Twin Falls 12, Minico 0
1. L. Allen (T) def. Dan Duran 6-4, 6-0
2. J. Thompson (T) def. Jason Jones 6-2, 6-0
3. D. Allen (T) def. Jason Jones 6-2, 6-0

Burley stings Bonneville in season finale

By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer
BURLEY — Addressing his tennis team before its match with Bonneville Wednesday, Burley head coach Shane Ogden challenged the Bobcats to win 10 of the afternoon's 12 matches.

High school tennis
"This is a good way to end the season and get ready for districts," said Ogden, whose team finished the year with a 4-12-2 overall record.
Burley's Stuart Hill (No. 1), Josh Walton (No. 2) and Phillip Whipple (No. 3) all won singles matches, while Stephanie Davis and Kashayla Bingham, Burley's No. 2 and 4 girls' players, added wins as well.

our No. 1 mixed doubles team," Ogden said. "I was waiting for them to show some mental fortitude and battle back into a match, and they did that today."
The teams of Jonathan Barker and Cree Jones, Sanna Vittata and Anika Paluszewska, Giselle Call and Becky Whipple, and Kasey Aldrich and Catherine Fuller all recorded doubles victories for the Bobcats.

(Aldrich and Jill Bingham) have the best chance of qualifying for the state tournament.
"We come in as an underdog," Ogden said. "But it only takes one good day of tennis to get a team into the tournament."

Wolverines take a bite out of Buhl in Hailey

HAILEY — The high school baseball game wasn't pretty — Buhl and Wood River combined for an unsightly 14 errors through six and-a-half innings.

Local sports
unravel for them after that."
Beck's two-run shot opened the floodgates for eight Wolverine runs over the last three innings, erasing a 6-0 Buhl lead.

what he termed a disappointing 2-1 loss to Wendell on Tuesday.
"We'd been in that position before against Buhl earlier this year, and we got run-ruled," he said. "It was kind of a gut-check for us. It's like, holy smokes, we can turn this around. The guys picked it up today."

Golf
Lady Bruins take first place at Idaho Falls Invitational
IDAHO FALLS — The Twin Falls Bruins placed first with a team score of 368 at the Idaho Falls Invitational Wednesday.

Sonics
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best game yet. Brent Barry of the Sonics said, "Order to win Game 5, we're going to have to..."
The Sonics held Utah to seven points on 3-for-21 shooting in the second quarter, but the Jazz came back to get within two points with 16 left. But Payton helped the Sonics pull away again as he had 15 points in the final period.

Jeff Hornacek hit a three-point-er to cut Seattle's lead to 82-80.
But the Sonics got two free throws from Payton with 6:50 to go and the 20-year-old Lewis made another free throw before Greg Ostertag of the Jazz made a 4'0we went hitting the ball pretty well, and they were making the plays early and we weren't," Hovey said. "They seemed to get every runner; they got on base across the plate."

also received technicals.
"No, we didn't lose our composure," Malone said. "I don't regret anything that happened. But if we would have had this intensity in Game 3, we would have won that game."
Payton didn't reveal the details of what he and Malone said in their exchange before Malone left for the locker room.

Rodriguez, Pozzi advance in Men's Clay
LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Argentina's Martin Rodriguez beat fifth-seeded Paul Goldstein 6-2, 6-4 on Tuesday night in the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships.

Track
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Johns Christenson in the steeplechase.
Runners on the bubble include Hansen's Jeanne Ratto in the 5,000, Wyoming's Johana Dana, who ran a 10:26.67 in last weekend's 5K steeplechase, and two seconds off his lifetime best, and Virginia sophomore Ameslem Teklai, who is coming off a third-place Region 18 showing in the 5,000.

Region 18 Championships
Men's Events
1. Paul Tabor (T) 1:22.00, Utah Valley State College (UVC) 22:32.00, North Idaho College (NIC) 22:35.00, College of Eastern Idaho (CEI) 22:35.00, Idaho State University (ISU) 22:35.00.
2. Jason Johnson (T) 1:22.00, UVC 22:32.00, NIC 22:35.00, CEI 22:35.00, ISU 22:35.00.

Men's Events
1. Chad Johnson (T) 22:32.00, Jason Forsyth (T) 22:35.00, David Johnson (T) 22:35.00, Jeff Johnson (T) 22:35.00, Matt Johnson (T) 22:35.00.
2. Jason Johnson (T) 22:32.00, Jason Forsyth (T) 22:35.00, David Johnson (T) 22:35.00, Jeff Johnson (T) 22:35.00, Matt Johnson (T) 22:35.00.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Eagles land three Idaho hoop recruits
TWIN FALLS — First-year College of Southern Idaho women's basketball coach Kendall Grant has wasted little time putting a Gem State stamp on the Golden Eagle program.

CSI announces annual scholar-athlete awards
TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho has announced the recipients of this year's athletic and academic awards, with the prestigious President's Awards going to men's basketball player Mike Hood and volleyball swimmer Fabiana de Abreu.

Conner cards hole-in-one at TF Muni
TWIN FALLS — Gopher Lou Conner recorded a hole-in-one Wednesday on the second hole at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

Oakley's Hale earns recognition from UAA
ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Former Oakley High School and College of Eastern Utah standout Catherine Hale has received the University of Alaska Anchorage women's basketball team's Coaches' Award, given to the player who exemplifies all-around play, uses all-around work.

Canyon Springs contest is Saturday
TWIN FALLS — The Canyon Springs Ladies Rock Chuck Classic will be Saturday, with a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Gooding takes entries for weekend tourney
GOODING — The Gooding Golf Course is taking registration for Saturday and Sunday's Farmers National Bank/WoodRiver Inn Two-Person Best Ball Tournament.

Tews Ranch Sporting Clays hosts fun shoot
SHOSHONE — Tews Ranch Sporting Clays will host its annual Spring Fling Fun Shoot on Saturday, with registration at 12:30 p.m. and competition at 1:30.

Looker of a colt lands No. 16 Derby post
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Fusaichi Pegasus, the curious colt who likes to look around, will win the first of the Kentucky Derby from the No. 16 post.

Martinez suspended for beanball
BOSTON — Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez was suspended for five games Wednesday for hitting Roberto Alomar with a pitch after being warned not to retaliate for a hit by Alomar.

Judy Rankin voted into LPGA shrine
NEW YORK — Judy Rankin, a dominant player in the 1970s and the first woman to break the \$100,000 barrier, was voted into the Hall of Fame on Tuesday night. She received a near-unanimous vote in the Veteran's Category, which was approved a year ago when the LPGA revamped its rigid requirements.

Former Glants, Michigan QB Newman dies
MIAMI — Former All-American quarterback Harry Newman, who threw the first touchdown pass in an NFL championship game and played with former President Ford at Michigan, died at age 90 in Las Vegas.

Paraplegic coach can return to field
LOS ANGELES — A high school baseball coach who uses a wheelchair won the right to instruct his players on the field as part of his settlement Wednesday of a discrimination lawsuit.



# YOUR SPORTS

YourSports Editor: Jeff Rosen - 733-0931, Ext. 229

## Intermountain Martial Arts competes in championships

**TWIN FALLS** - Members of the Intermountain Martial Arts competed in Master Harvey's Elva Ring Northwest The Kwon Do Championships at O'Leary Junior High School.



Samantha Alagna, C.J. Hatch and Marlo Handgren. All three secured first place trophies in forms, sparring and weapons division.



Pictured, left to right: Michael Zitzkeoff, Dwight Adams, Kane Jesser, Shana Moon, Nathan Llesan. The five competitors garnered 10 trophies and one weapons medal.

## CLUB VOLLEYBALL



**TWIN FALLS** - The Magic Valley Volleyball Club 12 team participated in a round robin tournament at Twin Falls High School April 13. It will travel to the Wasatch Volleyball Festival May 19-20 in Provo, Utah. Pictured: (bottom row, left to right) Etia Olmstead, Drew Bruey, Sarah Lassen, coach Jane Bruey. Middle row: Emily Macorvick, Meghan Robinson, Heather Cameron, Taryn Robinson. Back row: Amber Peterson, Brittany Langdon.

## Jerome celebrates bowling legacy

**JEROME** - The Home Town Buffet in Jerome served 132 bowlers last Sunday who were attending the 50th anniversary celebration for Jerome Bowl.

It was a tremendous display for all to see how bowling balls and pins have changed through the years. No matter what the weight of your bowling ball today, they all have the same circumference. Back in the days of wooden bowling balls, the less the weight of the ball, the smaller it was.



**LET'S GO BOWLING**  
Thelma Tucker

The youth bowlers were shown on video tape from Sippy Cups to high school age. The youngest in attendance were presented prizes and they went to Kolby Simmons, 2 1/2 years old, and Haley Bestinger, 3 1/2.

Ric Ott, President of the Jerome Men's Bowling Association, presented plaques commemorating the event to the oldest gentleman present, Harold Ott, as well as Ron Van Patten, who had bowled the most years at Jerome Bowl.

Leslie Vanderham and Lynn Weight did a terrific job as masters of ceremony. A big thank-you from the Jerome bowlers to the many merchants who donated items for the door prizes, and there was a bunch.

A good time was had by all. Thank you, Jerome, for the invitation.

On the other side of bowling: Summer leagues are in the sign-up stages. So drop into your local bowling center and get your name on the list. Leagues await for adults, juniors and seniors. Regular bowling and No Tap bowling are offered. Something for everyone.

Thelma Tucker writes a weekly bowling column for *The Times-News*. Contact her at 733-4377 by e-mail at [trucker@magicklink.com](mailto:trucker@magicklink.com) or by fax at (208) 733-3157.

## Schoonover takes win at Cactus Petes Pro-Am

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - John Schoonover won the Cactus Petes Pro-Am on Monday with a 66, while Mike Hamblin of Twin Falls, Jeff Thomson and Bob Campbell (senior) tied for second place with a 68. Brandon Ott took fifth with 69.

For the teams, Tommy Sanderson of the Valley Club (Louie Mallane, Dwight Butlin, John Galgano) and Steve Meyerhoeffer of Clear Lake (Chris Meyerhoeffer, Jay Bride, Bob Moody) tied for first place with 116. Hamblin (Todd Jones, Corky Federico, Gary Roland) took third

with 117. Tate Brooks of Idaho Falls (Bill Shurtliff, Blake Hall, Kent Taylor) shot 119 for fourth, and Hamblin's brother (Doyle Dugger, Scott Jerome, Mike Standlee) tied for fifth place with Matt Parish, also of Twin Falls Municipal (Jerry Thompson, Mark Schmalz and Brad R. Smith). John Weekes, senior professional from Twin Falls Municipal (Gary Burkett, Norm Lancaster, Wes Starnin), Jim Brown of Ridgecrest (Ois Berg, Ted Berg, Ed Hickman) and Rob Jones of Canyon Springs (Ted Black, Kevin Jones, Jim Dawson) by shooting 121.

In the first flight, Bret Rupert took first place gross with 69, followed by Ted Black, 71, Dwight Butlin, 72, Jerry Elliott, 73, and Harvey Knoll, Jim Maloy, Roger Harris, and Greg Thomason with 74. Second flight winner was Gary Burkett with 74, then Ois Berg, 75, Duane Schmeberger, 77, Chris Schmalz and Brad R. Smith, 78. First place honors for the third flight went to Todd Jones with 76, followed by Kevin Jones, 78, Louie Mallane and Chris Meyerhoeffer with 80 and Corky Federico and Tom Askew with 81. Tim Andresen won the fourth flight with 81, followed by Mike Standlee, 83, Kent Taylor, 89, and Richard Koelling,

Tom Grant and Lynn Fackrell, 90. Net winners for the first flight were Ted Black and Dwight Butlin with 66, Harvey Knoll, 68, Bret Rupert and Scott Jerome, 69. Second flight winner was Gary Burkett with 74, then Ois Berg, 68, Earl Clyde Molyneux, Duane Schmeberger and Brad R. Smith, 67. Todd Jones shot 63, Louie Mallane and Kevin Jones 66, and Chris Meyerhoeffer and Corky Federico 67 for the third flight. For the fourth flight, Tim Andresen recorded 66, Mike Standlee 67, Lynn Fackrell 72 and Richard Koelling, Tom Grant, Ted Berg, and Kent Taylor 73.

## YOUR SCORES AND STATS

### SOFTBALL

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### BOWLING

#### Local Bowling Scores

THW FALLS - Here is the score by the way they bowled on the current week.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Kindergarten registration is on

TWIN FALLS - Two days remain for kindergarten registration in Twin Falls School District, except for at Sawtooth Elementary School that will hold registration next week.

Students must be 5-years-old on or before Sept. 1 to enroll. Parents need to bring a certified copy of their child's birth certificate, social security number and up-to-date immunization records. All students are required to show proof of Hepatitis B immunization.

Registration times follow:

- Blickel, Lincoln, Morawigside and Oregon Trail elementary schools - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Friday
Harrison Elementary School - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and Friday
I.B. Ferrine Elementary School - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today and Friday
Sawtooth Elementary School - 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through May 12. Sawtooth will hold an open house Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Local school districts earn hefty grants

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley school districts earned more than \$1.15 million out of an available \$7.4 million in statewide technology grants, according to a news release from the Idaho Department of Education.

The competitive federal grants, funded through the Goals 2000: Educate America Act and the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund, are used to train teachers to use technology and to pay for innovative projects designed to enhance classroom instruction.

Local grant recipients are: Blaine County for Future Kids Computer Skills, \$70,950; Glenns Ferry for Administrators as Leaders in Technology, \$64,868; and SmartBoard Integration into the Classroom, \$85,000.

Grants for High School Literacy, \$7,000; Training with Video Conferencing, \$75,000; Principles of Science: A Virtual Classroom, \$100,000; and Language Acquisition, \$100,000. Shoshone for Integration Training Project, \$75,000.

Dietrich for Language Skill Development with Multimedia, \$75,000; and connecting Dietrich, Shoshone and Richfield schools for videoconferencing and Internet access, \$150,000.

Twin Falls for Partners in Idaho Education of Technology with Buhl, Filer and Murtaugh, \$48,827; and Alpha Smart Learning, \$75,000.

Hansen for Technology Integration 2002, \$88,518. Castleford for Multimedia Mania, \$74,883.

Seminar on child behavior offers help and advice

TWIN FALLS - An authority on child discipline is presenting day-long seminar on misbehaving, defiant or potentially violent children and teens today.

Dr. John F. Taylor, Ph.D., will teach interviewing strategies to overcome defensiveness and establish a climate of acceptance. Taylor is a psychologist with a private consulting practice, has focused over the past 20 years on behaviorally and emotionally at-risk children and adolescents.

The seminar, entitled "Reaching the Difficult Adolescent - Answers for Oppositional Defiant Disorder," is intended primarily for mental health and educational professionals. The public is also welcome to attend.

Blaine mulls uses for new levy money

By Barb Newwert Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Seventh-grader Lindsay Mollineaux said she thinks it's "so cool" that she'll be part of the first graduating class from the new Wood River High School in 2004.

School administrators are just relieved to know that there soon will be more space in which to educate a growing

student population. A record number of Blaine County voters showed up at the polls on Tuesday to pass a \$40 million plant facilities levy that will provide money to build a new high school, a new elementary school, plus make additions and improvements to other school buildings in the district.

The measure, which needed a 55-percent approval to pass, gathered 58.7 percent approval from voters in Tuesday's election. A total of 3,569 ballots were cast, the highest number ever recorded in a Blaine County school election, said school district Clerk Cathy Zaccardi. Of the 10,166 registered voters in Blaine County, this represents a 35-percent voter turnout.

Zaccardi attributed the high turnout to the importance of the measure and said it is encouraging not to have voter apathy evident in previous elections in which only 25 to 30 percent

voters showed up at the polls. "It's important, whichever way the voters felt, that they got out to vote. I feel it (this election) really is a true measurement of how our public feels," Zaccardi said.

Of the 3,569 ballots cast, 2,095 were in favor of the levy while 1,474 opposed the measure and 230 of the votes cast were by absentee ballot.

A review of the polling sites showed Carey, Hailey and

Ketchum voters carried the measure with approval ranging from 58 percent in Ketchum to 61 percent in Carey to 62 percent in Hailey. Just 50.2 percent of Bellevue voters approved of the levy.

Overall, the approval rating came in at 58.7 percent. Based on the amount of financing the district is currently carrying, the levy needed only a 55 percent approval for passage.

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LEARNING TO FLY-FISH



Harrison Elementary School sixth-grader Nanda Smith gets a lesson in fly-fishing Wednesday from College of Southern Idaho security guard Darryl Cameron. About 2,000 sixth-graders from schools in Twin Falls County attended the annual Water Awareness Week program on the CSI campus. The fly-fishing activity demonstrated how important water quality is to recreation.

Panel rejects phone deregulation

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE - A divided state regulatory commission Wednesday rejected U S West's petition to deregulate its rates in the Burley area.

In a 2-1 decision, the Public Utilities Commission said U S West is seeing some competition for customers from the Project Mutual telephone co-operative, but this competition was not sufficient to meet legislative guidelines for effective competition throughout the calling area.

rate flexibility to meet competition in the Magic Valley.

"While U S West is disappointed, the real losers today are the residential and small business consumers of Burley," Barbara Wilson, U S West's Idaho and regional vice president, said of Wednesday's ruling. "U S West will now evaluate (its) options on how to proceed in meeting the challenges of competing in the Burley area and throughout the state of Idaho."

One option is an appeal to the state Supreme Court. But Wilson did not say whether the company would appeal.

Charlie Cresson, president of Rupert-based Project Mutual, said his company has no position on the commission ruling.

"We're trying to build a customer base in Burley and look forward to competing with U S West in a big new world of competition," he said.

While no legal standard has been set to define competition, two PUC members indicated that at least half of U S West's customers in an area would have to have the option of service from another provider before rate deregulation could be seriously

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IACI gives lawmakers mostly good ratings

The Associated Press and The Times-News

BOISE - Magic Valley lawmakers received generally strong marks from the state's business lobby, with a majority exceeding the lobby's scoring average for House and Senate members.

The nation's most Republican Legislature saw its overall ranking with the business community slide after this winter's election-year session. But the sec-

ond-lowest rating since the GOP put a stranglehold on state government in the 1994 election belies the almost total success Idaho's largest business lobby had in the Capitol this year.

The Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry gave the House and Senate an overall rating of 81.7 percent on the 21 key issues it tracked. The 21 lower rating in the last six sessions was just over 75 percent

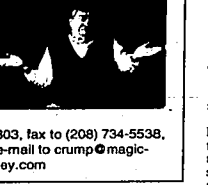
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It's just a little bit of good clean fun while Mom's away

From Nov. 10, 1996

The Don't Ask Me Decade

We're celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Steve Crump's 'Don't Ask Me' column with favorites from each of the past 10 years. Remember to enter our Don't Ask Me Haiku Contest. The theme must be Idaho-rustic and the deadline is May 31. Send entries to Haiku Contest, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls ID



83303, fax to (208) 734-5538, or e-mail to crump@magicvalley.com

I need a woman's opinion. You see, my wife has been in Focaltel, visiting her mother, and she's due back this week. Due to a series of unfortunate events, the house is - what's the word? - a bit of a pickier-upper.

OK, it looks like a cowboy bar after two-for-one beer night. Truth is, the scope of the damage exceeds the time that my two teen-age sons and myself have left to clean it up. We're going to have to prioritize here.

My question for you, ladies, is which of following outrages is most likely to land me in a full-body cast. Please rate them on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being exile to the Dry Tortugas and 5 being getting my personal affairs in order.

The eggs splattered over a four-square-foot area of the kitchen ceiling.

About two feet short of being able to reach the area of impact, my son grabbed the dog, lifted

her up to the ceiling and encouraged her to consume the evidence. She demurred.

Quickly assessing the situation, and being late for the kick-off, I assured the lad that, being fluffy, the eggs would "probably fall off by themselves."

Physics lesson here: They don't. In fact, they're glued to the ceiling like the front-porch rail-

ing to your tongue on a 40-below morning.

How much trouble am I in? (Circle one)

- 1. Keep your head down.
2. Egg-cellent prospect for compound fractures.
3. Consider blaming the dog.
4. You're headed for the couch, and the couch is headed for the garage.
5. Hide in the neighbor's basement.

Incident 2: My wife has - OK, had - this expensive lead-crystal thingamabob that sat on top of the TV set. When my son went short and I threw long, it sort of got broke.

So, for that matter, did the TV. How much trouble am I in? (Circle one)

- 1. Go to the florist, have him set aside one dozen red roses, then send every other rose in the shop to your wife.
2. Good chance you'll be watching the Super Bowl at the D's-D-Down.
3. ... then that darned ceiling fan blew apart and missed us by

that much."

4. Four words: "But I can explain!"

5. Fourth-and-30.

Incident 3: We ran out of soap for the dishwasher, so I figured, "What the heck? I'll use this dishwashing liquid. If I use the whole bottle, it'll get the barbecue grill really clean."

When I came back inside the house 30 minutes later, the entire kitchen was engulfed in soot. We still can't find the dog, much less the sink.

How much trouble am I in? (Circle one)

- 1. You about to get washed right out of her hair.
2. Get out the box fan, blow the soot into the living room and explain that you're shampooing the carpet.
3. Practice saying, with a straight face, "Oh, nothing much, dear, how was your trip?"
4. "What do you mean, where's the kitchen?"
5. "Honey, we've been named a Mr. Clean poster family!"

Steve Crump, The Times-News features editor, would also be grateful for any tips on getting his car keys out of the garbage disposal.

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OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0933, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

HEYBURN



Frank W. Mauer

Frank William Mauer, age 58, of Heyburn, Idaho, died Wednesday, May 1, 2000, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley, Idaho. He was born July 26, 1941, in Sioux City, Nebraska...

He was preceded in death by two grandsons; a granddaughter; his paternal grandparents, and maternal grandmothers.

SHOSHONE



Fritz Stowell

Noah Francis "Fritz" Stowell, 92, of Shoshone, passed away Monday, May 1, 2000, at the home of his granddaughter in Twin Falls, surrounded by his family.

had twin sons, James A. Mann III, and Jason A. Mann. Judy and Jim divorced, and Judy later married Bill Hamm, though Judy and Bill also divorced. Bill remained a friend and cared for her through her illness.

Judy was the first of us to continue her journey with Jesus, pending death only by her grandparents. Judy is a beautiful spirit and is survived by her sons, James A. Mann III and Jason A. Mann; brother Orvil Fairchild; sisters, Sonya Sevorn, and Becci (Richard) Armstrong...

BURLEY



Muriel D. Elquist

Muriel D. Elquist, 80-year-old of Burley, Idaho, passed away May 1, 2000, at Park View Care Center.

BURLEY



Gregory T. Arbogast

Gregory T. Arbogast, 36-year-old Burley resident, died Saturday, April 29, 2000, at Saint Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma, from injuries received in a motor vehicle accident.

NAMPA

Judy A. Mann-Hamm

Judy A. Mann-Hamm, 57, of Nampa, and formerly of Buhl, died away peacefully April 30, 2000.

SERVICES

Helene Jeannette Balch of Hansen Mortuary, Rupert, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Rupert.

Norma Garbanati Parke of Hansen Mortuary Chapel, and one hour before services Monday at the mortuary.

Chapel; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Payne Mortuary at 221 W. Main St. in Burley; and from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church before the funeral.

DEATH NOTICES

Florence J. Weaver

POCATELLO - Florence J. Weaver, 93, of Pocatello, and formerly of the Magic Valley, died Tuesday, May 2, 2000, in Pocatello.

Katlin Elizabeth Vedvig

KIMBERLY - Katlin Elizabeth Vedvig, infant daughter of Dale and Elizabeth Vedvig of Kimberly, died Tuesday, May 2, 2000, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Manson R. Fowler

BURLEY - Manson R. Fowler, 83, of Burley, died Wednesday, May 3, 2000, at the Burley Care Center.

Clarence R. Norris

BOISE - Clarence Raymond Norris, 70, of Boise, and formerly of Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, died Tuesday, May 2, 2000, at his home.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER - Some names have been omitted at patient's request.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - Some names have been omitted at patient's request.

Jerome tackles traffic problems

By Duke Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Traffic around Central Elementary School and Jerome Middle School is dangerous, several people said during Tuesday's Jerome City Council meeting.

up and traffic is backing up... it gets pretty hazardous near the schools.

The council directed city staff to study the situation to see what should be done. In other business, the council approved a preliminary plan for an eight-parcel subdivision, including 33 acres, at 76 E. 100 S.

OMI, the company that operates the city waste water treatment plant - pledged \$200 towards the purchase of the flags. City Engineer Scott Ebyee pledged another \$200.

Appellate court upholds trafficking charge for insufficient quantity

BOISE (AP) - The Court of Appeals on Wednesday validated the state law that allows drug pushers to be charged based on the amount of drugs they say they are selling and not the quantity that actually changes hands.

the next day, Escobar turned over only 24.3 grams of the substance. The judge charged with trafficking, anyway and convicted by a jury after 5th District Judge Barry Wood refused to dismiss the trafficking charge on grounds that the amount was insufficient to meet the minimum standards of the law.

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Daisy Parades, the reigning Cinco de Mayo queen, and Noel Morfin, a member of the Cinco de Mayo Hispanic Celebration Committee, discuss the upcoming Cinco de Mayo celebration.

Reigning Cinco de Mayo queen counts her blessings

**By Lorraine Cavener**  
**Times-News writer**

RUPERT — Growing up in a family of farm laborers in Acopua, the reigning queen of Rupert's Cinco de Mayo celebration didn't always have enough to eat or a nice place to live.

But today, 18-year-old Daisy Parades counts her blessings. Her family now owns a home and Parades will graduate this year with honors from Minico High School. She plans to attend college and to someday become a pediatrician or a child teacher in Rupert. She said she wants to serve the community.

"I want to help children who came from Mexico," Parades said. "I can relate to them and be an example or role model to them."

"Little children often look up to her, she said. "Oh Daisy, I want to be like you," Parades said.

She tells children to do their best in school, stay out of trouble and be good to their parents.

"It brings me joy to my heart to know I've made a difference in their lives," Parades said.

Looking back on her childhood days, Parades said she has a word for her parents, too.

"Sometimes parents take kids out of school to work, but it is better to stay in school and get an education. They are not working in fields all their lives," she said.

Parades' platform has been to try to reduce the high Hispanic dropout rate. She has talked to many children, teens and adults about the importance of staying in school and has told them about scholarships available to graduates.

Rupert decides to hire a police chief

**By Lorraine Cavener**  
**Times-News writer**

RUPERT — Following a closed-door session Tuesday, the City Council voted during the open meeting to proceed with the hiring a police chief.

In a decision that needed Mayor Audrey Newirth's tie-breaker vote, the council decided to hire a police chief.

Roger Bagley to interview four of 15 applicants for the police chief position.

The mayor and council will continue to analyze the consolidation issue, Newirth said, noting it could take up to nine months to resolve it.

"We are still looking into consolidation," she said. "There is a lot more work to be done."

Rupert has been without a police chief for too long, Newirth said. She said the decision to hire a chief and continue the consolidation was not easy for the council.

"We want to get it as right for the community as possible," Newirth said. "We still need input from Rupert residents."

Part of the reason for heading off on the consolidation issue was to give more Rupert residents a chance to comment on the issue.

Spencer Uhl, a former Rupert police officer, spoke in favor of hiring a chief at Tuesday's meeting.

"Hire a chief and get on with it," Uhl said. "Officers want to make sure they have a future."

While city officials decide about consolidation questions, the officers' careers are held in the balance, Uhl said. Officers wonder about vacation time, sick time, years in service and other aspects of their job, he said.

Mike Brown, a member of the Law Enforcement Committee and a council member, said the council should have gone with the committee's recommendation, which included not selecting a chief and negotiating with the county for consolidation.

County Commissioner John Rensberg agreed with Brown. He commented after the council decided to go ahead and hire a chief.

"I think they missed their cue a bit," he said.

One of the reasons consolidation would be a good idea is because the county must move ahead in obtaining more space for the sheriff's department, Rensberg said.

The city police department has leased space from the county, but the lease has expired, he said.

"If discussions are closed on consolidation, we will have to open up discussion on arranging

At a glance

**Blaine County will select off in the May 23 primary for the Blaine County Commission's District 3 seat. The candidates in the countywide primary are Sarah Michael and Sally Donart. The nominee will face Republican Ken Swiner and Independent Susan Noel in the November election. The commissioner's job is a part-time position, paying \$23,000 to \$25,000 a year.**

more space for the sheriff's department," Rensberg said.

City police could be asked to leave the building they now share with the sheriff's department, he said.

Under a consolidation agreement, the county and city detective divisions would both move to a separate location. The current chief's office would not be necessary. The driver's license department could also be moved to another location, Rensberg said. Enough space would be freed up that the city would not have to look for a new building, he said.

"We want to get this problem resolved for the best interests of all concerned," Rensberg said.

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Money

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Tom Rummel, a part-time resident of Sun Valley and an opponent to the levy, said at a Board meeting that he believed the district had more money than it needed to fund the levy without making residents pay more taxes.

Blaine County Superintendent Jim Lewis said he was elated with the outcome of the election and felt people had taken the time to research the issues and give their honest opinion on the ballot.

"Because the breadth of the whole concept, it was hard for people to understand," Lewis said. "But I'm glad they realized it wasn't just about buildings, but about educational philosophies, programs and value-added concepts, and thinking into the future."

Eight major components went into the \$40 million levy in which money will be borrowed on an "as needed" basis and paid back within 10 years.

With the passage of the levy, the school district will now work to select an architect to design a new high school and make plans for the construction of a new bus garage and service shop. The high school should be operational by the fall of 2003.

After the completion of the district will fund the addition of a high school wing to the Carey School and add a dozen new classrooms at Wood River Middle School. Those projects will be followed by construction of a new elementary school and improvements to Hemingway, Bellevue and Halley elementary schools.

Bringing cultures together

**By Ruth Streeter**  
**Times-News writer**

RUPERT — Cinco de Mayo is more than just another Mexican holiday and a reason to party.

For many, it commemorates the 1862 battle of Puebla in which Mexican peasants defied the odds and defeated a modern army of invading Frenchmen. With U.S. support, a French-backed government in Mexico later fell.

For others, Cinco de Mayo also celebrates the battle that some believe delayed French assistance to the Confederacy during the American Civil War which may have had a significant impact on Union forces.

Today, it's a festival that brings different cultures together and builds a bridge toward tolerance.

"It's an opportunity for both communities to share something that is meaningful," said Noel Morfin, an organizer of this year's Cinco de Mayo festivities in Rupert.

A parade, pageant and jalapeno eating contest are all on the schedule for this weekend's second annual Cinco de Mayo festival, organized by the Rupert Cinco de Mayo Hispanic Celebration Committee plans to make it an annual event.

"Our goal is to make this a pretty big thing," Morfin said.

The festival has something for everyone in the family.

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Celebration set

**About 20,000 of south-central Idaho's 160,000 residents are Hispanic and Cinco de Mayo will be celebrated with a variety of activities this weekend in Rupert.**

Twin Falls will hold its Cinco de Mayo celebration May 14 to coincide with Mother's Day at City Park.

About 2,000 people are expected to the day-long festival of food and games and entertainment from five bands and several dancing groups. The music will begin at noon and admission is free.

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for the 1996 Legislature.

Three of southern Idaho's six senators scored above IACI's average for that chamber, while seven of the area's 12 House members scored above IACI's average for the House.

Before the reapportionment election of 1992 that ended the six-year ascendancy of Democrats, the composite rating for business support was below 75 percent.

Yet the association's position ultimately prevailed on 20 of 21 issues in 2000, and the one it lost was a slightly more expensive version of the tax cut that was eventually enacted with the key business tax breaks still intact.

Oddly, the association's rating for the 1999 session was a record 89.9 percent even as lawmakers turned their backs on the business community on a quarter of its agenda.

Rejection of one bill — employer liability protection for actions of former employees or current workers on their own time — prompted Association President Steve Adams to reduce the grade for the 1999 session from an "A" to a "B."

That bill was enacted this year with only one dissenting vote.

But a number of contested issues, including the larger tax cut, resulted in just seven of the 105 lawmakers — all Senate Republicans — scoring 100 percent ratings on the association's

Magic Valley lawmakers' score card

<p><b>Senate</b></p> <p>Sen. Doug Jones, R-Boise — 100 percent Sen. John H. Hagan, R-Hagerman — 100 percent Sen. Robert King Burdick, R-Kelowna Ferry — 93 percent Sen. Duane Cameron, R-Rupert — 89 percent Sen. Denton Harrington, R-Declo — 89 percent Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Madras — 87 percent Average Senate percentage — 90.2 percent</p> <p><b>House</b></p> <p>Rep. Tom Redinger, R-Shoshone — 91 percent Rep. Cella Gould, R-Buhl — 89 percent Rep. Doug Jones, R-Boise — 88 percent Rep. Jim Kempton, R-Albion — 84 percent House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum — 81 percent</p> <p>Rep. Frances Field, R-Grand View — 81 percent Rep. Randy Hansen, R-Twin Falls — 80 percent</p>	<p><b>House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley — 77 percent</b></p> <p>Rep. Madrie Bell, R-Jerome — 75 percent Rep. Steve Bellman, R-Blackfoot Home — 75 percent Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls — 70 percent Rep. Bert Stenerson, R-Rupert — 70 percent Average House percentage — 78.3 percent</p> <p><b>Ranking by legislative district:</b></p> <p>(3) District 22 (Sandoy, Gould, Jones) — 85.9 percent (9) District 23 (Stennett, Jaquet, Ridinger) — 85.9 percent (13) District 25 (Darrington, Kempton, Newcomb) — 83.3 percent (16) District 23 (Noh, Smith, Hansen) — 82.4 percent (18) District 20 (King-Burdick, Field, Sellman) — 81.6 percent (29) District 24 (Cameron, Stenerson, Bell) — 77.5 percent</p> <p>*Numbers in parentheses indicates district's rank among Idaho's 35 legislative districts.</p> <p><b>Source: Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry</b></p>
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agenda. Last year, an unprecedented 26 lawmakers had perfect records.

By the same token, several staunch conservatives found themselves at the bottom of the rankings.

The lowest rating went to Rep. JoAnn Wood of Rigby, who bucked the association on nine issues and was absent for one to score 55 percent. Freshman Monte France of New Plymouth sided with business 57 percent of the time while Shirley McKague of Meridian was at 62 percent, Lenore Hardy Barrett of Challis at 63 percent and Bill Taylor of Nampa at 65 percent.

In the Senate, only two mem-

bers — Democrat Lin Whitworth of Inkom and Republican Stan Hawkins of Ucon — posted records below 70 percent.

"Some controversial issues that were voted on in the House but not in the Senate led to the lower average voting records in the House," Adams said.

He said the division in the House over the \$41 million tax cut that was rejected by the Senate for the eventual \$23 million compromise and over city annexation revisions and new requirements on future utility mergers "dragged down individual voting records."

The Legislature killed two of the three bills the association opposed. While lawmakers approved the third — a ban on using auditorium district tax receipts solely for promotional programs — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne took the association side and vetoed that measure.

Among the other issues the association prevailed on were a package of bills intended to help school districts cope with deteriorating buildings, a campaign to improve Idaho's image, revision of state antitrust laws, department status for environmental quality operations, Agriculture Department regulation of beef cattle operations and a special office to deal with endangered species.

"This is something we are proud of and want to remember," said Idalia Ortiz, manager of Even Stars in Rupert, a program that prepares Spanish-speaking children and adults for classrooms in an English-speaking world.

The festival got its start last year with the help of Rupert Republicans and included guest speakers such as Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and Mexican Consul Rep. Ana Perez. The Rupert Cinco de Mayo Hispanic Celebration Committee plans to make it an annual event.

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considered.

PUC master Marsha Smith, who cast Wednesday's dissenting vote, accused the majority of thwarting the kind of competition that benefits consumers through lower rates and better service.

The case marked the first application to the Public Utilities Commission for deregulation of basic service rates, under a 1997 state law.





# Muslim rebels kill four hostages in Philippines

**ISABELA, Philippines** - Four hostages were found dead Wednesday - shot execution-style and some mutilated - after Muslim rebels holding 27 captives stumbled across Philippine troops by a river crossing and both sides opened fire.

Many of the hostages were children seized from a school. Fifteen children and their teachers were rescued after the gunfire in Basilan province, but military officials said others were taken by the fleeing Abu Sayyaf rebels.

Also Wednesday, rebel leaders holding a separate group of 21 hostages on neighboring Jolo island said two of their foreign captives died during a clash with troops. But military officials said they had no knowledge that any of the hostages - who include 10 foreign tourists - had been killed.

**Twin hijacks bus in Japan, slays three women, kills one**  
**OSAKA, JAPAN** - A 17-year-old teenager wielding a large knife hijacked a passenger bus, killed a woman and held the blade to the neck of a 6-year-old girl, before police stormed the vehicle Thursday and ended the

## World in brief

**15-hour standoff.**  
 After a 90-mile chase, and hours of negotiations at a highway rest stop, police charged into the bus before dawn, entering through a window and an emergency exit, and subdued the teen. None of the remaining passengers was injured.

## Court sentences Kuwaiti prime minister to death

**KUWAIT** - A Kuwaiti man who served as puppet prime minister after Iraq invaded this Persian Gulf nation in 1990 was convicted of treason Wednesday and sentenced to be hanged.

Alaa Hussein, 41, who appeared in court in a brown prison uniform, was hustled away by guards after the court president pronounced the verdict and death sentence simultaneously.

The court said a desire for personal gain led Hussein to willingly take on the role of puppet prime minister under the Iraqis after they invaded his homeland.

## U.S. mediator suggests treaty deadline will pass

**EILAT, Israel** - Trying to win political support for land concessions, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak wants to settle the basic terms of a peace treaty before saying how much land he will give the Palestinians in an interim withdrawal, an aide said Wednesday.

A U.S. mediator said the two sides will need at least six more weeks of intense negotiations to reach an outline of the treaty - meaning they will miss yet another peace deadline.

The outline was initially due Feb. 13 and then postponed to this month. The full treaty, which will tackle issues like Palestinian statehood, Palestinian refugees, contested Jerusalem and Jewish settlements, is due Sept. 13.

Negotiators are also to discuss the scope of a third and final interim Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank. But Barak is trying to postpone those talks, in exchange for giving the Palestinians full control over three Jerusalem suburbs as a good will gesture.

## Three Iranian Jews confess to spying for Israel

**SHIRAZ, Iran** - Two more Iranian Jews said Wednesday they spied for Israel, bringing to three the number of defendants who have confessed to espionage in a trial that has attracted international concern.

Defense lawyers for the 13 Jews on trial on spying charges questioned the validity of the confessions and criticized the court, in which the judge acts as prosecutor and judge. Israel condemned the latest confessions as "loathsome." It denies that any of the 13 Iranian Jews on trial for espionage in this southern city are spies.

*-compiled from wire reports*

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**BRIEFLY IN MONEY**

**Parent of Paul Dairy boasts record sales**

LONGMONT, Colo. — Horizon Organic Holding Corp., a producer of organic dairy products and the parent of a Paul Dairy, on Wednesday said net sales for first quarter 2000 reached a record \$26.3 million, up 60 percent from \$16.4 million for first quarter 1999.

But net income for the quarter was \$307,000, or 3 cents per share, and diluted share compared with \$502,000, or 5 cents per share, for the comparable period last year.

Horizon Organic said sales growth was driven by expanded distribution, new product introductions and performance of Rachel's, the company's United Kingdom-based subsidiary.

It said lower first-quarter gross margin was associated with the higher cost of production of Horizon Organic ultra-pasteurized milk, increased distribution costs and the higher cost of organic farm milk in the East.

**Aqua Vie will expand distribution in Utah**

KETCHUM — Aqua Vie Beverage Corp. said Wednesday it has signed an agreement with Premium Brands for distribution of Aqua Vie products in Utah.

Founded in 1993, Premium Brands services population centers throughout the state, including Park City and other major ski resorts. Key retail accounts include Albertson's, Smith's, Macey's, Ream's and Maverik, Ketchum-based Aqua Vie.

Aqua Vie also reported that, with more than 1,000 retail locations in the New York Metropolitan area, retail distribution by the company's Midland distribution team is now reaching into New Jersey, Pennsylvania and the Washington, D.C., area.

**Shares take a dive after Goldman Sachs cuts back**

NEW YORK — Shares of key retailers plunged Wednesday after investment bank Goldman Sachs Group Inc. downgraded its investment outlook on several companies in the sector amid fears of a slowdown in consumer spending.

In an unusual move, however, Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Inc. downgraded its competitor and maintained a positive view on the industry.

Goldman Sachs retail analysts George Strachan, Barbara E. Miller and Margaret Mager cut ratings on several big players in the consumer industry on speculation that consumers are winding down their spending habits while retailers undergo rising cost pressures.

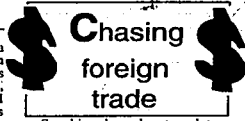
Goldman cut its ratings on big-name retailers including Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Costco Wholesale Corp. to "market outperform" from "reasonable" and lowered ratings on Federated Department Stores Inc. and Neiman Marcus Group Inc.

The market reacted to the Goldman downgrades by a sell-off in retail stocks.

Goldman said it was addressing general market conditions as opposed to individual company performance as a means for the downgrade.

## Idaho's trade efforts get broad praise

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer



**TWIN FALLS** — When Tamara Hamilton-Harney testifies in Washington, D.C., later this month about trade with China, Ma Yun An is confident she'll tell the truth about Shanghai's friendship with Idaho.

Speaking through a translator, Ma praised Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's efforts to strengthen ties between Idaho and China, and he promised more effort of his own toward that end.

**Editor's note:** International trade has been getting attention around the state as a growing benefit to Idaho's economy.

Some Magic Valley companies, even small ones, have been aggressive in developing foreign markets for local products such as pork, potatoes, wheat ingredients and insulation.

Since April 1999, Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins has tracked the all-out efforts of one such Twin Falls manufacturer. Our case study is Hamilton Manufacturing Inc., a key part of Idaho's efforts to expand foreign trade.

considered one of the richest and most progressive areas of the country. Ma and five other Shanghai visitors on a trade mission in Idaho this week met with Kempthorne and several Idaho business leaders before visiting Hamilton Manufacturing.

For more than a year, the Twin

Falls company has courted Shanghai-based construction giant Yongye Group as a hydroseeding and insulation contractor in the coming years. It credited some of Yongye general manager Wu Yonghua's interest in other Idaho construction products to Hamilton-Harney's persistence.

The Twin Falls plant already has a signed document of understanding with the Yongye Group that calls for sales of Hamilton's recycled-paper insulation and much into existing Yongye.

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Bruce Rohde, chairman of ConAgra Inc., the country's second largest food company, visits with a shareholder in Omaha, Neb., in this 1999 file photo.

## ConAgra boss puts firm into overdrive

The Times-News and The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Only three months he became CEO of ConAgra Inc., Bruce Rohde faced a crisis. A glut of beef, pork, poultry and grains flooded commodity markets in 1998 as financial problems in Asia closed doors to exports. Prices and profits fell. But having allowed it more than 80 companies to run themselves for decades, ConAgra, the nation's second-largest food company, was unprepared.

and many elevators across southern Idaho. After having become accustomed to an annual earnings growth rate that averaged 14 percent per share, the company saw that figure drop to 1.5 percent in fiscal 1998.

Buhl, Milner and Bell Rapids bean warehouses and downsized its Eden-Hazleton operation. In all, that represented nearly a 30 percent cutback in Hines's bean operations in the Magic Valley, leaving only the Twin Falls, Filer and diminished Eden-Hazleton operations.

the benefits of the restructuring are being felt. Sales rose a little over 1 percent to \$24.5 billion in fiscal 1999. Excluding restructuring costs, net income was up 11 percent to \$696 million.

Rohde found that scores of managers responsible for 80,000 employees in 34 countries were more concerned about their own divisions' performance than ConAgra as a whole.

Opportunities for resource sharing abound, Rohde said, in a company that makes products throughout the food chain — from fertilizer to flour to bread — and consumer products like Healthy Choice frozen dinners, Orville Redenbacher popcorn and Butterball turkeys.

and advertising that more effectively demand higher prices. For example, it is putting more meat and less filler into its Armour hot dog and is marketing it more widely.

"They remain committed to the 14 percent, which I don't think would be a healthy level over the long term," said David Nelson of CS First Boston. "If you don't go for investment in new products and advertising to maintain power and relevance of your brands, then you risk losing those brands."

**Debt could give control of mines to bondholders**

The Associated Press

KELOGG — Sunshine Mining and Refining Co.'s top officials has acknowledged the company's financial troubles in a frank letter to shareholders.

being squeezed by debt, low silver prices and lack of investor interest in precious metals markets.

time to negotiate an agreement. Meanwhile, Sunshine's share prices have plummeted in recent weeks amid fears of a possible bankruptcy.

with holders of another \$15 million in notes due in 2002. Reaching an agreement with bondholders is closely tied to Sunshine's ability to retain its New York Stock Exchange listing, Simko said Monday.

## Reaching the next generation

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — You better get inside animated television characters Benvis and Butthead's heads if you want your business to prosper in the coming years.

America is positioned like never before with four very different generations in the workforce and making demands on the market, a market researcher told more than 200 people at a price conference on Wednesday.

All four have different attitudes. And the successful business owner must travel again and travel again will want to study where the market is heading.

The Columbine School is researching the demands of today's youngsters very differently than it did their parents.

"The best advice I can give you is to research the demands of today's youngsters very differently than it did their parents. It's something they'll take with them through life, he said.

"The 'matures,' born prior to 1946, were the generation that saw depersonalization start to shape society. With the government handouts of the New Deal they no longer had to look a little neighbor, doctor or grocery owner in the eye without assistance. The matures grew up with adversity — the Great Depression and World War II — and tend to be more skeptical, cautious and resistant to change.



MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

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

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Table of metals and currency futures prices for gold, silver, and various currencies.

Trade

Yongye is trying to hurry that along. A large Shanghai firm last month showed the hydroxyding method to government officials.

Ma and Wu, an influential Shanghai businessman, on Wednesday also brought to Falls Spring Pei Zhong, director of the Lu Wan District Housing and Land Administrative Bureau.

The visit was part business, part friendship. For the transaction, Hamilton mustered some local troops for lunch: leaders of the chamber of commerce, College of Southern Idaho and the Idaho Department of Commerce.

Wu, also speaking through a translator, said Wednesday he wants to be "No. 1 in the field of cooperation with Idaho."

He has an agreement with a Shanghai real estate group to show Hamilton's hydroxyding technology to the public this month. Wu is using his power and influence to introduce the company's green seedling technology to China.

Hamilton's plot of demonstration grass in Shanghai is growing excellently, and many people are flocking to see it. The cold Shanghai winter said Wu and his translator, Cao Guoli, Yongye's senior manager of research and development.

Hydroxyding is a speedy path to grass. Wu said it will take time to persuade China's common people to take up the new method.

Mines

Sunshine falls short in both areas. Its stock was trading in the 50-cent range this week. The company would trade on the Over the Counter Bulletin Board if it lost its New York Stock Exchange listing.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table of mutual fund performance data, including fund names, assets, and returns. Columns include fund name, assets, and various performance metrics.

Saving lives: Breathing device might give avalanche victims another chance.

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## Beheaded snakes can still bite

It's been 14 years since Jim Ross had his ill-fated encounter with a rattlesnake, but the hunting outfit still remembers it like it was yesterday. Like most venomous snakebites, the victim brought it on himself.

It was after 10 p.m. on a warm April evening, and Ross was stretched out in his easy chair with his boots pulled off. His wife walked outside their ranch house in rural Texas and heard the unmistakable buzz of an angry rattler near her parked car.

The snake was agitated by the family cats. Ross grabbed his shotgun and a small flashlight and hustled out the door without bothering to pull on his boots.

Ross' shotgun was loaded with

**BEND IN THE RIVER**  
Ray Sasser

duckshot in case a more dangerous warbler came snooping around the isolated ranch. He shooed the cats out of the way and let the four-foot rattler crawl away from the car before separating the snake's head from its body.

"At that close range, the shotgun kicked up a cloud of dust, and it took me a couple of seconds to find the snake's body in the dim glow of that little flashlight," recalled Ross. "I didn't see the head, and I made the mistake of taking one little step and stepped right on that snake's head."

As most outdoorsmen know, a severed snake head bites by reflex. The head that Ross stepped on responded by clamping down on his foot. Rattlesnake bites that lack the motion that imbues their hollow fangs in the target and injects venom, then the snake pulls away. The average strike is completed in fractions of a second with a wide variation in the amount of venom injected.

Ross' snake head that clamped down on his foot did not pull away. It hung on, milking venom into the bite until Ross reached down and manually removed it from his foot.

Shaken by the experience and certain that he'd received a serious snakebite, Ross returned to his house, emptied the ice from his freezer into a steel galvanized bucket and placed his foot in the bucket while he called a neighbor to help him get to the hospital. He also called an ambulance.

"We were 16 miles from the hospital in Brady and we'd gone about a third of the way when we met the ambulance coming our way and flagged it down," said Ross. "I got in the ambulance and the ambulance driver turned it around, running off into the ditch, half centering the ambulance and driving it in the middle of the road."

The driver told her dispatcher that the vehicle was dead in the road. One of Ross' neighbors, listening to the misadventure on a police scanner, thought Ross was dead. He called Ross' father to give him the bad news.

"It was a circus," said Ross. "I'd driven around there all my life, and I knew the ambulance driver and the emergency technician. They were all friends of mine. When we got to the hospital, a staff doctor and a highway patrolman were both there. They were giving me a hard time about getting bit by a dead snake."

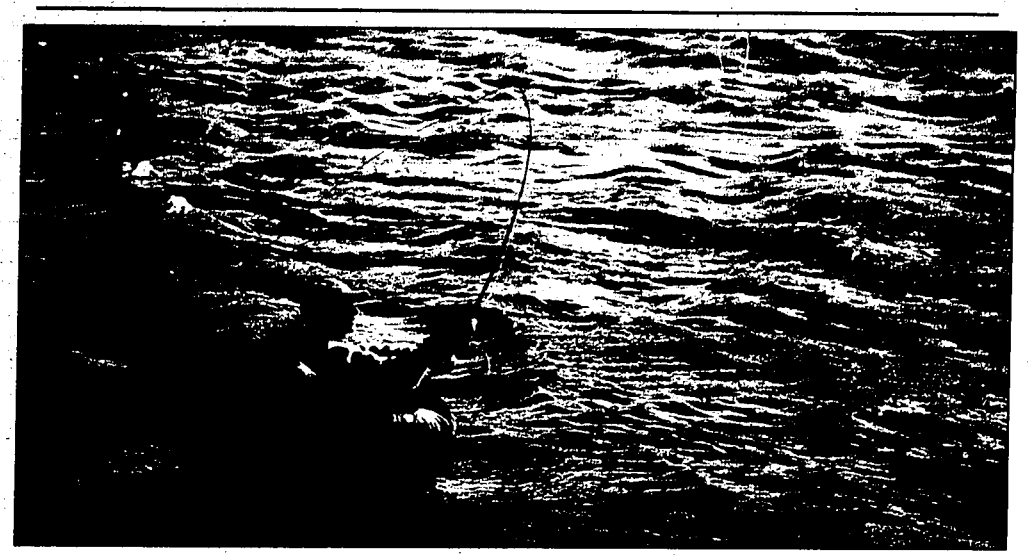
It seemed funny and the venom spread from the chilled foot. Ross was in the hospital 13 days. His buddies retrieved both pieces of the dead snake and stuck them in a freezer. They later had the snake mounted in two pieces and Ross still has the mount at his house.

"I was still on crutches and I hadn't been home long when we heard another snake in the yard one night," said Ross. "This time I got a .22 pistol and a better flashlight, and I hobbled out on the porch on a target in the dim light. He finally saw coils and emptied 14 rounds from the pistol into the coils. The snake stopped and Ross hobbled back inside."

The next morning, Ross learned that he'd blasted the waterhose to pieces.

Ray Sasser is an outdoors writer for The Dallas Morning News.

# MECCA FOR FLOAT TUBING



Derek Compter of Boise casts a fly at Clear Lake Country Club near Buhl. He and other anglers fought the relentless wind on Saturday.

## Country club offers chance to try skills, catch lunkers

By James J. Krueh

Times-News correspondent

**T**he old saying about a big fish in a small pond is an apt description for the Clear Lake Country Club in Buhl. Rainbow trout, raised in a nearby hatchery, are staple fare in the lake. The largest one taken this year tipped the scales at 8 1/2 pounds. It was caught on March 5, and the better part of the season still lies ahead.

For anglers who are still a bit rusty, Clear Lake Country Club is a great place to limber up before the general season opener. The lake is only open for fly fishing and no motors are permitted. Wading is allowed, but mud, cat-tails and lakeside obstructions make casting a challenge.

Given those constraints, the lake is the Magic Valley's Mecca

for anglers in float tubes.

**Beneath dark waters**

Although the fish at Clear Lake Country Club are hatchery fish, they like to eat many of the same things as wild fish. The trick for anglers is to give 'em what they want.

Weeds are present in the lake so scuds (also called freshwater shrimp) are naturally available. Damselflies also inhabit the waters in fairly good numbers. Midges, blue-winged olives, baetis, aquatic worms, leeches and caddis flies are other sources of food.

With so many offerings on the menu, plenty of patterns are effective.

Scud imitations fished near the weeds are often quite productive. An excellent technique is to cast toward the weeds, allow the fly to sink and then strip the fly

**Pay to play**

Anglers pay \$10 a day to fish Clear Lake Country Club. Juniors pay \$3.30. The daily limit is two trout.

backward with a very slow motion.

Leeches also are present. Because they are quick to detect and flee from danger, leech patterns should be cast and stripped with an erratic retrieve.

Aquatic worms, which are generally present in any water containing vegetation, should also be cast and retrieved slowly because they aren't great swimmers. Try to imitate an aquatic worm that's become dislodged and is working its way back to cover.

Because damselflies spend much of their immature life beneath the surface of the water, nymph patterns of this species

are often productive. Later, as the season progresses and adults are hovering over the water, the dry pattern will sometimes bring a jolting strike.

**Out in the open**

Midges are almost always present on the surface. Sizes range from 18 to as small as 22. Dark colorations are generally the best choice, but cream colors sometimes get a response. Blue-winged olives in sizes 16 through 20 imitate these insects, which are present in the early spring and later in the fall. Baetis, which are very similar in size to blue-winged olives, also begin to appear during spring and hatch throughout the summer and into the fall.

Sizes for baetis patterns are roughly the same as for olives. Caddis flies begin hatching with the arrival of consistently warm

weather. Since Clear Lake Country Club is located in a canyon, temperatures can rise quickly — and caddis hatches should be just around the corner. The hatches may be sporadic at first, but they will become consistent when the warm weather settles in for good. Small caddis patterns in sizes 18 through 20 are the ticket, and a few larger patterns in size 16 are also a good bet for the fly box. As a general rule, caddis hatches occur during late evenings.

**The wild card**

When all else fails, cast your fate to the unknown. Attractor patterns, such as the royal wulff, often save the day when nothing else is working. Humphies also fit into the unknown category. Streamers — fished deep or shallow, fast or slow — will also entice rainbows.

# Alaskan man perfects art of the fishing rod

Custom rod-building enjoys popularity

The Associated Press

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska** — Frank Huffman is an ace with adhesives, a genius with graphite, an artist with thread as his medium.

The 50-year-old Huffman has nimble, sensitive fingers that wind colorful threads into intricate spirals and diamond-shaped patterns on conical tubes tapering gradually to narrow points at the end.

Huffman builds fishing rods and teaches his custom craft from a well-lit home workshop when he isn't guiding fishermen or working an overnight shift for the U.S. Postal Service in Anchorage.

He's able to size up the anatomy of the spars, graphite blanks and find their "spine" — the fiber soul of the rod that when mated properly with grip and guides, rod and line, allows anglers to cast true and farther than when using most store-bought outfits.

And all this from what soon will be the best looking gear on the water.



A diamond motif takes shape on a custom fishing rod in the hands of rod builder Frank Huffman at his home shop in Anchorage, Alaska.

Make a mistake while aligning the guides to the rod and it may throw left, loop right or snap while fighting a fish. It simply won't shoot straight.

Spinning (or splicing) a rod is finding that section of the blank more resistant to bending.

"The spine and the guides are on the same plane," Huffman said. "You face the spine to the fish."

together and then hold over the water to give anglers more reach.

They've evolved over time to tree branches stripped bare, slender slices of bamboo and finally to today's miracle "glass" rods that bend but if properly made, don't break. Rods are used now for casting rather than simply extending a baited line.

Huffman started building rods at 11 and estimates that he's made well over 500 fly, spinning, bait-casting, or specialty rods for himself, for fishing

clients or people who seek him out for made-to-fit gear.

Prices for custom rods can range from \$150 to more than \$1,000, which includes all the components — blanks, guides, thread, glue, cork, reel seat and butt caps.

And the labor, of course. The try for perfection.

"That's probably twice the cost of something you'd buy off-the-shelf but with better components, better action," Huffman said.

"You get personal satisfaction out of a job well done, especially if you're building it for someone else and you enhance their fishing experience."

An infinite number of fishing rods are sold each year in places ranging from gas stations to catalogs and sophisticated tackle shops.

But custom rod-building appears to be a growing activity. It's another way to take joy from the out-of-doors while using something functional and something with your signature on it.

Practitioners like Huffman or even storefront operations are increasingly available to teach the necessary skills and provide the components.

J.T. Filgreen works at Custom Rod and Tackle in Anchorage which, for a price, is a haven for fly-tyers and rod-builders to do their work.

"We're an all-around custom rod shop," Filgreen said. "Fly-

tying and rod-building, but rod-building is the main focus.

"We charge a \$20 fee for people who want to work in the shop. That covers epoxy and threads, bench time and help.

"People come in and we take them step-by-step. It takes an average of around 10 hours for someone to do a completed rod and walk out of here."

The shop's custom rod builders can help novice sort through scores of options. That ranges from deciding what kind of rod they want for the kind of fishing they do to the color of the wrap, the number and spacing of the guides and how their cork grips should be shaped.

"We want you to go out of here with a better rod, customized, and as light as possible," Filgreen said.

Gary Loomis, founder of G. Loomis Inc. in Woodland, Wash., is one of the industry pioneers.

"We are the largest blank manufacturers in the U.S.," Loomis said. "We sell blanks to different companies — Cabela's, L.L. Bean, Gander Mountain, Fly Lodge and such. And then we sell them to a lot of others that don't want us to tell that we're building their rods."

"We have a wonderful following of custom rod builders," he said. "That's who I sold most of my blanks to when I started. I built blanks and built custom-built rods."

**OUTDOORS**

**The waiting, anticipating is what makes fishing fun**

By Sam Cook  
Duluth (Minn.) News-Tribune

The fishing trip happened a long time ago, so I thought that the line between what I remember and what I have been told is blurry.

But whether I'm imagining the event based on what my parents have told me or the events are actually loaded on my hard-drive seems to make little difference.

What happened is that my mom and dad took my brother and me fishing at the only lake I knew in early childhood. It was Sabetha Lake, a man-made impoundment about five miles west of my hometown in Kansas. I couldn't have been more than 30 or 6, and Jim was a couple of years younger.

It was the only time my dad ever took me fishing. Although he was an avid quail and pheasant hunter and allowed us boys to tag along at an early age, fishing held little attraction for Dad. Not enough action, I'm guessing.

But that day, there was action. We fished from shore, with bobbers and worms. According to the story, we caught bluegills so consistently that Mom and Dad couldn't put the worms on our hooks fast enough.

Bluegills seem to have been put on earth specifically for kids. What they lack in size, they make up for in spunk and in a willingness to play the game. In addition, they travel in packs, so when you catch one bluegill, you're apt to be in for an extended period of fun.

I would imagine that even Dad enjoyed it, although he's been gone about four years now and in his later years I never did ask him about that day at the lake.

I have no idea what my dad did with those bluegills. We may have thrown them all back. I don't recall a bluegill feed that night.

But some spark must have ignited in my brain that day, because when a family friend named Don Close asked me to go crappie fishing several years later, I jumped at the chance. We fished a creek that fed the same lake, and that day I do have embossed in memory. What I remember most is our burbling descending into the murky creek water. Again and again and again.



Sam Cook

We fished beneath a bridge, and farmers' pick-ups would thunder over us occasionally, and gravel would fall through the planking of the bridge and dapple the water.

Then things would quiet down and the bobbers would start going down again.

I don't know how many we caught. Many. I remember a galvanized pail and a lot of crappies and going home and telling the story.

It was fishing at its purest, as the bluegill bonanza had been several years before. Standing on shore, watching bobbers, setting the hook and - if you hadn't set too quickly - sensing that sweet resistance on the other end of the line. The resistance, the fight, the fish springing ashore, its desperate flapping in your hand and the painful prick of its dorsal fin - all of it some primal connection between a human being and some other mysterious life form.

The wonder of that connection is still at the heart of fishing for me, and, I think, for many others. Yes, it is good to eat the fish, too. But the essential part of the experience is the anticipation - feeding line to a walleye, waiting for a bass to smash a topwater plug, watching a slip-bobber disappear from the surface. The anticipation and the glorious hook-up that often follows, and then it's you up there and the fish down below and the pulsing in the fishing rod that you never want to end.

I tell you this only to remind you what a wonderful thing you are doing when you take a child fishing. And how lucky you are if you're the kid.

**Breathing device could save avalanche victims**

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Buried avalanche victims may be able to survive up to six times longer if they use a commercial breathing device called the Avalung, according to an article in Wednesday's edition of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Test subjects stayed conscious and alert for an average of 58 minutes when they breathed through the Avalung - a lightweight vest with a built-in air pocket and breathing tube - but only 10 minutes without it.

Those extra minutes could provide the time needed to save lives.

"Essentially, after 30 minutes, the majority of people buried are found dead," said Dr. Colin Crissom, the study's lead author.

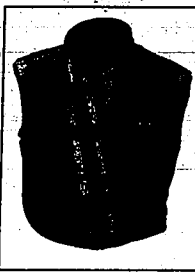
"So the benefit of an Avalung is to give rescuers more time to dig someone out."

During the winter of 1998-1999, the same period the study was conducted, about 50 people died in avalanches in the United States and 150 in Europe.

Although 25 percent of avalanche deaths are due to trauma, most victims asphyxiate. The chance of death increases dramatically as the minutes tick by: 92 percent of victims rescued within 15 minutes survive, but after 35 minutes only 30 percent make it.

Even the most densely packed snow has oxygen in it, a fact that drove Colorado psychiatrist Thomas Crowley to develop a prototype after a friend was killed skiing. He then pitched his system to Black Diamond, a small Salt Lake City company that makes climbing and back-country ski gear.

"Right there and without another moment we said, 'we'll take this on,'" said Black Diamond CEO Peter Metcalfe. "We've averaged one fatality a year at Black Diamond due to



Avalanche victims may be able to survive up to six times longer if they use a commercial breathing device called the Avalung, according to a recent article in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

avalanches - employees, friends of ours, or former employees - so this touches close to home."

The high-tech vest, which retails at \$198 in its basic version, is worn over clothing and has a pop-up breathing tube in the collar.

Inhale through the mouth-piece, and the mesh front of the vest acts as an air filter, drawing oxygen from the snow without forming a deadly ice mask that

can block breathing altogether. Breathe out, and carbon dioxide exits the tube near the shoulder blade, limiting the amount inhaled.

In the study, which also was conducted by Crowley, Chris Harmsen of Black Diamond and Dr. Martin L. Radwin and Dr. Ellie L. Hirschberg of the University of Utah, eight volunteers were buried for an hour in a seated position under several feet of snow.

Six of the subjects made it the full hour with the Avalung; one was removed after 45 minutes because he began to shiver from cold, and doctors pulled out another at 56 minutes.

Then seven of the same people (one did not want to be buried again) were reburied with a small air pocket in the snow instead of the device. All asked to be rescued after 5 to 14 minutes.

Though the preliminary study leaves many unanswered questions - especially about how Avalung would work under real trauma and what happens when victims are buried in other pos-

itions - the results impressed JAMA enough to run the article, despite worries they would be seen as promoting the product.

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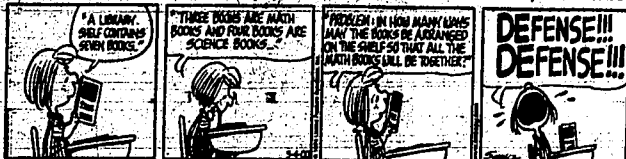
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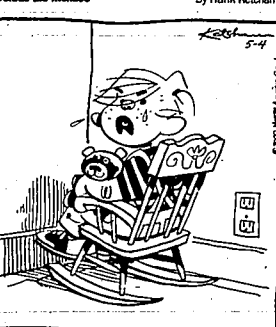
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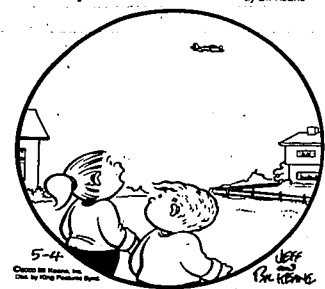
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# Kayakers put creeks to the test

Duo tests the rugged waters for guidebook

DENVER (AP) - It's been a long wait.

With spring snowmelt on the horizon, Colorado kayakers and whitewater junkies are itching for action. For now, they can get their fix via an action-packed 280-page guidebook.

First released in 1995 with about 110 river and creek descriptions, "Colorado Creeks and Rivers," by Gordon Banks and Dave Eckardt, soon reached legendary status. Only 5,000 copies were printed, and each revered copy quickly became a paddler's most guarded resource.

Early March saw the release of the much-anticipated second edition. With 148 runs, hundreds of color photographs and precise descriptions of rapids, shuttles, put-ins and takeouts, the second-edition guidebook has been warmly received.

The pair of expert kayakers - Eckardt is from Aspen and Banks is from Boulder - added almost 60 runs to the second edition, all ranging, steep creek descents that weren't even being paddled when the first edition was published.

The second edition is a clear example of the evolution kayaking has undergone in the last five years. In 1994, 4,500 people were on the waiting list for a permit to paddle through the Grand Canyon, with an estimated wait of 14 years. By 1998, when figures were last tallied, 6,750 were on the list, and the wait for a permit exceeded 20 years.

Why the exploding interest in kayaking and the recent quest for adventure that has followed? Banks credits new technology, new places to paddle, and new skills and a growing number of expert paddlers.

New short, high-volume kayaks allow paddlers access to more turbulent and steep flows; and new, outerwear designs keep paddlers warm and dry in freezing water. Whitewater parks are popping up all over the country (four in the Denver area), giving kayakers access to year-round waves in which they can hone their technical paddling skills. A new breed of kayakers, dubbed "hairboaters" - has emerged on the scene, essentially redefining the sport.

Hairboaters paddle "the gnar," what they call steep, narrow gorges and thundering waterfalls as high as 100 feet, considered un-navigable five years ago. These runs are so steep and so dangerous, they have been rated unrunnable or "Class VI" by whitewater's longstanding rating system.

These runs are no longer considered impassable, but the risks in paddling turbulent stretches of Class VI water remain the same. Anger missed stroke, a miscalculated boat angle, even an overly aggressive paddle stroke can lead to a certain thrashing and sometimes death.

Even so, Banks and Eckardt included several in their guide-



Charlie Beavers maneuvers his kayak through North Fish Creek near Steamboat, Colo., in this June 1989 photo. "Colorado Creeks and Rivers," written by Gordon Banks and Dave Eckardt, has proven helpful to area kayak enthusiasts.

book: the North Fork of the Crystal Gorge, "a hairboater's whitewater gem," as they describe it; Toltec Gorge - a nine-mile descent that requires rope work as well as beyond-expert paddling skills; and Lake Creek, which roars down the east side of Independence Pass and is "marginally runnable" in their estimation.

"We didn't underrate anything," says Banks, who with Eckardt and other paddlers reached a unanimous consensus before rating a run. "We found the Class V rating was just too huge. I mean, we are talking about a huge difference in ability needed to run rivers that were stuck in this Class V rating. So we bumped some of these runs into the Class VI category and bumped some others down a bit."

Between 1975 and 1995, no more than five expert kayakers died each year, according to Charlie Walbridge, safety coordinator for the American Whitewater Association. Since 1995, as expert paddlers began venturing into uncharted waters, as many as 15 have died each year.

As more and more kayakers pour into the sport, and with whitewater parks across the state offering year-round paddling practice, can an increase in the number of yearly deaths be considered a given? Will Colorado rescuers find the new guidebook in victims' vehicles, hauntingly

says Banks, whose boating resume, when combined with Eckardt's, includes 140 of the 158 runs in the new guidebook. "All we can do is stick with our disclaimer. ... There's going to be fatalities, but if we don't document what people are out there boating, then we are doing a disservice to the boating community. This book is about what Dave (Eckardt) and I have gotten out of the sport. We are not playing God. Our only goal is to provide a menu of options for what you can boat and for what is being boated."

The disclaimer hammers the point that a creek run and river run are completely different. Creek boating requires specialized equipment as well as first-aid knowledge and rope-handling skills (to aid in extraction of pinned boats and, God forbid, pinned friends). Even more important, creek boating is a group activity, not the individualized play-boating/rodeo hybrid of kayaking that has emerged in recent years.

Like the gym climber heading for the multi-pitch big wall and the rodeo bunter heading for the steep creeks, "personal introspection" is vital, says Banks, adding that he ignores ratings and personally views each big run he paddles and makes a decision only then.

"There's some drops in this book I will never run," he says. "I don't care if it's rated Class IV. If it has a death sieve in it, I'm walking around it. If I'm not feeling my best, I'm walking. If I look inside and don't feel right, I'm walking."

"If you have a friend die on the river, especially if you are there, it will haunt you for the rest of your life. I hope it doesn't take death for people to realize that (steep creek) kayaking is a group sport that requires help."

opened to the page that details the fatal rapids? "There's a fear of that, yeah."

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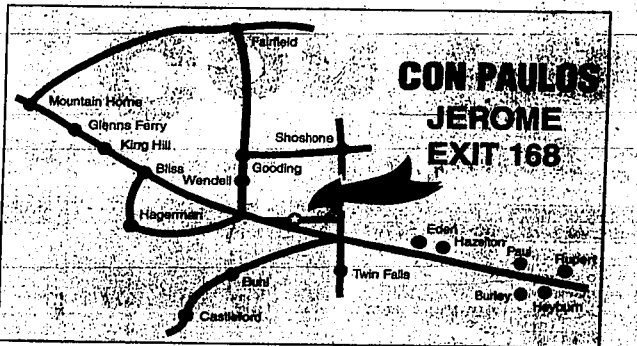
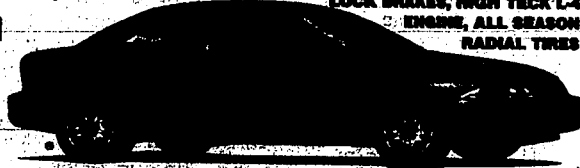
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