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# Manhunt concludes

## Remaining fugitives surrender

**The Associated Press**  
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Ending one of the nation's biggest manhunts without bloodshed, the last two escaped convicts from Texas left a hotel barehanded and in handcuffs Wednesday after rallying against the Texas criminal justice system in a TV interview.



Donald Newbury, one of the seven convicts who escaped in December from a Texas prison, is placed into a waiting police car after surrendering to police early Wednesday.

# RAISING THE BAR



Duane Stands graphs out a mathematical equation during a pre-calculus class at Twin Falls High School. The high school is looking at an ARTEC program called High Schools That Work which would increase academic requirements even for vocational students.

## School to introduce achievement model to faculty

**By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer**  
TWIN FALLS — Efforts to raise the academic bar are taking on a number of different forms in the Twin Falls School District, but they all have one thing in common: making decisions based on data.  
The School Board learned Wednesday about a national school organization model, High Schools That Work. Five staff members from Twin Falls high school were among educators from six local school districts who traveled to Charleston, S.C., last week to learn more about the school improvement model.  
It involves using not only student achievement data but faculty

and student perceptions about academic quality to evaluate school programs, Superintendent Terrell Donich told board members. Perceptions of academic rigor have been some of the biggest differences in family versus student perceptions seen at high schools that use the program. Surveys have shown that teachers thought rigor was high, but students thought classes were easy.  
The High Schools That Work model contains several pieces, including high achievement standards, student majors, strong school leadership, training and scheduling support for faculty,

college preparatory classes — without increasing dropout rates. School improvement was the overall focus of Wednesday's board meeting, with principals from two district schools kicking off a series of monthly reports to the board. The principals outline school goals and provide board members with student achievement data. Other goals include issues such as discipline, school climate and parental involvement.  
Harrison Elementary School Principal Christine Gillette explained the diverse needs students bring to school — from developmentally delayed preschoolers who don't speak to students who qualify for gifted

and technical training, and assessments every other year of a sample group of seniors.  
"It fits in very well with what we're doing in the district," Donich said.  
A teacher training day in February will be devoted to explaining the program to high school faculty, he said. School staff must buy into the program before the high school decides to use the model.  
One drawback has been that many high schools across the country have dropped out of the program, Donich said. But those that have kept with it have seen less of a need for basic-level core classes and more students taking

## Flat budgets may thwart INEEL cleanup

**List of priorities expands at facility**  
**The Times-News and The Associated Press**  
IDAHO FALLS — State and federal watchers question whether the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory can fulfill its cleanup promises amid an increasing number of priorities.  
A federal memo announcing a

hiring freeze there last week refers to the site's apparent "budgetary problem."  
While Congress approved a 7 percent increase in cleanup funds this year, the Energy Department did not pass that on to Idaho when assigning money to laboratories.  
Despite upcoming deadlines under Superfund laws and a court-ordered agreement with the state to ship waste to a New Mexico repository, the site's total cleanup budget for this year decreased from \$665 million to

\$625 million.  
"It's shorter than we would like," said Laurel Hall, natural resources chief for U.S. Rep. Michael Simpson.  
In the next year, the INEEL has to significantly increase the number of shipments to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, according to a 1995 agreement with the state. That project is already behind schedule to ship 3,100 cubic meters by December 2002.  
So far, INEEL has shipped 236 cubic meters since the shipments

began in April 1999. The site has 23 months to ship the remaining 2,864 cubic meters.  
"It's going to be hard to meet," INEEL spokesman Brad Bugger said. But the department intends to meet the deadline.  
Ten INEEL cleanup areas are covered under the federal Superfund law. Each area has its own set of enforceable milestones, Bugger said. But he was not aware of any in danger of being missed.  
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## Lawsuit names hog-farm backer

### Court filing says Achs defaulted on lease agreement

**By Ruth Streeter Times-News writer**  
HAILEY — Partners in a large and controversial hog farm operation for Cassia County say they are not concerned about a Blaine County civil suit involving the project's point man.  
Big Sky Farms LLC developer Ron Achs was named in a lawsuit Tuesday that alleges an Achs company, Sun Valley Agribusiness Partners LLC, defaulted on a lease agreement regarding Hailey property.

Achs has been the chief promoter for a proposed 595,000-sq-ft hog farm that would be built 24 miles east of Burley.

"He is one of my partners. And I don't know a lot about his personal (life)," said Big Sky partner Clair Bosen. "His personal life doesn't affect us."  
Achs has been visible in the hog farm debate, but is just one of Big Sky's minority stockholders, said Big Sky partner Dave Robison. Robison said he is not concerned with Achs' other business matters.

"(Regarding) his share of finances, he's always been able to hold his share of things," Robison said.  
According to a civil complaint filed Tuesday in Blaine County 5th District Court, Achs executed a lease agreement with Pine Street Stations Partners on Dec. 6. As required by the lease, Achs provided a \$50,000 check, later returned because of insufficient funds, the complaint says.

The complaint says the check was drawn at First Bank of Idaho. Bank officials later told Gale Pooley and Eric Alberdi of Pine Street Stations that Sun Valley Agribusiness' account had been closed.  
The complaint also says Achs failed to pay January's rent and other expenses for a total of \$12,500, plus late fees.  
"I think the complaint says it all," said Pine Street Station's attorney Gary D. Slette of Twin Falls.

"My client is unhappy he's holding a \$50,000 check that isn't being paid," Slette said.  
Anthony Nascharr, a Chicago attorney representing Achs, said Wednesday he had not seen the complaint.  
Slette said Achs had not closed his account with First Bank of Idaho. Nascharr also said he understood that January's rent had not been paid, but the property had not been occupied.  
Nascharr said there has been an ongoing lease dispute with Alberdi. "That there was a failure of conditions on the lease" and that it was just a matter of two businessmen resolving that dispute.  
Achs was traveling Wednesday and could not be reached for comment.  
Slette also represents the Cassia County Coalition, a group of residents opposing the hog farm. Slette said Wednesday there is no correlation between the two matters.  
"These are two distinct issues," Slette said.

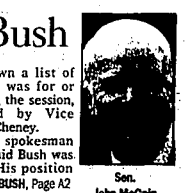
## McCain's plea for campaign reform bill fails to sway Bush

**The Associated Press**  
WASHINGTON — In a cordial but unproductive Oval Office session, President Bush and former political rival John McCain discussed the Arizona senator's efforts regarding campaign finance reform but failed Wednesday to reconcile their differences.  
McCain, a three-term senator from Arizona, said afterward that Bush still did not support key provisions of

**Democrats get OK — A3**  
McCain's bill or agree on when the legislation should be put to a vote, a detail now being negotiated with Senate leaders. Still, he said he believed they would keep talking and ultimately would settle their differences.  
"I come away with the dis-

tinct impression that he's favorably disposed towards continued discussions on this issue and seeing if we can't work out something with the belief that both of us hold that this system needs to be fixed," McCain said.  
He said the president

"didn't go down a list of issues that he was for or against" during the session, also attended by Vice President Dick Cheney.  
White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush was not swayed. "His position Please see BUSH, Page A2



Sen. John McCain



# Two more nominees gain approval

## Democrats delay Ashcroft decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate approved two more of President Bush's Cabinet nominees Wednesday, confirming Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson as health and human services secretary and Norman Mineta as transportation secretary. The vote was 100-0 for each.

Mineta, a longtime Democratic congressman from California, is the only holdover from the Clinton administration, where he served as commerce secretary.

The Senate has confirmed 11 of the 15 Cabinet positions since Bush took office Saturday.

Three other nominees — Gale Norton as interior secretary, Elaine Chao as labor secretary and Christie Whitman as administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency — were scheduled for a Senate vote on Tuesday.

But John Ashcroft's nomination for attorney general was delayed after Democrats requested a one-week extension because they want written answers to



Gale Norton

hundreds of questions. Democrats have complained that the former Missouri senator is too conservative and would undermine gains in civil rights and women's rights.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a California Democrat, told the Judiciary Committee on Wednesday she planned to vote against Ashcroft because his record "can best be characterized as ultra-right wing."

"That is not where most of the people of this nation are," Feinstein said.

None of the other nominations has been as acrimonious as Ashcroft's although Norton did get some Democratic criticism before being approved 18-2 by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on Wednesday. Democratic Sens. Ron Wyden of Oregon and Charles Schumer of New York were the only votes against

Norton's nomination. Environmental groups and some Democrats have cited Norton's past criticism of the Endangered Species Act and other environmental laws as the reason for their opposition.

"I reluctantly vote no.... I hope she proves me wrong," Wyden said.

Mineta's confirmation before the Senate came just minutes after the Senate Commerce Committee approved his nomination.

While there was no opposition to Mineta's nomination, committee members peppered him with questions on how he will deal with such issues as overcrowding at airports, lack of air service to smaller markets, modernizing air traffic control systems, reducing highway deaths, tightening fuel consumption standards for sports utility vehicles and the future of Alaska.

Chao also received a warm welcome as she appeared before the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. The bipartisan group of senators introducing her included her husband, Kentucky Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell.

She said the agency's greatest challenge is training Americans for high-tech jobs, many of which are filled by highly skilled immigrants.

"In order to remain relevant and responsive to workers' needs, even the Department of Labor will need to adapt to the realities of the changing economy," Chao said.

Chao was questioned about increasing the \$5.15 hourly federal minimum wage by \$1 per hour. Bush has said he favors the increase, but only if states are allowed to opt out. "I support that," Chao said.

Earlier, Republicans and Democrats praised Thompson as the "ideal man" to lead HHS. Democrats said they could support Thompson, who has been recognized nationally for his welfare reform efforts, even though they oppose some of his views on abortion and welfare.

# Scientists say rats' dreams relive wheel-life adventures

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Pet lovers will say they always knew that Rover and Fluffy could dream. Now scientists say they have the first hard proof that when animals sleep, they are reliving the day's rat race.

Scientists reported Wednesday that rats that scampers around a circular track replay their scurries while they sleep.

Although experts say there's no way to know whether the rodent replays are the same as human dreams, they may at least be dreams of a primitive form. And being able to measure these rat imaginings should give scientists new ways to figure out what people's brains do while fast asleep.

"For humans, given that we spend so much time sleeping, and that we do have these compelling experiences, we clearly want to

know what does it mean, what does it do?" said Matthew Wilson, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge.

Scientists believe that people do their most frequent and intense dreaming during a phase of sleep called REM, short for rapid eye movement. Recent experiments suggest that both REM and another phase of sleep, called slow-wave, help people improve on skills they've practiced during the day. It's thought that dreaming is linked to learning and remembering.

Now that scientists know that rats replay portions of their lives while they sleep, researchers can start to investigate what influences those replays. For instance, Wilson said, it could be that events that happen frequently during the day are replayed more than infrequent events.

# Presidential intruder is an experienced gate-crasher

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The mysterious man who approached President Bush on Capitol grounds before the inaugural parade was a practiced celebrity gate-crasher who penetrated a VIP area without the proper ticket, greeted the president and pressed a coin into his hand before security personnel waved him off, sources familiar with the incident said.

What law enforcement officials called an "unscheduled handshake" was a repeat performance of an encounter with President Clinton at his second inaugural four years ago, and it was similar to incidents with other celebrities, according to someone familiar with the man's background.

The episode, an embarrassment to the U.S. Capitol Police and the Secret Service, occurred

on an Inauguration Day when law enforcement agencies said security was the tightest ever. White House and Secret Service officials said the man, who passed through a metal detector, was never a threat to the president.

Nevertheless, Capitol Police officers had been shown a video of the man's handshake with Clinton and were on the lookout for him Saturday.



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NATION

# Supremacist pleads guilty to hate crime

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The white supremacist accused of killing a mailman and wounding five people at a Jewish community center pleaded guilty to murder and hate crime charges Wednesday in deal that spares him the death penalty.

Under the plea bargain, Buford O. Furrow, 39, will be sentenced to life in prison without parole. He pleaded guilty to 16 federal charges stemming from the Aug.

10, 1999, rampage across the San Fernando Valley. The slaying of the mailman was a federal offense because he was a government employee.

Handcuffed and shackled, Furrow was thin and clean-shaven — a far cry from the pudgy, mustachioed man who was arrested last year. He answered softly, "Guilty, your honor," 16 times.

Furrow sprayed the North

Valley Jewish Community Center in the San Fernando Valley with more than 70 bullets, wounding three boys, a teen-age girl and a woman. Hours later, he killed Filipino-American Joseph Iteo, shooting him nine times as the man was delivering mail.

Furrow surrendered in Las Vegas the next day.

Furrow, of Olympia, Wash., had a long history of involvement with anti-Semitic groups operat-

ing in the Pacific Northwest, among them the Aryan Nations.

Authorities said he told them he shot up the community center to send a "wake-up call to America to kill Jews."

Prosecutors had planned to seek the death penalty. But U.S. Attorney Alejandro Mayorkas said prosecutors changed their mind after the defense submitted extensive evidence of Furrow's previous mental problems.

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## Judge awards custody to natural father

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A judge granted the biological father temporary custody of twin daughters adopted twice via the Internet, the same day a British court ruled that the girls should remain in foster care in England.

The birth mother, who also has said she wants the girls back, faces her own court hearing in March for an alleged probation violation.

The girls were born to Tranda Wecker in St. Louis in June, shortly after she divorced Aaron Wecker. They were being adopted by a California couple, Richard and Vickie Allen of San Bernardino, who paid \$6,000 to an Internet placement service called A Caring Heart.

Tranda Wecker took the girls back after two months and turned them over to a British couple, Judith and Alan Kilshaw, who paid \$12,000 to the service. The service's operator has since disappeared, and British welfare activities took the girls into custody.

The girls' exact whereabouts weren't made public, and the effect of the St. Louis ruling was unclear.

In the St. Louis custody hearing, Aaron Wecker alleged in court documents that his former wife neglected the twins by trying to "sell" them twice on the Internet. He also accused her of not telling him where the girls were for weeks at a time and "subjecting the twins to illegal activities and underhanded and shady doings."

## House OKs new flag, bill goes to Senate

ATLANTA (AP) — Trying to avoid the kind of turmoil that engulfed South Carolina, the Georgia House narrowly voted Wednesday to reduce the Confederate emblem that dominates the state flag to a tiny symbol along the bottom.

The bill now goes to the Senate, where its prospects are unclear. A vote is expected early next week.

The vote in the House came after Democratic Gov. Roy Barnes, who had previously avoided taking a stand on the flag, made an extraordinary appearance on the floor of the chamber in support of the new design.

Warning that a fight over the flag would take legislators away from other key issues and draw criticism from the rest of the country, Barnes appealed to them to "end it before it divides us into warring camps, before it reverses four decades of economic growth and progress, before it deprives Georgia of its place of leadership — in other words, before it does irreparable harm to the future we want to leave for our children."

## Reno lifts most restrictions on exiled Iraqis

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — In one of her final acts in office, Attorney General Janet Reno lifted restrictions on travel and employment against five former Iraqi military officers who were thought to be a threat to U.S. security.

The men took part in a CIA effort to overthrow Saddam Hussein and were among 6,500 Iraqi dissidents brought to the U.S. after the Persian Gulf War.

But after arriving in California in 1997, the five were jailed for 2.5 years, by the Immigration and Naturalization Service on suspicion of being agents for Saddam.

They were eventually released and allowed to settle in Lincoln with their families. But they were not allowed to travel outside their county and had to maintain daily contact with the INS.

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## THANK YOU LETTERS

### Twin Falls company shows accommodating concern

I wanted to take the opportunity to publicly thank Mr. Whitt and all the other people at the Lamb-Weston Co. for their recent support of our fund-raisers.

I realize that there are many worthwhile causes and charitable groups that request help from the local businesses every year. Most area businesses try to help as best they can, but I have to say that Lamb-Weston has been especially kind and accommodating. It's great to have such a friendly and concerned company in our town!

Thanks again, Lamb-Weston!  
**PAM FADNESS**  
Highways Christian Fellowship and School  
Twin Falls

### Funds raised help bring gospel to Africa

Congratulations to Gary and Sue Coe of Twin Falls, winners of the 1993 fifth-wheel trailer that was raffled at the Eternal Life Christian Center on Jan. 3.

We wish to express our many thanks to those businesses and individuals who bought and sold tickets at Idaho and Washington, which helped to raise funds to bring the gospel to Africa. Praise God for the \$6,500 that was raised.

**STEVE GILBERT**  
**PASTOR JOHNNY HANCHEY**  
Kimberly

### People rise above call of duty for couple in trouble

To Magic Valley citizens:

I want to publicly call attention to some wonderful Magic Valley people for rising above the call of duty recently. While my husband and I were out of town, a vital hot water pipe burst in a wall of our home. The subsequent flooding was discovered and stopped, thanks to the quick efforts of

Chris Schmiel and Sean Mallen. The water damage was extensive, involved our formal living room and powder room. Mr. John Collins of Servicemaster took over the cleanup and restoration. Facing a deadline of two weeks before a Christmas gathering at a home, he orchestrated the repairs needed. Many heartfelt thanks, John Kudos also to Rich Gilbert Contracting and Don's Plumbing of Jerome, Nathan Bishop and Joe Gonzalez of Creative Carpentry, and Lancy Meyers and Chad Cupner of Specialty Painting. I would recommend

Servicemaster of Twin Falls to anyone who needs assistance for any home repair emergency.  
**SUSAN REITSMA**  
Twin Falls

### Community partners bring Christmas to children

The Twin Falls Housing Authority would like to thank the employees of Amalgamated Sugar Co. and the BCTGM Local No. 283 Amalgamated Employees Union in partnership with the Anniversary Inn in Boise for their generosity that enabled us to hold our first Christmas for Kids Party on Dec. 16. We have never seen them so excited about anything like this until now. It was a success, and we thank you all.

We also would like to thank Viewpoint Christian Club to Target, Pepsi, Smith's Food and Drug Centers Inc., Albertson's Inc. and McDonald's.  
**PENNY EARL**  
Executive Director  
Twin Falls Housing Authority  
Twin Falls

### Magic Valley people help feed those in need

Project Compassion Food Bank would like to thank the many businesses that have helped support our work of feeding those in need throughout the past year. Our gracious donors include Amalgamated Sugar, Falconhurst Dairy, Falls Brand Meats, Glandia, Knutson's Kustom Kuring, Lamb-Weston, Longview Fibre, Lynwood Market and Seneca.

In addition, several individual donors and volunteers merit recognition: Warren Berry, Richard and Helen Champ, Sherry Cochran, Jeannine Lee and Scot and Karla Marsh. We would also like to thank the Twin Falls postal workers for including us in their food drive. The people of the Magic Valley are truly generous people. Thank you for supporting Project Compassion Food Bank. We offer food and referral services to the residents of the valley without discrimination. And we hope, with the continued support of fine businesses and people like those mentioned above, that we can serve our valley generously in the coming year.

**TOBBY KENNEDY**  
Director  
Project Compassion Food Bank  
Southern Idaho Chapter  
International Chaplains Association  
Twin Falls

### Donations of gifts, good go to community baskets

The Wendell Christmas Basket Committee would like to thank the community for their very generous support during the holiday season. Your donations of gifts and food to the community baskets exceeded our expectations and were greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the individuals, service organizations, businesses and Wendell High School students, families throughout the Wendell area were able to have a very Merry Christmas. We would also like to thank the Wendell School District for the use of the high school.

We feel fortunate to be part of such a caring and giving community.

**ETHEL GERMAN**  
**REBECCA ASHMEAD**  
Co-Chairmen  
Wendell Christmas Basket Committee  
Wendell

### Head Start appreciates community for support

Wendell Head Start would like to thank the Wendell Christmas Basket Committee and the Wendell community for their support during the holiday season.

We realize how much hard work and effort was put into this project. Thank you for being so generous with your community.

We would also like to thank the Wendell High School students for their hard work. We found these young men and women to be helpful, polite and extremely hard working.

**CINDY SCOTT**  
**RONDA STODER**  
**YOLANDA GONZALEZ**  
**KATHY MCKENZIE**  
Wendell Head Start  
Wendell

### Generous donations go into picnic table project

Larry Moore has completed building three new picnic tables for the Twin Falls County Fair. He would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations that made this project possible:

Pacific Steel and Recycling, Anderson Lumber, Quality Truss and Lumber, Tews Land and Livestock, Kelly Moore Ponerosa Paint, DRB Supply Co., Moore Land and Livestock, Mason's Trophies and Gifts.  
**LARRY MOORE**  
Filer

### Filer Booster Club gets boost for potato boat

The Filer Booster Club wishes to thank the following people and businesses for their donations to our Potato Boat fund-raisers.

Kent Knigge, Jeff and Sharlene Skinner, Gilbert and Reva Chandler, Albertson's (Pole Line and Addison stores), United Dairyman of Idaho and Lamb-Weston.  
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### Riding club has long history of pride, quality

We would like to thank the rodeo fans for the privilege of entertaining you. It has been our privilege for more than 48 years to be part of the rodeo in the Magic Valley. It is this club's goal to dazzle you with maneuvers and precision timing. We hope that we will represent this club with pride and quality horsemanship as those who preceded us. The history of this club precedes us, and we will continue to strive to represent this valley with honor. This year, the club helped to establish a state drill team association. Our club finished first place in our division at the state meet held in Boise.

Thanks again Magic Valley and the Twin Falls County Fair Board. We will be starting our new year in March; anyone interested in joining the club should call Bonnie Seaman at 324-7898 or send email to victory@pmt.org.  
**BONNIE SEAMAN**  
Secretary  
Filer Junior Riding Club  
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### Emergency crews handle accident efficiently

To all of the men and women who assisted at the collision at the intersection of 3900 North and 3500 East on Jan. 10, a great big thank you!

I don't know many names, but everyone from the investigating officer, the emergency medical personnel and the Rock Creek Fire crew handled their jobs efficiently and respectfully. Also, to the "Good Samaritans" who offered help and comfort when they all could have been going about their own concerns. I appreciate all of you.  
**JOAN SARGENT**  
Murtaugh

## AWARD



William Hungster of Buhl was awarded the Idaho State School Board Association plaque for outstanding community member for 2000. Armand Eckert, association president, made the presentation. Hungster has been a driving force in establishing the public school foundation, which awards scholarships annually, and has been active in developing baseball, track and other activities at North Park.

## OFFICERS



Student body officers for Gooding High School are Karrie Capps, secretary; Sadie Chaney, vice president; Leisa Goodman, president; and Amie Nelson, treasurer.

## Twin Falls Public Library offers 'Let's Talk About It'

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls Public Library with the Hispanic Heritage Festival Organization will be hosting the "Let's Talk About It: Other America's" program at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7 in the library program room.

The program will continue every other Wednesday evening for five sessions. Discussions on the books and exploring various minority experiences in America, will be led by guest speakers.

"My Grandma's Smoked Cigars" by Sabine Ullbrich, who writes about Hispanic culture in rural New Mexico, will be discussed at the first program. This book is divided in half with Spanish on one side and English on the other side. Another title to be discussed will be "The Woman Warrior" by Maxine Hong Kingston. This book tells the story of generations of Chinese women and how an American Chinese girl feels as she tries to emerge from their sometimes stifling presence.

Other titles that will be discussed by the guest speakers in the following weeks will be "Like Water for Chocolate" by Laura Esquivel, a story set against the backdrop of the vast Mexican revolution of 1910; and "Ceremony" by Leslie Silko, a story about an American Indian who returns to the reservation after being imprisoned by the Japanese during World War II. At the last program, the book "Bless Me, Ultima" by Rudolfo Anaya will be discussed.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### TFHS cheerleaders hold mini cheer camp

**TWIN FALLS** - A mini cheer camp for children ages 4-12 will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls High School gym.

The camp is sponsored by the Twin Falls cheerleaders. The cost is \$23 and includes a T-shirt, pom poms and pizza and drink for lunch.

Participants will perform at halftime that night.

Children can pre-register today and Friday at the Twin Falls High School office or between 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturday.

### Twin Falls resident celebrates 90th birthday

**TWIN FALLS** - Earl R. Stansell of Twin Falls will celebrate his 90th birthday from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the Bethel Temple Church at 3200 Road and Ninth Avenue East.

Stansell was born Jan. 25, 1911 in Ashton, Idaho. He was married to Velma Forbes until she died in 1986. He married Betty Bishop in 1987.

Stansell is an active member of Bethel Temple Apostolic Church. He retired from

Southern Idaho Production Credit Association in 1976 where he was manager for 30 years.

Stansell has three children, Ron (Naomi) Stansell of Twin Falls, Nathan (Carol) Stansell of Clarkston, Mich. and Karen (Jim) Winkle of Buhl; 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Betty Stansell and his children are hosting the event and request no gifts.

### Minidoka County Senior Center holds auction

**RUPERT** - The Minidoka County Senior Center will have an auction at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the center, 702 11th St., Rupert.

Donated items are needed to support the fund-raiser and may be tax deductible. Items will be picked up.

Call 436-9107 for more information or to donate items for the auction. Lunch will be served.

### Christian Center to hold Super Bowl party Sunday

**BURLEY** - A Super Bowl party will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Christian Center at 317 W. 27th St. in Burley.

The party will have all-you-can-eat pizza, football on a 20-foot screen and a raffle for prizes. Raffle tickets will sell for \$1 each. There will also be a half-time show aimed at junior high and high school ages.

The public is invited and admission is free. For more information, call 678-5460.

### Declo Trendsetters, Burley Masons set fund-raiser

**BURLEY** - The Declo Trendsetters and Burley Masons will hold a fund-raiser from 8-11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Burley Mass and Lodge at 1519 Overland Ave. in Burley.

The fund-raiser will help the Trendsetters go to a western show choir competition in Redding, Calif.

The breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice and coffee. There will be entertainment by the choir, including solos by the groups and members of the choir.

The cost is \$3.50 per person.

The Trendsetters from Declo High School has received the best show choir overall award at a competition in St. Louis in 1996, a citizenship award for best representing its hometown in Anaheim in 1997 and a gold award for superior performance in Las Vegas in 1998.

In 1999 at the RAVES competition in Redding, it won first place show choir and the department award for outstanding behavior.

The Trendsetters group buys costumes and pays for transportation to national competitions.

**Buttons 'n Bows group holds potluck, dance**

**TWIN FALLS** - The Buttons 'n Bows will hold a potluck and dance Saturday at Anderson Camp.

The potluck will start at 7 p.m. with the dance following.

For more information, call 324-3080.

### Castelford Men's Club offers items at benefit auction

**CASTLEFORD** The 28th Annual Castelford Men's Club benefit auction will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Castelford School cafeteria.

Lunch will be available and free coffee will be served all day.

Items to be auctioned include a shotgun, quilts, business services, wood-crafted goods, handmade items and much more.

The proceeds from the auction will be used to serve the needs of the Castelford community, including the Out-Response Unit, Castelford Schools, Jean Kinison Park and many youth summer programs.

For more information, call Mike Darrow at 537-6675.

### Fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue seminar set

**TWIN FALLS** - A free fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, MS signs and symptoms seminar will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Shields building at the College of Southern Idaho.

The event is sponsored by Joe Surgeon, who said he suffered from the illness for 14 years.

For more information, call Surgeon at 734-4476.

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## EDITORIAL

### Lingering questions need answers after Eden deaths

It's been more than three weeks since three men died in a sheriff's raid that went bad in Eden. Two of the victims, James Moulson and Phillip Anderson, were Jerome County sheriff's deputies. The third, Tim Williams, owned the home in which the shootout occurred.

Some questions have been answered, but many others have not. If the truth is concealed, or not completely told, then accountability will become the fourth victim of this tragedy.

The credibility of Jerome County law enforcement is at stake. The honor of the two slain officers demands that their deaths be explained. The community has waited long enough for answers.

Unfortunately, there is a tendency within law enforcement to close ranks and clam up when things go sour. So far, investigators have been tight-lipped about the Eden shootings. They say that divulging much information could compromise their investigation. Fair enough.

the better.

Here are some questions that need answering:

- Was Williams tipped off about the raid?
- Was the search warrant correctly drafted, issued and executed?
- Why didn't the officers know Williams was armed? Plenty of other people did.
- If 12 officers were on the scene, why were only four involved in the gunfight? Did the remaining officers support their comrades adequately?
- Was either of the two slain sheriff's deputies shot by fellow officers?
- Was Williams shot 22 times, as some of his family members allege? If so, why?

Regrettable as it may be, the Eden shootout reflects on the management, policies and leadership of the Jerome County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Jim Weaver was heavily criticized last fall by political opponents who complained he hadn't made any big drug busts lately. Did that criticism push him into an ill-planned raid?

Once again, we call on the investigating authorities to start telling the whole story, without bias or favor to anyone. Let the chips fall where they may.

## The Times-News

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## LETTERS

### Stop running stop signs

On Jan. 18, at 3:15 p.m. near the intersection one mile west of Gooding on U.S. 26, I observed a gray Chevy S10-type vehicle run the stop sign and continue south on an excessive speed. A pickup following close behind did stop, allowing me a glimpse of a youthful driver behind the tinted glass. Given the time of day and proximity to Gooding High, I suspect a student was driving the S10. Hopefully this was not the case. It doesn't matter who the driver was, it's a deadly game to play.

On Jan. 11, I watched a commercial vehicle run a stop sign at the bottom of Banbury Grade near Buhl. The driver saw me approaching and accelerated instead of stopping. After getting the plate number and observing other reckless behavior by this person, I called the company that owns the vehicle and informed them of their employee's dangerous actions.

Driving home after watching the S10 blow through that stop sign, I had time to reflect on the recent tragic fatalities involving drivers running stop signs either by mistake or lack of awareness.

Parents, please help your young drivers understand the consequences of this type of behavior behind the wheel. Teen-agers, take time to become safe, responsible drivers and learn to respect the streets and highways for the deadly places they are.

Everyone, please stop and look before proceeding into an intersection; those few seconds of your life can help prevent the rest of us from suffering a lifetime of sorrow.

JEFF DEAKINS  
Bliss

### Hog farm may cost customers

I am a fifth-generation Idahoan, and I am against the Big Sky Farms hog factory. I have a lot of friends and customers in the Raft River Valley. The impact on these residents by decreasing their land and home values is excessive. Their operations should not be sacrificed for the benefit of out-of-state investors.

Being a longtime area resident, I am also concerned with the effects the proposed hog factory will have on our water. If our

waters or aquifer are contaminated, the consequences could be disastrous.

The stench is also a concern. Not only to Cassia County residents but when tourists drive into Idaho and smell the stink, they may just keep driving. The possible negative impact on tourism to the City of Rocks, Pomerelle Ski Area, Maudoka Recreational Area and Craters of the Moon are too large to sacrifice. As time goes on, our area will depend more and more on tourism. The possibility of eliminating the tourism industry could have dire consequences.

I am also concerned about the secrecy of the proposed limited liability companies. If Big Sky Farms were proud of their past operations, they would give references. I am concerned that Big Sky does not want us to know about their past. I ask, "What are they hiding?"

I telephoned several bankers throughout the country to get their views. I visited with Jim Webster, president of City National Bank in Guyton, Okla. He said most of the employees working at the Seaboard plant in Guyton are Hispanic. There is nothing wrong with Hispanic workers; however, he said it has caused a problem for their school district because they had to build a new school to accommodate the increase in population. He also said the constant employee turnover causes many problems. The workers don't spend much money in town, but they save for a year and then go back to Mexico. He stated labor force turnover is 100 percent per year and new plants are at 150 percent per year. He said the employees don't make enough money to purchase homes and earn \$12,000 to \$15,000 per year.

Mr. Webster also said the crime rate had increased in the area. To combat the increased crime rate, the police force was increased, which cost the county additional funds.

Due to the above concerns, I urge the commission to reject the proposed conditional-use permit for Big Sky Farms.

JOHN V. EVANS JR.  
Burley  
(Editor's note: John V. Evans Sr. is a former governor of Idaho and president of D.L. Evans Bank.)



## Even Adam Smith believed in taxation

SAM FLEISCHACKER

"It's your money" has been a rallying cry of many political leaders, including President Bush, to justify large tax cuts. Taxes, say Bush and many libertarians, should always be regarded with suspicion — they take people's hard-earned private property away — and should be kept as low as possible.

Although people who hold views like this often appeal to Adam Smith as a paragon of private property and the free market, Smith himself did not share their view of taxation. It is instructive to see why.

The alternative to the "it's your money" view begins by pointing out that the money I pay in taxes is not really just "my" money. When I take a job or start a business, I will make money only if I get significant help from my society and my government. My efforts will fail if I am not protected against theft and attack, if there are no decent roads to and from my firm, if environmental blight or urban decay keeps people away from my retail outlet or if the general population is so poorly educated that all or desiring that my firm can find no customers or good workers. In this sense, my earnings are not purely "my" money. They are the product, rather, of a collaborative effort between me, my neighbors and political officials. And I owe some of the earnings back to the society and government agencies that have helped me.

It is this view, not Bush's view, that Smith endorsed. He wrote, in his

"Wealth of Nations": "The subjects of every state ought to contribute toward the support of the government in proportion to their respective abilities; that is, in proportion to the revenue which they respectively enjoy under the protection of the state. The expense of government to the individuals of a great nation is like the expense of management to the joint tenants of a great estate, who are all obliged to contribute in proportion to their respective interests in the state." Society creates the conditions under which financial success is possible, Smith believed, and has therefore a rightful claim to a share of that success.

Smith thought, more generally, that it was foolish to talk as if there were something suspicious about the fact that governments tax us. Taxation comes with government. All governments must impose taxes on their subjects, and since governments perform important services for all of us, we should be just as willing to pay taxes as we are to pay for any other service. In fact, Smith says, people are willing, even proud, to pay taxes. "Every tax is to the person who pays it a badge, not of slavery, but of liberty. It denotes that he is subject to government, indeed, but that, as he has some property, he cannot himself be the property of a master." Governments expand every-

one's liberty, and the fact that we pay taxes to support the government is but a sign and a consequence of our freedom.

Finally, one part of protecting liberty involves making sure that there is as little poverty as possible. Great poverty breeds crime, which interferes with everyone's liberty and of course prevents the poor themselves from having the mental or material resources to act with full freedom. Protecting freedom directly requires an investment at least in public education and public health, especially for pregnant mothers and young children. Smith supported using tax money for these kinds of measures. Indeed, he gives express approval to progressive taxation, recommending a higher road toll for luxury carriages than for freight vehicles so that "the indolence and vanity of the rich" can be made to contribute to "the relief of the poor."

Adam Smith has been misread for generations, and it is not news to scholars that he was a strong advocate for the poor. But it is disturbing that the silly notion that taxes are some sort of infringement on private property should be widespread two centuries after Smith died. It is yet more disturbing that a person who is now president should have based his campaign on this silly notion.

Sam Fleischacker is an associate professor of philosophy at the University of Illinois in Chicago. He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

## LETTERS

**Legislation is hypocritical**

Opposition to the Big Sky hog factory centers on water pollution, odor, and disruption of a rural way of life. Rep. Bedke says these hogs would be the equivalent of 238,000 dairy cows. Wrong! Only 170,000, as a dairy cow is 1.4 animal units. If this 5,000-acre were producing hogs, they could have 50,000 hogs; Gooding, 35,630; and Twin, as many as they wanted. The supposedly tooth-filled Department of Environmental Quality could say nothing about it because they have abdicated all their powers on dairies to the dairy-promoting department of agriculture run by Director Takagishi, who wrote a letter in support of hogs in Jefferson County.

Jerome would allow 162,880 hogs on this same land. All of these numbers are based on the Environmental Protection Agency's measurement figures for poop production. They figure all animals on a 1,000-pound weight basis and then figure the amounts of poop that a 1,000-pound animal produces. Dairy cows put out 22 times the amount humans do. So the 50,000 cows Jerome would allow would be the equivalent of 1.1 million people whose liquid waste would be put in a lagoon and land applied, and whose solid waste would also be land applied. Only the land the dairy

owns is legally under scrutiny by the cheerleaders, and this is just 10 percent of the poop. USDA says Jerome now has four times as many cows as the land will handle.

The hypocrisy of the Legislature befuddles those of us who suffer every day due to factory dairies. I am against animal factories and prefer small, sustainable family farms that do not overload the land, air, water and quality of life. But if we are to have a policy of animal farms, we have to balance the amount of nutrients produced with the acres of land and crops available to sustainably use those nutrients. With dairy cows, the University of Idaho, National Resource and Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Idaho State Department of Agriculture recommend one cow per acre. With hogs, this would be 3.5 hogs per acre, so Mr. Aches would have 17,815 hogs at that site.

Our legislators have allowed industry-favoring rules that destroy rural quality of life and only protest when the animal factory is unpopular to a large, organized group of people. If they pass laws protecting rural residents, I will withdraw my accusation of hypocrisy.

JO KIRKPATRICK  
Boise  
(Editor's note: Jo Kirkpatrick is a member of the Idaho Rural Council.)

**Flags were down for respect**

Regarding Annie Mikessel's letter on Sunday:

There is something that needs to be made clear. It was not disrespect for Martin Luther King Day but rather respect for our flag is why you didn't see flags out on Martin Luther King Day.

On your way to work, did you see it snowing and did you know flags are not to be flown in a storm? Also, did you know the individual merchants don't put the flags out on the sidewalks in front of their buildings or take them down? Our local, Monarch Lions Club members sell the flags to the merchants and, in return, see the flags and put them up and take them down on designated holidays, weather permitting.

I might add there have been many times the flags have been set out and a storm comes up so they had to be taken down, thus our garage has been full of wet flags laid out to dry before storing. This is quite a job, but the Lions Club members willingly do it. I think it's time these fine men, the youngest being 74, get credit for all the good they do.

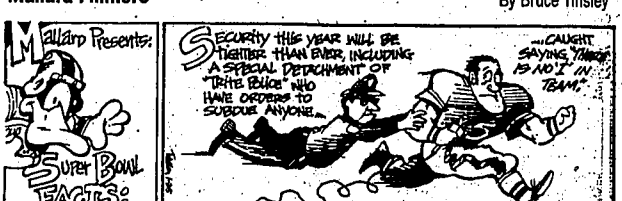
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### Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

### Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



# GOP can't win with policy

**Z**ugzwang. That's a term from the game of chess that describes the Republican Party's abortion predicament. Zugzwang occurs when a player is better off not making a move because anything he does will make his position worse. But in chess, standing pat is not an option; when it's your turn, you have to move a piece. Similarly, in politics, many in the GOP would like to take a pass on the abortion issue; but that's not going to be possible — because old passions, and new technologies, will force them to act.

George W. Bush is certainly pro-life; he just doesn't talk about it very much, or seem to want to do much. Last year, in a debate with Al Gore, the Texas governor asked what he would do about RU-486, the abortion pill, which had just been approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.



**JAMES P. PINKERTON**

Once the decision's made, it's been made," Bush said, skipping past the fact that the FDA falls under the jurisdiction of the president.

If RU-486 stays legal and available, of course, the right-to-life movement will be overwhelmed, just as the anti-contraception forces were overwhelmed by "the pill" 40 years ago.

Interestingly, even John Ashcroft, Bush's staunchly conservative choice to be attorney general, seemed eager to get the abortion issue behind him. In his confirmation hearings last week, he allowed that he regarded the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision, legalizing abortion, as "settled law."

Some pro-choicers may regard Ashcroft's sudden softness on the issue to be mere opportunism, but conservatives smelled abandon-

ment; a headline in Monday's Washington Times read, "Pro-life forces dismayed by Ashcroft." Those pro-life groups were much in evidence Monday. On the 28th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, they thronged the Washington Mall in protest. The new president threw them a bone in the form of an executive order banning international family-planning groups from using federal grant money to facilitate abortion. Such an order is, of course, mostly symbolic — funds are fungible, it doesn't take much accounting skill to move money from one account to another, but it may be enough to keep the right-to-lifers mollified for the time being.

So an uneasy stalemate has emerged. Most Republican political professionals think the party should follow the late Les Atwater's idea of the "big tent" on abortion, but they are afraid to say so.

The force that will disrupt this delicately dishonest balancing act comes not from politics but from science. Much biomedical research derives from stem cells, the immature cells that are the precursors to mature, tissue-specific cells. Stem cells offer the hope of a cure for disease, everything from diabetes to Alzheimer's. But to right-to-lifers, each embryo, even if it is just a cluster of cells in a test tube, is an unborn child.

The flash points for this controversy are at the National Institutes of Health, where bio-

medical research throughout the United States is funded.

Current regulations prevent federal funding of human stem cell research, but these federal funds, too, are fungible. The NIH is a part of the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

Bush has nominated Tommy Thompson, the Republican governor of Wisconsin, to be its new Cabinet secretary.

Thompson is pro-life on abortion, but he has also been a strong booster of the biotech firms blooming around the University of Wisconsin at Madison. And many of them rely on stem cells.

So Thompson has been feuding with pro-lifers in the Badger State over this question for years. Peggy Hamill, state director of Pro-Life Wisconsin, rates Thompson as a mere "six" on a 1-10 pro-life scale. Thompson will be confirmed, of course, but the controversy over federally funded stem cell research is just beginning. As Hamill puts it, "The destruction of human embryos is a large issue, an issue that's just beginning to explode."

That's for sure. The right-to-lifers have fought a losing war against the sexual revolution for three decades. Now they have new enemies, the scientific establishment — and everyone who stands to gain from new medicines.

It's easy enough to predict who's ultimately going to win this battle, but in the short run, Bush and the GOP are caught in the middle. No wonder they want to do as little as possible. But in politics, as in chess, Zugzwang is not an option.

James P. Pinkerton is a Newsday columnist.

## BPA electricity swap makes sense

**B**y statute, by inclination and by any other measure, the Bonneville Power Administration is committed meeting the power needs of the Pacific Northwest first.

So why is BPA sending power to California at a time when the Northwest is facing a potential winter shortage? It's a good question. I think you will find that the answer makes good sense when you know the whole story.

It's not often a win-win results when power supplies are tight, but the one bright spot during this winter of serious energy problems is that we have just such an opportunity. We can help California and help the Northwest at the same time. In fact, we can double the benefits to the Northwest.

That's because, rather than selling power to California, we're exchanging power. For every megawatt we send south, we are asking that two megawatts be returned. The first megawatt must be returned within 24 hours; in other words, the Northwest must get its power back within 24 hours. A second, equal amount of power must be returned to the Northwest within two weeks.

Not only do we receive two megawatts for one for the exchange, the Northwest gets an additional bonus. Because we

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**Larry David King**

get a second megawatt back for each megawatt we've sent to California, it means that much less water has to be run through our dams to generate more megawatts. That way, we can keep the levels of our reservoirs higher as a hedge against colder weather that may hit the Northwest and also to maintain water at levels needed to help endangered salmon in their spring migration. Exchanges to California are not depleting the water reserves in the Northwest.

The exchange works because people do not consume energy at the same level for 24 hours a day. There are peak times, such as early morning and the evening when electricity use spikes up. This is when energy systems are most stretched. That's when California is most likely to need our power.

If — and only if — we have the power at those peak times and it is not needed at that time in the Northwest, we can help California out. California can then return power in what we in the energy business call light load hours — late at night, for example. Even on a day that California has declared an emergency, it is likely to have some excess power in the middle of

the night and can safely return power to the Northwest.

We do not exchange more power than California can guarantee returning within 24 hours. Thus far, California's repayment record has been exemplary. Since this current set of exchanges began in November, California has returned 170 percent of the power BPA has sent it and plans to return the full 200 percent. As a result of the additional 70 percent the Northwest has received, the reservoir at Grand Coulee Dam is 2 feet higher than it would have been without the exchange. That translates to the equivalent amount of power supplied by a large nuclear plant for two weeks.

Thanks to the extra megawatts California has returned, we do not need to run our own hydro system as hard and we do not need to purchase that amount of energy at a very expensive market. The exchange is a triple win. It saves our energy, our fish and it lowers all of our electricity bills. It also makes sense to be good neighbors and help out when we can, so long as it poses no negative effects to the Northwest.

Hebryn resident Larry D. King is an account executive with Bonneville Power Administration working at the Burley Customer Service Center.

We have all been hurt

I am writing in response to all of the letters to the editor from the friends of Tim Williams and about the comments made regarding the Eden shooting. With Tim being the kind, compassionate person as he is portrayed to be in statements by friends, how do you think he would feel about all the negative statements printed? Accusations that not only are negative toward him but those about the Jerome County deputies. We have all been affected and hurt by this horrific incident,

and when I say we, I mean Tim's friends and family, the deputies and yes, the families of those deputies. In such a small department, co-workers become family.

It needs to be made clear that all the information released so far is speculative! Why else would The Times-News advertise for information about the events of that night?

The incident is under investigation by outside authorities. Information has not been released to employees of Jerome County, nor has information been released to Tim Williams' family. Rather than add to

rumors, let us allow those individuals assigned to perform the investigation do just that. (We as lay persons would not walk into an operating room and tell a surgeon how to do their job, now would we?)

Let's respect the investigators and allow them to perform their duties effectively. And more importantly, let's not allow further accusations to inflict more hurt for all involved.

DANYELLE M. SMITH  
Twin Falls  
(Editor's note: Danyelle Smith is the wife of a Jerome County deputy.)

## LETTER

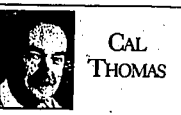
## America's school system should be pro-choice

**I**f no child is to be left behind, as the conservative Bush Administration and the Liberal Children's Defense fund sloganize, then no child should be forced to remain in an education system that practically guarantees that child will stay behind in school and in life.

That's the philosophy behind President Bush's education initiative announced Tuesday at the White House. The proposal has four objectives: 1) annual testing in reading and math in every primary grade (the test will be developed by each state and measure progress toward a universally recognized standard); 2) schools and school districts, not Washington, will be primarily responsible for implementing reforms; 3) the federal government will assist states in their transition to higher standards; 4) if any school consistently fails to meet minimal standards for three straight years, vouchers will be offered to parents who may send their children to schools of their, not the government's, choice.

Liberal Democrats, such as Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, are saying there's a lot they agree with in the Bush proposal but that vouchers remain a stumbling block. Look for Kennedy and his allies to try to move vouchers to the back burner where the option might be more easily knocked off the stove.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.), who once supported



**CAL THOMAS**

vouchers with nearly as much fervor as he once supported clear entertainment, has already said that the Democrats' approach is to "pour more money into poor schools, give the teachers and principals more flexibility on how they are going to use that money and ... if they are not working, close the schools and radically restructure them to create an opportunity to send their kids to a higher performing public school." Attempts to revive the decrepit government school system have failed before and can only fail again. Something different is needed.

Look for Democrats to work to keep vouchers from being included in a final education bill. Democrats know if they lose control of the government schools, they will lose the support of the teachers unions, which are a major source of money and votes.

Opponents of vouchers and change are fighting a losing battle. Increasing numbers of us agree with Secretary of Education Rod Paige, who has said, "Reading is the new civil right, the cornerstone of hope and opportunity in America." Any system that fails to produce results after all of the time and the billions of dollars

that have been poured into it doesn't need renovation. It deserves to be completely replaced with curricula that serves children first and the political and personal interests of unions and politicians last.

The loss of the priority of putting children first has led to too many failures. Liberals, who believe choice is a fundamental right when it comes to abortion, view choice as a fundamental wrong when it comes to education. If choice is paramount, why not allow parents the choice of where to educate their born children?

What Bush needs to do is win this battle and break the grip the education establishment has on the minds and spirits of the young, especially the poor, is not only to engage his opponents in debate, but to showcase children and parents who have benefited in Texas and elsewhere from his education policies and ideas. Let white politicians tell a fearful black mother that the failing school her children are trapped in is really in the best interest of those children, especially when the politicians' own children attend private schools.

School choice is supported by large numbers of African-Americans, who, like all of us,

want their children to have a better life than they have had. Black pastors can be consulted because they are in closest contact with people in need.

Transforming education alone won't transform lives. Parents and churches also need to be part of the "responsibility era" of which President Bush has spoken. But better schools are an important start.

We can fix what's wrong with education, not by throwing more money into a system in which too much money has already been wasted, but by changing what is learned and how it is taught and by whom. Qualified, motivated teachers and students who come to learn in a system that produces the results all of us want, but have not received for several decades, ought to be our objective. The current system won't get us there, no matter how much money is spent on it.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

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WORLD

# Police arrest tanker's captain, crew

**PUERTO BAQUERIZO, Galapagos Islands** — The captain and crew of a tanker that spilled at least 185,000 gallons of diesel into this fragile marine environment have been arrested, officials said Wednesday.

Capt. Tarcisio Arevalo and his 13 crewmen were detained in Puerto Baquerizo on San Cristobal Island, Ecuadorian merchant marine Vice Adm. Gonzalo Vega said.

Formal charges have yet to be filed. Authorities said convictions on charges of negligence and crimes against the environment could carry prison sentences of up to two to four years.

The tanker Jessica, which started leaking fuel three days after it ran aground Jan. 16 off San Cristobal Island, spilled the last of its cargo late Tuesday, apparently after pounding surf caused new ruptures in its hull.

Capt. Ramiro Morejon, chief of control and marine monitoring for Galapagos National Park, said the ship ran aground because a signal buoy had been mistaken for a lighthouse.



An Iguana sunbathes over volcanic stones on the shores of San Cristobal Island in the Galapagos Archipelago Wednesday. Seen in the background is the Jessica, an Ecuadorian tanker that ran aground last week spilling more than 170,000 gallons of diesel fuel.

The placard, showing three black-and-white photos of Schroeder, two in profile and one full-face, was part of a Christian Democratic party campaign to reform government plans to postpone the pension system.

The poster, which was unveiled Tuesday, hadn't even been put up before it drew angry criticism from across the political spectrum.

## China uses security to foil sect protests after suicide

**BEIJING** — China scored a victory Wednesday in its 18-month-old standoff with the Falun Gong spiritual movement, thwarting planned protests by the banned sect but at the cost of the heaviest security clamp on central Beijing in years.

Checkpoints ringed Tiananmen Square, marking the beginning of the lunar new year, the most auspicious date in the Chinese calendar. Police inspected identification papers, bags, pockets and coat sleeves to ferret out suspected Falun Gong followers.

The intrusive security came after five people, doused in gasoline, set fire to themselves on the Lunar New Year's Eve. The attempted group suicide killed one and marked an ominous shift in Falun Gong's sustained campaign of civil disobedience against the communist government's ban.

# Stowaway's mother tells of burying son

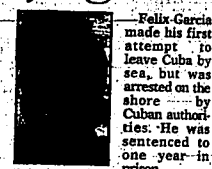
**HAVANA (AP)** — Felix Tuitan Garcia died three times to leave Cuba illegally. Twice he was jailed; the third try cost him his life.

Garcia was killed on Aug. 21, 1999 by subfreezing temperatures and lack of oxygen in the landing gear of a Boeing 777 jetliner bound for London. His frozen body was found by authorities in the British capital when the jet arrived.

The young man's death and the reputation of his remains a month later were not noted in the state media, which last week provided broad coverage of two teenage military cadets who died the same way. Instead Lucia Garcia buried her son silently, accompanied by state security agents.

"It's an open wound," Garcia, 46, said of the death of her son, who was 28. "I have not become a person again."

His big problem was that he could not stand this system," Garcia said of her son, who first tried to leave the island illegally when he was 19.



Lucia Garcia made his first attempt to leave Cuba by sea, but was arrested on the shore by Cuban authorities. He was sentenced to one year in prison.

Shortly after his release, he set sail again. He was arrested again, this time at sea, and sentenced to 1.5 years.

Garcia said she thought that after two failed attempts her son had given up on trying to leave Cuba illegally. He was working at a textile factory in Santiago de las Vegas, southeast of Havana.

And while she prefers not to comment on law or politics, she said if his death had been covered in the media — "even something little" — perhaps the two cadets who died in the wheel well of a London-bound jetliner on Christmas Eve would not have taken the risk.

The repatriation of the bodies of Alberto Vazquez, 17, and Maikel Fonseca, 16, last week and their subsequent funerals received wide media coverage in Cuba.

## World in brief

**Congo's new leader** after the assassination of his father.

The special session of the slain Laurent Kabila's hand-picked parliament appeared little more than a rubber stamp measure before his son was officially sworn in later in the week.

After observing a minute of silence for the elder Kabila, the

225 lawmakers present at the open-air People's Palace approved Joseph Kabila by a unanimous show of hands.

## German opposition drops 'criminal' chancellor poster

**BERLIN** — Faced with a storm of protests, Germany's opposition party dropped plans Wednesday for a campaign poster depicting Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder as a wanted criminal.

## Congo's parliament approves new leader

**KINSHASA, Congo** — Lacking a blueprint for a handover of power, lawmakers were hastily convened Wednesday to endorse the ascension of Joseph Kabila as troubled

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**You! be the Judge**

BY CLAIRE BERNSTEIN

**JAILHOUSE GIRLFRIEND**

"Hey Jack, you're 3 under par! Why the long face?" Rudi asked as the golf cart arrived at the 12th hole. Jack sighed heavily. "Ever since my divorce seven years ago, it's been so painful being alone."

Rudi reached for his 4 iron and suggested, "You've got to start playing the field, buddy."

Jack tried to focus on a few practice swings. Suddenly, he blurted out, "Actually, there could be a woman in my life...soon."

"Terrific! What's her name?"

"I don't know yet," Jack pulled out a newspaper clipping from his pocket. "Meet the woman of my dreams..."

Rudi groaned. "NOT THE PERSONAL ADS?"

"Just listen to this, Rudi. 'Attractive, loving woman seeks serious relationship filled with whimsy and the simple wonders of life.' I'm going to write to her. What's have I got to lose?"

A week later, Jack got a letter back from the woman, Edwina. "Dear Jack, I can tell that you're a man of elegance and gentle passion."

Jack savored every word as he read on. "I only hope I am worthy...and I must tell you that presently I am living in..." Jack gasped. He ran to tell Rudi.

"SHE'S IN JAIL???? Rudi yelled in disbelief. Jack shrugged. "Nobody's perfect. I'm sure it wasn't a really bad crime. She's too lovely for that."

Jack wrote to Edwina daily, confiding his deepest secrets, his fears, his heart.

She wrote back with beautiful words that brought Jack to tears. "Oh Jack, I count the days until I can leave this living hell. Having you in my life helps me forget that I must survive here without even the simplest necessities."

Jack was smitten. He couldn't let Edwina continue to suffer like this.

"YOU'RE SENDING HER A HOME ENTERTAINMENT CENTER???" Rudi yelled.

But Jack was in love. And Edwina needed a lot of stuff.

Jack cringed as the balance on his credit cards climbed. But Edwina's words made him melt. "I count the hours until I can repay you with everlasting love and affection."

But there would be no repayment. The prison guards became suspicious as expensive gifts kept arriving for inmate Edwina. "Something fishy was going on. Prison officials checked it out. 'She's got a slew of unsuspecting, lonely men showering her with gifts and cash. And she's promising undying love...to ALL of them.'"

Edwina was charged with theft.

In court, the State was outraged. "Your Honor, Edwina obtained money from unsuspecting victims by making promises she had no intention of keeping. That's theft. Edwina claimed innocence. 'Your Honor, I did write those letters promising love and even marriage, in return for money and presents. But these men just wanted me to feed their egos. I didn't steal their money. They were paying for a service.'"

Is Edwina guilty of theft? YOU BE THE JUDGE. Then look below for the decision.

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"You're guilty, Edwina!" Judge Allison decided. "You didn't just break promises of romantic intention. You deliberately used your false promises to get your victims to part with their money. Clearly, you never had any intention of meeting any of those men, including poor, gullible Jack."

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Section B

RIISING High School Sports STARS

Lauren Haycock Wendell girls' basketball

Wendell junior Lauren Haycock doesn't like talking about her role on the basketball court. She lets her game speak for itself. . . . She just got out there and play hard, Haycock said. . . . Haycock, a two-time all-conference player, leads the Trojans in scoring this season with 14 points per game and ranks second on the team in rebounds. . . . It's nice as a team to have a player like her, Wendell coach Ryan Pope said. . . . Playing in the post is a natural spot for a girl that's 5-foot-9, but Haycock's shooting touch that separates her from the pack. . . . One great thing about her is that she wants to win, Pope said. . . . If I ask her to be a second or eighth she can do that. Or if I ask her to pass and create, she can do that too.



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Russell Wiersma Buhl Wrestling

Sophomore wrestler Russell Wiersma is supposed to be as good as Buhl's Russell Wiersma. . . . The Indians' heavyweights has been nothing short of dominant this year, putting together a 24-0 record to become the favorite for a Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference and an official challenger for the state crown. . . . He's a strong kid that doesn't get into any real bad situations on the mat, Buhl coach Stacy Wilson said. . . . Wiersma's ascent to state contender status has been a rapid time. He finished second at the district meet last season as a freshman and has steadily improved with each match this year. . . . People aren't expecting me to be a good wrestler because I'm young, Wiersma said. . . . He reached the semifinal round of the BearCat tournament in December, lost in the championship match at the Buhl Invitational earlier this month and won the American Falls Invitational last weekend. . . . The thing that sets him apart is his attitude and his competitiveness, Wilson said. . . . With a good heavyweight as an anchor, the Indians have a little room to relax during close meets. . . . It's nice to have a heavyweight that's probably going to get you a twin, Wilson said. . . . Team likes it too. They know that that's a close meet and it comes down to the last throw, we have a good shot at winning.



Eagles face stiff tests at North Idaho

TWIN FALLS - It's a pivotal start to the weekend for the College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball teams. Each hopes to stink 'the school on the lake' tonight. . . . That school is, of course, North Idaho College, which rests on the banks of Lake Coeur d'Alene. . . . The men The 12th-ranked men are riding a three-game win streak yet still

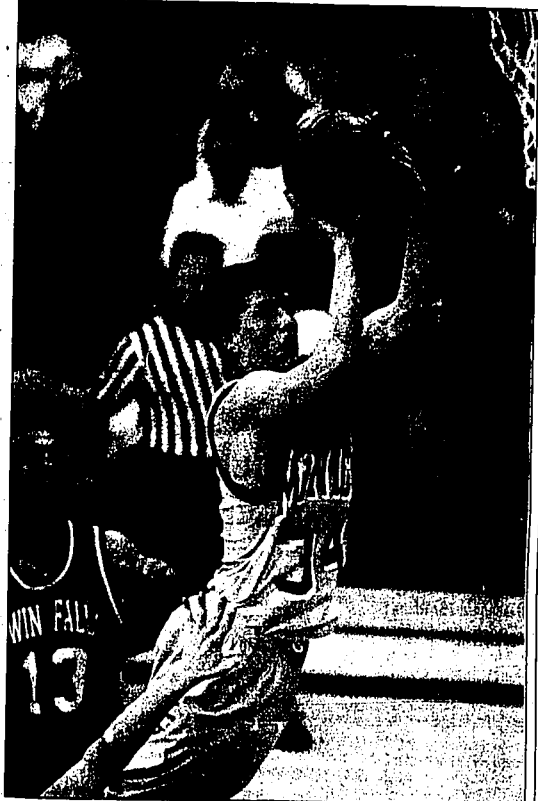
CSI at NIC
When: Today, 6:30 MST (women) and 8:30 p.m. MST (men)
Radio: KLLN 1310 AM (men), KEZI 1480 AM (women)
Where: Perry Christensen Gymnasium, Coeur d'Alene
Records: Men (CSI 16-3 overall, 5-2 SWAC; NIC 14-4, 4-3; Women (CSI 14-4, 4-3; NIC 11-7, 2-5)
Probable starters:
Men: CSI, G Bradley Jackson (6-9, so.), G Tre Arnold (6-3, fr.), C Cordell Butler (6-4, so.), F Blanton Ferguson (6-3, so.), C Uche Okafor (7-0, so.); NIC, G Winston Brooks (6-0, so.), G Jonathan Anderson (6-0, fr.), F Steven Bonner (6-5, so.), F Dusan Milich (6-4, so.), G Marko Randic (6-9, so.)
Women: CSI, G Tonya Phillips (5-5, so.), G Nicoletta Dresback (5-9, fr.), F Jinga Gosaschik (5-10, so.), F Trisha Gardiner (6-0, so.), P Belinda Stubbs (5-2, fr.); NIC, G Maggie Derting (5-5, fr.), G Angie Lewis (6-7, so.), G Amy Lewis (5-6, so.), F Erin Torpey (5-11, so.), F Amanda Edlund (5-11, so.)

Northward, ho!

placed in a four-way tie for second at 5-2 in the South West Athletic Conference. North Idaho is a game back at 4-3 in the league, but won on Friday at Snow College - a place where CSI hasn't won since the 1997-98 season. Southern Idaho head coach Derek Zeck said if his Eagles are to seriously contend for the conference title, they must come away from their four-day sojourn to NIC and Ricks College, where they'll play on Saturday, with wins. . . . Anything less, and they can kiss the SWAC title - and the right to host Maric's regional tournament - goodbye. . . . (This weekend) is a must-win situation for us to have a chance to win the league, Zeck said, munching on a chocolate chip cookie. . . . This is the (road trip) we need to sweep, he said, because Ricks and North Idaho are teams that are right there and we are playing at their place. At the end of the weekend, we could be 7-2. That's pretty good.

With a bang Spartans nail down first Region III win

RUPERT - In a game that started out with sloppy passes and needless 3-point shots, the Minico Spartans eventually upset Twin Falls 67-60 in Region III boys' high school basketball Wednesday night. . . . The win handed Minico its first Region III win of the season, and snapped a three-game win streak by the Bruins. . . . We came out and did exactly what we wanted to do, said Twin Falls coach Dan Vogt. . . . The Bruins had a less-than-spectacular shooting night, hitting only 16 of 34 field goals and six of 14 3-point shots. . . . Minico kept that lead until halfway through the second period. . . . The Bruins opened up the second period with a quick 3 to get back to within one, and then took the lead on a Chris Herzinger bucket halfway through the second. . . . But the visitors lost their grip on the Spartan offense shortly afterward. . . . Justin Heatwole put up a potential equalizer from behind the arc at the end of the half, but in a quick turn of events, it was Ryan Hepworth of Minico who drove the length of the court and put up a buzzer.



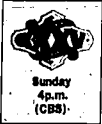
Minico High's Taylor Duncan files through the air during the first half of the Spartans' Region III victory over Twin Falls Wednesday night in Rupert.

Idaho loses coaching legend

MOSCOW - Former University of Idaho football coach Ed Troxel died of cancer on Monday in Kennewick, Wash. He was 72. . . . He was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in September. The cancer spread to his liver before his death. A memorial service will be conducted Saturday at the Kennewick High School auditorium. . . . Troxel coached hundreds of Idaho and Washington football players during his more than 40 years on the sidelines. . . . It was just universal, the love for that guy, former University of Idaho player and All-America center John Yarno said. . . . Troxel retired from coaching at Kennewick High in 1990. He was head coach at Boise's Borah High from 1958 to 1966. . . . He made football so competitive that the other schools got better also, Pankraz said. . . . Troxel was inducted into the Idaho High School Hall of Fame in 1998. . . . Troxel went to Idaho as an assistant in 1967 and became the head coach in 1974. . . . Troxel's family shared his love of the game. His sons Van and Andy are high school football coaches. . . . Troxel was inducted into the Idaho High School Hall of Fame in 1998. . . . Troxel went to Idaho as an assistant in 1967 and became the head coach in 1974. . . . Troxel's family shared his love of the game. His sons Van and Andy are high school football coaches. . . . Troxel was inducted into the Idaho High School Hall of Fame in 1998.

Super Bowl recalls grief for victims

Anniversary of killings corresponds with Lewis' return to the Super Bowl
AKRON, Ohio - Far from the Super Bowl, and all the pregame talk and partying, Cindy Lollar Owens and her husband, Ray Lewis, are remembering the deaths of their two young sons. . . . She was placing flowers at the grave of her slain nephew. . . . "It's hard," she said. . . . She visited the grave on Tuesday, just as Lewis is in Tampa, Fla., discussing his role in the two stabbing deaths hours after last year's Super Bowl. . . . Almost a year has passed since 24-year-old Richard Lollar and his friend, 21-year-old Jacinth Baker, killed Lewis' two young sons. . . . Please see DRIEF, Page B2



bring one or two of my children with me, but it's too depressing. But I try to go there as often as I can. . . . She visited the grave on Tuesday, just as Lewis is in Tampa, Fla., discussing his role in the two stabbing deaths hours after last year's Super Bowl. . . . Almost a year has passed since 24-year-old Richard Lollar and his friend, 21-year-old Jacinth Baker, killed Lewis' two young sons. . . . Please see DRIEF, Page B2



Cindy Lollar Owens, of Akron, Ohio, stands at the grave of her sons, Richard Lollar and Jacinth Baker, who were killed in a double homicide in 1999. Lollar was one of two victims of a killing outside a bar in Atlanta last year involving Baltimore in-liner Ray Lewis.

Capriati upsets Davenport in Australian semifinal

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Tennise scores - B3
In Friday's final, the 12th-seeded Capriati will play the winner of the semifinal between top-seeded Martina Hingis and No. 3 Venus Williams. . . . Capriati avenged her loss to Davenport in last year's semifinals, and she did it by hitting boldly from the baseline. . . . Capriati avenged her loss to Davenport in last year's semifinals, and she did it by hitting boldly from the baseline. . . . Capriati avenged her loss to Davenport in last year's semifinals, and she did it by hitting boldly from the baseline.

between points. . . . "Maybe Lindsay underestimated me in the beginning," Capriati said. . . . When Davenport dumped a forehand into the net on the second match point, Capriati waved her cap as though in disbelief. . . . Capriati had lost her past five matches against Davenport dating back to 1997, including three in Grand Slam tournaments. . . . The lone singles match today will be an all-French semifinal, with No. 15 Arnaud Clement facing close friend and doubles partner Sebastien Grosjean, seeded 16th. . . . Capriati had lost her past five matches against Davenport dating back to 1997, including three in Grand Slam tournaments. . . . The lone singles match today will be an all-French semifinal, with No. 15 Arnaud Clement facing close friend and doubles partner Sebastien Grosjean, seeded 16th. . . . Capriati had lost her past five matches against Davenport dating back to 1997, including three in Grand Slam tournaments.



Lindsay Davenport, left, congratulates Jennifer Capriati at the semifinal match at the Australian Open Tennis Championships in Melbourne Thursday. Capriati won the match 6-3, 6-4.



SPORTS

Lemieux notches 40th career hat trick 'Answer' helps Sixers stay hot on road

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mario Lemieux scored in each period and had a natural hat trick for his 40th career three-goal game Wednesday as the Penguins beat the Canadiens 3-1. Only Wayne Gretzky with 50 career hat tricks has more in the NHL history. Lemieux went into retirement in 1997 tied with Mike Bossy with 33 three-goal games. Montreal rookie Eric Chouinard scored his first career goal at :748 of the third period and spoiled Garth Snow's bid for consecutive shutouts.

December game, the New Jersey Devils' top line dismantled Dallas in a first-period flurry. Sykora was a goal and an assist and Elias two assists as New Jersey scored four times in the first 11:21. Bruins 2, Maple Leafs 1 TORONTO — Jason Allison ended a 14-game scoring drought and Andrei Nazarov added the game-winner in the third period as Boston ended a three-game losing streak. Mats Sundin scored for the Maple Leafs, who have just five wins in their last 19 games.

Lapointe had power-play goals, and Aaron Ward also scored for Detroit. Capitals 2, Panthers 1 WASHINGTON — Peter Bondra scored twice, including a follow-up shot with 11:46 left that gave the Washington Capitals a 2-1 victory. Washington goalie Oleg Kolzig finished with 31 saves. Mike Sillinger scored for Florida. Hurricanes 3, Rangers 2 NEW YORK — Nicolas Wallin, David Tabaie and Martin Gelinas erased a Carolina deficit with second-period goals as the Hurricanes split a home-and-home series against New York. The Rangers, who earned a 5-2 road victory in Carolina on Monday, had a three-game home winning streak and a season-high five-game unbeaten run (4-0-1) snapped.

HOUSTON (AP) — Allen Iverson overcame a cold-shooting first half and scored 32 points to lead the Philadelphia 76ers rallied for a 85-84 overtime victory over the Houston Rockets on Wednesday night for their franchise-record 12th straight road win. George Lynch's basket gave the 76ers a 7-7 lead to start the overtime and they never trailed, improving their league-best road record to 19-4. Heat 103, Raptors 83 MIAMI — Anthony Mason scored 21 points to lead a balanced attack as the Miami Heat won their ninth straight home game. The Heat, playing for the first time following Sunday's road win against the Lakers, put the game away with a 17-3 run to open the fourth quarter. Vince Carter, showing the effects of Tuesday's double-overtime game at Orlando, scored 21 points for the Raptors. After playing a career-high 55 minutes last night, before Carter played 31 minutes — only two in the fourth quarter. Hornets 81, Knicks 67 CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jamal Mashburn had 31 points and 13 rebounds as the Charlotte Hornets snapped their five-game losing streak. The Knicks have lost three straight for the first time since early last season. New York, which had its NBA-record 33-game streak of holding opponents under 100 points snapped in Tuesday night's 105-91 loss at Milwaukee, was better on defense against Charlotte. But its offense was awful, especially in the second half, as the Knicks scored only 31 points after halftime on 9-of-36 shooting.

Suns 106, Pistons 73 AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Cliff Robinson had 27 points and Shawn Marion had 18 points and 16 rebounds to help the Suns snap a three-game losing streak. Phoenix led by as many as 34 points to win for the first time since Jason Kidd left the team. After being arrested last week, the 33-point margin was the biggest ever for the Suns against Detroit. Cavaliers 94, Bulls 86 CLEVELAND — Lamond Murray scored 26 points and Jim Jackson made a crucial 3-pointer in the fourth quarter as the Cavaliers handed Chicago its 10th straight loss. Chris Gatling added 16 points — 10 in the fourth quarter — and Andre Miller had 13 points, nine assists and seven rebounds for the Cavs.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### CSI presents wish list to committee

BOISE - College of Southern Idaho President Jerry Meyerhoeffer will testify before the Legislature's powerful budget committee today at the Statehouse.

Meyerhoeffer's annual presentation is part of a week-long focus by the committee on higher education.

University and college presidents from all over the state plead their schools' case for state funding throughout the week. Meyerhoeffer's presentation will be the last one given.

Obvious items on his list will be money to complete construction of the school's long-planned fine arts center and state money allowing the CSI board to cut its property tax levy.

### School Board to review extracurricular policy

FILER - The School Board today will hold a special meeting to review the school district's extracurricular athletics/activities policy detailing student consequences for violating the policy's code of conduct.

Superintendent Bill Feusahrens said some parents have expressed concern that the code is too stringent.

Students involved in criminal behavior, who use drugs, alcohol or tobacco, or who attend events that involve underage drinking or drug use, are subject to suspension from activities for the remainder of the school year. They may rejoin the next season if they attend a substance abuse prevention program. There are three sports seasons during a school year - fall, winter and spring.

The board will meet at 6 p.m. in the Filer Elementary School library.

### Hailey mayor praises retiring police chief

HAILEY - Hailey Police Chief Jack Stoneback will have all the time in the world once he turns his keys in at the end of this week. And Hailey Mayor Brad Siemer wants to make sure he notes every minute of it.

Siemer presented the chief with a handsome clock engraved with his name and "39 years of police service" at this week's city council meeting.

"He's been more than a chief. He's been an advisor... a mentor, especially about the budget," said the mayor who bought the clock personally.

"Time goes by and all you can do is look back and hope you've done something," choked Stoneback, who was also presented with a plaque bearing his badge and shoulder patch. "I will be back as citizen some time sitting there," he added, pointing to the seats where the public sits.

Stoneback will be replaced by Capt. Brian McNary, who has 17 years of police work under his gun holster.

### Sun Valley lowers prices for disabled skiers

SUN VALLEY - Sun Valley has slashed the price on lessons for disabled skiers.

The resort is offering one- to six-hour lessons for half price for disabled skiers. Disabilities can range the gamut from learning disabled to quadriplegia and can include both children and adults.

Equipment will be provided free and students will also get discounted lift tickets. Seating areas are available according to need.

The offer is good except for President's Day week and holidays, such as Christmas.

Lessons are offered by Marc Mast, who has taught disabled skiers for 20 years. Mast taught at the Tahoe Adaptive School before coming to Sun Valley eight years ago.

Mast also heads up the fledgling Sun Valley Adaptive Sports which provides water skiing opportunities to disabled skiers. The program hopes to expand before summer with rafting, fly fishing, horseback riding, wheelchair racing and other activities.

For information, call Mast at 725-2248 for Sun Valley Ski School at 622-2248.

Compiled from staff reports

# Bill would clarify jurisdiction

The Times-News

BOISE - A bill introduced in the Idaho House would clarify that the state's water court does not have jurisdiction over Idaho Department of Water Resources administrative decisions.

Most state water officials have interpreted a September 2000 state Supreme Court ruling to mean that appeals of all Water Resources decisions must be set



Twin Falls

But sending every appeal of a Water Resources decision through the SRRA court would clog things up. And that would, run counter to past Supreme Court cases.

House Bill 86, introduced

Wednesday in the House's Resources and Conservation Committee, is aimed at clarifying that issue. It will likely return to that committee for a hearing later.

The Supreme Court's September decision came in a Butte County case involving the state's water rights forfeiture law. Sagewillow Inc. had appealed a 7th District Court ruling upholding Water Resources' decision to

forfeit a portion of Sagewillow's water rights on the Little Lost River. The Supreme Court sent the case to the adjudication court.

More recently, District Judge Nathan Higer withdrew his ruling in the appeal of a water right transfer and sent the case to the SRRA court for consideration.

A 1994 interim legislative committee made it clear the Legislature didn't want every disputed Water Resources adminis-

trative decision to go through the SRRA court.

Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout recently said that typically, if an appeal deals with legal aspects - or the substance of a water right - it belongs in the adjudication court. Cases dealing with administrative issues do not, she said.

Water Resource officials have said the Legislature might need to clarify the law.

## Planners get ready to deliberate

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Once the Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission knows whether it has enough evidence regarding the Big Sky Farms, LLC hog farm proposal, the 30-day clock to a decision starts ticking.

A week after turbulent public hearings gave the commission staff to think about it, commissioners will determine tonight whether they have enough evidence to move forward into deliberations on the 595,000-animal hog farm for a site 24 miles east of Burley.

The reason for that is, the last hearing we took in so much evidence it was overwhelming," said county attorney Kerry McMurray. "You don't want to get into a decision-making process and say, 'We don't know this.'"

Once the information gathering phase is closed, deliberations will begin. At that point, the commissioners have 30 days to make a decision, McMurray said.

"They want to make a good decision... And they want to keep it moving for the applicant," McMurray said.

Tonight's meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Burley City Hall. The commission must decide whether the hog farm meets the standards of the county's confined animal feeding operation ordinance, which include:

- Whether the operation will be harmonious "with the general objectives or with any specific objective of the comprehensive plan and/or the zoning ordinance."
- Whether it will be designed, constructed and maintained to be "reasonably harmonious and appropriate in appearance with the existing or intended character of the general vicinity."
- Whether the operation will be "unreasonably hazardous or disturbing to existing or future..."

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**More information:**  
The Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission is taking written comment until 5 p.m. Friday. Comments should be delivered to the planning and zoning office at the courthouse at 459-Overland Ave. in Burley. Comments should not be given to individual commissioners, said Cassia County attorney Kerry McMurray.



A stream from Dierkes Lake flows down an ice-covered slope into Shoshone Falls Park. The National Weather Service predicts temperatures at or below freezing at least through Sunday. Highs next week could reach the mid-30s.

## FALLING

## Wolves remain protected

The Associated Press

KETCHUM - At the end of the fifth year of gray wolf recovery efforts in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, there are not quite enough of the animals to begin the count down for removing the animals from the federal endangered species list.

Biologists estimate there are 410 wolves, including about 25 breeding pairs. In order to be removed from the list, the wolves must maintain 30 breeding pairs for three consecutive years.

"It just didn't make that 30 mark," said Ed Bangs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wolf recovery chief. "Illegal killings probably put us below the 30 pairs. If we hadn't and that, we'd probably be at 30 or above."

In November, Bangs predicted this might be the first year of the three-year process.

"Somebody deciding to shoot a wolf could make the difference of this making the first year of the count down or not," he said. "We're that close."

Some Idaho wolves were, in fact, shot since then.

Wolves were illegally killed in each of the three recovery states during the past year, mostly near Fairfield. Two Big Smoky Pack members were shot last fall and in early winter. They were the pack's breeding pair.

Idaho has 10 breeding pairs at the end of 1998, but that has dropped to nine. During the same time period, Idaho's total wolf numbers jumped from 114 to 185.

"If somebody kills a wolf, all they are doing is keeping them on the list longer," he said.

In 1995 and 1996, 35 gray wolves were set free in Idaho. By the end of 1998, their numbers climbed to about 115, and the most recent counts indicate about 185.

Idaho wolves are under federal control, under the Endangered Species Act, but jurisdiction will be transferred to the state when they are taken off the federal list. Before delisting transpires, however, the three states must have wolf management plans ready, to ensure the survival of wolves above the minimum species survival levels set by the federal government.

A wolf oversight committee appointed by the Idaho Legislature has been working on a state plan for the past year, and legislators are slated to review the plan during this year's session.

## Hailey wants to expand impact area

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - The city of Hailey decided this week to renegotiate its area of impact ordinance with Blaine County, following objections of a key landowner.

The city is drafting a letter proposing to expand the city's area of impact boundaries to Blaine County.

County Planning and Zoning will hold a public hearing on the proposal first, followed by the commissioners.

The new proposal calls for the southern boundary to extend to the southern boundary of Spencer Eccles' Flying Hat Ranch property, along which the city's major waste water effluent line runs.

The northern boundary lies just north of Deer Creek, but has not been delineated pending further work. A western boundary

runs along the 5,800-foot elevation of the hillsides, allowing the city some control over hillside development. And the eastern boundary extends into Quigley and Crox canyons.

The city is rewriting its ordinance to plan for growth over the next 20 years. The area of impact ordinance ensures that development of land surrounding Hailey does not negatively impact Hailey's services, infrastructure or quality of life. It also ensures that the city have some say-so in development.

Property owners planning to build a single family home with on any slope greater than 10 percent, for instance, would have to receive approval of the city prior to excavation if the property lies within the area of impact.

About 4,500 additional residents can be accommodated within existing boundaries, said Hailey City Planner Kathy

Grotto. And the city's infrastructure can accommodate another 4,000 to 4,500 people should the city annex additional property. Grotto predicts the city could tally 14,500 people in the next 20 years.

Both Hailey and Bellevue hope to maintain open space between the cities, either in the form of open fields or recreational fields. To do that, however, it must enter into some sort of cooperative agreement with the man who owns all that land - Utah banker Spencer Eccles.

Gary Sieme, an attorney representing Eccles, said he doesn't believe the goal of open space can be attained. Eccles is concerned about a small number of landowners having to give up their land for open space, he said.

Sllette also said he doesn't believe the notion of extracting

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## Heyburn moves closer to Simplot annexation

By Aaron Brock  
Times-News writer

HEYBURN - The ordinance allowing for the annexation of the J.R. Simplot Co. by the city of Heyburn was read a third time Wednesday, but council members chose not to officially annex the property yet.

Ordinances are usually adopted or rejected after they are read for the third time, but the council was asked by Simplot officials not to proceed until the Feb. 14 meeting, said city attorney Steven Tuitt.

"We are working with Mr. Simplot," said Mayor Cleo Cheney.

The city also held an open hearing regarding the proposed zoning of the Simplot property

should the annexation occur. No one spoke at the hearing and the planning and zoning board did not give a recommendation to the council.

The public hearing was continued at the Feb. 14 meeting and the zoning board is expected to give a recommendation at that time.

In other zoning action, the board discussed zoning regulations for sexually-oriented businesses.

Current city rules state that such businesses must be on industrial-zoned property and can't be within 2,500 feet of residential property, schools, public parks and youth organizations. Based on these regulations, there is no property in

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Qwest reports 44 percent earnings increase AOL Time Warner slashes 2,000 jobs

DENVER (AP) - Fourth quarter earnings for Qwest Communications International Inc. surged 44 percent, bolstered by a strong demand for Internet and data services.

Grant week, said Jerry Miller, a Commerce Department community development specialist. The \$6.5 million available is divided into two pools for downtown revitalization and for general public works projects.

When it comes to the downtown revitalization funds is very, very shy," Miller said. So the Economic Advisory Council said no for now to a \$210,000 project to replace sidewalks, curbs and gutters and add landscaping and other features to the 200 and 300 blocks of Twin Falls' Main Avenue North and the nearby blocks of Second and Third

That Twin Falls project, applying for its first time, competed against

and 2000 and do not include merger-related charges and other items. The earnings came in 2 cents higher per share than the estimates of analysts surveyed by First Call/Thomson Financial. Qwest shares were up \$2.50 to \$47.13 in trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

The company, which provides broadband services and local phone service in 14 western states, took in \$5.02 billion in revenue over the fourth quarter, up 10 percent from \$4.57 billion in

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the same period of 1999. The company said 23 percent of that was Internet and data services revenue.

Only the construction bids must be redone next year. "It does not mean there's any other ground lost at all," he said. "We're actually in pretty good shape."

"They've been working on this about four years - four to five years," Madarieta said.

Another point in Bull's favor, he said, was the prospect of money from the Idaho Transportation Department, which would help the Commerce Department get more done for its own dollars.

cut to 805,000. The company also reached its target of cutting 4,500 jobs by year's end. In September, Qwest announced it would cut 12,800 permanent and contract jobs from a 177,000-person workforce over 15 months.

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NEW YORK (AP) - Less than a week after a major revamp at CNN, newly formed media giant AOL Time Warner is making sweeping job cuts that will result in an additional 2,000 positions being lost.

Combined with the 2000 positions eliminated last week at CNN, the total of 2,400 job reductions would represent about 3 percent of the company's work force of 85,000, company spokesman Ed Adler confirmed Wednesday.

The job toll could rise even further over the coming months if the company ends up closing its 130 Warner Brothers retail outlets, which employ 3,800 people. The company is hoping to

substantially in November. Greenberg said weak currencies will affect the company's 2001 profits by one cent per

slashes 2,000 jobs sell the stores but may close them if a sale proves impossible, Adler said.

Warner Music Group, another division that senior management has singled out for poor performance, will lose 600 jobs through attrition and early retirement packages, or about 5 percent of its work force.

AOL, now a division of AOL Time Warner, will also reduce 725 positions, including a number at its former headquarters in Dulles, Va. The combined company's headquarters is in New York.

share if exchange rates remain steady. Otherwise, the company should earn \$1.60-\$1.65 per share, compared with First Call's current projection of \$1.63.

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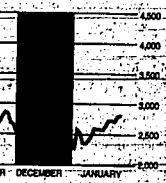
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Stocks struggle to hold gains amidst confusion

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Lucent to cut 16,000 jobs in bid to cut costs

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) - Telecommunications equipment maker Lucent Technologies said Wednesday it is eliminating up to 16,000 jobs...

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Section D

The Times-News

## Buying food sure beats huntin' for it

Yesterday I was thinking about starvation.

I was thinking about starvation because I know that I take food for granted. I don't pay particular attention to where it comes from. It just shows up on my plate and I eat. Or, I don't eat it. I'm fussy about what I will and what I won't eat.

You won't see me eating stewed onions or cooked spinach. I can live without them. I can live without a lot of foods as long as there are plenty of cheeseburgers and Hershey bars.

Once I believed cheeseburgers came from restaurants. Hershey bars came from grocery stores. I was deceived for a while like my oldest daughter was about the source of milk.

When she was about 3, she was sitting next to her grandfather at the breakfast table. They were eating oatmeal and when dad poured milk on Tom's cereal, she asked a question.

"Granddad, where does milk come from?"

In his inimitable style, he replied, "Roosters." The proof was the red rooster on the milk carton. The milk was called Early Dawn or some such adult version of "good morning."

Dad delighted in his distortion of truth. He had grown up on a farm. Tona wasn't living on a farm. She was a Twin Falls city kid, a towner.

For years, she believed her grandfather. There were even arguments at school. She knew milk came from roosters. Later, when she was 8, a hands-on experience reprogrammed her mind. It came as a shock to her.

Sometimes it is surprising to realize where food comes from. I could go into the lobbing off of cabbage, lettuce and broccoli heads. Or I could dwell on the unearthing of potato tubers, carrot roots and beet bulbs. How about the ripping out of the hearts?

Nor will I speak of hog hocks, pork loins or roasting hens.

I simply want to share a few words about starvation which, in a roundabout way, means I want to suggest a solution. At least, it is a solution for some folks.

In times of desperation, it is often amazing what a resourceful person can do.

Ed Smith fought off buzzards and stole carrion from them while crossing the Mojave Desert in the 1830s. Carrion was good enough to keep him alive.

And there was the time some ranch hands got stranded in a line shack in the Wind River Range and they ate the leather. They melted snow and soaked the leather. It was tough chewing, but good enough food to get them by.

There's a story about a mountain man, Hugh Glass, who crawled 200 miles after being nearly killed by a grizzly bear. All old Hugh had to eat was what crawled, hopped or slithered within arms' length. He ate bugs, spiders and snakes. It was enough to get him to a fort on the Missouri river.

I'm not a cowboy in Wyoming, or mountain person in South Dakota. I'm an urbanite. And I've deduced that if I were starving, I'd have to look for unusual food sources in my environment. Right here in urbanland.

Some folks have a soft, fleecy bag they put in the microwave and when the temperature is just right, they place the hot bag on a sore, itching muscle. The bag is stuffed with rice or rye. Hmmm. Rice. Rye. Yum, yum.

Or I could eat the wife's leather jacket. Boil out the black dye, add the telephone book and have at it. Food enough to get me by.

Fortunately, I'm not starving. Even better, I can go to the local supermarket and buy a drink, eat a hot cup of soup, and peer down long aisles stacked high with food.

I never feel richer, and I don't imagine there is a rich feeling there that which comes from knowing, seeing, touching and tasting food. These are good times in America. The grocery stores are bright and beautiful. Good places to count one's blessings.

When Bill Studebaker isn't tracking down cheeseburgers and Hershey bars, he runs the Outdoor Adventure Program at the College of Southern Idaho.



Knowing what to look for is essential when buying a used firearm, says Clayton Clough, proprietor of West Addison Sports.

## Now is a good time to buy a used firearm

By James J. Kruttschnitt  
Times-News correspondent

Christmas is over, but in many households, reminders of the holiday season still arrive on a regular basis: credit card bills. Heap those on top of high gasoline prices and rising utility costs and life can get pretty expensive.

What's the solution for some quick cash? Why not sell or pawn a gun? The solution is often that simple: grab your old shotgun from the car (the one with the gas gauge on empty) and head to your local pawn shop.

Now is a good time to round out your arsenal because more used guns are coming on the local market. West Addison Sports proprietor Clayton Clough buys a wide variety of rifles and shotguns at this time of year.

"There's nothing wrong with a used gun," Clough says. "You can always get your money back out of them. Unless you want something special, used guns are a good bargain for the money."

With a few simple tips and some

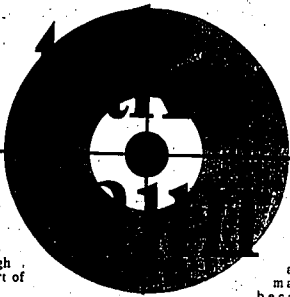
well-aimed dollars, gun buyers can track down some trophy bargains at this time of year. As a professional gun buyer, Clough has mastered the art of the quick inspection.

"Cosmetics tell a lot about a gun," he says. "After cosmetics, an examination of the barrel and receiver are the most important. Look down the barrel, make sure the twists are visible in a rifle. Check for thinning and make sure there are no gouges or irregularities."

"If I'm not certain about a gun, I have a gunsmith inspect it," Clough says. "Head space is checked and shells are seated."

Shotguns aren't much different. "Cosmetics are always important, whether it's a rifle or a shotgun," Clough says. "Check the barrel of the shotgun and look for any pitting or excessive wear."

Clough exercises caution when purchasing a semi-automatic weapon. "I don't really like to buy



semi-automatics because they have so many moving parts.

Before I buy one, I like to have the gun inspected by a gunsmith and have the gun fired several times to make certain everything is functioning properly. Also, on new shotguns, some of the manufacturers mandate that if there is any problem with the gun, it must be sent back to them. Otherwise, the guarantee is voided."

Would-be buyers are wise to heed Clough's advice.

For starters, always consider a gun's "cosmetics." Unlike books, you can judge many guns by their cover.

It's a lot like buying a good used car. If the exterior and interior are in bad shape, it's a good bet there's trouble under the hood. A rusty barrel, dents, scratches and other damage on a rifle or shotgun indicate

that the interior parts may not have received any oil or silicone - so a significant mechanical problem may exist.

Inspecting the barrel is a mandatory consideration when buying a shotgun and or rifle. Look carefully. Make sure that adequate light is available to look for thinning twists in a rifle barrel, or a pitted bore in a shotgun. If needed, use a flashlight or slide a white piece of paper into the open chamber so light is reflected upward to your eye.

Always inspect the action. Be certain that it isn't loose (it won't get any tighter) and apply light pressure from various angles. While checking the action, examine the receiver carefully. Shallow lines or slight indentations from the expansion of exploding powder are normal. Deep indentations indicate that quite a few shells have been fired from the gun.

If questions linger, speak with the dealer. Most reputable dealers will allow you to return a firearm if you aren't satisfied. That will give you time to fire the weapon and have it inspected by a gunsmith.

## Banff festival films come to CSI Feb. 3

The Times-News

Several short movies from the Banff Mountain Film Festival will be shown Feb. 3 at the College of Southern Idaho. Show time is 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

The Banff Mountain Film Festival in Alberta, Canada is one of the world's premier forums for movies with a high-country twist. The seven films coming to Twin Falls were screened at the last festival in November, 2000.

Total running time for the CSI show is about 2 1/2 hours, but four of the films are less than eight minutes long:

- Skilletto - Four minutes of mountain-bike masochism from Canada.
- Splinter - A four-minute profile of climber Malcolm Smith going wild on a difficult climbing wall in Britain.
- Nepal - Your basic five-minute kayaking frenzy with scenes from Chile, Argentina, Nepal, Canada, Bali, Baja and Europe - plus heart stopping footage from Montana, Wyoming and Oregon.
- Resident Bruise - Seven minutes of skiing and snowboarding mayhem.
- La Escoba De Dios (The Broom of God) - First ascent of the east face of Cerro Cathedral in Patagonia, a full 1,000 meters in only 28 minutes.
- Solitary Journey - Sherpa Dawa Tenzing and Sir John Hunt, leader of the first ascent team that climbed Mount Everest in 1953, reflect on how the area on the Nepalese side of Mount Everest has



Big wall climbing, such as this scene from El Capitan in Yosemite National Park, is staple fare for the Banff Mountain Film festival.

changed.

The Sahara's Secret Garden - A 52-minute documentary from France about a little-known, little-visited mountain in northern Chad. Eneadi Massi isn't on the banana pancake tour of Africa, but it's a deeply compelling place to visit.

Not a bad line-up, eh? As if that's not enough, prizes will be given away to ticket holders in the audience. Tickets are \$10 each, or four for \$28. Tickets are available at the CSI Outdoor Program office, CSI Bookstore, Claude's Sports and the Lamphouse Theater.



A paraglider sails over the lush forests of western Nepal in this scene from 'A Higher Calling,' which won the People's Choice Award at the 2000 Banff Mountain Film Festival. Seven films from the festival will be screened in Twin Falls but, unfortunately, 'A Higher Calling' won't be among them.

Proceeds will be used to underwrite CSI students who participate in CSI Outdoor Program activities. For more information, call Bill Studebaker at 733-9754, Ext. 2697



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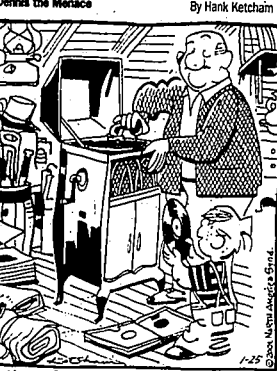
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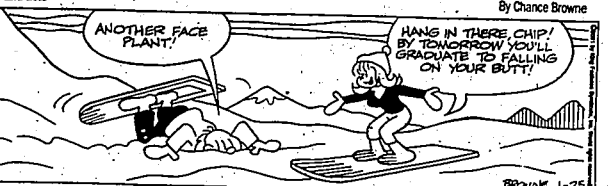
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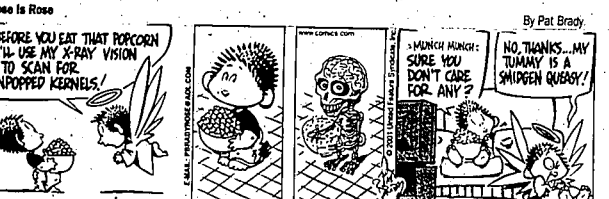
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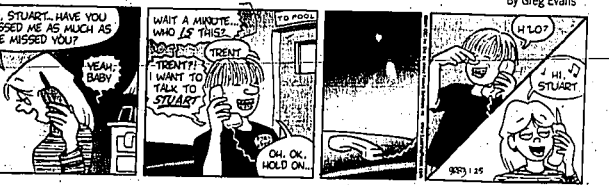
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OUTDOORS

# Old-fashioned sleds stage a comeback

The Gazette (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Don Markworth sees a customer eyeing a sled in his store, Colorado Kite and Ski. "That one really goes. You can fly down those hills," he says.

Markworth rents snowboards and sells boarding equipment, kites, skateboards, and motorized scooters in his shop downtown. But he also has noticed a growing interest in a winter toy he loved as a boy — sleds.

Sledging is bigger than ever, even in Colorado Springs, where sledders usually have to take advantage of snow the day it falls or pile their sleds in the cars to find decent sledding hills in the mountains.

But Coloradans are an enterprising lot — brave thrill-seekers even have been spotted on their bikes on roll-up plastic sleds skidding down steep, tree-trunks of Flatop Mountain, (12,334 feet) high above Rocky Mountain National Park.

Markworth carries the classic Flyer sled, with its narrow red metal runners and base of wood and a variety of other more-modern varieties like the Snow Shuttwill add name is the one he says "flies." Made of molded plastic with metal runners, it can hold two adults. The will add name SnowCar has

plastic runners and looks like a mini-snowmobile "minus" the engine. There's the almost popular inner tube that floats almost effortlessly over Colorado snow. And the will add name, Ski-Bob works on the shovel concept.

"Ever take a big shovel and sit on it, with the handle between your legs?" Markworth asks. "You can really move down the mountain. This is the same concept, without the handle."

Sleds are popular, Markworth believes, "because they're what the boomer generation did in the winter when they were kids. Now those people want their kids to experience sledding."

And sledding isn't "just about nostalgia. It's also about speed and the thrill of feeling icy air rush over your face. It's on the verge of becoming an extreme sport in some corners of the world."

It might reach that status when the world is reintroduced to the most extreme form of sledding in the 2002 Winter Olympics in Park City, Utah.

A sport called skeleton-sled racing is returning after a 54-year hiatus. In skeleton, racers run down an icy track toward the starting line, then launch themselves onto sleds head first and rocket down a curvy bobsled track.

# Nordic skiing puts a kick into winter

Correct form looks graceful, provides full-body workout

By Missy Votel  
The Durango Herald

DURANGO, Colo. (AP) — A long time ago, in a country far, far away, people traversed the winter landscape on little, wobbly wooden skis. They whittled poles from pine boughs and wore nothing more than buckskin high-top sneakers on their feet.

Then SUVs, plastic boots, powder skis and chairlifts were invented, relegating this arduous form of travel to bearded old-timer mountain men and history books.

End of story — right? Well, before you kiss off cross-country skiing forever, consider this: Although the gear has been replaced by modern, ultralight materials (though the skis are still as wobbly as ever), there is a reason why this centuries-old style of gliding across snow is called classic.

Sure, it provides a reliable way to navigate snowy terrain, but does more properly, classic cross-country skiing can do a whole lot more.

"It's a good, full-body workout that works on everything from your balance to abs to arms, espe-

cially the triceps," said Jeff Morehart, an instructor at the Nordic Center at Purgatory Resort.

Aside from offering a welcome change from the indoor-workout doldrums, Morehart said free-heeled classic skiing is a great way to train for other sports, especially downhill skiing.

"Most people who are alpine skiers say (cross-country skiing) helps them so much because it's strengthening and builds balance," she said.

And for those who think classic style doesn't afford the same thrill or challenge as its downhill cousin, Morehart dashes them to take a spin on a pair of double-cambered skinny skis.

"It really makes you appreciate metal edges," she said.

Morehart, 29, has been skiing classic since she was 10 years old and racing almost as long. However, she said the beauty of the classic style is it can suit any skier, no matter what their experience or preference.

"You can do anything from a gentle walking pace to a full-on race," she said.

Like any sport, Morehart said the learning curve will be much

higher and more enjoyable if people learn the basics. She said this holds equally true for self-taught quasi-cross-country skiers who may have acquired some bad habits along the way.

At the core of the classic style is the kick and glide — the steady momentum that propels the skier along. If done correctly, the kick and glide looks effortless and graceful. Done wrong, it can look awkward to downright dastardly.

"That's why it's good to take a lesson and go over the basics," Morehart said.

At a "rule" of thumb, poles should be about armpit height and skis should be no taller than the skier.

"For beginners we use skis that are a little bit shorter for ease of movement," she said.

Morehart also stresses resisting the urge to overdress. Skiers who come dressed for a day-of-downhill will be miserably hot within a matter of minutes, she said. Instead, opt for lightweight tights, spring-weight gloves, one pair of socks, a single layer of polypropylene or fleece, a light hat and a lightweight jacket or wind-breaker.

While overdressing is a com-

mon problem, the biggest mistake novices make is not relaxing, followed by the tendency to kick the foot forward instead of backward to initiate the glide, Morehart said. Either error causes an inefficient and clunky stride, and creates more work for the skier, she said.

"Learning to glide is important because that is what reduces the workload of the sport."

Morehart described the proper stance as the "standard athletic position" with knees slightly bent, shoulders slightly rounded forward and the hips centered over the feet.

"A lot of people stick their butts out, which can throw off your balance," she said.

That is why one of the first things she does with her pupils is take away their poles. While it sounds like cruel and unusual punishment, she said ultimately it helps skiers find their center and rely on their legs and hips to do the work.

"Not using poles forces the body into the correct position and forces the weight transfer from ski to ski," she said.

Besides, Morehart insists the pole-less time is never long, and people seem to pick up the concept quickly.

"Cross-country is easy to learn because there's not a lot of gear involved," she said. "But once people get it, they absolutely love it."

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# Alaskan musher finds bear tracks on the trail

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — As soon as Denali Park musher Bruce Lee saw the bear tracks in the middle of the trail, he knew they were fresh.

So did the 10 dogs that were towing the sled he was driving.

"Their heads were all up and they sped up like they do whenever they run into something fresh on the trail," said Lee, a household name when it comes to long-distance mushing in Alaska.

Lee admitted images of fellow musher Sepp Herrmann popped into his head when he saw the tracks. It was almost exactly two years ago — Nov. 11, 1998 — that a grizzly bear attacked a team driven by Herrmann in the Brooks Range about 200 miles north of Fairbanks.

The bear, which biologists later determined was starving, charged and killed eight of the nine dogs in Herrmann's team, forcing the musher to abandon the dogs to save his life.

Last week's incident was enough to shake up Lee, a top competitor in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race and winner of the 1998 Quest International Sled Dog Race.

"I'm not going back out there for a while," Lee said. "There's only one reason bears are out at this time of year and that's because they're hungry."

Lee and his handler, Kelly Mass, were training dogs on Denali Park Road in Denali National Park and Preserve when they saw bear tracks leaving at about Mile 6 of the 92-mile road.

There was a fresh dusting of snow on the road and the wind had done nothing to obscure the tracks, a sure sign they weren't very old.

"It had been out there this morning because all the other tracks had been blown away by wind," said Lee, an experienced outdoorsman and hunter. "My guess was that bear had been on the trail less than an hour before we got there."

They followed the tracks for about seven miles to the point where the road came onto the park road at Savage River. It was only three miles from park headquarters when it turned off the road.

When he first saw the tracks,

"I became very aware of my surroundings," said Lee.

Judging from the size of the tracks, Lee said it was "definitely an adult" bear.

When Lee and Mass stopped for a break to turn their teams around at Savage River, they formed a game plan in the event they did see the bear on the return trip out of the park.

"We just came up with a plan of what to do if we saw it," Lee said. "We were just going to turn around and go the opposite way. If there was a confrontation, we were going to turn the dogs loose. That way, at the most the bear would get one dog instead of a whole team."

Fortunately, the trip out of the park was uneventful with no bear sightings or new tracks.

Lee has been training on the park road since 1977 and said he has never seen bear tracks this late in the season.

"Occasionally people do spot bears in October after the moose rut but this is mid-November," Lee said.

They weren't the first bear tracks he has seen on the trail this year, either, although they definitely were the freshest and biggest. Most of the time, the tracks simply cross the road, not follow it to long distances.

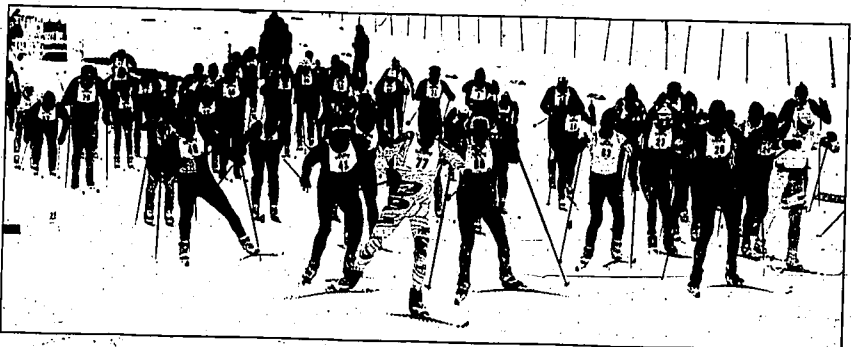
"I've been training for about three weeks now and I would say once a week I've seen fresh bear tracks on the road," Lee said. "But this one was just walking back and forth on the road."

Park wildlife biologist Pat Owen said it's rare for bears to still be out searching for food. But he said it wasn't unheard of, especially because it was a poor berry year in much of the Alaska Range.

"We've had bears go into the den at the end of December," she said. "It's not a regular occurrence, but it happens."

"We usually feel pretty confident everybody is tucked into their dens by the first week of November," Owen said.

Mass' trails are the last bears to go into dens and Owen expects the tracks Lee saw belonged to a male.



Competitors take off at the mass start of the men's 50-kilometer race during the U.S. Cross Country Championships at Soldier Hollow, Utah, Jan. 15.

# Athletes give Olympic venue rave reviews

SOLDIER HOLLOW, Utah (AP) — The world is finally getting its first hands-on, skison look at Soldier Hollow at Wasatch Mountain State Park and folks are faking what they see — and what they ski.

Even before the first major international event — the World Cup cross-country races — Soldier Hollow already had earned a "best venue" label from the International Ski Federation (FIS). And Olympic-caliber athletes who were in town last week to train for this week's World Cup were quick to praise the Nordic skiing and biathlon venue for the 2002 Salt Lake Winter Games.

"They're pretty well knocked out on their butts," said Courtliffe Nelson, director of Utah State Parks and Recreation as he described initial international opinion in a figurative way.

John Alberg, the two-time Olympian who serves as cross country project manager for the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, has put his heart and soul into the selection, construction and development of the venue site and its 16 miles of trails near the town of Midway. And he likes what he is hearing.

"The highlight is the athletes and what they're saying — that the course is the best they've ever seen," said Alberg, listing facets such as the course layout, the challenging combination of uphill and downhill segments and Rocky Mountain aesthetics.

Soldier Hollow will be one of the busiest venues during the 2002 Olympics, joining the Utah Olympic Park and the E Center as the only site scheduled with a full slate of 16 days of competi-

tion. A majority of the events will be cross country — 12 of the 23 total events — with the course used for eight biathlon events and three skiing segments of the Nordic combined competition.

It's a venue that meets the rigorous venue demands of FIS, such as a specific number of hills, a certain degree of inclines, a set length of prescribed courses. Rather than favoring just one facet or element of cross country skiing, Soldier Hollow benefits a well-balanced skier, one who can run the gamut of competition requirements ranging from aerobic training to technical skiing.

"It's a technical course. It follows the terrain," Alberg said. "We haven't bulldozed out the course."

And it falls just under — by only a couple of meters the maxi-

mum altitude allowed by FIS. The altitude allowances meant many other potential sites along the Wasatch Front such as around Park City, where snows are much more abundant were not feasible choices for development.

Another of the most noticeable differences of the Soldier Hollow site to other cross country courses throughout the world is how visible nearly all the trails are to spectators. At other competition sites and Olympic venues, cross country skiers can be seen at the start and at the finish, with only a momentary pass or two out from wooded areas during the event.

"You can stand here and see three-quarters of the race," said Alberg, adding that "you can follow the last mile of the race — it's right in front of your eyes."

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