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# Firm puts Gooding plans on hold

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**GOODING** — A Twin Falls-based dairy processor this week said it put on hold a previously announced \$5.6-million investment in its Gooding cheese operation.

"We're probably not going to do our expansion this year after all," said Jeff Williams, executive vice president of Glanbia Foods Inc. The subsidiary of Kilkenny,

## Glanbia Foods says milk supply might be too small

Ireland-based Glanbia Plc announced its Gooding expansion plan in October, saying it was helping ensure future success of Magic Valley's dairy industry. The investment would have increased the plant's milk-processing capacity from the current 5.5 million pounds of milk per day to 6.25 million.

Williams this week said Glanbia

Foods will wait until summer to decide whether to proceed with a Gooding expansion, keeping an eye on the local milk production needed to support a larger-capacity plant.

"Because we're not 100 percent sure the milk's going to be here," he said.

The processor in recent months also had considered a small

expansion at its Twin Falls plant, but cost estimates came in too high. That project won't proceed for now, either, he said.

Several factors converged to make Glanbia Foods cautious, Williams said.

One is county moratoriums on dairy construction and expansion. Gooding County commissioners Jan. 31 extended that county's

moratorium for another 120 days while officials write a new ordinance.

Williams said Gooding commissioners appear to be concerned there might be enough cows already for the county's land.

"There's not a lot of land base in Gooding County, that's the thing," Williams said.

He said he thinks Gooding commissioners will be reluctant to

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## AN EYE TOWARD SAFETY



National Guardsmen patrol the Utah Olympic Oval, a venue for speedskating competitions, Wednesday in Salt Lake City. The 2002 Winter Games start on Friday.

# CIA: Al-Qaida remains 'serious threat'

The Washington Post

**WASHINGTON** — CIA Director George Tenet offered a sober assessment Wednesday of al-Qaida's capabilities, warning Congress that Osama bin Laden's terrorist network has not been destroyed and is working on plans for new attacks against the United States.

"Al-Qaida leaders still at large are working to reconstitute the organization and to resume its terrorist operations," Tenet told the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in a rare public appearance. He said bin Laden's network remains "the most immediate and serious threat" to the United States.

In perhaps his most startling disclosure, Tenet said that newly



*The Winter Olympics would 'fit the terrorists' interest in striking another blow within the United States that would command worldwide media attention.'*

— George Tenet, CIA director

discovered documents found in Afghanistan "show bin Laden was pursuing a sophisticated biological weapons research program." A senior intelligence official said interrogations of al-Qaida fighters captured in Afghanistan and arrested elsewhere further substantiated this concern.

Earlier information had shown the terrorist leader was seeking to acquire radioactive materials for a "dirty" bomb, but there had been no hard evidence he was pursuing biological weapons.

In his testimony, Tenet also said the CIA has gathered evidence showing bin Laden's network had considered multiple

high-profile attacks against American landmarks, major airports, bridges, harbors and dams along with U.S. government buildings at home and diplomatic and military facilities abroad. The upcoming Winter Olympics in Utah, Tenet said, would "fit the terrorists' interest in striking another blow within the United States that would command worldwide media attention."

Tenet's appearance before Congress represented his first public assessment of the terrorist threat since the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon and the fighting in Afghanistan. His testimony was the most detailed acknowledgment from the Bush administration

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## Olympics OKs WTC flag in ceremony

The Associated Press

**SALT LAKE CITY** — In a compromise balancing U.S. patriotism with Olympic protocol, the tattered American flag from ground zero will be carried at the Winter Games' opening ceremony, but not as part of the main procession.

A group of American athletes will carry the flag, joined by an honor guard of police officers and firefighters, Olympic organizers said Wednesday.

The IOC originally said American athletes would not be allowed to carry it, but that it could be raised as the official U.S. flag at the ceremony.

That decision was criticized, and the IOC released on an issue that pitted the Americans' desire to honor Sept. 11 victims and heroes against a possible appearance of jingoism at a major international event.

## TRAGIC MISTAKE



Behl Gel explains in Afghanistan how U.S. forces mistakenly killed his brother, an anti-Taliban commander, in a raid Jan. 23 in a small religious school in which 18 other people died. The U.S. is investigating the incident. For more, please see page A3.

## Partnerships meant millions for a few company insiders

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — Enron's use of partnerships not only hid the company's losses and huge debts, it made a few company insiders very rich, very fast — with almost no financial risk.

The biggest hauls, investigators say, were by those who created and ran the complex web of shell investment entities that were largely financed by Enron and concealed the company's shaky balance sheet.

Two of those men — Andrew Fastow, who created the partnerships, and Michael Kopper — were expected to appear today at a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee hearing. They were considered likely to decline to answer questions, citing the 5th Amendment protection against self-incrimination.

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# Raid survivors say Afghan victims were among best friends of U.S.

KHAS URUZGAN, Afghanistan (AP) — Caked blood, charred and singed-and-flame-blackened walls serve as testimony of what Afghans say was a horrific mistake. Two weeks later, the Pentagon is investigating the deadly assault.

U.S. special forces burst into a small religious school here on Jan. 23, killing 19 people, most of whom they slept. Afghans who survived or witnessed the raid told The Associated Press. Two of the 19 — both government-appointed officials — were handcuffed and shot in the schoolyard, the Afghans claim.

The Pentagon first said the raid was an attack on an al-Qaida weapons dump, and that troops killed about 15 people and captured 27 Taliban and al-Qaida members. But the Afghans say

the dead were not Taliban renegades at all, and instead included members of a government mission that had taken the weapons from Taliban holdouts.

Major Ralph Mills, a spokesman for the U.S. Central Command, acknowledged Wednesday that none of the 27 captured in the raid was al-Qaida or Taliban, and all have been released. He said the United States is investigating whether any of those killed were also the wrong people.

Mills said U.S. forces were fired on during the raid, and one soldier was shot in the foot. He said the troops had strong intelligence information before moving in.

"Obviously, we had a reason to go into that area. We still stand firmly on that reason," he said.

Interim Afghan leader Hamid Karzai said the United States had

acknowledged it killed the wrong people in Khas Uruzgan. He told The Washington Post the killings were "a mistake of sorts," resulting from "an unfortunate movement of people at the wrong time."

Afghan witnesses say U.S. planes also bombed government offices near the school and killed two more people there for a total of 21 dead.

The dead at the school, where members of the government mission were spending the night, included two locally prominent Pashtun commanders who residents say were instrumental in ending Taliban rule here in Uruzgan province.

"We were all sleeping. They didn't give us a chance to surrender," survivor Niaz Mohammed told AP. "They came to kill us."



Commuters hike Wednesday after their vehicles stalled along a highway southwest of Kabul, Afghanistan, after a snowstorm. Heavy snow fell overnight in the capital and its outlying areas. The moisture is expected to help the drought-stricken country.

## Avalanche hits key Afghanistan road

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — An avalanche roared down the towering Hindu Kush mountains Wednesday, burying about 20 vehicles in snow near the world's highest tunnel, a United Nations spokesman said.

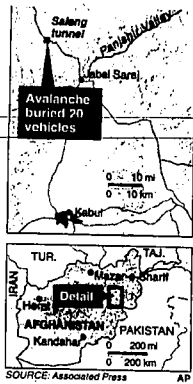
There was no immediate word on casualties or how many people might be buried near the Salang Tunnel, a key aid conduit some 60 miles north of Kabul, said U.N. spokesman Yusuf Hassan.

The tunnel, which at nearly two miles in length is a widely admired engineering feat, was extensively damaged in Afghanistan's wars but was reopened in January after Russian-led repairs.

The large number of vehicles trapped in the avalanche raised fears that an aid convoy had been buried, but U.N. and Red Cross officials said there was no immediate indication their vehicles were involved.

A helicopter from the international peacekeeping force went to the scene, but the U.N. has no bulldozers or snowplows in the area, Hassan said.

Substantial snowfalls in recent days in Kabul and some other parts of the country have raised hopes that Afghanistan is seeing the end of a three-year drought that has aggravated the devastation of war.



## GOP, Dems trade barbs over bill

WASHINGTON — Republicans sought to blame Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle for the collapse Wednesday of the economic stimulus bill. Democrats said the true culprit was an insatiable GOP appetite for tax cuts that favor business and the wealthy.

The two sides traded shots after the Senate failed to muster the 60 votes necessary to end debate on competing GOP and Democratic proposals. That guaranteed gridlock and led Daschle to remove the issue from consideration.

The Senate OK'd a straightforward 13-week extension of benefits for the unemployed, a measure that now goes to the House.

Despite bipartisan cooperation that followed the Sept. 11 terror attacks, proposals to boost the economy were mired in politics from the beginning as the two sides could not agree on the right mix of tax cuts and government spending.

**Nation in brief**

Dec. 31, 1999, in exchange for passengers aboard an Indian Airlines jet that was hijacked to Kandahar, Afghanistan.

**Rumsfeld: U.S. should reduce its troops in Sinai**

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said he is trying to persuade Israel and Egypt to agree to a drastic reduction of U.S. troops in the 20-year-old peacekeeping force on their border.

Rumsfeld first raised the possibility last April in talks with Israeli and Egyptian leaders. Some White House officials are said to be resisting the idea out of concern that it would indicate U.S. disengagement from the Middle East.

for experimental programs aimed at encouraging women on welfare to get married.

**Powell tells Congress there must be changes in Iraq**

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell told members of Congress Wednesday that there must be a "regime change" in Iraq and he suggested that the United States "might have to do it alone."

At a House hearing, Powell said President Bush was considering "the most serious set of options one might imagine" for dealing with President Saddam Hussein and his defiance of U.N. international weapons inspections.

Europeans, Arabs, other U.S. allies and Russia have all criticized the idea of taking military action against Iraq as part of the widening U.S. war against terrorism, aimed mostly at the al-Qaida organization.

## Probe links cleric to anti-U.S. plot

Los Angeles Times

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — An Indonesian cleric who has been linked to two Sept. 11 hijackers was also the business partner of an Afghan terrorist and helped him finance a 1995 plot to blow up 12 U.S. jetliners over the Pacific Ocean, according to documents and officials in Malaysia and the Philippines.

Ridwan Isamuddin, 37, has emerged in recent weeks as the Southeast Asia operations director for Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network. But documents reviewed by The Times clearly show that his involvement in plots against U.S. targets dates back to at least 1994. Isamuddin, now better known as Hambali, was identified by authorities as

the leader of a plot to blow up the U.S. Embassy in Singapore.

Revelations about Hambali's early business ties to terrorists trained in Bin Laden's camps and his involvement in the recent Asian plot make his role in the global terror network appear more central than previously thought.

The new information links the Indonesian preacher to a plot that could have killed thousands of people and gave investigators their earliest hint that terrorists were planning to crash hijacked planes into important buildings in the United States.

In June 1994, Hambali was one of the founders of the Konsjaya trading company here, and on Dec. 1 of that year, his partner in the firm, Wali Khan Amin Shah,

helped bomb a Philippine Airlines jetliner.

A Japanese businessman was killed in the blast, which forced the jumbo jet to land in Okinawa. U.S. prosecutors said the bombing was a test for a much more ambitious plot to plant explosives in rapid succession on United, Northwest and Delta airline jets bound for America's West Coast from cities throughout Asia. They also planned to kill Pope John Paul II as a distraction while he was visiting the Philippines.

A freak accident and fire in January 1995 in the Manila apartment that served as the group's bomb factory foiled the plan, which U.S. prosecutors said would have killed as many as 4,000 Americans in a 48-hour

**Police blame militant for kidnapping of U.S. reporter**

KARACHI, Pakistan — A British-born Islamic militant freed by India in a hijacking two years ago has emerged as a key suspect in the kidnapping of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, Pakistani police said Wednesday.

Sheik Omar Saeed, 27, is believed by police to have provided pictures of Pearl in captivity.

They were sent to news organizations five days after the 38-year-old reporter disappeared in Karachi.

Police said three people had been arrested in Karachi for sending the e-mails, and one of them claimed he received the pictures from Saeed.

Several people have been identified as suspects in the kidnapping, but police said they believe Saeed is the key figure. He was jailed in India for kidnapping foreign tourists in Kashmir. He and others were freed by India on

**Official says ex-welfare recipients need training**

WASHINGTON — Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said Wednesday that former welfare recipients who are now working need education and training to help them move up the job ladder, embracing an idea long promoted by liberals as the key to escaping poverty.

Thompson did not specify how the Bush administration will recommend changing the landmark 1996 welfare overhaul, which must be renewed this year. But he said states should do more to offer recipients education and training in order to help them get better-paying jobs.

While most people who have left welfare are working, most are not earning enough to escape poverty.

The Bush administration began laying out its welfare strategy in the budget the president sent to Congress this week. It did not provide any new money to encourage job advancement. By contrast, it offered more than \$100 million

**Plan ties greenhouse gas limits to economic activity**

WASHINGTON — The White House is preparing a go-slow alternative to the Kyoto treaty on global warming, administration officials said Wednesday.

President Bush, who leaves next Saturday for a five-day tour through Japan, Korea and China, is awaiting a recommendation from the Cabinet-level working group he tasked with finding an alternative approach after he rejected the Kyoto accord last spring.

According to a report by the president's economic advisers, the Bush administration wants to index the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to economic activity so that emission targets could expand or shrink with economic growth. Such indexing would also, in theory, allow for greater emissions by nations — primarily, the United States — that produce more of the world's goods and services.

The 1997 Kyoto Protocol negotiated by the Clinton administration calls on about 40 industrialized nations to cut to fixed levels the carbon dioxide emissions that are believed to cause global warming.

— compiled from wire reports

## Enron

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Over a two-month period, a family foundation run by Fastow turned \$25,000 into \$4.5 million. Kopper saw an investment of \$125,000 become \$10.5 million in less than three years. Lesser players, brought into the network of transactions by Fastow and Kopper, earned \$500,000 to \$1 million from investments of less than \$3,000 to \$5,000.

"Is that even legal," Rep. Bart Stupak D-Mich., asked at a hearing into Enron's collapse.

"Not without taking a tremendous amount of risk," replied William C. Powers, the University of Texas law school dean and Enron investigator. In these cases, he added, the investors "took very little risk" and often were wheeling and dealing among themselves.

The source of their windfall was a system of investment entities with names like Jedi and Chewco (from the Star Wars movies), Raptor and Rhythms, and Big Dog, apparently a play on words.

One partnership, called Southampton Place, also the

name of the uppercrust Houston neighborhood where Fastow lived, proved to be especially lucrative. Fastow, through a family-owned foundation, cashed in on \$4.5 million from his \$25,000 investment in Southampton Place after holding it only two months.

Other investors in the partnership were Benjamin Glisan, former Enron treasurer who also was involved in setting up several of the partnerships; Kristin Mordaunt, an attorney and later general counsel of Enron Communications; and several employees of Fastow's finance department, one of whom said she was told that her ability to

invest was viewed as a "bonus" for good work.

Both Glisan and Mordaunt invested \$5,800 and collected about \$1 million, according to investigators. The other employees invested less than \$3,000 and are believed to have earned returns of about \$500,000 each, according to the internal Enron investigation.

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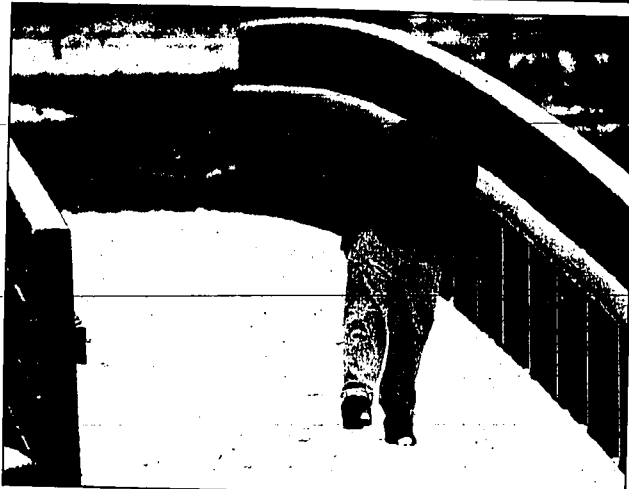
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**Cameras catch officers taking breaks**

DENVER (AP) — For two months, a TV station's hidden camera caught police officers spending hours behind in a break room at the Denver airport when they should have been on patrol. KCNC captured footage of one officer entering the windowless room during an NFL playoff game and exiting hours later. And one officer was clocked spending four hours of an eight-hour shift in the break room.

With airport security ratcheted up nationwide since Sept. 11 and with the Winter Olympics days away, newspaper editorial writers, callers to radio talk shows and city leaders were outraged by the footage last week, especially since the city has been paying the officers thousands of dollars a day in overtime.

"How do you explain that you've got police officers, sworn to serve and protect, spending five hours watching football instead of watching the airport?" said Councilman Ed Thomas, a former police officer and chairman of the City Council's airport committee. Police Chief Gerry Whitman has launched an investigation that could lead to disciplinary action against officers.



Chance Currey, 14, kicks snow Wednesday as he walks to school in Farmers Branch, Texas. The National Weather Service expected the white powder to melt away soon.

**TEXAS FREEZE**

**House gears up for battle in spending plan vote**

WASHINGTON (AP) — House supporters of campaign spending legislation on Wednesday predicted a fierce battle for wavering votes ahead of next week's debate on how best to curb money's influence on federal elections.

"The stakes have never been higher," said Rep. Marty Meehan, D-Mass., partner with Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., in sponsoring legislation to limit campaign spending.

Meehan noted that Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, the House's third-ranked Republican and a strong opponent of the Shays-Meehan bill, "has said that he's going to do anything and everything" to defeat the bill. "So we have our work cut out for us."

That 218 figure was reached last month against the background of the Enron Corp. scandal and revelations that the collapsed energy company had donated millions of dollars to politicians from both parties over the past decade.

Shays, meanwhile, said he doesn't favor altering his bill to leave free-spending rules in effect for the current election season. The parties have already raised millions in soft money for this fall's election, and Shays acknowledged that "we would pick up votes" if the effective date was delayed until next year, so that money could be used.

Propelled by a grass-roots effort by House lawmakers, Republican leaders announced Tuesday that they will devote Feb. 12-13 to proposals to overhaul the nation's campaign finance laws. "I expect that there will be a vigorous debate on this issue that will reflect well on the House Representatives," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. The vote will give Shays and Meehan supporters resorted to the rarely used tactic called a "discharge petition," through which the signatures of 218 lawmakers, half the House, can force the leaders to allow a vote on legislation.

**Oregon law helps 21 terminally ill residents commit suicide in 2001**

SALEM, Ore. — Twenty-one terminally ill people took their lives under Oregon's assisted suicide law last year, down from 27 in each of the previous two years.

Dr. Katrina Hedberg, deputy state epidemiologist, said there were no major complications in any of the deaths. "Similar to past years, the data shows that patients were older, highly educated and most had cancer," she said Wednesday.

Overall, at least 91 people have ended their lives under the care of doctors since the state's unique Death With Dignity Act took effect in 1997, according to a report in Wednesday's New England Journal of Medicine.

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scribe federally controlled drugs to suicidal patients. The issue is tied up in court, with Oregon officials and others accusing Ashcroft of stripping the state's right to govern the practice of medicine as it sees fit.

**Judge orders school to let student pray out loud**

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — A federal judge has ordered school officials to let a kindergarten say grace out loud before eating lunch.

Kayla Broadus, 5, had been stopped from praying with friends on Jan. 15 at her elementary school in Wilton, 36 miles north of Albany.

The girl's lawyer argued it was her First Amendment right to say grace, but the Saratoga Springs school system said the prayer, because it was audible, violated the constitutional separation of church and state. But U.S. District Judge David Hurd issued a temporary restraining order Tuesday, saying the school may not interfere with the girl's praying. He set a hearing for Feb. 15.

**Lawmaker complains about jury pool at corruption trial**

CLEVELAND — Rep. James A. Traficant, Jr. complained Wednesday that the pool of potential jurors for his federal bribery trial excluded people from his home district in northeastern Ohio.

himself in the trial though he has no law degree, said keeping Youngstown-area residents off the jury would give prosecutors an unfair advantage. U.S. District Judge Lesley Wells ruled last month that the jurors would come from the Cleveland area, where the federal courthouse is located. Wells denied Traficant's request to expand the jury pool, and she adjourned the trial until Friday.

Traficant, a nine-term Democratic congressman, is a popular folk hero in Youngstown, known for his polyester suits, arm-waving theatrics and crusades against the Internal Revenue Service. Prosecutors accuse Traficant of accepting gifts and favors in exchange for lobbying in Washington. He also is charged

with forcing his staff to make cash kickbacks to him or do favors for him at his horse farm.

**Legislation makes Reagan's home a national historic site**

WASHINGTON — President Bush gave Ronald Reagan a birthday president on Wednesday, signing legislation making the former president's childhood home a federal historic site.

The private Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home Foundation owns the Dixon, Ill., house where Reagan lived in the early 1920s.

**I confess: Bathroom stall gets complaints**

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Penn State University is asking its architecture department to pay for repairs to a bathroom stall that was redecorated to look like a Roman Catholic confessional as part of a class project.

Christopher J. Rupp, a senior majoring in architecture, cut a confessional window into the stall, put a metal screen over it and hung red velvet curtains and hinged tassels. He finished it off with a red light overcoat. University spokesman Bill Mahon said a custodian told officials about the project in early December, soon after it was completed. Since then, the university has received a handful of complaints.

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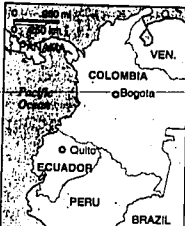
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# Colombian rebels decry U.S. military aid plan

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — The Bush administration's plan to help Colombia protect an oil pipeline from guerrilla attacks proves that Washington wants to intervene militarily in this country's civil war, a rebel leader said Wednesday.



SOURCES: Associated Press, ESRI AP

The mask has been taken off, rebel commander Simon Trinidad said in a telephone interview from a southern stronghold of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, known as FARC.

Bush administration officials, who ended a three-day visit to Colombia on Wednesday, announced plans Tuesday to train and arm Colombian troops to protect a key oil pipeline that has been a frequent target of guerrilla attacks.

The move, which faces debate in the U.S. Congress, marks a departure from a policy that had previously limited military aid to Colombia to wiping out drug crops controlled by the rebels and their paramilitary foes.

The FARC has long opposed Washington's anti-drug aid, which has provided for the training of counter-narcotics troops by U.S. special forces, dozens of combat helicopters and fumiga-

tion planes. The aid is part of an anti-drug initiative, called Plan Colombia.

"From the beginning we said that Plan Colombia was a counter-insurgency plan," Trinidad said. "No one believed the story that it was a plan against drug trafficking. Now the mask has been taken off."

Instead of increasing aid to the Colombian military, Trinidad insisted U.S. military personnel be withdrawn from this South American country.

"They are here to pursue a war against our own people, and they

have taught the military the doctrine of state terrorism," he said over the phone from Los Pozos, inside a safe haven that President Andres Pastrana granted to the rebels three years ago.

The plan outlined Tuesday calls for Washington to provide \$38 million to train and equip Colombian troops to protect the 480-mile Cano-Limon oil pipeline, which ferries oil to the Caribbean coast for Los Angeles-based Occidental Petroleum and other companies.

Colombia's state oil company Ecopetrol said rebel sabotage of oil operations cost 24 million barrels in lost crude production last year — Colombia is the 10th-biggest supplier of oil to the United States.

"We are committed to help Colombians create a Colombia that is a peaceful, prosperous, drug-free and terror-free democracy," the leader of the U.S. delegation leader, Undersecretary of State Marc Grossman, said on Tuesday.

Under restrictions set by Congress, up to 300 U.S. military personnel can currently be stationed in Colombia at one time. They have been deployed as part of Washington's attempts to

undercut rebel drug profits, to stem the flow of cocaine and heroin to the United States, U.S. officials say.

However, the tightening U.S. relations with Colombia also further links Washington to a military with a weak human rights record.

Colombia's war has ground on for 38 years, even as President Andres Pastrana's administration pursues peace talks with the 16,000-strong FARC.

The government and the rebels agreed on a cease-fire last week, but the rebels had pledged to do last month.

The rebel group announced in a statement Wednesday that before a cease-fire could be agreed upon, the government needed to consent to change its "neoliberal economic policy," suspend extradition and guarantee Colombians' rights to health, housing and education.

The Colombian government proposal calls for a renewable six-month cease-fire, for the rebels to free all kidnap victims, to stop drug trafficking and end attacks on civilian populations and infrastructure.

# Sharon may ask Bush to freeze Arafat, lean on Iran

JERUSALEM (AP) — Setting out for his fourth White House visit in a year, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon hopes to get U.S. help in isolating Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and thwarting what Israel sees as Iran's attempts to destabilize the Middle East.

Sharon's three-day visit centers around talks in Washington today with President Bush, who has sharply rebuked Arafat for not doing enough to rein in Palestinian militants.

In interviews last week, Sharon said he planned to ask Bush to go a step further and cut all contacts with Arafat — a decision that would likely strengthen the prevalent view in the Arab world that the United States is siding with Israel.

Arafat aides complained of U.S. bias and said Bush is encouraging Israeli aggression against the Palestinians by inviting Sharon for the fourth time in a year.

Bush has yet to meet with Arafat.

that he will continue what his father started," Arafat said Wednesday, referring to the 1991 conference that launched Middle East peace talks.

Other Palestinian officials, meanwhile, said Washington is resuming mediation efforts despite two failed truce missions in December and January. CIA chief George Tenet will arrive in the region early next week, and the Palestinians said they expect him to try again to bring about a cease-fire.

But in Washington, a senior State Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Tenet was not traveling to the Middle East to try and negotiate a truce or mediate a peace accord, but was going as part of his regular duties as head of the intelligence-gathering agency.

Faced with U.S. criticism that they are not doing enough to prevent anti-Israeli attacks, the Palestinians this week handed the United States a written account of their efforts to end 16 months of violence.

# France high court upholds radical farmer's sentence

PARIS (AP) — France's highest court on Wednesday upheld radical farmer Jose Bove's three-month prison sentence for ransacking a McDonald's restaurant more than two years ago in a protest against U.S.-driven globalization.



Jose Bove

The Court of Cassation affirmed a lower court decision ordering Bove to prison for using farm equipment to tear down a McDonald's under construction in August 1999 — an act that shot him to international fame as head of the anti-globalization movement.

But the militant sheep farmer may get a reprieve, since he has already spent nearly three weeks in jail in the case. A lower court, in applying the high court's decision, could order Bove to spend time in a supervised work release program, for example.

However, Bove said he would refuse any type of punishment except prison.

"Either I'm guilty and I go back to prison, or I'm innocent

and I shouldn't have been convicted," he said.

Bove became a hero within the anti-globalization movement after leading the attack on the fast food restaurant in the southern French town of Millau. One of his main targets has been what he calls "foul food" — including fast food and genetically modified crops.

In court, Bove's attorneys argued French farmers were pushed to radical action after a U.S. surtax was placed on European luxury products — including Roquefort cheese, a product of the Millau region, Bove's home.

The surtaxes, backed by the World Trade Organization, were a countermeasure to protest Europe's rejection of U.S. hormone-treated beef.

Bove, who awaited the ruling in Millau with about 200 members of his radical union, the Farmers' Confederation, said he believes the WTO was behind the decision.

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## EDITORIAL

### Pork-barrel spending has spoiled road funds

Looking forward to an exotic flight that lands on a runway in Sugar Land, Texas? Do you anticipate scenic cruises in downtown Lansing, Mich.? Or maybe your family enjoys Sunday drives in the quiet setting of Somerset, Ky.?

If not, odds are you won't see any benefit from the \$840 million in special projects financed by your federal gasoline taxes. Idaho was one of the states that recently came away empty-handed from an inequitable distribution of transportation funds.

Blame polluted Washington politics that prize parochial greed over sound policy.

A select panel of senators and congressmen carved up \$840 million for 357 special projects. To no one's surprise, the states that collected the most had members on the panel.

In other words, it was a classic case of what's known as pork-barrel spending - that is, projects which let individual congressmen brag about bringing home the bacon.

All these pet projects weren't free. The money came from an 11 percent reduction in highway funds that state and local governments are entitled to under the 1998 Transportation Equity Act.

These funds are collected from federal fuel taxes paid by all drivers, and they normally are allotted by formula.

This time, the panelists decided the transportation budget didn't contain enough chops and chitlins. So they peeled off 11 percent of the Equity Act

funds for extra pork. Some populous states such as California and Ohio are crying foul, because they have millions of taxpayers pumping revenue into the system but didn't get their fair piece of the \$840 million.

Using discretionary money for pet projects is nothing new. Every state comes away with bonuses from time to time, thanks to the diligence of their elected representatives.

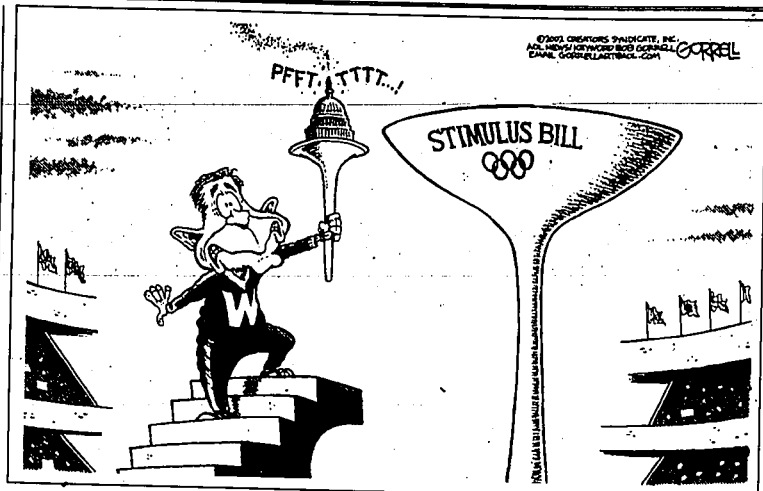
Idaho is no different. Sen. Larry Craig and the Idaho delegation pushed for a bigger piece of the federal transportation budget that President Bush signed in December. That budget carried a price tag of \$59.6 billion, and Idaho got \$262 million in appropriations. Part of that amount was \$21.4 million to cover nine projects that Idaho's delegates lobbied for.

But lobbying for home-state projects is one thing. Pillaging the national pot is another. The pork is especially greasy when political appetites divert a previously fair distribution.

Idaho's congressional delegation didn't join in the recent binge. But rather than feel left out, Idaho voters should be angry at a system that encourages politicians to lard up their home state at the nation's expense.

It's a shame that national highway funds are subject to political glutony. As long as well-placed congressmen keep feeding at the trough, taxpayers everywhere will lose.

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## LETTERS

### Milk without hormones helps

I know for a fact that milk without extra hormones is important to my health. The extra hormones cause blood clots in my legs. There is a lot of research about the benefits of grass-fed cattle producing healthier milk. Milk from grass-fed cattle is reported to be high in a cancer-fighting compound called conjugated linoleic acid or CLA. The home-delivery Smith's Dairy gets its milk from a producer whose cattle are grass-fed. They don't shoot their cows with extra hormones. I can drink their milk.

I like pizza and food with lots of cheese, but I can't eat them because the cheese is made from milk with added hormones. I found a store that offered cheese without added hormones. Now I can eat cheese at home. I need to find a pizza establishment or restaurant that uses cheese free from the extra hormones. I wish we could find a cheese factory near here that uses extra hormone-free milk.

Why don't the small dairies who don't shoot their cows with hormones get together and build a cheese factory? They pasture their cows and don't stink. That is important. The state legislators have acknowledged that the odors from the confined commercial dairies are a health hazard. Let's get rid of these odors!

**MERLE STODDARD**  
Twin Falls

### Attack amounts to wishful thinking

Regarding the "Gloom and doom" article on Jan. 24 in Steve Hayward of the Center for Environmental Studies in San Francisco:

Mr. Hayward asserts that the "environmental movement" has somehow left its "gloom and doom appraisal of the world" and the prospects for cleaning up the mess that we found ourselves in. He has decided that it (the environmental movement) will attack some obscure Danish mathematician, Bjorn Lomborg, whose book says that everything is rosy once again or never was bad in the first place.

The environmental community knows exactly where it's going. It may make mistakes on how to accomplish its stated ends, but Hayward's attack amounts to wishful thinking when it comes to the assessment of the environmental world's strategies and tactics. Global environmentalists tend to espouse "gloom" over their own opinions and won't be misled by one lonely voice in the wilderness. The media is constantly led, because they really don't have access to the facts and are dependent on what, as a rule, second-hand information. What happens is the story becomes adversarial because it's the only way the media can question the factual basis for the story in the first place.

Hayward asserts that the World Watch Institute is "an alarmist organization." Lester Brown is one of the most conservative environmental scientists in Washington, D.C., just as a few statistics Mr. Lomborg is talking about. Every day, at least 100 species are disappearing from this earth. That's about 40,000 a year. (United Nations Environmental

Programme). Global weather patterns are increasingly disrupted, and much of the long, frozen arctic tundra has thawed.

On another front, the Center for Environmental Education and Information is documenting all the 21,840 polluted streams in the United States. Instead of hollering wolf about a list that should be five to 20 times as big, we simply let the official lists stand.

It's not only the salmon species that are taking a beating in the Northwest, but humans are under threat as well, according to "Our Stolen Future," a book that describes the effect that certain chemicals have on all species and grim long-term consequences. It is sobering and deserves the attention of everyone on this planet.

It will probably take an environmental 9-11 event to shake up the world. Another way would be to use our common sense and protect the only planet we are going to get for the foreseeable future.

**MAX CASEBEAU**  
Hailey

### Stand together and sing

Dear America:

Your hearts are filled with sorrow. Even though we're clear in Jerome, we are still sad, but it makes us feel better that we stand here together today to say that we are proud to be Americans.

We want to thank the police and fire departments and everybody else that helped them out. We don't talk about it very much, but we will always remember.

Now we all sing the National Anthem. Right now, let's sing the National Anthem. And remember, God bless the USA and remember we stand here together, not just one but all.

**WENDY VANDENBOSCH**  
Jerome  
(Editor's note: Wendy Vandensch is 7 years old and a second-grader at Horizon Elementary School in Jerome.)

### Is mall project really progress?

I certainly agree with the letter of last week in which someone - I don't remember the name - talked about what to name the street out by the canyon where the strip mall is being built.

I've been out that way just about every day for a week now and it is ugly. But I guess I must remember it is "progress."

Why does "progress" have to be so ugly? One wonders, doesn't one?

**ANN RIDGELY**  
Twin Falls

### Power bill doesn't add up

I have never really looked at my power bill very closely, but from now on I sure will.

In December, it wasn't a shocker like the one I just got in January. The surprise was that there was a forwarding balance, which shouldn't have been there. I always pay my bill in full. When I called to inquire, I was told there was a problem with my meter and that they had the right to estimate usage. That to me was a problem, for I know for a fact that we are using less power than last

year. Last year we were caring for more than 300 head of cattle by providing water. That includes the pump running more, hot fence and a large stock heater. This year, we are down to one stock heater, opposed to five, and I have cut our household heat to just heating the basement and using the fireplace for the rest of the house. Nonetheless, we are freezing.

I suggest to anyone is to care for a history, like I did. I did some math and nothing added up. When I called Idaho Power, they could not answer for a charge of more than \$37. I asked them if they had the same accountant as Enron, and the funny answer I got is that Ida-Core and Idaho Power do have ties to Enron.

I am now wondering how many other customers got charged extra on their bills that Idaho Power can't account for? Maybe Idaho Power is trying to make up its losses with Enron one customer at a time. Back to the math - more than 300,000 customers overcharged \$37? That's a pretty good profit. Also Idaho Power told me that anything over 2000 kilowatts would be charged 8 cents more per kilowatt.

Samta was very good to Idaho Power last month. I did call the Public Utilities Commission and told them what was happening with Idaho Power and my account. PUC did let me know that Idaho Power has the right to estimate charges if there is a misread on the meter, but as for the math that is another story. The PUC is investigating, and I hope there will be a solution soon, but I hold little faith in any government agencies; the Department of Agriculture hasn't done much for the people that suffer with dairies.

**DIANNA MIKETA**  
Bliss

### Edmunds brings sides together

I must express a well-deserved thank-you to Ken Edmunds for spearheading a successful grassroots effort to bring the two deeply polarized sides of the Twin Falls County dairy issue to a common agreement. Having been involved with this process for the nearly three years, I know how hard it has been to get the two sides to endorse one piece of paper - the so-called "matrix."

Ken, when you told me you were going to do this, I thought to myself, this is an uphill fight if ever I have seen one and I hoped you had some magic to get the two sides to talk. However, it is working and I was very pleased with the support both sides gave the "matrix" at the county commissioners ordinance hearing on Jan. 15. I am sure not everyone is totally satisfied, but we now have a working document that can be built on and improved upon to avoid major downpockets in the future. I realize that there is a little work still to be done, but both sides have told me that there will be an agreement soon.

Thanks to you, Ken, for all the hours of hard labor you gave and for the persistence demonstrated for the betterment of our community.

**JOHN C. HAIGHT**  
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## LETTERS

### Follow God, not Harry Potter

Harry got his school books from a shop called Flourish and Blotts. Harry, a wizard, almost had to drag him away from Curses and Countercurse (Bewitch Your Friends and Befuddle Your Enemies with the Latest Revenges: Hair Loss, Jelly-legs, Tongue-tie and Much, Much More). Harry was trying to find out how to curse his cousin, Dudley.

All students attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry should have a copy of the following: The Standard of Spells (Grade 1); A History of Magic; Magical Theory; A Beginner's Guide to Transfiguration; One Thousand Magical Herbs and Fungi; Magical Drafts and Potions; Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them; The Dark Forces: A Guide to Self-Protection.

Harry is going to a school of witchcraft. His friends are wizards and witches. Wizards are sorcerers, be devilry and deliver witchcraft. Witches are sorcerers, be devilry, into demonology, witchcraft, hoodoo, voodoo and levitation. Harry and his friends try doing good and try to defeat evil. Evil can't fight against evil and expect to win. That isn't God's power. It is detestable (hateful) to God to practice sorcery, engage in witchcraft, cast spells and consult the dead no matter what age. Harry talked to his dead parents.

We can teach our children how to fight evil using God's power.

Everyone will stand before God and give account for our lives. We can repent and be forgiven or we can continue in sin and earn what it pays. Death of both the body and the soul. It is a choice.

It is unwise to believe in anything

that God is against, no matter what it is. God is not working in the Potter books. The power Harry uses is not from God. So where does Harry get his power? His power comes from somewhere. So where is he getting it? Is it of God? No! We must believe this, for God isn't going to change his word.

God's power is the only one who overcomes, nothing and nobody else's. Read it and see. If you argue with God, you lose. God said it. That settles it.

**HELEN MACDONALD**  
Rupert

### Station's apology is a joke

After my recently published letter to editor about Kat Kountry's morning crew airing comments made about Brandon from CBS' Survivor, I was pleasantly surprised by an early morning apology from the morning crew for allowing such comments to be aired. They requested that I give them another chance, and I agreed. They then used me to make jokes during the morning, including a caller who stated that perhaps I should "move to California" and that he had heard that they have some "fairly" nice people out there. To which Charlie said something to the effect of it all being very "queer."

They also had aired my home phone number during the course of making this "apology."

I also received a phone call from MDX 103 asking me to give them a two-week trial. During the course of the conversation, I told them that since I had quit listening to 92.5 and as I was a die-hard country fan that I had been listening to KAT 140, which is one of their sister stations. Well, Kat, I'm back!

**ALISA MOON**  
Buhl

### Doonesbury



By Gary Trudeau

### Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

LETTERS

Today's cows face problems

The industrialization and modernization of the dairy business has brought on many changes, including those that do affect the health of cows and the health of humans. Cows are herd animals biologically designed to graze on grasses and roughage. A cow living in confinement, fed a diet of grain to meet excessive production demands, creates (according to the Humane Society of the United States) "myriad health problems, including severe metabolic disorders and lameness which are compounded by confinement." Add to that the constant doses of antibiotics and rBGH (bovine growth hormone) given to stimulate production, and you've got one unhealthy, unhappy cow.

Use of the rBGH, known as bovine somatotropin and sold exclusively by Monsanto as Posilac, has been proven to greatly increase udder infection, mastitis, which causes swollen, red udders and pus. The milk extracted is contaminated by Posilac, pus and antibiotics. Additionally, the BST stimulates the manufacture in humans of the hormone IGF-1, associated with breast, colon and prostate cancers. Just as athletes are disqualified from the Olympics and other major competitions for taking steroids or other artificial hormones to induce growth, an individual who prides himself or herself with staying fit would not consider the consumption of hormones to be a model guide for health.

Today's large family farm as a model of the factory farm does not operate nor treat its animals as its historical legacy portrays. As stated by the HSUS, "Today's cow is typically burned out (unable to keep up production) and sent to slaughter, for human consumption and other uses, at an average age of 4 years. Her natural life-span would be from 20 to 25 years. (The world's oldest cow to date lived to be 49!)"

Intensified methods in an intensified environment are not what agriculture is supposed to be. Modern methods which rely solely on the outcome of production while negating the responsibilities of sustainable stewardship of the land, water, air and to the human and animal resources are methods which demand scrutiny and accountability. The industrial farm in its design as a huge consumer and manipulator of resources poses a serious threat to all of us.

As for those lovely lagoon waters harboring such clean biodiversity, the toxins and bacteria found there are contributing to respiratory problems and cancers. Birds and other animals migrate and eventually, like us, die and no one asks why.

VALERIE K. CHISHOLM  
Buhl

Idahoans lose voting rights

Are we going to lose all of our voting rights? I personally believe we have already.

Our House of Representatives refuse to listen to the majority. Two times, we told them we wanted term limits. This would only put them on equal basis with a new person seeking to run for office.

Are we going under a dictatorship - remember those that rejected term limits at our next election. Let's not lose any more of our constitutional rights. Let us make our voices be heard.

We are all Americans and proud of it.  
DON CULLEY  
Paul

Help chief justice and nation

Some weeks past, we wrote in *The Times-News* about Alabama's Judge Roy Moore being involved in a lawsuit with the American Civil Liberties Union over hanging his own hand-carved plaque of the Ten Commandments in his courtroom. He won that case. Now as the newly elected chief justice of Alabama, he installed a monument displaying the Ten Commandments in the rotunda of the state judicial building (his promise if elected). Again, the ACLU and its cockamamie cohorts filed two lawsuits claiming the monument as deeply offensive, unlawful endorsement and advancement of religion (Christianity). Sheer we feel sorrow for their deeply offended souls? Yes.

Chief Justice Moore is a war veteran; are these ACLU lawyers; are these ACLU lawyers? Chief Justice Moore is a statesman and man of God; obviously these ACLU lawyers are not. Do you know the history of the ACLU? If not, you might be shocked to know of their foundation. This is a major constitutional case they cannot afford to lose; you can be assured their treacherous hearts will use every recourse available to them. We

could help Justice Moore by contacting our government officials to let them know our feeling on this matter. Where do you think this nation would be if men like the ACLU had written our Constitution? We think we would be in bondage like much of the world is today.

Chief Justice Moore is ready to defend the core of our Constitution without state funds. Do we let him go it alone? Are we Christians by association only?

Will we stand by in confusion as the multitude did when Christ was with us in the flesh as he was judged by the Sanhedrin lawgivers who then delivered him to Pontius Pilate?

These times are prophesied, yet as we live take a stand to restore the moral foundation of the laws. We are a nation under God with liberty and justice for all or are we Christians headed for worship behind closed doors? (This is the real issue.) If we can

help Chief Justice Moore in any way if only by moral support that we are united with him with the power of our right arm. If you wish to help him and this nation, then write him at the Alabama State Supreme Court or the Coral Ridge Ministries, P.O. Box 1940, Fort Lauderdale, FL 3302-1940. With whom we participate in the Reclaimed America program. FRANK AND EVELYN POPPAY Buhl

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## RIISING High School Sports STARS

### Jessica Ritchie, Valley basketball

Like the rest of the state-bound-Valley girls basketball team, Jessica Ritchie has been saving her best for the stretch run.



The 5-foot-8 junior saved one of her best performances of the season for last, scoring 13 points in the Vikings' 73-34 victory over Glens Ferry Monday in the 2A District Four championship game, which also clinched Valley's third straight state tournament appearance.

"I'm really excited," Ritchie said. "I don't know how to describe it. We want to do well at state. We played really good as a team."

Ritchie, who is averaging a shade under five points and three rebounds a game, also played well individually.

"It always feels good to contribute," she said. "And I've been in a slump and it just takes one game to get back in the swing of things."

The Vikings will need Ritchie and the rest of her teammates—especially senior leaders Annie Shawver, Katie Brock and Alex Kelso—in at the top of their games if they are to break the trend of going two-and-out at the state tournament, which runs Feb. 14-16 at Middleton High School and the Idaho Center.

"The best feeling is that feeling that you're playing good and you can do something when you get there," Ritchie said. "We know we can be state champions."

Ritchie also competes in volleyball, where the Vikings also qualified for state and "that just adds to wanting to do it in basketball," and track and field. She competes in the hurdles and the shot put.

Ritchie, who holds a 4.0 grade-point average, enjoys math "because there's always an answer," she said.

Outside of athletics, Ritchie enjoys playing the piano and hanging out with friends.

—Scott Thompson

### Travis Noble, Minico basketball

From pine time to prime time, Minico sophomore guard Travis Noble has moved into this role as a starter this year after coming off the bench on the varsity team as a freshman last year.



"Last year helped me a lot," Noble said. "It was a hard adjustment at first. There's a big jump between eighth-grade ball and varsity. The intensity is so much higher. But it's paid off."

Noble averages 6.4 points a game, with a high game of 13 against archival Burley. He is also averaging a team-high 3.9 assists and 2.0 rebounds a contest.

He said the goal the Spartans is to bring home a Class 5A state title.

"I think we're ready," he said. "We have a good shot at it."

Noble doesn't have any clear ideas as to what he'd like to do for a career but is clear on one thing: "I want to play college basketball somewhere."

When asked what his interests are outside of basketball, he laughed.

"I eat, sleep and breathe basketball," he said. "I like the intensity and going up and down the court. It's very fast-paced and fun to participate in. Also like the good competition."

—Scott Thompson

## Blue Devils top Hansen to take district title

By John Derr Times-News writer

MURTAUGH — It wasn't their best shooting night, but intense defensive pressure staked Dietrich over Hansen and to the 1A District Four Championship.

The Blue Devils (17-6), behind Rayva Parker's 27 points, struggled early but took control late in the first and never let up to defeat the Huskies 59-53 Wednesday at Murtaugh High School. It was only the second loss for Hansen (20-2).

The night belonged to the Northside Conference. Camas County took the final berth to state, defeating Raft River 62-58 in overtime and Shoshone topped Hagerman 51-40 for the third seed.

"The beginning of the game was a little shaky, we couldn't hit anything," Parker said. "Coach just told us to keep shooting.

We stepped it up in the second half."

Hansen, which earned a second straight runner-up trophy, led early. Bonnie Freestone converted a lay-up and jumper giving the Huskies a 10-6 advantage. With a full-court press forcing several turnovers the Blue Devils went on an 8-0 run to finish the period. Ayleen Sorenson and Kaysee Perkins each knocked down a pair for a four-point edge at the break.

Parker stepped outside and put Dietrich up 23-16, but six quick points by Hansen cut the deficit to a point. Sheena Bingham (15 points) converted two shots in the paint as the Blue Devils led by five at the break.

### 1A District Four Tournament

Dietrich 59, Hansen 53, championship.  
Shoshone 51, Hagerman 40, third, fourth seeds.  
Camas County 62, Raft River 58, OT, loser out.

### Other games — B2

Two buckets by Parker and the lead grew to nine early in the third, but each time the Huskies would rally, Sorenson (11 points), got hot in the third, scoring eight points and giving Dietrich a 44-34 lead after three periods.

Ellen Freestone (16 points) was on fire in the fourth. The senior tossed in 10 straight points for Hansen, but the Blue Devils still led by seven.

Bonnie Freestone grabbed the rebound on a missed free throw cutting the deficit to four points with 2 minutes left.

Free throws by Dietrich and Hansen turnovers would seal the victory down the stretch. Parker went 5-of-6 from the charity

stripe in the final 90 seconds. "We knew it would be a tough game, they are a great team. We went to our strengths inside," said Dietrich coach Gene Shaw. "It was a passing and running game. We like to run with anyone."

The Huskies had more field goals than Dietrich, but went 0-of-6 from the free-throw line.

For the Blue Devils, it's two goals down, one to go.

"Winning our conference was the first goal, this was our second. The third is to win state," added Parker.

Dietrich 59, Hansen 53

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## Here comes Muffy

### Paralyzed skier will carry torch today

By Karen Bosalck Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — Muffy Davis has a slew of Paralympic races to run, come March when the Paralympians take over Salt Lake City.

But first she has a slew of other Olympic events to get through.

Davis, who lived in Sun Valley before moving to Park City two years ago to train, will carry the Olympic torch today in Henefer, Utah. And once she's handed that off she'll go to work for Coca-Cola, schmoozing Olympic visitors and signing autographs at Coke's sprawling tents in Park City and Salt Lake City.

"It's just a huge honor to be able to carry the torch," said Davis. "And then my time is just a month and a few days away."

Davis, 25, couldn't be sitting any better as she nears her second Paralympics.

Last year, she won the coveted Crystal Globe — the World Cup Championship for women's monoskiing. She also won smaller globes for season titles in giant slalom and slalom.

This year she's leading the World Cup competition again. She's already won the slalom title and could take the super-G and giant slalom titles. There will be no downhill title because too many races were canceled by too much snow.

"Winning the World Cup was great for my confidence," she said. "And having the Olympics in my own country, there's a lot to say for that. I have the time under my belt I know what I'm capable of. I'm just wanting to go out and do the best that I can do."

It seems Davis was destined for this moment since she was a youngster, pushing Picabo Street down Bald Mountain, their pigtail-lying behind them.

That's the season most of the races because she was a year older. But by the time Muffy was 16, both girls were ranked nationally and some coaches said Muffy had an edge.



KAREN BOSALCK/The Times-News

But Davis' path to the Olympics put a dramatic turn one day in 1989 when she caught the edge of a ski on a cat track above Greyhawk, slamming into one tree, then another.

The impact fractured the T-6 vertebra in her back and shattered the helmet she'd borrowed from Street. When she regained consciousness, she was paralyzed

from the chest down.

At first, she wanted nothing to do with skiing, which had consumed her life to that point. She plunged herself into her studies, getting elected student body president, homecoming queen and valedictorian at Wood River High School.

And she went to Stanford

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Paralympian and reigning World Cup mono-skiing champion Muffy Davis looks forward to racing in the 2002 Paralympic Games March 7-16 in Salt Lake City, Davis, who was paralyzed in a 1989 ski accident, is a gold medal favorite in several events.

## Local gridders ink letters of intent

The Times-News

Glens Ferry's all-everything back Korey Hall headed a small but talented group of local athletes who signed letters of intent to play collegiate football on national signing day Wednesday.

Hall inked with Boise State University, while Wood River's Jeff Bolton signed to play at Montana State University.

Minico's Chuck Fleming and Luke Bair both signed to play at the two-year junior college Snow College in Ephraim, Utah.



Both Hall, The Times-News' 2A Player of the Year, and Bolton, a first-team lineman, will follow in the footsteps of their coaches.

Hall, a standout running back-linebacker who had 113 tackles despite missing four games for the Pilots' Class 2A state runner-up team, will play for the Division I-A Broncos, who finished their first year in the Western Athletic Conference for second place at 8-4.

"It was really relieving just to get it over with," Hall said. "I figured all along I'd go to Boise State. I'm really excited about it. I like their program and their coaches are all pretty cool."

Hall was the defensive Most Valuable Player at the Broncos' football camp as a junior. He said he will play linebacker at BSU.

Pilots' coach Joel Herrmann also played football at Boise State.

Not only will Bolton follow Wolverine coach John Blackman to MSU, he will also play offensive guard as Blackman did.

The Division I-A A-State football team is a program on the rise in the rugged Big Sky Conference, going 5-6 last year.

Fleming and Bair, also a first team member of The Times-News' All-Region teams, are both hoping to use Snow as a springboard

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### 2002 Paralympics

- When: March 7-16
- Where: Salt Lake City
- Winter Paralympics at Snowbasin
- Super-G, March 8
- Downhill, March 11
- Giant slalom, March 14
- Slalom, March 16

## Pro Bowl rosters change as players stay home

By Hal Bok The Associated Press

As usual, the NFL's Pro Bowl rosters are a work in progress, changing as players weigh the benefits of a week in Hawaii against a week of healing from the long season.

So far, well over a dozen have chosen healing.

One choice marriage: Matt Clark's wedding is set for Friday, and the Minnesota Vikings center decided that would take precedence over playing in Saturday's game. His roster spot was turned over to Jeremy Newberry of the San Francisco 49ers.

Birk had perhaps the most unique and best excuse for missing the game. Other more traditional alibis came straight from



New England cornerback Ty Law signs autographs at the AFC's Pro Bowl game at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu Wednesday.

clubs' training rooms. A banged-up knee kept Kansas City tight end Tony Gonzalez home. Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre sent his regrets because of a combination of stomach and back aches.

Any resemblance between the AFC and NFC rosters at game

time on Saturday and the ones assembled last month is purely coincidental.

In the aftermath of their Super Bowl loss to New England, two St. Louis Rams players pulled out of the game Tuesday. Wide receiver

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## Hornets buzz Buhl for title

By Scott Thompson Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — Sparky and Ice. They showed up big time for the Declo Hornets at Kimberly High School Wednesday, helping to beat the Buld Indians 36-31 for the 3A District Four championship and the top seed at next week's state tournament.

With Declo trailing 23-17 with 3:22 remaining in the third quarter, 5-foot-8 junior Lane "Sparky" Moss ignited the struggling Hornets (22-2) with six points as part of a 13-0 run for a 30-25 lead at the 5:45 mark of the fourth quarter.

"That's why I call her 'Sparky,'" Declo senior guard Amy "Ice" Allen said.

Moss' bucket with 1:20 left in the third quarter put the Hornets up 24-23, giving Declo its first outright lead since senior post Jamie Chantburn's game-opening basket.

Moss had been saddled with foul trouble most of the night but came off the bench for a huge lift

for the Hornets.

"I saw they were leaving the middle open and I went out and I just decided to drive it down there," she said.

Her basket down the center of the key on an assist by senior Currie Blackles capped the run for the Hornets.

Buhl finally got back in the scorer's column and pulled to within three twice in the fourth quarter, slicing the lead to 30-27 when sophomore guard Dani Kippes collected a steal and got a basket. Buhl cut it to 32-29 as senior guard Annie McCauley did the same.

But Allen went 4-for-4 from the free-throw line to help put the game away.

"I wasn't that nervous," she said. "That's what it comes down to in a game like that — not being nervous."

Buhl coach Joe Shepard was impressed. "Allen was big down the stretch," he said. "Those free throws did it."

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SPORTS

Waldrum leads Pocatello past Minico

POCATELLO - Michael Waldrum scored a game-high 19 points and Ryan Cury added 13 to lift Pocatello past Minico 57-54 in Region III boys basketball Wednesday in Pocatello. Minico, which was led by John Fennell's 17 points, led at halftime 23-20, but a 24-12 third-quarter surge, including six 3-pointers by the Indians, led to the Spartan demise. "We stood around and watched them shoot threes," Minico coach Mike Graef said. The loss gives Minico (14-5, 4-2 Region III) the No. 2 seed at next week's Region III Tournament. Minico will host Pocatello (6-13, 2-4) in a first-round matchup on Tuesday. The Spartans host Madison on Friday. Ryan Heworth added 13 and Taylor Duncan led 12 for Minico.

**Burley 63, Blackfoot 53** BURLEY - Burley secured the third seed and opening round hosting rights at Tuesday's start to the 4A District Four-Five-Six Tournament by defeating Blackfoot 63-53 in boys basketball Wednesday night in Burley. Scouts Raymond led all scorers with 19 points for Burley. Teammate Jon Barker added 16 points. Cole Colson and Riley Price both scored 13 points to lead Blackfoot. Burley (12-8, 3-5 Great Basin) will again face Blackfoot on Tuesday.

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Tuesday in Twin Falls. Pete McMullen added 11 points and Tyler Jordan and Eric Mason joined to use a 21-4 run during a 20-13 fourth quarter to pull away for the win. Jon Jarvis scored a game-high 22 points for MCV (1-16, 0-11 Magic Valley Conference). TFCFA heads to the Northwest Christian Schools Tournament in Pasco, Wash. Fourth quarter homecoming game. 21-4 run in the fourth quarter.

**TFCFA 76, MCV 54** TFCFA (18-11, 10-10) defeated MCV (1-16, 0-11) 76-54 in a fourth quarter homecoming game. TFCFA (18-11, 10-10) defeated MCV (1-16, 0-11) 76-54 in a fourth quarter homecoming game.

Wrestling

**Minico 63, Century 42** RUPERT - Dominating with 12 wins, Minico rolled past Century 63-42 on the Spartan mats Wednesday in Rupert. Minico's five pins came from Gene Hammond (103 pounds), Eric Adams (112), Mark Harper (119), Mark Rico (130) and Michael Roberts (275). Hammond's came in just 32 seconds. "It was a good win," Minico coach Brad Cooper said. "We always like to wrestle better, but it's a good win." Minico goes to Idaho Falls today to face host Bonneville and Hillcrest at 4 p.m. The Region III Tournament is Wednesday at Twin Falls.

Indians lead list of Northside hopefuls

By Joe Sunnen Times-News writer SHOSHONE - The last thing the Shoshone boys basketball team wants at the Northside Conference Tournament is for history to repeat itself. Carey couldn't hope for anything better. Shoshone (14-6, 12-0 Northside) enters the tournament as the top seed, having moved through the Northside regular season undefeated to earn a first-round bye, and is looking for its first berth to state since 1999. The Indians came in as a second seed last season, but were upset by Carey and eventually lost to Oakley in the play-in game at the District Four Tournament for a berth to state. This year, Shoshone has been a step ahead of everyone they've played, while most of the Northside has been mired in party. The Indians have a deep team with solid senior leadership and enough shooters to make up for their lack of height. "I think everyone is even in our conference except Shoshone," Dietrich coach Hubert Shaw said. "They have good shooters in Tyler McCowan and Jackson Uhlr and they play well together. After Shoshone, it could be anybody that finished second and third."

Northside Conference Tournament

Where: Shoshone High School When: Today through Feb. 19 Today's games: No. 5 Richfield vs. No. 4 The Community School, 5 p.m. No. 3 Dietrich vs. No. 6 Bliss, 6:30 p.m. No. 2 Carey vs. No. 7 Camas County, 8 p.m. No. 1 Shoshone, bye

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Girls basketball

**Jerome 72, Declo 62** JEROME - Jerome defeated Declo in non-conference boys basketball, 72-62 Wednesday night in Jerome. Kim Thibault led all scorers with 19 points for Jerome. Corey Musgrave netted 17 points and Ben Lammers added 12 points for the Tigers. Billy Alphin led Declo with 16 points. Jerome (7-11, 1-7 Great Basin Conference) travels to Pocatello and a meeting with rival Declo in championship on Tuesday to open the 4A District Four-Five-Six Tournament on Tuesday.

Late results

**3A District Four Tournament** Buhl 43, Declo 39, OT KIMBERLY - The Buhl Indians got 12 points from Sherry King and 10 from Brandi Hosman to defeat the Declo Devils 43-39 late Tuesday night at Kimberly High School. The victory forced a fifth and deciding meeting between the schools Wednesday for the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference title and the district's top seed going into next week's state tournament. Declo's Carrie Blakested led the Hornets with 11 points and hit a 10-foot jumper just before the buzzer to force overtime. But the Indians took control early in the extra period to even the season series at 2-1.

Bowling

**Wendell defeats Hansen** JEROME - At Jerome Bowl, Wendell defeated Hansen 52 in varsity bowling despite the Bucks rolling a high game of 171 in Baker format on Wednesday. Wendell's high game was a 162. Wendell also won the jayvee match 4-3 and junior varsity B match by forfeit. Wendell (3-4) bowls again Buhl today at Ranch Bowl in Gooding at 4 p.m.

Highland 71, Twin Falls 53

POCATELLO - Highland wrapped up its tryout seed to next week's Region III Boys Tournament with a 71-53 rout of Twin Falls on Wednesday in Pocatello. Steve Cobbley led all scorers with 17 points for the Rams (10-8, 5-1 Region III) and Dexter Hill and Tony Green netted 10 each. Chris Herzinger scored 14 and Leigh Castillo added 13 for the Bruins (5-14, 1-5), who host Great Basin Conference championship Tuesday. The Spartans will face Highland to open the tournament on Tuesday.

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Lady Mushers beat Raft River, punch ticket to state

By Ethan Stone Times-News writer MURTAUGH - Camas County fulfilled its destiny while Shoshone, playing without star center Monica Uhrig, finally learned to win without their leader. Both teams won their respective games Wednesday at the District Four Tournament at Hulse Gym in Murtaugh with the Mushers ousting Raft River 62-58 in overtime and Shoshone beating Hagerman 51-40 behind the 31 points of guard Jazz Harris. Shoshone takes the three seed to state, where the Indians (22-3) face the District Two champions at Nampa High School on Wednesday at 4 p.m. The Mushers (9-13) earned their first trip in at least eight years beating Raft River 62-58 for the district's final spot to state. Camas County plays the District Three champions - either Salmon River or Rimrock - on Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Nampa High.

seed to Wednesday's 1A Girls Real Dairy Shoot Out. The Pirates (15-12) head to state the No. 4 seed. Harris scored a game-high 31 points for the Indians (22-3), who are without Gonzaga University-bound Uhrig, who has a fractured tibia. Shoshone led most of the way, holding a 13-12 lead after the quarter and getting seven points from Harris, scoring a nine-point rally early in the second. Hagerman crept within three to close the half down 25-22. The Indians extended their lead to 36-29 in the third quarter, and Harris hit two baskets at the beginning of the fourth to push the margin to 11 points. Shoshone shot 9-for-10 from the free-throw line in the closing minutes to ice the win. "Sometimes the night falls on you, and you just have to give it all you've got," said Harris. "We aren't the tallest team, especially without Monica (Uhrig) on the court," Indians coach Tim Chapman said. "But we did a good job controlling the boards, and everyone contributed." Carys McComman scored 12 points and Teresa Owsley scored 10 to lead Hagerman. Harris said that the team

knows it is without Uhrig the rest of the way. "In the locker room, Monica told us to believe in ourselves, that we're all better athletes than we give ourselves credit for," she said. "Tonight we proved that to ourselves, and we're going to need that confidence at state."

first until Vouch made a 3-pointer as time ran out to cut the Trojans' advantage to 13-9. Backstrom tied it at 15 with a layup halfway through the second quarter, and 4 minutes and four Backstrom buckets later, Camas County left the first half up 24-20. Raft River stayed close in the third, briefly recapturing the lead at 31-30 as Tam Le made good on an inside hook shot. But Camas' Brooke Rey converted a three-point play as the Mushers retook the lead at 35-33. Backstrom hit eight points in the quarter as the Mushers led 39-35. Camas County held the lead through the fourth quarter, until the Trojans' Kari Ward nailed a tumbler jumper to tie it at 51-51 with 14 seconds on the clock. In the extra period, Camas County climbed to a 59-53 lead off baskets from Backstrom and others, and defended the lead to win with four points to spare. Vouch scored 14 points, and Raft River's Melissa Oman finished with 17.

Shoshone 51, Hagerman 40

MURTAUGH - With the help of Harris, Shoshone stunned Hagerman 51-40 Wednesday night, taking District Four's third

Camas County 62, Raft River 58, OT

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NFL

Continued from B1 Isaac Bruce and tackle Orlando Pace are staying home. Originally, Joe Horn of New Orleans was named to replace Bruce, but he was also unable to play and the spot went to Torry Holt of St. Louis. Tra Thomas of Philadelphia takes Pace's place. The replacements missed the Super Bowl but they're still in for some bigtime fun. Nobody throws a better party than the NFL, and the league is dedicated to making the Pro Bowl an appealing climax to the season instead of an All-Star afterthought. The game package has been upgraded to make the trek to Hawaii more appealing for players and coaches worn out from

the grind of regular season and playoffs. Now the deal includes two first-class tickets instead of one, top-flight hotel accommodations and limousines to transport players and guests around the island. That made no difference to Philadelphia cornerback Troy Vincent, hobbling around on a sore hamstring. He was replaced Tuesday by Champ Bailey of the Washington Redskins. Vincent's injury and the addition of Thomas left the Eagles' representation at a league-high seven players. Two other Eagles, quarterback Donovan McNabb and tight end Chad Lewis, were added on Monday. Lewis was added to the NFC

roster as a need player and the AFC added tight end Duane Carswell of Denver to balance the roster. Cornerback Ty Law and wide receiver Troy Brown, both important contributors to New England's Super Bowl victory over St. Louis, are also replacement Pro Bowl players. Law, who returned an interception for the first touchdown of the Super Bowl, was added on Friday to replace Oakland's Charles Woodson, out with a bad toe. Brown got the call earlier in January as a fill-in for Denver's Rod Smith, who is nursing a bad ankle. Other replacement parts include Cincinnati running back

Corey Dillon of Pittsburgh's Jonny Beckett, Pittsburgh wide receiver Hines Ward for Jacksonville's Jimmy Smith, Dallas linebacker Dexter Coakley for Derrick Brooks, Minnesota tight end Byron Chamberlain for Wesley Walls, Indianapolis tight end Ken Dilger for Gonzalez and San Diego cornerback Ryan McNeil for Miami Sam Madison. Also, guard Adam Timmerman of St. Louis for Dallas' Larry Allen, defensive tackle Ted Washington of Chicago for Tampa Bay's Warren Sapp, Jacksonville defensive tackle Gary Walker for Denver's Trevor Pryce, and Denver linebacker Al Wilson for Miami's Zach Thomas.

Muffy

Continued from B1 University, where she worked with children battling cancer and formed a speakers' bureau of disabled people to clear up misconceptions about people with disabilities. But when Davis saw her old rival win Olympic silver in Lillehammer, Norway in 1994, she knew she had to give ski racing another shot. She learned some who said she didn't have the abdominal and trunk strength to turn a mono-ski, which resembles a bucket seat mounted on one ski. But, before

long, she found herself talking her way through her first terrifying downhill race using lines from the movie "Top Gun." Come 1998, Davis was again fast on Street's ski tips, winning first in the Paralympics on the same slope as Street had won Olympic gold a few weeks earlier. And like Street, she now has a World Cup championship, which honors consistency in skiing day-in and day-out. She landed at Snowmass on the downhill on March 8; the super-G, March 11; the giant slalom, March 14 and the slalom

on March 16. Her immediate family, all her aunts and uncles and all seven of her cousins will be there to watch, as well as many of her friends from the Wood River Valley. "The only reason I'm able to do this is because of this valley," she said. "I'm feeding off their energy and spirit." Her toughest competition will come from her own U.S. teammates, who she shared the World Cup this year. Among them is Lacey Heward, a young upstart from Boise's Bogus Basin Ski Area who was paralyzed as a toddler when her father's barbell fell on her. "Muffy has all the technique, the knowledge, the ability she needs to win," said Sun Valley's adaptive ski instructor Marc Mast, who taught Davis to mono-ski. "The thing is her head. If she stays calm, she'll win her race." Following the Paralympics, Davis would like to work for one of the television networks in New York. "My dream is to host a talk show," she said. "Positive programs showcasing the amazing people who are in our world."

Declo

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Boise father-son team will compete in luge

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Christopher Hoeger and his dad are doing something different this February: they're both competing for the Venezuelan luge team. Werner Hoeger, 48, and his 17-year-old son will become the first father and son to compete in the same Olympic luge event when the competition opens Sunday. The pair, from Boise, Idaho, both have Venezuelan passports; the elder Hoeger was born in Merida, Venezuela. Christopher Hoeger was born in Odessa, Texas. The pair took up the sport four years ago when the Olympic luge track in Park City opened. When not on his luge, Christopher spends his time playing soccer on a computer game. The elder Hoeger is a university professor who has written 38 books. At last year's world championships, Christopher finished 48th - two spots ahead of his father. The U.S. luge federation expects 13 speeds and times during the Olympics. According

Countdown to the Salt Lake Olympics

1 day until Opening Ceremony

The Torch Tour: The Olympic torch relay departs Olympic Salt Lake City by way of the Wasatch Mountains. It will visit Soldier Hollow, the Olympic cross-country ski venue, then board the Heber-Crocker for a train ride to Heber City, then make a stop in Park City, then follow the path of Mormon pioneers into the Salt Lake Valley, spending the night at the City-Country Building.

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SPORTS

Mavericks knock off New Jersey

Divac helps red-hot Sacramento breeze past Walker, Boston

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Tim Hardaway Jr. hit a go-ahead 3-pointer to ignite a game...

rebounds and 10 assists for the Kings, who entered the All-Star break with an NBA-best record of 37-11.

Cavallers 111, Rockets 109

CLEVELAND — Andre Miller scored 31 points, and Lamond Murray scored the go-ahead basket with 21 seconds remaining...

Timberwolves 113, Trail Blazers 103

MINNEAPOLIS — Wally Szczerbiak snapped out of his scoring slump with 30 points, six rebounds and five assists...

Hardaway had seven of his 11 points in the run that led Dallas to a team record-tying seventh straight road win...

Dallas, which shot 27-for-27 from the line and was coming off a 141-140 double-overtime victory over Indiana on Tuesday night...

Dirk Nowitzki had 22 points and Steve Nash added 18 points and 12 assists for the Mavericks...

Kenyon Martin had 26 points, Keith Van Horn added 21 and Jason Kidd had 14 points and 12 assists for the Nets...

Kings 102, Celtics 85

BOSTON — Peja Stojakovic scored 24 points and Vlade Divac had his seventh career triple-double to lead Sacramento past Boston.

Divac had 15 points, 14



Cleveland's Andre Miller puts up a shot against Houston's Cuttino Mobley in the fourth quarter of the Cavs' 111-109 win in Cleveland.

Caps beat Minnesota to snap four-game skid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ulf Dahlen had a goal and an assist as the Washington Capitals snapped a four-game losing streak Wednesday night with a 2-1 victory over the Minnesota Wild.

The win was Washington's first since a 3-0 shutout of Atlanta on Jan. 22. The Capitals also had lost four consecutive home games.

The loss was Minnesota's fourth straight and the Wild slipped to 1-7-3 in their last 13 games.

Senators 6, Blue Jackets 4 COLUMBUS, Ohio — Jody Hull scored on a tip-in while falling down with 2:40 remaining as Ottawa beat Columbus.

Lighting 3, Panthers 2 SUNRISE, Fla. — Kevin Weekes

made 37 saves and Stan Neckar had two assists as Tampa Bay held off Florida.

Red Wings 3, Rangers 1 DETROIT — Sergei Fedorov, Kris Draper and Brent Gilchrist scored as Detroit extended its home unbeaten streak to 13 games with a victory over New York.

Predators 2, Stars 1 NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Denis Arkhipov scored and had an assist and goaltender Mike Dunham stopped 33 shots as Nashville beat Dallas.

Signings

Continued from B3 "It's pretty exciting," said Fleming, who will play running back at Snow. "At a two-year school, I'll be able to start playing right away. I won't have to redshirt."

Eric Lindros returned to the lineup after missing a game with a sprained right knee.

The Predators split the season series with Dallas.

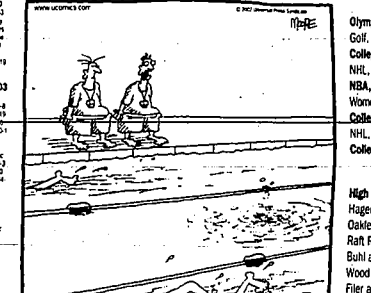
with the school, especially since it has a good track record of getting its athletes to four-year institutions.

He also said Snow has a good building-construction program, which he is interested in.

"I had to think about it but they're from Utah that has been interested all along so I decided to go there," Bair said.

SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



"Now another swimmer's been dragged under, screaming, right in the middle of a race. I'm telling you, Floyd, something's down there."

ON THE AIR TELEVISION

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SKI REPORT

Idaho Boise Basin — Wed 3-26 snow 29 degrees packed powder 60-62 base 18-20. Big Lost Lake — Wed 3-26 snow 29 degrees packed powder 60-62 base 18-20.

FOOTBALL College football Idaho recruits

Boise State University Boise, Idaho... Boise State University Boise, Idaho... Boise State University Boise, Idaho...

NATIONAL BASKETBALL Association

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Tuesday's Late NBA Box Score

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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL Arizona Diamondbacks traded LHP Cliff Lee to the Philadelphia Phillies for RHP Ryan Lundy and cash.

NBA SCORES

Table listing NBA game scores and player statistics.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL Development League

Table listing NBA Development League game scores and player statistics.

National Hockey League

Table listing NHL game scores and player statistics.

WEDNESDAY'S WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Table listing Women's Basketball game scores and player statistics.

RED WINGS 3, RANGERS 1

Table listing Red Wings vs Rangers game scores and player statistics.



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Section C

## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Volunteer heads to NYC for relief efforts

**TWIN FALLS** - The American Red Cross of Greater Idaho Disaster Services volunteer Kathy Dutt of Twin Falls left Wednesday on an assignment to New York City to take part in the ongoing Red Cross recovery work following last year's terrorist attacks.

Dutt, assigned as a logistics technician, will be working in an area near Ground Zero. On most assignments, she will be responsible for moving equipment, supplies and personnel from one place to another. The assignment is scheduled to last at least three weeks.

Dutt has been a Red Cross Disaster Services volunteer since 1997. This is her second national disaster assignment; in November 2001, she was dispatched to assist the Red Cross relief and recovery operation following tornadoes in parts of Mississippi, Alabama and Kentucky.

The number of Idaho Red Cross volunteers who have served or are currently serving in connection with the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks now stands at 76.

### Idaho Power reduces flows at Milner Dam

**BURLEY** - Idaho Power Co. will reduce the number of days it makes recreational flows downstream of Milner Dam, the company said.

The change follows a three-year study by Idaho Power that recorded virtually no use of recreational flows from the dam. The study, the company said in a news release.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved the reduction from 12 weekend days for whitewater boating needs in May and June to four weekend days during those months, Idaho Power said. The releases are required only when water volume at Milner exceeds irrigation requirements by between 10,000 and 12,500 cubic feet per second.

Idaho Power outlined its new rules for boaters requesting the recreational releases. Boaters must make their requests through the Idaho Power Recreation Department at 1-800-422-3143 by 3 p.m. on the Friday before the weekend requested. The recreation release must be made for more than one boater and there must be at least two requests made for the weekend. Whitewater flow releases will be limited to between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. and only after boaters have checked in at the Milner Power Plant.

### Kimberly P&Z approves annexation of school land

**KIMBERLY** - The Kimberly planning and zoning committee approved the annexation of the new high school property during its Tuesday night meeting.

Also included in this annexation of land that borders the city on the west is the LDS Seminary property, which is adjacent to the school property on the south side.

The committee also approved a new day-care proposed by Stephanie and Greg Habel on Polk Street and the city's new comprehensive plan. These issues will go before the City Council for final approval at the council's Tuesday meeting.

### Ketchum physician will discuss heart disease

**HAILEY** - Dr. Steve Wright, a Ketchum cardiologist, will discuss the nation's No. 1 health problem - heart disease - today.

The free lecture, which will explore ways to tell if you're at risk and will share information about cholesterol, will be presented from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Wood River Middle School Library in Hailey.

The lecture is sponsored by St. Luke's Center for Community Health.

Compiled from staff reports

Watershed	% of Average*
Upper Snake River	80%
Salmón Falls Creek	111%
Oakley Basin	119%
Big and Little Wood	92%
	87%

# Lawmakers face tough budget choices

## Panel votes to make holdbacks permanent

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** - Up until Tuesday, Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, had what he thought was a good solution to help a strapped school district in his area.

But then, "a \$17 million bomb dropped on us yesterday," he said Wednesday. "The landscape has changed."

Lawmakers learned that January's projected tax receipts

were down by that much. Bedke, a freshman legislator, isn't on the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, but he doesn't "disagree" with the panel's Wednesday vote to make permanent 2.5 percent holdbacks to public schools, 3 percent to colleges and universities and 4 percent to all other agencies. JFAC makes final budget recommendations to both houses.

The 10-9 vote for a \$64.1 million reduction in the existing \$2 billion general tax budget amounts to an unprecedented \$23.3 million drop in aid to public schools.

One other time - in 1980 - lawmakers voted to reduce the school aid from the previous session's appropriations, only that time they let local property taxpayers make it up to schools.

In 1981, the Legislature made it back up to property owners. Bedke said he had talked with



Michael Chesley over the weekend about an idea to reduce holdbacks to schools to 1.5 percent by using "angel money." That is extra money left over from the state's classroom distribution budget. This year it appears it could amount to about \$10 million.

ing cash in its contingency fund. Auditors typically recommend at least two months' worth of operating funds on hand.

On Wednesday, however, lawmakers began discussing the addition of the \$10 million to the 2003 public school budget. JFAC Co-Chairman Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, said that would allow school districts to tap into the budget early in order to ease cash flow problems.

But Chesley objects.

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## FROSTY IMAGES



Hoarfrost covers the branches of trees and shrubs near Minidoka Dam earlier this week. Cold temperatures have resulted in many frosty mornings in Minidoka for the last week or so. After three weeks of a cold, high-pressure air mass sitting over Idaho, temperatures are expected to begin moderating today.

# State hires contractor to run state park farm

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

**HAGERMAN** - A working farm at the new Billingsley Creek State Park makes for an unusual business arrangement between the state and farm operator, but Billingsley Creek is an unusual state park.

"If we had to run it, it would be a stretch for us," park manager Kevin Lynott said.

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation had to prevent the farm on the park property from turning into weeds

and, if possible, earn revenue to help operate the park, he said.

The 281-acre park includes a fish hatchery and the 176-acre McFadden farm in the Hagerman Valley. The state bought the property for a total of \$6.4 million and protected it from development.

But lawmakers did not budget money to develop and operate the park. Lynott and his two crewmen at the neighboring Majad-Gorge-State-Park have had Billingsley Creek added to their duties. While the Parks Department is supportive of the

Legislature's decision to preserve the property in the treasured Thousand Springs Complex, it is forced to figure out how to manage it without the money.

The farm cannot be leased to a for-profit business, because the state financed the land with tax-free bonds, Lynott said. The Parks Department hired Matt McFadden as an independent contractor to manage the farm and its Emerald Valley Garden Center. The McFadden family sold the farm and garden center to the state, and the Parks

Department says it wanted someone with the expertise to run it.

"We have to pay all the bills and then we also take all the profit off the business," said Rick Collignon, state parks director.

The farm's business plan budgets for \$226,000 in expenses. That includes a \$113,000 management fee to pay all personnel costs. Personnel include two full-time employees, as many as five part-time employees during the growing season and McFadden

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# Jerome faces parking, skateboarding problems

By Dixie Thomas Reese  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** - Parking in the downtown Jerome business district is causing problems among business owners, one of them told the City Council Tuesday evening.

"Some business owners park

where they want, as long as they want and thumb their noses at the city ordinance," Leroy Craig said.

The parking ordinance says that if a person receives a citation for parking illegally on the street, he or she can pay a \$15 fine or go to court. But there's nothing in the ordinance to

enforce this.

"The ordinance has no teeth in it," said Travis Rothweiler, city administrator.

When the downtown beautification project was completed a few years ago, the central business district lost about 20 percent of its parking spaces to trees and landscaping.

The Jerome Development Corporation purchased the parking lot at the corner of First Avenue West and Lincoln Street North and designated it public parking. The city bought the parking lot from the Jerome Development

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## District eyes drug tests

By Almoa New  
Times-News correspondent

**GOODING** - Gooding High School students may soon be required to take a drug test before participating in extracurricular activities.

And a revised high school dress code could be used in the middle school and elementary school next year.

The two subjects occupied Gooding School District board members during their regular meeting Tuesday night.

Students at Gooding's Alternative School have been taking random drug tests under an experimental policy started last fall. Now, school officials are proposing drug tests for all stu-

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# Proposal to close INEEL draws fire

## Idaho lawmakers demand retraction

The Associated Press

**IDAHO FALLS** - The Bush administration's proposal to close the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory - although later withdrawn - was labeled absolutely unacceptable Wednesday by the state's all-Republican congressional delegation.

Sens. Larry Craig and Michael Crapo and Congressman Mike Simpson insisted that Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham officially retract the statement in President Bush's 2003 budget.

It gave the INEEL an ineffective rating on environmental management, which is the

responsibility of the Energy Department and the contractors it hires.

Even though the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory receives substantial earmarked funding through the E&E Office of Science and Technology, "it is unable to complete projects on time and within budget. The administration proposes accelerating the completion date from the current date of 2050 and closing the lab."

Shortly after release of the document, the department advised

state officials that the statement needed clarifying and that the administration did not intend to close the INEEL, which employs over 7,500 workers in eastern Idaho.

While administration officials have verbally retracted the closure statement, Simpson suggested it might be a trap revealing actual plans and wants the retraction in writing. Crapo is demanding a full explanation of how the statement got into the budget document in the first place.

"Congress will reject any notion of shutting down the lab," the senator said. "The expertise in nuclear energy and alternative fuels found at the INEEL will be needed."

The manager of the state office overseeing operations at the eastern Idaho complex, Kathleen Trever, said she want-

ed an explanation of the budget statement about accelerating cleanup from the current target of 2050.

The state's court-enforced 1995 nuclear waste cleanup agreement with the federal government requires all radioactive waste to be removed by 2035. Some remediation on groundwater and soil could extend to 2050 or even 2070, Trever said, but it was unclear whether that was the object of the budget document reference.

Craig warned at the time then-Gov. Phil Batt signed the agreement that the federal government would ignore the deadline and willingly pay the fine of \$60,000 a day - about \$328 million over 15 years - because it was cheaper than financing a permanent dump for the waste by 2035.

# More changes

Security measures will continue to evolve, manager says

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The changes in air travel brought about by Sept. 11, 2001, will probably be even more lingering and far-reaching than those brought about by the terrorist hijackings of the early 1970s, an airport manager said Wednesday.

While the early hijackings ushered in the area of metal detectors and sky marshals, the attacks of Sept. 11 have brought about more intense passenger screening, a new government security agency and the revival of the sky marshals, said Bill Carberry, who manages Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport.

It also means passengers need to get to airports earlier than ever, Carberry said while speaking to members of the Twin Falls Rotary Club.

"You need to be there at least an hour before departure at small airports like ours and two hours before departure at bigger airports."

Confirming statements made previously to *The Times-News* by check-in counter managers at the Twin Falls airport, Carberry said the airport can't check in passengers any later than exactly one half-hour before departure. There are no exceptions, so people who show up to check in after the deadline will simply have to cancel or take a later flight, he said.

Air security in the past was left almost entirely up to the airlines, but that will change Feb. 12, he said. That day on-duty will be handed over to the newly formed Federal Transportation Security Administration, Carberry said.

That won't mean any immediate changes at the Twin Falls airport, he said. For the time being, troops from the Idaho Army-National Guard will still provide extra security at the airport, he said. The security administration is working on training officers to replace National Guard troops at airports around the country, he said. But guardsmen will probably be at the Twin Falls airport at least until November, he said.

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BURIAL



**F. Geneva Koch**  
F. Geneva Koch, 95, long-time resident of Reno, Nev., died Tuesday, February 5, 2002, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho. She was born in Reno, Nev., and graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Reno. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Smith, and her son, Mr. J. B. Smith. Burial will be held at the Reno Memorial Park Cemetery in Reno, Nev., on Friday, February 8, 2002, at 10 a.m.

**Emma Oregon** and **Sisters Fanny, Rebecca, and Ora** of Kansas and **Edna** of Alameda, Kansas, were grandmothers and great-grandmothers of the late **Edna**. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her sons, her brother, and two sisters. Burial will be held at the First Baptist Church on Friday, February 8, 2002, at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 25 North First East, in Burley. The family suggests that memorials be made to the Summer Teen Center, Mission of the Martin Luther King Jr. Project, in care of the First Baptist Church.

**Eden**  
Funeral services for **Eden** will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, February 8, 2002, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1100 East 16th Street, Burley.



**Arthur N. Tattersall**  
Arthur N. Tattersall, 77, of Eden, Idaho, passed away February 5, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho. He was born in September 15, 1924, in Twin Falls, the son of Frederick A. and Hazel V. Molons Tattersall and lived in the area for most of his life. Just after he turned 18 years of age, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and went off to fight for his country. During his years of service he was sent to Ijima and there he was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds he received. He was discharged in December of 1945. After he returned home, Art took up ranching and farming in the Eden Valley. He would spend over 60 years of his life in the agriculture field. Art also worked for Sun Seeds of Twin Falls. As a beef herd man for 25 years, he earned the love of his life, Marlene Lee Bruce Tattersall, and they were married for 55 years. To this union were born four children.

On October 25, 1935, The couple resided in Hazelton, ID, Ephrata, Washington, and Twin Falls, Idaho, where Cliff worked and operated his own business—Pacific Container and Supply Company. After the death of his wife of 65 years in 2000, he married Minnie Manly in April, 2001. Surviving are his two daughters, Janet (Perrie) Freestone and Terri Thompson, both of Twin Falls, Idaho, his wife, Minnie of Twin Falls, one brother, Jerry Thompson of Oakley, ID, four grandchildren, Diana, Stephenson, Michelle Meyers, Julie Goochcocha and Jennifer Freestone, 9 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Bernice J. sisters, 5 brothers, and a great-great-grandson. Funeral services for Cliff will be held Thursday, February 7, 2002, at 1 p.m. at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Burial will be held at the Sunset Memorial Park Mausoleum; visitation will be held following the services at the Sunset Memorial Park Mausoleum. Visitation will be held Thursday, February 7, 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Arrangements and services are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

POCATELLO

**Linda Kay Huber** (formerly of Rupert, service at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. John The Baptist Church in Covington, Wash.; inurnment will be held at Tahoma National Cemetery in Covington, Wash.)  
**Stephen W. Smith of Burley**, celebration of life will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Sun Valley. Road in Ketchum (Wood River Chapel, Hailey).  
**Stern Willard of Wendell**, service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Wendell; the family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. today at Demaray's Wendell Chapel; burial will follow the service at Wendell Cemetery.

**Joyce P. Collins**  
Joyce P. Collins, 71, passed away February 3, 2002, at a local long-term care center in Pocatello, Idaho.

She was born September 4, 1930, in Camas, Idaho. She was married to John and Cordie Ellen (Reagan) Perry. She attended grade school at Fairfield until moving to Wendell, Idaho where she graduated from Wendell High School in 1948. She resided both in Wendell and Pocatello, choosing Pocatello to be her home for the last 27 years. She married Max Gratzler and together they had three children: Steve, Dennis, and Diane. They were later divorced. She married Erv Howie and they had one son, John. They later divorced. She married Dee Collins and they had a son, Shane, and they later divorced. She has remained single since 1975.

While living in Wendell, Idaho, she worked at Wendell Drug and the Snake Bee Honey Plant. After moving to Pocatello, she worked for the U.S. Postal Service, serving the Pocatello area for almost 20 years and retiring in 1994.

Joyce had many good friends in both Wendell and Pocatello. She really enjoyed playing cards and various outdoor activities. She also past her time by doing many crossword puzzles.

The family would like to give special thanks to Erv Howie for being a friend in Joyce's later years. She is survived by her children: Steve Gratzler, Blackfoot, ID, Dennis Gratzler, Pocatello, ID, Diane Mink, Shane Collins, both of Wendell, ID, a brother, Floyd Perry, Pocatello, ID, and 7 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son, John Howie, her parents, John and Cordie Perry, brothers, John and Dee Perry, and a sister, Elaine Dixon.

Per Joyce's request there will not be any public service. Arrangements are under the direction of Colonial Funeral Home, 2005 S. 4th Ave., Pocatello.

JEROME

**Cassandra Lee Becton**  
Cassandra Lee Becton, 50, of Jerome, died Monday, February 4, 2002, at her home of a sudden illness.

She was born May 30, 1951, in Evansville, Indiana, to William and Norma Carter. She will be dearly missed and always remembered. Cassandra is survived by her daughter Kimberly VanDyk and grandson Tyler VanDyk of Wendell and one brother Keith Carter of Vallejo, California. Her parents preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, February 9, 2002, at 11 a.m. at Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel. Cremation is under the direction of Hove Robertson Chapel.

KIMBERLY

**Bessie A. Kelly**  
Bessie A. Kelly, 93, of Kimberly, died Monday, February 3, 2002, at the Mt. View Care Center in Kimberly following a brief illness. Bessie was born the daughter of Gustavo and Augusta (Blechert) Petersen on October 5, 1909, in Raymond, Idaho. On May 13, 1948, in Reno she was married to Albert J. Kelly. They lived in Richmond, California, for many years. In Richmond she was part owner of the Denver Restaurant. She recently moved to Kimberly to be close to her daughter. She enjoyed reading, watching movies and traveling throughout the U.S. She was a member of the Twin Falls 10th Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She is survived by her daughter, Dolores Konicek of Twin Falls, her sister Joyce Hirschi of Bountiful Utah and by her niece, Carol Vavrek of Portland, Oregon. Graveside services will be held at the Rolling Hills Memorial Park in Richmond, California. General arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary of Twin Falls.

ALBION



**Randall L. Allen**  
Randall Lloyd Allen, 77-year-old Albion resident, formerly of Rupert, died Tuesday, February 5, 2002, at his home. He was the husband of Coleen Allen. He was born July 25, 1924, at Gracie, Idaho, the son of Lorenzo and Mary Ellen Cole. Randall and Coleen were the ninth of thirteen children. He moved to Mindoka, Idaho, where he attended school. He graduated from Gracie High School in 1941. He later attended National Youth Administration School in Weiser, studying radio communications. He served four years of active military service in the European Theater during World War II. He served in the military reserves from 1947-1976.

Randall worked in a number of different occupations including that of a farmer and electrician and retired from the Bureau of Reclamation after working 24 years as a power plant operator. He married Colleen Fowler in 1947. He was a devoted and loving husband and the father of seven children: George and Judy Allen of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Mary and Kaye Young of Burley, Idaho, Barbara and Nephi Christensen of Green River, Wyoming, Steven and Maria Allen of Pleasant Grove, Utah, Karl and Susan Allen of Declo, Idaho, Forrest and Lisa Allen of Spanish Fork, Utah, and Dwight and Kathy Allen of Enoch, Utah. He had 52 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and sisters, and one grandson.

Randall was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served in many positions including scoutmaster, stake missionary and as bishop of the Richfield, Idaho ward. He and Colleen served a full-time mission in the Louisiana New Orleans area during microfilming. They spent the next five years traveling throughout the United States microfilming records. The funeral will be held at 12:00 noon Saturday, February 9, 2002, at the Dacotia State Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2110 East Main, with Bishop Alan G. Clark, officiating. Interment will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

TWIN FALLS



**Clifford Everett Thompson**  
Clifford Everett Thompson, 86, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died on Monday, February 4, 2002, of a short illness. He was born February 13, 1915, in Prosperity, Missouri, to Raymond and Cynthia Lovesse Thompson. The family later moved from Missouri to Hazelton, Idaho where Cliff attended Hazelton High School. Cliff married Bernice Wickham

BURLEY



**Sadie Tongish**  
Sadie Grace Tongish, 85-year-old Burley resident, died Tuesday, February 5, 2002, at the Park View Care & Rehabilitation Center in Burley. She was born March 5, 1916, at Mitchell, Nebraska, the daughter of Charley and Lottie Ellen Davis Patton. She married Clarence C. Tongish on August 13, 1935, in Goodland, Kansas. They lived in Loveland and Fort Lupton, Colorado, prior to moving to Burley in 1949. In 1955, they moved to Filer. Following Clarence's death on March 19, 1972, Sadie moved to Twin Falls. She later moved to Burley to be near her daughter, and where she has since resided. Sadie began her working career with her husband as his bookkeeper at the Boise-Payette Lumber Company in Fort Lupton. Upon moving to Filer, she continued her profession at the Fidelity National Bank for six years. She later transferred to First Security Bank in Filer, retiring in 1982, after 19 years of service. Following her retirement she worked as a senior companion. Sadie was baptized a member of the First Baptist Church on April 25, 1937. She was an active member of the Filer Baptist Church, was a member of the Eastern Star in Filer, and the DAV in Twin Falls. She is survived by her daughter, Janice K. (Don) Sprenger of Paul, Idaho; one son, Gary D. Tongish of

Roseanna Keller of Boise, rosary 7 p.m. today at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Idaho Falls; funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Rosary Catholic Church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

**J.G. Silver of Jerome**, visitation from 5-7 p.m. today at Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel; service at 1 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church, 308 First Ave. E., Jerome; burial will follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

**Mark W. Martin of Logan, Utah**, service at 12 p.m. today at the Logan 28th Ward Chapel, 1450 E. 1500 N., Logan; friends may call from 10-11:30 a.m. today at the church; interment will be in the Logan City Cemetery.

**Clifford Everett Thompson of Twin Falls**, visitation from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Burial will be held following the services at the Sunset Memorial Park Mausoleum; visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the funeral home.

**Rollie A. Law of Ketchum**, graveside service at 12 p.m. today at Ketchum Cemetery; memorial service will be held immediately following at the American Legion Post in Ketchum (Wood River Chapel, Hailey).

**Linda Kay Huber** (formerly of Rupert, service at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. John The Baptist Church in Covington, Wash.; inurnment will be held at Tahoma National Cemetery in Covington, Wash.)

**Stephen W. Smith of Burley**, celebration of life will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Sun Valley. Road in Ketchum (Wood River Chapel, Hailey).

**Stern Willard of Wendell**, service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Wendell; the family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. today at Demaray's Wendell Chapel; burial will follow the service at Wendell Cemetery.

**Donald D. Shell of Burley**, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave.,

Burley; interment will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rossmussen Funeral Home, 1550 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

**Lillian Edwina Black of Grangeville** and formerly of Wendell, service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Mountain Valley Baptist Church in Challis; burial will follow at the Challis Cemetery; friends may call from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Friday at the church (Blackner Funeral Home, Grangeville).

**Geraldine 'Gerri' Ann Montan of Eden**, memorial Mass at 10:30 a.m. Friday (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

**Alfred Rayl of Billings, Mont.**, burial at 2 p.m. Friday at the Falls Cemetery (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

**Victoria A. Gister Smit** (formerly of Rupert, funeral home service Friday in Reno, Nev.; graveside service at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Rupert Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

**Gary D. Butler of Emmett**, celebration of life service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Porter Funeral Chapel in Emmett.

**James P. Mitchell of McKinleyville, Calif.**, and formerly of Burley, memorial services at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the McKinleyville Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; McKinleyville, Calif., and at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 23 at the Centerville LDS Stake Center, 2110 N. Main, Centerville, Utah.

**Vera P. Spence of Kimberly**, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; burial will follow at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls; visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

**Harlan B. Jensen of Burley**, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St., Burley; interment will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Rossmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

**Gabriela Nava**  
HAZELTON - Gabriela Nava, 32, of Hazelton died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls of cancer.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 9, 2002, at the Apostolic Assembly Church in Burley. Concluding services and burial will follow in the Hazelton Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

**June Bell Bates**  
JEROME - June Bell Bates, 86, of Jerome and formerly of Blackfoot died on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002, at St. Benedict's Hospital.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, 2002, at the Grove City Funeral Chapel, 288 North Shilling Ave., Blackfoot. There will be a viewing from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8.

2002, and one hour before the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Riverview Cemetery in Firth.

Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel is in charge of local arrangements.

**Claire Louise Laughlin**  
HAGERMAN - Claire Louise Laughlin, 9-month-old daughter of Roger and Susan Laughlin of Hagerman, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Funeral arrangements are pending under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

**Blair Ward**  
HAGERMAN - Blair Ward, 68, of Hagerman died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002, at St. Marks Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. Funeral arrangements are pending under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

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# Burley mulls role in economic development

By Shelley Ridgeport  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — A draft ordinance regarding a new economic development policy for the city touched off a fast-paced discussion at Tuesday's Burley City Council meeting.

Council members discussed the draft ordinance, which would allow the city, in specific instances, to assist businesses in such ways as waiving costs for utility hookups or providing gravel from the city's gravel pit.

The main criteria for business owners or developers of housing projects in order to qualify for some city aid would be to employ residents.

That particular requirement was mentioned by several at the

meeting as a concern.

Businessman Duane Rasmussen said he'd like to renovate the exterior of his store — Jensen Jewelers — and could use some help from the city in tearing down the storefront. But he said he isn't in a position to employ more people. Nor are most Burley merchants, he said.

Councilman Curt Mendenhall voiced the same concern. Requiring businesses to guarantee a certain number of employees at a certain wage "is one of the things I have a problem with," Mendenhall said.

The council agreed the ordinance needs some revising and said it would be discussed and presented for first reading at a later meeting.

Discussion also turned to "talk-

ing that council members said they've heard around Burley about the proposed economic development ordinance.

"There's talk... we are going to hire an economic developer at a certain amount of money," Mendenhall said. "I want to diffuse that for an economic developer. This is not something to bring — well let's get it right out in front — people are afraid that we're going to bring Mr. Manning back in as an economic developer for the city."

That's not the case, Mendenhall said of former Burley Mayor Doug Manning.

"At this point that would divide the city. We have to get on with what we're doing," he said. Manning "was a great promoter, but we will not do this at this

point."

When an audience member questioned Mendenhall's use of "at this point," the councilman responded that at some point an economic development specialist might be hired by the city.

Lola Moorman asked why City Administrator Mark Mitton just didn't handle economic development matters for the city.

"He's being paid \$82,000 a year and I thought that was part of his job," she said.

Mendenhall said Moorman was incorrect. Mitton runs the city, Mendenhall said. The council has directed Mitton to handle some economic development matters, including writing some grant applications. Because of Mitton's work, the city has obtained more grant money, Mendenhall said.

# Cassia plans first land sale in more than 20 years

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — The first sale of Cassia County-owned land in more than two decades is drawing interest.

About a dozen people have called to ask about the auction of the land, said Randy Barker, county commission secretary.

At 10 a.m. Monday, in the Cassia County Courthouse, the county commissioners will sell the parcels to the highest bidder. Inquiries by county residents about the availability of county land prompted the property sale, said County Administrator Tim Hurst. When people expressed interest in buying certain parcels, the commissioners identified everything they didn't want to keep. The county has accumulated a lot of miscellaneous property throughout the years, Hurst said.

When property owners do not pay property taxes for three years, the county claims the land, Hurst said. Cassia County usually sells the land gained through tax deeds, but in some cases no one is interested enough in the property to bid. In these cases, the land goes to the county.

The county will probably not make much money on the sale, Hurst said. The purpose of the auction is more to "clean out the house than to generate money. What profit comes in will go toward the tax debt on the property. Any money paid in excess of the back taxes will go into the county's general fund.

There will be no minimum bid at the auction, but the commissioners have the authority to reject any offer. Commissioners will turn down an offer if they feel the sale will be detrimental to the county, Hurst said.

One parcel was developed for use as a landfill. The 100-acre site never opened, but the improvements to the land boosted its tax value. There are about \$70,000 in back taxes due from the land, but Hurst thinks the county may sell it for less. \$30 owners of the neighboring property, who have rented and farmed the land for years, have expressed interest in buying the parcel.

A lot in Oakley with a trailer home is for sale. It is a strip of land along the railroad tracks in Burley. Two retired landfills, and lots in the stillborn townships of Idaho and Strevell, are among the other properties for sale.

# Rupert hospital purchases new ultrasound machine

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** — Dr. Don Wayment said comparing the new ultrasound machine to the old one at the Memorial Hospital to the old is like comparing a Volkswagen with a Rolls Royce.

Director of Imaging Joel Rogers said the Mimuda hospital is "meeting the needs of our customers" with the new \$90,000 ultrasound machine.

Ever people in small commu-

nities should expect a certain standard of care and equipment, Rogers said. The new ultrasound machine brings the hospital closer to the standards of 2002.

The new machine has a greater resolution and can produce more detailed pictures, Wayment said. Better pictures make diagnosing problems easier.

Some of the better image quality is due to "harmonics," Rogers said. Now there are three multi-directed sound waves, Wayment

explained, instead of just one single sound wave sent straight into the area to be examined.

Rogers said most of the ultrasounds taken at the hospital are obstetrics and gynecological related or abdomen related.

Ultrasounds can also be taken of the kidney, appendix, thyroid, pelvis and breast, Wayment said. Ultrasounds of the breast aid in finding out if a lump is a cyst or a solid mass. The ultrasound helps make a serious determination.

The machine actually is capa-

ble of more services than the hospital is offering at this time, such as a pediatric echocardiogram, Rogers said.

With the machine arriving just last week, hospital personnel are still learning the advantages of the new machine, Wayment said.

The new ultrasound machine replaces an older machine purchased in the early 1990s, Rogers said. "The technology has changed somewhat dramatically since then.

# Author speaks in Ketchum tonight

The Times-News

**KETCHUM** — Author Ursula Hegi will explore the silence of German communities that tolerated the persecution of Jews and will discuss how that legacy has affected German-Americans even through today at a free lecture tonight.

The lecture will be held at 7

p.m. at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 191 Fifth St. E.

Hegi compiled a collection of oral interviews with German-Americans into the book "Tearing the Silence: On Being German in America."

Her book "Stones from the River" examines the silence of Germans concerning the Holocaust.

# Federation calls for resignation of two F&G commissioners

**BOISE (AP)** — A wildlife advocacy group angered by the troubled departure of Idaho Fish and Game Department Director Rod Sando called on Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to ask for the resignations from two game commissioners.

The Idaho Wildlife Federation

on Wednesday also requested Attorney General Al Lance investigate whether the commission's closed executive sessions and other discussions violate the state's Open Meeting Law.

"When I took office, I said Fish and Game should speak with one voice on wildlife issues,"

Kempthorne replied. "Fish and Game is for agency direction. I'm supposed to."

The federation contends Kempthorne and commissioners Roy Moulton and John Burns of Salmon were behind all the turmoil and asked for the commissioners' resignations.

"They totally orchestrated this although they deny it," President Jack Fisher said. "We think they are required to fix the problem since they created it."

Fisher and other federation members hand-delivered a letter to that effect to the governor's office.

# Farm

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and his wife. Workers compensation benefits and liability insurance also must be paid with the money.

"As far as I'm concerned, we made them a pretty good deal," McFadden said.

Farm revenue is projected at \$237,000. After expenses, the farm is projected to net the state about \$11,600 this year.

The farm produces alfalfa hay for resale and vegetables for sale in a popular local garden center.

"I just want it to be taken care of, and that is what I know how to do," McFadden said.

The state did not put the contract out for bid, because it saw McFadden as a "sole source" operator, or the only person with the knowledge needed to operate it, Collignon said. McFadden can show parks personnel how to

operate the farm, particularly the irrigation system. The contract is renewable annually for up to four years.

The arrangement was the department's best attempt not to compromise the sewer-bond status, keep the land from becoming overgrown with weeds and give the department time to plan park development, Collignon said.

The tax-exempt bonds will save the state \$128,000 in taxes a year on a 20-year bond, he said.

The Parks Department is talking with the University of Idaho about revenue agreements on the fish hatchery property. The university will use the hatchery for research.

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# Gooding

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dents participating in extracurricular activities.

Activities considered to be extracurricular are music, drama/debate/speech, cheerleading, basketball, soccer, tennis, track, volleyball and wrestling.

Under the proposal, parents and students would have to sign a random drug testing consent form for students participating in these activities.

High School Principal Gayle Yakovac, sports activities coach Joleen Toome, and Brent Cunningham with Spirit Walker Counseling Services reported on the proposed drug policy.

Gooding Alternative School Coordinator Michelle Owen sent a letter to the board saying that the testing policy is helping the image of the school. She has received nothing but positive feedback from parents and students, she said.

"This gives students a reason to say no to peer pressure," Cunningham said.

"This is not designed to be a

punishment," Yakovac said. "It is designed to try to help students that need help before it gets into the justice system."

Board member Gayle Cheney expressed concern that the proposal would duplicate drug policy adopted by the board Oct. 1.

"We adopted a drug policy, and now we are adding this one," Cheney said. "I feel that we should work together and come up with one acceptable policy."

Superintendent Darrell Hatfield said the two policies "are very similar — they just need to be worked on to make the consequences coincide a little more."

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Principals all agreed that they would like to have the dress code ready to be added to next year's agenda.

• And facial piercing.

The code has specific definitions for all clothing classified as inappropriate for school, so there will be no misunderstanding on the part of students or parents, school officials say.

Students who ignore dress code guidelines face specific consequences which are also outlined in the code.

Board member Doyle Rogers suggested the district start the dress code policy "at a younger age, like in the middle school."

Middle School Principal Richard Thompson read the middle school dress code.

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In other school business, the board agreed to a "reduction in force" policy in the event there needs to be a reduction in staff.

Reasons for a reduction in force, according to policy are:

- Reduction in revenue.
- Decrease in enrollment. Next year enrollment is expected to be down by 50 students. The Brown School accounts for 20 of those students.
- Cost increases.
- Active legislation.

A hearing for teacher and staff contract will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 26 at the administration offices, 507 Idaho St.

Band teacher Tony Randall asked the board for permission to take about 30 jazz band members and 10 chaperones to Reno, Nev., April 18-21 for a jazz band competition. Randall asked the board for help with transportation, which usually runs around \$1,000.

Board member Doyle Rogers said the board should take the request under advisement and look into the status of available finances.

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Thousands of air marshals are also expected to enter service this year, but Carberry said he doesn't expect any to be on small domestic flights such as those in and out of Twin Falls.

Explosives-detection devices or bomb-sniffing dogs will also eventually be deployed at many airports, but Carberry said he wasn't sure if that level of security will be required at his airport.

Although during the summer of 2001 the big issue in air travel

was finding enough space for customers, Sept. 11 evidently put a lasting chill on air travel, Carberry said. The Twin Falls airport has seen a drop in revenue of about 6 percent since the attacks, he said. But some of that could probably be attributed to a dip in the economy that was starting to show even before Sept. 11, he said.

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# Parking

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Corporation last fall.

With city-owned public parking, business owners could park in the lot and walk the block to their businesses, Craig said. That would leave parking spaces along the street in front of the various businesses free for customers. Many older people find it hard to walk the two blocks to stores.

At the same time the city revises the parking ordinance, Craig wants the repeat offenders to be approached personally.

"In the spirit of small town cooperation I want to get a group of local business people to go to the worst parking offenders and present the problem to them. Show them how it is affecting other businesses and maybe they will cooperate," Craig said.

In other city business, the council took the skateboard ordinance under consideration once

again. The ordinance attempts to eliminate skateboards and roller blades in the central business district and on school grounds.

The ordinance came back from review by county commissioners basically unchanged, Rothweiler said.

Concerns that plague the ordinance focus on the definition of a skateboard. The definition needs to be amended because, currently, it could include motorized scooters used by people who have a trouble walking, Rothweiler said.

Rothweiler's other concern had to do with including school property in the ban. Although the school district has indicated it wants to be included in the ordinance, Rothweiler will ask for a formal letter requesting inclusion in the ordinance.

Councilwoman Darcie Bobrowski said people use the school grounds for basketball,

golf, football and many other activities after school hours.

"Any of these activities could also cause damage to the school property," she said. "Why should the city single out skateboarders for policing activities at the schools?"

And banning skateboarding from only the central business district "would move the skateboarders to other businesses further down South Lincoln," Bobrowski said.

Rothweiler said he wanted to limit the area the central business district because he didn't want to include the bike path in the skateboard ban.

"In trying to solve one problem let's not create three or four more," Rothweiler said.

Councilman Rob Lundgren said several local folks were hoping to organize into a group to try to get grants and see what could be done to help local skateboard-

ers, business owners and residents come to some sort of solution.

"We may find that local businesses have to pony up to get their (skateboarders) off the downtown streets," Lundgren said.

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# Budget

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"I am personally not interested," he said. "We've already done our duty, and we don't want to have next year's budget impacted in any way."

"The worst thing about this is that it sets precedent. Once they do it, they will do it every year, and then how do we know how to bud-

get for?"

The narrow vote of the House-Senate committee might indicate difficulties for JFAC's recommendation when it goes to both houses for final votes, possibly next week.

JFAC Chairwoman Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, said the Legislature usually goes with her committee's recommendations.

"JFAC cannot play games because anything they do has a domino effect," she said.

"One budget directly impacts the next budget."

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# Idaho health officials report increase in STD cases

LEWISTON (AP) — Public health officials have issued an alert due to the unusually high number of people contracting gonorrhea and chlamydia in the area.

The two sexually transmitted diseases have been on the wane recently, they said.

"There is a major increase, and it's very important," said Donna Anderson, epidemiologist with the North Central Health District. "We haven't had much

gonorrhea in the area for a number of years, and people think it's gone. But gonorrhea is back, and people need to be safe."

The district takes in Nez Perce, Clearwater, Lewis, Idaho and Latah counties in Idaho, as well as Asotin County in Washington.

Last month, five people tested positive for gonorrhea, more than twice the number reported for all of last year.

"The cases we were seeing in January have been in the 18- to

30-year-old age group," Anderson said. "We are not really talking about young teens. We wanted to get the message out to beware."

Of the gonorrhea cases reported in the district, three came from Latah County, one from Nez Perce County, Clearwater, Lewis and Asotin counties did not report any.

Chlamydia is posing a larger problem, however, with 22 people in the district and Asotin

County testing positive in January. Half the cases occurred in Asotin County.

Add to that the six reported cases of chlamydia in Nez Perce County, two in Latah County and one each in Clearwater, Lewis and Idaho counties, and public health officials say they have cause to worry.

Further contributing to the problem is that those infected may not show any symptoms and therefore are not aware that they

are infected, Anderson said.

If left untreated, chlamydia can cause pelvic inflammatory disease, infertility and potentially fatal tubal pregnancy, the Centers for Disease Control said.

"Both can be easily treated with antibiotics," Anderson said. "But the bad news is that people that are catching gonorrhea and chlamydia are the same people that are at high risk for other sexually transmitted diseases like HIV and herpes."

# Samples didn't skew lynx survey, report says

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A Forest Service investigation into misleading hair samples sent to a laboratory concludes the action, did not undermine the ongoing, rare lynx survey, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

The Spokesman-Review obtained the 2001 investigative report into seven state and federal scientists' roles in submitting the false hair samples in a national lynx survey in 2000.

The investigation was completed for the Forest Service by Stephanie Lynch, an independent investigator from Portland, Ore.

The scientists were prompted by concerns that a laboratory could not tell the cat by DNA testing, but that doesn't excuse their actions, said Scott Mills, co-leader of the survey.

The scientists from Washington state said they wanted to test Mills' University of Montana lab to see whether its DNA work was accurate.

"If I had an employee who did this, they wouldn't be working for me any more," Mills said, Tuesday.

Lynch found that one U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service researcher, stung by the well-publicized inaccuracies of an unrelated 1998 study that used a different genetics laboratory, limited her participation in the national survey.

Other scientists grew skeptical when the Montana lab in the national survey showed at least one feral house cat was living in a Washington wilderness area.

The biologists who submitted the six false samples were from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, the U.S. Forest Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service. Their identities have not been released.

They were "counseled" and removed from future lynx studies.

The national lynx survey was designed to establish the range of the Canada lynx, which was added to the Endangered Species list in 2000. Its range must be known before the government can take steps to protect it.

# Idaho judge drops charge in death

NEZ PEARCE (AP) — A second-degree murder charge against a Pocatello man accused of killing his uncle has been dismissed after a preliminary hearing.

Magistrate Orin Lee Squire said the state failed to show probable cause that a crime had occurred and the defendant committed it.

Craig Perry, 54, was at the Kamiah home of his uncle in March when Robert Perry, 83, died of two gunshot wounds to the head.

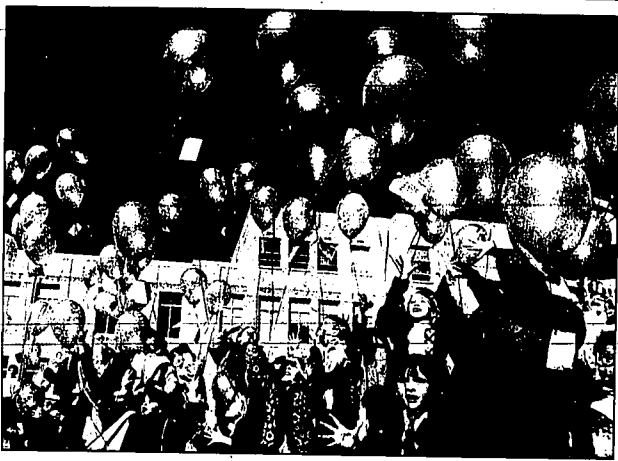
Court documents said Robert Perry had been diagnosed with inoperable throat cancer a month before.

Carol Flynn, also of Pocatello, called the Lewis County Sheriff's office and reported the suicide, Flynn, 60, is Craig Perry's live-in companion.

The couple allegedly lived with Robert Perry to help care for him after a hospital stay.

Deputy Lewis County Sheriff's Deputy Damon Deter testified that a suicide claim was inconsistent with some of the evidence at the scene.

# CELEBRATION TAKES FLIGHT



St. Mary's kindergarten students release 100 balloons into the air Tuesday as they celebrate the first 100 days of classes at the Cheyenne, Wyo., school. The students also used the event to learn more about weather and prevailing winds. Each balloon carries a message asking the finder to return it to the school so students can plot how the winds affected balloon's journey.

# Group begins battle against cattle permits

Knight Ridder News Service

An Idaho conservation group has opened a new front in its national battle against public lands ranching with an effort to halt renewal of grazing permits on more than 250,000 acres of rangeland in Colorado's Moffat and Routt counties.

The Western Watershed Project is appealing the Bureau of Land Management's approval of the permits, calling its appeal the first push to end ranching's "culture of death" on public range lands in Colorado.

"This is a custom and culture that has resulted in the largest single negative impact on native ecosystems in the West," said Jon Marvel, executive director of the project. "Not only does grazing kill native plants and ecosystems, but ranchers carry out the killing of animals and fish that are interfering with their way of life. So predators no longer exist in many areas because of ranching."

Ranching interests quickly fired back.

"If they're successful, the direct effect would be to put people out of business," said Jerry Fankhauser, executive vice president, Colorado Cattleman's Association. Because the federal government owns so much of the state land, Colorado ranchers depend on public land to raise livestock.

Together with the predator conservation group Sinapu, Western Watershed Project also intends to bring the fight to other major livestock operations across the state's Western Slope.

# Judge rules Post Falls cat killer suspect will stand trial

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A Post Falls man accused of poisoning four neighborhood cats by luring them to a toxic cocktail will stand trial.

Magistrate Paul McCabe ruled Tuesday there is enough evidence to try Dale Francis Crooks Jr., 18, on four counts of felony poisoning of animals.

Each charge carries up to three years in prison and \$5,000 in

fines. Crooks was arrested Jan. 14. Police said he confessed to mixing tuna fish and antifreeze and leaving it out for the cats to eat.

Timothy Kolb testified in court his family lost three cats in October.

Defense attorney Gary Amendola told McCabe that there was no evidence showing how Kolb's cats died, let alone

that Crooks poisoned them.

Kootenai County Deputy Prosecutor Jim Reinson did not present any evidence of antifreeze in the cats' bodies or a neopony of Kolb's cats.

McCabe agreed with Amendola's argument, but said that because the deaths were around the same time as another neighborhood cat's antifreeze death, Crooks should stand trial

in district court.

Crooks' neighbor, Margaret Poutre, testified that her cat was taken to the veterinarian, who advised her to put it to sleep. The night before, she was in good health, she said.

Veterinarian Douglas Mohney testified he ran blood tests on her feline and the results were consistent with ingesting antifreeze.

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# Panel endorses school safety standard

### Lawmakers express concern over opening a Pandora's box

BOISE (AP) — A legislative committee on Wednesday endorsed adding an intermediate safety standard at which state officials could seek the closure of public schools.

House Education Committee members voted 13-3 for the bill. But they were less than enthusiastic in support of a change some complained was unnecessary and would amount to more state requirements on financially strapped school districts.

"If we open this up to the Pandora's box of new regulations, new mandates, I certainly don't see it as helping," said Republican Rep. Todd Hammond of Rexburg.

Current law allows state officials to seek a judge's order closing a school only when an "imminent safety hazard" is identified and not corrected.

An imminent hazard is "a condition that presents an unreasonable risk of death or serious bodily injury." The additional standard proposed by Dave Munroe,

administrator of the state Division of Building Safety, would extend the authority to any condition "that presents an unreasonable risk to health or injury."

Districts would be notified of problems found by safety advisers and given until the next annual inspection to fix them. If they failed, Munroe could go to court for an injunction closing the school until repairs are made.

The imminent hazard standard, which does not was adopted by lawmakers two years ago in an attempt to focus school districts' attention on maintaining school facilities and addressing the most dire problems immediately.

The move was part of the Legislature's response to a lawsuit from school districts alleging the state had failed in its constitutional responsibility to ensure public schools are safe and conducive to learning. Other changes provided financial incentives — including some state

interest subsidies — to help districts persuade patrons to approve property tax financing.

Fourth District Judge Deborah Bail said in October that she may order a more comprehensive solution as soon as this month. But school district officials told the House panel on Wednesday that adopting another level of safety standards, without money to help meet them, was not the answer.

Mike Friend, executive director of the Idaho Association of School Administrators, said the criteria for imminent hazards were only adopted last July.

"We're just learning to know what these rules are about," he said. "This puts one more step in there, but ultimately the consequences of seriously are the same as imminent."

Janet Orndorff, a Boise School Board member and vice president of the Idaho School Boards Association, said a separate bill working its way through the Legislature to consolidate election dates for school financing measures would make it even

more difficult to raise the money needed to address such safety concerns.

"We're talking thousands and thousands of dollars — dollars we don't have," Orndorff said. "If it's a middle-ground problem, shouldn't there be a middle-ground consequence?"

But Republican Rep. Janet Aikele of Moore, superintendent of the Butte County School District, said she has made enemies by seeking money for building safety problems from patrons unable or unwilling to afford it. She said making it a state requirement would take the onus off people like her.

"Help the superintendents out," Aikele said. "The communities lack the political will."

Munroe said serious safety problems can become imminent hazards unless they are addressed. He said his bill was only aimed at ensuring school districts are doing everything they can to prevent deaths or serious injuries to children.

"We're not trying to run down on the schools. We're just asking them to do what needs to be done," Munroe said. "We want to get people to work with us and get the repairs done."

# Blaine school board chairwoman resigns

By Barb Newwert  
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — After 14 years of volunteer service on the Blaine County School Board, chairwoman Lita Sullivan has announced her mid-term resignation.

At a recent special meeting of the board, her resignation was accepted effective immediately. A search for a new board member is under way, and applicants have until 3 p.m. Feb. 28 to submit letters of interest to the Blaine County School District.

The board will appoint a new board member to fill the vacancy until a May 2002 election. Under Idaho Code, voters will then elect a new board member to serve out the remaining one-year term of Sullivan's three-year seat. Then in May 2003, when the original term expires, the seat will again be up for election.

Sullivan has been influentially involved with the school district since July 1984, when she worked as district treasurer until October 1987. In May of the following year she was elected to the school board as a trustee for Zone 2, which covers the north half of Hailey-to-Deer Creek-and Indian Creek subdivisions.

The decision to resign was a difficult one for Sullivan.

"I'm going to miss it ... I really believe in public education," Sullivan said.

The reasons for her resignation were cumulative. Changes in family dynamics, the ownership of a thriving quilt shop in Hailey, and her own health considerations all came into play in her decision.

"There just aren't enough hours in the day," Sullivan said with a sigh.

During her tenure on the

board, she made contributions toward the passage of two major school bonds and levies for the \$16.5 million construction of a new middle school, and the \$40 million construction of a new high school, a new elementary school, a new bus maintenance facility and other additions and renovations to other district schools.

Sullivan said she felt she was a valuable asset to the board because of her understanding of taxation, finances, and the building process. With a background in accounting, she had an in-depth understanding of property taxes and experience with state funding for the district.

"I worked real diligently on the middle school, getting the current building process under way," Sullivan said.

Sullivan will miss keeping abreast of policy changes within the district and being involved in the decision-making process. But as a volunteer on the school board, Sullivan said there were times she would miss an entire day's work while performing board duties, time that she'd have to give someone to cover for her at the board. That, coupled with all her responsibilities, became too much.

In Sullivan's absence, vice chairwoman Claudia Fiaschetti will assume the chairwoman's duties and Howard Royal will serve as the new vice chairman.

Interested applicants from Zone 2 may contact the district office at 788-2296 for information about board member duties and responsibilities and the application process.

Times-News correspondent Barb Newwert can be reached at 788-2925 or [writewconnection@sunvalley.net](mailto:writewconnection@sunvalley.net).

# Back-to-back earthquakes rattle Anchorage

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Two sharp earthquakes rattled Anchorage early Wednesday, sending off alarms and making buildings shudder. No serious damage or injuries were reported.

"It's just one of those things that reminds you you live in Alaska," said Bruce Turner of the Alaska Tsunami Warning Center in Palmer.

The first quake hit at 8:18 a.m. and the second followed 45 seconds later.

"The first one wasn't bad, but the second one — I thought it was going to turn the pie case over," waitress Memory Muro said at the Sunrise Grill and Pancake House. "It was a jolter. I ran and got underneath the door frame."

The tsunami center estimated the magnitude of both quakes at 4.8, and said both were centered about 10 miles southeast of the city. The Alaska Earthquake Information Center in Fairbanks

put the magnitude of the first quake at 5.1 and the second at 4.9, centered four miles southeast of Anchorage. The agencies frequently differ on quake estimates.

The quakes were felt sharply because they were a depth of about 17 miles, said Tom Sokolowski, head of the tsunami center.

People felt the tremors from Talkeetna, 85 miles north of Anchorage, to Moose Pass, some 65 miles southeast of the city,

Sokolowski said.

Alaska has more earthquakes than any other area of North America, with as many as 5,000 recorded each year, according to the Alaska Earthquake Information Center. Most are so small they are detected only by instruments.

The 1964 Good Friday earthquake in Alaska has been estimated at 9.2. That quake and the tsunami sea wave it generated killed 131 people.

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## LEGISLATIVE LOG

### Wednesday Legislative Action Complete

HC140 (Transportation and Defense) — Comments the national efforts in the war on terrorism.

SB1372 (Resources and Environment) — Approves the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan.

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SB1375 (Local Government and Taxation) — Freezes property valuations in the subsequent year in cases where Board of Tax Appeals orders a change to value in the current year.

SB1376 (Resources and Environment) — Implements the land management plan contingent on availability of federal money.

SB1377 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Requires copy of a claim of lien to be mailed or delivered within five business days after filing.

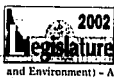
SB1378 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Differentiates the mortgage loan limitation for commercial and residential property.

SB1379 (Agricultural Affairs) — Creates carbon sequestration advisory panel.

SB1380 (Agricultural Affairs) — Authorizes use of deficiency warrants for animal disease control.

SB1381 (Agricultural Affairs) — Revises educational information labeling on fertilizers.

SB1382 (Health and Welfare) — Revises the Children's Trust Fund and requires the annual report to assess the effectiveness of activities.



### Introduced in Senate

SB1301 (Finance) — Diverts \$20 million (marked for the budget reserve fund) to the general treasury to balance this year's budget.

HB108 (Newcomer) — Limits the disclosure of personal information by persons regulated by the Insurance Department.

HB110 (Newcomer) — Clarifies the use of seal and signature by professional engineers and surveyors.

HB111 (Newcomer) — Provides for settling a real estate land boundary when disputes arise.

HB113 (Newcomer) — Decreases the time employers have to remit contributions to the public employment retirement system.

HB114 (Newcomer) — Permits inactive public employees to credit system members to purchase membership for time in the military service.

### Introduced in House

HR145 (Revenue and Taxation) — Authorizes appointment of a committee to study implementation of the phase-out of the tax on personal property.

HR146 (State Affairs) — Recognizes Feb. 6 as Ronald Reagan Day.

HR149 (Revenue and Taxation) — Authorizes the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to exchange specific information with the State Tax Commission regarding residency status.

DR150 (Transportation and Public Utilities) — Expands the definition of "pedestrian" to include people operating electric personal assistive mobility devices.

HB551 (Transportation and Defense) — Clarifies that memorials to victims of traffic accidents are allowed at state highwayways.

HB552 (Health and Welfare) — Repeals the requirements for environmental health specialists to be licensed and registered with the Bureau of Occupational Licenses.

HB553 (Health and Welfare) — Expands the Rural Health Care Access Grant Program to include rural health care providers.

HB554 (Agricultural Affairs) — Creates a nine-member Board of Agriculture to advise and advocate for the Department of Agriculture.

HB555 (State Affairs) — Defines the

### State's interests and policies regarding

conservation of forest, range and farm land.

HB556 (Agricultural Affairs) — Creates a Pesticide Management Commission.

HB557 (Health and Welfare) — Revises the rules and mission of the Idaho State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

HB558 (Education) — Establishes a public school support unit stabilization fund.

HB559 (Revenue and Taxation) — Allows manufactured homes on permanent foundations to be considered real property if the land is owned or being purchased by the home's owner.

HB560 (State Affairs) — Exempts from disclosure, when personal or public safety is jeopardized, public records on buildings, facilities, infrastructures and systems held by or in the custody of any public agency.

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SB1370 (Judiciary and Rules) — Protects lawyers from liability for mistakes made while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

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## Returning home

Writer heads back  
to Puerto Rico after  
eight year absence

By Amalza Figueroa  
Times-News correspondent

During December, I had the infinite pleasure of going back home after an eight-year absence. Home to the Caribbean, to my country, Puerto Rico.

The tropical breeze embraced me at my arrival.

Puerto Rico is a country filled with sunshine and surrounded by ocean, and the scent of coffee, coconut and rum sedates the senses.

Naturally endowed with a festive spirit, Puerto Rico is a rich blend of influences: Taino Indian, Spanish, African and North American, overlaying the colors with a century-thick layer of influence.

It is a unique culture, vibrant amongst turquoise waters and blue skies.

I had the opportunity to rediscover my roots and the simple, trusting ways of island living.

As I walked on the beach, the authentic joy of warm sand running through my toes and the memories of my younger years of the island surface. The beach at sunset is still one of my favorite sights.

Nothing compares to the magnificent ocean framed by an orange sky.

Also breathtaking is the cool, mountainous interior and its

A memorial to Puerto Rican Eugenio Maria de Hostos in old San Juan.

Entrance to 'El Morro' fortress in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

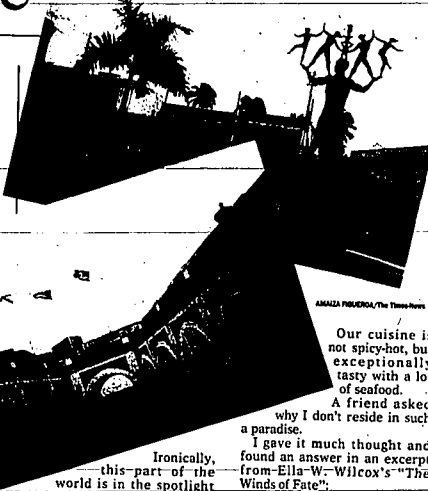
incredible system of caves and underground rivers. Within a day's drive is an amazing geographic diversity of the land I learned to love as a child.

Our close links to the United States have made us one of the most prosperous Caribbean countries.

The origins of those links date back to 1898, when Spanish domain ended after the Spanish-American War.

All Spanish possessions in the Caribbean, including Puerto Rico, were ceded to the United States.

More than a century later and after numerous social and economic transformations, the influence of America's culture is imminent.



AMALZA FIGUEROA/The Times-News

Ironically, this part of the world is in the spotlight again. Not due to its beauty, but to the Afghan detainees held in the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. So much has changed since my last visit.

The population has grown considerably. There's an increasing number of new roads and proliferation of spectacular megaretors.

Amongst all transformations, there is a definite constant - the people are as warm, expressive and hospitable as always. They feel great passion for music and good food.

Our cuisine is not spicy-hot, but exceptionally tasty with a lot of seafood.

A friend asked why I don't reside in such a paradise.

I gave it much thought and found an answer in an excerpt from Ella W. Willcox's "The Winds of Fate":

"Like the winds of the sea are the winds of fate  
As we voyage along through life;  
'Tis the set of the soul  
That decides its goal  
And not the calm or the strife."

The time came to say good-bye to Puerto Rico once again, and I discovered that some things never change - absence is no absolute.

You never really part from the place where your heart lives.

## The magnificent island: Puerto Rico, Coast to Coast

By Carolyn Spencer Brown  
Special to The Washington Post

Those who've only visited the casinos and high-rise resorts of Puerto Rico have a lot to learn about the rest of the island. There are also '50s-style beaches, an award-winning spa, a Galapagos-like preserve, a romantic luxury retreat we didn't want to leave and more. Here are some attractions:

Old San Juan feels like a slice of Europe. And yet, just a few blocks away, Fortaleza Street, with its never-ending crawl of cars, no name shoe stores and hotter-than-hot restaurants and social clubs, is distinctly Puerto Rican. Old San Juan is just seven square blocks, but was founded in the early 16th century by the Spanish and qualifies for a litany of "oldests," including oldest capital city to fly the American flag, La Fortaleza, built in 1540, is the world's oldest executive mansion in continual use; it's now home to Puerto Rico's governor.

El Yunque - the only tropical rain forest managed by the U.S. Forest Service - has been Puerto Rico's premier attraction for nearly a century. It has two waterfalls and harbors numerous breeds of

birds, bats, frogs, orchids, green parrots and ferns.

Culebra is known for its beaches and the Culebra National Wildlife Refuge, a 1,500-acre preserve developed under President Teddy Roosevelt.

Ponce's Plaza de las Delicias, a town square with gardens, fountains and the historic Cathedral of Our Lady Guadalupe, is the hub of Puerto Rico's second-largest city. The architecture of Ponce, whose prosperous heyday ran from the late 19th century to the 1930s, is a mix of classical, art deco and Creole, resulting in a downtown area that is vaguely reminiscent of New Orleans.

San Juan - You can drive the entire west coast of Puerto Rico in an afternoon, so you can have a central base and shuttle among the villages.

Rio Camuy Cave Park is one of the world's largest network of caves. After a train ride down a mountain road, you're left off at the mouth of the 180-foot-high Cueva Clara de Empeño, where you can explore the underground river (one of the world's largest), stalactites, waterfalls, big boulders and bat cave.

Arecibo Observatory houses the world's largest radio telescope, and a 20-acre satellite dish that lies in a vast sinkhole.

### About Puerto Rico

Location: Caribbean Sea in the Atlantic Ocean.  
Size: Smaller of the Greater Antilles. Between the island of Hispaniola and the U.S. Virgin Islands.  
Population: 3.8 million  
Climate: Tropical, 86 degrees average temperature.  
Language: Spanish and English.  
Government: Commonwealth of the United States. Federal law governs in many areas; currency, post office, immigration and customs.  
Citizenship: Puerto Ricans are United States citizens at birth.

## NEWS FROM MEXICO

### Maze of new phone numbers angers Mexicans

By Kevin Sullivan  
The Washington Post

MEXICO CITY - Taxes and kidnappings are increasing. New political scandals are brewing and the economy is sputtering. All that upsets Mexicans. But what really gets them these days is their new telephone numbers. Mexican telephone service is already unreliable. But it's been unbearable since the telephone company added two or three digits to every phone number in the country, creating 400 new area codes.

"It's a failure and a hassle; the new codes are a pain in the neck," said Anselmo Quintero, 42, a Mexico City office worker. "There are too many numbers. There's no reason for so many numbers."

The new area codes are the most comprehensive change in phone numbers since the 1940s. Federal officials said they were designed to meet Mexico's growing demand for numbers. But the creation of hundreds of numbers overnight two months ago with a limited - and sometimes incorrect - advertising campaign has Mexicans fuming.

Virginia has about 7 million residents and seven area codes. The Mexican state of Veracruz, with about the same population, has at least 37 new area codes.

It's hard to find the new area codes, and they don't always work. Sometimes a number that worked yesterday doesn't work today. Calls to cell phones now require 13 digits - most of the time, but not always.

Mexican officials defend the changes as necessary to streamline and harmonize the system. They say every town in Mexico now has seven-digit telephone

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numbers and a three-digit area code, just like the United States. The exceptions are the cities of Mexico City, Monterrey and Guadalajara, which have eight-digit numbers and two-digit area codes.

"People just don't like to dial so many digits," said Jose Luis Peralta, an official at the Federal Telecommunications Commission, the federal regulatory agency. "Changing people's habits is the most difficult thing there is."

Peralta said people were showing signs of adapting. But he said a \$10 million advertising campaign - \$1 million from the government and \$9 million from telephone giant Telefonos de Mexico, or Telmex - started too late and didn't run long enough.

Beginning Feb. 10, all international calls into Mexico will require the new city area codes in addition to the country code. For calls from Washington to Mexico City, for example, that means adding 55 before the old number. For calls to almost every other Mexican city, town and village, callers from abroad will add a three-digit code. Families worry about not hearing from relatives in the United States and elsewhere, and businesses are anxious about whether foreign customers will adapt.

"Everyone is going crazy," said Rito Eddins, head of the Mexico City office of an Ohio-based multinational company that sells automotive and electrical equipment.

## Mexico's sunny climate continues to lure tourists

By Gary Lee  
The Washington Post

Mexico's close proximity to the United States, coupled with increasingly good deals at hotels and resorts, has made the land of mariachi bands, ancient ruins, beaches and hand-crafted artwork more appealing than ever.

For art lovers, the biggest attraction this season is the unveiling of the Diego Rivera mural "The Water Origin of Life" in Mexico City's Chapultepec Park following an exhaustive restoration. Those in search of no-hassle relaxation are more likely to be tempted by the new or expanded resorts, such as the swank 500-room Paradise Riviera Cancun, due to open shortly before Christmas outside Cancun. In Puerto Vallarta, three new golf courses are in the works, doubling the number of 18-hole ranges in the region.

A recent drop in travel has brought deep discounts. Many Mexico City hotels are cutting room rates by as much as 60 percent this winter, and offers of free extra nights at resorts in Cancun, Cozumel and other popular beach areas are popping up. With the increasingly favorable exchange rate for the dollar against the peso (8.45 pesos to the U.S. dollar), such bargains have made Mexico one of the

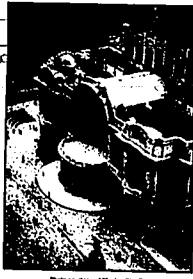


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hemisphere's most affordable warm-weather destinations.

"The fact that you can get to us in just a few hours from anywhere in the U.S., and our mild climate, makes us a logical choice for Americans who want to get away but are concerned about going too far," said Carlos Mackinnay, of the Mexico City Tourism Authority.

The downside: Reports of rising crime, drug peddling, pollution and other woes that have long plagued the country give many would-be visitors pause. In



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Left, The Place of Fine Arts in Mexico City is just one of the tourist attractions drawing Americans to Mexico. Cozumel, like other resort locations in Mexico, is drawing people with its warm weather and rate exchange.

its latest advisory on Mexico, issued in mid-October, the U.S. State Department warned of a rise in incidents of violent crime, particularly in Mexico City, Ciudad Juarez and Tijuana.

The report cites the murder of an American tourist last February during a botched robbery attempt in broad daylight near Mexico City's popular San Angel handicraft market. A spate of rapes in Cancun, taxicab robberies in Mexico City, drug activity in Acapulco and fatal Jet Ski accidents in several resort areas

also were mentioned. The report also warned of unsafe balconies in some Mexico hotels, which have caused fatalities in the past couple of years.

A number of Mexico City hotels are offering special deals. For certain dates this month and in December and January, for example, the luxury Sheraton Mexico Isabel is advertising rooms for \$140, down from \$275, and \$180, usually \$320 a night. For budget travelers, rooms at the Mission Zona Rosa are going for \$49 a night.

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MORNING BREAK

# Girl clings to old-fashioned courting, wants the guys to ask her out

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 15-year-old girl, raised to be old-fashioned. I am very uncomfortable with how the rules of courtship have changed over the years. It used to be that guys pursued the girls. Now, the situation has reversed and girls have become the aggressors.



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abigail  
VanBuren

Most of the guys I know won't ask me out unless I make the first move and call them. They are so used to being chased that they think if a girl doesn't do it, she's not interested.

How can I encourage a guy to ask me out without being the aggressor?

**—OLD-FASHIONED GIRL**  
**—INDIANA**  
**DEAR OLD-FASHIONED:** Most males like to be chased. It's flattering, and that way they know they won't be turned down. However, there are ways a girl can let a guy know she's interested without coming on like a shark that smells blood.

- (1) Be friendly.
  - (2) Have a reason for calling other than just to talk.
  - (3) If you share a genuine interest in something he's interested in, let him know it.
  - (4) If you want to see him outside of school, ask him to join you and a group of your friends. It will take the pressure off.
- Last, if you think you're alone in having this problem, read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm writing regarding a "letter" from "Regretful in Springfield," who said she would have married "Todd" if he had only let her know how he felt. Her mother revealed on her deathbed that Todd had left the state on "Regretful's" wedding day because "Texas wasn't big enough to hold his grief." He probably told her mom believing the way to the calf is through the cow, thinking she would tell her daughter. Unfortunately, many of us are too

trusting and indirect. Believe me, the best way to get a message across is to deliver it yourself and not count on someone else to do it for you.

Leave nothing to chance.  
**—BEEN THERE, DONE THAT, LAKE WALES, FLA.**  
**DEAR BT/DT:** You're 100 percent right. Read on.

**DEAR ABBY:** "Regretful" could have stepped up and asked Todd, the shy guy, out for a cup of coffee. (How simple!) This somewhat current — in the scope of modern history — mostly American habit of women playing coy rarely works out well.

I believe that a woman waiting for her knight on a white horse is a stupid fantasy that has been sold to us by the entertainment industry for the last 75 years. Someone once said: "Where are all the nice men? Well, they're usually standing right next to you."

I have talked to many senior citizens, in particular senior women. I always asked them the same question: "Did you court or somehow 'go after' your hus-

band?" About 75 percent of these women admitted they had made the first move to get their man's attention — dropping by the pond where they fished, or asking them about their job or family.

Abby, I have had two women tell me they had a crush on me in high school, and yet these same two women dated only popular athletes. I don't remember either of those beautiful girls looking my way. If women want to miss out on the "shy guy" and contin-

ue to date the wolves out there, it's very easy — just continue doing nothing. Nice guys are everywhere.

**—ROBERT**  
**IN CARLSBAD, CALIF.**  
**DEAR ROBERT:** Well said. To which I add: If nice guys would simply look around instead of focusing solely on their own insecurities, they might discover they have a host of admirers.  
P.S. Tommy has not yet moved on to another girl.

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## Queen reaches 50-year ruling anniversary

**KING'S LYNN, England (AP)** — Personal sorrow mingled with royal history as Queen Elizabeth II reached a bittersweet milestone — Wednesday, somberly marking 50 years as monarch on the anniversary of her father's death.

Golden Jubilee celebrations are planned later this year, but for the queen, Feb. 6 is typically a day of quiet reflection. This year, she broke her tradition of commemorating Accession Day privately to visit cancer patients at a hospital in King's Lynn, near the royal estate

at Sandringham, in Norfolk, 100 miles north of London.

Her father, King George VI, succumbed to complications from lung cancer in 1952.

Queen Elizabeth II, a King Princess Elizabeth queen at 25.

Her black Rolls Royce — with the royal standard banner waving on top — swept up to the Macmillan cancer center at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital to waves and applause from about 50 well-wishers. Wearing a green coat and matching hat over her gold-colored dress, the sovereign chatted with patients, guests and hospital staff for about 45 minutes. Nurses and orderlies crowded around windows to catch a glimpse.

The queen made no public comments, but in a written message to the nation, she told all Britons they should be proud of the past and look optimistically toward the future.

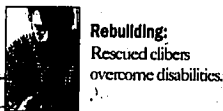
"Prince Philip and I have been deeply touched by the many kind messages about the Golden Jubilee," she said. "This anniversary is for us an occasion to acknowledge with gratitude the loyalty and support which we have received from so many people since I came to the throne in 1952."

Red, white and blue Union Jack flags fluttered across Britain to mark the anniversary. A 41-gun salute at noon in London's Hyde Park was followed by a 62-gun salute from the Tower of London an hour later.

Dorothy Cornwell, 69, traveled 50 miles to see the queen at the hospital, where the monarch's fans waited for more than an hour in chilly weather to wave and give her flowers.



Queen Elizabeth II, a King Princess Elizabeth queen at 25.



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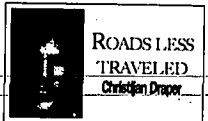
## Where no roads lead

The propeller hums dull and loud - too loud to talk. So my brother Jacob and I just grin at each other from our seats in the little bush plane. We turn back and gaze again out our windows at the wondrous hills, their bases lapped by the foam of Pacific waters.

As we approach the cirque of Chignik Bay, Alaska, the propeller slows and we drop uncomfortably close to the surface of the sea.

I can see we are aiming for a dirt runway jutting out into the ocean, but it just doesn't seem like we're going to make it. I clutch my seat, beginning to question my trust of the pilot. The plane just reaches the runway and we touch down gently.

I can breathe again. "Welcome," I say to myself as the plane slows down. "Welcome to Chignik Bay."



ROADS LESS  
TRAVELED  
Christian Droper

Out on the Alaskan Peninsula, on the south side, about half-way between the mainland of Alaska and the Aleutian chain, sits a little village called Chignik Bay. The town, which has a winter-time population of roughly 80, is about a stone throw from the ocean and lines the shore for some three miles. Emerald mountains tower immediately behind the village, forming a bowl that opens out into the bay.

The only way in or out of Chignik is by boat or plane. It was here, deep in the bush of Alaska that I graduated from high school, as a class of one. Valedictorian by default.

Nearly half of Alaska's population lives in the bush. The bush is made up of little villages like Chignik - some bigger, some smaller.

Alaska has one big city, Anchorage, which has a population of around 259,000. Fairbanks is second at about 32,000. Juneau follows with about 30,000.

After that, numbers just drop off. Many villages survive through oil interests, others through fishing, some through subsistence living or mining, others by sheer willpower.

Back in Chignik Bay, our plane taxis to the end of the mile long runway and turns off into a dirt staging area. My dad, who had come to the village to work as a physician's assistant in the village clinic, stands waiting next to a weathered, wooden shack about the size and appearance of a double occupancy outdoor. The shack bears a small hand-lettered sign: Chignik International Airport.

As we drive off from the airstrip, I am entranced by the sheer grandeur of this place. The hills rising in the background are so verdant, so vibrant they almost have a voice. Waterfalls cascade down the faces of the hills carving serpentine lines in the walls of singing green.

The water shimmers in the sun as we continue on the road to town, snaking along the base of the cliff through a land that literally buzzes with life. The tide sweeps the shore on our right just a few feet from the road.

As we bounce over the washboards on our way into town, Dad points over to the right at about 15 bald eagles perched on the tops of old pilings poking through the surface of the sea.

"That's the old dock," he says. I try to remind myself that bald eagles are an endangered species as the birds stare back at our truck as we pass.

My pulse begins to race. My body swells with that effervescent something that makes you want to jump and run and scream in the sun and revel in the green of life.

I feel the call of the earth that lent its dust, its clay to my frame, I hear the virgin slopes and ridges calling for communion.

I smile again at Jacob and at my dad, knowing that we are all probably thinking the same thing: this just might be paradise.

Christian Droper is a copy editor for The Times-News.

# Catching a taste of winter

## Plentiful perch attract anglers to Magic Reservoir

By Paul Brown  
Times-News correspondent

Anglers in large and small pods, equipped with snowmobiles, four-wheelers, dragging sleds loaded with fishing poles, plastic five gallon buckets, augers and even some fast assembly ice fishing huts, dot the snow-covered ice on Magic Reservoir north of Shoshone.

Coveralls, caps, gloves and boots are the dominant attire. A surprisingly large amount of fish that have survived in the minimal amount of water left over from last summer's irrigation drawdown have attracted perch anglers from many areas of the state. License plates worn by SUVs in the parking areas read Ada, Latah, Twin Falls, Jerome, Cassia and Minidoka counties.

The dozens of fishermen swarming over the reservoir's 2-foot thick ice today is evidence that perch meat is sought by anglers because it makes a great meal. The preference for perch meat is the worst kept secret between fishermen and there's no limit to the number of fish that can be taken.

Locally it's customary to fillet a slab off each side of the fish and trim each one to the size of a silver dollar. Some bigger ones can produce a somewhat bigger fillet in diameter and thickness. These fillets dipped in batter and fried are delicious table fare.

Some of the fishermen are taking fish through the openings in the ice, but some aren't. The productive areas average about three and a half perch per man hour. Occasionally a trout is pulled out through the 6-inch augured holes. One exceptionally large German brown trout 28-inch long with a hooked jaw similar to the configuration seen in a male salmon was caught by one lucky fisherman. Piles of perch near augured holes in the ice are indicators of productive spots. Unused augured holes are scattered at random. Some temporarily ice over have been recently drilled, requiring only a kick with a boot to reopen. Others are days old and refrozen to the original depth.

Motorized augers are a sure barometer of hot and cold fishing areas. The silence around a group of augured holes being used by a group of fishermen will almost guarantee piles of yellow perch nine to 12 inches long beside the man-made auger holes occupied by fishing lines.

The fear of motorized augers mean unproductive openings urging impatient fishermen to drill new openings in the ice, in search of a school of perch. A few hardcore anglers drill holes with hand augers, but newer lighter, more efficient and easier to start motorized ones are hard to resist.

The cold temperature, 6 degrees at mid-morning and 12 degrees at mid-afternoon, fails to freeze anyone off the ice. To some it is a combination fishing trip and family outing. Youngsters and dogs are common and ice fishing huts for shelter complete the creature comforts for those who indulge.

Fishermen who commit themselves to the taking of perch are just as dedicated in the summer as they are in the winter. The equipment used is taken on a different perspective, however. Boats using a 12-volt battery provide the opportunity for the use of an electric fillet knife for the prep work on the fillet. The ever-present gulls can enjoy the parts of the fish not used.



A Boise fisherman drags out a perch from an augured opening in ice at Magic Reservoir.

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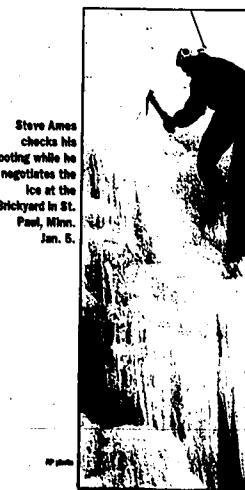
Magic Reservoir fisherman scatter near augured openings in the ice angling for perch.



Two Magic Reservoir anglers stare intently at sonar screen mounted on five gallon bucket in search of fish beneath ice.



Nathan Knowles of Declo holds his 28-inch German Brown trout on the ice at Magic Reservoir.



Steve Ames checks his footing while he negotiates the ice at the Brickyard in St. Paul, Minn. Jan. 5.

## More climbers take to the ice

By Rick Stetchlik  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. - Ice climbing - the sport of intentionally braving below-zero temperatures to scale 300-foot walls of frozen water - isn't for everyone.

"The sport's growing, but it's a pretty small group of people doing it," says Brian Hall, a rep for several climbing-equipment companies who teaches ice-climbing techniques at Midwest Mountaineering's backyard climbing post in Minneapolis. "Most people think it's a pretty bizarre thing."

There are plenty of reasons the number of climbers remains small. "Ice climbing is the hard-core end of climbing," says Stephen Regenold, who runs Vertical Jones, a climbing magazine published in the Twin Cities. "It's a lot harder than rock climbing - more painful and scarier."

As Regenold has described it, ice climbing is about two things: suffering and avoiding a fall. The tools needed to ascend frozen waterfalls and ice cliffs include screws, ice

*"It's very methodical. When I'm ice climbing, it's my one and only focus in the world. I focus on the one present moment."*

- Stephen Regenold, climbing expert

axes and sharp crampon spikes. They are essential for going up; they can cut you to pieces as you're falling down.

Regenold says another appeal of the sport is its ever-changing nature. Rocks will be the same from one year to the next; ice forms and reforms each winter and within a season, providing the same location with constant transformation.

And then there's the aesthetic appeal. "It's almost a meditative thing for me," says Regenold, who travels to the Lake Superior and Lake Nipigon for ice-climbing challenges. "It's very methodical. When I'm ice climbing, it's

my one and only focus in the world. I focus on the one present moment.

"Beyond that, it's the adventure aspect. It's an incomparable thing to be on a 400-foot frozen waterfall, looking out over Lake Superior."

You don't have to travel six or seven hours to start ice climbing. Almost within the shadow of the St. Paul skyline there's a cliff known as the Brickyard, where novice and experienced ice climbers alike practice their sport on winter weekends.

It's the best - some say the only - location for ice climbing this side of Sandstone. To find something truly challenging and spectacular, local ice climbers make repeated visits to the North Shore of Lake Superior.

The Great Lakes region is becoming a hotbed for the ice ax and the crampons. In revered spots such as Lake Superior's North Shore rivers, Orient Bay on Lake Nipigon, Ontario, and on the cliffs of Munising, Mich., ice climbing is flourishing.

Fat Mackin teaches ice-climbing classes at Vertical Endeavors in St. Paul. See CLIMB, Page D2

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# OUTDOORS

## Owners are responsible for dogs chasing deer

Questions I've seen several dozen animals in the Jerome Eden area being chased by dogs. Isn't it against the law for people's pets to chase deer? What should I do next time I encounter dogs chasing game animals?

Answer-You are correct, it is a violation.

Any person who "owns, possesses, or harbors any dog... running at large or which is actively trailing, pursuing, harassing or attacking, or which injures or kills deer or any other big game animal within this state shall be guilty" of an infraction. "It shall be no defense that such dog or dogs were pursuing said game animals without the aid or direction of the owner, possessor, or harboree."

This law goes on to say "Any

**ASK THE OFFICER**  
**Gary Hompland**

dog found running at large and which is actively tracking, pursuing, harassing, attacking or killing deer or any other big game animal may be destroyed without criminal or civil liability by the director, or any peace officer, or other persons authorized to enforce the Idaho fish and game laws."

As a practical matter our officers do go to great lengths to find the owner of dogs chasing deer. We would much rather issue the

owner a citation than destroy someone's family pet. Our policy is to destroy dogs only as a last resort, and only if we can't locate the owners.

As a member of the public, I encourage you to treat this situation as you would any other crime. Your observations as a witness are important. In order for conservation officers to prosecute the pet owners, witness testimony about the dog's behavior is very important.

Private individuals are not authorized to take the law into their own hands and destroy dogs they see chasing deer. However, I would encourage citizens to obstruct or disturb any dogs they find chasing or harassing big game. Dog owners living in areas where big game populations occur should respect wildlife and

restrain dogs prone to chasing game.

Under the best circumstances winter is a struggle to survive for wild animals. Big game animals rely mostly on their fat reserves to carry them through the winter. They often adopt an energy conservation posture to avoid using critical fat reserves. By chasing deer, Fido creates an unnecessary demand on those critical energy reserves. In the long-term, dog harassment can mean the difference between surviving and not surviving the winter.

Gary Hompland is a regional conservation officer at the Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. E-mail your questions to him at the Fish and Game Web site at [www2.state.id.us/fishgame/](http://www2.state.id.us/fishgame/)

## Brutal conditions force more feeding of deer

POCATELLO (AP) - Subzero temperatures and recent snows have prompted the Department of Fish and Game to nearly double the mule deer feeding stations in southeastern Idaho. More than 150 volunteers are now feeding at nearly 45 sites across the region and more are expected to be added soon.

The department has purchased 130 tons of pellets to feed an estimated 3,000 deer at different sites from Pocatello to Preston.

With each deer eats about two or three pounds a day.

A few deer have died already from winter stress, but under normal winter conditions fawn mortality averages around 50 percent. In the best of years it can go as low as 25 to 30 percent.

"Anything going into the winter that wasn't in super health in the fall isn't going to make it, whether you feed or don't feed," said Ken Fordyce, member of the feed committee.

## Park and recreation board drops price of parks pass

The Times-News

The Idaho Park and Recreation Board will make the annual discount for a state Parks Passport available year round. That means the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) will offer \$35 annual Parks Passport for \$25.

"We were selling 70 percent of our passes during the early bird discount period," said IDPR Director Rick Collignon. "The response to the discounted passport gives us a good indication of where the public feels the real value of the annual passport is. It just makes good sense to make it easier for people by the annual pass rather than the daily fee, which requires much more staff time to administer."

"We need to find ways to reduce our costs. The more people who have an annual pass for day use, the less we need to staff entrance stations to handle the \$3 per vehicle daily passes," he said. This means we will be able to shift more of the focus of our staff from fee collection to other important public services in our parks and campgrounds, such as maintenance of facilities and educational programs."

One popular way of stretching recreation dollars is to buy a second day-use pass for another family vehicle. Additional passes for that second family vehicle can be purchased for just \$5 each if purchased at the same time as the first. "If a family buys a pair of

### Outdoors in brief

passes for \$30, they pay for themselves after just five visits per car," Collignon said.

The annual dayuse pass allows a carload of people to swim, cross-country ski, launch their boat, hike, picnic, mountain bike and just enjoy Idaho's state parks.

Campers don't need the pass, because day use services are included in their camping fee.

All fees collected by the Department are used to support the ongoing maintenance and operation of Idaho's state parks and recreation programs. Idaho State Park Annual Passports are available at all state parks, or by writing to Annual Pass, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0663. For more information check [www.idahoparks.org](http://www.idahoparks.org).

### Clear Lake Country Club hosts fish derby Saturday

BUHL - The Clear Lake Country Club will be hosting its second annual fly fishing derby on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at Clear Lake. The entry fee is \$25 and includes and all-you-can-eat breakfast at 8 a.m., a fishing pass and raffle prizes. The grand prize is a 9-inch Loomis GL3 fly rod. Other giveaways include Clear Lake fishing passes, Clear Lake Country Club gift passes, and many other prizes.

Register by calling 543-4849.

### Mt. Whitney climb highlights group meeting

TWIN FALLS - High Desert Association members will hear an account of a climb up California's Mt. Whitney at their next meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 13.

Mark Goodman of Twin Falls will describe the ascent of the highest peak in the continental United States at the start of the meeting. The group will meet at 7 p.m. at Idaho Joe's in Twin Falls.

Mary Farrell, association president, said other items on the agenda include completing arrangements for a moonlight ski on Feb. 23, reports of skiing conditions encountered by members, and progress reports on organization projects. Future group activities will also be discussed.

Those from the public who are interested are welcome to attend. For information call 733-1882.

### CSI Outdoor Program goes winter camping

TWIN FALLS - Anyone who would like to learn winter camping skills is invited to join the College of Southern Idaho Outdoor Program on an overnighter in the South Hills the weekend of Feb. 16.

Southern Idaho outdoor program director Bill Studebaker says this trip is for CSI students and the general public alike. Participants

ages 13 years and older are welcome to sign up. The excursion will include winter tenting instruction, snow cave shelter construction and outdoor winter survival.

Participants must come to a pre-trip meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14 at the Outdoor Program office located on the main floor of the Taylor Administration Building. The \$15 per person fee can be paid at that time and detailed instructions will be provided on the clothing, food and gear necessary for the trip. CSI vans will take participants to the South Hills the morning of Saturday, Feb. 16 and return to CSI by midday Sunday, Feb. 17.

The outdoor program has packs, snowshoes, tents, some sleeping bags and other outdoor gear to rent. For information, call 733-9554, ext. 2697.

### Magic Valley Bass Masters schedule meeting

The Magic Valley Bass Masters will have their monthly meeting on March 4 at the Creekside Restaurant. The meeting starts at 8 p.m. New and past members are encouraged to attend. For more information please contact Steve Vining at 734-6617.

The Bass Masters are proud to present their first tournament of the 2002 season. It will be held on March 16 and 17 at Brownlee Reservoir. New and past members are encouraged to attend. For more information please contact Steve Vining at 734-6617.

## Climb

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Paul that range from three to 12 novice climbers on weekends. The cost is \$99 for a six-hour session.

"I've had some of the most fun climbing I've ever had in ice climbing," says Mackin, who is a guide with the American Mountain Guide Association. "It can be very unique and beautiful. The technique is very much like rock climbing, except you're using tools. If you're a real gear head, like most climbers, you're in gear-head heaven."

Those who want to get started in the sport will lay out about \$1,000 for equipment, according to Regenzold. To upgrade to hard core, the gear will run closer to \$2,000. Mackin takes his advanced and committed students up to the North Shore.

"Manitou Falls has nice access and a beautiful setting," he says. "One of the more beautiful ice climbs is up the Devil's Track River, north of Grand March."

Hall says a guidebook called "Super Ice," published by



Veteran ice climber John Hallwill, left, belays novice climber Justine Gross as she climbs at the Brickyard in St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 5. Hallwill and Gross make regular trips to the Brickyard to keep their skills sharp between trips to Lake Superior's North Shore.

Granite Publishing, covers all the best-ice-climbing spots on Lake Superior, starting in Duluth and going all the way around the lake. It's available at Midwest

Mountaineering. "I prefer winter climbing," Hall says. "I enjoy the conditions, the adversity of winter climbing."

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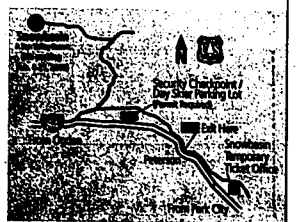
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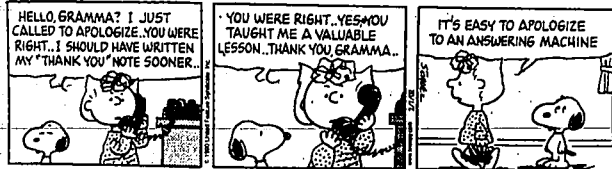
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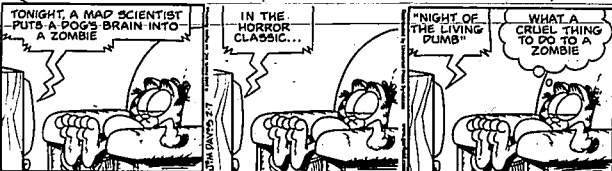
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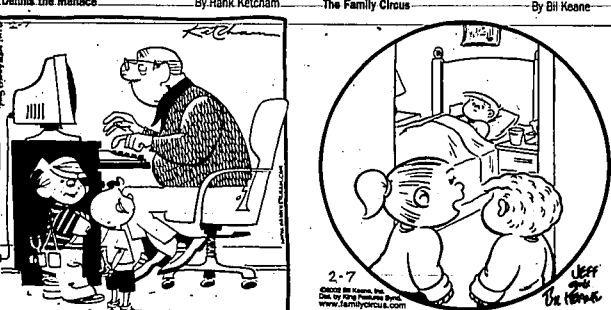


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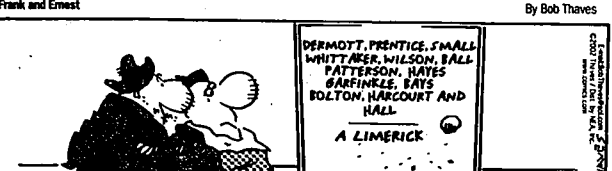
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OUTDOORS

# Survivors move on

Rescued climbers lost limbs but rebuilt their lives in remarkable ways

By Stephen Frothingham  
Associated Press Writer

MOUNT WASHINGTON, N.H. — Two hours after being plucked off Mount Washington by a helicopter, Jeffrey Batzer was enjoying the bright lights, warmth and safety of Littleton Hospital. After three nights and four days outside in temperatures as low as 27 below zero, the 20-year-old had arrived with a body temperature of 94 degrees.

To draw his severely frostbitten feet and hands, doctors put him in a hot whirlpool in the physical therapy room; they warned that he would feel pain as the parts warmed up.

Twenty years later, Batzer doesn't remember that pain. He remembers feeling ecstatic about being alive and the anticipation of his parents' arrival.

Then, a woman spoke to him.

Has anyone told you that someone died trying to rescue you, she asked.

Batzer went limp. He felt a stab in his heart, put his head down and wept so hard he had to be held so he wouldn't slip under the water.

"There was a guilty feeling immediately," he recalled. "I thought we didn't deserve to be off the mountain."

He stayed awake all night, thinking about his life and God and the rescuer who had died.

"That first night was one of the most amazing nights of my life," he said. "Someone had died for me, that was unbelievable. And the other side was: We're alive."

Batzer and his climbing partner, Hugh Herr, talented rock and ice-climbers from Lancaster, Pa., had driven to New Hampshire four days earlier.

They had climbed a steep ice wall on the lower flanks of a mountain renowned for its ferocious and fast-changing weather. Then, while trying to work up a treeless slope of the 5,288-foot summit, they had gotten lost in a snowstorm.

Disoriented and lacking a map or compass, they descended in the wrong direction.

Two days later, volunteer searcher Albert Dow died in an avalanche.

Weakened by hunger, thirst and cold, the climbers were expecting to die when they were finally rescued.

For both, physical recovery took longer than they expected that first night. Hypothermia and dehydration caused internal problems for both days earlier.

Herr had severe frostbite on both lower legs. Six weeks later, both of his legs were amputated six inches below his knees.

The first evening, Batzer's kidneys shut down and he was transferred to intensive care. The next day his feet were so swollen he thought they looked like footballs.

Five weeks later, his right thumb and fingers were amputated. Then his left leg was amputated a few inches below the knee. Later, surgeons removed the toes on his right foot.

Herr quickly returned to rock climbing. In an interview with The Associated Press in the fall of 1982, he joked that he had become a better climber — after all, he no longer had to carry the weight of his lower legs up cliffs.

Before long it wasn't a joke. Herr, considered one of the best young rock climbers in the East before the amputations, got even better.

After finishing high school, he moved to North Conway to climb. He used artificial limbs he modified himself for climbing. Within a couple years, he was pioneering new climbing routes so difficult that other climbers complained he had an unfair advantage. Sometimes he would design prosthetic feet for a specific route. He even experimented with unisex lengths.

His climbing success inspired disabled people, and Herr was featured on national television and on the cover of glossy magazines.

His post-amputation success

helped him overcome, even deny, his disability.

What he did next dealt with it head on.

About six years after the accident, Herr lost much of his enthusiasm for climbing. His body was suffering from the wear and tear of an intense physical sport and he was ready for a change.

He had some ideas about improving prostheses and the interface between an amputee's stump and a prosthesis. He left North Conway, enrolled in Millersville University in Pennsylvania and applied the same passion, focus and ambition to academics that he had applied to climbing.

He earned a degree in physics from Millersville, then a mechanical engineering degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. in biophysics from Harvard in 1998.

Let's now on the faculty of the joint M.I.T.-Harvard Division of Health Science and Technology and teaches an anatomy class at Harvard Medical School. He has studied the gait of humans and animals extensively, has seven patents and has developed improved prostheses for knees and feet.

"I have two passions. I love doing science — I love the idea of making important discoveries about the world, about what makes the world work. And I also like to help people. So I have a science hat and I have a humanitarian hat," he said.

"It's fair to say I'd not be pursuing this career direction had the accident not occurred," he said.

Batzer had always been religious, but he says he's never felt closer to God than when he and Herr were under the rocks on Mount Washington, not sure if they were going to live or die. That was when he prayed out loud for the first time in his life.

An invitation to speak to a Sunday school soon led to about four years of regular speaking engagements at churches and civic organizations around the country. In 1989, he went to Lancaster Bible College in his home state, eventually earning a master's degree. Now a pastor at the Lancaster Evangelical Free Church, he specializes in counseling people in crisis.

"I guess I'm able to relate. Certainly with my background I've been drawn to helping hurting people," he said.

Batzer sure he's gotten used to his missing digits and foot, although he gets a quick, painful reminder when he hits the nerves on the ends of his finger stumps.

Over time, the stabbing guilt he felt about Dow's death has turned into a feeling of deep responsibility.

"It's always been a very difficult thing ... to think that your foolishness cost someone his life. When people criticized us, I've always said, 'We deserve that. We have to take responsibility.'"

He and Herr were such accomplished climbers, they ignored



Pastor Jeffrey Batzer folds his hands in prayer as he leads an adult Sunday school class for the Lancaster Evangelical Free Church at the Littleton Area Menonite School Dec. 16, 2001, in Littleton, Pa. Batzer and his hiking partner, Hugh Herr, suffered extreme frostbite 20 years ago after spending three days and four nights lost in a snowstorm on Mt. Washington in New Hampshire. Batzer lost his left leg six inches below the knee, six fingers and all the toes on his right foot.

common-sense safety rules.

"We were hot dogs, and that's why a bunch of us were back then. It was kind of this idea that we were invincible, that we didn't have to go by the rules that other people had to go by."

They ignored a sign-in sheet at the visitor center at the base of the mountain.

"I don't know what Hugh would say, but I felt, 'We don't need this stuff. That's for other people.'"

He has difficulty describing his feelings about Dow.

"For me, Albert Dow's death, for being only a couple miles away from us, it may have been on the other side of the world, because we never saw him ... It's a kind of grief that was very much separated from ever seeing him, which is very strange."

Like Batzer, Herr felt extreme guilt at first.

"For the first several years after the accident, my emotional response was the equivalent to if I had gotten a gun and killed Albert with absolute intent," Herr said.

He is not as unforgiving of himself today, believing that the mistakes he and Batzer made would not have had fatal consequences under most conditions. They did, because of what he calls the "chaotic-randomness-of-actual events."

Herr has struggled with how directly the mistakes contributed to Dow's death.

"I feel that Jeff and I made a mistake on the mountain. We weren't of course aware that it was a mistake or a miscalculation. That decision led to a tremendous tragedy in the lives

of the Dows and in our lives as well," he said.

Today, he muses about different levels of responsibility and the roles he and Batzer played in an unfortunate turn of events.

"There is a case where there's murder, where one human being kills another human being," Herr said. "There's the case where you know you are putting others in danger — like drunk driving: There's a lot of knowledge that drunk driving puts not only yourself but others in danger."

"There's a third category where you are taking actions and you have no idea you are putting others in danger. I think that Jeff and I are in that third category. Certainly we knew we were putting our own lives in danger. We should have known we were putting others in danger."

Herr smiles when asked if he still climbs. He occasionally goes to an indoor climbing wall a few miles away, and is looking forward to the completion of a new indoor wall closer to his office. But the man who used to train for climbing by doing 200 pull-ups at a time is too busy to make much time for exercise.

In recent years, Batzer, too, has set aside climbing. But as a tribute to his unyielding love for the

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## Elk trapping operation wraps up at Weiser Cove

BOISE (AP) — An elk trapping operation has been suspended after more than 170 elk were relocated to Hells Canyon from Weiser Cove.

Officials from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game said a total of more than 230 animals have been removed from the area where the population had out grown resources.

"We tried depredation hunts, issued kill permits, used traditional hazing techniques, even installed a five-month hunting season," Jon Rachael, department wildlife manager, said. "As in the past, this year's harvest was inadequate; we still have 400 to 450 elk in the area."

Officials used helicopters to herd the animals into pens and transport them to another location.

On the first day of trapping 33 elk were relocated.

Evin Oneale, the department's conservation educator, said even a bull elk that was trapped and released at the trap site and a calf whose leg was broken during the operation was put down. The calf was then held dressed and the meat donated to a needy family.

During the second trapping more than 140 animals were relocated. Officials said an additional 55 elk died at the trap site after being trampled by other elk.

"As the elk were being herded, they remained in one large group and simply overwhelmed the trap site," Oneale said.

He said most of the dead animals were calves and yearlings. One spike bull and a few cows were also killed. Most of the dead elk were salvaged and the meat was donated to families in need.

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Agency approves financing for Dell

TWIN FALLS - The city's Urban Renewal Agency on Wednesday approved interim financing for the purchase of the former Albertson's grocery store on Pole Line Road, in which Dell Computer Corp. started operation Monday.

The agency authorized a \$3 million short-term loan from Wells Fargo Bank to buy the building. "Interest will be 4.75 percent and Dell will pay it. That is confirmed," Dave McAlindin, City Hall's economic development director, said Wednesday.

McAlindin said the interim financing should allow Urban Renewal to close on the purchase Friday - a week later than originally intended.

That financing is meant to bridge the gap until paperwork is finished for this deal. Urban Renewal gets an approximately \$3 million loan from Dell to finance the building purchase. Urban Renewal transfers ownership to the city then leases the building to Dell. Over the intended 10 years of the lease, the lease payment from Dell to Urban Renewal is the same size as the debt payment on Dell's loan to the agency.

Owner of Paul dairy sets record for sales, earnings

PAUL - Colorado-based Horizon Organic Holding Corp. - an organic brand and the parent of a Paul dairy - said it set a new record for both sales and earnings in both the fourth quarter and the full year that ended Dec. 31.

Net sales for the quarter rose 16 percent to \$43.7 million from \$37.8 million for a year earlier. Net income for the quarter was \$940,000, or 9 cents per share, compared with a net loss of \$579,000, or 6 cents per share, in the same quarter of 2000.

For the year, net sales of \$159 million were 25 percent above prior-year sales of \$127 million. Net income of \$1.74 million, or 17 cents per share, was up more than three-fold from the \$519,000, or 5 cents per share, earned in 2000.

"Once again we have demonstrated our ability to achieve sales and earnings growth at the same time," said Chuck Martey, president and chief executive. "We exceeded our distribution growth target in the U.S. Horizon Organic products are now available in more than 50 percent of conventional grocery stores. We registered sales improvements in each of our product categories, increased market share for milk and, importantly, were successful in controlling expenses."

Ameristar Casinos will release year-end earnings

JACKPOT, Nev. - Las Vegas-based Ameristar Casinos Inc. - a major Magic Valley employer at its Jackpot property - plans to release its fourth-quarter and year-end 2001 earnings report early Friday.

A conference call on the earnings is scheduled at 8 a.m. Friday. To participate, dial in at least five minutes early. The telephone number is (913) 981-5510.

The call can be replayed until 3 p.m. Feb. 15; call (719) 457-0820. The replay access code is 476660.

Albertson's hires industry expert as vice president

TWIN FALLS - Boise-based Albertson's Inc., which has grocery stores in Twin Falls and Burley, on Wednesday said industry expert Shan Kumar will join the company as vice president, category marketing and planning.

Job campaign seeks direction from investors

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - Leaders of a privately funded job-creation campaign will take the pulse of its 161 investors this month. The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Business Plus II campaign has two years and about \$621,000 left in its lifetime. Campaign leaders want guidance on spending, what is

still unallocated, and want to know whether investors will support a third economic-development campaign. Business Plus II investors are invited to a 2 p.m. meeting Feb. 21 at Dell Computer Corp.'s new operation on Pole Line Road. They'll also be invited to a ribbon-cutting and tour that day at Dell, a major recipient of campaign funds. The campaign's balance sheet

changed dramatically in October when Business Plus II announced a \$500,000 facility-preparation grant to help bring Texas-based Dell's new technical-support operation to town. Here's where things stand, in round figures. About \$421,000 in pledges is yet to be collected over the next two years, chamber executive Kent Just said Wednesday. Add the \$200,000 cash the campaign

has in hand, and that's a total of about \$621,000 still to be used for job creation and work-force development. But of that amount, Just said, about \$200,000 already is earmarked for projects: the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization; marketing and work-force development efforts, such as a high school technical consortium and College of Southern Idaho schol-

arships for students in certain fields. That leaves \$421,000 still up for grabs. Business Plus II has received two funding requests from expansion-minded businesses - one manufacturer and one distributor - already operating in Twin Falls. "Between the two of them, Please see BUSINESS, Page E2

Expanding the Block

H&R Block wants to be more than taxed citizens' friend

The Associated Press
NEW YORK - H&R Block, the behemoth of tax-preparation firms, is branching out. The company - which has offices around the Magic Valley - aims to expand its relationship with its customers beyond the annual tax-filing season by offering financial planning, home mortgages, brokerage services and even private wealth management. With more services, it hopes to keep customers coming back.

"If we help people with their financial decisions, they will be more loyal," president and chief executive Mark A. Ernst said in a recent interview. "Plus, we will be doing more than just filling out tax forms."

H&R Block, founded by brothers Henry and Richard Block in Kansas City, Mo., nearly 50 years ago, now has more than 9,000 offices around the nation. Its online offerings include both do-it-yourself and professional-assisted tax preparation, and its TaxCut software is a big seller.

This year, many tax filers also will get financial planning tips focused mainly on saving for their children's educations and their retirement.

Meanwhile, H&R Block Financial Advisors, the brokerage launched with the company's 1998 acquisition of Olde Discount Corp. Tax preparation accounted for about 70 percent of 2001 profits, Ernst said. The goal in coming years is for taxes to produce about half of profits, with 25 percent coming from mortgage busi-



Mark A. Ernst, center, H&R Block CEO, prepares for a conference in New York this week. H&R Block, the behemoth of tax-preparation firms, is branching out. The company aims to expand its relationship with its customers beyond the annual tax-filing season by offering financial planning, home mortgages, brokerage services and even private wealth management.

ness last year. A lesser-known subsidiary, RSM McGladrey, which offers accounting and tax services to mid-sized businesses, has begun financial planning services for business owners. "People of moderate means - people Merrill Lynch wouldn't consider working with - need advice on saving, especially how to save

for retirement. We're going to do that." Michael Millman, an analyst at Salomon Smith Barney who watches H&R Block stock, applauds the company's new directions. "H&R Block clients typically don't have access to sophisticated financial planning - or any financial planning," Millman said. "Their clients look upon H&R

Block preparers as their only financial contacts during the year, and they've been telling H&R Block that their greatest financial concern is the ability to save." The company benefits, he added, "by having clients return year after year and not be tempted to go elsewhere."

H&R Block's stock has been on the rise since the spring of 2000. Please see BLOCK, Page E2

Qwest might sell some local phone lines to raise cash

Knights Rider News Service
OMAHA, Neb. - Qwest Communications plans to trim its debt load through the sale of \$1.25 billion in securities, and it may sell assets, including some local phone service business, to raise additional cash.

Qwest - which sells local phone service in much of the Magic Valley - said it is considering selling with the Securities and Exchange Commission a plan to sell as much as \$2.5 billion in stock or convertible bonds but would use only half that amount. Qwest didn't say when it would sell the securities.

Besides local phone lines, the possibilities for asset sales included the company's wireless phone business and its directory business, spokesman Steve Hammack said.

The company would take 30 to 60 days to look at non-core assets before deciding whether to sell any, Hammack said. No target dollar amount to be raised in such a sale has been decided, he said.

"Our focus is to strengthen the balance sheet," Hammack said. "That is the reason we announced the registration."

Chairman and Chief Executive Joe Nacchio, who in the past has said the company's sagging stock price might make it attractive for an acquisition by another telecommunications company, said this week that no defenses against a takeover are in place and that none were planned.

The company plans to use proceeds from the sale of securities to pay down long-term debt and short-term commercial paper maturing this year, Chief Financial Officer Robin Seeliga said at a conference call.

Montana firm files complaint against Qwest

The Associated Press
BUTTE, Mont. - Touch America, a Butte-based telecommunications company, filed a 56-page complaint against Qwest this week, alleging the Denver-based company has encroached on its territory by selling long-distance services.

Touch America, a subsidiary of Montana Power Co., told the Federal Communications Commission that Qwest's maneuver was in violation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The complaint centers on Touch America's belief that Qwest is selling services under what is termed "capacity IRU" agreements. The indefensible

right of use agreements allow Qwest to sell long-distance services, under the guise of selling network facilities, which is allowed under law, Touch America said in the complaint it filed with the FCC in Washington, D.C.

"An IRU is a way of selling capacity on the fiber optic network, and the dispute arises from the interpretation of 'facility' versus providing a 'service.'"

FCC regulations permit Qwest and other regional telecom utilities to sell network facilities - hardware like poles, wires, fiber optic cable. The regulations do not allow Qwest to sell long-distance voice or data telecommunications services over those facilities.

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Ltd., a fiber-optic network operator, and McLeodUSA Inc., a local phone company based in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to file for bankruptcy protection. McLeodUSA is a competitor for local phone service in Twin Falls.

"A lot of investors are wondering if any of the Global Crossing-like issues are going to apply to Qwest," said McDonald Investments Inc. analyst Thomas Morabito, who has a "buy" rating on Qwest shares and doesn't own them.

Qwest is most likely to pursue a sale of local-phone lines, said Michael Bowen, an analyst at SoundView Technology Group. Since September, Qwest has announced plans to cut 11,000 jobs, including 7,000 announced in December. The reductions will

Company offers to freeze customer accounts to prevent 'slamming'

Knights Rider News Service
DENVER - Qwest has begun offering customers in 13 of its U.S. West states - the option to "freeze" their phone accounts so they cannot be switched to a rival local phone provider without customer permission.

The free "local service freeze" offering, which Qwest outlines in recent bill inserts sent to customers, is meant to block the unauthorized switching - or "slamming" - of accounts common in the long-distance industry in recent years. Qwest informs customers of the service when they call the company about other issues.

"It's completely optional," said Chuck Ward, a Qwest vice president of policy and law. "There is no charge. It's easy to get out of. It just requires that extra step on the part of the customer to confirm that they in fact want to make that change."

Denver-based Qwest is introducing the service in each of its 14 former U.S. West states except for Arizona, where Qwest will seek the advice of utilities regulators before proceeding. Idaho is one of the 13.

Utilities regulators in three states - Colorado, Washington and Utah - mandated that Qwest or its predecessor, U.S. West, offer the service to thwart the "slamming" of local phone accounts. However, regulators in at least two states - Minnesota and Nebraska - are curious enough about the ramifications of the freeze program to sched-

ule meetings on the topic to gather more information. "We're just trying to scope out the landscape," said Burl Haar, spokesman for the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

If a customer allows Qwest to freeze an account, Qwest will not transfer that account to another local-phone provider without the customer's spoken consent.

Some of Qwest's competitors have objected to the freeze as an attempt by the Baby Bell to lock in customers as it prepares for competition in the local phone-service market.

Cable provider Cox Communications, which offers phone service over its cable lines, has taken issue with Qwest's local-phone freeze in Nebraska. AT&T Corp., Qwest's most outspoken rival, calls the practice anti-competitive.

"AT&T is highly suspicious of any attempt by the incumbent (local phone-service provider) to lock in customers," Mary Tribby, AT&T's chief regulatory counsel, said in a statement.

Qwest's Ward said locking in customers is not Qwest's intent. "It's absolutely voluntary," he said. "It's borne out of some of the mess that has existed in the long-distance market regarding (account) changes and slamming."

Familiar slamming complaints of recent years involved long-distance companies transferring the accounts of elderly and non-English-speaking customers without their consent.

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Boston company plans to buy Idaho timberland

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - A Boston company will spend \$145 million to buy 251,000 acres of northern Idaho timberland from Crown Pacific Partners, the two companies announced.

The purchase by Patriot LLC should be completed by midyear. The deal is the North Idaho region. It's got a deep and diversified group of mills. It's a solid timber region," Matt Donegan, managing partner of Forest Capital Partners in Boston, said Tuesday.

Forest Capital will manage the timberland, which is concentrated south of Coeur d'Alene, and near the Canadian border. Forest Capital is also an investor in Patriot-LLC, which formed to

buy the land, Donegan said. Crown Pacific's presence in northern Idaho has been shrinking for several years. Last year, the Portland-based company closed its Coeur d'Alene sawmill and sold its Bonners Ferry operation to competitor Louisiana-Pacific Corp. The forest land was the last of its northern Idaho holdings.

"This transaction follows our exit of the lumber manufacturing business in the region," Peter Stott, Crown Pacific's CEO, said in a statement. "We are pleased to be selling this timberland asset to a buyer with a long-term commitment to the resource."

Crown Pacific sold \$53.4 million last year. The company will use the sale proceeds to pay

down \$686 million in long-term debt.

"We've (since) seen an uptick in lumber pricing, an uptick in consumer confidence and stability in the housing market," said John Manning, Crown Pacific spokesman. "This is a good price, and it significantly helps the company's long-term debt situation."

Crown Pacific acquired most of the timberland when it purchased seven Inland Northwest sawmills from A.W. Forest Products in 1993. The company bought another 91,000 acres two years ago from Plum Creek of Seattle.

The Potlatch Corp. is Idaho's largest private forest-landowner, with 675,000 acres.

Company predicts lower profits than expected earlier

BOISE (AP) - Washington Group International's financial future just got a little less rosy as the company lowered its profit projections.

Barely two weeks out of bankruptcy, the Boise-based company has slashed its future profit projections by millions.

New financial guidance cuts the company's initial predictions for net income by nearly half in the next three years. On Jan. 25, Washington Group completed its restructuring and emerged from Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

The company, using the August figures, painted a bright financial picture for the beleaguered operation that has gone through two bankruptcies in six years.

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Continued from E1 they plan to add about 30 jobs," Just said.

He declined to name the applicants. Both will be invited to meet with campaign leaders within the next week to describe their expansion plans.

The Feb. 21 meeting will be only the second time the Twin Falls chamber has invited all of the campaign's investors together since Business Plus II's 1998 beginning, Just said.

Chamber leaders want to talk about their economic development successes - and their misses. One of the latter was Canton, Mass.-based Stream International Inc. Business Plus II had promised that prospect \$250,000 if it came to town.

Stream in summer 2000 ended its consideration of Twin Falls as a site for an inbound technical-support call center with hundreds of workers, citing

only the area's low joblessness. On Feb. 21, chamber leaders also want to talk to investors about the pledges yet to be billed. Final pledges are due in December 2003.

Our investors have been, for the most part, very good on their pledges," Just said. But a few small pledges fell by the wayside.

He estimates that by the campaign's 2003 end, less than 3 percent of the \$1.67 billion in pledges will be uncollected.

Investors will be asked to rate how campaign leaders have spent their money so far, and whether and how leaders should launch another campaign in several months or a year, Just said.

Times-Nevada Business Editor Virginia Hutchins can be reached at 733-0931. Fax: 242, or by e-mail at virginia@nvcjournal.com.

Block

Continued from E1 and currently trades at about \$46 a share on the New York Stock Exchange. Millman rates the stock a "buy."

Ernst, 45, a native of Bellevue, Iowa, who left American Express to join H&R Block in 1998, has held the chief executive post for a year. He is the Bloch brothers, he says, the company to be in the right place at the right time.

The brothers got their start after a friend suggested Henry Bloch's accounting firm consider specializing in tax preparation. He did that in mid-1950s, just as the Internal Revenue Service was phasing out its service of filling out tax returns for Americans at IRS offices.

They decided to call the company H&R Block, with a final "k" instead of the family name's final "h," to make it more recognizable and pronounceable for the public.

Henry Bloch stepped down as chairman in September 2000, but still holds the title of honorary chairman. His brother, Richard, who survived cancer in the 1970s, has been active since then in supporting cancer research.

Today, the company they founded is involved in preparing about one in seven of the nation's 132 million tax returns, either through its owned and franchised offices or its online and software products. Its overseas offices - mainly in Canada, Britain and Australia - have an additional 2.2 million clients. It employs about 12,000 people worldwide - a number that balloons to more than 80,000 with temporary workers at tax time.

Revenues in the fiscal year ended April 30 were \$3 billion, resulting in a net profit of \$281.2 million or \$1.55 a share. Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial expect that to increase to \$2.22 per share this year.

Ernst believes cross-selling will help expand H&R Block's non-tax business.

"The one time people stop and think about their financial situation is at tax time," Ernst said. "And for many, it's the one time they have some extra money."

After a trial run last year, H&R Block has added a half-dozen questions to its client preparation questionnaire. It is based on that and information on the return, H&R Block associates will give each client a "just for you" financial advice report.

A client getting a refund, for example, might be urged to divert some of that money to a tax-advantaged Individual Retirement Account, which H&R Block is marketing as an Express IRA. A family with young children will get information about college savings plans, while a renter will learn how a Roth IRA can be used to accumulate a down payment for a home.

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Qwest

Continued from E1 across its 14-state monopoly region. To do so, various conditions - such as opening its utility system to competition and receiving FCC approval - must be met, Touch America said.

Qwest is marketing and selling voice and long-distance services under "capex" IRU services. When you strip away the rhetoric, we think capacity agreements in the form of light circuits, which is just plain old private line, long-distance leased circuits," said Curt Freeman, spokesman for Touch America.

Qwest replied it is allowed to conduct the business since it is using facilities, not services, to meet customers' needs.

"These are wild allegations," said Steve Hammack, spokesman

for Qwest. "This is not new; Touch America started making these claims last August and September. IRUs are facilities, not services. It has nothing to do with 271 (section 271 of the Telecom Act)."

He pointed out that when a customer buys capacity on its network, it is buying an asset and not a service from Qwest.

"We give them the transfer and title," Hammack said. "He said the FCC was 'fully aware' of Qwest's IRU sales when it approved Qwest's acquisition of US West.

"In our mind this is old news and it's wrong," Hammack said of this week's complaint.

Qwest steps the title to all of its network infrastructure and operates and maintains it, something

that wouldn't happen if the capacity sale represented a network facility. Capacity is a service that exists because of the facilities; it isn't a facility. Any way you look at it, with the retention of ownership, this really is providing services, not selling facilities," Freeman said.

During the first three quarters of 2001, Qwest had about \$900 million in capacity sales, Touch America said.

Freeman said if the FCC rules in Touch America's favor, the company expects to be compensated for revenue losses.

In June 2000, Touch America paid \$200 million for Qwest's regional long-distance business so that Qwest could meet federal law in order to merge with US West.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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The food giant - which has operations in the Magic Valley - said earnings in the current quarter and full-year earnings will fall far below Wall Street estimates.

The new guidance anticipates third-quarter earnings of 27 to 29 cents per share in the quarter ending this month. In December, General Mills told investors to expect earnings of 40 cents to 44 cents.

Tom Forsythe, spokesman for General Mills, said combining General Mills and Pillsbury sales forces is the crux of the problem. The sales force has currently been divided to 1,500 people, with 1,000 in the field. What's more, the sales forces of the two companies had worked differently before the merger.

The company expects a bounce back to earnings of 43 to 45 cents in the fourth quarter, and full-year earnings between \$1.90 and \$1.95 per share. That range is the sales force's current forecast of earnings in a survey of analysts by Thomson Financial/First Call.

Officials restated the company's earnings expectation for the 2003 fiscal year from \$2.40 to \$2.35, after a year of earnings that averaged to be in the \$2.85 to \$2.95 per share range.

Veratron's technology features voice recognition and authentication software that could make cell phone transactions secure and feasible. Founder and Chief Executive Officer Stephen Kuzara said the new technology is more secure and defies Internet fraud by eliminating the need to send private information - such as a credit-card number or bank account data - over the airways or online.

"Historically, when you increase security, you decrease convenience," Steve Lamm, Veratron's director of business development, said. "We feel our technology actually increases security while increasing convenience, which shatters the paradigm."

Lamm said that unlike retina scanning or fingerprinting, no central database is needed to compare voice records. Instead, the software works inside the user's personal device. The user's voice, it works as a password that enables the user to access the phone and its functions, which can be anything from logging on to Internet banking to making an online purchase.

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# COMMUNITY

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Top, Larry Baxter, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation director, congratulates Tammy Becker of Jerome for earning a Business Plus II nursing scholarship. Middle, the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation awarded several nursing scholarships to several area students. Bottom, Larry Baxter congratulates Elizabeth Zimmermann for earning a Business Plus II nursing scholarship.

## MVRMC Foundation awards nursing scholarships

**TWIN FALLS** - The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation has awarded scholarships to 11 students working toward their associate and master's degrees in nursing.

Scholarships for the upcoming spring semester were awarded from three programs managed by the foundation.

Six students were awarded scholarships for their intent to begin their registered nurse careers at Magic Valley Regional upon completion of their studies.

The successful applicants were Lori Coats, Glynn Reed, Muejira Kijuncin and Dorothy Maupin, all of Twin Falls; Phyllis Swainston of Filer; and Kelli Lynne of Kimberly. The Foundation Nursing Scholarship program is funded by Magic Valley Regional and coordinated by the foundation.

In August 2001, Magic Valley Regional contributed \$20,000 to the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce Business Plus II program for support of local economic development through work-force development and

business expansion. Magic Valley Regional's contribution has been used for registered nursing scholarships and is administered by the foundation. Associate degree students Kelli Dudley of Burley; Rowena Miller of Rupert; Mark Berger of Wendell; Reed, Kijuncin, Swainston and Lynne received scholarships from the Business Plus II funding. Each student has committed to work in the Magic Valley area for two years upon completion of his or her studies.

The Business Plus II program has also provided spring semester scholarships to two registered nurses pursuing their master's degrees. Tammy Becker and Elizabeth Zimmermann, both of Jerome, received scholarships and have committed to work in the Magic Valley area for two years upon completion of their studies.

The foundation will offer college scholarship programs again later this spring for the fall semester. For information about any scholarship program, call the foundation office at 737-2480. L

## - FOCUS ON PEOPLE -

### Two ISDB students top pledges at Read-a-thon

The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind had an all-school Read-a-thon on Nov. 15 to celebrate National Children's Book Week and National Young Reader's Day.

Staff members and students dressed as literary characters and guests were invited.

The students also were matched with reading partners for a special reading event. Everyone met in the gym, getting comfortable on mats, and then, the reading began.

For a fund-raiser, the students obtained pledges for the minutes they read.

The two winners were Danielle Annis and Peter Forsman.

### Magic Valley students earn place on EWU dean's list

Brenda Kenison of Hagerman and Stacy Warburton of Rupert earned a place on the dean's list at Eastern Washington University at Cheney, Wash.

To be listed, students must carry at least 12 credits and achieve a 3.5 GPA or above.

### Food donations help 355 families at Christmas time

I would like to thank you, your friends and the participants who came to The Furniture Outlet and gave food snuffs totaling more than 3,000 pounds to help people at Christmas time.

The year 2001 was very difficult for The Salvation Army here in the Twin Falls area. Because of your help in gathering food, The Salvation Army helped 355 family units at Christmas time totaling 967 individuals who benefited from food that was given by you and others.

Again, thank you for your time and donations to help your fellow citizens, and may God bless and keep you and yours.

**MAJ. EDDIE D. PATTERSON**  
Corps Officer  
The Salvation Army  
Twin Falls

### Card party makes points and money for symphony

The 9th annual Magic Valley Symphony League card party benefit on Jan. 25 was a great success. Many thanks to Dottie Miller,

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party chairwoman, Magic Valley Symphony League members, symphony performers and the Bridge Center for creating another successful card party fund-raiser.

Thanks to Gloria Hann and Wynne Gensey for their beautiful donations. We are also grateful for generous donations from Cactus Petes, Jaker's, Applebee's, Neighborhood Grill and Bar, and Creekside Steakhouse. Thanks to The Times-News for publicity and the Magic Valley Mall, the Blue Lakes Branch of First Federal and Randy Hansen Antiques for their continued reader board support.

All proceeds from this event will go toward support of the symphony.

Thanks!  
**BORIS WILLIS**  
Twin Falls

### Contribution goes toward making children safe

The 5th Judicial District CASA Program, Guardian ad Litem, would like to thank the Junior Club of Twin Falls for its generous donation. The money received will go toward our mission of every child has the right to

a safe, permanent and nurturing home.

The 5th Judicial District CASA Program, Guardian ad Litem, represents the best interest of children who are victims of abuse, abandonment or neglect through court proceedings. Volunteers are recruited and trained to provide the court with a neutral third-party opinion as to what is in the child's best interest. This service is very important to the child due to the outcome and the impact it will have on their future.

We are grateful to the Junior Club of Twin Falls for choosing us as the recipient of these funds and commend them for their continued support of southern Idaho's youth.

**KRYSTAL SCHIVANEVELDT**  
Executive Director  
CASA Program Inc.  
Jerome

### Two programs continue support, nurturing for elderly

Thank you, Magic Valley, for your support of the United Way of South Central Idaho. Through your generosity, the Foster

Grandparent Program and the Senior Companion Program are able to continue to offer support and nurturing to those who are at risk and to the homebound and isolated elderly.

Foster Grandparents work in public school and Head Start settings offering tutoring and care for children working to achieve their highest potential. Senior Companions work to enhance the stability of clients who wish to remain independent and within their own home environment.

Volunteers read to clients, transport them to medical appointments, help with shopping and, most importantly, offer companionship, friendship and regular visits to those who are lonely and isolated.

Without the financial support of the United Way, these programs would not continue. Thanks to all who support the United Way of South Central Idaho.

**MAGGIE SEIPEL**  
Program Director, and staff  
Foster Grandparent Program  
Senior Companion Program  
Twin Falls

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Twin Falls County Historical Society meets tonight

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls County Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. today at the KMYT Community room. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect new board members and make plans for the coming year.

For more information, call society secretary, Tama Bolton, at 734-5990.

### Silver and Gold Senior Center serves up breakfast

**EDEN** - The Silver and Gold Senior Center will serve a pancake breakfast from 8:11-30 a.m. Saturday at the center, 210 E. Wilson, Eden.

For more information, call the center at 825-5662.

### Presentation on astronomical winter tour set for Saturday

**TWIN FALLS** - Bob Niemyer will present a slide tour on an astronomical winter tour of Johnson Space Center, McDonald Observatory and the Arizona Mir Lab at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Frost classroom in the Herrett Center at the College of Southern Idaho.

Niemyer is active at the Bruneau Observatory and the Boise Astronomical Society.

After the program, telescopes will be out front for observing.

All events are free. For more information, call 736-2447.

### Christian Motorcyclists gather at breakfast meet

**TWIN FALLS** - The Calvary Riders Chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists will hold its monthly breakfast meeting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Perkins Restaurant, located on Blue Lakes Boulevard North in Twin Falls. Please note the time change.

All motorcyclists are welcome to attend. Call Rene Burkhalter 537-6666 for more information.

### Buttons and Bows Square dance takes to dance floor

**EDEN** - A Buttons and Bows Square dance will be held on Saturday at Anderson Camp.

Pre-rounds will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the squares will begin at 8 p.m. Bring finger foods.

For more information, call 733-9694.

### Society chapter hears self-improvement program

**TWIN FALLS** - Xi Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International will meet at 10 a.m. at the WestCoast Hotel in Twin Falls.

The program presented by Rene Remaley will focus on self-improvement, energy, weight and feeling good.

Applications for new members will be accepted and a slate of new officers will be presented for election in March.

### Association of University Women presents discussion

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls Branch of American Association

of University Women is sponsoring an informal meeting and discussion on legislative issues with State Rep. Celia Gould from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday at the Obenchain Insurance Community Room, 264 Main Ave. South, Twin Falls. The public is invited to attend. For information, call Evelyn Mallee, 734-6302.

### Beta Sigma Phi Sorority chapters hold Valentine ball

**BURLEY** - Mini-Cassia Beta Sigma Phi Sorority chapters will hold their annual Valentine ball from 8 p.m. to midnight on Saturday-upstairs-at-the-Burley Elks. Music furnished by Gary R. Bench will begin at 9 p.m.

The event will include dancing, door prizes and refreshments. Tickets are \$11 per person are available from chapter members at the door. Queens for the three chapters are Sherry Rasmussen, of Xi Omega Chapter; Joyce West of Preceptor Pi; and Linda Watkins of Idaho Lambda Masters. Princess of Xi Omega is Janet O'Rourke. They will be introduced at 9:15 p.m. The public is invited.

### Chill feed, auction benefit local man at fairgrounds

**RUPERT** - A dinner and auction to benefit Jim Parton will be held 7-9 p.m. Friday in the McGregor building at the Mindoko County Fairgrounds.

Chariot races and mini-races will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday at the fairgrounds. This event also will feature Magic Valley versus Silver Creek. Following the races, there will be a chill feed and auction.

### Snake River Plaza hosts Valentine gift and craft fair

**BURLEY** - A Valentine gift and craft fair will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Snake River Plaza.

The event will feature a large variety of items for Valentine's Day and other occasions.

### Job Service consultant assists veterans

**TWIN FALLS** - Magic Valley Job Service veterans consultant, Johnny Moreno, will be available to assist veterans around the Magic Valley.

He will be available: Twin Falls - from 1-3 p.m. Thursdays at the College of Southern Idaho in room 220 in the Meyerhoeffer Building.

Buhl - from 2-4 p.m. the third Thursday at the Buhl Public Library.

Gooding - from 9-11 a.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at Gooding City Hall.

Sonshoe - from 9-11 a.m. the second and fourth Wednesday at Lincoln County Courthouse.

Heyburn - from 9-11 a.m. the third Monday at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce.

Burley - from 9-11 a.m. the fourth Tuesday at the National Guard Armory. More's services include job referrals; information on veterans education, training and other programs; voca-

tional guidance and referrals to community-based organizations. For more information, call 735-2039 or visit Magic Valley Job Service, 771 North College Road, Twin Falls.

### Hailey Public Library holds family story hour

**HAILEY** - The Hailey Public Library will hold a family story hour at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. The library will be celebrating Mark Kashino's new book "The Journey of Moses and Sidsy: An interactive journey of self discovery." All ages are invited. The movie "Be my Valentine, Charlie Brown" will also be shown and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 788-2036.

### Guest teacher training starts up at Morningside

**TWIN FALLS** - Guest teacher training will be held from 4-7 p.m. Monday at in the Morningside Elementary School library. Space is limited. Pre-registration must be done by Friday by calling Jody at 733-6900.

### West End Senior Center schedules bus to Jackpot

**JACKPOT** - The West End Senior Center will travel Tuesday to Jackpot. A bus will pick up travelers at 3:30 p.m. in the Merc parking lot in Buhl and leave Jackpot at 10 p.m.

The cost is \$7 per person which will cover a buffet dinner and prime rib. Money should be paid in advance at the West End Senior Center. For more information, call Carol Mittelsnedt at 543-2119.

### Hospice Visions Inc. seeks recipes for centennial

**TWIN FALLS** - Hospice Visions Inc. seeks recipes for the "Century of Recipes" cookbook for the 2004 Twin Falls centennial.

The organization already has a lot of recipes for succihini, enchiladas and chocolate chip cookies. Recipes are needed for appetizers and beverages; soups, salads and vegetables; main dishes and casseroles; meat, poultry and seafood; bread and rolls; pies, pastry and desserts and cakes, cookies and candy.

Recipes should be typed or printed clearly in ink. Also include a phone number for clarification.

Recipes should be sent to Hospice Visions Inc., Attn. Flo Slater, 308 Shoshone St. E. Suite 1, Twin Falls, ID 83301. The deadline is Feb. 28. For more information, call 735-0121.

### East End Head Start holds health fair on Monday

**HANSEN** - The East End Head Start will hold its health fair from 5-7 p.m. Monday at the Head Start at 465 Highway 30 in Hansen.

The event will include finger painting, visit from McGruff the Crime Dog, car seat safety and more. Child care bread and donuts will be served. Donations will be accepted. For more information, call 735-0121.

mation, call the head start at 423-9709.

### Jerome Recreation District offers investing basics

**JEROME** - The Jerome Recreation District announced the following upcoming events:

**Investing Basics** will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 19 at Edward Jones, 2716 S. Lincoln St., Suite B, Jerome. Participants will learn how to examine and assess their financial situation. The seminar will also explain the basics of understanding investing, ways to control taxes, identify risk tolerances and manage risk. The seminar is free. To register, call Gretchen Clelland at Edward Jones at 324-0174.

**Introduction to Computing and Windows 95/98** will be held from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 19 through March 19 in Central Elementary School, room 10. The course is designed for beginners with little or no computer experience. They will learn the fundamentals of computing, using Windows, how to control Windows and how to customize the desktop to meet their individual needs. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$29.

**Introduction to the Internet** will be held from Wednesdays, Feb. 20 through March 20 in Central Elementary School, room 10. The course is designed for beginners and will instruct students in how to use e-mail, news groups, chat, discussion groups, and find-and-download free software programs. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$29.

**Introduction to Spreadsheets** will be held from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 21 through March 21 in Central Elementary School, room 10. Using Microsoft Excel, students will learn how to take the "grind" out of worksheets, formatting and functions. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$29. For more information, call the district office at 324-3389.

### Christian Women's Club sponsors Valentine luncheon

**TWIN FALLS** - The Christian Women's Club will sponsor a Valentine luncheon from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday at Creekside Restaurant, 233 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

Nicole Crawford, wife and mother of four, will share secrets for preparing a no-fail cheese-cake. Special guest speaker Phyllis Eike of Focacello will discuss "Faithful love."

Eike and her husband own their own business. The cost is \$8.50. For complimentary child care and lunch reservations, call Betty at 736-4592 or Diane at 736-8453.

### LDS Singles and Alumni sponsor dance Friday

**TWIN FALLS** - The LDS Singles and Alumni will hold a dance at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the LDS Church, 667 Harrison St., Twin Falls.

The Rudy Williamson Band will play. The cost is \$2.50 per person, and married couples are also invited.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO WATER RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that two Applications for Transfer have been filed with the Idaho Department of Water Resources for changes to water rights within Twin Falls County, as listed below...

FARIA DAIRY, 2599 N 2700 BETWAIN FALLS ID 83301 filed Application No. 08/08/2001 for diversion of 0.167 cfs from ground water...

C E BRACKETT CATTLE CO, PO BOX 111; ROGERSON ID 83302 filed Application No. 69006 on 11/02/2001 for a cattle feeding operation...

For specific details regarding the application(s), please contact IDWR Southwestern Regional office at (208-736-3033) or visit www.idwr.state.id.us...

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description of the above-referenced real property but, for purpose of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code...

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under the Deed of Trust Note dated 08/23/2001...

All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Wednesday, the 29th day of May, 2002, at the hour of 1:00 a.m. in the lobby of the First American Title Company, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho...

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code...

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

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Operating Expense Fund

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On the 30th day of May, 2002, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. of said day, in the Office of First American Title Company, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho...

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on May 14, 2002, at 11:00 A.M. of said day...

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under the Deed of Trust Note dated 08/23/2001...

All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees...

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

On Wednesday, the 29th day of May, 2002, at the hour of 1:00 a.m. in the lobby of the First American Title Company, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho...

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