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# Canyon plan restricts building

## Proposal receives early OK from Jerome commissioners; planners will take up details

By Loretta Burkhart  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** — A proposal to restrict development along the Snake River Canyon rim gained the endorsement of Jerome County commissioners Monday.

But the proposed changes to the county's comprehensive plan must still go through the county Planning and Zoning Commission

— and come back to the county commissioners — before they go into effect.

Following more than two years of study, the Canyon Rim Committee has completed a document that includes a number of changes — revisions that were made as a result of two public meetings.

The committee was appointed in 1999 to establish the preserva-

tion of the canyon, "and after blood, sweat and tears" the work is completed, committee Chairman Lowell Udy told county commissioners Monday.

Commissioners agreed the proposal meets the goals of the county. And they commended members of the committee for work on the protection plan "that went far beyond what we could have realized when we began," said

Commissioner Veronica Liermun.

In its final proposal, the document designates a 300-foot preservation zone along 35 miles of Jerome County's northside rim of the Snake River Canyon. That distance is measured from "the highest brink of the canyon which consists of a slope which exceeds 30 degrees for a distance of more than 50 feet."

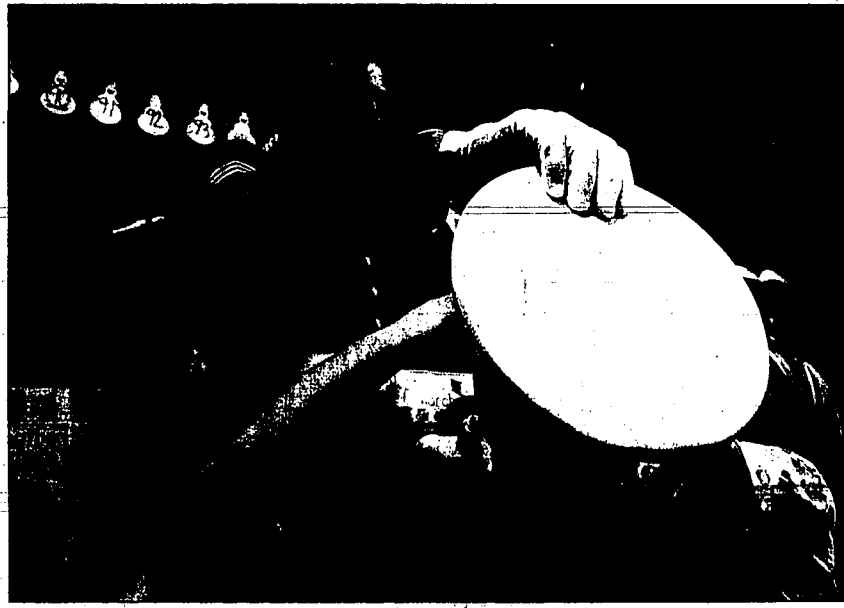
To limit restrictions on private

property "as much as possible" while still protecting the uniqueness of the area, the proposal prohibits building within the first 100 feet of the canyon's rim. In the rest of the preservation zone, building density and aesthetic guidelines would be imposed.

"There's no place like it in the United States," said Udy. "and

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## A HERO MEETS HIS FANS



Marine Corps Sgt. Ron Raphoon gets a salute from a student in Carol Stevens' kindergarten class at Lincoln Elementary School. The class sent Raphoon cards and pictures during his two-month deployment in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

## Kindergartners have plenty to ask Marine

By Loretta Burkhart  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — It was nothing short of a hero's welcome when Marine Sgt. Ron Raphoon visited Lincoln Elementary School Monday.

Raphoon talked with 23 kindergartner students who sent him cards and letters while he was stationed in Afghanistan — a deployment that immediately followed the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the East Coast.

"After the attacks, Raphoon was 'adopted' by Carol Stevens'

class. In an effort to have the children become more personally involved with the national crisis, her class sent a group picture to the Marine with a banner that read: "Ron — you are our hero."

Raphoon is the son-in-law of Stevens' close friend, Dorothy Clark of San Diego.

Upon his return, and with four years of service to his credit, the soon-to-be-civilian made a trip to Twin Falls — from San Diego — to personally tell the group how much their concern had meant to him while he was stationed at Camp Rhino.

In his dress blues, Raphoon answered a barrage of questions and settled some very real concerns — the first of which had to do with his uniform.

"How long did you wear these clothes?" Tyrus Patheal wanted to know.

And though Patheal would have to wait his turn before he could further drill the sergeant, it would soon be evident that apparel was not his only concern. Following a number of questions that ranged from "Where did you get your food?" to "What about bombs?" — and with his arm still

in the air — he got his chance.

"What was the name of your 'army' and did you have a pillow?"

"My 'army' was Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. And we didn't have pillows, but we dug holes for our sleeping bags so we had a place to sleep," said Raphoon, who answered with no hesitation.

Then using a globe to show where he had been, he drew an imaginary line from "this purple part" and all the way back across

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## Livestock alternative receives review

### Public will have chance to comment

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — After months of working on an animal feeding operation ordinance, the matrix group brought its finished product before Twin Falls County planners Monday evening.

The matrix group, made up of people on both sides of the AFO issue, has compromised on most issues. For instance, all members agree that new AFOs should be subject to tighter controls than existing operations.

Where operations should be located has been a bone of contention for years, said Ken Edmunds, a local businessman who brought the group together.

"When I first came to Twin Falls in the '80s, it was an issue then," Edmunds told the county Planning and Zoning Commission.

But a few months ago, Edmunds decided to bring the two sides together.

"Enough is enough — we've got to bring this thing to a conclusion," he said.

County commissioners have already passed three new ordinances of their own regarding animal feeding operations but have said they would be glad to put them aside and adopt the matrix group's ordinance after it goes through the public hearing process.

Under the matrix group's ordinance, special-use permits would be required for all new agricultural domestic and agricultural commercial AFOs and confined AFOs. Special-use permits would also be required for existing operations wanting to expand above their permit numbers.

When it comes to appeals, an "affected person" is anyone hav-

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## Family awaits OK for microchip implant

### Device would hold complete medical record

The Associated Press

**BOCA RATON, Fla.** — Jeff Jacobs' neck is fused to his spine at a slightly downward angle, making it painful for him to look straight ahead without leaning back. He takes up to 10 medications a day for a number of other ailments, and several times he has nearly died.

One of his family's biggest worries is that he could become sick and unable to speak for himself in an emergency.

But thanks to a tiny computer chip that can be implanted in his body and scanned for personal and medical information, those fears may be eased.

Jacobs, his wife, Leslie, and their son, Derek, 14, could become the nation's first family to be fitted with the device, called VeriChip. It is awaiting approval from the Food and Drug Administration, not expected before summer.

The VeriChip, made by Applied Digital Solutions in Palm Beach County, is about the size of a grain of rice. It would be injected under a person's skin, probably in the arm, and could be read only by scanners.

Similar technology has been used in the past few years on millions of dogs and cats as a way to identify the pets if they are lost or stolen.

Applied Digital says the chip can provide instant access to a patient's medical records, which is especially valuable in emergencies or in situations in which the patient is unconscious and unable to provide a medical history or, say, allergies to any medications. It could, for example, be used to identify and diagnose a lost Alzheimer's patient.

Ultimately, the chips could be coupled with global-positioning satellites to locate Alzheimer's patients who have wandered off, or

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Jeff Jacobs, here with his wife, Leslie, and son, Derek, in their Boca Raton, Fla., home, suffers from a number of ailments.

## Gould faces formidable challengers

The Times-News and The Associated Press

**BOISE** — State Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl, made official her candidacy for lieutenant governor on Monday when she filed papers with the secretary of state.

"It's something I've wanted to do for 16 years, since I was county coordinator for Butch Otter when he ran for lieutenant governor," she said. At the time Gould was making her first run for the Legislature.

But Gould, 44, has three formidable challengers in the May primary election, one of whom made his formal announcement Monday.



Rep. Celia Gould

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FRIDAY: Increasingly cloudy; mild mid. 60°/38°
SATURDAY: Cooler with a few showers possible. 58°/38°

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REGIONAL WEATHER

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Friends, family remember comedian Berle Livestock

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Family and friends said farewell to Milton Berle in a memorial service Monday that at times took on the tone of an impromptu celebrity roast.

"These people, these legends like Berle - once they're gone you can never replace them," said Finkel. "They don't make 'em like that any more."

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find kidnapping victims - an idea the company hopes to market in Latin America.

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Wolford's head. Almost immediately, everyone needed a turn - which was no surprise to Stevens.

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# Capture thrills officials

Al-Qaida suspect could yield treasure trove of information

WASHINGTON (AP) — The capture of Abu Zubaydah, al-Qaida's top surviving operational commander, is one of the most significant accomplishments in the U.S. war on terrorism, officials and experts said Monday.

In Zubaydah's head, U.S. officials believe, are the names, faces and locations of numerous al-Qaida operatives the world over.

He may also know the hiding place of Osama bin Laden. "It's a major, major victory, if not the biggest victory so far," said Stan Bedington, a former senior terrorism analyst with the CIA. "He's the biggest fish that we've caught."

Pakistani authorities, in concert with the CIA and FBI, captured Zubaydah in a raid last Thursday at a compound in Faisalabad, far from the Afghan border, U.S. officials said, speaking on the condition of anonymity. Zubaydah was shot three times trying to escape — in the stomach, groin and leg — but was expected to survive, said one official.

# PUERTO RICO PROTEST



Anti-Navy activist Ismael Guadalupe is held back by a colleague after militants attacked a pro-Navy demonstrator carrying an American flag outside of Camp Garcia in Vieques, Puerto Rico, Monday. After the clash, Father Nelson Lopez, a Catholic priest on Vieques who has been outspoken against the Navy's presence on the island, said the man should have taken his protest elsewhere. The movement got the attention of the world when it led protesters to invade the Navy's bombing range after two 500-pound bombs fired off-target from a Marine jet killed a Puerto Rican civilian guard working on the range in April 1999.

# Michigan court tosses out law against cussing

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — A state appeals court Monday struck down Michigan's 105-year-old law against using vulgar language in front of women and children, throwing out the conviction of a canoeist who let loose a

stream of curses after falling into the water.

The three-judge panel unanimously overturned the 1999 conviction of Timothy Joseph Boomer. A jury had found him guilty of violating the law by

swearing repeatedly after tumbling into the Rifle River.

He was fined \$75 and ordered to work four days in a child-care program, but the sentence was put on hold while the case was under appeal.

# Justices plan review of 'three strikes' law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said Monday it will review the cases of two petty thieves sentenced to at least 25 years in prison for shoplifting videotapes and stealing golf clubs to decide how far states can go in applying tough three-strikes-and-you're-out sentencing laws.

The court's answer could settle whether states violate the Constitution's ban on cruel or unusual punishment when they use the laws to win long sentences for minor offenses that otherwise might result in just a few months behind bars. The court agreed to hear two cases from California, which has the country's strictest three-strikes law.

Forty states lengthen sentences of repeat criminals. 26 of the 40 have a three-strikes provision.

Only in California, however, may a judge impose a sentence of 25 years to life for any felony conviction if the criminal was previously convicted of two serious or violent felonies.

Crimes that might otherwise be considered misdemeanors may also be considered felonies under California's law, meaning that shoplifting or other small-time crime can trigger the long sentence.

California voters and lawmakers approved the three-strikes



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# Gould

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Republican Lt. Gov. Jack Riggs kicked off his campaign for a full term, citing his close relationship with GOP Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and their collaboration to benefit Idaho. Riggs, 47, who was appointed lieutenant governor in January 2001 after Otter moved to Congress, is the third person to formally enter the race.

Senate Republican Floor Leader James Risch of Boise filed last week. Kempthorne passed over Gould and Risch in order to appoint Riggs.

Risch was the Senate's top leader — president pro tem — during the mid-1980s until he was defeated in 1988 during a brief resurgence by the Democratic Party. He tried to regain a Senate seat in 1992 but lost.

He finally made it back to the Senate in 1995, and he was back in leadership in a year. He has held one of the top three leadership positions for 19 of his 22 years in the Senate.

Also mentioned as a possible candidate in the May 28 GOP primary is businessman Larry Eastland, who finished second in the 1994 primary for governor and lost the state party chairmanship to Kempthorne choice Trent Clark three years ago.

Gould's biggest hurdle could be getting enough name recognition to overcome the renown of the already-seated Riggs as well as the political prominence Risch and Eastland share because they both live in the state's population center.

As an offset, Gould has wielded considerable influence and respect around the Statehouse for some time as chairwoman of the House Judiciary and Rules Committee during a get-tough-on-crime regime. In addition, the political veteran, who got her start in politics as a page for legendary House Speaker T.W. Stivers of Twin Falls, has never lost an election. And being married to current House Speaker Bruce Newcomb doesn't hurt her, either.

Still, she hit the campaign trail early and hard. In typical style, the self-described "rough-around-the-edges" Buhl rancher said she won't be relying on glibly sound bites to get her elected.

"I've been out beating the bushes. I've been on the road from early morning until after dark

every day," she said. "I'm running a grassroots campaign, and hopefully people will like me when they get to know me."

Riggs, who is making stops in 10 other cities during a three-day swing around the state, is emphasizing Kempthorne's decision to charge him with running the children's mental health task force and the state's campaign to deal with bioterrorism. He is a Coeur d'Alene physician who served two terms in the Idaho Senate before his appointment in 2001. Riggs has also screened nominees for gubernatorial appointments.

Since Riggs was appointed, Risch has taken several stands against Kempthorne proposals. Most notable was his successful stand against the governor's attempt to clearly legalize the electronic gambling machines that have made Indian reservation casinos so lucrative.

Eastland has campaigned in Ada and Canyon counties on his disdain for the 90 percent Republican Legislature's overturn of term limits. In doing so, the former candidate for state party chairman discards a position that is part of the Idaho Republican Party platform.

Gould's own husband spearheaded the movement to repeal term limits. But she said she thinks when she talks with people face to face, she'll be able to make them understand why she went along with the repeal.

"I voted my conscience based on the information I had and the best input I had," she said, explaining the Legislature has every right to repeal bad laws.

Risch also voted to repeal term limits. Kempthorne vetoed the repeal but was easily overridden in both houses.

No Democrats have announced candidacy for lieutenant governor. State Sen. Clint Stennett of Ketchum has been mentioned as a possible candidate, but he said Monday he has put aside a bid for the office for the time being.

Former U.S. Attorney Kari Shurtliff of Boise has also been mentioned as a possible candidate. Gould has been criticized for seeking the office of lieutenant governor because it would put her in charge of the Senate while her husband heads the House.

"If this were about power, I would have stayed on as chairman of the (Judiciary) and Rules

Committee," she said. "The only vote the lieutenant governor has is in breaking tie votes in the Senate."

She said she wants to bridge the gap between the people of Idaho and its leaders. If elected, she'll model her approach to running the office after Otter, who made the job an ombudsman position as a way to connect the electorate with government, she said.

Times-News writer Julie Perce contributed to this report.

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WORLD

# Israeli troops fan out in West Bank

### Forces also gather outside Bethlehem for expected move

The Washington Post

**BETHLEHEM, West Bank** — Widening their self-proclaimed war against terrorism, Israeli troops Monday fanned out to the northern West Bank towns of Tulkerem and Qalqilya and began conducting house-to-house searches for Palestinian gunmen in Ramallah. Meanwhile, Israeli tanks and armored vehicles massed on the outskirts of Bethlehem for an anticipated new offensive that could come within hours.

Also Monday evening in Jerusalem, a potential suicide car-bombing was apparently averted when a suspicious car was stopped at one of the numerous police checkpoints along the city's Green Line separating the Palestinian Eastern half of the city from Jewish West Jerusalem. The driver detonated an explosive device when he was stopped, killing himself and seriously injuring a police officer. Several other people sustained less serious injuries.

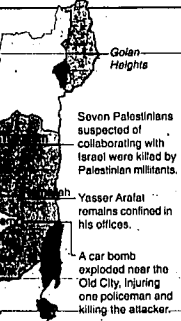
Police officials said the bombing could have caused heavy casualties if the car had been able to reach the city's center, not far beyond the checkpoint. Monday's incident marked the sixth bombing in Israel in six days, a spate of

## Israel Intensifies

Israeli troops and tanks executed more raids throughout the West Bank on Monday.

Israeli troops conducted door-to-door searches for Palestinian militants. Tanks ordered but pulled out later in the day; several nearby villages were occupied. An 11-year-old Palestinian boy was killed by gunfire from Israeli soldiers.

SOURCES: Associated Press, ESRI



of two suspected collaborators were killed in Qalqilya ahead of the Israeli move into the town.

Another suspected collaborator was killed publicly here in Bethlehem. The city's mayor, Hanna Kasser, said of the slain man, "He was a very faithful informer" of the Israelis. Asked if the man had received a trial, he replied, "He had a field trial."

The slaying here came ahead of an anticipated Israeli push into the city known as the birthplace of Jesus Christ. With Israeli troops massing at the approaches to the city, Palestinian gunmen

at Manger Square, in front of the Church of the Nativity where Jesus was born, were smearing black paint on their faces and preparing for what they promised would be a violent resistance to the expected Israeli incursion.

"Me and my buddies are going to fight until we get killed, because we have no other choice," said a 27-year-old gunman, who declined to give his name, but who identified himself as a member of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, a militia faction closely linked to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's own Fatah movement.

"It's true we don't have sophisticated weapons like the Israelis, but our main weapon is we are defending a just cause," said the gunman, dressed in camouflage fatigues and a headband, as he flipped an M-16 assault rifle with a scope, and a Palestinian flag affixed to the butt. The weapon, he said, once belonged to his best friend, another fighter named Mahmud Awad who was killed in an earlier Israeli incursion close to Tel Aviv. "This is his rifle, and I am going to be loyal to it," he said.

The incursion into Qalqilya is considered significant for Israel because it is the largest Palestinian population center close to Tel Aviv and its environs. Tulkerem town is the closest Palestinian town to Netanyahu in Northern Israel, which has been hit by a wave of suicide bomb attacks.

# Dutch law permitting euthanasia takes effect

**AMSTERDAM, Netherlands** — Starting Monday, Dutch doctors could begin legally helping end the lives of hopelessly ill patients suffering unbearable pain, as a law permitting euthanasia went into force.

Although the Netherlands became the first country to legalize mercy killings, a political debate continues over guidelines for doctors, even allowing them to prescribe suicide pills for the elderly who are not terminally ill. The law, enacted one year ago, also quietly will affect with no fanfare starting Monday was a national holiday and because it hardly changed existing practice.

But its passage stirred other countries to re-examine their own laws, and encouraged the worldwide movement advocating the right to die with dignity. Belgium enacted a similar law late last year, but the Swiss parliament rejected a motion to legalize assisted suicides, which are now tolerated.

## Serbian leaders demand action as deadline expires

**BELGRADE, Yugoslavia** — The leaders of Yugoslavia's dominant republic demanded Monday that the country's president support the extradition of war crimes suspects or take responsibility for the international isolation and financial ruin threatening the country.

The U.S. Congress had given Yugoslav authorities until March 31 to extradite with the UN, or to be handing over the suspects or lose \$120 million in financial assistance. Secretary of State Colin Powell is to decide this week whether to make the suspension final.

Some 15 suspects indicted in connection with bloodshed in Kosovo, Bosnia and Croatia still remain at large in Serbia, the dominant Yugoslav republic. President Vojislav Kostunica calls the U.N. tribunal illegal and anti-Serb. He has also said he opposes extradition to the court until the country passes a domestic law regulating extraditions.

## Fire destroys synagogue in Southern France

**MARSEILLE, France** — A fire destroyed a synagogue in this Mediterranean port city at the close of a weekend that brought a rash of attacks targeting Jews in France, police said Monday. No injuries were reported.

The blaze broke out late Sunday night at the Or Aviv temple, shortly after police had completed a patrol as part of heightened security measures at Jewish religious sites following a series of attacks recently in France.

Authorities would not comment on the cause of the fire and did not have any suspects. LCI television reported that the building was doused with gasoline and set ablaze. Last October, assailants threw a gasoline bomb at the same temple.

## Catholic bishop in Ireland announces his resignation

**BELFAST, Northern Ireland** — One of Ireland's most popular Roman Catholic bishops announced his resignation Monday over allegations he had protected a pedophile priest.

The Rev. Brendan Comiskey made his announcement in Dublin the day before a documentary was to be shown in Ireland about the Rev. Sean Fortune, a priest who the church acknowledged sexually assaulted dozens of boys in the 1980s and 1990s and who committed suicide in 1999 before his trial.

## World in brief

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"I found Father Fortune virtually impossible to deal with," Comiskey, who has been the bishop of Ferns in southeast Ireland since 1984, said in a statement. "I confronted him regularly for a time I removed him from ministry. I sought professional advice in several quarters, I listened to criticisms and praises, I tried compassion and I tried firmness. Treatment was sought and arranged."

But Comiskey said his efforts "were clearly not good enough." One of Fortune's accusers, a former nun, said she was shocked by his behavior but would keep pressing for the Irish government to mount a wider probe. O'Gorman and five others claiming abuse by Fortune have filed a lawsuit naming Comiskey and Pope John Paul II as defendants.

## Investors buy shares, save Dracula park project

**BUCHAREST, Romania** — A Dracula theme park in the heart of Transylvania has attracted enough investment for the project to go ahead, the Romanian government said Monday.

Tourism Minister Dan Matei Agachon said that by Monday investors had bought \$2.9 million worth of stock, more than 60 percent needed by law for the project to proceed.

The park is to be built in the medieval Transylvanian city of Sigheoara — the hometown of 15th century prince Vlad the Impaler, who inspired novelist Bram Stoker's "Dracula" novel. Vlad earned his nickname because of his penchant for impaling captured Turks and other enemies on stakes.

The park plans have sparked concerns among conservationists who claim a medieval citadel in the vicinity of the park might be damaged by tourists. Religious leaders fear the park could draw Satanists to Romania.

## Unmanned Chinese Earth craft returns to Earth

**BEIJING** — The aerospace workers in red jumpsuits leaped into the air and cheered the landing of the unmanned Chinese Earth-orbiting satellite, all in a row at mission control, nodded approvingly. And the odd, bodd-shaped craft sat intact upon the Mongolian grassland, carrying a country's hopes for a spaceborne future.

Such were the scenes broadcast on China's state television Monday — a triumphal parade accounting of an endeavor on China's state television Monday — a triumphal parade accounting of an endeavor on China's state television Monday — a triumphal parade accounting of an endeavor on China's state television Monday.

# Israel targets specific militants

The Washington Post

**JERUSALEM** — With its military sweep of Palestinian cities and camps, Israel has set out to hunt down hundreds of suspected militants and terrorists among them some of Yasser Arafat's political and security lieutenants, a senior Israeli security official said early today.

The determination to take in ranking officials from Arafat's Palestinian Authority represents a shift in Israeli policy, which until now has granted that amounts to immunity from arrest or assassination to Arafat's inner circle, the official said.

The official's remarks constituted the most detailed attempt Israel has made to lay out the goals and scope of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's four-day-old military thrust into Palestinian-administered territory in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

# Peace activists draw fire from Israeli troops as anger at 'meddling' grows

Knight Ridder News Service

**BETHLEHEM, West Bank** — Israeli soldiers opened fire on an unarmed group of international peace activists in this revered city on Monday, injuring eight people including an American citizen, one of them critically, witnesses and hospital officials said.

"They just started to fire live rounds of ammunition," said Ribbi Mustafa, 26, of Philadelphia. He said he and his fellow marchers were shot at even though they carried no arms, acted peacefully and tried to negotiate with Israeli soldiers in two armored personnel carriers.

The soldiers confronted them as they walked up a hill toward the neighboring Palestinian town of Beit Jala, where the marchers wanted to visit Palestinian homes occupied by Israeli soldiers.

One woman, an Australian, was in critical condition, with abdomen wounds, said Dr. Peter Qumri, director of the King



Palestinian paramedics treat activist Kate Irving, a British resident, Monday in Beit Jala.

Hussein Medical Center, who operated on her. Fellow members

of the group identified her as Kate Irving, a British resident, American man, Zaid Khalil, 26, from Glassboro, N.J., had a shrapnel wound in the leg.

Israeli military spokesmen said they were investigating the incident, but offered no apologies or explanations.

As Israel rapidly expands a military campaign in the West Bank to stop a deadly wave of Palestinian suicide bombings, its generals and politicians have become steadily more enraged by the actions of outside observers including peace activists and the international press corps.

That has led to increasingly tense stand-offs, including the one Monday in which, according to witnesses, two or three soldiers, much of the soldiers' fire was directed at TV journalists filming the scene.

The standoff punctuated an afternoon in Bethlehem that already crackled with tension and the expectation of violence.

# New Afghan magazine will focus on women

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)** — A new magazine offers a rare look at what's on Afghan women's minds and an even rarer view behind the body-shrouding burqas that most women still wear in public.

"Roze," "The Day" — is funded by the French magazine Elle and will touch on fashion, style, law, cooking and other topics. Its staff says they hope the magazine will help women reclaim lives smashed during five years of Taliban rule, when women were barred from school and work and could not go out without a male relative and an all-enveloping burqa.

"Afghan women have always been interested in fashion and clothing. Most of them were make-up and nice clothes under their burqas, but if they were caught they were beaten," said Lailoma Ahmadi, the magazine's Afghan editor-in-chief. "Our aim in launching this magazine is to help educate women and teach them how to help each other."

Ahmadi spent 18 years as a newscaster at Afghan radio before the Taliban forced her to quit. Last April, Elle invited Ahmadi to France to help with a special issue on Afghan women. But the Taliban sent men to her house who threatened to make groins for her family if she went. She stayed home.

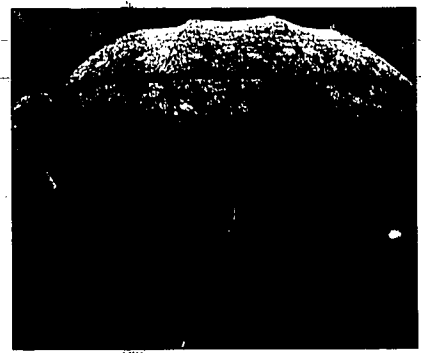
Since the Taliban's ouster last fall, Ahmadi has stopped wearing the burqa, but other staffers say they always wear the garment in public.

"I am afraid I will have problems if I don't," said 28-year-old Nasrin Shekib. "But I am happy and optimistic that there will be more freedom for women now. The burqas will begin to come off, but slowly."

At least one privately funded women's newsletter has come out since the Taliban fell, but "The Day" will be the first major Afghan publication for women. Shekib said she realizes the magazine may not be well received, but she believes it will be a force for change.

"I would tell these people that it is written in the Holy Quran that both men and women should have equal rights, and denying women these rights is against the teachings of Islam," she said.

Maria-Francoise Colombani, a Paris-based editorial writer at Elle who is in Kabul to help launch the magazine, said the 36-page publication will employ 16 journalists, all but two of them women.



A veiled Kashmiri Muslim woman makes her way to work in Srinagar, India, on Monday.

# Kashmiri women ignore demand to cover up

**SRINAGAR, India (AP)** — Women in India's troubled Kashmir ignored a demand that they wear burqas or risk acid attacks on Monday. Homeless students were about to begin their summer capital of Jammu, in traditional turbans and baggy pants. Most covered their heads with a loose scarf, but the all-encompassing burqa was not seen.

"Our traditional turbans are decent enough," said Salma Shah, a student leader, who said she wears a black burqa is no measure of a woman's morality. There were no reports of acid attacks in Srinagar on Monday, police said.

Lashkar-e-Jabbar, an Islamic militant group that seeks Kashmir's separation from India, set April 1 as the deadline for women to wear burqas outside their homes. In a statement issued two weeks ago, the group threatened to throw acid in the faces of Muslim women who did not comply.

Traditionally, Kashmiri women dress conservatively and even young girls rarely go out without covering their heads with a scarf or a shawl. Jeans or trousers are rarely worn. More than a dozen Islamic militant groups have been fighting Indian security forces since 1989, seeking independence for Kashmir or its merger with Pakistan.

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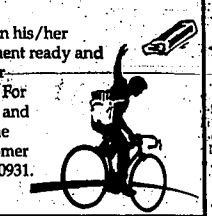
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# Couple, neighbors exchange child care

**DEAR ABBY:** I had to respond to "Tired in Tennessee," who was advised by a marriage counselor that she and her husband needed time for themselves, but complained that her mother never offered to baby-sit their two small sons.

My wife and I have three children, five years apart in age. We solved the problem by finding friends in the neighborhood who have children of similar ages. We take their kids for a week, and they reciprocate while my wife and I go on vacation. Taking care of six children isn't all that difficult. In some ways it's easier because each child has a playmate living in the house. The kids like it because they are not with strangers. I hope this helps.

**—BEEN THERE IN OREGON**  
**DEAR BEEN THERE:** It's a sensible suggestion, and I'm sure it will be welcomed by more parents than "Tired in Tennessee." Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** Why would anyone want Grandma to take responsibility for two young children if she isn't thrilled about it? My mother-in-law isn't speaking to me because I won't permit her to have my baby in her home. She has an unfenced pool, an explosive husband, and a proven inability to exercise good judgment. Bottom line: Don't expect what isn't offered.

In the meantime, paid help is the best help if you want to call the shots. Also, many nice resorts offer excellent kids' programs and bonded baby sitters for evenings out. You'll meet lots of other parents like yourself whose making use of them.

**—REALISTIC IN CALIFORNIA**  
**DEAR REALISTIC:** You're right; a paid professional is better than a reluctant relative.

**Most ferryboats never turn around**

Inlanders find it curious that most ferryboats in their normal run of duties never turn around. They don't make pretzels the way they used to. That's good. They used to make them big enough to wear around your neck.

**Expectant mothers on the island of Fernando de Noronha off Brazil long paid a standard fee for complete maternity care—one chicken.**

Most language mechanics like the word "citedel," but not the word "kremlin." Yet they mean exactly the same.

One out of every 30 million lobster is bright blue.  
Q. Does India have golf courses?

A. Some. Different set of hazards there. A local bird, the kite, flies off with golf balls. So the job of the "fore" caddy is to run yelling and armwaving to the driven ball to cover it with a red cloth before the kite gets it.

China has more horses than any other nation, yet Taiwan right off its coast has none. Or almost none. Two are kept on display at the Taipei zoo.

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Love,  
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# Aries: Family discussion revolves around vacation

**IF APRIL 2ND IS YOUR BIRTHDAY**, you make people feel comfortable; you give freely of yourself. You have been disappointed but are willing to give another chance to romance. You are destined to be happily married. Capricorn, Cancer natives play active roles in your life, could have these letters in names; B, K, T. You will meet exciting person this month and could fall madly in love. July most memorable.

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** Family discussion revolves around vacation, travel and possible occupation. A new arrival could be on the way. Be positive concerning direction, motivation.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** Poke fun at those who pose as mystic. Be open-minded, not naive. Find out more about money and how it got that way. You could learn more than you care to know.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Those who said you could not hold on to steady job will be proven wrong. Handle details with aplomb. Correct erroneous measurements. Some will view you as role model.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You will find innovative ways of getting job done. Focus on reading, writing and teaching. Very good day to start a diary! Flirtation could lead to partnership, marriage.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You exude aura of confidence, sex appeal. Domestic adjustment could include actual change of residence. You receive gift, could be flippers or luxury item. Libra plays major role.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Attention revolves around real estate, where you reside and

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domestic changes. Avoid self-deception; perceive relationships as they actually exist. A mysterious Pisces plays key role.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Focus on important business-career transaction. Keep plans flexible; short trip could be necessary. Capricorn, Cancer natives play outstanding roles. Lucky number is 8.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You will be rid of losing proposition. You gain valuable insight into future potential. You could be flirting with fame and fortune! Love relationship is serious and hot.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Forge ahead, stress original thinking. Cycle high. Trust judgment, intuition. Love relationship will "please" you. Change of scenery necessary. Aquarius provides drama.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Decide on direction. Be positive regarding "your" motivation. Separation from loved one is temporary; avoid brooding. You locate bargain where living quarters are concerned.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Accent diversity, humor, versatility and intellectual curiosity. You will be on the move, socially active. Keep diet resolutions. Express affection to one you care about.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Solid ladder will be provided for your ascent to top. Check details, including proper measurements. Sagittarian, much impressed, becomes valuable ally. Events favor efforts.

# AMC special showcases '60s directors

**TUESDAY (4/2)**  
"Reel Radicals: The 60's Revolution on Film" - While society was changing in the 1960s, so were movies, in direct response to the times. This new special, narrated by Woody Harelson, showcases some of the most influential directors of that decade and their films. **AMERICAN MOVIE CLASSICS**, 8 p.m.

"The Shape of Life" - Narrated by actor Peter Coyote, this new miniseries traces the history of animal through scientific evidence. The evolution and physique of certain species are the prime considerations. (Part 1 of 3) (HDTV) (CC) (TVPG) PBS, 9 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY (4/3)**  
"The West Wing" - A potential radioactive crisis coincides with a White House debate on the vice president's (Tim Matheson) future in this new episode. Meanwhile, Charlie (Dale Hill) runs into problems with his income-tax return. (CC) (TV14) NBC, 8 p.m.  
"Commanding Heights: The Battle for the World Economy" -

## TV Beat Bets

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## EDITORIAL

### Plan to reintroduce wolf grows bloodier each year

A new report on the struggles with reintroducing wolves into the Mountain West sheds further light on just how much damage the predators will bring to ranchers—and to themselves.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reported last week that re-introduced packs in Idaho, Wyoming and Montana have come with a cost. Wolves killed 178 head of sheep and cattle last year in those three states, up from 112 in 2000.

Researchers say there may have been even more, since some discovered carcasses are hard to confirm as wolf kills.

This has harmed the wolves as well. Nineteen wolves were destroyed in response to attacks last year. That number is expected to rise, thanks to mounting tension between livestock ranchers and the predators, wildlife experts say.

Furthermore, the agency's research says that elk and deer populations in the reintroduction areas are retreating into higher elevations to escape wolf packs. That leaves wolves to go after easy meals of sheep, cattle and pets that live in lower areas.

When that happens, ranchers and farmers are more than ready to aim and shoot, and the number of dead wolves will climb. Ranchers find themselves renewing the predator control efforts that led to wolves' near-extinction in the first place.

The state has passed a new management plan that grants more local authority in monitoring the predators. The plan is contingent upon wolf populations rising in Wyoming and Montana. It will be a step in the right direction to give local authorities the power to manage wolves.

But even if that happens, and even if the new plan passes muster with the federal government, the wolves' appetites will lead to more carcasses—of both livestock and wolves. The re-introduction process is much less tidy than wolf advocates would have you believe.

Idaho Fish and Game Commission through an initiative campaign is gaining signatures throughout the state. But support for the initiative may not be as strong as backers indicate.

Environmental and sportsmen groups want to put an initiative before voters next November to overhaul the way commissioners are picked.

Under the plan, the number of commissioners will drop from seven to five. The

**Our view: Re-introduction of wolves comes with a high cost to ranchers and wolves. What do you think?**

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governor would choose each commissioner from two choices offered by a regional nominating council. These regional groups—unselected and potentially dominated by environmentalists or other special interests—would wield enormous influence over Fish and Game policy.

Supporters say it's a way to remove politics from Fish and Game management, but all it really does is shift political power to one side.

The Idaho Sporting Groups Coalition is made up of sportsmen's groups in favor of the changes. But one of those groups, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, wants its name off the initiative support list—something Idaho Sporting Groups Coalition says it will do after the initiative qualifies for the November ballot.

That's like a boxer taking the horseshoe out of his glove—right after the fight.

At least one other organization besides the elk group, the Mule Deer Foundation, is represented as pro-initiative when it really is not. When an organization has to fight to get its name off the list of supporters, you have to wonder how many voters signed the petition based on misinformation.

The Idaho Sporting Groups Coalition should do what the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation asks, and take the elk group's name off the list of initiative backers—along with other groups that don't support the proposal. Telling voters that this idea enjoys such widespread support is equal to telling them a lie.

### A wrong way to pass initiatives

The drive to change the

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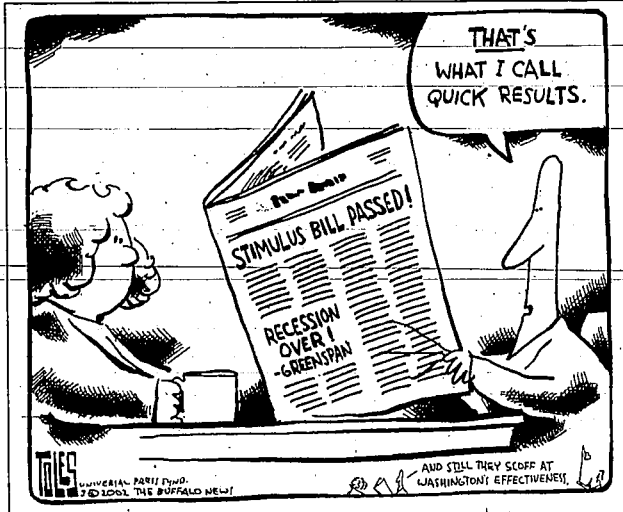
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## Tax code doesn't fit the times

SEAN R. TUFFNELL

For many, tax time is an excruciating process of pouring over receipts and attempting to decipher confusing tax forms only to discover that they owe most of their success to Uncle Sam. The process makes one wonder why anyone would have devised such a system on purpose.

When I first entered the labor market, tax time was intimidating but not too complicated. Now that I'm married, own a home and have a child on the way, tax time offers a lesson on how the tax law affects every aspect of our lives. The conclusion? The tax law makes raising a family in the modern world more difficult than it should.

The problem: Many of the central features of the tax law were written about 60 years ago, when the concept of a typical family was straight out of "Leave it to Beaver"—dads went off to work and moms stayed at home.

While my parents fit this mold, my wife and I definitely do not—and we're not alone. Two-income families are now the norm, with 70 percent of all married women and 60 percent of mothers with children younger than six years old in the labor market.

The most publicized problem is the marriage penalty, the quick in the law that taxes two-carer couples more when they are married

than if they just lived together. Put simply, income tax brackets work like the rungs on a ladder. As your income increases, you enter new brackets on the margin. That is, you do not lose the benefits of the lower rates, or rungs, for the dollars you have already earned.

Since the IRS treats the family as one taxing unit, when a wife enters the labor market her first dollar earned is automatically taxed at her husband's highest bracket, even if she's earning the minimum wage. Wives are used in the example since about three-quarters of secondary earners are women. Congress could fix this problem by letting couples file jointly or separately.

Yet taxes are not the only expense that her working outside the home will generate. Because of child care expenses, a woman's wife and I are expecting our first child, the expense of child care is a top concern. According to a report from the Urban Institute, the average expense for all families that pay child care is 10 percent of earnings. Single-parent and low-earning two-parent families pay on average of 16 percent

of earnings. So not only do wives have to earn enough to pay the taxes on their salary, they also have to earn enough to pay for child care.

Yet the tax system has long denied a general deduction for child care as a business expense because having children is deemed to be a "personal" matter. This logic is suspect. It's not the personal decision to have children that triggers the need for child care; it's the economic decision to work, given that one already has children.

The simplest way to provide child-care relief is a tax deduction along the lines of a general business expense deduction on a showing of qualified work-related child-care expenses. This would put the tax implications of child care for the working mom on a par with the nonworking one.

When those women who want to work at least some of the time outside the home for pay cannot do so because of the prohibitive costs of taxes and child care combined, we all suffer.

It's time to make the law more responsive and reflective of the modern family.

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## LETTER

### CAFOs are newcomers and don't follow our practices

The recent statement by Department of Agriculture Director Pat Tagasud that the dairy problems didn't show up overnight and won't be solved overnight is erroneous and masks the core issue surrounding confined animal feeding operations. They are newcomers, imported from other states, and they do not follow the traditional agricultural practices that have previously sustained this valley.

The small, partially pastured dairy functioned as part of a diversified agricultural operation that balanced its resource base by balancing its land, water and animal use. The current industrial model negates this balance.

As continued public concern and new legislative awareness of the problems of the CAFO issue increase, the standard rhetoric of the dairy industry continues that our Once-Magic Valley cannot dream of existing without this great boon to our economy. Unfortunately, the economic equation lacks validity because it assumes no cost for "unlimited resources" and provides no-cost evaluation for the waste and the

effects of waste products. Let's include some of those costs as they relate to air, water, land and health (compiled partially from National Resources Defense Council's Web site).

Air quality—ozone, causes respiratory problems; ammonia, contributes to respiratory problems; hydrogen sulfide gases, causes flu-like symptoms and can be fatal; fecal dust; particulate matter.

Water quality—groundwater levels dropping significantly; nitrate pollution in groundwater linked to many health problems; e.coli, cryptosporidium, and fecal coliform found in drinking water; run-off pollution from fields and discharge from lagoons.

Land and health—loss of small farms and corporate control of lands; large quantities of liquid and solid wastes applied to limited acreage; high concentration of disease-causing pathogens in animal manure; transfer of many diseases through manure (over 40); resistant bacteria increase due to continual antibiotic use; stressed cows who burn-out in one-quarter of their natural life span; decreased home values; migration of long-term residents out of areas; increased stress due to lack of enjoyment of quality of life.

So when you talk about the great contributions that CAFOs provide for our economy, don't forget to figure in the horrendous costs of trying (and never succeeding) to clean up our wells, our watersheds, our air, our lands, our animals, and our own health. For example, one cryptosporidium outbreak in Milwaukee's drinking water in 1993 "killed more than 100 people, made 400,000 sick and resulted in \$37 million in lost wages and productivity."

Bigger and cheaper isn't better, it's deadlier.

VALERIE CHISHOLM  
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### Correction

Two typing errors appeared in the letter from Kelly Walton on Monday's opinion page. The sentences should have read: "For example, one cryptosporidium outbreak in Milwaukee's drinking water in 1993 killed more than 100 people, made 400,000 sick and resulted in \$37 million in lost wages and productivity." and "Literally hundreds of Twin Falls children's lives per year are on the line." The Times-News regrets the errors.

## Congress should enforce prescription drug laws

So now Congress has launched a bidding war to see who can propose the largest subsidies to help elderly Americans afford prescription drugs under Medicare. If only our elected officials would take a look at existing laws on the books, they might notice that one already holds the potential to make pharmaceuticals significantly more affordable for all Americans and to reduce the inflated costs for these proposed subsidies.

It is called the Bayh-Dole Act. Unfortunately, no one is enforcing it.

Bayh-Dole is a provision of U.S. patent law that states that practically any new drug invented wholly or in part with federal funds will be made available to the public at a reasonable price. If isn't, the government can insist the drug be licensed to more reasonable manufacturers, and, if refused, license it to third parties that will make the drug available at a reasonable cost.

PETER ARNO AND MICHAEL DAVIS

The idea behind Bayh-Dole is to protect taxpayers' investment in drug research and development. After all, the American public pumps more than \$20 billion a year in taxpayers funds into health-related research and development, making it the single largest investor in the pharmaceutical industry. Those dollars have to be put to good use. The development of numerous new drugs.

Consider cancer research. As of 1997, 54 of 84 anti-cancer drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration were the products of federal funding. The pharmaceutical giants make profits averaging three times the rate of any major industry.

Meanwhile, prescription drug costs continue to soar at a rate of 19 percent per year.

The federal government is supposed to manage the public's investment in the pharmaceutical industry, but it doesn't.

Why is the federal government so reluctant to exercise their responsibilities? The National Institutes of Health prefers to avoid pricing issues and to remain within the loftier realms of research.

Second, there has been no leadership on this issue. Since its enactment, Bayh-Dole has never been publicly discussed by any administration. The recent stem-cell patents came from government research. Government labs should have the right to use those patents for free, but the government hasn't even insisted that they be subject to the law.

Third, the drug companies have successfully cast Bayh-Dole as an anticompulsive price-control measure that they claim will strangle new R & D. But Bayh-Dole is not about price control. The pharmaceutical manufacturers say federal funding is critical to the development of new drugs. This may be true. They can't have it both ways. If the drug companies want the public to invest in their research, they must provide the return on investment in the form of reasonable prices.

All Americans deserve relief from the high costs of prescription drugs. The federal government has the means to help them. Bayh-Dole should be enforced.

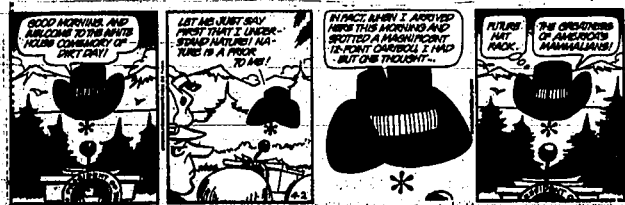
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By Bruce Tinsley





## Peace is fantasy in the Middle East

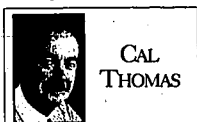
Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is right to declare his country "at war" with terrorists and to strike relentlessly at Palestinian militants. It's about time.

What the Palestinians lack in military might they more than make up for in resolve. No matter the number of United Nations resolutions, or statements by Western leaders, or how many military reversals, Yasser Arafat and his PLO-Hamas-Islamic Jihad-Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine axis of evil continue on with religious and fanatical zeal to achieve their self-appointed objective of eliminating every Jew they can get their murderous hands (and bombs) on. Sharon was right to call Arafat "the enemy of Israel and the free world in general."

The misguided belief that Israel's enemies can be dissuaded from their goal has helped create the current predicament. Given the evidence of noncompliance by Arafat and his co-murderers with every and all previous agreements, treaties, cease-fires and "confidence building" measures, what evidence is there that would lead any rational person to accept the fiction that these annihilators would honor new pledges?

How do I know this? Israel's enemies prove by their actions that they mean what they say. Unless words mean only what one says they mean at a given moment, what Palestinians say and do should be taken seriously.

In the Palestinian Covenant of 1968, which embodies the philosophical principles of the PLO, Article 9 states: "Armed struggle is the only way to liberate Palestine and is therefore a strategy and not tactics..." Article 15 is more precise: "The liberation of Palestine, from the Arab viewpoint, is a



CAL THOMAS

**national duty to repulse the Zionist, Imperialist invasion from the great Arab homeland and to purge the Zionist presence from Palestine.**

In the view of the Palestinians, no co-existence with Jews, much less an Israeli state, is possible. Article 19 of the Palestinian Covenant states: "The partition of Palestine in 1947 and the establishment of Israel is fundamentally null and void, whatever time has elapsed, because it is contrary to the wish of the people of Palestine and its natural right to its homeland..."

Secretary of State Colin Powell either has not read the Palestinian Covenant or does not believe it. Concerning last week's "homicide" bombings in Israel, Powell stated: "Once again, terrorists have set back the vision of the Palestinian people for a state that would live in peace, side by side, with Israel." There is no such "vision." The only "vision of the Palestinian people" does not include Israel. Looking at Palestinian maps, reading children's textbooks and observing Palestinian media proves that.

The foolish, stupid and historically blind belief that Israel could sign agreements creating a framework for peace at Oslo (1993) and Wye River Plantation, Md. (1998) which Arafat and the dictatorial Arab states would live up to was fantasy. The PLO uses such agreements to pressure Israel into making more concessions, even while it refuses to live up to its own obligations. The PLO and

Arab states believe that Israel and much of the West lack the stomach for sustained opposition to the Palestinians' terror campaign.

It's been nearly nine years since Oslo was signed and 38 years since the PLO came into existence. What evidence is there that the PLO is anything but Israel's mortal enemy? What behavior has the PLO engaged in that would give it legitimacy as a negotiating partner?

Prime Minister Sharon says his goal is the destruction of the terror infrastructure. The only question is whether the Bush administration will allow him to do to the PLO what the United States is trying to do to terrorists in other parts of the world.

*Cal Thomas is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.*

## LETTERS

### Published salary levels invade people's privacy

So far, a clear justification statement for publishing individual salary levels of local hospital staff in Twin Falls has not been offered. Stating that "I, as a taxpayer who pays their salary, have a right to know" is a lame duck reason.

The issue being opened here is how far will such reasoning further intrude into the private lives of all persons. If releasing the salary levels by individuals at the local hospital is allowed, then publish the salary levels of all city workers, all county workers, all state workers in 50 states and all federal workers.

But why stop here? Let's allow the IRS to publish the earnings for all citizens (taxpayers) of the United States. Where is the justification for such actions?

However, releasing information in a census format — such as ranges, averages, medians, etc. — may have some merit. Yet the worrying issue here is: What is the "true" justification for requesting this kind of information in the first place? For what purposes will such information be used?

Give everyone a break and make an informed justification for such an action.  
**DONALD K. LARSON, PH.D.**  
Gooding  
(Editor's note: Donald Larson is a retired agricultural economist.)

### baby. Planned Parenthood is nothing more than organized slaughter houses for unborn babies.

I would rather see my children put to sleep than to know that any of them suffered death by abortion. Can you imagine being torn limb from limb or drowning in a solution while it burns your body, or better yet, why not tear your brain out of your skull?

Andrea Yates drowned her children; why isn't that considered abortion? She didn't want them so she got rid of them. That is what abortion is, so before we start condemning her for her actions, why don't we go to the root of the problem? Do away with abortion, give our children the right to life and, instead of taking the baby's life, let's take the mother's. Maybe then people will wake up and see what we are doing to our society.

Being unwanted should not become a death sentence.  
**KELLY CORONADO**  
Jerome

### Today's lifestyle has no room for wolves

Can we justify the wolf being introduced in today's overcrowded lands where man has all but taken over?

I, too, would like to turn back the clock and have the wolf running free as he was, but there is not enough room in today's lifestyle for the wolf to live without being destructive! I'm not so sure the wolf that has been introduced to Idaho is not a hybrid. They are breeding so fast, indicating there are no Alfa males or females; they are acting more like a pack of wild dogs.

Why is it so hard to understand the wolf as well as the elk, deer and any other wild animal, including man, will never live like they were because of the

### over-population of the world? People now live where the elk and deer at one time wintered. Their winter food is now someone's back yard or some subdivision. Therefore, we feed the elk and deer so they can survive.

This becomes a buffet for the wolf. Things are too far gone to ever think the wolf has a place here now! When they attack some jogger or child, maybe the pro-wolf people will realize they made a big mistake. All I ask is to use some common sense; we can't have it the way it was, but I'd love it if we could!

As to Shane Walker's letter about the wolf and the rancher, I know times are hard and you don't get enough for your product; just log on to ewg.org and find out how you, too, can get government moneys for the loss of income in your production. Many of Idaho's farms and ranches get taxpayers' money each year (subsidy). It's on the Internet; see for yourself.

I agree with Walker on the hunters on four-by-four's and all-terrain vehicles. The answer is to close more roads and limit access to the forest for these types of hunters. I say no motorized vehicle of any kind on any trail or road after Sept. 1 to Nov. 30. Walk or horseback only. I'm tired of the motorcycles on the trails; the noise and dust and the trash is not right! Close the roads; maybe then the forest that we love will be at peace. I do feel, however, that the handicapped people should be issued a permit to access the forest to enjoy the land in a vehicle.  
**DON JESSER**  
Twin Falls

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Craig Miller gives regular Carl Gooch a trim at the O.K. Barber Shop in Twin Falls. Gooch has been getting haircuts from Miller for so long that neither can remember how long exactly. 'I'd say at least 20 years,' says Gooch. 'I keep coming back because they're friendly and do a good job.'



Barber John Ross likes the instant gratification of giving a good haircut to a shaggy head of hair.



Don 'Duke' Sluder and his grandson, Charles Sluder, 3, wait their turn for a cut while Charles reads an ancient comic in John's Barber Shop in Jerome. Sluder is starting a new generation of barbershop patrons by bringing all three of his grandsons for cuts.

## A craft in decline

### Barbershops are dwindling, but they still have loyal customers

The door is open. Late afternoon sun filters through the large picture window facing the street. Two men are side-by-side — one with his arms crossed against the back of a tall chair looking out the window into the spring afternoon, while the other sits quietly in his ancient barber chair. They don't speak.

Hanging from the mirror behind each well-groomed man is a small brown sign. The first says "Craig," the other "Terry."

Craig Miller and Terry Webster have been cutting hair side by side in downtown Twin Falls for 34 years. They took over the shop in the late 1960s from a man who had been there for 50 years before them.

Barbering is an ancient craft that is slowly being edged out by the world of the "stylist" and cosmetologist. According to the Idaho Board of Barber Examiners, the number of registered barbers dropped from 727 in 1992 to 568 in 2000, a drop of about 22 percent. The number of barbershops decreased from 335 in 1992 to 245 in 2001, about 26 percent.

Still, there are many loyal customers who have been coming back for years, and a new generation is growing up with the barbering tradition.

The Steich family, who recently moved to Jerome, brought their family of boys to "John's Barber Shop" for the first time while driving in downtown Jerome. After spotting the familiar barber pole, they stopped in. Traditionally barbers don't take reservations.

"It's a lot like a grocery store and grapes," said barber John Ross. "Customers come in bunches."

When customers from various

shops were asked why they go to a barber instead of a styling salon, the cost was unanimously named first. With a cut ranging from \$8 to \$10, it's cheaper, they said.

The second reason, and for some, most important, was the friendly atmosphere and good conversation. Barbers work amid a jumble of combs, styling products, pictures of family, cartoons and jokes, newspaper-clippings, magazines and the occasional fly swatter. One customer at Jake's

Barber Shop in Burley who doesn't have as much hair to cut as he used to joked, "My kids tease me that my haircut should be half off. I said, 'I gotta pay for gossip!'"

It's often the personal service that keeps the customers coming back. Craig Miller remembers the name of almost every client who walks through the door.

So why the decline? Jake Pickering, owner of Jake's Barber Shop, thinks it's due partly to economic.

"We are a luxury service, and we are one of the first things to go when things get tight in a family or we go into a recession," he said. "Our biggest competition is people's mothers."

Others think it's because new students are going to work in salons, where they can make more money.

Either way, an iconic profession of classic Americana is dwindling. As barber of 34 years John Ross said, "We barbers don't die — we just sort of fade off the scene."

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Tyler Steich, 5, isn't very happy about getting his bowl cut from barber John Ross at John's Barber Shop in Jerome. 'Yeah,' said Ross, 'some of the little ones get real squimly and you have to hold them still a bit.'



The O.K. Barber Shop on Main Avenue in Twin Falls has had the same barbering chairs for more than 40 years.

#### What's up with the barber pole?

You know the familiar red and white stripe of the barber pole? What exactly does it mean?

When bloodletting, a primitive practice of removing blood from a vein to heal diseases, was still one of the principal duties of the barber, the pole came to symbolize a barber's duties. The two spiral ribbons painted around the pole symbolize the bandages used in bloodletting. One bandage was twisted around the arm before bleeding, and the other was used to bind the wound after.

The pole survives as one of the most recognized symbols of a particular profession.

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## TWIN FALLS



**Patricia 'Pat' Elaine Clark Blommer**

Patricia "Pat" Elaine Clark Blommer, 67, of Twin Falls, died on March 30 at her home, with her children by her side, following a long and heroic fight with ovarian cancer.

Pat was born in Glendale, California, November 1, 1934, to Lloyd B. Clark and Maurine Lane Clark. After graduating from Glendale Seventh-day Adventist Academy, she attended La Sierra College where she received her teaching certificate. While attending La Sierra, she met James Howard Blommer, whom she married on July 17, 1955. In Glendale Pat and Jim were blessed with five wonderful children. The family moved to Kimberly, Idaho, where they established Blommer Arts Gallery. In 1975 Jim was taken suddenly in an automobile accident, leaving Pat with the challenge of raising their five teenagers.

Pat's hobbies include sewing, music, books, reading, collecting, collecting beanie babies, and volunteering at the Twin Falls City Library.

Her passions include her grandchildren and her cats, especially Mitzy. Pat loved playing games with her children and grandchildren - especially when they fell her way.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

She is survived by her children Julie (Robert) Randoli of Kimberly, Linda (Chip) Henry of Auburn, Ohio, Douglas Lloyd of Gosherville, California; Kenyon (Joy) Blommer of Kimberly; Vincent (Elisa) Blommer of Boise, and six grandchildren: Aaron, Jami, Adam, Tristan, Kimberly and Kandara, and by one brother, Robert Clark, Riverdale, California.

We the family want to thank Dr. Sara Johnson and the nurses at the Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center for their loving support and tender care of our mother, and the glow with last forever. You and Dad are finally together.

Gravestone services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 4, 2002, at Rock Creek Cemetery under the direction of White Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Twin Falls Humane Society, P.O. Box 1163, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1163.

Sometimes the orderly procedure of our lives is interrupted so that God's ultimate purposes may be carried out.

## BURLEY



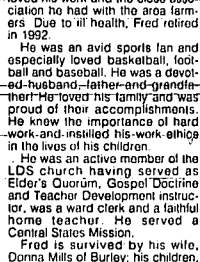
**Frederick Gordon Mills**

Frederick Gordon Mills, 62-year-old Burley resident, died Saturday, March 30, 2002, at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center in Provo, Utah.

He was born February 25, 1940, in Las Vegas, Nevada, the son of Lester Eugene and Katherine Wells Mills. He received his primary and secondary education in Logandale and Overton, Nevada. Following graduation from Logandale City College, he then transferred to Utah State University where he received his Master's Degree.

He married Donna Hill on September 16, 1967, in the Logan Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They lived in Ely, Nevada, where Fred worked as an attached cowboy agent. They then moved to Aberdeen, Idaho, prior to moving to Burley in 1972, where he has since resided. Fred loved agriculture and with his educational background, he worked as a field

## JEROME



**Pearl Jones**  
1902-2002

Pearl Jones, 99, of Jerome, Idaho, died Friday, March 29, 2002, at Alpha House in Jerome, Idaho.

She was born December 8, 1902, in Spruce Pine, North Carolina, the daughter of Charles and Lula May Hollifield Wiseman. She grew up and attended schools in North Carolina and in 1921, she moved west with her family to the area they settled in Hanson. There she met and married her husband, Lloyd. To this union were born four children. Pearl was a loving wife and mother, who enjoyed taking care of her family and spending time with them. She loved to sew, making clothing and quilts. Her other favorite pastimes were gardening, raising flowers and fishing. She also loved to have Pinochle parties.

Pearl was a member of the Crossroads United Methodist Church in Kimberly, Idaho. She was a loving mother whose children were devoted to her, and she will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Pearl is survived by her daughter, Betty Elliott Burgess of Jerome, Idaho, nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

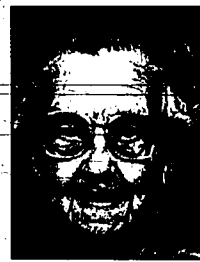
She was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers, one sister, two sons, Chuck James and Cliff Jones and by her beloved husband, Lloyd in 1983.

Funeral Services for Pearl will be held Thursday, April 4, 2002, at 2 p.m. at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Officiating will be Pastor Jerry Steier. Burial will follow at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, April 3, 2002, from 4-6 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.

## BUHL



**Clifton E. Isom, Jr.**  
1954-2002

Clifton Eugene Isom, Jr. died Sunday, March 31, 2002, at his home in Buhl, Idaho, with his loving family by his side.

Cliff was born November 6, 1954, in Sacramento, California, the son of Clifton E. Isom, Sr. and Patsy Juanita Martinez. After graduating from high school, he entered the U.S. Marine Corps and served his country from 1974 to 1978. After returning from the service, he went to work as a long haul truck driver and worked for Clear Springs Food.

On October 10, 1991, he married Christine Walker and they made their home in Buhl. Cliff enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his kids. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

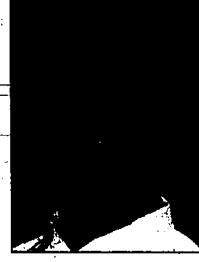
Cliff is survived by his loving wife of 11 years, Christine (Iv) Isom, III of Children, Clifton E. (Judy) Isom, III of New Mexico; Stephanie Juleen (Brent) Bellon of Buhl, Erin Alnee (Justin) Roland of Buhl, Id.; Christy Jolene Lewis of Twin Falls, Id.; Lyvette Lewis of Boise, Id.; Joseph Clifton Lewis of Twin Falls, Id.; 1 grandchild, Eric Andrew Isom of New Mexico; Mother, Patsy Juanita Buckley Martinez of New Mexico; Step-Mom: Betty Jo Whaley of Buhl, Id.; Brother, Patrick Salvatore Isom of Buhl, Id.; Sister, Pearl Marie Isom of Nevada; Half-Sisters: Carol M. Campbell of New Mexico; Juanita J. Ward of Oklahoma; & Myrtle Glover of New Mexico.

Cliff was preceded in death by his father, Clifton E. Isom, Sr., a brother, Eric Lewis and step-sister, Bobby Jo Lewis.

Funeral Services for Cliff will be held Friday, April 5, 2002, at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (on Fairview) in Buhl, Idaho. Officiating will be Bishop Wade Murphy. Burial will be held following services at the West End Cemetery in Buhl, Idaho.

Visitation will be held Thursday, April 4, 2002, from 8-9 p.m. at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho and also from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

## BURLEY



**Carol Horgan Cousineau**

Carol Horgan Cousineau, a 62 year old former Rupert resident passed away Friday, March 29, 2002, at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Nampa, Idaho.

Carol was born May 25, 1939, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, the daughter of Parley Lawrence and Cordella Nabel. She was the oldest of 8 children. She married Mike Horgan September 16, 1958, the marriage was later solemnized in the Ogden, Utah LDS Temple, to this union two children were born, Michael and Sandy. She had a daycare in her home for 20 years, and was loved by all the children.

She enjoyed baking and sharing it with others. Carol had a great sense

of humor, and was very compassionate. She loved being with her grandchildren. She was member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and held many church positions.

She is survived by her husband Don Cousineau of Nampa; her son Michael (Hillary) Horgan of Rupert; her daughter Sandy (Kevin) Boehm of Buhl; and her grandchildren, her mother Cordella Nabel of Nampa; three brothers and four sisters and numerous Aunts, Uncles, Grandchildren, Nephews and Nieces.

She was preceded in death by her 1st husband Mike Horgan August 2, 1985, her father, and Grandparents.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 4, 2002, at the Rupert LDS 1st and 7th ward chapel with Bishop Blacey Orm officiating. Friends may call Wednesday evening from 6-8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary.

Interment and one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the church. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

## SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

Louis Osterkamp of Twin Falls, prayer vigil with rosary at 7 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; friends may call from 3 p.m. until time of the rosary today at the funeral chapel.

Mildred Pearl Buxton of Kimberly, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Crossroads United Methodist Church in Kimberly; interment will follow at the Sunser Memorial Park in Twin Falls; visitation from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

Alice G. Turley of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Newel Lynn Knight of Boise and formerly of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Pella 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 400 S. 160 W., Burley; interment will follow at the Pella Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Ramussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Betty Galvin of Wendell, family memorial service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the West End Cemetery, Buhl (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Pearl Jones of Kimberly, service at 1 p.m. Thursday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls; friends may call from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

## Caroline Higginson Parkin

Caroline Higginson Parkin, age 100, passed away peacefully March 28, 2002, at the home of her daughter in Sacramento, Ca. "Carrie" as she was lovingly known by all her friends and family was born March 18, 1902, in Hatch, Idaho. She was the second of 7 children of Thomas Henry and Clara Almira Dalton Higginson. On June 22, 1927, she married George Harold Parkin in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple. Harold and Carrie lived in Salt Lake City for several years before moving to Twin Falls in the fall of 1935. Two daughters were born to them during this time. She had a great love and talent for sewing, embroidery work and crocheting. Many friends and family members have beautiful keepsake items made for them by "Carrie". One of her great joys was to go back each year to her birthplace and the May Day celebration at Chesterfield, Idaho. Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have many fond and cherished memories of visiting with her about her early life on those occasions. At the age of 87 Carrie moved to St. George, Utah, to be close to the temple, old friends and many relatives who lived in southern Utah. She dearly loved the years she spent there. Finally, at the age of 93 she moved to California with her daughter June and her family.

Just 10 days before her death, a 10th birthday party was held for her with many nieces, nephews, cousins, grandchildren and friends coming to celebrate with her. It was a wonderful celebration of her life.

What a great blessing that our mother and grandmother's agile mind survived the infirmities of her body. Her husband, parents, and all 5 of her brothers, her sister, and 2 great-grandchildren preceded Carrie in death.

She is survived by 2 daughters June (Kenneth) Bailey of Sacramento, California, Elisa (Tom) Williams of Twin Falls, 9 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. Visitation for friends and family will be held Friday, April 5, 2002, from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 6, 2002, at 10:30 a.m. in the White Mortuary with burial following at Sunset Memorial Park. Contributions may be made in her memory to a charity of your choice.

## BURLEY



**Fern Petersen**

Fern Petersen, 87-year-old Burley resident, passed away Sunday, March 31, 2002, at Aspen Grove Assisted Living in Burley.

She was born on August 14, 1914, in Kimberly, Idaho, the fifth of 13 children of Alvin and Melvina Matthews McEwen. She married Hyrum Petersen in 1934.

She lived in Hazelton, while he served an 18 month mission for his church. They then moved to California for three years. They returned in Burley, where Fern worked as a bookkeeper for McCauley Lumber Company for 30 years. She worked hard all of her life, from her family farm, to her long days of work at the lumber yard. She and Hyrum divorced in 1969.

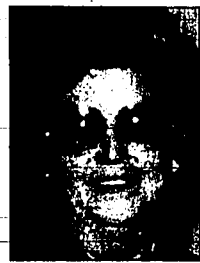
She enjoyed her travels with the International Credit Women, and had served as president. She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she served as ward clerk, Primary President, MIA teacher, Gospel Doctrine teacher, and in charge of Special Interest for ten years. She served two church missions. One was a family history mission in Louisiana, and the other was at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was a devoted member of the Young Women's organization.

In her spare time, she loved writing poetry, reading, music, gardening and tending her flowers. Sewing and Photography were also some of her talents. She was a warm and compassionate person who opened her heart to others and was adored by her family. She will be greatly missed.

Funeral services for Viola will be held Friday, April 5, 2002, at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 14th Ward on Caswell Avenue in Twin Falls, Idaho. Officiating will be Bishop Gary L. Walker. Visitation will be held Friday, April 5, 2002, from 10-11 a.m. at the church. Burial will be held following services at the Carey Cemetery in Carey, Idaho.

Arrangements and services are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

## TWIN FALLS



**Viola May Peck**

Viola May Peck, 77, of Twin Falls died Sunday, March 31, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Viola was born November 4, 1924, in San Diego, California, the daughter of Erick L. & Esther Ruth Wollington Johnson. In July 1946, she married her husband, A.E. Peck in the Idaho Falls Temple in Idaho Falls, Idaho. To this union was born one daughter, Ruth. Viola was a devoted wife and mother. She always enjoyed caring for her family and for her devoted husband. As a member of the Twin Falls 14th Ward, Viola was an active member of Relief Society and also in the Primary and in the Young Women's organization.

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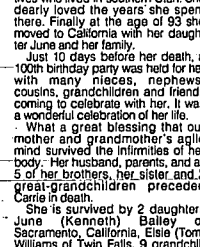
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## Plane crash may be due to pilot error

**BUHL** The crash of an experimental high plane which left the pilot virtually unharmed early Sunday morning was probably caused by a misjudgment, the Buhl chief of police said Monday.

Edward Tadlock, 61, of Twin Falls told investigators he was practicing "touch and go" passes on the runway at the Buhl airport at about 10 a.m., when his plane stalled and one of its wings caught the ground, said Police Chief Terry Tipton. The plane flipped over and stopped, and Tadlock suffered some face lacerations, Tipton said.

Tadlock was alone in the plane, which was a 1973 Stoddard valued at about \$8,000, Tipton said. The plane was totaled in the crash. Tadlock faces no citations but will probably have to report the crash to the Federal Aviation Administration, Tipton said.

## Richfield teen remains in hospital Monday

**JEROME** - A 17-year-old Richfield boy was still in a Boise hospital Monday with injuries he suffered in a car crash that left his 18-year-old brother dead early Saturday.

A spokeswoman for Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise said the hospital on Monday was not releasing any information about the condition of the boy.

## Valley in brief

**Vaughn is a minor.** But the hospital did on Saturday did release Vaughn's condition report, listing him as critical.

**His brother, Callen Wyatt Vaughn,** died at the scene of the wreck, which happened at about 1 a.m. Saturday near milepost 60 on U.S. Highway 93 northeast of Jerome, according to an Idaho State Police report.

**The brothers were not wearing seat belts** and were ejected from the car, the ISP said.

**Callen Vaughn was driving a 1994 Acura north on Highway 93** when he apparently lost control of the car, which went of the west side of the road and rolled.

**Iyrell Vaughn was taken first to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls** and later taken by air ambulance to Saint Alphonsus.

## Democrats to organize today for May primary

**TWIN FALLS** - If you want to help re-energize the Democratic Party, meet at Garibaldi's Restaurant, 677 Filer Ave., today at 7 p.m.

The Twin Falls County Democratic Central Committee is meeting to make preparations for Idaho's May primary elections.

Among topics to be covered are the recruitment and training of Democratic precinct representatives from the county and organization of precinct gatherings.

The group plans to discuss coordination of campaigns for various county and state elective offices. In addition, the agenda includes discussion of the Idaho Democratic State Convention to be held in Burley in June.

## Positions open for safety commission

**TWIN FALLS** - People interested in serving on an advisory board regarding traffic safety in Twin Falls should apply before Monday.

Members of the commission advise the City Council on matters such as child and pedestrian safety, numerous traffic problems and proposed plans to remedy them.

The positions are voluntary, and those who occupy them represent various entities within the city. The terms are for two years.

The current commission will review all applications, and the City Council will make the final selections.

Interested applicants must send letters expressing interest and resumes to Sgt. Matt Hicks, in care of the Twin Falls Police Department, P.O. Box 3027, Twin Falls, 83303.

*— compiled from staff reports*

# Finances show improvement

## MVRMC posts 'solid' revenues in February

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Following a few rough months during the first quarter - October through December - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's finances began to look better in February, Chief Financial Officer John Groesbeck told the hospital's Finance Committee Monday.

"Overall, we had a solid revenue month, and our expenses remained below what we expected them to be," Groesbeck said. The hospital brought in \$7,343,460 in revenue during February, 8 percent more than it had budgeted for and 45 percent more than it brought in during the same month the previous year.

The hospital spent \$7,208,277 during February, 2 percent more than it budgeted and 25 percent more than it spent during the same month last year.

Even though the hospital spent a little bit more than it had budgeted for February, the

year-to-date numbers looked good, Groesbeck said. The hospital brought in \$34,034,726 in revenue in October through February, 11 percent more than it had collected during the same time the previous year. The hospital spent \$33,478,925 in October through February, 3 percent less than it had budgeted for but 12 percent more than it had spent during the previous period last year.

The increase in spending reflects the hospital's purchase of the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital and the hiring of most of its employees. Not only does the hospital have more employees, but it's now paying them market value salaries.

From October through February, the hospital spent \$14,565,587 on salaries and \$2,831,505 on benefits for its employees, up from \$12,823,719 and \$2,276,496, respectively, during the same period the previous year.

The hospital also had more patients in February than it did during the previous year. Magic

Valley Regional tallied 3,441 in total patient days, up from 2,533 the same month the previous year. Outpatient visits were also up.

The hospital had 16,052 outpatient visits, up from 10,559 during February 2001.

At the end of February, the hospital had \$101,769,311 in total assets, up from \$80,914,136 at the end of February 2001.

The hospital had \$101,769,311 in total liabilities and equity at the end of February, up from \$80,914,136 at the end of February 2001.

Also Monday, the Finance Committee approved spending \$155,000 on community health improvement projects, up from \$150,000 the previous year. Community outreach programs include the SAFE KIDS Coalition, Children At Risk Evaluation Services and HealthNet.

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

## Magic Valley Regional finances

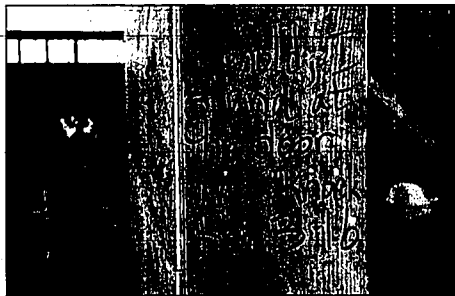
	Revenue		
	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2001	Pct. change
Inpatient revenue	\$7,198,833	\$4,969,545	45%
Outpatient revenue	\$4,744,747	\$3,795,224	25%
Total patient revenue	\$11,943,581	\$8,764,769	36%
Deductions from revenue	\$4,642,833	\$3,334,004	39%
Net patient revenue	\$7,300,747	\$5,430,766	34%
Other operating revenue	\$42,712	\$59,733	-39%
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>\$7,343,460</b>	<b>\$5,500,499</b>	<b>34%</b>
Expenditures			
	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2001	Pct. Change
Salaries	\$2,967,347	\$2,526,839	17%
Benefits	\$620,093	\$459,752	35%
Fees-Physicians	\$351,809	\$225,807	56%
Fees-Other	\$488,795	\$361,363	35%
Supplies	\$1,169,182	\$940,300	24%
Utilities	\$136,249	\$97,767	39%
Repairs/Maintenance	\$92,832	\$161,118	-42%
Lenses/Rentals	\$66,850	\$55,419	21%
Insurance	\$23,910	\$38,327	-38%
Interest expense	\$124,245	\$118,077	5%
Unpaid patient bills	\$392,149	\$256,040	54%
Depreciation	\$679,785	\$442,445	54%
Other expense	\$95,932	\$93,323	2%
<b>Total operating expense</b>	<b>\$7,208,277</b>	<b>\$5,775,577</b>	<b>25%</b>
Income from operations	\$135,183	(\$275,079)	149%
Non operating revenue	\$107,574	\$203,814	47%
Re-organization costs	(\$7,233)	(\$6,245)	16%
Market value adjustment	\$78,446		
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$313,970</b>	<b>(\$77,510)</b>	<b>605%</b>

## STATEMENT OF BELIEFS



Above, Jason Williams, 33, adds an inscription to his drawing of Jesus on an unfinished wall Sunday at the Summit Christian Church being constructed in Sparks, Nev. After Sunday's Easter services, members of the church went to the construction site to write verses from the Bible and personal testimonials on the wooden skeleton walls of the building.

At right, a biblical reference written on a door jamb at the church.



## Business asks city to vacate alley

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** - Ee-da-how Specialties has asked the city to vacate the alleyway and sewer line in the alley in block 94 adjacent to the business.

Ee-da-how is located at 217 S. Birch. If approved, the vacation would allow Ee-da-how to expand its facility into the alley. Ee-da-how would pay the city for relocation of the sewer line and take over responsibility of the alley.

The issue goes before the Jerome City Council tonight. The vacation should have no effect on traffic, utility use, garbage collection or future access because of the location of other facilities in the area, agenda materials state.

In a letter to the council and mayor dated March 26, Earl Gilmartin, corporate engineer for Ee-da-how, wrote, "We have discussed how to reroute the sewer upstream over to the much larger sewer line running down West Avenue. I wish (Public Works Director) Bob Culver. This is where the bulk of the effluent from Ee-da-how currently empties anyway."

Other business at tonight's meeting includes:

**Terrorism conference:** The council will consider a training request by Fire Chief Jim Auclair to attend a conference on "Terrorism in Idaho: Are We Prepared?" to be held at Elkhorn Resort in Sun Valley April 25-27, at a total cost of \$417. Speakers at the training include Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, U.S. Sen. Larry Craig and U.S. Fire Administrator David Paulison, as well as rescue workers involved in the World Trade Center and Pentagon rescue and recovery efforts; Lt. Gov. Jack Riggs and Idaho's Committee on Bioterrorism.

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## Lance's chief deputy enters AG race

The Associated Press

**BOISE** - The chief deputy for retiring Attorney General Al Lance entered the race to replace his boss on Monday,

maintaining that his experience sets him apart from the others who want to be Idaho's top lawyer.

Former Magic Valley resident Lawrence Wasden is the second

Republican to enter the May 28 primary, and he described Canyon County Commission Chairman Todd Lakey, a former deputy county prosecutor, as a good man in whom he has confidence.

"But the difference is I have the length and breadth of experience that will allow me to be an attorney general who can make a difference."

Please see **WASDEN**, Page B5

## Elko County Commission plans discussion on burials, bull trout

By Karen Terrell  
Times-News correspondent

**ELKO, Nev.** - Issues ranging from burial on private lands to bull trout in the Jarbridge River will be discussed during this week's Elko County Commission meetings.

Charlie Voos, community development director, said his department has received a request from a woman in Las Vegas to bury a body on property she owns in rural Elko County. Under provi-

### Commissioners gather

Elko County Commissioners will meet Wednesday and Thursday in Room 105 of the courthouse. The meetings will begin at 1:30 p.m. each day and are open to the public.

sions in a law passed last year by the Nevada Legislature, such burials are permitted if counties are in agreement.

Voos said because the county

has no regulations on the books addressing the subject, he has requested that an ordinance be passed to allow burials in the county and set forth the conditions for the interments.

Commission Chairman Brad Roberts said Saturday such burials have been conducted for some time on ranches in the area without restriction and wasn't certain if the county needed to act on the proposal.

The commission will also review a resolution to petition

the "Congress of the United States requesting an investigation to determine if the intent and will of the Congress in enacting the Endangered Species Act is being faithfully followed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service."

The county announced in previous meetings it will make every attempt to have the bull trout in the Jarbridge River removed from the ESA list. Commissioner Mike Nannini has said without the delisting, South

Canyon Road near Jarbridge may never be reopened.

The Forest Service is preparing an environmental impact statement to ascertain if the road can be rebuilt. The statement is the first step in the process in determining if road construction would further endanger the trout species.

In other matters, the commission will discuss the budget for the next fiscal year, review road projects and receive reports on committee assignments from commissioners.

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# Tribal school head finds problems, then resigns

DESMET (AP) - The fourth principal in as many years at the Coeur d'Alene Tribal School left early this year after igniting a controversy over the school's credentials and the state's system for verifying them.

The year after the school reported almost a perfect score on the state's self-administered certification survey, Michael Jump came from New Mexico to take over as principal and found the 66-student school in disarray.

There were no records of teachers' certifications or licenses, no written curriculum, no policies on drugs, weapons, harassment, grading, attendance, suicide prevention, discipline, contagious or infectious diseases, promotion to the next grade or graduation from the school and no regulations governing sanitation, sewage disposal, water supply or other matters affecting public health.

Jump's certification report last fall cited 125 instances where the school deviated from state standards. State Education Department officials said they had never seen such a high number.

The school failed state accreditation. But since it is tribal and not subject to state laws, it is still operating. Tribal officials say they seek state approval to satisfy parents.

Some parents have complained about discipline problems at the school and a failure to adequately prepare students for high school.

Jump's report earned him high marks from the state, which cited his integrity and efforts to improve the education of the stu-

dents. But tribal leaders were not as complimentary.

Tribal Council Member Francis St John, who also sits on the school board, complained that the accreditation report should have gone through the board first. But while he claimed Jump's report contained discrepancies, neither he nor other tribal leaders disputed it. And the tribe declined to provide documents officials initially said could refute it.

Two months later, Jump was gone. Tribal leaders say they do not know where he is. But former tribal school superintendent Austin Buckles said he understood that Jump left because he was worried about the school's vulnerability to lawsuits without written policies.

Acting Principal John Anderson suggested that Jump's report overstated the situation.

"The policy may not necessarily have to be down in writing," Anderson said. "I don't think it's fair to say it wasn't there. Maybe it wasn't organized as well as it should have been."

How a school could essentially go from best to worst in a year also raised questions about the state system that has not included onsite inspections since that law expired five years ago.

But while accreditation reports rely on the integrity of the superintendent, as provided on the honor system, Shannon Page, the state's coordinator of accreditation and elementary services, called the tribal school an anomaly.

"Most administrators work very hard to be sure the answers on those questions are accurate," she said.

# EASTER REMEMBRANCE



Easter observers stand next to a cross at the top of Table Rock Saturday near Boise. The Vineyard, a non-denominational Christian church, organized the climb as part of its Easter observance.

## State includes Indian law on bar exams

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) - New Mexico, home to 173,000 American Indians, has become the first state to add federal Indian law as a subject on its state bar exam.

Broader issues of Indian law, rather than specific laws of each of the state's 22 tribes, will be among 23 subjects that could pop up in the essay portion of the exam taken by law school graduates or lawyers moving to the state.

The move demonstrates "that these native issues are not peripheral, that Indians are not peripheral," said Calvin Lee, a Navajo and third-year law student at the University of New Mexico.

Lawyers in New Mexico run into questions of Indian law in such areas as gambling, child welfare, zoning, water, jurisdiction in criminal cases and taxation of gasoline and cigarettes.

"Increasingly, lawyers understand - and certainly judges understand - that you can't practice law in New Mexico without understanding the importance of Indian law, the importance of tribal sovereignty," said Kenneth Bobroff, a law professor at the University of New Mexico.

## Idaho investigates killing of swans

WHITE BIRD (AP) - The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is seeking information about the recent killing of two tundra swans as they were resting on Swartz Pond. All swans are protected in Idaho.

Wildlife biologist Miles Benker discovered the floating carcasses during a wildlife inventory last Wednesday. Both birds were shot with a rifle, according to a Fish and Game news release.

Two species of swans migrate across Idaho in the spring and fall.

## Sentence in traffic death riles parents

REXBURG (AP) - Bridgette Pettichord cried when she saw the sentence received by the teenage driver of a vehicle that rolled over last June and killed her daughter, 13-year-old Tara Mayeda.

Janet Marie Reese of Rexburg, who was 16 at the time of the accident, pleaded guilty to vehicular manslaughter. Magistrate William Carlson sentenced Reese

to one year on probation, fined her \$213.50 and let her keep her driver's license.

"We wanted to get the message out that kids need to be responsible for their actions," Pettichord said.

"This sentence is just the opposite of that."

Carlson declined to comment on the sentence, which also required that Reese finish school

and stay out of trouble.

Mayeda died from injuries suffered in the rollover on the Archer-Lyman Highway at about midnight last June 25. Five other passengers in the Chevrolet Suburban were injured. All but one were ejected as the Suburban rolled.

The six girls were returning home after a shopping trip and a movie.

## Grass seed growers have rough time in Spokane

SPOKANE (AP) - It is four years since the state banned Eastern Washington farmers from burning their field of Kentucky bluegrass to promote growth, the industry has suffered financial setbacks.

Spokane County once grew much of the nation's bluegrass, but its production has now shifted to Idaho, where burning is allowed, and to the irrigated fields of the Columbia Basin.

The remaining bluegrass fields probably won't be here long, farmer John Cornwall said.

Last year, farmers in Spokane had 27,500 acres of bluegrass planted, the most since 1957. But that's considered a quirk related to low prices for other crops, like wheat.

"As soon as wheat prices rise, bluegrass acreage in Spokane will tumble," Cornwall said. "There's just nothing else to grow right now."

Fire is the cheapest way to clear fields of stubble and stimulate regrowth. But burning also creates huge clouds of air pollution that threatens the health of children, the elderly and people with breathing problems.

Since 1996, bluegrass in Idaho has more than doubled from 30,000 acres to 78,000 acres. In the Columbia Basin, the shift has been more subtle.

"It may not be as obvious, but without a doubt there's been an increase of grass in the basin," said Nancy Peay, administrator of the Washington Turfgrass and Seed Commission.

Many in the industry believe that bluegrass in Washington will survive, but it won't be the \$150 million player it once was.

Peay predicted that irrigators will continue to claim a larger slice of the bluegrass market.

"The growth in the basin is driven by big seed companies that want things carefully controlled

by irrigation."

At one time, about 90 percent of the country's Kentucky bluegrass was grown in the inland Northwest.

Now Spokane area growers are at a disadvantage, said Terry Peters, CEO of Tekoa-based Seeds Inc. Without burning, farmers can take only two harvests before yield and quality begin to fall.

Peters said that yields from Spokane bluegrass farms have dropped 40 percent to 75 percent since the burning was phased out in 1998.

Peters said it has been hard for Spokane farmers to absorb the added costs while lower-cost bluegrass production increases in Idaho and the basin.

Seeds Inc. field consultant Dave Tellezen said the price of grass seed has dropped to about 51 cents a pound. The break-even point is about 61 cents, according to an economic study conducted by Washington State University.

"At its processing plant in Rockford, the company imports about half the seed from Idaho to compensate for the loss in Washington seed. He estimated that 30 percent to 40 percent of Washington seed has weed or disease problems that lower its value."

"Washington growers aren't getting the same quality as Idaho growers," said Linda Clovis, who heads the North Idaho Farmers Association. "Many people think the bottom is going to fall out in Spokane County within a couple of years."

Clovis and her group are working to stave off a Washington-type burn ban in Idaho, but Glenn Jacklin, manager of bluegrass giant Jacklin Seed Co., thinks it might be too late.

"My crystal ball says burning in Idaho will be done in five years," he said.

## Mascot dispute goes statewide

DENVER (AP) - The Fightin' Whites are taking their battle against Indian mascots to the rest of Colorado.

The group at the University of Northern Colorado, which took the "Fightin' Whites" name for its intramural basketball team as a protest, is urging about 40 schools statewide to abandon their American Indian mascots.

"The ethics for education is to teach and learn, not to dehumanize," said Solomon Little Owl, a Crow Indian who helped come up with the Fightin' Whites idea to protest the "Fightin' Reds" mascot at nearby Eaton High School.

group, Coloradans Against Ethnic Stereotyping in Colorado Schools, said it mailed letters to more than two dozen Colorado schools and districts asking educators to meet to discuss stereotypes.

Members of the group also appeared at a meeting of the Colorado State Board of Education to urge adoption of a resolution discouraging American Indian mascots.

Activists estimate 3,000 schools, colleges and professional sports teams nationwide use American Indian nicknames and caricatures. An estimated 600 schools and teams, including several in Colorado, have changed mascots.

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# Cassia considers new inspection policy

Official proposes to increase enforcement

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — Contractors who do not take inspections seriously may have to change their ways. Cassia County commissioners are preparing to revise the county's inspection policy and step up enforcement of building regulations regarding concrete.

Cassia County Building Inspector Dan Barker wants to set a policy which requires contractors to schedule concrete inspections at least six hours in advance.

On several occasions, contractors have called Barker less than an hour before the scheduled delivery of concrete for foundations. The county must have someone inspect the ground before a foundation is poured, or it may be liable for structural instability, Barker said.

"We're responsible to homeowners to put our eyes on the project," Barker told commissioners Monday.

Occasionally, a contractor will call Barker and ask him to be at the building site in 45 minutes. Contractors have poured foundations Barker did not come as quickly as they would have liked, he said.

The county could take legal action against a contractor who pours a foundation before the ground is inspected. A Cassia County ordinance makes failure to comply with building rules a misdemeanor offense, said County Administrator Tim Hurst. The county could make contractors tear up those foundations.

State law allows contractors to be fined for 12 hours for calling for an inspection if the inspector does not show up before then, but county officials are allowed to adjust that time period. If contractors give him even six hours of notice, he could show up for any appointment, Barker said.

Commissioners asked Barker to draft a policy, which they plan to review next week. Commissioners said they'll send letters to area contractors to inform them of the policy and

the consequences for those who do not comply. Other commission business included:

- **Subdivision taxation** — Wallace Barker told commissioners subdivision lots should not be assessed at market value for residential land until someone builds a house.
- **Apparently**, the Idaho Legislature agrees. In the recently adjourned session, legislators passed a bill which requires counties to assess subdivision lots as unimproved land until someone begins construction, Cassia County Assessor Marty Holland said. Holland is a member of the rules committee which is helping the Idaho Tax Commission put the law into effect. Construction will probably be defined as putting up a building, not just adding a well or sewer system, Holland said.
- **Bookmobile to attract** — Commissioners signed a contract to set up a trust fund into which residents of southwest Cassia County can deposit money. The money will pay for Box Elder, Utah, bookmobile service to that part of the county.

- **Almo school** — Commissioners sent letters to the members of the Cassia County School Board asking them to consider the value of the Almo School to the community before closing it.
- **School officials** have made no decision to close that school. It is one of many possible actions school personnel are considering as they try to trim the district's budget.
- **Homeland security** — Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hignis told commissioners the Office of Homeland Security is asking for input from county and city governments. The commissioners did not make any recommendations.
- **School prayer** — Commissioners signed a petition supporting a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution to allow prayer in schools.

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# Minidoka schools look for levy approval

By Sharl Chaney  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** — On April 23, voters in the Minidoka County School District will head to the polls to cast ballots regarding a supplemental mill levy for the school district.

The optional mill levy vote is presented to voters every two years, said Superintendent Nick Hallett.

This year voters will be asked to approve a \$978,500 levy, a 3 percent increase from the current amount. However, taxpayers would see no tax rate increase, school officials promise.

The school board will ensure the levy does not raise taxes by certifying the levy for less money if it looks like the proposed amount of \$978,500 will increase taxes, Hallett said. Once the Minidoka County treasurer has prepared all the other tax information for the county, school officials will know how much they can actually certify the levy for. That will happen in September.

A citizen committee, composed of local farmers and business people, recommended the board not increase the tax rate of the levy. The supplemental levy provides more than 50 percent of the facilities and equipment budget for the district. It provides money for paving, painting, technology, flooring, roofing, bus and vehicle replacement, and upkeep of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems at district buildings.

Revenue from the supplemental levy has also been used to pay for upgrades required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. "We have old buildings," Hallett said. Buildings have been upgraded as needed to accommodate students with disabilities.

"The district is trying to catch up with 40 years of deferred maintenance," Hallett said. Facilities need to be brought up to date and then maintained.

In addition to getting on top of overdue maintenance, there are new concerns which need to be addressed, such as safety and security projects. School board member George MacDonald said when he joined the board in 1994, security concerns were not as prominent. Money to deal with those concerns has to come from somewhere, he said.

Without money from the levy, facilities upkeep and security projects would be funded with money now used for educational items, and "that's wrong," MacDonald said.

"We try to get money out in schools where it is needed," Hallett said.

Appearance of school grounds matters, school board member Greer Copeland said. Someone interested in moving to the area is going to look at how the schools are maintained and make assumptions on how the Minidoka County School District for at least 30 days before the election.

## Levy presentations

- Want to hear more about the levy? District officials will present information at the following meetings:
- **April 2** — Burley City Council, Burley City Hall, 7 p.m.
  - **April 3** — Senior citizens, Minidoka County Senior Center, 12:15 p.m.
  - **April 5** — Mini-Cassia Realtors, Price's Cafe, noon.
  - **April 8** — Minidoka County Commission, Minidoka County Courthouse, 10 a.m.
  - **April 8** — Minidoka Lions Club, Rupert Rod Cross building, 7:30 p.m.
  - **April 9** — Rupert Kiwanis, Rupert Elks Lodge, noon.
  - **April 10** — Heyburn City Council, Heyburn City Hall, 7 p.m.
  - **April 10** — Paul City Council, Paul City Hall, 8 p.m.
  - **April 11** — Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, Rupert Elks Lodge, noon.
  - **April 11** — Minidoka City Council, Minidoka City Hall, 7 p.m.
  - **April 18** — Soroptimists, Doc's Plaza, 12:30 p.m.
  - **April 17** — Public meeting, Minico High School, 7 p.m.

# Feds OK state plan to meet testing requirements

**BOISE (AP)** — The federal government has approved the state Department of Education's plan to meet requirements for student testing and accountability.

State Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard said the plan laid out for lawmakers in January and finalized last month was approved by Assistant U.S. Secretary of Education Susan Neuman.

Its endorsement by the federal agency, expected this week, preserves \$30 million in federal money the state receives each year to finance programs for disadvantaged children including those for whom English is not the primary language, who live in poverty and who are homeless.

"The plan is our blueprint for meeting federal testing requirements and for incorporating the federal requirements into the state plan," Howard said.

Idaho was among several states given until April 8 to come up with a plan that would bring them into compliance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1994 which requires testing all students at

certain times to ensure that they are meeting the state's grade-level achievement standards.

The compliance agreement gives Idaho three years to meet the testing and accountability requirements.

Earlier this year, the board contracted with Northwest Evaluation Association for statewide testing plan, and Association Director Alan Olsen said the company will work closely with the state on any problems.

Under the new plan, the department will phase in new reading and math grade-level testing. Fourth- and eighth-grade tests will begin in the 2002-2003 school year. Third- and seventh-grade tests will be added in the

2003-2004 school year, and in 2004-2005 the transition will be completed with the addition of fifth- and sixth-grade tests.

Last year, the state Board of Education adopted so-called levels tests in math, language and reading. They are intended to pinpoint academic achievement regardless of grade level.

For example, a fifth-grade reading at a seventh-grade level would be tested at that level while another reading at third-grade level would be tested there.

But federal officials said levels tests do not focus on whether students are reading at their own grade levels, which is the focus of the federal program.

# Olympic organizers start paying off the bills

**WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah (AP)** — Olympic organizers handed out big checks Monday to two Utah municipal governments to cover the cost of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee's use of hockey venues.

Chief operating officer Fraser Bullock gave a \$7.1 million check to West Valley City officials outside the E Center. He presented a \$2.9 million check in Provo, part of a \$7.4 million payment for the use of the Peaks Ice Arena.

"Even though it's April Fool's Day, I believe these funds are good," Bullock joked.

West Valley Mayor Gearld Wright said the partnership was great for both sides. The city got worldwide exposure and the E Center is an outstanding site for minor league hockey, concerts and other events.

"Sure, we had to close a few

roads and we had some problems getting people in and out of the arena, but it just wasn't close to the problems we envisioned," he said. "We hope we get another opportunity like this."

It's still not known if the Olympics will turn a profit, though Bullock said that will be decided after an April 24 meeting. The U.S. Olympic Committee is entitled to 25 percent of any surplus.

Since moving its headquarters out of the downtown high-rise it occupied for two years leading up to the games, SLOC has been operating with a scaled-down staff and paying bills as they come due.

Bullock has taken over daily operation of the organizing committee since SLOC President Robert Romney returned to Massachusetts to run for governor.

# Museum director hopes to create regional attraction

**IDAHO FALLS (AP)** — Bonneville Museum's new program director has a ready answer when asked whether he can build his new charge into a regional attraction.

"Is it impossible? Going to the moon was impossible," said Nick Galleys, who in 1981 brought the children of astronauts from the 1960s to the 1980s.

"We didn't enter the space race until 10 years after the Russians. We got to the moon before the Russians."

Galleys' other accomplishments include helping to start the Georgia Games for amateur athletes.

He also worked with media and athletes from throughout

the world during the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

Now Bonneville Museum planners hope Galleys can lead an expansion project that involves nearly tripling the museum's size and filling it with a mixture of local and national exhibits.

The expansion is scheduled to open in February 2003.

Volunteers will still largely run the museum. But officials hope to provide more programs for youth, have exhibits on local history and regional culture and host a major traveling exhibit at least once a year. The first of those will be "A T. Rex Named Sue," a reproduction of a dinosaur fossil.

# Judge bars cameras at hearing for murder suspect

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — A judge has ruled there will be no cameras in the courtroom when the man suspected of killing Roosevelt Police Chief Cecil Gurr faces a preliminary hearing this week.

Gurr was shot and killed in July while investigating an assault complaint at a convenience store in the small town, about 100 miles east of Salt Lake City.

Lee Roy Wood, who has been charged with killing Gurr and could face the death penalty if convicted. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Thursday in nearby Vernal.

The hearing had been on hold while Wood underwent a mental competency evaluation.

Eighth District Judge Lynn Payne's ruling says cameras will be allowed from the courthouse in order to ensure Wood is tried by an impartial jury and the jurors' identities are kept private.

Cameras are allowed in Utah courts only when a judge specifically authorizes them.

Chris Magerl, photography editor for The Salt Lake Tribune, says there is statewide interest in the story, and he thinks the camera ban serves no purpose.

# Wasden

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Roark also took issue with Lance's description of him as "a liberal Democrat from Sun Valley."

"We realize that Mr. Lahey has only been in Idaho for eight or nine years and may not know the state very well," Roark said in promising to send the Republican a map showing that Hailey is about 15 miles south of Sun Valley.

As for being a liberal Democrat, Roark said his reputation as a prosecutor and trial attorney has been established

over decades in Idaho's courtrooms "and my experience and qualifications will speak for themselves."

"I don't just talk about experience, I have experience," he said.

Lahey, 37, came to Idaho after earning his law degree from Lewis and Clark Northwestern School of Law in Portland in 1993.

Wasden made a point of emphasizing his Idaho roots — born in Canyon County and raised there as well as in Lewiston and Twin Falls, where

he graduated from high school in 1976.

"I'm nothing more than an Idaho boy — home grown, home educated, and here I am," he said.

Lance announced last week that he would not seek a third four-year term, and Republican and congressional officials indicated that his long rumored appointment to a federal judicial post related to the military could be made soon. Lance is the former American Legion national commander.

# Jerome

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- **Accounting seminar**: Mary Lea Baughman and Kathy Maas, city utility clerks, have requested training in a seminar called "How to Legally Collect Accounts Receivable" in Boise at a cost of \$461.95.
- **City Clerk Kathy Miller** said collecting accounts receivable is an important activity in the utility office. Yet none of the clerks have received formal training. This one-day seminar will provide information on

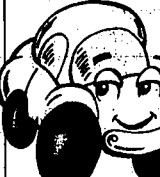
how to collect more in less time, how to develop communications with delinquent customers and what debt collection is legal.

- **Groundwater dues**: The city will consider payment of \$5,000 to the Idaho Groundwater Users Association for membership dues. Membership in the Idaho Groundwater Users Association helps protect the city's current and future water rights and provides legal and lobbying efforts toward this protection, city officials say.

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Resident Evil (R) 7:30 - 9:45 Clockwork Orange (R) 7:00 - 9:15  
Show Time (TV) 7:00 - 9:15 Mommy (R) 7:15 - 9:30

**Twin Cinema 12** 100 Eastland Twin Falls 734-2400

John Q (TV) 9:45 - 11:00 (R) 8:45 - 9:45 E.T. (TV) 7:00 - 9:30  
Lord of the Rings (TV) 7:16 - 9:30 Return to Hometown (TV) 7:30 - 9:30  
Walk to Remember (TV) 7:30 - 9:45 Back to Back (TV) 7:30 - 9:45  
92 Days & 92 Nights (TV) 7:30 - 9:45 The Rocker (TV) 8:45 - 9:45  
Time Machine (TV) 7:10 - 9:30 Ice Age (TV) 7:10 - 9:30  
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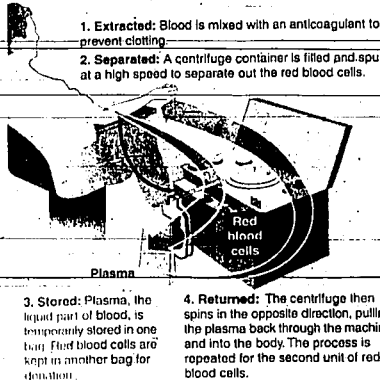
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## One donor, double the red blood cells

New technology allows for twice the amount of red blood cells to be collected from one donor. The machine uses a series of motors and pumps to stop, start, and return portions of blood to a donor. The process takes 35 to 45 minutes and it is painless.



## Technology doubles red blood cell numbers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The blood bank in Las Vegas pulled in 7,700 extra donations last year without having to recruit extra donors — at a time when other parts of the country had shortages.

The trick: technology that lets one person give the amount of red blood cells normally gotten from two people, without feeling woozy afterward.

Call it double-blood donation, a small but growing trend that blood bankers hope will boost the nation's tight supply — a supply many warn is likely to get even tighter owing to new restrictions on who can donate.

"We saw the writing on the wall because of the shrinking donor base and said, 'We have to do this now,'" says Jan Dalby of United Blood Services, Las Vegas, where double-blood collections are steadily rising.

Typical donations haven't changed much in decades: A nurse sticks a needle in your arm and fills a bag with whole blood. The blood is shipped to a lab to be separated into different components — red blood cells, platelets and plasma — used for different treatments.

Red blood cells make up the typical transfusion; several thousand gallons a day are used. Ensuring that supply is a challenge.

Only about 5 percent of people eligible to donate blood do so, and increasingly strict safety rules limit who can donate. Meanwhile, demand for blood is rising and periodic shortages

force hospitals to cancel elective surgeries.

You can't donate more than about a pint of whole blood at a time. But the new trend: Hook donors to a machine that separates blood on the spot, keeping the red cells and putting the rest back into their bodies right away. Because only part of the blood is taken, banks can collect twice the red cells — totaling about a pint — from a single donor who doesn't feel the loss.

Removing one component from blood is called apheresis, and it's long been used in different ways in medicine. Massachusetts-based Haemonetics Inc. pioneered using apheresis to double the red cells collected from regular blood donors.

It does take longer, about 35 to 45 minutes hooked up to a needle instead of 15.

Not everybody is eligible — you must weigh about 20 pounds more than the minimum required to donate blood the regular way.

Donors can give lots of blood with fewer visits. You can donate blood the regular way once every two months — although the average donor does so only twice a year — or give a double red cell donation once every four months.

"I've been doing this close to 40 years, giving blood, and it doesn't feel different," says Robert Drymalski, 71, of Las Vegas, who began donating the new way a year ago. "The only thing you feel is when they push the needle in your arm."

# Report ties gunfire to Afghan alliance

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Disgraced northern alliance soldiers were blamed Monday for two recent shootings that targeted international peacekeepers, and a spokesman for the security forces said troops would significantly increase their presence in a lawless part of the capital.

A convoy of British soldiers was fired on Saturday evening by two men as the troops made their way along a dirt path toward an observation post in western Kabul, and an armored patrol of German peacekeepers were fired on Friday from a northern alliance compound in another

part of the city. No one was hurt in either incident.

The northern alliance, dominated by ethnic minorities from the north of the country, fought the Taliban with little success until President Bush ordered military operations against the ruling militia last fall in wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

With American backing, including punishing airstrikes, the alliance swept the Taliban from Kabul and other major cities. Key alliance figures have opposed any expansion of the peacekeeping force to outside Kabul and have made clear they

expect the international troops to go home as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, a visiting U.S. senator on Monday endorsed expanding the peacekeeping force, which currently provides security only in Kabul, the capital.

"I was very reluctant before visiting Afghanistan, and now I feel there's no choice but to expand," Sen. Robert G. Torricelli, D-N.J., told the Associated Press. The Afghan leadership has urged the United Nations to at least double the size of the force and expand its mandate to other cities, where many

Afghans fear lawlessness or violence between armed factions in the absence of a national police force and army.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan also is broadening the mandate geographically. But the Bush administration and several members of the 18-nation peacekeeping contingent have opposed its expansion.

Annunzio, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, also said he expects U.S. military forces to remain in this country for several years because it will take a long time to build a national Afghan army.

# Empty U.S. promises embitter village

### Americans fail to deliver on new school, clinic after securing promise to help battle Taliban

By Jeffrey Gettleman  
Los Angeles Times

DARA-I-SUF, Afghanistan — One icy night in mid-October, a U.S. military adviser who called himself "Baba John" rounded up villagers in this guerrilla fighters' paradise and asked them what they wanted when the war was over.

A school. A clinic. Roads that wouldn't turn to mud when it rained. Pens. Pencils. Grain.

"Baba John offered so many things," recalls Naim Zada, a community elder. "He told us that if we fought hard against the Taliban, we'd get so much food we'd grow fat, like him."

The villagers did fight hard, and helped drive the Taliban out of this rocky canyon about 75 miles south of Mazar-e-Sharif. It was a key battle in the ground war leading to the capture of the strategic northern city, and it triggered a Taliban retreat across the country.

But five months later, the people here are still hungry. Waiting. Their fields are a sandy, seedless, unplowed mess, so heavily mined that people are too frightened even to venture out to bury the bones scattered around.

At night, as they huddle over steaming bowls of grass soup, they listen to wild dogs prowling the hills, looking for corpses.

Many houses have been reduced to rubble, some by Taliban shells, villagers say, but others by American bombs.

After 23 years of war, Afghanistan has heaps of misery stories. But this one, buried in an inaccessible region where few foreigners go, has a hint of betrayal to it.



Azim Naim Zada, in Dara-i-Suf, said an American known as Baba John asked him and other community elders what the village needed in exchange for helping in fighting the Taliban.

When Dara-i-Suf, "The Valley of Caves" in the Dari language, became a center of anti-Taliban resistance at the beginning of the war, villagers made sure that "Baba John" and the other Special Forces troops had the best caves, along with rugs to line them and make them comfortable.

The locals volunteered as soldiers, translators, guides and cooks. The Americans liked the kebabs, many remember.

But U.S. military officials have no plans to return to Dara-i-Suf, or to send help. Of the 65 humanitarian aid projects under way or proposed by the military for northern-Afghanistan, none involve this area.

"I'd imagine Special Forces would say whatever they needed to, to win cooperation from locals," said Maj. Martin Rose, an Army civil affairs officer based in

Mazar-e-Sharif. "That doesn't mean we're going down there."

Military officials wouldn't discuss details of Special Forces tactics, but several said it was basic strategy during the war's early days to offer aid assurances.

The Army civil affairs office has deployed more than a dozen soldiers in Afghanistan to fix generators, rebuild schools and open fire stations. But most projects are in larger cities such as Kabul, Kunduz and Mazar-e-Sharif.

Dara-i-Suf is a string of little settlements stretched in canyons between 1,000-foot rock walls where light barely reaches. There are no roads in or out, just icy rivers to slog through. Few aid agencies work here, despite food shortages and illness, including a disease local people call "black leg," which cuts off circulation and hobbles hundreds of people.

During the last three years of Taliban rule in Afghanistan, Dara-i-Suf served as a refuge for the anti-Taliban Northern Alliance. After the Taliban captured Mazar-e-Sharif in August 1998, 5,000 Northern Alliance troops, including top commanders, retreated here.

The Taliban swept after them, taking over mountain ridges and shelling the village below. They raised taxes on almost all things, stole sheep and butchered civilians.

"They turned me into a beggar," said one widow, Jumbegom, whose husband was shot and buried into pieces.

The Taliban also burned down the market, once the pride of the valley, a 600-stall bazaar of pet shops, blacksmiths, bookstores and cafes.

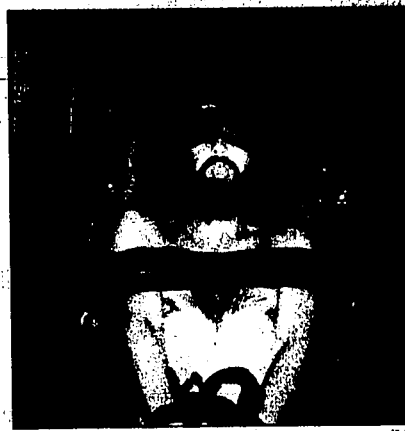
# Prosecutors and defense attorneys argue over the American Taliban

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Prosecutors acknowledged Monday they do not have evidence that John Walker Lindh killed Americans in Afghanistan. But a federal judge said that would not be necessary to prove Lindh joined a conspiracy to murder Americans as a Taliban fighter.

When District Judge T.S. Ellis III asked whether the government's case included alleged attempts by Lindh to kill American citizens, Assistant U.S. Attorney David Kelly replied, "At the moment, I am not aware of it."

Another prosecutor, Assistant U.S. Attorney John Davy, added that "there's no allegation of personal involvement" by Lindh in the killing of Johnny Micheal Spann, a CIA agent who was slain during a prison uprising in Afghanistan at which Lindh was present.

Ellis said that as the government framed the broad conspiracy case, "You are not required to show that he shot at Americans." Later, the judge denied a defense motion for more details on the charges, saying "I don't read the indictment as pointing to a specific murder," but rather as one of Lindh allegedly joining a broad conspiracy by al-Qaida and the Taliban to kill Americans around the world.



This is an undated photo made available by John Walker Lindh's legal defense team Monday in federal court in Alexandria, Va. Lindh's lawyers submitted this photo to the court saying it showed Lindh in military custody, strapped to a stretcher and blindfolded.

During the hearing on defense motions for numerous government documents and interviews, however, the judge repeatedly

# Lawmaker urges security assessment

POCATELLO (AP) — U.S. Rep. Michael Simpson said it is time, now that hysteria following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks has passed, to calmly consider the nation's security priorities.

The two-term Idaho Republican said panic and overreaction probably were natural, but that addressing long-term needs requires a case-by-case assessment of the threat.

In short, Simpson said, officials must "back off and see what makes sense immediately after the attacks, airports across the country were shut down and security measures were imposed — even in relatively remote areas. In Idaho, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne had concrete barriers placed around the Capitol and Idaho State Police and Idaho National Guard troops were assigned guard duty around the clock."

"Some of the rules that apply uniformly across the nation need to be revisited," especially those that hinder law enforcement, Simpson said. "You can't park within 300 feet of the airport, and that makes sense at Chicago O'Hare. But does it make sense in Pocatello, Idaho? I don't think so."

The attack on New York and Washington did point out some security failings, Simpson said. "One particularly glaring weakness, he said, was the ineffectiveness of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

"What we knew was an alert and a high State agency was exposed to be a really dysfunctional agency," he said.



Rep. Mike Simpson

# Agency tells airports to replace troops with police

WASHINGTON — National Guard troops patrolling airports will be replaced by uniformed police officers, the new Transportation Security Administration government said Monday.

In a security directive to airports, the agency said the police officers would be stationed at airport screening stations in place of the Guard. Local police will be at the checkpoints until the security agency hires its own law enforcement officers.

The federal government will reimburse the airports for the officers' salaries.

Spokesman Paul Turley said there was no timetable for replacing all the local police with federal officers.

New York Gov. George Pataki and Mayor Michael Bloomberg at his side. "I think it's going to make the life of the city that has been tragically affected by killers and murderers better. And I think it will enhance the quality of education."

The federal government will work with state and city officials as they determine what civic purposes the island is to be used for, administration officials said. The price tag will be determined by the state, officials said, though it is expected to be minimal.

## Nation in brief

**Man arraigned in attack on Supreme Court justice**  
MANCHESTER, N.H. — The son of a New Hampshire Supreme Court justice was accused Monday of punching his father in the face with a guitar after hours of drinking.

John Christian Broderick, 30, was arraigned on a charge of assault and ordered held on \$100,000 bail.

Justice John Broderick, 54, was attacked in his sleep early Saturday and bears severely facial injuries, a state official could not disclose.

He was in a serious condition with broken facial bones and bruising, the official reports.

# Kidnapping suspects demand open trial

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Four men accused of kidnapping the killing of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl are challenging the government's decision to try them behind prison walls, arguing Monday that a closed trial violates Pakistani law.

Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, accused of masterminding the Jan. 23 kidnapping, and three accomplices are scheduled for

trial April 5 before an anti-terrorism court on charges of murder, kidnapping and terrorism. Citing security reasons, the government ordered the trial be held at the jail.

On a written application, the four argued that the high court here in Sindh province order the trial to be held in an open courtroom.

Two high court judges will hear the motion, submitted by Saeed,

admitted prosecutors to give Lindh's lawyers any information they turn up that is favorable to the defendant.

Salman Saqib, Fahad Naseem and Sheikh Mohammed Adeeel, on Thursday — a day before the murder and kidnapping trial starts in Karachi's Central Jail.

Pearl was kidnapped while researching links between Pakistani extremists and Richard C. Reid, who was arrested in December on a flight from Paris to Miami as he was allegedly trying to detonate explosives in his shoes.

## 4-H crafts spring break fun

**By Corren Hart**  
Times-News correspondent

**RUPERT** — During spring break this year, several young people didn't take a break. Instead, they made fun figures out of bread, created scrapbooks or worked with leather. About 25 4-H members at a time learned new skills at the Mindoka County Fairgrounds at mini-classes in a number of crafts.

Coordinator Jeni Bywater said other counties offer after-school mini-classes. Mindoka County's Extension Service staff decided to do them all at once in a two-day spurge at the 4H Jump into Spring effort.

"We just wanted to get the kids here and give them something to do," Bywater said.

Connie Studer taught the Fun With Frozen Bread Dough class,

**Want more info on 4-H?**  
Call the 4-H main office at 436-7184. Clubs are still forming. If a child is interested, they should call the office and find out if there's a club near them. The deadline for signups is April 15.

Members pay an \$8 fee. Children ages 5-8 as of last Jan. 1 can join Cloverbuds, a noncompetitive group with projects and fun activities. Students age 8-18 as of last Jan. 1 can find a variety of clubs to attend, depending on personal interests.

and every seat was filled. About 27 students shaped turtles from bread dough. There were raisins for eyes, seeds for embellishments, and lots of ways to give texture to the bread.

"I've got blue poppy seeds," exclaimed Aime Reno, 12, who topped egg wash with black

seeds. The scrapbooking class was filled to capacity. Members brought photos, and learned clever ways to display them. Pastel pages, cutout words and picture frames and bits of glitter melded into preserved memories.

"Welcome to the Real World was a class in bill paying, check writing, budgeting and other financial management skills for beginners. Marsha Hawkins was the instructor.

Ethics and Etiquette, aimed at teens, was a hands-on seminar on daily social skills, that include table-setting and introductions: "There's lots of neat things to do," said Charlotte Loveless, 11.

**Times-News correspondent**  
Corren Hart can be reached at 436-1186 or on-line at jimreinc@safe-link.net.



A loaf of bread by any other shape is still as tasty, and maybe more so: Aime Reno, 12, and Charlotte Loveless, 11, make turtles in Connie Studer's frozen bread dough class. They said they enjoyed the 4-H activity.

### DOWN THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD

## 'Oz' musical opens at arts center

**BURLEY** — The Snake River Flats present "The Merry Old Land of Oz," featuring the award-winning quartet, Reprise from Brigham Young University.

Performances take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the King Fine Arts Center. The event will also include performances by the Snake River Flats Chorus, The Dependents, The Extension Chords, Girls Night Out, 4-Sure, Quadra Phonics, White Pine Intermediate School students on Friday and Deco students on Saturday.

Cost is \$6, \$5 for seniors and students and \$18 for a family. Tickets are available at Welch Music, Burley; The Book Store, Kupert; or from any chapter member. For advance sales, call 436-6047.

Reprise won first place at the American Collegiate Quartet Contest in Nashville, Tenn., and at Rocky Mountain District quartet championship it earned the



Reprise, a musical quartet from Brigham Young University, will be featured performers at The Snake River Flats' presentation of 'The Merry Old Land of Oz.'

third best score among the 2001 crop of district champions, organizers say.

Reprise was formed in 2000 as a five-part group, dedicated primarily to sacred music.

They later changed to a quartet and developed their own repertoire.

The young men were all members of the internationally-renowned BYU Singers, a classical ensemble of 40 operatic-quality voices, organizers say.

## Pet Partners bring smiles to patients

**TWIN FALLS** — Four-legged visitors are bringing smiles to hospital patients and staff members through the Pet Partners program.

The program trains volunteers and screens their pets for visiting hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and schools, program members say.

Pet Partners are volunteers of the hospital and belong to the Delta Society.

Animals are independently tested for skills and aptitude by Delta-licensed animal evaluators.

The Delta Society describes itself as the leading international resource for the human-animal bond, validating the role of animals for people's health and well-being.

Pet Partners have been working the past two years at the Magic Valley Regional Medical.

More than 2,500 Pet Partners teams operate in 45 states and four other countries, helping more than 350,000 people each year.

For more information about



Corrie Sharkey watches as Pet Partner, Bud, a Sheltie therapy animal, shakes hands with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center patient Ed Brigham as he recuperates in the transitional care unit.

Pet Partners program, call Magic Valley Regional Director of Volunteer Services Loraine Devey at 737-2006.

## STORK REPORT

### —Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Jayden Eddy Hillman, son of Angela Shawn and Ryan Eddy Hillman of Filer, was born Monday, March 18, 2002.

Tyler Lavell Cope, son of Nicole Dawn and Kevin Lavell Cope of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, March 19, 2002.

Nicole Josefa Rehder, daughter of Charlene Ann and Joseph Michael Rehder of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, March 19, 2002.

Keegan Ray Fife, son of Wendy Lee and Jeremy Raymond Lynn Fife of Murtagh, was born Wednesday, March 20, 2002.

Halle Hunter Trvdy, daughter of Denim Cali Kjelog and Brock Trvdy of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, March 20, 2002.

Jayden Charles Bates, son of Lisa Marie and Marco Bates of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, March 20, 2002.

Luis Manuel Benito Martinez, son of Barbara Estefana and Serafin Martinez of Jerome, was born Thursday, March 21, 2002.

Benice Faye Stotts, daughter of Vella and Craig Arthur Stotts of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, March 21, 2002.

Megan Marie Alfred, daughter of Stephanie Marie and Austin Kenneth Alfred of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, March 21, 2002.

Tatum Craig and Teagan Jill Craig, twin daughters of Tracia Shantele and Bryan E. Craig of Jerome, were born Friday, March 22, 2002.

Guge Robert Livingston, son of Nancy Marie Livingston of Twin Falls, was born Friday, March 22, 2002.

Dylan Michael Ulrich, son of Autumn Marie Ulrich of Twin Falls, was born Friday, March 22, 2002.

Brady Keith Hansen, son of Amy Michelle and Steven Keith Hansen of Wendell, was born Saturday, March 23, 2002.

Austin James Walker, son of Lynette Prine and Anthony Walker of Edna, was born Monday, March 25, 2002.

Jill Marie Russell, daughter of Joshua and Amy Russell of Twin Falls, was born Monday, March 25, 2002.

To announce a birth—Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Melissa Morgan The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-5538. Deadline: noon Friday. More information? Call Melissa at 735-3278

Carson Wilde Simpson, son of Dustin and Britney Simpson of Carey, was born Monday, March 25, 2002.

Austin James Walker, son of Lynette Prine and Anthony Walker of Edna, was born Monday, March 25, 2002.

Dareon Marshall Bussler, son of Joseph and Katherine Bussler of Twin Falls, was born Monday, March 25, 2002.

Lauren McCale Brockway, daughter of Charles and Karen Brockway of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, March 26, 2002.

Caylee Bradshaw, daughter of Chester and Kacy Bradshaw of Gooding, was born Tuesday, March 26, 2002.

Jasmine Nayeli Contreras, daughter of Claudia Rodriguez and Jose Contreras-Escobedo of Gooding, was born Tuesday, March 26, 2002.

Reagan Dean Larsen, son of Alicia and Hans Larsen of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, March 26, 2002.

Evelyn Lee Norris, daughter of Sarah Dill and Jamie-Norris of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, March 26, 2002.

Marco Angel Oviedo, son of Angela and Marco Oviedo-Calles of Buhl, was born Tuesday, March 26, 2002.

David Christopher Tennant, son of Alyssa Easterday and Brian Tennant of Buhl, was born Wednesday, March 27, 2002.

Christian Clay Livingston Tilley, son of Anita and Martin Tilley, was born Wednesday, March 27, 2002.

### St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Adrian Karlie Reynoso, daughter of Enrique and Sandra Reynoso of Jerome, was born Wednesday, March 13, 2002.

Emmilia Jean Bright, daughter of Phillip and Kim Bright of Jerome, was born Friday, March 15, 2002.

Daniel Sorenson, son of Mark and Jaimee Sorenson of Shoshone, was born Monday, March 18, 2002.

Max Jeffrey Holloman, son of Mike Holloman and Patti Jeffrey of Wendell, was born Wednesday, March 20, 2002.

Cynthia Lynette Gaspar, daughter of Vicente and Amanda Gaspar of Bliss, was born Friday, March 22, 2002.

### Cassia Regional Medical Center

Rachel Jeanne Wright, daughter of Wayne and Janet Wright of Burley, was born Wednesday, March 20, 2002.

Evelyn Vergara, daughter of Petra Garcia and Luis Vergara of Burley, was born Wednesday, March 20, 2002.

Brandon Gabriel Qullantun, son of Manuel and Melissa Qullantun of Paul, was born Friday, March 22, 2002.

Micah Ann Bernard, daughter of Calvin and Alicia Bernard of Heyburn, was born Saturday, March 23, 2002.

Karleen Marie Kuntler, daughter of Kelly and Stephanie Kuntler of Paul, was born Sunday, March 24, 2002.

Alejandra Melendres, daughter of Ventura Melendres of Burley, was born Monday, March 25, 2002.

Alyssa-Rheanne Hood, daughter of Brian Hood and Melissa Molt of Heyburn, was born Tuesday, March 26, 2002.

John Anthony Leguans, son of Alma and Juan Leguans of Mindoka, was born Wednesday, March 27, 2002.

### St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Nicholas Spurr Gloffely, son of Bethany and John Gloffely of Hailey, was born Tuesday, March 19, 2002.

Gillian Skye Macdonald, daughter of Jessica and Alexander Macdonald of Hailey, was born Wednesday, March 20, 2002.

Curter Rees Penn, son of Gina and David Penn of Hailey, was born Monday, March 25, 2002.

## Benefit dinner raises spirits for Shoshone couple

**SHOSHONE** — Organizers of a benefit dinner for Gary and Melody Russell called the event a success, raising \$2,320 for the couple.

The event was initiated by Evan Guthrie and spearheaded by Beagle Hatmaker, Carley Bryant and Leslie Wallman helped with the event.

Myrtle Beer decorated the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall with a patriotic theme.

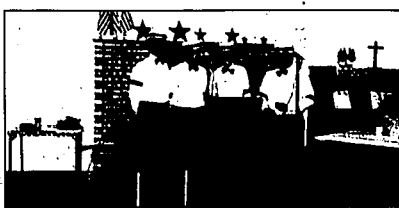
Guest book attendants were Virginia Moore and Carolyn Aul. Pastor Larry Sparks lead the thanks for the meal and Ken Carothers lead singing. Jody Eomer and others waited tables, and Shoshone Mayor Dick

Andreasen welcomed the crowd of almost 200 people.

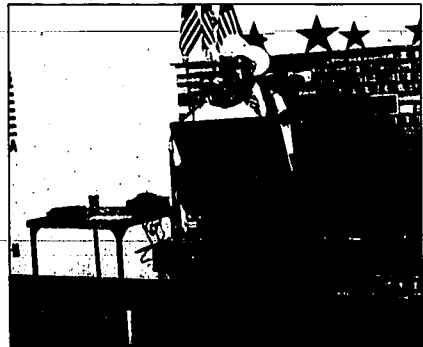
Entertainment was provided by Ken Worthington of Bellevue, an Old Time Fiddler; The 4 Sum of Shoshone, Max Excell, Gale Roberts, Adam Gedeberg and Ross Gedeberg, accompanied by Glenda Excell; local cowboy poet Joe Andreasen; singer Pat Sparks and pianist Carolyn Edwards.

Clean up crew consisted of Sid Edwards, Dale Monroe, Dick Andreasen and others. Dr. Keith Davis was in charge of publicity.

The spaghetti dinner was donated by community residents, organizers say.



Left, Ken Worthington entertains at the benefit dinner for Gary and Melody Russell. Above, also entertaining were The 4 Sum of Shoshone, from left, Gale Roberts, Ross Gedeberg, Adam Gedeberg and Max Excell.



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# TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

## FEBRUARY EINSTEINS



Lincoln Elementary students who passed grade-level requirements for 50-in-a-Minute math tests are designated as "Einstein's." Einstein's for February are, from left; top row: Paulina Bowers, Alice Caval, Kathy Kayaphone, Matt Bailey, Brody Trout, Chase Stamer, Patty Delcid, Alexis Elliott, D.J. Gilbert, Brooke Slinger, Jacob Canfield and Shelby Hyde; middle row: Chelsey Brown, Christopher Brown, Celso Lopez-Peres, Bryan Overlin, Jed Hadder, Jacob Nielsen, Tyler Torrero, Julian Rodriguez, Srdjan Duranaski, J'Lynn Schear, Anna Kolester, Dakota Krebs, Travis Smith, Justin Benitez and Kelly Adami; bottom row: Makayla Osterhout, Sabina Fehratovic, Tyler Silons, Ashley Buckley, Vanessa Rondon, Travis Boem, Huner Elam, Nicole Petersen, Trevor Ferguson, Kelsey Martinez, Karah King, Samra Sullic, Kade Lindback, Alexis Ordo, Jordan Warren, Charlie Fraley, Tristan Pampayak and Kade Allen.

## Jackpot student joins NHS ranks

By Sam Feltman  
Times-News correspondent

**JACKPOT, Nev.** — At a special assembly, sophomore Kelsea Bieg took the National Honor Society pledge and became Jackpot High School's newest honor student.

Bieg is the daughter of Kim and Bob Bieg of Jackpot, and joins seniors Paco Morales and Lacey Siebert and junior Rosy Salas in the club.

In order to be an NHS Scholar, students must be at least a second semester sophomore, Morales said. They also must have completed one full semester in Jackpot and maintain a grade point average of 3.4 or better.

At the ceremony, each honor student lit a candle for the "Candle of Knowledge." The first candle represents scholarship followed by service, leadership and character.

Kim Bieg, who also is student



**Kelsea Bieg, center, is the newest member of the Jackpot High School National Honor Society. Her parents are Kim and Bob Bieg.**

adviser, said that Kelsea Bieg and Rosy Salas will attend the NHS state conference in Las Vegas this summer. This is the first such conference in Nevada, but will become an annual event, she said.

Kim Bieg also said she hopes the conference will be held in Jackpot in the future.

The adviser encouraged the other students to meet the requirements for National Honor Society.

"Many of you are close," she said, and encouraged them to go the rest of the way.

"Education ends only with life," Morales said.

# Where is Mount Vesuvius?

## Local students show geography smarts at bee

**BOISE** — Local students will compete on Friday in the state 2002 National Geographic Bee, which is sponsored by the National Geographic Society.

The state bee will start at 8:30 a.m. at the Doubletree Hotel Downtown Ballroom, 1800 Fairview Ave. in Boise.

Students put their geographic knowledge to the test at the state-level competitions.

Local competitors, their schools and grades are:

- Austin Greer, Burley Junior High, 7
- Jana Irish, Declo Junior High, 8
- Amelia White, Gooding Middle School, 8
- Ross Campbell, Wood River Middle School, Hailey, 8
- Victoria Woolridge, Liberty Christian Academy, Jerome, 7
- Joshua Payne, Stephensen Middle School, Mountain Home, 7
- Jan Archibald, Oakley Elementary, 6
- Andrew Aston, Big Valley Elementary, Rupert, 6
- Jordan Nesbit, St. Nicholas School, Rupert, 5
- Cody Curran, Community School, Sun Valley, 6
- Adam Kotch, St. Edward's Catholic School, Twin Falls, 6
- Lisa Harris, O'Leary Junior High, Twin Falls, 7

As many as 100 students in each state, who won their school

bees and then earned a top score in a written exam prepared by the Geographic Society, will compete at the state competition.

The state winner will receive \$100, other prizes—and an expense-paid trip to the national finals in Washington, D.C. on May 21-22 to vie for first prize of a \$25,000 college scholarship and a lifetime subscription to National Geographic magazine.

The second- and third-place winners receive \$15,000 and \$10,000 scholarships respectively.

The National Geographic Society developed the bee in response to concern about the lack of geographic knowledge among young people in the United States.

## GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY



**D'Kota Milburn, a first-grader at Kimberly Elementary School, receives his reward from Kimberly Lions Club President Virgil Johnson for submitting the winning theme for this year's Kimberly Good Neighbor Day Parade.** The theme is "You don't have to live next door to me to be my neighbor." The celebration takes place July 12-13, in conjunction with the Lions Club, city of Kimberly and Community Events Committee. For more information or to participate, call parade chairman Dave Overacre at 423-5588.

## EASTER PARADE



Riley Fraser joins Michael Bolley, Max Welch and the Easter Bunny, Lara Welch at the annual Day of the Children Parade through Buhl. Participants won a blue ribbon. The panel of judges included Mayor Barbara Getzen, Councilman Chuck Geska and Jim Wilson. Bob Getzen and Kim Quigley. The parade ended at Eastman Park where an Easter egg hunt took place with lots of eggs containing certificates for merchants. The West End Head Start and Chamber of Commerce co-sponsored the event.

## THINGS TO DO

- Music**
  - Snake River Flute Repertoire Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at 1213 S. Rupert. Men of all ages invited, call 436-1047
- Dance**
  - Magie Valley Stragles Square Dance Club - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at 218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Must be over 18. Call 892-2801.
  - Aerie Senior Center - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at 401 Main Street in Kimberly. Anyone over age 18 is welcome. Call 423-4136.
  - American Legion Hall in Twin Falls - 7:15 p.m. Fridays - 447 Scavron St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Movie begins at 7:30 p.m.
  - Jerome Senior Center - 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, 212 First Ave. in Jerome. Snack bar open at 6 p.m., coffee until 6:45 p.m. Regular bingo at 7 p.m. Must be over 18, call 324-2442.
  - American Legion Hall in Wendell - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 510 W. Main. Doors and snack bar open at 6 p.m. Must be over 18, call 538-6642.
  - Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Burley - 7 p.m. Thursdays Call 429-8129.
  - Snake River Elks 2807 - 6 p.m. at lodge, starting April 15. Call 734-0303 or 734-0709.

To add listing, please send a notice with: Name of the organization or club; Time, day and place of the activity; Telephone number of a contact person.

Send to: Pat Marcantonio, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83403. Or fax to 734-5538. Or e-mail to patm@magvalley.com. For more information, call Pat Marcantonio at 735-3288.

- Valley Vista Retirement Center Pinchle Club** - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays in the community center at 654 Rose St. N. in Twin Falls. 735-5538.
- Free bridge lessons for beginners - 7 p.m. Tuesdays starting March 19 at Snake Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave. Call 735-8368.
- Other**
  - Writers Support Group - 6 p.m. Wednesdays at Chapter 1 bookstore, 120 N. Main. Halley: 726-5425.
  - Magie Valley Jute Club - meets for luncheon and meeting. Call Gloria at 244-0040 or Vicki at 733-8838. New members welcome.
  - Pioneer Union Club - 6:30 p.m. last Friday of the month at Kimberly Public Library, Call Marilyn at 423-5225.
  - Magie Valley Astronomical Society - 7 p.m. second Saturday in front room at Heritage Center on Chilcombs. Call 736-2047.
  - Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club indoor range - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 251 5th Ave. W. Twin Falls. Limited to 22 rifle, moderate pistol caliber, call Stu at 324-5960 or Larry at 733-4213.
  - Snake River Canyon Kennel Club of Idaho - 7:30 p.m. fourth Wednesday at upstairs meeting room, 625 Taylor building, call Debbie at 736-9118.
- Singles**
  - Christian Singles Group - 7 p.m. on 1st. 1st and every other Monday, Christian Fellowship Center, 161 Morrison St., Twin Falls, 734-6225.
  - Southern Idaho Twin Falls Singles - 8 p.m. Saturdays - Spanner's Bar-for dancing or for other activities, call 735-9044.
- Cards**
  - Bridge - 1 p.m. Mondays at Magie Valley Bridge House, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 735-8099. Newcomers welcome.
  - Magie Valley Pinochle Club - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Disabled American Veterans Hall, Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue, Twin Falls.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

**2002 Presidential Scholars Program adds Snow**

Melissa Snow, a graduating senior at Twin Falls High School, has been named one of more than 2,600 candidates in the 2002 Presidential Scholars Program.

Snow is the daughter of Kent

and Karen Snow.

The candidates were selected from almost 2.8 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in the year 2002.

They were selected for their exceptional performance on either the college board SAT or the ACT assessment, student's

essays, self-assessments, descriptions of activities, school recommendations and school transcripts.



Melissa Snow

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Jerome Rec District offers hip hop, aerobics**

**JEROME** — The Jerome Recreation District is offering several activities:

**Beginning Hip Hop Dancing** — Jenny Swan of the Lori Head School of Dance and coach of the Jerome High School Dance Force team will offer a one-day workshop to introduce "hip-hop." The class will be held from 1-3 p.m. April 20 at the Jerome Recreation gym. The fee \$5 for Jerome residents and \$8 for non-residents.

**Aerobics** — Another session of co-ed evening aerobics starts Wednesday. Cost for the six-week session is \$25 and the classes run three evenings a week.

**A Harvest of Herbs** — Nancy Chalker of Moss Garden Center leads a demonstration on how to plant a herb basket that will provide seasonings year round. Herb plants will be available for purchase at the day of the program, which will be held at the Jerome Recreation District conference room.

The cost is \$10 (\$15 for out of district). Space is limited.

Sign up for the courses at the Jerome Recreation District office on Lincoln Street between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Monday through Friday.

**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 at:

- Twin Falls from 1-3 p.m., Thursdays at the College of Southern Idaho in room 220 in the Meyerboffer 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.

For more information, call 735-2059 or visit Magic Valley Job Service, 771 North College Road, Twin Falls.

**Twin Falls Senior Center serves breakfast**

**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center will serve breakfast from 8-11 a.m. Saturday at the center, 616 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

The cost is \$3 for seniors, \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children under the age of 12.

The menu will include fried potatoes, eggs, juice, fruit and a

choice of french toast, pancakes or waffles.

**Sawtooth Science Institute starts up classes**

**KETCHUM** — The Sawtooth Science Institute, based in Ketchum, announced the following upcoming classes.

Digital atlas of Idaho will be held Thursday and Friday in Pocatello. Students will learn how to use the digital atlas CD-ROM to find information on Idaho's animals, geology, ecology, history, maps, images and teaching exercises. Students also learn how to use Idaho maps, field guides and lesson plans provided by the atlas. Students will take home a free copy of the CD-ROM.

**Clear Vision Clear Voices: second annual Idaho Environmental Education Summit** will be held April 26-27 at the Doubletree Downtown in Boise. The keynote address will be on Allen Pinkham.

The Institute, in collaboration with the Ketchum/Sun Valley Historical Society, is a field study center of Idaho State University's College of Education and Idaho Museum of Natural History, dedicated to the study of natural history of the northern Rockies.

The fee is based on \$172 per

credit. Scholarships are available.

For more information, call 788-9686.

**MV Duplicate Bridge Club announces recent winners**

**TWIN FALLS** — The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announced its recent winners.

The club did not meet from March 21-25 because of the Twin Falls sectional bridge tournament held at the WestCoast Twin Falls Hotel.

Winners for March 26 were: first, Joyce Astorquia and Betty Franz; second, Betty Grant and Polly Mulliner; third, Mary Ann Siegel and Lee Woods; fourth, Beverly Reed and Dorothy Young; and flight B, Dick and Carmen Kevan.

Winners for March 27 for north/south were: first, Lonnie Burns and Jessie Lingnaw; second, Beverly Burns and Mary Klenien; third, Renee Bulcher and Ada Burgess; and flight B, Linda Fix and Ruby Grimes.

Winners for east-west were: first, Joyce Astorquia and Endi Cook; second, Evelyn Meyer and Sue Skinner; and third, Harold Bulcher and Wilma Driscoll.

The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and at 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday

and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Refreshments are served. For a partner, call 324-2000.

**Musicians West Piano Festival takes place**

**POCATELLO** — The fourth annual Musicians West Piano Festival and Competition will take place May 10-11 in Pocatello.

Awards and trophies totaling \$1,360 will be awarded to students in grades one through 12 in five categories. Magic Valley area students are strongly encouraged to participate this year, said festival director and founder Mark Neirwerth, who graduated from Kimberly High School and is an award-winning pianist.

Last year, 50 students from Twin Falls, American Falls, Pocatello, Blackfoot, Idaho Falls, Rigby and Rexburg participated, he said.

Enrollment is expected to double this year. Adult piano students are invited to participate in the festival, but not the competition.

Nancy Nagy-Sen will be this year's adjudicator. She is the former head of the preparatory piano department at Concordia College in Bronxville, New York.

She will rate pianists on two to four pieces. For those enrolled in the competition, the festival will be considered the preliminary round.

Competitors chosen by the adjudicator will perform one memorized piece at a public concert at 6:30 p.m. on May 11 at the First Congregational Church in Pocatello.

For more information and application materials, call Mark Neirwerth, at 208-233-4488 Ext. 3, or e-mail him at musicianswest@spron.net.

## We want your news and photos to:

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## You can't have everything

By Phillip Robinson  
Knight Ridder News Service

### Don't count on having free lifetime tech support

Many of us computer users demand the lowest prices possible, yet also assume maximum "technical support." And we define that support not just as "reasonable corrections to problems caused by the company," but also to include "help learning to use the thing" and "solutions to problems when using the thing with other people's things" and even "repairs when we totally misuse the thing."

Why do we expect it with computers technology? Because when they were first offered to the public 25 years ago, they were very difficult, very buggy and very expensive. When a word-processing program cost \$500, and only cost the software company \$25 to manufacture (cost of disks and printed manual), it was reasonable to think the extremely high profit margin between \$25 and \$500 would include room for some phone time with a technical expert who could explain ways around the bugs.

Well, now that a word processing program can be had for only a few bucks, and is a lot less buggy and difficult than it used to be, we still demand complete tech support.

Yet a single tech support phone call can turn the sale of any program or computer into a loss for the tech company. So they work hard to make tech support tougher to find. They put a time limit on tech support, they disconnect the "toll-free" lines, they hide the tech support phone number, they make you first look at the Internet pages full of common problems and answers, and they beg you to e-mail your questions instead of calling.

Is that bad? No. And we shouldn't complain.

Just make sure you ask what tech support you're getting along

with the megahertz and gigabytes and Web-enhanced features. And whatever you do, don't assume that "you get what you pay for."

In fact, you can assume that phrase was invented by some salesman pushing an overpriced product.

Sure, if you select the lowest-cost tech item in any category, it will probably come with little or no tech support. For example, my favorite office suite is Sun's StarOffice. It's powerful, it's compatible with Microsoft Office, and it's free. Totally free. But it doesn't come with any free tech support.

If you want to solve problems for free, you can use the free online tutorials, online FAQs (frequently-asked questions with answers), and discussion areas (where other users, and some Sun

experts, discuss problems). Those are all typical offerings from most tech companies these days.

If you want personal attention, for \$20 per "incident" (back and forth about one problem) you can get e-mail support. Or for \$25 per incident you can get toll-free telephone support. Or for a lot more you can buy ongoing support for a bunch of StarOffice users in a company.

These are pretty typical prices too. And they can add up fast.

But, Microsoft Office costs \$500 to \$800. With that you get unlimited no-charge "installation support" and two no-charge personal support incidents. Well, installation should be done pretty quickly, so after that you're getting about \$50 worth of support (two incidents at an industry-standard rate of about \$25 per incident). Then you pay \$35 per incident for more support. Surprised? Thought you'd have lifetime help? That was back in Kansas, Dorothy. And even this "personal support" only covers features that aren't working as designed or that were broken after upgrading Office or Windows along with help in using basic built-in features.

## More photo buffs rely on kiosks for printing

Knight Ridder News Service

Walk up to tens-of-thousands of photo processing counters around the country and you'll see something new: a place to print out your digital photos or make copies of your film snapshots.

Photo kiosks are popping up everywhere: drug stores and groceries, print shops, department stores even hospital maternity wards. They're made by Kodak, Fujifilm, digital camera memory company SanDisk and even the stores themselves.

The idea is that you can walk up to a self-service station and pop in the memory card from your camera, a floppy disk, a Zip cartridge or a CD and print out just the photos you want. Most offer a scanner to scan in normal film pictures for editing and reprints. Some will even scan negatives.

Kodak is generally credited with inventing the genre nationally with the first Picture Maker in 1994.

More than 21,000 kiosks have been installed nationwide since then.

At most kiosks, you can pick various print sizes and do some basic editing: cropping, photo, clearing up red-eye problems, brightening or darkening the image and balancing the colors.

Some offer more advanced capabilities, such as printing custom greeting cards, business cards, calendars and adding borders and text to standard prints. Some even allow you to save your images to CD or e-mail them to someone else.

The most sophisticated kiosks enable you to add your pictures to scores of custom products: mugs, teddy bears, t-shirts, you name it. In many cases, though, you'll have to wait anywhere from several hours to several weeks to receive those products.

Kiosks are showing up everywhere because they're a ticket for companies with traditional

film and processing businesses, like Kodak, to regain their footing as more and more people turn to digital cameras.

Nearly a quarter of the American public will own digital cameras by this fall, according to a Fujifilm study by InfoTrends Research last summer.

And while 85 percent of people who own digital cameras print their photos, nearly all of them do it at home or via Internet printing services, not at retail stores.

Only about 3 percent of digital camera owners have printed at a retail kiosk so far, according to a study. A study by Kodak suggests that once people get used to using a kiosk, they come back: The average kiosk customer uses one of the stations more than six times a year.

Kodak announced in February that it is adding new units that will allow customers to order more kinds of prints and goodies. Fujifilm also has interactive new self-service kiosks, the Printix DigiCam Picture Center 1000, which will be available in July. It already has Aladdin Digital Photo Centers in stores around the country.

The Canadian company Power Interactive Media of Markham, Ontario, just wrapped up a test of a photo kiosk setup you can soon expect in a hospital near you.

The digital photo kiosk at Clark Memorial Hospital in Jeffersonville, Ind., offered new patients the ability to order photos and digitally add and remove backgrounds behind their newborns.

The kiosk boosted sales of newborn photos 50 percent over traditional film packages, and the company is looking at putting the system into at least more hospitals before the end of March and up to 100 by the end of the year.

## COMPUTER WORLD



Mac fans gather around iMac desktop computers last month during the annual Macworld Tokyo 2002 in Tokyo. Citing an increase in component costs, Apple Computer Inc. announced that the maker has raised the prices of its new iMac computers by \$100 each.

## Older computers don't offer chance of upgrade

By Jim Coats  
Chicago Tribune

Q. My computer is about 2 years old, and though I would like to upgrade to a newer one, I don't have the funds to purchase what I want at this time. Present system is a Pentium WMMX and runs at 166 mHz. It is running Windows 95.

A. Should I upgrade the operating system, and if so, to what? Windows 98? I'm finding less and less support for Windows 95 out there, including from Microsoft, and I am not a techie who can keep 95 running forever. Any help you can provide will be appreciated.

—Bob Marconi  
A. I wonder if you caught a catnap with Rip Van Winkle, Mr. M. Maybe you personally have had that computer for a mere two years, but it's been half a decade since anybody manufactured a 166 mHz Pentium.

It's relatively easy to get one's hands on past operating systems like Windows 98 or even Windows 95 at discount stores or using auction Web sites like www.ebay.com or www.tbid.com. But even if you can find somebody with a properly

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licensed copy for sale (or illegally borrow one from a friendly source), your wheezer will run a lot slower with Windows 98, and you'll probably lose a lot of the limited hard drive space on that antique.

It's a sad fact of life that virtually the entire computer industry conspires to make it ever more difficult to stick with perfectly good but outdated systems such as older 166 Pentiums on Windows 95. All you will find when you go to Microsoft's Web sites for an upgrade will be pitches for Windows XP, which is totally out of the question for you.

I wish I could offer a more upbeat answer, but I'm afraid you'll need to bite the bullet and buy a new computer if you want to get beyond your current situation.

### Web-savvy towns

San Francisco, San Jose, Calif., and Austin, Texas, retained their hold on the top spots in Yahoo! Internet Life's annual survey about which communities make the most of the Internet. Each city is rated on a scale from one to 10 in four criteria:

City	Net use	User expertise	Domain density	Available content	Total
San Francisco	10.0	9.4	9.7	6.9	36.0
San Jose, Calif.	8.5	9.9	10.0	4.1	32.5
Austin-San Marcos, Texas	9.7	8.3	6.5	6.8	31.3
Boston	8.7	7.8	4.7	7.6	29.8
Seattle	8.2	7.6	4.9	7.3	29.0
Salt Lake City-Ogden, Utah	8.7	6.3	4.0	8.9	27.9
Washington, D.C.	8.8	7.2	6.6	4.8	27.4
San Diego	8.0	7.0	6.7	5.6	27.3
Las Vegas	8.9	5.8	6.4	5.9	27.0
Los Angeles-Long Beach, Calif.	7.2	7.4	6.5	4.8	25.9

SOURCE: Yahoo! Internet Life magazine

## Silicon Valley ranks as most wired area in nation

The Associated Press

BOSTON - Silicon Valley still rules, but an annual survey of America's most Internet-savvy cities found that Boston and Salt Lake City made huge strides over the past year.

Boston jumped 12 places to No. 4 in this year's survey, published in the May edition of Yahoo! Internet Life magazine. Salt Lake City jumped 23 places to sixth, though the magazine said it could be a one-time spike caused by the recent Winter Olympics.

San Francisco, San Jose, Calif., and Austin, Texas, stayed in the top three spots, which they've held in all but one of the five sur-

veys. Dan Wilmont, the magazine's technology editor, said the biggest news may be the fact that numbers were up almost everywhere, despite the recession. It took a score of 36 out of 40 to win this year, up from 33.1.

"Everyone's getting better," Wilmont said.

The magazine uses a formula that measures more than just Internet use and high-tech jobs to get a sense of which communities make the most of the Web. Wilmont said that analysis includes basic stats, the extent to which businesses are online and how sophisticated the users are.

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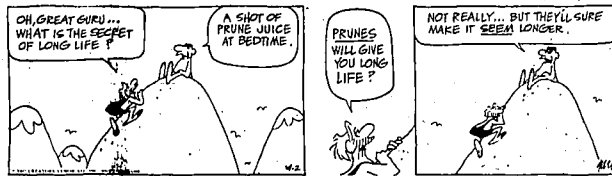
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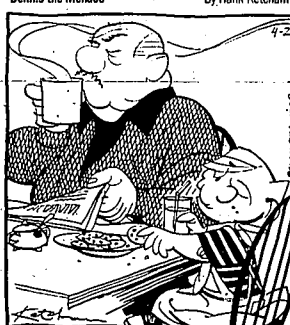
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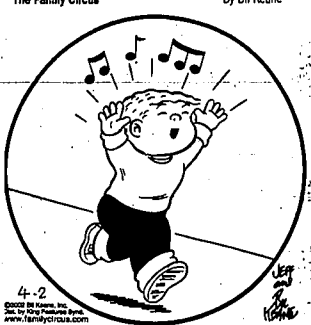
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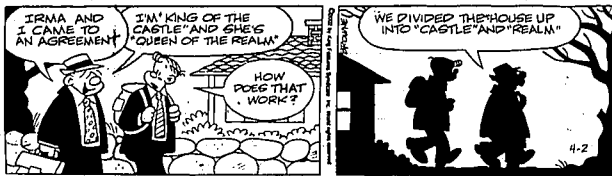
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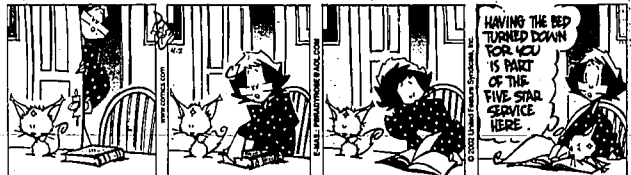
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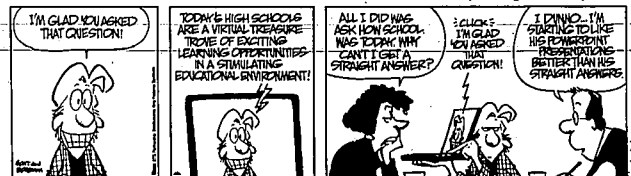
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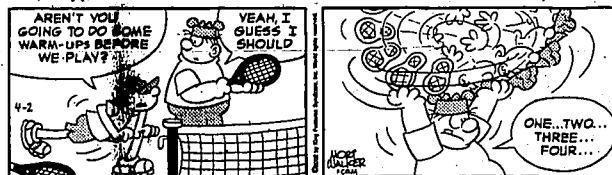
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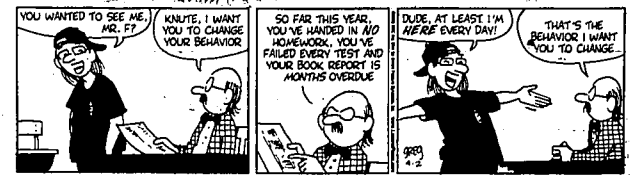
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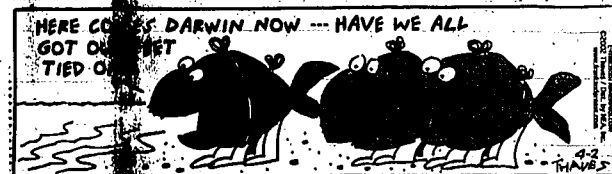
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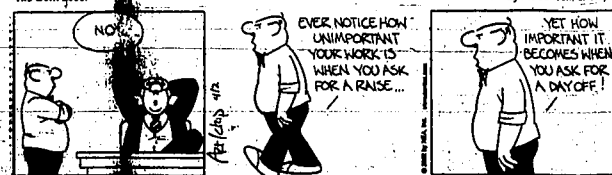
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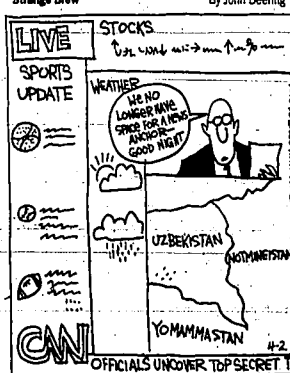
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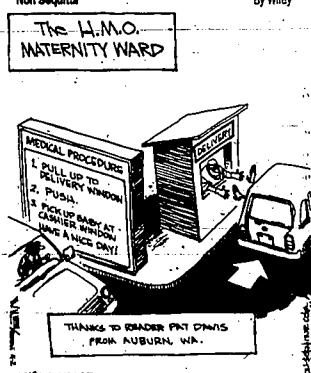
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—Martin Luther King Jr.

South can apply pressure to either defender in his play of today's club suit.

If he leads clubs from dummy, it's East who is challenged. If South leads clubs toward dummy, an equivalent challenge faces West.

Would you pass the test in either chair?

West leads his fourth-best heart, and dummy's queen holds the trick. South overtricks dummy's spade 10 with his jack to lead a low club toward dummy.

What if South follows low routinely, South makes his game.

South makes his game. To keep East off lead, South wins dummy's king and returns a club. If East plays his nine, South ducks and West must play. South's heart king remains protected, and South wins nine tricks.

If East plays his queen instead, South wins all five club tricks.

To foil South's plan, West must play his jack on the first club lead. This prevents South from developing the club suit while keeping East off lead, and the heart return nets one down.

What if South leads a low club from dummy at trick two? If East plays low, South merely covers, and West must win the trick.

South can then win four clubs, bringing his total to nine tricks.

How does East want to play this plan? East must play his club ace at trick two. South must win to keep East off lead, and South cannot develop clubs without losing a trick to East's club queen.

East returns a heart, again sending the game one down.

**NORTH** ♠ K Q 10 ♣ A 4 ♠ A ♣ 10 8 5 2

**EAST** ♠ 5 3 2 ♠ 10 5 2 ♠ K ♠ 4 3

**WEST** ♠ 7 6 4 ♠ A J 8 7 ♠ K 4 3 ♠ J 4

**EAST** ♠ 5 3 2 ♠ 10 5 2 ♠ K ♠ 4 3

**SOUTH** ♠ A ♠ J ♠ K ♠ Q ♠ A ♠ 9 ♠ 7 ♠ 6 ♠ A ♠ 7

**Vulnerable:** Both

**Dealer:** South

**The bidding:**

South	West	N	NT	NT	NT	NT
Pass	3NT	4NT	5NT	6NT	7NT	8NT

Opening lead: Heart seven

### BID WITH THE ACES

**SOUTH HOLDS:** ♠ 7 6 4 ♠ A J 8 7 ♠ K 4 3 ♠ J 4

**NORTH HOLDS:** ♠ 5 3 2 ♠ 10 5 2 ♠ K ♠ 4 3

ANSWER: One no-trump. Do not rebid the weak five-card suit. One no-trump promises a balanced hand with 9-10 HCP.

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—*Mo Vaughn*

**TODAY'S SCHEDULE**

**High school baseball**  
Glenns Ferry at Wendell (2), 3:30 p.m.  
Bonnevill at Jerome, 4 p.m.  
Century at Burley, 4:30 p.m.  
Highland at Minico, 4:30 p.m.

**High school softball**  
Glenns Ferry at Wendell, 3:30 p.m.  
Filer at Declo (2), 4 p.m.  
Minico at Burley, 4:30 p.m.  
Jerome at Twin Falls, 4:30 p.m.

**High school golf**  
at Pleasant Valley, 2 p.m.

**High school tennis**  
Gooding at Sugar-Salem, 3 p.m.  
Highland at Minico, 3:30 p.m.  
Twin Falls at Century, 3:30 p.m.

**IN BRIEF**

**Wendell registers for baseball, softball**  
WENDELL — The Wendell Recreation District is registering for summer youth baseball and softball leagues through Thursday at 6:30-8:30 p.m. nightly at the Wendell High gymnasium.  
Leagues are for boys and girls from ages 5-15 as of Aug. 1. Cost is \$15 for T-ball and Pee-Wee, \$25 for Babe Ruth, and \$20 for all other leagues.  
Late registration will require an added fee of \$10. For more information, call Randy Andrus at 536-6409.

**Gooding holds annual smoker Saturday**  
GOODING — The 10th annual Fifth District High School Rodeo Boxing Smoker will be on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Gooding High gymnasium.  
Tickets are available at the door or at local outlets in Gooding, including: Wells Fargo Bank; Franklin-Building Supply; Schoettger Western Auto or Seifers.

**Cal Ripken Baseball needs summer coaches**  
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls County Cal Ripken Baseball League is accepting coaching applicants for the summer traveling All-Star teams.  
To submit your name or to make inquiries please contact Ed Reeves in the evening at 733-2305 or 539-9295 by Friday.

**Burley ladies host golf brunch Wednesday**  
BURLEY — The Burley Ladies Golf Association kicks off its season with a 10 a.m. brunch Wednesday at the Burley Golf Course.  
People who plan to attend should call the golf course pro shop at 878-9807.

**Monster trucks hit Holt Arena Saturday**  
POCATELLO — You’ve heard the names — Bigfoot, Godzilla, Black Widow — now see the big and bad Monster Trucks in person on Saturday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Holt Arena in Pocatello.  
The Monster Truck Nationals tour will crush cars, race wheel-by-side and jump through mobile homes.  
There will also be an Extreme Freestyle Motorcycle jump-off contest staged.  
Proceeds will benefit Idaho Special Olympics. Tickets will be available at the box office or can be charged by phone at (208) 382-3257.

**On Wednesday**  
The Times-News debuts its bi-monthly golf page with a look at the Rupert Country Club.



St. Louis Cardinals fan Mario Hernandez waits for the gates to open at Busch Stadium for the home opener for the St. Louis Cardinals against the Colorado Rockies. A statue of Cardinals Hall of Famer Stan Musial is at right.

## Patriotism greets baseball

The Associated Press

The Green Monster was transformed into a sea of red, white and blue and the World Series banner was unveiled in Arizona. Once the games began, Pedro Martinez and Roger Clemens were hit hard.  
Opening day at 10 ballparks had a little bit of everything Monday, including packed stadiums.  
An overflow crowd of 51,638 — the largest regular-season turnout in Turner Field’s six-year history — saw the Atlanta Braves beat Philadelphia 7-2.  
“It’s great to see,” Braves star Chipper Jones said. “I really

### Arizona raises championship banner

didn’t notice it until the eighth inning. I looked around and said, ‘All right.’ Maybe we can get these fans excited about the brand of baseball we’re going to play.”  
At Camden Yards, where a crowd of 48,058 saw Baltimore bear Clemens and the New York Yankees 10-3, the Orioles opened without Cal Ripken for the first time in 21 years. Ripken retired

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after last season, but there were plenty of fans at Camden Yards wearing the No. 8 jersey of baseball’s iron man as the Orioles played the New York Yankees.  
Ripken watched the opener from a private suite, and one of the biggest cheers came when his picture was shown on the scoreboard late in the game.  
The Minnesota Twins, who escaped elimination in the offseason, got off to a nice start. Jacques Jones homered to lead off their game at Kansas City.

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## NCAA Tournament Merry Maryland

### MVP Dixon, Maryland swat aside Indiana

By Thomas Boswell  
The Washington Post

ATLANTA — The best college basketball school never to win a national title now has a championship banner to hang anywhere it wants. Maryland finally reached the top of the NCAA tournament mountain Monday night, and they did it in thrilling style, beating do g g e d Indiana, 64-52.

Let’s hope you taped this one for years of reviewing, because it was worth the decade upon decade of frustration and delay.  
Maryland alumni and Washington fans have endured. Forget those comparisons of the Terps to various frustrated Red Sox or Vikings analogies, which some of us have heard for a lifetime. The years of near-less and never-was in College Park are over now. Whatever comes, Maryland has its precious championship memory.

When these Terrapins, truly as persistent as the tortoise of ancient fable ever since they were ousted from the Final Four last season, finally reached their goal, they did it in unique style. No other NCAA school needed 19 trips to the sport’s big dance to finally get kissed. But, in the 2,002nd game in its varsity history

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**All-Tourney team**  
• MVP: Jun Dixon, Maryland  
• Lonny Baxter, Maryland  
• Chris Wilcox, Maryland  
• Dane Fife, Indiana  
• Kyle Hornsby, Indiana



MVP Jun Dixon holds up the national championship trophy as head coach Gary Williams, right, watches after Maryland beat Indiana 64-52 in the NCAA championship game in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta Monday.

## Champion Huskies return home

The Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — The national champion Connecticut Huskies took a final lap around Gampel Pavilion on Monday night, high-fiving fans who waited for hours to welcome them home.  
The Huskies beat Oklahoma 82-70 on Sunday night in San Antonio for the third national title. They finished 39-0, the second perfect season in school history.

“I realize what we’ve done and what we’ve accomplished, but at the same time it’s kind of weird that I’ve played my last game. That part hasn’t sunk in yet,” said Sue Bird, the AP Player of the Year.

Senior starters Bird, Tamika Williams, Ajha Jones and Swin Cash took turns thanking the crowd and their coaches. Sophomore starter Diana Taurasi captured most of the action with a video camera.  
They and coach Geno

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Connecticut women’s basketball coach Geno Auriemma holds up the NCAA Women’s Division I basketball championship trophy while Sue Bird applauds at a homecoming celebration for the team in Storrs, Conn., Monday.

## U.S. boxers set out to regain Olympic stature

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Emanuel Steward is about ready to begin training the heavyweight champion of the world for his fight with Mike Tyson. First, though, he’s going to spend a week trying to find America some new Olympic champions.

The new national coach for the U.S. amateur boxers as well as the training for Lennox Lewis, Steward will be scouting for talent this week as the U.S. national amateur boxing championships take place at Caesars Palace.

If the recent state of the U.S. boxing program is any indication, it may be easier figuring out a way to beat Tyson than grooming some Olympic gold medalists.

“I know what I’m up against,” Steward said. “There are some real problems here.”  
Two years after coming home from Sydney with no gold medals, USA Boxing is reaching out to Steward for help in rebuilding America’s amateur boxing fortunes.

It’s part of a restructuring that includes new leadership in the boxing federation and a renewed commitment to return to the glory days when U.S. boxers dominated

in the Olympics.

“The ultimate purpose is to get more medals and be more competitive in the international arena,” said Robert Voy, a Las Vegas doctor who is president of USA boxing.

Voy, who has been associated with the U.S. program for years, became president after the Sydney Olympics and immediately made his presence known.

The veteran international boxing officials that last year’s world championships had to be fair, replaced the association’s executive director and spearheaded the hiring of Steward as the first national coach since 1984.

He also moved the national championships from Colorado Springs, Colo., to Las Vegas, where they will get some visibility at Caesars Palace and on national television this week.

“All the other sports have their championships outside Colorado Springs,” Voy said. “It’s time we get more visibility. People need to see the sport and get to understand it better.”  
More than 250 regional and Armed Forces’ champions will compete in 12 weight divisions. Preliminary bouts begin today with the finals on Saturday.

## Hoosiers come up short inside

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — With little inside help, Indiana needed a lot more than 3-point shooting against Maryland.

The Hoosiers didn’t get it. Indiana’s improbable NCAA tournament run ended Monday night with a 64-52 loss to Maryland in the title game as big men Jared Jeffries and Jeff Newton struggled.

Throughout the tournament, Indiana had shown it could win with power, as it did against Duke and Oklahoma, or with outside shooting, as it did against Kent State.

Indiana, which reached the championship game with impressive contributions from each of its four big men Saturday, failed to get much help from Jeffries or Newton against the Terrapins.

The Hoosiers had said all along that they could go as far as Jeffries, the Big Ten player of the year, would carry them.

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SPORTS

Orioles hammer Yankees

BALTIMORE (AP) — Tony Batista jolted Roger Clemens with a grand slam and Scott Erickson won his first outing in 20 months as the Baltimore Orioles opened their post-Cal Ripken era by beating the New York Yankees 10-3 Monday.

Clemens, coming off his record sixth Cy Young Award, gave up eight runs, walked five and threw two wild pitches — all after he tried to field a hard grounder with his bare hand.

Jason Giambi, the centerpiece in the transformation of the four-time defending AL champions, went 2-for-4 with a walk as the Yankees started their 100th season.

Erickson, who sat out last season after elbow ligament replacement surgery, allowed an unearned run and three hits in six innings.

Blue Jays 12, Red Sox 11
BOSTON — Darrin Fletcher hit a sacrifice fly in the ninth inning off loser Ugueth Urbina as Toronto rallied after taking a 7-1 lead over Pedro Martinez on a fly ball behind 11-8.

Jose Offerman, Trot Nixon, Jason Varitek and Tony Clark homered for Boston in the first game since John Henry's group bought the team, fired general manager Dan Duquette and replaced manager Joe Kerrigan with Andy Little.

Twins 8, Royals 6
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jacque Jones homered on the second pitch of the game, then hit a three-run shot in the seventh off loser Cory Bailey for a 7-6 lead.



Baltimore shortstop Mike Bordick dives in vain for a single hit by New York's Shane Spencer during the second inning of their season opener at Camden Yards in Baltimore Monday.

and Torii Hunter also homered for the Twins, who survived major league baseball's attempt to eliminate them when a Minnesota judge issued an injunction that forced the team to honor its lease at the Metrodome.

White Sox 6, Mariners 5
SEATTLE — The Seattle Mariners, who led the AL West the entire way last year en route to a major league record-tying 116 wins, fell short in their opener against Chicago when Mike Cameron filed out with the bases loaded to end the ninth inning.

Seattle rallied for four runs in the eighth to make it 6-5, then threatened in the ninth against Keith Foulke.

Braves 7, Phillies 2
ATLANTA — Vinny Castilla hit a three-run homer and Gary Sheffield a hit a two-run shot.

inings for the win. He gave up two hits, including a home run by Cameron. Freddy Garcia (0-1) took the loss.

The crowd of 46,036 was the largest for a regular-season game at Safeco Field.

National League
Diamondbacks 2, Padres 0

PHOENIX — Randy Johnson pitched a six-hitter for his first shutout in 10 opening-day starts, and the Arizona Diamondbacks opened defense of their World Series championship by beating the San Diego Padres 2-0 Monday.

Braves 7, Phillies 2
ATLANTA — Vinny Castilla hit a three-run homer and Gary Sheffield a hit a two-run shot.

before tiring in the seventh and allowing two runs.

Mets 6, Pirates 2
NEW YORK — Newcomers Roberto Alomar and Roger Cedeno drove in runs with soft hits and Al Leiter allowed one unearned run in six innings to get the win.

Reds 5, Cubs 4

CINCINNATI — Aaron Boone hit a bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth off Jeff Fassero in the opener of the Reds' final season at Cinergy Field.

Cardinals 10, Rockies 2
ST. LOUIS — The way Albert Pujols is hitting, the St. Louis Cardinals might not miss Big Mac very much.

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Opening

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Roberto Alomar, one of several big-name players to change teams in the winter, drove in two runs as the New York Mets beat Pittsburgh 6-2 before a crowd of 51,244 at an opening day record at Shea Stadium.

At Boston, Fenway Park's famous left-field wall was draped with an American flag for the national anthem as the Red Sox set out to end a World Series drought that has lasted since 1918.

Without their own title to celebrate, the Red Sox paid tribute to the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots with 23 football players emerging from behind the flag and throwing baseballs to Red Sox players.

Martinez, hoping for a healthy season, fell behind 7-1 in the second inning. Boston came back to take the lead, but lost 12-11 to Toronto.

Clemens was chased by the Orioles in the fifth inning after allowing eight runs, four of them on a grand slam by Tony Batista. The Rocket was taken to a hospital for precautionary X-rays after trying to barehand a hard grounder.

At Busch Stadium in St. Louis, a sellout crowd gathered to watch the Cardinals open against Colorado. Hall of Famers Bob Gibson, Lou Brock, Red Schoendienst roared into the infield on red and white convertibles in a pregame ceremony that included a first pitch by Ozzie Smith, who joins the Hall of Fame in July.

Tony Gwynn, certain to join that fraternity when he becomes eligible in five years, was also in St. Louis, broadcasting the game for ESPN.

Missing from the Cardinals' opener was slugger Mark McGwire, who retired this year, and broadcaster Jack Buck, who missed his first opening day since he started in 1954. Buck is recovering from surgery for lung cancer and infections complicated by Parkinson's Disease.

In Cincinnati, a cow who avoided workers in a local park for 10 days after escaping from a meat-packing plant, was given a key to the city but was too unruly to appear in a parade celebrating the opener between the Reds and Chicago Cubs.

The 1,100-pound animal was agitated by the marching bands and crowd noise and ruled out of the parade.

Arizona raised the World Series championship banner over the swimming pool in right center field at Bank America Ballpark.

Diamondbacks manager Bob Brenly carried the World Series championship trophy out of the Arizona dugout and a replica of the trophy was on display in center field.

Then Randy Johnson punctuated the celebration with a six-hitter, shutting out San Diego 2-0.

In Seattle, the Chicago White Sox welcomed back slugger Frank Thomas, who missed almost all of last season with a torn right triceps.

"He's ready. He's excited to come back and hit," teammate Jose Valentin said of Thomas. "He feels like a little kid, like the first time he played in the big leagues."

So did a lot of others on opening day.

There was never one moment in the season where I thought we were going to lose."

On court, the contrast is just as total and runs to the core of what each team wanted to accomplish against the other.

For once, statistics don't lie. Entering the title game, only one team had scored more than 75

Indiana

Continued from D1
On Monday, Jeffries wasn't good enough to take them to a sixth national championship.

Jeffries played one of his worst games of the season in the Hoosiers' biggest game since 1987. The 6-foot-10 forward looked tentative, traveling twice in the opening minutes and was blocked twice on drives. He struggled with his shooting, too, making only 4-of-11 attempts, and finished with eight points and seven rebounds.

Newton, the Hoosiers' hero Saturday, also struggled, scoring

six points and five rebounds. Jarrad Odle and George Leach were little more than bit players, failing to score and combining for just four rebounds.

Indiana did have its usually strong outside game, hitting 10 3-pointers to keep it close. They needed more, though.

Coch King came up short, Chris Wilcox and Steve Blake finished down 3-point shots from ridiculous distances, even as "rattles" flew past their faces, the power forward and the point guard came up with clutch performances.

Wilcox frequently intimidated Indiana all-American Jared Jeffries, just as he had Drew Gooden of Kansas in the semifinals. "A week ago, Jeffries and Gooden were the hot NBA prospects. Now, Wilcox has outplayed them both for the highest stakes.

Where Gene Shue, Steve Francis, Len Bias, Joe Smith and Walt Williams never had the high-quality supporting cast to make a title run, these Terps had the perfect role players in Byron Mouton, Drew Nicholas and Tahj Holden to make their job easier.

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the feel of a festival — music, painted faces and lots of folks out for a good time.

The Huskies' plane touched down shortly before 5 p.m. and taxied to the gathering place.

The fans burst into applause and cheers as the team got off the plane.

Among those waiting was Gov. John G. Rowland.

"On behalf of the state, we want to thank you for a wonderful season," Rowland said. "Thank you for all you do on the court. Thank you for all you do off the court."

Maryland

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ry, Maryland ended one of the sport's star-crossed sagas in 1993 by beating a school with a glory-laden basketball tradition.

Thousands of red-clad Terps fans erupted in cheers and chants of "Fear the Turtle" and "Let's Go Terps" as the clock finally ran out.

What Len Bias, Tom McMillan and John Lucas couldn't do, Joan Dixon and Lohmy Baxter accomplished last night against underdog Indiana, a team that never set foot in the top 20 all season. They pair led Maryland scores, as they have all year, with 18 and 15 points. In the final moment of victory, Dixon and Baxter fell together at mid-

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Development director advises N.D. city

**TWIN FALLS**—Twin Falls' city economic-development director recently advised a North Dakota city on downtown revitalization. Dave McAlindin said he spent two days in Mandan, N.D. — with two economic-development peers from Virginia and Iowa — to discuss strategy for Mandan's downtown development once the city clears up a water-supply contamination issue.

Mandan had asked the International Economic Development Council for help. McAlindin said, and the IEDC, of which McAlindin is a member, recruited him for the task because of his experience with urban renewal and downtown improvements.

In Mandan's downtown, he said, real estate isn't selling, owners can't secure loans for property improvements and property values have plummeted.

"Because if you can't sell it, what's it worth?" McAlindin said.

### Allstate Bank offers information on accounts

**TWIN FALLS**—Consumers in Idaho now can get information about opening Allstate Bank accounts from participating Allstate agencies, the company said Monday.

"The banking products and services we are introducing expand Allstate Financial's portfolio of retirement investment products, and our offering includes annuities and mutual funds," said Kevin Slawin, chief executive of Allstate Bank.

The bank's products and services include FDIC-insured certificates of deposit, insured money market and savings accounts, checking accounts and home mortgages. Consumers will be able to access them through Allstate agencies, via the Internet at allstatebank.com, through (877) 794-BANK (2265), at ATMs country-wide or by mail.

"People know Allstate as a group of companies that provide safety and security to more than 14 million households, insuring one out of every eight autos and homes. Offering banking products in addition to the protection, retirement and investment products we already provide is a natural extension of our business," said Michelle Lee, Allstate's field vice president for the Northwest Region.

Allstate Bank was chartered in 1998 to provide e-commerce services to Allstate policyholders. In July, Allstate received approval to provide expanded retail products and services. Access to Allstate's Bank offerings online and through call centers became effective Oct. 1. The company expects that by year-end consumers will be able to open accounts through participating Allstate agencies countrywide.

### Report says Coke tries for vanilla version of soda

**ATLANTA**—Coca-Cola is reportedly developing a vanilla-flavored version of its flagship cola, extending the company's palette of flavors from Cherry Coke and Diet Coke with lemon.

The nation's largest soft drink company — which has a franchised bottler in Twin Falls — has prepared sample packaging for the new drink, to be sold initially only in North America. That's according to Beverage Digest, which reported the pending introduction in its current issue. Coke officials declined to comment on the report.

"It is not yet an absolute certainty, but I think it's very likely that they'll launch a line extension of Coke Classic," Beverage Digest editor John Sicher said Monday. "It's become very clear in the last year or two that new product innovation are an important component of marketing and drives growth."

Coca-Cola Classic remained the nation's top-selling soft drink last year, but analysts said Coke hopes to emulate the success of rival Pepsi-Cola Co., which has seen sales soar for Code Red, a version of its highly caffeinated Mountain Dew.

Adding vanilla to Coke will produce a different kind of buzz.

"I think they are excited about the prospect of adding some new flavors to their flagship brand," said Marc Cohen, a beverage analyst with Goldman Sachs.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Lee completes purchase of T-N

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS**—Look closely at page A-2. Starting today, the box in the lower left corner of that page identifies *The Times-News* as a Lee Enterprises Inc. newspaper.

"That's the only immediate change that I would anticipate," Publisher Stephen Hargen said Monday.

Davenport, Iowa-based Lee on Monday completed its purchase of *The Times-News* and 15 other daily newspapers formerly owned by Howard Publications.

But the same familiar *Times-News* will show up at readers' doors. Lee executives have said repeatedly they want all of the company's papers to reflect their local markets, Hargen said.

Lee founder Alfred Wilson Lee more than a century ago said a newspaper's priority was remaining as local "as the city hall or the town pump." Lee executives this spring reaffirmed that priority in a newsletter for employees.

All of the Magic Valley newspaper's employees — 17 full-time and 21 part-time workers — joined the Lee payroll Monday, Hargen said. They'll see no gap in benefits coverage, and employee benefits now include profit sharing and discounted stock purchases.

Hargen expects to see more sharing of news content with sister publications under Lee ownership — particularly with communities similar to the Magic Valley, such as Casper, Wyo.; Billings, Mont.; Bismarck, N.D.; and Rapid City, S.D. "That's a real benefit Lee will bring to us as a newspaper," Hargen said.

The papers, for example, might coordinate coverage of Western issues.

share agriculture stories and contribute to a Census-based project on market demographics. They'll also share strategies for circulation development, advertising sales and online publications, he said.

Monday's acquisition of the 16 Howard dailies included one that is jointly owned with another company. Also effective Monday, Lee gained a half interest in another daily newspaper through its affiliate in Madison, Wis.

Those acquisitions boost Lee's daily circulation by more than 75 percent, to more than 1.1 million daily in 45 newspapers across 18 states, the company said in a statement.

"The strong, common thread among all these incoming newspapers is that they're just like the rest of Lee," said Mary Junck, chairman and chief executive, in the statement. "They're all intensely local. They all serve solid markets that aren't too big. And they all bring well-earned reputations for innovation and growth."

In other words, they fit our strategy exactly, and that strategy is to continue building Lee as the pre-eminent newspaper group serving midsize markets," Junck said.

Lee's purchase of the Howard stock, announced in February, is valued at \$694 million. Lee said it paid \$435 million in cash and borrowed the remainder.

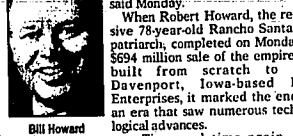
Lee expects the purchase to add 15 cents to earnings per share in the first full fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1.

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## Howard legacy: Integrity, community, pioneerism

By Dave Downey  
North County Times

The Howard family leaves behind not only 16 profitable local newspapers, but a legacy of integrity, commitment to community and a pioneering spirit that kept the North County Times and its sister papers on the cutting edge of change, several publishers said Monday.



Bill Howard

Howard family was one of the early adopters of emerging newspaper technologies, said Dick High, publisher of the North County Times, the largest daily in the Howard group, and former general manager of the largest Howard paper.

Howard and sons, Bill and Tom, were among the first in the industry to computerize their entire publishing operation, to publish multiple zoned editions, to use digital cameras and to pair graphic artists with salespeople on advertising teams.

"The most important thing about the Howards is they have a belief in this newspaper here in North County."

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# Into the Fortune 500

## IDACORP growth sends revenues rocketing

The Associated Press

**BOISE**—An aggressive campaign to capitalize on the evolving wholesale power market has catapulted the holding company for Idaho's largest electric utility into the Fortune 500.

IDACORP took its place among the nation's corporate elite after nearly doubling its revenues in a single year.

Power Corp. subsidiary supplies electricity to much of Magic Valley — debuted at \$12 with revenues of more than \$5.6 billion last year. More than 80 percent came from its power trading operations.

Two of Idaho's other top corporations — both of which are Magic Valley employers — essentially held their own in the ratings released in the issue of *Fortune* magazine that reaches newsstands April 8.

Alpertson's Inc., the nation's second largest food and drug retailer, remained at 38th place with \$1.9 billion in revenue. That was just a fraction higher than in 2000 but came during a financially difficult year.

And Boise Cascade Corp., which recently changed its marketing name to Boise, dropped just 15 spots to 256th with sales of \$7.4 billion. That 5 percent decline from 2000 revenues came amid a depressed market for paper products.

Micron Technology Inc., which made a meteoric rise last year from 430th to 248th when computer chip revenues more than doubled in 2000, slipped back to 365th. A depressed international chip market slashed 2001 profits to just \$4.5 billion from 7.3 billion the previous year.

It is the first year since 1996 when Idaho has had four companies on the list. The 1996 list, based on 1995 operations, included Morrison Knudsen Corp., which has since been through two bankruptcy reorganizations and is now known as Washington Group International.

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# ADDING VALUE



Marie and Richard Everett, members of the Montana Shepherd's Market check a pregnant sheep, days before its due date, Thursday near Stevensville, Mont. The Montana Shepherd's Market is among a growing crop of businesses trying to add value to their products. Agriculture officials are encouraging such efforts at value-added production, and a state program is offering marketing guidance and financial assistance for the ventures.

## Shepherds find niche with trade blankets

The Associated Press

**BILLINGS, Mont.** — Some western Montana sheep growers are weaving history into business, hoping their line of wool blankets carried to those Lewis and Clark expeditions across the West might help boost their profits.

"We wanted to take advantage of a naturally occurring marketing and build a following for our wool," said Jane Lambert of Montana Shepherd's Market LLC, a group of four family producers that has the soft shorn wool from about 750 sheep raised in the Bitterroot Valley turned into long, luxurious blankets.

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"If you're doing business the

way you did in the '50s and '60s, you're not going to be here long," said Richard Everett, a Stevensville producer with Montana Shepherd's Market.

Producers faced with lower prices for lamb and wool are seeking new options to market their goods, said Bob Gilbert, a spokesman for the Montana Wool Growers Association.

Lambert said the idea for the wool blankets came both from necessity and an interest in the Lewis and Clark expedition.

"I guess anger and frustration got me to thinking, 'What can we do?' I know we're on the Lewis and Clark trail. So I figured they'd have had wool blankets," she said.

And, she learned, they did. Through research and discussions with Billy Maxwell, who has studied historical textiles, she learned more about the blankets produced during the era, including standard sizes and colors.

In just over a year, the producers have developed a relationship with an established

Minnesota mill and an online business. They plan to market their blankets along the Lewis and Clark trail and to expand the product line to larger blankets that could be used as bedspreads.

"We are, in a way, still finding our legs," Lambert said. "It's very satisfying to have a dream turn to an idea to reality."

While Lambert was familiar with the expedition, she needed to know more about what the explorers brought, in order to make her products more historically accurate. Maxwell told her about the blankets of the era — some issued for sleeping or warmth and others for trade or gifts.

Lambert searched the Internet for mills that could turn the shorn wool from their Targhee/Merino flocks into blankets, and found one near Minneapolis-St. Paul.

About 6,000 pounds of wool were sent to Faribault Woolen Mill Co. last year, making about 450 of the blankets. Catherine Meyer, the mill's

## Midwest worries weigh on stocks

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — A flare-up in tensions in the Middle East sent stock prices reeling early Monday, but an afternoon rebound in tech shares erased much of the losses.

More positive economic signals also lifted the market off its lows.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 41.24, or 0.4 percent, at 10,362.70, recovering from an earlier deficit of nearly 100 points.

Broader stock indicators were mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 0.85, or 0.07 percent, at 1,146.54, but the Nasdaq composite index rose 17.27, or 0.3 percent, to 1,862.62 as tech shares rose in the afternoon.

Stocks started off sharply lower on concerns about rising tension between Israel and the Palestinians. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Sunday night that Israel was "at war" and

pledged Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat "an enemy of Israel."

MONEY

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stocks on the New York Stock Exchange with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and Vol. Includes major indices like S&P 500 and NYSE.

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Advertisement for B & T Truck Driving School, offering training for men and women.

Advertisement for Personnel Plus, a staffing service in the Magic Valley.

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Howard

Continued from D4. To take advantage of emerging technology... 'I'd had it been for the Howards there would not be a local daily newspaper in North County today.'

It wasn't until the late 1970s, before merging them into the North County Blade-Citizen in 1983. They then purchased a longtime rival, the Escrow-Times Advocate, and the California Times for the first edition of the North County Times on Dec. 3, 1995.

After the Monday sale, the product's high, sold, Robert Howard's beginnings were small. He started out working a heck, doing copy work for a small weekly newspaper in rural Minnesota, only with a minuscule circulation that his father had purchased during the Great Depression.

But the elder Howard and his sons were anything but small-minded. They quickly built a coast-to-coast empire, starting with a small weekly, selling nearly a half million copies of newspapers every day in 16 regions concentrated in the West and Midwest and along the Atlantic seaboard.

His thinking was big when it came to quality, too. While directing The Times-Avocate in Twin Falls, he marched to the forefront of the industry in the late 1980s when he was one of the first newspaper executives to adopt computer technology, which spread quickly to other Howard papers.

'People were flying in to corporate news in Twin Falls, described pagination as the first 24,000-circulation daily was putting out a newspaper with off-the-shelf technology,' recalled Stephen Hartgen, who took over as publisher when Howard left for Indiana in 1990.

High-quality work, part of his career in Twin Falls, described pagination as the process that produced 'fully digital papers, where everything is handled on the computer.'

'We went through four newspaper systems in 12 years,' Hartgen said. 'It was a constant state of change. These were completely new systems.'

Over in Wyoming, Tom Howard was doing some big thinking of his own during the mid-1970s and mid-1980s. Howard set up bureaus through Wyoming and established the Sun-Times as the first truly statewide newspaper. Today, the 31,000-circulation paper has twice as many customers as the closest competitor, even though it is only as big as Cheyenne, the state capital.

'He (Tom Howard) saw that as a big opportunity from a circulation standpoint and strategically as a way to pull the state together,' said Rob Hartless, the current publisher. 'It was a big deal for a small town with small streets.'

In making the Star-Tribune fit for the challenge, he converted to digital photography, something that improved picture quality and helped meet the earlier statewide deadlines by speeding up production. Hartless said.

High-quality work for a time in Casper, said the paper also was quick to take advantage of emerging technology. So quick, in fact, that the Star-Tribune's Web site address is still www.trib.com, even something the Chicago Tribune would love to have.

In the early 1980s, Bill Howard and High found themselves in Munster, Ind. - Howard as publisher and High as general manager - breaking new ground in merging their multiple zoning of editors to tailor local news to specific local communities. It was a breakthrough that pagination cleared the way for.

Zoning was a trend the North County Times, with its nine editions, adopted a few years later, and one that has been replicated around the country. For the Times, it meant creating separate pages for the front page and separate local sections for nine zones.

pagination was revolutionary in another sense, Hargen said, in that it did away with the century-old newsroom tradition of writing and editing articles, and then handing off the production responsibility to a cut-and-paste back shop.

'The nature of pagination was that it brought the look of the newspaper under the control of the newsroom directly,' Hargen said. 'In that sense was more like local news, like a newspaper in Franklin's time or Jefferson's time.'

'Everybody does it today, but it was the Howards who figured out how to do it like your paper. It was the Howards of course. In terms of operating decisions, they were always there to help you, if you needed it. It was a constant state of change. High put it this way: 'They have been a model of local autonomy, which is very unusual in the industry, especially during the mid-1970s and mid-1980s.'

Howard set up bureaus through Wyoming and established the Sun-Times as the first truly statewide newspaper. Today, the 31,000-circulation paper has twice as many customers as the closest competitor, even though it is only as big as Cheyenne, the state capital.

'He (Tom Howard) saw that as a big opportunity from a circulation standpoint and strategically as a way to pull the state together,' said Rob Hartless, the current publisher. 'It was a big deal for a small town with small streets.'