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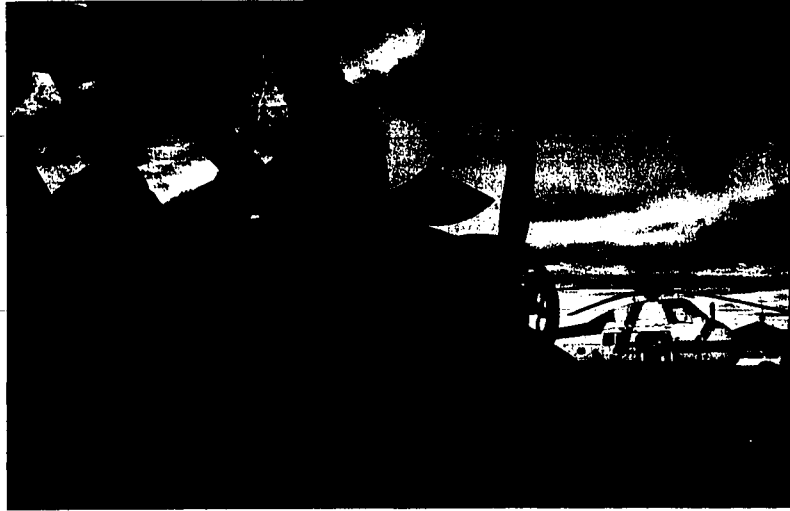
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# Trying to dust out fear



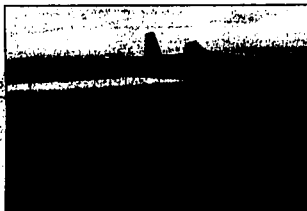
Crop-dusting plane owner Leif Isaacson tells student Jake Eames what functions all the controls in his Air Tractor crop duster perform. Eames and his fourth-grade class were visiting the Gooding airport to learn about crop dusters and how they work during the annual Idaho Ag Fly-In Monday.

## Crop duster pilots say they're unlikely terror target

By Mark Helz Times-News writer

**GOODING** - Rod Thomas's Sikorsky helicopter is a formidable-looking piece of equipment, but he said it would be nearly impossible for somebody with intent to turn it into a weapon of terror. "Just getting that engine to start would be about impossible for somebody without special training," Thomas said while standing next to his crop-dusting helicopter at the Gooding airport.

Crop dusters all over the United States were grounded after the Sept. 11 attacks, and lingering fears that terrorists might somehow snag a crop-dusting aircraft and use it to spread toxins or disease have since haunted the industry. But Thomas and other crop



dusters gathered in Gooding for Monday's annual Idaho Ag Fly-In said those fears are unfounded. "An untrained pilot probably could not even get one of these aircraft off the ground if it were fully loaded," Thomas said.

Fourth-grade students from Gooding Elementary School watch a crop-dusting plane demonstrate how it sprays crops with harmless smoke at the Gooding airport.

And screaming across the deck at the 3 to 50 feet that most aerial sprays can be effectively used takes a level of flying skill that requires specialized training, said Leif Isaacson, who owns a crop-dusting company based in

Terreton. There's also the fact that the spray systems on crop-dusting aircraft would probably be all but useless for trying to deploy effective amounts of any poison or biochemical weapon, Thomas said.

Even so, the National Agricultural Aviation Association and its state and local branches understand why people would be fearful of possible crop-duster attacks in the wake of Sept. 11 - and the association has launched a public-relations campaign to about that fear, Thomas said.

Crop-dusting companies around the country suffered losses as planes were grounded for up to four days immediately after the attacks, Thomas said.

There's also later ground- Please see PILOTS, Page A2

# Ferocious storm tears through Magic Valley

The Times-News and The Associated Press

**TWIN FALLS** - A spring storm packing winds of 60 mph across much of southern Idaho and up to 99 mph at Craters of the Moon National Monument left its mark in the Magic Valley.

A man who lives west of Twin Falls said his milk barn was destroyed Sunday, and trees were uprooted in Gooding County.

And continuing winds and snow Monday evening prompted the Idaho Transportation Department to close Interstate 84 from its split with Interstate 86 to the Utah state line.

Monday afternoon's peak wind gusts ranged from 30 mph at Burley Municipal Airport to 37



Sunday's high winds blew apart an old milking barn west of Twin Falls, said owner Doug Smith. People in other parts of Idaho reported more widespread, severe damage from the spring storm system.

mph at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport, and 41 mph at the Jerome County Airport. Those

winds weren't as strong as Sunday, when Twin Falls had a peak wind gust of 49 mph, Jerome

49 mph and Burley 40 mph. "We just had high winds, and it just got bigger and bigger. And about 2 p.m., we must have had a microburst," said Doug Smith, who lives west of Twin Falls. "My milk barn just exploded."

Smith said nobody was hurt and he lost no livestock when the barn - which was about 40 by 120 feet - went. But chunks of it narrowly missed a parked tractor, he said. And trees also stopped a large slab of the barn from slamming into a farm house he rents out, Smith said.

About four miles north of Gooding, Arden Schmit said high winds toppled a locust tree that stood at least 40 feet tall. It came up, "roots and everything," and Please see STORM, Page A2

# Dell adds jobs

## Customer service workers will start training in May

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Dell Computer Corp. will add customer-service functions to its technical-support facility in Twin Falls, creating 50 full-time jobs, Dell's local manager said Monday.

The Texas-based computer giant is recruiting for the customer-service positions immediately. It plans to start interviewing this week or next and put its new hires on the payroll for training in May. They'll start taking customers' telephone calls regarding billing, order-status and similar questions in mid- to late June, said Michael Jaillet, Dell's site director in Twin Falls.

Some who join Dell's ranks on the customer-service phone lines might progress later to the high-end technical positions.

The addition of the 50 customer-service jobs won't diminish Dell's announced intentions to employ 450 tech-support representatives and related staffers Please see DELL, Page A2

### About the new jobs

Dell Computer will create 50 Twin Falls jobs in customer service. Here are the basics on those positions:

- As part of Dell's Customer Advocacy Group, those workers will answer customers' telephone inquiries about order status, billing, financing, warranties and the like. In other words, it's the nontechnical support after a sale. That work is handled now in Dell's Austin, Texas, and Knoxville, Tenn., facilities and by out-sourcers.
- Dell plans to accept customer support calls in its Twin Falls center between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. That schedule could change.
- Base pay will be \$7.50 per hour. Workers can earn performance-based pay in addition to the base.
- Benefits include medical, dental and life insurance; 401(k) plans; educational assistance; paid time off; and an employee stock purchase plan.
- People can enter the application process by calling a toll-free number - 1-888-225-1283 - for an automated screening. That's the same number Dell invites prospective technical support workers to call, but Dell will modify the automated system to include an option for customer service applicants.)

Source: Michael Jaillet, site director

## Pope calls cardinals to talk about sex scandal

The Associated Press

**ROME** - Pope John Paul II has summoned American cardinals to the Vatican for an extraordinary meeting to talk about sex scandal in the U.S. church.

The talks will take place early next week, a senior Vatican official said Monday. The official said the cardinals would meet with some Vatican officials as well as the pope.

A spokeswoman for the Baltimore archdiocese said the meeting was scheduled for April 23-24. The Vatican official said only the eight American cardinals in charge of an archdiocese will be involved in next week's talks. They are Cardinal William

Keeler of Baltimore, Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston, Cardinal Francis George of Chicago, Cardinal Adam Maida of Detroit, Cardinal Roger Mahony of Los Angeles, Cardinal Edward Egan of New York, Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua of Philadelphia and Cardinal Theodore McCarrick of Washington.

The offices of Keeler, Maida, Mahony and Egan confirmed their planned attendance. But a spokeswoman for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Sister Mary Ann Walsh, said the conference's top two officials - Bishop Wilton Gregory, the president, and Bishop William Skelton, the vice president - also will attend. Please see CARDINALS, Page A2

## Accidental explosion kills U.S. troops

The Associated Press

**KANDAHAR, Afghanistan** - At least four U.S. soldiers were killed Monday and a fifth was injured when rockets they were trying to destroy accidentally blew up.

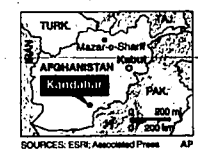
The casualty toll could rise because some soldiers were missing after the nighttime explosion, U.S. officials said.

The accident, coming at a time of increased-combat activity as the winter snows melt in the rugged Afghan mountains, highlights the dangers troops face even when not under hostile fire, Pentagon officials said.

The blast occurred at a demolition range next to the compound that once housed former Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar, according to local government spokesman Yusuf Pashtun.

### U.S. troops killed

At least four American soldiers were killed Monday and one was injured in an accidental explosion. A team of about 10 Americans was handling Soviet-era missiles or artillery rounds when the explosion occurred.



Several U.S. special forces troops live in the compound. An Afghan guard, who gave his name only as Ramatullah, said

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U.S. troops had been collecting confiscated weapons and ammunition and storing them at the compound for disposal. He said he heard a series of six explosions about noon Monday.

"We certainly want to express our sorrow and grief to the families of those that have been killed and injured," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said a Pentagon briefing. "And we salute the brave men and women in uniform who do, in fact, put their lives on the line every day to defend our country." Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the accident shows "our servicemen and women remain at risk."

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# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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## IDAHO ALMANAC

Idaho Extremes	Twin Falls through 8 p.m. yesterday
Yesterday:	High/Low
High 52°	44/32°
Caldwell	50/33°
Low 25°	47/32°
Deadwood	42/21°
Record high	82° in 1963
Record low	22° in 1963
Precipitation	24 hours ending 8 p.m. yest.
Month to date	0.07"
Normal month to date	0.11"
Normal year to date (Oct. 1)	0.42"
Normal year to date (Oct. 1)	4.52"
Humidity	Yesterday at noon
Barometric Pressure	Yesterday at 8 p.m.
Barometer	29.53 in.
Pollin yesterday in Twin Falls	Grass
Moderate	Woods
Absent	Trails
High	Mold
Moderate	Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Chilly with a stray shower.	A rain and snow shower possible.	Clouds, limited sun with a shower.	Clouds, some sun, a shower possible.	Mixed clouds and sunshine.	Sunny to partly cloudy.
▲ 48°	▼ 32°	▲ 48° ▼ 32°	▲ 48° ▼ 28°	▲ 52° ▼ 30°	▲ 56° ▼ 34°

## REGIONAL WEATHER

**Southern Idaho:** Brisk and chilly today with times of clouds and sunshine; a few spots, especially in the west, will have a shower this afternoon. Snow levels as low as 3,500 feet. High 34-48.

**Boise:** Chilly again today with clouds, some sunshine and a brief wind; parts of the area will have a shower, especially this afternoon. High 48. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with a shower and sleet or a flurry.

**Northern Nevada:** Chilly today with a mixture of clouds and sunshine; a gusty wind during the midday and afternoon when a few spots in the west might have a rain or snow shower. Highs in the 40s and 50s.

**Northern Utah:** Partly sunny, windy and chilly today; a few spots, mainly in the mountains, will have a rain or snow shower. Highs from the 30s in the mountains to the 50s in the lower elevations.

**Northern Idaho:** Clouds and occasional sunshine today with a chilly wind and a few showers; snow levels will be up to 2,500 feet. Highs from near 30 in the mountains to around 50 in the lowest elevations.

## NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 97° in Shenandoah, IA. Low 18° in Georgetown Lake, MT

## NATIONAL WEATHER

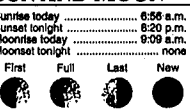
Showers are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.



## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:58 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:20 p.m.
Moonrise today	9:09 a.m.
Moonset tonight	None
First	None
Full	None
Last	None
Next	None

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## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Wed.		
Atlanta	83	64	pc	83	60	pc
Baltimore	90	64	pc	90	64	pc
Boston	49	32	sh	51	33	sh
Chicago	85	60	pc	82	52	sh
Cleveland	84	64	pc	79	55	pc
Dallas	84	64	pc	84	64	pc
Denver	64	38	pc	64	38	pc
Detroit	82	63	pc	79	53	pc
El Paso	82	56	pc	85	55	pc
Fargo	72	40	sh	61	33	pc
Houston	86	63	pc	88	63	pc
Indianapolis	83	63	pc	81	60	pc
Jacksonville	81	63	pc	81	62	pc
Kansas City	82	64	pc	78	61	pc
Las Vegas	75	55	pc	75	55	pc
Little Rock	84	65	pc	85	65	pc
Los Angeles	82	62	pc	82	62	pc

## CANADIAN CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Wed.		
Calgary	45	30	pc	39	24	pc
Edmonton	38	28	pc	31	20	pc
Kelowna	47	38	pc	44	34	pc
Regina	46	34	pc	44	34	pc
Saskatoon	44	28	pc	40	22	pc
Winnipeg	48	30	pc	41	26	pc

## WORLD CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Wed.		
Acapulco	89	73	pc	91	72	pc
Albany	63	45	pc	66	48	pc
Auckland	65	54	pc	64	54	pc
Bangkok	93	79	pc	91	80	pc
Beijing	66	44	pc	64	45	pc
Berlin	50	45	pc	53	40	pc
Buenos Aires	86	59	pc	85	65	pc
Cairo	90	61	pc	85	52	pc
Hong Kong	84	73	pc	82	73	pc
Jerusalem	80	63	pc	71	45	pc
Johns Bay	82	65	pc	78	56	pc
London	57	43	pc	54	38	pc
Mexico City	79	53	pc	73	56	pc
Paris	64	48	pc	64	48	pc
Rio de Janeiro	78	65	pc	76	60	pc
Sao Paulo	86	64	pc	84	64	pc
Seoul	72	48	pc	55	37	pc
Sydney	70	58	pc	73	55	pc
Tokyo	66	44	pc	64	45	pc
Warsaw	57	45	pc	58	42	pc
Zurich	45	42	pc	48	40	pc

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Wed.		
Boise	48	36	sh	50	32	sh
Bonners Ferry	39	32	sh	47	30	sh
Burley	48	31	sh	48	28	sh
Conard	46	30	sh	45	30	sh
Elko	50	31	sh	42	25	sh
Egans, OR	50	40	sh	54	36	sh
Hagerman	46	30	sh	45	30	sh
Idaho Falls	46	31	sh	47	30	sh
Kalispell, MT	47	29	sh	47	30	sh
Lewiston	50	38	sh	54	36	sh
Malta	43	30	sh	44	29	sh
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**Randy Hansen AUTO PLEX**  
 Poreline At Blue Lakes North

## Dell

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Expansion plans fluctuate with Dell's business needs, but he expects the Twin Falls facility to reach the 450-job mark in technical support by the end of the year. Dell now employs a few more than 300 people in Twin Falls, ranging from managers to the dozen or so first-day trainees who sit in Dell's orientation class Monday.

The first round of tech-support workers here started answering computer buyers' calls in early February, after Dell's whirlwind arrival and recruitment campaign in Twin Falls.

Local economic-development leaders have heard Dell leaders praise the quality of the Magic Valley labor force, and the College of Southern Idaho's contributions to training prospective Dell applicants. The pool of qualified candidates allowed Dell to meet its aggressive ramp-up schedule.

"Dell continues to show a lot of confidence in Twin Falls and the college, and I'm very pleased about it," CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer said Monday. "We really am pleased about what's happening."

Unlike many of the jobs created recently in Magic Valley, the new Dell jobs will offer full-time work and benefits, CSI Vice President of Instruction Jerry Beck said. "That's huge, in my mind."

## Career advancement

Teaching workers technical skills isn't hard, Jalliet said. "It's a lot tougher to teach people the soft skills - the people interaction," he said.

For the 50 positions Dell announced Monday, the company is seeking workers with experience in customer service - not necessarily technical savvy.

Those jobs will diversify, and thus stabilize, the Twin Falls facility, Jalliet said. And they'll introduce workers to Dell who might otherwise have steered clear or been turned away.

But some of those customer-service hires might display technical aptitude on the job, as well. And what Dell leaders have in mind is an internal career path, leading from customer service to technical support then - for a few people - to jobs in management, employee training or on-the-floor mentoring of tech-support reps.

## CSI's role

That's where CSI comes in.

## About PC Prep

The College of Southern Idaho already offers a course (called PC Prep) designed to prepare students to apply for Dell Computer's technical support jobs. Soon it will offer a course (still unnamed) to prepare students for customer-support work at Dell or other inbound call centers.

To learn about PC Prep: Call CSI's Center for New Directions at 233-554, Ext. 260. The center has information about PC Prep schedules in Twin Falls and in Burley.

To learn about the new customer-service course: Wait at least until Monday morning for CSI to assemble details. Then call the Center for New Directions.

CSI's existing programs prepare students to deal with customers in a generic sense. The new college course will focus on preparation for work in inbound call centers. It can't guarantee students employment with Dell or anyone else.

After closed-door discussions with Dell leaders, CSI made preliminary preparations already. Soon - with Dell's help - it will start putting the curriculum on paper, Beck said.

The college intends to run two or three sections of the course at a time, to suit students' varying schedules.

He said college officials hope Dell won't stop at 50 customer-service jobs if it finds a sufficient labor pool and is satisfied with CSI's training of potential applicants.

"We're hoping that the company would expand those jobs, expand the number of them," Beck said.

If CSI's partnership with Dell sounds familiar, it is. The college last fall rapidly rolled out PC Prep - a course in general computer hardware, operating systems and software - after developing the curriculum with help from Dell and others in the information-technology industry.

CSI will continue offering sections of PC Prep in Twin Falls as Dell's tech-support ranks expand, Beck said.

The college will soon run its first PC Prep class in Burley, in hopes of helping some displaced Kmart workers exchange retail for information-technology careers.

Remember that internal career path at Dell? CSI will create PC Prep class schedules that are compatible with Dell's customer-service job schedules. Dell likes to see its employees advance, and CSI intends to help, Beck said.

## Future at Dell

The computer company won't add equipment to accommodate the 50-person customer-support team, Jalliet said. And he has the bicycles ready.

What was a meat locker in the former grocery store on Pole Line Road now houses Dell's data center. Supported by the hardware already there, Dell could easily fill its Twin Falls facility with technical-support and customer-service workers, he said.

The company has no plans at this time to add any third function to its Twin Falls center, Jalliet said.

But, he added, Dell is "always evaluating its business needs," and the Twin Falls building still has unused space.

About 8,500 square feet for now serves only as storage for video equipment, chairs, packing material and the like. It's at the walked-off west end of the former grocery store.

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## Pilots

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Thomas said he was already traveling around the country, training crop-dusting pilots as a member of the Professional Aerial Applicators Support System.

"Now, when I take trips for PAASS, I just make sure I put in an extra plug for security," Thomas said. "Discussions of the security, there were also the usual activities at the fly-in this year, Thomas said. Local school children were invited to the airport for a tour and fly-by display each Monday. And people also took time to honor the memory of pilot Jay Morris, who was killed when the state juvenile detention department plane he was flying crashed earlier this year. Morris was for years an active crop duster, Thomas said.

Sadly, there's a memorial for at least one crop-dusting pilot at almost every yearly gathering, he said.

"It's still a very dangerous profession. Last year, we lost 84 pilots nationwide," Times-News reporter Mark Heinz can be reached at 735-3238 or by e-mail at [mheinz@magicalvalley.com](mailto:mheinz@magicalvalley.com).

Landright ridge beside his house, smashing a fence.

A neighbor's grain bin was picked up and carried into a field, Schmitt said. Another neighbor's tree was knocked over as well.

Dispatchers at the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center in Jerome said the center had not received widespread reports of severe wind damage.

Elsewhere in Idaho, Sunday's storm was more destructive.

The storm washed out one bridge in Valley County, isolating up to 100 homes between Donnelly and McCall, and there were reports of a second bridge being washed out. It has created a 70-mile detour for those residents.

Staff Sgt. Durfee said county officials declared a disaster in the Donnelly area, hoping for a designation that will provide the county aid to clean up and make repairs.

A mud slide closed Idaho Highway 17 between Banks and

## Storm

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The highest rainfall was over three-quarters of an inch in Stanley.

## Cardinals

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chly only to the pope himself. Besides the eight cardinals leading U.S. archdioceses are five other American cardinals: James Hickey, retired archbishop of Washington; Fordham University theologian Avery Dulles; and Vatican officials William Baum, Francis Stafford and Edward Scharf.

Cardinals are second in the Roman Catholic Church hierarchy only to the pope himself. They usually are summoned to Rome only when new cardinals are named or for a conclave when a pope dies.

A special meeting of cardinals from just one country is extraordinary. Only one similar meeting has been held before, said the Rev. Thomas Reese, editor of the Catholic magazine "America."

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# Video of Sept. 11 hijacker surfaces

Arab-TV-network broadcasts apparent farewell message

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - In a farewell message broadcast Monday on the Arab TV station Al-Jazeera, a man identified as one of the Sept. 11 hijackers said "It is time we kill the Americans in their heartland."

It was the first broadcast of a farewell video attributed to a Sept. 11 hijacker. Another clip from a videotape the station said it recently received shows Osama bin Laden kneeling side by side with a top deputy who proclaimed the terror attacks a "great victory."

It wasn't clear when the tape was made but the appearance of an apparent hijacker in one segment indicated parts were filmed before the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Al-Jazeera's editor in chief, Ibrahim Hilal, identified the hijacker as Ahmed Ibrahim A.



In this television image from Arab satellite station Al-Jazeera, Osama bin Laden, right, listens as his top deputy Ayman al-Zawahiri speaks at an undisclosed location.

Alhaznawi - one of four hijackers on United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania. Hilal said the hour-long video, complete with narration and

graphics, was delivered by hand to the station's Qatar offices a week ago. "I can't tell you about when the material was made exactly, but it

seems very recent," Hilal said, noting the narrator at one point refers to the March 27-28 Arab League summit as coming up shortly.

A U.S. official, speaking in Washington on condition of anonymity, said the man in the tape is believed to be Alhaznawi.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the bin Laden material appeared to be watched in the videotape he watched. Rumsfeld was not certain that the tape was shown was the same taped aired on Al-Jazeera on Monday.

"I was advised that what I was watching very likely was using a patchwork of clips from previous periods along with some dialogue of more recent periods," Rumsfeld told a Pentagon briefing, qualifying his remarks as "very preliminary."

Al-Jazeera, which has aired previous bin Laden statements, said it would broadcast the entire tape - which apparently includes old comments from bin Laden - on Thursday.

# Rumsfeld doubts utility of more Iraq inspections

WASHINGTON (AP) - Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Monday he cannot imagine a formula for U.N. weapons inspections that would be both acceptable to Iraq and successful in uncovering nuclear weapons.

He did not say what should be done in the absence of effective inspections, but Rumsfeld in the past has endorsed the view that if the goal is to stop Iraqi President Saddam Hussein from threatening to use a weapon of mass destruction then military action would be more effective than diplomacy.

"Everyone knows" Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is pressing ahead with a nuclear program and striving to improve and expand his chemical and biological weapons arsenal, Rumsfeld told a Pentagon news conference.

In a related development, two U.S. Air Force F-16s dropped laser-guided bombs on an air defense radar complex



Donald Rumsfeld

in southern Iraq on Monday. Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the F-16s attacked after one of the Iraqi radars "illuminated" one of the planes.

It was the first U.S. airstrike in southern Iraq since Jan. 21. In Baghdad, the state-run Iraqi News Agency quoted an unidentified army spokesman as saying "enemy warplanes-bombed civil and service installations in southern Iraq." The report gave no other details.

To lift the veil of secrecy from Saddam's work on weapons of mass destruction would require an inspection system that is "enormous intrusive" - more so than anything tried in the past, he said.

# FDA OKs botox for frown lines

WASHINGTON (AP) - The government has approved Botox, a purified strain of the toxin that causes botulism, to smooth frown lines - a decision likely to lead to even wider use of the widely popular injections.

Botulinum toxin is one of the most poisonous substances on Earth. But injected in purified, extremely small doses, it can be used safely to treat certain neurologic disorders, by temporarily paralyzing muscles that cause involuntary spasms.

The Food and Drug Administration approved that medical use of Botox years ago. But it is legal for doctors to use a prescription drug for other reasons - and two years ago, Botox suddenly became the rage among plastic surgeons and their customers eager for new ways to ease wrinkles.

By formally approving a cosmetic use for Botox on Monday, the FDA cleared the way for maker Allergan Inc. to advertise the injections as a wrinkle smoother, potentially making it even more popular.

Frown lines, those furrows between the eyebrows, are typically formed by excessive contraction of two forehead muscles. Injecting small doses of Botox into those muscles can weaken or paralyze those muscles, thus temporarily improving the appearance of the wrinkles.

It is only temporary: In one study of Botox injections, the severity of frown lines was reduced for up to 120 days.

Botox should be injected no more often than once every three months, and the lowest effective dose should be used, the FDA cautioned.

There are side effects, including headache, droopy eyelids, nausea and flu symptoms. Some patients - less than 3 percent in the study - also experienced face pain, redness at the injection site and muscle weakness. Those side effects were generally temporary but could last several months, the FDA warned.

# Retired Supreme Court justice Byron White dies of pneumonia

WASHINGTON (AP) - Retired Supreme Court Justice Byron R. White, a football hero whose reputation for clear-headed legal thinking and a hardheaded personality was honed through three decades on the nation's highest court, died Monday. He was 84.

White served on the court for 31 years before retiring in 1993. In the court's history, only eight men served longer. His seat was filled by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

With White's death, there are no living former Supreme Court justices. He had been ill much of the last two years and looked frail during his rare appearances at the Supreme Court. White had kept a court office since his



Byron White

retirement, but closed it last year and moved back to his native Colorado, a signal to many that his health was perilous.

White died Monday morning in Denver, of complications from pneumonia, a statement from the Supreme Court said.

Appointed by President Kennedy in 1962, White soon became a dissenter from many of the court's liberal rulings of the 1960s.

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# Powell supports plan for Mideast peace conference

JERUSALEM (AP) - Secretary of State Colin Powell on Monday embraced the idea of an international conference aimed at stopping Middle East violence and restarting Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations.



Secretary of State Colin Powell

Powell said the United States would not necessarily be host for such a conference and that Arafat could send high-level Palestinian officials to represent him if talks were held at the foreign minister level.

Sidestepping a clash with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who wants to exclude Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, Powell said the meeting might be held at the foreign minister level. But European and Arab leaders said any such conference needs Arafat's presence to be effective.

"It's a way to get the parties together and talking," Powell said on the ninth day of a peace mission that has made little progress so far.

Pressing on, Powell will meet Tuesday with Sharon for a third time and is making arrangements to visit Arafat for a second time Wednesday in his battered Ramallah headquarters, U.S. officials said.

"We will maintain close contact with both sides in the coming days," the State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

Sharon suggested the international conference to Powell at their meeting in Tel Aviv on Sunday, though Sharon objected to including Arafat.

"We've got to move quickly to a political track and there are many ways to do that and one way is with a regional or international conference," Powell said.

Sharon "gave some endorsement to that kind of idea" when they talked on Sunday "and Chairman Arafat did as well," Powell said.

But Hassan Abdel Rahman, the top Palestinian official in the United States, said Sharon should first stop his incursion into the West Bank. "Nothing can happen before that," he said in an interview from Washington.

Sharon, in a CNN interview, said Israeli forces would be withdrawn within a week from all towns and villages except Ramallah, where they surround Arafat's headquarters, and Bethlehem.

He said they would stay in Ramallah indefinitely but quit Bethlehem if terrorists surrender for trial or exile.

Powell said he did not broach the idea of who would attend a conference except that representatives of both sides would be there. He said of Arafat, "It doesn't necessarily require his presence to get started."

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi endorsed a conference, saying such a gathering must include the United States, the European Union and the Arab League as well as Israel and the Palestinians.

French President Jacques Chirac expressed cautious optimism, saying a conference could be a "new road leading us in the right direction." But Prime Minister Lionel Jospin warned that the conference wouldn't make any sense if it excluded Arafat.

British Foreign Office Minister Ben Bradshaw, interviewed by Channel 4 TV news, said, "We're quite clear that Yasser Arafat is the democratically elected leader of the Palestinian people and any idea of a conference that is going to have a hope of solving this terrible crisis that excluded him is ludicrous."

# Rally shows support for Israel

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - Thousands of Americans - liberals and conservatives, Republicans and Democrats, Jews and non-Jews - rallied on the National Mall on Monday to voice their support for Israel and its people.

"They set aside their political differences to send a message to President Bush and Congress: America must stand with Israel. The public show of support underscored the political pressure on Bush to back Israel's tactics in its conflict with the Palestinians."

"Some people here are right-wing, some are left-wing, but we all want to see Israel exist," said Sacha Litman, 28, a graduate student at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management in Evanston, Ill. Litman wore Israel's blue-and-white flag as a cape.

In the wake of the Sept. 11 attack on the United States, speaker after speaker said, "America must support Israel's efforts to enhance its security."

"This time, both America and Israel know how real is the threat and how ugly is the face of the enemy," said Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel. "The only difference is that at this moment, Israel fights for her existence."



Flag-draped members of the Ornstein family of Woodstock, N.Y., joined thousands of supporters of Israel at a rally at the Capitol in Washington, Monday.

## Israel captures Arafat aide - BS

The rally, sponsored by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, drew people from across the United States, who waved American and Israeli flags and sang the national anthems of both countries. The New York-based conference represents 54 Jewish organizations and works to protect Jews around the world.

The peaceful and generally upbeat event turned boisterous only once, when some of the demonstrators drowned out a speech by Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz. Wolfowitz, a strong supporter of Israel who represented the Bush administration at the afternoon event, said that "innocent Palestinians are suffering and dying as well."

In response, many in the crowd booed and chanted, "No more Arafat," referring to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

# Candidate faces charge in sheriff's death

SOMERSET, Ky. (AP) - A candidate for sheriff was charged Monday in the slaying of the incumbent, who was gunned down by a sniper at a weekend campaign stop.

Jeff Morris, 34, was being held on a charge of complicity in murder, jail authorities said. He was booked along with Kenneth White, 54, who was arrested on the same charge.

The two men are accused of being involved in the slaying of Putnam County Sheriff Sam Catron, 48. Prosecutors and state police did not immediately comment on the charges, or describe White's background.

Catron was shot in the head shortly after he finished a campaign speech at a political rally Saturday in



Sam Catron

Shopville, 70 miles south of Lexington. He was running for a fifth term and faced Morris and others in a May 28 primary.

The man charged with shooting the sheriff - Danny Shelley, 30 - was caught after wrecking a motorcycle registered to Morris. Shelley pleaded innocent to capital murder earlier Monday.

Jim McWhorter, the chief deputy sworn in as sheriff, has said Morris was a deputy under Catron from 1986 to July 2001. McWhorter wouldn't comment

on Morris' reason for leaving the sheriff's office, but he said he knew of no ill will between Catron and Morris.

Catron had been the sheriff of the sparsely populated south-central Kentucky county since 1985. He was known for personally piloting a helicopter to search for marijuana plots and patrolling the streets into the wee hours.

He usually wore a bulletproof vest because his father, then-Somerset Police Chief Harold Catron, was shot and wounded in 1957. The younger Catron was wearing the vest Saturday.

Coroner Alan Stringer said the bullet hit Catron in the head and killed him instantly. Hays said the shot came from "a considerable distance."

# Judge OKs use of confessions in killings of Yosemite tourists

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) - Prosecutors seeking to have Cary Stayner executed for slaying three Yosemite tourists won a significant victory Monday when a judge ruled that Stayner's confessions to the FBI and a television reporter can be used in his upcoming trial.

Stayner's attorneys claimed the FBI should have stopped questioning him after he initially declined to talk, and said agents coerced him into admitting he had killed a Yosemite park guide and the tourists. They also said Stayner was pressured into talking to reporter Ted Rowlands and not properly advised of his right to remain silent.

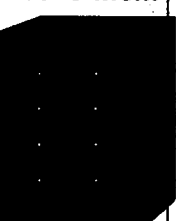
Superior Court Judge Thomas Hastings said there was "not a scintilla of evidence" that Stayner involuntarily confessed while being questioned by the FBI in Sacramento on July 24-25, 1999.

The judge pointed out that Stayner seemed eager to take investigators to the scene of one killing three times later.

Hastings also dismissed the claim that Rowlands was acting as an agent of police when Stayner confessed to the killings in an interview in the Sacramento County Jail on July 25, 1999.

Stayner, Santa Clara County

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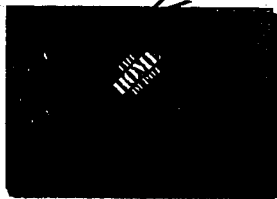


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# Woman's honesty about illness scares men



DEAR ABBY  
Abigail VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: I am a 20-year-old woman who enjoys singing, crafts and working with children. I appear normal and I'm almost always pleasant. Why do I make that statement? Because I have a mental illness, and there is still a stigma. People sometimes feel uneasy when with me. While over the years the stigma has lessened, it still remains to some degree. I have been treated like a child, been the topic of gossip, lost friends in the church, and have been feared and ostracized because of my illness.

After a few dates with a man, I feel I must disclose that I have some emotional problems — including bipolar disorder. My date invariably reacts like he's trapped in the car with a rabid animal. Abby, I am NOT crazy, dangerous or contagious! The men I date don't have to be afraid of me. However, when the truth comes out, my gentlemen friends run like scared rabbits. It's very hurtful. I want to be treated with understanding and respect, not punished for an illness I didn't ask for.

How nice it would be to have a

male friend who doesn't back away because of misinformation about mental disorders. Please ask your readers to give people with mental illness time to prove they are not monsters, just people who, for the most part, lead normal lives and have needs, wishes and feelings like everyone else.

### HOPEFUL IN VIRGINIA

DEAR HOPEFUL: It is true that many people are still ignorant about mental illness, and therefore harbor stigmatizing attitudes about it. It's ironic because one of the most widely prescribed medications in this country is Prozac. In your zeal to be up-front, it's possible that you are telling your male friends too soon about your bipolar disorder. It might be wiser to wait until they get to

know you better before disclosing that fact — at which time you can recommend they read one or two excellent books about bipolar that are available in paperback: "An Unquiet Mind" by Kay Redfield Jamison and "A Brilliant Madness" by Patty Duke and Gloria Hochman. Both illustrate that, with treatment, a person with bipolar disorder can be productive and successful. You are obviously intelligent and well-educated. You are in a unique position to educate others about mental illness — and if you do so, it will go a long way toward helping you to feel stronger and more self-confident.

A therapist recently told me about a patient who got her church to start a committee on mental health. Then she asked the minister to feature mental illness at one of his sermons in his "day of caring" series, which features topics like homelessness and migrant workers. Before the sermon, she stood up in front of the congregation and shared her own successful treatment story. The therapist attended the services, too, and was available to

answer questions between services. What a noble way to use the pulpit — not only to educate the congregation, but also to advocate for enlightenment on a subject where not enough light has yet been reflected.

DEAR ABBY: I had to smile when I read the letter from "Stephanie in Delaware," about how an unexpected compliment in her ninth-grade math class made a difference in her life. It brought back a memory from my school days back in the '50s. By far the best compliment I ever received, and one I'll remember the rest of my life, was from my ninth-grade music teacher. He reached out one day and took hold of my ear, wiggled it gently and said, "Don't ever lose that ear — it's worth a million bucks!"

My teacher's name was Henry Brubeck (older brother of jazz great Dave Brubeck).

— DAVID S. OLSEN, LOMPOC, CALIF.

DEAR DAVID: He not only had an ear for music, he had perfect pitch with words.

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**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** Relative is sincere but could be "genuinely misinformed." Strick close to home base. Heed inner feelings and follow hunch: Define terms, set promises in writing.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** Power play! Earning ability increases. Many people will depend on you for their emotional, financial welfare. Love relationship "sizzles." Capricorn will play major role.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Cycle high; you will be at right place at crucial moment almost effortlessly. Events are transpiring in manner that could bring you fame, fortune. Aries is feared role.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Let go of preconceived notions. Accent original thinking, inventiveness. Wear brighter colors. Make fresh start in new direction. Go into business for yourself if possible.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Emphasis on "direction of your life." You receive proposals that include career, marriage. Major wish fulfilled tonight. Cancer native will play creative role. Dare to dream!

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Utilize humor, intelligence. Promotion due, prestige on the rise. You will be "interviewed"

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concerning — fashion — trends. Gemini, Sagittarius play top roles, these letters in names: C, L, U.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Interest in philosophy and metaphysics will be stirred. Don't be satisfied with status quo. Travel, write and publish. Correct measurements, define terms. Scorpio represented.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You could be talk of the town! Your words are quoted. Members of opposite sex are drawn to you. You will be told by some: "We can hardly keep our hands off you!"

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Emphasis on home life, where you live and with whom. Questions concerning marital status will loom large. Harmony will replace dissonance. You will be involved with music.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Keep health resolutions that include exercise, diet and nutrition. Be realistic concerning employment, basic issues. Avoid self-deception.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Let others know you mean to carry out orders. Don't play games with those who flirt with the law. Be unorthodox, but know where you are going, and why. Capricorn is involved.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Decision reached concerning sales or purchase of property. Relationship is romantic and controversial; it requires that you maintain self-esteem. Hold tight to valuables!

## The only natural swimming stroke is the dog paddle

The best tennis players most often come from small families, the best wrestlers from large families.

"The words in this sentence average 4.78 letters long." That's too long. Average length of English words in general use is 4.5 letters.

You know those plants that trap insects? What they crave is nitrogen. They usually grow in dirt where heavy rains leach out all the nitrogen.

Your first cousin once removed is a closer relative than your second cousin.

Q. Who was the first author to make \$1 million solely on writing?

A. Jack London. Dead at 40 in 1916. Suicide by overdose.

Indians say: "If the Whites won, it was a battle. If the Indians



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won, it was a massacre."

If you insist on getting a penguin for a pet, bear in mind you'll have to teach it how to eat. Newly captured penguins don't recognize what you and I might call penguin food. They have to be forced to eat for awhile.

Said William Wrigley: "When two men in a business always agree, one of them is unnecessary."

One sort of spider catches minnows. Perches on a reed stalk near the surface, and waits as

only a spider can wait, then zap! scoops up the little fish. It doesn't chew it. Spiders don't chew. But it holds the fish against its mouth and the fish loses a lot of weight.

Q. What's the most common cause of death for people over age 100?

A. No one disease. Computer studies of death records show nothing. So medical researchers have to guess from interviews with survivors. Belief is most centenarians purposefully set target times, then simply shut down the bodily machinery as planned. They will themselves to die exactly as they'd willed themselves to live.

Long before Yugoslavia stopped being the name of a country, office hours there were 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Another way to live up the

dialogue is just make the claim that there's no such thing as organic fertilizer. Every fertilizer is reduced to inorganic form before it can be taken in by the plant.

"Aunt Jemima" started out as a hit song in an old vaudeville show. Way back then, cereal maker Chris L. Rutt thought it had such a nifty ring to it that he named his pancake mix after it.

Doctors who study the way the human body is supposed to function say the only natural swimming stroke for people is the dog paddle.

## Caitlin needs to talk about kiss on 'Spin City'

### Today

"Spin City" — After sharing a kiss with Charlie (Charlie Sheen), Caitlin (Heather Locklear) feels compelled to talk to a therapist in the new episode "Let's Give Them Something to Talk About." Charlie finds a high-tech way to listen in on the session. (HDTV) (CC) (TVPG) ABC, 7:30 p.m.

"Scrubs" — Nearing the end of his run as Noel on "Felicity," Scott Foley moonlights as one of Elliot's (Sarah Chalke) patients in the new episode "My Way or the Highway." She falls for him, then becomes alarmed by how alike they are. (CC) (TV14) NBC, 8:30 p.m.

"The Shape of Life" — The new miniseries about the development of animal life concludes with a two-hour installment merging the episodes "The Survival Game" and "The Ultimate Animal." The first hour shows how various species try to stay alive. (HDTV) (Part 3 of 3) (CC) (TVPG) PBS, 9 p.m.

### Wednesday

"Ship at War: Inside the

### TV Best Bets

Carrier Stennis" — One of the vessels involved in America's participation in the war on terrorism is visited by Tom Brokaw in this new special. Crew members recount their experiences reading and piloting fighter planes, and reflect on their feelings about defending the United States. (CC) NBC, 7 p.m.

"Combat Missions" — The reality series from "Survivor" producer Mark Burnett wraps up with a two-hour finale, as the remaining military and rescue professionals vie to be the champs of the competition. Host (and "Survivor" veteran) Rudy Boesch provides statistics. (CC) THE USA NETWORK, 7 p.m.

"Commanding Heights: The Battle for the World Economy" — The international economy over the past decade is traced in the miniseries' final episode, "The New Rules of the Game." The study begins with Bill Clinton's election to the presidency in 1992 and progresses up to last Sept. 11. (Part 3 of 3) (CC) (TVPG) PBS, 9 p.m.

### Thursday

"Will & Grace" — In the new episode "Wedding Bells," Grace (Debra Messing) gets a better sense than ever of what it would be like to be at the altar. She stands in for an ill bride-to-be during a rehearsal, and it isn't long before she gets overly wrapped up. (CC) (TV14) NBC, 8 p.m.

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## EDITORIAL

### Soaring Medicaid costs require an eye on waste

**N**obody wants to see sick people go without needed medications. So the State of Idaho was wise to suspend its Medicaid prescription review plan for a month - until the kinks can be worked out of its new rules procedure.

But once that happens, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare should press forward in its effort to harness the rising costs of Medicaid drug payments. It still makes good sense to monitor the prescriptions that the state is paying for.

scription benefits are unlimited, the state needs to exercise oversight to prevent waste.

That's not saying most doctors' prescriptions aren't necessary. Most of them are. But there are many redundancies in medications, and sometimes patients take multiple medications with dangerous interactions.

**Our view:** The state should continue its effort to monitor Medicaid drug benefits once the process is streamlined.

**What do you think?**

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

And with the steady increase of new drugs making their way to patients - thanks to ambitious pharmaceutical companies - there are plenty of reasons to make sure patients are taking the right medications.

But computer glitches have bogged down the system since it began April 1, and the new program has struggled to process claims. Pharmacists and doctors have been overwhelmed by state-mandated paperwork. As a result, some patients couldn't get their medicines on time. Some national pharmacy companies have even threatened to stop handling Medicaid prescriptions.

So the program is being streamlined. That's wise. The state should do all it can to make the process less disruptive to patients, doctors and pharmacists.

Despite the logistical problems, the prior review process is still a good idea. The state projects the program will save \$7.5 million in its first three months. Officials hope to save \$26.8 million next year.

That optimistic forecast may or may not be accurate. But given the drastic growth of state Medicaid drug payments over the last two years, controlling waste is essential.

**When Gov. Dirk Kempthorne first announced the state's plan to curb the growth of Medicaid spending, his ideas seemed to be right on the mark. Medicaid payments - which subsidize health care for the needy - are quickly becoming one of the state's biggest expenses. They've risen 16 percent and 25 percent in the past two years.**

The state adopted two big measures to save on prescription drugs. One was to require patients to use 75 percent of a prescription before refilling it. The second was to require prior approval for coverage of more than four prescriptions.

Neither requirement aimed to reduce the payouts directly, but rather to squeeze out needless costs.

The 75 percent use requirement has already proven effective in the private sector, by stopping those who abuse the system by stockpiling excessive supplies.

The prior approval restriction also was basically a good idea. Because Medicaid pre-

## Complex tax code costs taxpayers

**N**ot everyone who makes a mistake on a tax return shortchanges the IRS. According to a recent General Accounting Office study of 1998 federal income tax returns, as many as 7.2 million returns showed tax overpayments totaling \$1 billion. That's a \$479 overpayment per return.

These overpayments occurred when taxpayers claimed the standard deduction instead of itemizing mortgage interest and points, state and local income tax payments, charitable contributions, and real estate and property taxes.

**REP. RICHARD K. ARMEY**

To be sure, some of these tax overpayments were the result of simple errors or miscalculations. But the complexity of the tax code is certainly a key factor.

The current tax code is extremely complex and difficult to understand. It contains more words than the Bible. Even the IRS gives the wrong answers to taxpayer questions almost 30 percent of the time. Many taxpayers have concluded that it just isn't worth the hours and hours necessary to study and navigate the complicated tax code to calculate what they actually owe. They just overpay.

Trained tax professionals are not immune from mistakes that result in overpayments either. According to the GAO study, half of all the taxpayers who may have overpaid their taxes actually paid a third party to prepare their returns.

These tax professionals aren't high-priced Wall Street accountants and tax attorneys representing wealthy businessmen, investors and corporations. They are businesses and accountants



servicing middle-income America. According to GAO, the median income of individuals who overpaid taxes because they failed to itemize deductions is \$47,000. More than 75 percent of those tax returns that exceeded taxpayers' actual federal tax liabilities reported incomes of between \$25,000 and \$75,000. Only 3 percent were for tax returns reporting more than \$100,000.

But there's another reason taxpayers fail to claim legitimate deductions because they fear - rightly or wrongly - that certain deductions will raise a red flag with the IRS and trigger an audit. In the minds of millions of taxpayers, it's better to overpay now than face the tax-

man and an audit later. The GAO report is a stark reminder of the repercussions of a tax system that is needlessly unfair and impossibly complex.

But it doesn't take a government study to demonstrate to the average American the difficulty and unfairness of our nation's tax code. For most Americans, it merely takes sitting down every spring, spreading out their IRS documents and tax materials on the kitchen table, and trying to make sense of the chaos.

For these frustrated taxpayers there is some good news. Last year's tax relief legislation lowered income tax rates across the board, eliminated the "death" tax - an immoral form of double and sometimes triple taxation, and delivered relief from the

unfair marriage tax penalty. These are small steps toward a fairer tax code.

But real reform such as my 17 percent flat income tax proposal, which eliminates all special-interest deductions and creates a new code that is simple and fair, will only come when the American people demand that their elected leaders buck the Washington establishment that uses the tax code to advance the special interests rather than the public interest.

Until such bold action is taken, Americans will continue to pay it safe, overpay and hope they never get audited.

*Richard Arme, R-Texas is majority leader of the U.S. House of Representatives.*

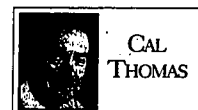
## Bush talks tentatively about terrorism

**T**he media are full of "news analyses" which say President Bush has lost his edge in the war on terrorism.

They suggest he should not have seen the world in black and white following Sept. 11 but in the gray and pastels in which analysts view most things. While some of these pundits view their favored issues in black and white, but when it comes to war, most are still wearing rose-colored glasses and singing "Blowin' In The Wind."

Some conservatives agree that Bush is losing his edge - but for the opposite reason. They believe it's because he no longer speaks with the moral certainty that has driven his approval ratings to near universal acclaim. They're right to be concerned. One can't simultaneously have convictions and appear to vacillate. To straddle the line is to invite an erosion of credibility.

President Bush was right to say last September, and again in his State of the Union address in January, that if you're not with America in this war, you're with the terrorists. Now, he seems to be saying something else and it's causing confusion among friends



and delight among enemies. In his new book, "Power Plays: Top 20 Winning and Losing Strategies of History's Great Political Leaders," Dick Morris examines selected political campaigns to see how politicians have won elections. In his first chapter, "Standing on Principle," Morris writes of how Ronald Reagan never wavered in his core beliefs. "Time and again," says Morris, "Reagan demanded that the Republican Party be 'revitalized' with a platform that is a 'banner of no pale pastels, but bold colors which make it unmistakably clear where we stand.'"

In the "war on terror," American enemies must wonder how resolute we are when all it takes is another meaningless statement from Yasser Arafat "condemning" terrorism for Secretary of State Colin Powell to

get a meeting and shake the PLO leader's bloody hand. In March, Arafat issued a statement "condemning" a terrorist act, but as we've seen, Arafat's words are worthless.

For President Bush and the United States to recapture the momentum in the war against terror, several things need to happen. Former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told me last week during a Washington visit that words must be properly defined.

"Terrorism," he said, "is defined by the nature of the act." There is no moral equivalency between what I call "homicide" bombings, which kill noncombatants, and Israel's efforts to root out terrorists. The killers hide among civilians in order to increase the likelihood of civilian casualties so that more pressure will be brought against Israel to accede to Palestinian demands.

The debate over land is really about "disputed" or "occupied" territory, because both sides claim ownership. Palestinian civilians killed by Israeli soldiers are accidental casualties. They are not targeted for death like

Israeli civilians, Netanyahu pointed out.

President Bush's advisors, said Netanyahu, have caused Bush to be "inconsistent," which is also "hurting the ultimate war with Iraq." The United States must take out Saddam Hussein, Netanyahu said, or it will live (or die) to regret it because of Saddam's complicity in terrorism. That's the kind of black-and-white language most people understand. When President Bush spoke this way, he struck fear into the hearts of our enemies. Now, at least in public, he seems more tentative. Those enemies will never embrace America or our beliefs, but using softer language will not win them over nor should that be our objective. Enemies must be defeated, or rendered harmless. Otherwise, says Netanyahu, we might see homicide bombers among us.

People who see us as evil and themselves as righteous do not suffer from blurred vision. They think they see clearly. What's our problem?

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### Cowboys article missed announcing by Joe Clements

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stand up and I'd get goose pimples all over. Joe's genius made the Cowboys bigger than life.

Years later, I asked him how and where he put a microphone to pick up the sound of the hitter's bat. He grinned and told me his "secret" - he had a special block of wood placed next to his mike in the broadcast booth. When the batter hit the ball, he would grab a pencil and smack the wood block with it. The sound was exactly like a Louisville slugger knocking the cover off the ball.

Thanks for all the great games and wonderful memories, Joe

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### Development ruins the space and beauty of Idaho

Further to the letter of Sandra and Daniel Haymore: Yes, I'm sure the proposed development in the area will ruin property values. My husband and I bought a home in that area six years ago. We bought because of the open fields. Now those open fields are going to disappear to make way for "progress and development." I

have been told by the planning and zoning commission that it will be a minimum of five years before my view of the South Hills will be a memory. Well maybe so, but as soon as the ground is broken, my husband, Mary Beth, and I, maybe New Mexico, I bought some desert ground last spring on the other side of Kimberly near the pretty golf course, but ground has already been broken for 50 new homes just down the road a piece, so guess I won't do anything with that property.

- Money, money, money; development, development, develop-

ment. I moved to Idaho for breathing space and beauty. Now they will disappear. I guess there's just not much we can do except bang our heads against a wall.

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### Idaho National Guard called out of San Francisco

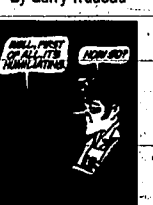
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By Garry Trudeau

By Bruce Tinsley

# New York mayor misses message on drug abuse

When I was a high school social studies teacher in Vermont, one of my duties was to instruct a state-mandated unit on alcohol and illegal drugs. Our curriculum encouraged us to lead "discussions" about these substances, but there was one fact we could never discuss: They make you feel good.

That's right: They make you feel good. You read it here first.

And so, New Yorkers will be reading it on the subway — right under a photograph of Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Earlier this week, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws unveiled a \$500,000 advertising campaign featuring a quotation from Bloomberg. Asked last year whether he had ever smoked marijuana, Bloomberg told New York magazine, "You bet I did. And I enjoyed it."

Stated for display in subways, buses and newspapers, the advertisements target ex-Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's "zero-tolerance" policy against public marijuana smoking. Thanks to Giuliani's zealous enforcement efforts, the number of New Yorkers arrested for pot smoking in city streets or parks soared from 720 in 1992 to 33,471 in 1999.

Bloomberg says he will continue to enforce the city's anti-marijuana laws "vigorously" and perhaps he should. Public pot smoking can create a menacing environment, especially for young children. It could also spawn a general disregard for public law and order, as advocates of the "broken-windows" theory maintain.

But we should not allow these legal issues to divert us from the important truth that Bloomberg admitted: Drugs can be pleasurable. A frank acknowledgment of this fact — especially in American schools — might hold the key to reducing our nation's dangerous dependence upon alcohol and illegal narcotics.

Starting in the late 1980s, public schools taught children that drinking alcohol — even in small amounts — would damage their livers, hearts, eyes and lungs. After the repeal of national prohibition in 1933, textbooks corrected many of these exaggerations. In the guise of "discussion," however, schools continued to emphasize the perils of strong drink — and the reasons that students should abstain from it.

A similar pattern marks the recent history of drug education. Since the 1980s, most anti-drug curricula have stressed the physiological and psychological dan-

JONATHAN ZIMMERMAN

gers of illegal narcotics. More than three-quarters of the nation's school districts adopted a single curriculum, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), which sent police officers into schools to lecture about the harms of drugs.

In the face of mounting evidence that this approach did not deter narcotic use, however,

DARE switched course. Rather than stressing the evil consequences of drugs, teachers and police officers now lead discussions about why people choose to ingest them.

That's a welcome reform, but it won't work if we ignore the most obvious reason: a desire for pleasure. At present, educators stress every reason for alcohol and drug use except pleasure. Peer pressure, low self-esteem, parental abuse — the list goes on and on. But nowhere do we acknowledge the plain fact that alcohol and drugs can promote

euphoric feelings in the human psyche.

A similar blind spot marks present-day sex education. Here, too, teachers are asked to lead discussions about the reasons teenagers engage in premarital sex. Only rarely, however, do our textbooks or teachers admit the clearest reason: It feels good. In sex education, as in drug education, pleasure remains the ultimate taboo.

Why? Most adults probably fear that any acknowledgment of pleasure will increase the allure of these activities. But the

students already know about the joy of sex, alcohol and drugs. They know it from film and television; they know it from popular music; they know it, sometimes, from their own experience.

What they don't know — or don't understand — are the dangers that these pleasures can bring. But we'll never persuade our children to take heed of the dangers if we continue to lie or dissemble about the pleasures. Mayor Bloomberg had the backbone to tell the truth about both of them. Let's hope our schools

follow suit:

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TWIN FALLS



Collin Aquila Antrim

Collin Aquila Antrim, "Our Big Guy," 5-week-old baby boy, died Saturday, April 13, 2002, at St. Lukes Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho.

Collin was born on March 8, 2002, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the son of Marlin and Janell Royce Antrim. Collin loved his family, in the short time he was with us he had the opportunity to see all of his family. He had a special way of looking at you that went directly to your heart. We are so blessed to have Collin in our lives.

Collin is survived by his parents, Marlin and Janell Antrim, and his big brother, Marlin Jr., all of Twin Falls, his paternal grandfather, Shirley Antrim of Twin Falls, his maternal grandfather, Jean (Socorro) Lopez of Tuttle, and maternal grandfather Craig (May) Hobday of Gooding. Also surviving are his great-grandmothers, JoAnne Royce and Eda Schultz, and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Kenneth Antrim, and his great-grandmothers.

Funeral services for Collin will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Pastor Lynn Schmitt of the Amazing Grace Fellowship officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Friends may call on Tuesday from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral-Chapel-with-family-to-greet-friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Family suggestions for memorial are given to the Collin Antrim Benefit Fund c/o U.S. Bank. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

TWIN FALLS



Elmer Curtis Hegg

Elmer Curtis Hegg, 71, of Twin Falls, passed away Monday morning, April 15, 2002, at the Sunrise Care & Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

Curtis was born on June 13, 1930, in Frazier, Minnesota, the son of Elmer and Selma Gunderson Hegg. He attended area school in Minnesota. Curtis served his country in the U.S. Army. On March 11, 1963, he married Mildred Smith in Twin Falls. Curtis worked for Brown Freight Lines, and also worked at M Distributing both in Twin Falls.

Curtis is survived by his wife, Mildred Hegg of Twin Falls; his three sisters, Dorothy Gay of Euclid, Minn., Edna (Norman) Bourry of Duluth, Minn., and Luella (Jerry) Solie of Ferlie, Minn.; and his three brothers, Jerome Hegg of East Grand Forks, Minn., Leonard Hegg of Duluth, Minn., and Harry (Ardeella) Hegg of Grand Blanc, Michigan. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Curtis was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and one brother. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, 2002, at Sunset Memorial Park with Pastor Ed Metzger officiating. At Curtis' request there will be no public viewing. Military Rites by Area Veterans & Auxiliary. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

A precious one from us has gone  
A place we loved is still  
A place to vacant in our home  
Which never can be filled  
God in his wisdom has recalled  
One who we loved and had grief  
And through the body slumbers here  
The soul is safe in heaven.

GOODING

**Marjynne J. Ruby Sellers**  
Marjynne J. "Ruby" Sellers, age 77, of Gooding, Idaho, died Saturday, April 13, 2002, at the Shoshone Rehabilitation and Living Center in

Shoshone, Idaho.  
Marjynne was born October 3, 1924, in Casper, Wyoming, the daughter of Burton and Helen Welshouse Corbin. She was raised in Wyoming and graduated from Nebraska County High School. It was at the University of Wyoming that she met Kenneth L. "Kenny" Sellers whom she married in 1943 in Chadron, Neb. After their marriage the couple resided at various locations including the Jackson Hole area from 1953-1965 and then in Alaska for 25 years prior to returning to the lower 48 states 5 years ago. She had resided in Gooding, Idaho, for the past 3 years.

Survivors include her husband, Kenny, of Gooding, Idaho; daughter, Linda Jean Montgomery of Gooding, Idaho; Daniel L. Sellers of Aniak, Alaska; brother, Milton "Caro" Corbin of Casper, Wyoming; 8 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by a daughter, Carrie.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, April 19, 2002, at the First Church of the Nazarene in Gooding, Idaho, with Pastor Randy Jones officiating. Interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding, Idaho.

Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

BURLEY



Dennis Hendrickson

Dennis Hendrickson, age 86, of Rupert, passed away Sunday, April 14, 2002, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

He was born March 23, 1916, at Fairview, Utah, the son of James and Maude Ann Gull Hendrickson.

He attended school in Rupert, Idaho, and married Evelyn Gae in Burley on December 31, 1937. Their marriage was later dissolved in the Oakland, California, LDS Temple. He was a high priest at the time of his death. Dennis was a farmer most of his life, but he also worked at J.R. Simplot for nine years, retiring in 1982.

He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He loved gardening, vegetables and flowers. He loved the out-doors and farming. He owned many horses over the years and enjoyed racing and training them.

Survivors in addition to his wife, Evelyn, of Rupert, include two daughters, Sheryl (Nick) Pace of Colgate Station, Texas, and Nancy (Don) Dozier of Paul, Idaho; grandchildren Lori Maurice of The Woodlands, Texas, Phil Pace of The Woodlands, Texas, Pat Pace of Mansfield, Texas, Annette Engkat of Hialeah, Idaho, and Richard Dozier of New Plymouth, Idaho; and one sister, Jesse Pickering of Sun City West, Arizona.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Jim Hendrickson; and one sister, Marjorie Bowman. Shroud friends desire, memorial contributions can be made to American Muscular Degeneneration Foundation, P.O. Box 515, North Hampton, Massachusetts 01063.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 18, 2002, at the Rupert 1st Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 805 G. Street, with Bishop Paul Duncan officiating. Family will greet friends for one hour prior to services at the church on Thursday. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

He is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Irwin, Verl and Paul Chesley; and two sisters, Maycey Burgess and Virginia Gray.

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TWIN FALLS

**Ferrell W. Bell**  
1928-2002  
Ferrell W. Bell, 73, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, April 13, 2002, at Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly, Idaho.

Ferrell was born November 16, 1928, in Rupert, the son of Wayne and Lucille Barr Bell. He worked most of his life as a cattle buyer and salesman and was an avid outdoorsman. Hunting and fishing and spending time with his beloved companion, his dog Booze, were his favorite pastimes. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Ferrell is survived by his children, Donald Lanoster of Jackport, NV, Ricky Lowe of Boise, ID, and Jeanne McKeen of Pocatello, ID; one brother, Dwight D. Bell of Twin Falls, ID;

two sisters, Joan Hasselstrom of Rupert, ID, and VerLoe Hall of Paul, ID; 9 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and a 10-year-old grandson, Boozie, and his good friend, Peggy Watson.

His parents and his son, Terry Lowe, preceded him in death.

Funeral Services for Ferrell will be held Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at 11 a.m. at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Officiating will be Pastor Kelly Golay. Interment will be held following services at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls, ID.

Visitation for Ferrell will be held Tuesday, April 16, 2002, from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

The family wishes to extend a special "Thank You" to Mountain View Care Center for their loving care of Ferrell and their kindness and compassion to the family.

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Falls/Blackfoot area until moving to Gooding. In Gooding he and his wife operated their own taxi service, which worked as a janitor at the Lincoln Inn Hotel and First Security Bank. In 1962, he became custodian at Gooding Elementary School until retirement in 1976.

John was a member of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding and was a member of the Knights of Columbus for 65 years and was a Past Grand Knight. He was chairman of the board of the Gooding Senior Center from 1993-1996.

Surviving John are his 14 children, Edwin (Ann) Becker and Louise (Larry) Ervin, all of Gooding; Conrad (Abbie) Becker of Idaho Falls; Raymond (Laura) Becker of Metairie, Louisiana; John (Kathy) Becker of Tucson, Arizona; Marcella (Mike) Marlinovich of Rock Springs, Wyoming; Viola Becker on Inkom, Idaho; James (Sandra) Becker of Boise; Margene (Dallas) Willis of Twin Falls; Kenneth (Lynette) Becker of Post Falls, Idaho; Michael (Randy) Becker of Boise; Lorita (Lisa) Goemer of Nampa; Patrick (Lynn) Becker and Nicholas (Karia) Becker, all of Boise; two brothers, Isidore Becker of Lock Haven, Pennsylvania; and Paul Becker of Manteca, California; one sister, Sr. Justa Becker of St. Francis, Wisconsin; 38 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marcelline Becker, on April 14, 2001; his parents; two grandchildren; two great grandchildren; three brothers; and three sisters.

Rosary prayers will be recited on Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at 7 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, April 18, 2002, at 1 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church with Fr. Paul Wander as celebrant. Family members and friends may call on Wednesday, April 17, 2002, from 1-6 p.m. at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

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SHOSHONE



William Yashio Hata

William Yashio Hata, 87, of Shoshone died in Tucson, Az. April 4, 2002, of cancer.

Born 20 July 1914 in Los Angeles, the son of Reverend Shokichi Hata and Katsura Hata.

Bill married Sumie Onishi on July 3, 1941. He served in the Army from 1941-1944. They resided in Chicago, Illinois, until June 1956. They moved to Shoshone and purchased the Manhattan Cafe, which they operated until 1980, when they retired. He loved his children and grandchildren, fishing and his various hobbies.

Survivors include his wife, Sumie; children, Donna Spets, Joyce Bjorklund (Richard), Edith Dobbs, Lonnie Dobbs, and Mary Hata; Gailigen (Mike); nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Lily Yamaguchi of Yokohama, Japan.

He was preceded in death by his son, William (Billy) Teruo Hata; his parents, Reverend Shokichi and Katsura; and his brothers and sisters George Hata, Hideo Hata, Mary Sadatake and Thomas Hata.

The memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. April 2002, at the Paul Methodist Church.

Idaho Power seeks to recover \$256.4 million from ratepayers

BOISE (AP) - Idaho Power Co. formally asked state utility regulators on Monday to allow it to recover from ratepayers \$256.4 million in higher-than-normal costs for generating and reducing consumption of electricity in the past year.

The company's annual "power cost adjustment" request to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission is based largely on the water supply for hydroelectricity in Idaho Power's Snake River reservoirs.

The proposal includes \$223 million for costlier power generated from other sources and for expenses incurred in the course of reducing demand for electricity as a way of limiting the need for purchases on the skyrocketing wholesale market.

Idaho Power owes \$147 million to irrigators and Astaris - which shut down its Pocatello phospho-plant at year's end - for last year's program that paid them not to use electricity.

The power adjustment request also includes \$33.4 million in additional expenses expected in the coming year.

If the entire request is approved, rates for the nearly 336,700 Idaho Power customers in the state would increase an average of 10.6 percent on May 16, then drop 6.2 percent on Oct. 1.

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DEATH NOTICES

**Ruby Haynes**  
BUHL - Ruby Haynes, 93, of Buhl died Monday, April 15, 2002, at a care facility in Twin Falls.

Arrangements pending under direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

**Margaret Maxfield**  
TWIN FALLS - Margaret Maxfield died Sunday, April 14, 2002, in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

**Wladimir Miszczenko**  
HAZELTON - Wladimir Miszczenko, 75, of Hazelton died Monday, April 15, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

**Francis Walter Boyd**  
JEROME - Francis Walter Boyd, 88, of Jerome died Dec. 10, 2002, in Meridian.

The graveside memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 19, 2002, in the Jerome Cemetery, West Avenue I, Jerome. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

SERVICES

Lorine Pauline Bohle Mettler of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. today at Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 Eighth St., Rupert; visitation one hour before the service at the church; burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Wednesday at the Burley 10th Ward-chapel-of-the-Church-of-Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 515 E. 10th St.; visitation from 6-8 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main, and one hour before the service Wednesday at the church; burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery with military graveside rites by the local veterans' organizations.

Charles Heber Fenstermaker of Salt Lake City, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at Lakeview Memorial Drive, 1640 E. Lakeview Estate, Bountiful, Utah.

Tauna Kay Armenta of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 215 E. Second Ave.; Jerome; visitation from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome; interment will follow at Jerome Cemetery.

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# Jerome council considers zone change

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** — St. Benedict's Family Medical Center, 709 N. Lincoln St., may be zoned as a central business district if a proposed ordinance is adopted by the City Council.

The land where St. Benedict's is located has never been given a zoning designation, said City Administrator Travis Rothweiler.

A public hearing is scheduled before the council at 7 p.m. today to receive testimony for and against the proposed zoning change. St. Benedict's recently announced that it intends to build a facility at the Crossroads Ranch north of Interstate 84 and west of U.S. Highway 93.

Rothweiler is requesting the property be designated as central business district, which would be

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The Jerome City Council meets today at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A. The public is welcome.

compatible with current uses in the surrounding area.

A public hearing on the zoning proposal was held before the planning and zoning commission on April 8. No testimony was presented at that hearing.

The planning and zoning commission is recommending to the council that the property be zoned central business district.

Other business tonight includes:

- **Mural** — The Jerome Pet Pals plan to display a mural painted by the "On Our Way" 4-H group for the City Council and the public to view. The 4-H group mem-

bers will receive certificates of appreciation for their work on the mural.

Karen Kramer, a member of the Jerome Pet Pals, said the mural is painted on heavy plywood, is quite sturdy and about 8 to 10 feet long. Pet Pals hopes to use the mural as a sign and locate it at the entrance to the animal shelter.

- **Summer hire** — The council will consider hiring a summer engineering technician for six months to help with construction surveying, construction staking, inspection, and drafting at a cost not exceed \$8,000. The city engineer and public works director provide as many of these services as time allows but say they can't keep up with the present construction projects.
- **Contracting** with a summer technician, the city could keep its many construction projects on

schedule. The technician would provide service that would normally require an engineering consultant at a much higher rate.

The hiring of a summer technician would be evaluated to see if the concept works. If it is successful, the Urban Renewal Agency has agreed to cover an additional \$8,000 for the technician for a total budget of up to \$16,000.

- **Meeting change** — The planning and zoning commission is requesting a change in meeting dates from the second and fourth Mondays of the month to the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. The move will ease summer scheduling concerns, allow members to attend their children's activities and remove scheduling conflicts with other commissions, namely the mayor's commission on minority relations, which also has a Monday meeting date.

# School board awards contracts in close vote

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** — The next phase of construction at Minico High School will continue with low bids for each portion of the package accepted at Monday's school board meeting.

There was some question about bids for the site utilities portion of the package, a 3-2 vote by the board, with Chairman Randeef Martin breaking the tie, awarded the contract to low bidder Hoffbuh Excavating Inc.

Kelly Walton, general manager of Walton Inc., had filed a bid protest after the bid opening on Wednesday. Both Hoffbuh and Walton had bid for the site utilities portion; Hoffbuh bid \$576,293.70, and Walton bid \$646,377.

The bid from Hoffbuh excluded a bid amount on fans and did not specify an electrical subcontractor. Walton told the board instructions to the bidders said no exclusions were allowed and yet Hoffbuh did exclude a bid on fans.

"We need to be bidding the same job our competition is bidding," Walton said.

There was also an issue about the naming law and whether not specifying an electrical subcontractor violated that law.

Chuck Ranstrom, of Hoffbuh Excavating, said there was no violation and his contract was the lowest responsive bid.

Board attorney Jason Walker said the board could reject Hoffbuh's bid and accept the bid from Walton, accept Hoffbuh as the low bid or re-bid the project.

Re-bidding the project would send construction back about three weeks, said Mike Berard of Kreizenbeck Constructors Inc.

Board member Greer Copeland made the motion to accept Hoffbuh's bid. George MacDonald also voted yes. Votes against the motion came from Curtis Janssen and Doyle Price.

"We have a school to build," Martin said.

The board heard about curriculum in the language arts and driver's education programs from

Curriculum Director John Fennell. The board approved both sets of curriculum.

Concerning the accelerated Reader program will be looked into, Fennell said. Some parents have said the AR program makes some students lose the love to read because they are limited to certain books.

MacDonald said those parents should not have to wait a year to have those concerns addressed.

"What is being done right now?" MacDonald asked.

Fennell said the concerns were heard recently, and the language arts curriculum committee did not have enough time to address them. A survey is being planned to hear concerns and look for ways to resolve the issue.

"This is not a one size fits all," Fennell said. The committee will look to find a way to keep capable readers reading.

Jodie Mills, data coordinator for the district, said students who are reading well may need different motivations to read other than AR points.

— In other board business:

- **State honors** — Otha McGill was honored for his work in flag education. He will be awarded a distinguished service award from the Idaho Association of School Administrators.
- **Minico Athletic Director** Tim Perrigo was also recognized for earning the honor of State 5A Athletic Director.
- **Psychologist's research** — School psychologist Gunnar Skollingsberg was approved to contact parents about a possible research project. Skollingsberg said he is looking to study intrinsic and extrinsic motivation.
- **Intrinsic motivation** is a child's natural curiosity, which studies say decreases as students get older. Skollingsberg said he will look at two groups of students — both gifted and talented students and students with learning disabilities.

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# Minico High School tries 'academy' approach

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News correspondent

**RUPERT** — Minico High School officials are encouraging students who will start their sophomore year this fall to sign up now for one of three new academy programs.

Dea Rogers, Minico High School principal, has been recruiting students to the new programs. Rogers describes an academy as a small learning community, consisting of a group of students who take classes together for at least two years and are taught by a team of teachers from different disciplines.

The academy includes a college preparatory curriculum with a career theme, enabling students to see relationships among academic subjects and their application to a broad field of work, Rogers said.

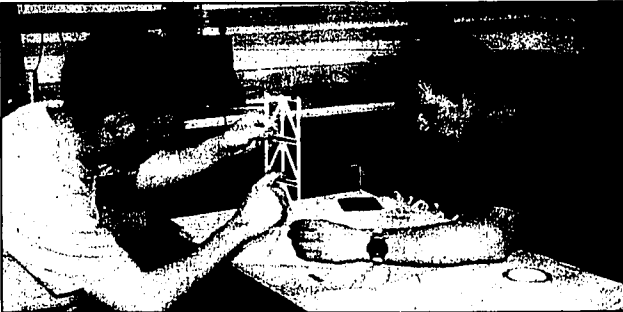
Advantages of academy learning are partnerships formed with employers, the community and local colleges, which bring resources from outside the high school to improve student motivation and achievement, Rogers said.

Being in a program with the same students from sophomore through senior years prepares students to work at a job and get along with people who they might not like, said Marvin Scow, head of the technical department at Minico.

"Students are scheduled together for at least three classes a day," Scow said.

Randy Reddington, professional/technical coordinator for Minico County School District, said a key feature of the program is the supportive environment which is often developed among students and their teachers.

Other features of the program include the linking of academic and career paths, and support from employers, parents and



Tod Crane, right, and Chris Larsen build a structure which will be tested on an earthquake simulator. These types of activities will be part of a pre-engineering academy, scheduled to start this fall at Minico High School.

community members, he said.

"The program also focuses on achievement and post-secondary plans and objectives," he said.

While Rogers, Reddington and lead teachers for the program are preparing for the academies, others like science teacher Steve Barnes are working on curriculum.

During a regular science class, students study a unit on earthquakes, which includes mapping and surveying earthquake areas, Barnes said. But when the earthquake unit is combined, as it would be for the academy program, students would go to the drafting room and work on the computers to develop a floor plan of a building and then build an earthquake-safe structure. The students would then test the structure on an earthquake simulator.

The beginning point of setting up the academies is to tie the learning to possible careers, Barnes said. Barnes would teach

**About the 'academies'**

These new academy programs will be offered this fall at Minico High School:

- **Pre-engineering** for students who are interested in architecture, 3-D animation, mechanical, agricultural, electrical or civil engineering or landscape architecture.
- **Health occupations** for students who are interested in careers as athletic trainers, certified nursing assistants, occupational therapists or dental hygienists.
- **Business, finance and information technology** for students interested in accounting, financial management, administrative support, computer science, marketing and sales, legal and personnel services.

For more information about academy programs go to: <http://dan.berkeley.edu/Definition.htm>

the academic end — the why and how earthquakes occur.

In classes being taught at Minico now which will be included in the academy program, students are learning about things such as surface waves created by earthquakes, which was tied in when they saw results of building the earthquake-safe structures.

The last class of this type held the students' interest, Barnes said. "They were all making bets," he said. "It was almost like a competition between the groups."

Several advantages can be seen, Barnes said.

"Students can see how the academic side of learning ties into the real world," he said. "It allows them to do some hands-on activities. As a result, they learned a lot more."

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# Nasty wind puts damper on Las Vegas glitter

Los Angeles Times

**LAS VEGAS** — Winds gusting up to 90 mph swept blinding dust across the city Monday, closing the airport and cloaking the Strip with near-zero visibility.

The winds caused tall office buildings to sway; resort casinos closed pools and outdoor attractions as tree limbs whipped violently.

"These are the strongest winds I've seen in years," said forecaster Don Maker of the National Weather Service here.

Gusts outside his office were clocked at 69 mph, and a spokesman for the Stratosphere Tower, the tallest building west of the Mississippi, said winds at the top of it were measured at 90 mph. Similar gusts were reported along Interstate 15 approaching Las Vegas from the south.

The winds, which began Sunday evening and were expected to subside overnight, were caused by an unusually strong low-pressure system out of Alaska that was moving across the deserts of Southern California, northern Arizona and southern Nevada and Utah.

No serious injuries were reported but fire and rescue personnel said several people were struck by airborne trash cans and

other debris.

Local hospitals reported emergency rooms filled with patients complaining of asthma, eye irritation and ankle sprains from being knocked down by gusts. Air quality authorities issued a warning at noon for people to remain indoors because of windblown dust.

At nearby Lake Mead, seven occupants of a houseboat were treated for hypothermia after it was swamped in high waves, according to the Clark County Fire Department.

Throughout town, billboards were ripped apart and trees were uprooted, taking power lines down with them.

"We're running short (of available fire trucks) all over the valley," said Tim Szymanski, spokesman for Las Vegas Fire and Rescue Services Department. "Everybody's out working right now, crisscrossing the valley."

Nevada Power Co. said outages affected 85,000 customers.

Air traffic was halted at McCarran International Airport at 1:15 p.m. due to limited visibility, but operations returned to normal later in the afternoon.

The dry, cold front was expected to reduce temperatures here from the mid-90s to the mid-70s today.

# Attorney general candidate stumps in Burley

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — A stronger relationship with local elected officials and a push to maximize profits from timber lands through Todd Lakey's platform in his bid for the Idaho attorney general's job.

Lakey, a Republican, met with the Cassia County officials and one citizen Monday to discuss his candidacy. Lakey, a Canyon County commissioner, said it is "important for the attorney general to understand the impact of his decisions outside his office and outside the Statehouse."

As a commissioner and a former county attorney, Lakey said he understands how decisions made in Boise affect communities in Idaho. Using the attorney general's position as a member of the State Lands Board, he would

*"The attorney general should be, and I will be, the strongest advocate for Idaho water."*

—Candidate Todd Lakey

fight to make timber, minerals and range resources on public lands available to local industries, he said. The lands board has supervisory authority over state lands.

Besides pressing for uses of state land which would provide income to Idaho's communities, Lakey said he would act assertively to sway federal land management decisions. In some cases the best method to influence federal policy would be to take control of the land through exchanges, he said.

Lakey said he would fight to

commodity storage space, and 8,279 square feet for offices, client services and administration. It will also have room to expand. The agency hopes to break ground on the project early in 2003.

The South Central Community Action Agency, which celebrated its 25th anniversary in January, assists low-income residents of Twin Falls, Jerome, Lincoln, Gooding, Camas, Cassia, Minidoka and Blaine counties and has satellite offices in Jerome and Burley. The agency has anywhere from 29 to 36 employees, including case managers, data

entry clerks, office clerks and work crews, Robinette said.

The agency provides food, transitional housing, energy and medical assistance, but its busiest program is verifying the homes of low-income residents to keep them warm in the winter and cool in the summer, helping them save dollars on energy bills.

There are more than 900 community action agencies in the United States, and six are in Idaho.

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neighborhood commercial development, Councilman Trip Craig said.

But area residents are riled about the proposals. Of most concern, they said at last week's planning and zoning meeting, is Florence's commercial proposal that could include a gas station, convenience store and restaurant and coffee shop. Many also said they thought the sizes of the lots are too small, resulting in too dense a population for the neighborhood.

City Council members expect a long procession of speakers before they make their decision, but Wonderlich told them that decision could be overturned if any of them spoke to people about the issue before May 6. He also said they should avoid reading any letters about the Handkins

Road Subdivision. They are to forward those letters to the city offices to be read during the hearing.

The council will be functioning as quasi-judicial board, Wonderlich said.

"You're expected to act as judges," he said. "This is not the like the Legislature, where it's expected that everybody will be twisting some arms up front. This is quite the opposite."

Anticipating a large crowd for the hearing on May 6, the City Council tried to find larger accommodations for the speakers. But Mayor Lance Clow said he could not find a place that would take the necessary television and recording equipment.

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announcements will likely be announced later this week.

South Central Community Action Agency would use the grant, along with loans through U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development and donations, to build the new facility the agency says it badly needs.

The agency now works out of four old buildings on Shoehorn Street that are more than a century old.

"We want to provide better services to those less fortunate," Robinette said. "It's hard enough when you have to go ask some-

body for help and then you enter a facility that needs a lot of help itself. Our offices are overcrowded, the electrical is outdated and overused, and there's no room for any type of expansion. They (clients) usually don't know where the front door is. It's very complicated and confusing to a lot of people."

The new \$1 million facility would be built on two acres on South Washington less than a mile south of the current facility. The 12,000-square-foot building, designed by local architect Russ Lively, would include 3,600 square feet of warehouse and

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# Cassia pledges support to development group

By Nate Johnson  
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BURLEY — Cassia County commissioners tentatively agreed Monday to give \$7,500 to the Mini-Cassia Development Commission, but commissioners said they want to see how the money will be used before they hand it over.

If the county contributes the full \$7,500, it will quintuple the amount it gave to the group in the current fiscal year.

When the development commission began in 1998, the county contributed \$15,000 to its annual budget. Last year the county cut its contribution to \$1,500, said County Administrator Tim Hurst.

The cities of Burley and Rupert and a Minidoka County have agreed to give 50 percent of their initial contribution this year, said

Brent Lee, a member of the development commission board of directors.

"Our budget is minuscule compared to the budgets of development groups in the surrounding communities and other communities our size. If we're going to have economic development, we've got to have the money to do it," Lee said.

The development group has run short of money to wine and dine business owners who are thinking of moving into the area, and it can't afford to buy glossy paper for brochures, Lee said.

Commissioner Paul Christensen said the county would probably give the \$7,500, but he would like to see a budget first.

Other commission business included:

- Narconon grant

Commissioners heard the \$438,000 in matching money to be paid by the county as a condition of a federal grant for substance abuse treatment at the jail would have to be cash, rather than in-kind services. If the county must make that much of a fiscal commitment to receive the grant, it will simply turn the grant down, Hurst said. The county doesn't yet know if it received the grant.

• **Building inspection scheduling** — Commissioners reviewed a letter from Dan Barker, county building inspector, suggesting they set a policy for the amount of time builders need to give between scheduling an inspection and pouring concrete. State statute sets 12 hours as the amount-of-time an inspector has to make an inspection after being called by a contractor. Barker

suggested six hours under the county policy.

"I don't think we need a policy ... he just needs to get tougher," Hurst said.

• **Builders pour the concrete before Barker makes an inspection** he should make them tear it up, Hurst said.

The commission set the issue to the county's building code advisory committee.

• **Office equipment purchasing** — Commissioners decided to stick with the policy adopted on March 23, 1998, of buying from the provider offering the lowest prices, even if the company is out of the area.

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# Forest Service considers nationwide 'pay to play'

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service is considering taking its regional trailhead passes national in conjunction with other agencies so there would be a single "pay to play" pass for all federal lands nationwide.

The national pass, which would combine access to national parks, national forests, national wildlife refuges and federal rangelands, is among a variety of issues on the agenda of the annual national meeting of Forest Service recreation staff going on this week in Portland.

"We do want a national fee program that is seamless across all federal land agencies," said

Cleveland, Ohio, Forest Service national program manager for recreation fees, said Monday from Portland.

"We are discussing the details of what that might look like."

There are some thorny issues to overcome first.

Surveys show only a small segment of the public would be interested in a national combination pass, and most people who use national forests to camp, hike, hunt and fish like to stay relatively close to home, said Jocelyn Biro, Northwest regional recreation fee demonstration coordinator.

Then there is how to share the money among the various agencies and how to show the public

that money raised locally will be spent locally, which polls have shown is a big factor in maintaining support.

The Forest Service is getting firm advice from the accounting firm PriceWaterhouseCoopers on how to improve the accountability of financial aspects of the fee-demo program, Cleland said.

With timber revenues down sharply from reduced logging on national forests, Congress attached a rider to an appropriations bill that created the Recreation Fee Demonstration Project in 1996.

From the beginning, the Forest Service has been struggling to

make "pay to play" more palatable to the public.

Recreation fees have raised a total of \$123.1 million, which has gone to such things as trail maintenance, visitor programs, administration of whitewater rivers, law enforcement and garbage pickup. Last year was the best yet for revenue: \$35.3 million. There are now a total of 87 projects on 80 national forests in 32 states and Puerto Rico, according to the Forest Service.

Congress recently renewed the program through September 2004.

The Forest Service offers polls showing the majority of the public supports fee-demo, yet criticism continues to dog the program.

# Republican hopefuls disagree over what office should do

BOISE (AP) — Two Republican candidates for state controller disagreed Monday about whether the office's responsibilities should include auditing state accounts.

Donna Jones of Payette, former chairman of the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, said it was a mistake for retiring Democratic Controller J.D. Williams to support a 1994 amendment to the Idaho Constitution giving up that authority.

"But it should not keep a new controller from being a watchdog for public money," Jones said. "This office is the appropriate place to keep an eye on public funds for the benefit of the taxpayers."

Keith Johnson of Boise, the chief deputy controller who has Williams' endorsement despite being from the opposition party, said the constitutional amend-

ment was needed to clarify the appropriate function of the office.

"In my view it would be wrong for the controller to try to assume the role of the auditor. That function of auditing properly lies with the legislative auditor. That's the reason it was changed back in 1994," Johnson said. "It was done to comply with good business practices."

He cited the Enron situation, where the Arthur Andersen auditors responsible for being the watchdogs over the company's accounting practices were not sufficiently independent.

The controller's office compiles information from all the state agencies and produces financial statements each year. Those statements are turned over to auditors in the Legislative Services Office who audit them for accuracy.

# Anna Nicole Smith's attorneys ask for additional \$30 million

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Attorneys for Anna Nicole Smith asked a federal judge Monday to add up to \$30 million in interest to the \$88 million she won last month from the estate of her late oil tycoon husband.

Attorney Philip W. Boesch said the additional money was interest Smith would have earned had she not had to wait for a ruling in the dispute over the estate of J. Howard Marshall.

Attorneys for Smith's stepson, who has opposed giving any money to Smith, said they planned to appeal the initial judgment and any subsequent rulings.

"When their client gets \$6 million for every month of marriage and then goes back and asks for more, it's unbelievable," said David Margulies, a spokesman

for the stepson, E. Pierce Marshall.

U.S. District Court Judge David O. Carter did not immediately rule on the request.

The former Playboy Playmate, whose real name is Vickie Lynn Marshall, met her husband in 1991 when she was working as a stripper.

The couple married three years later when she was 26 and he was 89.

J. Howard Marshall died in 1995 at age 90.

Before his death, his estate went into a trust that divided his fortune among charities, a foundation, his son and other individuals, but gave nothing to Smith or his other son, J. Howard Marshall III.

Carter ruled Smith had a reasonable expectation that she would receive a portion of her husband's estate.

# Highway safety agency repeats warning for 15-passenger vans

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is renewing a safety warning for 15-passenger vans, often used by churches, sports teams and other groups.

The National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration repeated Monday the unusual, consumer advisory it issued a year ago, warning the vans have a dramatically higher risk of rollovers when fully loaded and only

should be operated by experienced drivers.

NHTSA Administrator Jeffrey Runge said the problems are not related to the van's design.

"This is not a defect issue," he

said. "This is a behavioral issue with the drivers."

Before getting behind the wheel, a driver should be familiar with the handling aspects of such a large vehicle, he said.



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# Poll: Idahoans didn't want spending cuts

By Bob Fick  
The Associated Press

BOISE — The state's worst economic crisis in nearly two decades moved the economy into the forefront of public opinion last winter and dampened confidence in the state, the newest Boise State University public opinion poll found.

The poll, released late Monday, also indicates that in coping with that crisis, Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and the nation's most Republican Legislature did the opposite of what those questioned supported. They cut spending when survey participants indicated they wanted higher spending and higher taxes to finance it.

Forty-four percent of those polled identified themselves as Republicans while just 19 percent said they were Democrats. By philosophy, 50 percent called themselves conservative and less than 20 percent claimed to have liberal leanings.

The annual survey of 719 randomly selected people conducted between Dec. 22 and Jan. 7 found large majorities calling for increased financial support for education and higher corporate or sales taxes if more money is needed for priority government programs.

At the same time, only 33 percent said they had great confidence in the Legislature, and just 16 percent had great confidence in the Legislature.

More than half those questioned said they had at least some confidence in each.

The poll, conducted by Clearwater Research Inc. for the Social Science Research Center at Boise State, has an error rate of plus or minus 3.7 percentage points.

With thousands of layoffs across the state sending the jobless rate rising last year, 24 percent of those polled made the economy the No. 1 issue.

Education, the major victim of state budget cuts to deal with the economic slide, ranked a close second at 23 percent.

Fewer than 67 percent of those surveyed believed the state was headed in the right direction. That was two points below a year

earlier and 12 points less than in 1999. It was 1993 when the confidence measure was lower at 58 percent, the same year the economy was ranked the top issue.

Forty percent said they expected life will get easier in the future. Forty-two percent expect harder times.

The economy had not been among the three top issues since 1996.

Just before lawmakers convened the election-year session, 76 percent of the cross-section of Idaho residents followed the pattern of the previous 12 polls, making an increase in spending on public education their top budget priority.

For the first time, 60 percent called for increased spending on higher education. Only once in the previous dozen surveys has support for more spending at the colleges exceeded half. It was 52 percent three years ago.

Defiant after significant publicity over the \$55 million state deficit that would eventually double, the poll found that 76 percent found it acceptable to raise corporate taxes to generate cash for priority programs and higher sales taxes would be acceptable to 61 percent.

In fact, a third of those questioned found a boost in corporate taxes "very acceptable" while only 21 percent found it unacceptable.

But to protect last year's record \$110 million individual and corporate tax cut, Kempthorne and lawmakers chose to handle the budget crisis with spending cuts.

For the first time ever, they slashed state support for public schools, cutting \$2 million from this year's allocation and restoring only \$7 million of that for next year.

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Gov. Dirk Kempthorne

# Israel captures key Arafat aide

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Israeli soldiers and elite forces on Monday captured Marwan Barghout, a close aide to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and a leader of a group that has claimed responsibility for dozens of attacks against Israel, including suicide bombings.

The detention came on a day of both fighting and diplomacy, with Secretary of State Colin Powell shuttling among Mideast capitals. Palestinian medics retrieving bodies from the devastated Jenin refugee camp, and Israeli troops

exchanging fire with armed Palestinians holed up in Bethlehem's besieged Church of the Nativity compound.

In an interview with CNN, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Monday that troops will be out of all West Bank cities except Ramallah and Bethlehem within a week. "Altogether, we are on our way out," Sharon said. Israel, he said, has no intention to stay in "cities of terror."

Israeli troops also entered Abidie and Deir Salah, two Palestinian villages near

Bethlehem, as part of the 17-day military offensive in the West Bank, despite repeated U.S. calls for an end to such incursions, and doctors said two Palestinians were killed in Israeli raids.

Barghout, 41, was detained at the house of Fatah official Ziad Abu Ain, who also was picked up in Ramallah, Palestinian West Bank security chief Jibril Rajoub told The Associated Press. He warned against harming Barghout.

"Killing or humiliating him will bring catastrophes for Israel and

will expand the circle of violence," he said.

Ranaan Gissin, spokesman for Sharon, confirmed Barghout's detention, together Ahmed Barghout, a cousin and aide. Barghout, sometimes mentioned as a possible successor to Arafat, is a leading figure — some say the leader — in the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade. The militia has claimed responsibility for dozens of shootings of attacks against Israelis and, in recent months, has begun staging suicide bombings as well.

# Jet crash kills 118 in South Korea

KIMHAE, South Korea (AP) — An Air China jet carrying 166 people crashed into a mountain in rain and fog Monday as it prepared to land in South Korea's second largest city. Thirty-nine people survived, police said.

The Boeing 767-200, on a direct flight from Beijing, was approaching Kimhae Airport near Busan when it hit the mountainside near a residential area, police said. There were no casualties on the ground, they said.

Survivor Kim Mun-hak, 35, told the cable news network YTN that Flight CA-129 crashed shortly after an announcement advising passengers to buckle their seat belts.

"The plane crashed with a roaring sound, and I managed to come out from the plane, and I saw thick smoke and flames," he said.

The jet hit one side of the 1,000-foot mountain and plowed toward the peak, leaving a trail of fallen trees 30 yards wide and 100 yards long.



Firefighters examine the remains of an Air China Boeing 767 airplane that crashed into a mountain near Busan, South Korea.

The wreckage looked like shredded paper. Burned plane parts were scattered for 300 yards in all directions, and the broken tail and nose rested near the mountain top. The air reeked of burning oil.

Dozens of people were rescued alive, but several of them died in hospitals. Police said 118 people were confirmed dead, nine missing and 39 alive. Most of the passengers were South Koreans.

Hundreds of police, military

and "civilian workers" combed through debris, but their efforts were hampered by rain. Bad roads slowed a land rescue.

Aviation officials said many of the survivors were passengers in the front part of the aircraft, indicating its tail and fuselage hit the ground first. They also said the plane slowed as it skidded through trees.

Quoting survivors, police said there was no explosion on the plane before the crash, an indication that it was an accident, not terrorism.

There was no indication the pilots put out distress calls before the crash.

Aviation officials said controllers had asked the pilot to change direction before landing due to a strong headwind. The plane hit the mountain while circling around to other side of the airport, and Kim Jong-hwi, a Transportation Ministry official, said it flew 1.6 miles beyond a designated point to change its direction.

# Police investigate possible link between suspect, hijacker

MADRID, Spain — Police said Monday they are investigating evidence of a possible link between an Algerian man detained over the weekend and one of the key hijackers in the Sept. 11 attacks.

Such a link would be a crucial find in the probe of 15 suspected Islamic militants apprehended in Spain since the Sept. 11 attacks and allegedly belonging to Osama bin Laden's global network.

Ahmed Brahim, 57, was taken into custody Sunday by Civil Guard police at his home in a Barcelona suburb and is being held on suspicion of being the chief accountant for al-Qaida's operations in Spain.

Santiago Lopez Valdivielso, the Civil Guard director general, said Monday that investigators are looking into whether Brahim met with Mohamed Atta, the suspected Sept. 11 ringleader who was on hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 which hit the north tower of the World Trade Center.

There were indications of contacts between the two, according to a Civil Guard official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Neither the official, nor Lopez Valdivielso, would provide further details.

Report: Disappearances of Chechen men continue

MOSCOW — Eighty-seven people disappeared over the past year in Chechnya while in the hands of Russian forces, a figure that shows human rights abuses continue unabated in Russia's southern republic, according to a new report released by Human

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Rights Watch.

At least 25 of those people have been found dead, some of them apparently victims of torture and execution, the New-York based organization found.

The group's researchers found little improvement in Russia's response to human rights abuse in Chechnya, despite widespread condemnation of the conduct by Russian troops and security forces who have been stationed in the rebellious territory since October 1999.

"Despite an increase in the number of investigations opened and other apparent changes, Russian security forces continue to enjoy widespread impunity for enforced disappearances," the 48-page report says.

Court sentences police officers in immigrant death

VIENNA, Austria — A district court found three policemen guilty Monday in the death of a Nigerian immigrant during his deportation and gave them suspended eight-month sentences.

Marcus Omofuma, 25, died May 1, 1999, while on a plane taking him out of the country. The three officers forcibly strapped him to a seat and taped his mouth and nose shut.

When he screamed, they put more tape over his mouth and tightened the belt around his chest, witnesses said.

The court in Korneuburg, just north of Vienna, found the three men guilty of negligent homicide but acquitted them of tor-

ture leading to death, punishable by a maximum of 10 years in prison.

Explaining the mild sentences, Judge Alexander Fiala told the court that — while Omofuma's death struggle must have taken "at least half, probably one hour" — there was no evidence to show that the three defendants meant to torture him.

Phone called led to arrest of key bin Laden lieutenant

FAISALABAD, Pakistan — A telephone call to Yemen led to the arrest of the most senior al-Qaida member apprehended so far, Pakistani officials said Monday.

Abu Zubaydah, the third-ranking figure in Osama bin Laden's terror network, was arrested here March 28 in a joint raid by U.S. and Pakistani investigators.

Pakistani intelligence officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Zubaydah placed a mobile phone call to undisclosed al-Qaida figures in Yemen 20 days earlier.

The officials said U.S. intelligence monitored the call and traced it to Faisalabad, an industrial city in Pakistan's Punjab province about 175 miles south of Islamabad. U.S. and Pakistani authorities then narrowed the search to specific neighborhoods, identified possible hide-outs and began surveillance operations until they determined where

Zubaydah was believed hiding, the officials said.

Iran plans to teach AIDS awareness to children

TEHRAN, Iran — Iranian children will be taught about AIDS and how to avoid it for the first time, starting in September, the head of the country's AIDS program said Monday.

In an Islamic nation where talk of anything related to sex is largely taboo, the Education Ministry previously had shunned proposals to include AIDS awareness in schools on grounds that it promotes corruption among young people.

But Bahram Yeganeh, head of the National Committee to Fight AIDS, said a rapid increase in the number of Iranians infected with the AIDS virus persuaded education officials to support a nationwide campaign to promote public awareness as a way of containing the disease.

"This is a new revolution for Iran, a great step forward to contain spread of a disease more dangerous than a bomb," Yeganeh said.

— compiled from wire reports

# Nuke waste shipments return following hiatus

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Shipments of plutonium-contaminated waste have resumed from eastern Idaho, and at an accelerated rate, following more than a week's disruption because of documentation problems, federal officials announced Monday.

Nine truckloads, each carrying 26 drums of waste, left the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory last week for the federal government's underground dump in New Mexico.

Shipments were disrupted in late March when questions rose about whether the waste assigned to specific trucks was actually being moving on those trucks. Officials from the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant looked into

the problem earlier this month and cleared the INEEL to resume shipments, John Hovanitz said.

Hovanitz is charged with seeing that the Department of Energy meets the court-enforced deadline of Dec. 31 for moving 15,000 drums of plutonium-contaminated waste from the INEEL to New Mexico.

In the three years since the \$2 billion federal program began, the government has managed to move the equivalent of 6,608 drums of waste out of INEEL.

Attempts to speed up the shipments have been undermined by problems with characterizing the waste and other technical issues, adverse weather and last September's terror attacks on the East Coast.

embodiment, did not immediately return a call from The Associated Press.

A statement issued by the university said the employee suspected of the crime has been on administrative leave since an internal investigation began March 11.

There is no evidence that any other University of Idaho employees were involved.

# UI audit uncovers embezzlement

MOSCOW (AP) — An employee in the University of Idaho's Office of Student Accounts will be fired Friday for allegedly embezzling \$112,000 from the school in the past two years, university officials said Monday.

Danielle Hess, an attorney for the school, said the name of the suspect would not be disclosed. The Moscow Police Department, which is investigating the alleged

## Movies to April 13

ORPHEUM 140 Main Avenue Twin Falls 334-0002  
Ashley Judd  
Morgan Freeman  
High Crimes (M) Daily 7:00 - 9:15

Odyssey & Theatre 1485 Pole Line Road Twin Falls 734-2400  
Blade 2 (M) 7:30 - 9:45  
Friday (M) 7:30 - 9:45  
No Trouble (M) 7:15 - 9:30  
Clockstoppers (PG) 7:00 - 9:15  
Snow Falling on Cedars (M) 7:00 - 9:15  
Mars Attacks! (M) 7:15 - 9:30

Twin Cinema 12 160 Oakland Twin Falls  
Panic Room (M) 6:45 - 9:45  
Cheerful Ladies (M) 7:00 - 9:20  
Lure of the Bones (M) 7:15  
Beautiful Mind (M) 6:45 - 9:45  
Ven Wilder (M) 7:10 - 9:30  
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Beverly Hills Cop (M) 7:30 - 9:45  
The Ronks (M) 6:45 - 9:45  
True Machine (M) 7:10 - 9:30  
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## El Korah Shrine Circus

### 52nd Anniversary

Twin Falls  
Tues. April 16th.  
Wed. April 17th.  
4:30 & 7:30 p.m.  
CSI Rodeo Arena

Tickets available at:  
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(Gooding & Jerome),  
Simerly's, (Wendell),  
Cosmic Jolt, (Buhl)  
& show days at the gate

Proceeds from this Shrine Circus are for the benefit of El Korah Shrine. Payments made are not deductible as charitable contributions.

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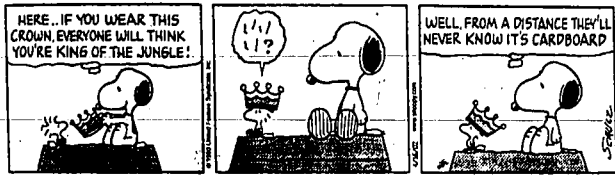
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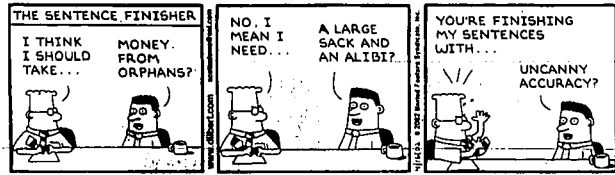
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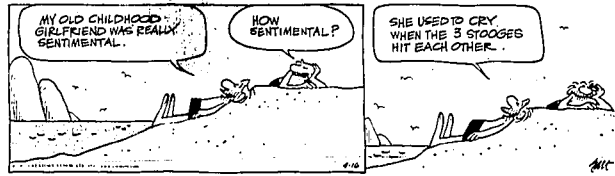
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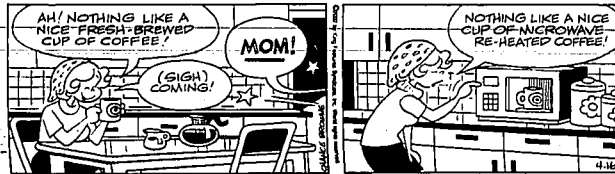
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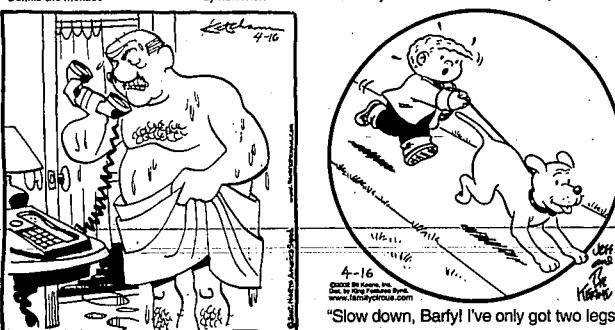


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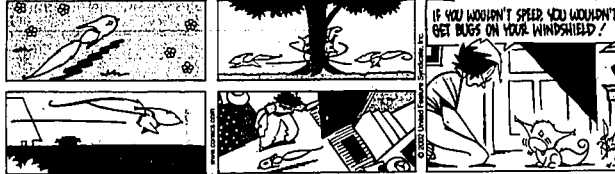
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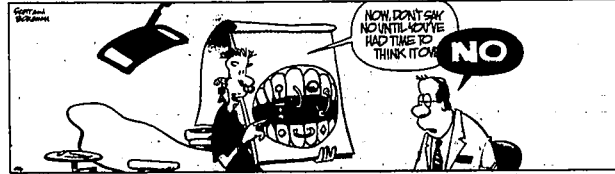
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## Young and older find middle ground in exercise

By John Swayze  
Times-News correspondent

**FILER** - Members of the Over 60 and Getting Fit program and students from Filer Middle School spent the morning dancing to songs like the "Hokey Pokey," and breaking down generation barriers. Mary Martinat, the group's fitness instructor, said those barriers exist, in part, because "technology is causing society to become more impersonal and out of balance."

As a junior high school physical education teacher and then an instructor for the Filer and Buhl classes of the Over 60 and Getting Fit class, Martinat has been helping people reap the benefits of fitness for more than 40 years.

Her inspiration for including

### Want more info?

Over 60 and Getting Fit meets at the Filer Middle School from 9-11 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

students in the program once each month was drawn from memories of community barn dances she attended while growing up on the family ranch in Jordan Valley, Ore.

"There were no baby-sitters, so the whole family would go," she said.

Interacting with young people - through dance and conversation - erases false perceptions about age and helps adults "get back in touch with their inner child," she said.

"You can just see the depression melt away and their faces

light up," Martinat said.

Members of the class range in age from 65 to 95. Students who participate are encouraged to comment on their experience. Martinat recalled an incident where a student voiced his surprise at "how well the adults did in the dancing and that no one fell on him." Sue Lammer's seventh-grade English class at the Filer Middle School responded with letters of thanks.

"The class and I hope to come back again. The dances were pretty cool and the songs were all right," Erik Nielsen wrote.

"I just want to say thank you to everyone that danced with me and especially, Marie because she was my main partner and she had some good stories to tell me," student Chandler Petersen wrote.



Members of the Over 60 and Getting Fit program and students from Filer Middle School join in exercise and communication.

## Girl Scouts honor 'anniversary' baby

**JEROME** - In honor of National Girl Scout Week, Troop 735 honored a baby girl born at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center.

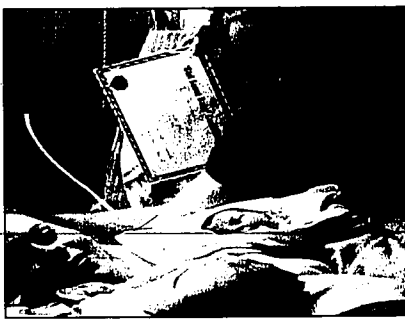
On March 12 at St. Benedict's, the troop and leader Jackie Sabo, presented the baby girl, Hailey Danielle Berry, with gifts collected from the troop. Hailey shares the same birthday as her mother, Brandi, and the Girl Scout organization, which this year celebrates its 90th anniversary.

Hailey is the first child for Danny and Brandi Berry of Jerome, and was born on March 12, weighing in at 7 pounds, the hospital reports.

At 2 p.m. May 11 at the St. Benedict's cafeteria, the Jerome Troops will host a party for Hailey and her parents, and appoint Hailey as an honorary Girl Scout.

This is the second year Troop 735 has designated an honorary Girl Scout.

The following girls participated in the event: Ashley Jully,



Brandi and Danny Berry of Jerome with their new baby, Hailey, who was honored by Girl Scout Troop 735 for sharing a birthday with the Girl Scout organization. The troop gathered gifts for the baby.

Brooke Walgamott, Brandie Harshbarger, Elsbeth Warren, Kendra Spurrier, Hilary Warren,

Mandi Burns, Sarah Reasch, Megan Lammers, Michelle Straley and Maria Diaz.

## ANIGHT OF LEARNING, FUN



Veterinarian Dr. Rusty Stott of Burley teaches 4-H members about equine reproduction.

Photo courtesy of Minidoka County 4-H

## 4-H members don't horse around

**RUPERT** - At the first "Horsin' Around" event, 4-H members tested their knowledge about horses, learned new things and had fun.

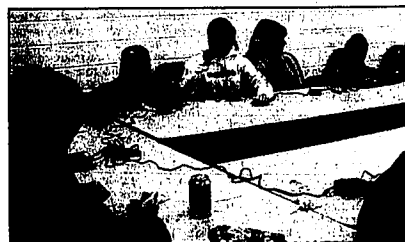
More than half of the Minidoka County 4-H members and leaders participating in the county horse program attended the overnight camp at the Minidoka County Extension Office in the McGregor Center, 4-H leaders say.

"They played a 'horse bowl' quiz game, had a pizza party, popcorn and a movie, and got acquainted with Minidoka County 4-H ambassadors, Cherie Jensen and Sarah Gillespie.

After breakfast, participants attended a workshop conducted by Dr. Rusty Stott of Burley. Using mares provided by Kent Gillespie, Stott discussed equine reproduction, problem pregnancies and explained how ultra sound equipment works.

The young people learned roping techniques taught by Mike Christensen and Rod King.

During lunch, which was prepared by Shel Telleria, the ugly



The 4-H horse bowl teams test their knowledge at Minidoka County's first 'Horsin' Around' event.

hat contest was won by Angela Slack.

Five afternoon classes were offered with the 4-H members selecting three to attend. Classes included breeds and colors, horseshoe craft class, snaffle bit, reining and cutting, grand champion record books and how to give a demonstration.

Everyone received a participation certificate. The 4-H program coordinator, Jeni Bywater, made the certificates, which featured pictures of the 4-H members.

Evaluations indicated that all the participants enjoyed the majority of the activities, and plan to attend "Horsin' Around 2003," organizers say.

## STORK REPORT

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

Bryan Ramirez, son of Celia Cecilia and Jerri Montes of Hailey, was born Tuesday, April 2, 2002.

Alfonso Baesa Rico, son of Maria and Alfonso Baesa of Ketchum, was born Tuesday, April 2, 2002.

Emma Diane Jensen, daughter of Tracy Kluge of Hailey, was born Thursday, April 4, 2002.

Talon James Woolley, son of Sara Woolley of Challis, was born Thursday, April 4, 2002.

Christopher Daniel Pedersen, son of Ronn-Shoolroy and Nysel Pedersen of Bellevue, was born Monday, April 8, 2002.

John Lloyd Gorham III, son of Gretchen and John Gorham Jr. of Ketchum, was born Monday, April 8, 2002.

### Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Enrillo Estevean Moreno, son of Talisha Rose Moreno, was born Saturday, March 23, 2002.

Jasmina Ann Whitton, daughter of Chandon V. and Patrick J. Whitton of Twin Falls, was born Monday, April 1, 2002.

Stockton Gregory Lott, son of Annette and Andrew Dee Lott of Jerome, was born Monday, April 1, 2002.

Ian Bryan DeGrange, son of Sariah L. and Bryan Lyle DeGrange of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, April 2, 2002.

Agustine Orantes, son of Guadalupe and Agustina Orantes of Jerome, was born Tuesday, April 2, 2002.

Cameron Jean Legg, son of Katie Lynn Johnson and James E. Legg of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, April 2, 2002.

Bryll Hope Jensen, daughter of Shelly Ann and Travis William Jensen of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, April 2, 2002.

Aron Matthew Pittcock, son of Sandy Lynn and Brian Matthew Pittcock of Jerome, was born Tuesday, April 2, 2002.

Mark Stanley Thompson, son of Tawnya Lynn and Kip Willis Thompson of Jerome, was born Tuesday, April 2, 2002.

Mikaila Ann Wible, daughter of Katie Ann Beem and Rocky

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

Javonice Raggazzo Vitale II of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, April 3, 2002.

Ashlyn Jaynes, daughter of Amanda Teit and Scott Teit Jaynes of Buhl, was born Thursday, April 4, 2002.

Ashlynn Michelle Lehman, daughter of Amy Marie Lehman of Hansen, was born Thursday, April 4, 2002.

Garrett Julian Taylor, son of Lisa Kaye and Donald Julian Taylor of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, April 4, 2002.

Tristan Thomas Jones, son of Treana Joi and Thomas Michael Jones of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, April 4, 2002.

Alexia Lynn Breck, daughter of Morgan Lynn and Timothy Michael Breck of Buhl, was born Thursday, April 4, 2002.

James Wayne Cabrera Jr., son of Christy Lynn and James Wayne Cabrera of Jackpot, Nev., was born Friday, April 5, 2002.

Jena Renee Hulme, daughter of April Anne Hulme of Twin Falls, was born Friday, April 5, 2002.

Marybeth Siver, daughter of Frances E. Kisse-Siver and Jerrod Scott Siver of Twin Falls, was born Friday, April 5, 2002.

D'Heaven Andrew Pollard, son of Jaine Lynne and Donald Andrew Pollard of Burley, was born Friday, April 5, 2002.

Paige Judith Slegers, daughter of Shariene Beth and Thomas Wesley Slegers of Twin Falls, was born Friday, April 5, 2002.

Hallee Jo Nebeker, daughter of Jill Andrea and Tracy Reese Nebeker of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, April 6, 2002.

Conner Liam Murphy, son of Shawna Michelle and Mark Patrick Murphy of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, April 7, 2002.

Magnum Boyd Hofstetter, son of Denise Lynn and Ormar Wilhelm Hofstetter of Gooding, was born

Sunday, April 7, 2002.

Kegan Alan Peterson, son of Desiree Jeanne and Dustin David Peterson of Twin Falls, was born Monday, April 8, 2002.

Tamara Leslie Castillo, daughter of Maria Lourdes and Carlos Waldemar Castillo of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, April 9, 2002.

Yvette Sussette and Jose Jairo Duran of Gooding, was born Tuesday, April 9, 2002.

Jessica JoAnn Schroeder, daughter of Heidi Ann and Scott Robert Schroeder of Buhl, was born Tuesday, April 9, 2002.

Steven Isaac Slado-Stephens, son of Heather Maxine and Steven Paul Stephens of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, April 10, 2002.

### St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Zoe Lynn Heffern, daughter of Jennifer Heffern of Jerome, was born Sunday, March 31, 2002.

Lillie Sherrie Lynn Bower, daughter of Dianne Lynn Bower of Jerome, was born Sunday, March 31, 2002.

Dylan James Thompson, son of Alexis Mellos and Robert Thompson of Jerome, was born Wednesday, April 3, 2002.

### Cassia Regional Medical Center

Vincent Ray Nina Jr., son of Vince Nina and Maggie Cuevara of Rupert, was born Wednesday, April 3, 2002.

Dania Mirey Gonzalez, daughter of Guillemrina and Samuel Gonzalez of Burley, was born Thursday, April 4, 2002.

Ravyn Jarika Barela, daughter of Julie Waters and Joe A. Barela Jr. of Rupert, was born Thursday, April 4, 2002.

Talon Darion Dechauck, son of Harry and Jodi Dechauck of Malta, was born Friday, April 5, 2002.

Adalee Dunn, daughter of Troy and Teresa Dunn of Rupert, was born Friday, April 5, 2002.

Tanner Lucas Mallina, son of Richard and Kristine Molina of Paul, was born Friday, April 5, 2002.

Taylee Shelley Robinson, daughter of Wendell and Shantala Robinson of Burley, was born Monday, April 8, 2002.

By Betty Taylor  
Times-News correspondent

**KIMBERLY** - Red, white and blue were the colors, and patriotism was the theme of the annual first-grade program night at Kimberly Elementary.

Teachers Tina Black, Susanne Gerard, Sue Pack and Debbie Crockett decided this would be a good year to do a patriotic program in light of the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., said Susan Lee, music specialist.

"We would also like to make this part of our curriculum to put more emphasis on patriotism and teach children not only to say the Pledge, but to also know what it means," Gerard said. "There is no better way to spread enthusiasm of our nation than through our children."

The teacher also said the program was a success thanks to the businesses that sponsored the event and the parents who supported it.



Katy Robinson sings patriotic songs during the Kimberly Elementary first grade annual program.

Photo by Betty Taylor/The Times-News

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# TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY



Murtaugh BPA members Michael Cutler, Jordi Stallings and John Silvers earned spots in recent state competition.

Photo courtesy of Murtaugh High School

## Murtaugh BPA places at state

MURTAUGH - Members of the Murtaugh High School Business Professionals of America placed in state competition, and one student will go on to nationals next month. Michael Cutler placed seventh in prepared speaking, Jordi

Stallings placed first in prepared speaking, and John Silvers placed seventh in international business at the State Business Professionals of America Conference, March 7-9, in Boise. Stallings will represent Idaho as the first place contestant at

the Business Professionals of America National Convention in Chicago, Ill., May 8-11, 2002. The student body at Murtaugh numbers about 85 students, ninth through 12th grade, so it is always very exciting to have a first place finisher, said Lorraine Rapp, Murtaugh BPA adviser.

## Former MV resident provides Navy with cryptologic services

By J.L. Chirik Special to The Times-News

Twin Falls' Michael D. Dugan works on the forefront of information technology, protecting the United States. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Dugan, the 31-year-old son of Ken and Joyce Reed of Twin Falls, is a cryptologist with the U.S. Naval Security Group Activity, Yokosuka, Japan. This year, while most Americans were at home celebrating the holidays with loved ones, Dugan was assisting in maintaining a U.S. presence overseas. "We provide support to all the ships on the waterfront as well as all ships transiting the 7th Fleet (operational area)," said Dugan, a 1988 graduate of Jerome High School.

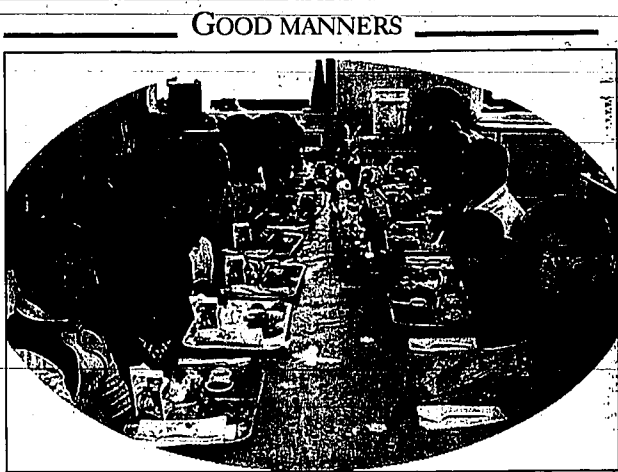
As a member of the third largest shore command in Yokosuka, Dugan helps to support forward deployed ships and other forces that constitute the Navy's 7th Fleet. He and other team members provide a variety of cryptologic services to other commands, including signal analysis, installation and maintenance of cryptologic systems and training. Overall, it contributes to the collection and interpretation of information by naval forces and the National Security Agency. While most of the support pro-

vided by the Yokosuka team is conducted from the shore, sailors like Dugan routinely deploy with various 7th Fleet forces during operations in the Western Pacific ocean. In the past, these forces generally focused on humanitarian and deterrence operations. However, in light of Operation Enduring Freedom, Dugan, who performs signal analyst duties, may have to take on a greater role to aid in the war on terrorism. "The Navy is something I am used to now. It is something that I accept, like honor, courage and commitment," said Dugan, a 14-year veteran.

J.L. Chirik is a Navy journalist assigned to the Navy Public Affairs Center at Naval Station, San Diego.



Michael Dugan



## GOOD MANNERS

Bickel Elementary School in Twin Falls named its Manners students for the month of March. They are, from left, front: Stephen Guyman, Alex Carter, Darlan Edwards, Nathan Hall, Maggie Tang, Ashley McCormick, Belinda Vela and Carli McFarland; right: Trevin Klein, Logan Dodds, Marin Mandula, Kessa Wonenberg, Britni Klein, MaryLee Roberts and Edith Topik.

## SERVICE NEWS

### Bryan enters basic military training in South Carolina

Army Pvt. Kelly N. Bryan has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the eight weeks of training, the soldier will study the Army mission, and receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history and traditions, and special training in human relations. Bryan is the daughter of Duke Bryan of Twin Falls.

### Wright completes course in communications

U.S. Marines Lt. Col. Jon A. Wright has successfully completed

a five and one-half month course in communications electronics school, where he was a honor graduate and top of his class.

He will be stationed at Camp Miramar in the San Diego, Calif., area. He is the son of William O. Wright Jr. and Renee D. Wright, formerly of Twin Falls, and is married to Carolyn Bell of Jerome. He attended Twin Falls Christian Academy.

### Harmon graduates from training at Lockland base

Air Force Airman Andrea K. Harmon has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Eddie Harmon of Jerome and grand-

daughter of Barbara Hopworth of Twin Falls.

Harmon is a 2001 graduate of Jerome High School. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

In addition, airman who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate's degree through the Community College of the Air Force.



Andrea Harmon

### 'Idaho' magazine editor speaks at writers' group

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls chapter of Idaho Writers League will hold its monthly meeting at noon Saturday at Idaho Joe's Restaurant, 538 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Kitty Fleischman, publisher of "Idaho" magazine will speak about writing guidelines and content of the magazine. Seating is limited. To reserve a spot, call 324-7894 or e-mail to ihelms@northrim.net by Friday.

### Snake River Elks schedules dinner, raffle

JEROME - The Snake River Elks will hold a dinner and raffle Friday at the Elks Lodge, 200 South 412 East, Jerome. The doors will open at 6 p.m. with dinner served from 7-9 p.m. The raffle is for a 270 rifle with a scope and a 12-inch color television and VCR. Ticket are available at the door. Guests are invited. After the dinner, there will be an auction to help support the May 4 food drive for the Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise.

For more information, call J.B. Knudsen at 324-7797.

### JHS invites parents of seniors to breakfast

JEROME - Parents of Jerome High School seniors are invited to the senior success breakfast to be held during the homecoming week at 7 a.m. Wednesday in the

school Cafeteria. Business attire is requested. Tickets are required and may be purchased for \$2 in the high school office no later than Wednesday.

### Silver Sage Grottto views 'Hidden Falls' video

TWIN FALLS - The Silver Sage Grottto, a local cave explorers' club, will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Sage Room (276) of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho. Anyone interested in caves and cave exploring is welcome to attend.

After a short business meeting, the club will view a video program "Behind Hidden Falls." For more information, call Chris Anderson at 733-9554, Ext. 2663 or 733-0615 or e-mail the club at cavers@mindspring.com.

### Historical Society, Optimist club sponsor Founders Day

GOODING - The Gooding County Historical Society and the Wendell Optimist Club are planning to sponsor Gooding County Founders Day festivities April 27 at Gooding County Fairgrounds in Gooding. Planned events include a writing contest, quilt show, National Guard history display, wagon train, Old Time Fiddlers, Hispanic dancers, mountain men and carnival. A 4-H horse show will be held in the fairgrounds arena. Speakers Dean Gooding will

make presentations to honor two historic families in Gooding County: the Devanays and the Emma Porter Coleman family.

The Historical Society and Optimist members are selling raffle tickets for an original oil painting of "Onaida's Summer Range" by local artist Emma Coleman. Tickets are \$1 or five tickets for \$5. The drawing will be held during Founder's Day.

A potato bar will also be available for a nominal fee. For more information, call Sharon Cheney at 934-5135.

### Parents of Multiples Club meets twice a month

TWIN FALLS - The new Magic Valley Parents of Multiples Club will meet twice a month on the first and third Thursday of every month.

The meeting on the first Thursday of every month will be held at the SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center, 640 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls. For the location of the meeting on the third Thursday or for more information, call Sheryl Carberry at 732-8454 or Bryan Clayton at 734-7909.

### CSI schedules early childhood training class

TWIN FALLS - A three-session course on identifying and working with children's differing abilities will start this month at the College of Southern Idaho. Classes will be held from 6-10 p.m. Fridays, April 19 and May 3

## Hospital worker earns recognition

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls County HealthNet Coalition has named Susan Courtney as the January Asset Builder of the Month.

Courtney is the clinical manager of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Women's Health and Imaging Services. She developed and implemented the Voyage to Womanhood program in the community, which encourages mothers and daughters, who are "on the threshold of womanhood" to develop communication skills, appreciate each other,

and begin building "assets" together.

Courtney received the need for this program in the community and made it happen, coalition representatives say.

Through the overwhelming response to the program, Courtney has had an

impact on many young women and their families, and is helping to build assets in the community, coalition representatives say. She is a registered nurse, and has experience in adult education. Courtney and her husband, John, have two sons and they live in Hollister.

The Twin Falls County HealthNet Coalition is a collection of agencies and people who help promote the assets, which are defined as developmental building blocks young people need to succeed in life.



Susan Courtney

## THINGS TO DO

**Musik**  
Snake River Flats Barbershop Chorus 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at 123 K St., Rupert. Men of all ages invited, call 438-6647

**Dance**  
Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club 7 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; call Vera at 734-6447 or Tom at 324-6440. Couples welcome.

**Bingo**  
Golden Years Senior Citizens Center - 7:9 p.m. Wednesdays at 218 N. Hall St. W., Shoshone; Must be over 18, call 886-2469.  
Agnes Senior Center - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at 601 Main Street in Kimberly. Anyone over age 18 is welcome, call 421-4338.

**American Legion Hall in Twin Falls** 7:15 p.m. Fridays 447 Seaman - 6:45-9 p.m. Tuesdays, 212 First Ave. E. in Jerome, snack bar open at 6 p.m., entry paid at 6:45 p.m., regular bingo at 7 p.m. Must be over age 18, call 324-5452.

**American Legion Hall in Wendell** 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 610 W. Main. Doors and snack bar open at 6 p.m. Must be over 18, call 536-6424.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Burley** 7 p.m. Saturdays, Call Alice at 679-9861.  
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**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 Macrantonio The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls 83303 Or fax to 734-5538. For more information, call Pat Macrantonio at 735-3288.

### Singles

**Christian Singles Group** - 7 p.m. on Oct. 1 and every other Monday, Christian Fourquare Center, 181 Morrison St., Twin Falls, 733-6255.  
**Southern Idaho Twin Falls Singles** - 8 p.m. Saturdays at Spanbauer's Barn for dancing. For other activities, call 735-5904.

### Cards

**Bridge** - 1 p.m. Mondays at Magic Valley Ridge House, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 733-0206. Beginners welcome.  
**Magic Valley Pinochle Club** - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Disabled American Veterans Hall, Harrison Street and Group Avenue, Twin Falls.  
**Valley Vista Retirement Center Pinochle**

Club - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays by the community center at 653 Rose St. N. in Twin Falls, 733-5531.  
**Free bridge lessons for beginners** - 7 p.m. Tuesdays starting March 19 at Magic Valley Ridge House, 246 Falls Ave., call 735-6255.  
**Pinochle club** - 1 p.m. Tuesdays Community Club in Idaho, 1120 Main Ave. E., anyone invited, call Eric at 733-4993.

### Other

**Writers Support Group** - 6 p.m. Wednesdays at Chapter 1 Bookstore, 120 N. Main, Idaho, 726-5425.  
**Magic Valley Iris Club** - meets for luncheon and meeting. Call Glenda at 733-0400 or Vicki at 733-8838. New members welcome. Writers of the Word, Christiana writers group - 10 a.m. first Saturday at Twin Falls Reformed Church, Carolyn Lewis at 734-6116.  
**Pioneer Button Club** - 6:30 p.m. last Friday of the month at Kimberly Public Library, Call Marilyn at 423-5225.  
**Magic Valley Astronomical Society** - 7 p.m. second Saturday in First room at Forest Center on CSI campus, call 736-7447.  
**Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club** indoor, meet 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 253 Elm Ave. W. Twin Falls. Limited to 22 rifle, moderate pistol caliber, call Stu at 324-5560 or Larry at 733-4213.  
**Snake River Canyon Kennel Club of Idaho** - 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday at upstairs meeting room at CSI Taylor building, call Debbie at 736-1118.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 4 in CSI's Aspen building, room 145.

**Focus on Abilities** will be taught by Twin Falls Girl Scout coordinator and former teacher, Midge Fisher. The goal is to learn how to recognize and work effectively with children and custodial adults, and how to develop an effective learning experience for the child.

The class is designed for anyone who deals with children who have life-threatening diseases, hearing difficulties, communication disorders, attention deficit disorder or developmental delays. The one-credit class is for pre-school, child care, special education and early intervention workers.

A textbook is optional, and will be provided by the instructor. Students can sign up by registering at the records office on the second floor of the Taylor Administration building. For more information, call Alice Anderson at 733-9554, Ext. 2170 or e-mail her at anderson@csi.edu.

### Widowed services offers coping meetings

TWIN FALLS - Widowed Information and Consultation Services will begin a series of meetings on coping with widowhood from 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays at the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging. The eight-week series will meet each Wednesday where widows will receive information

and support in dealing with the problems of being widowed. The cost is \$10 for all the sessions. However, no one will be turned away.

Pre-registration is encouraged. For more information, call 736-2122.

### 'A cup of kindness' helps child help groups

TWIN FALLS - Children At Risk, Evaluation Services (CARES) and the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition are teaming up to host "A cup of kindness tea" at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Shilo Inn, 1586 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

The tea will be served in the English tradition, and includes assorted finger sandwiches, scones and sweets. Camerata, a string ensemble from Twin Falls High School, will perform. An auction of handmade quilts and quilted items donated by local artists will also be held.

Tickets are \$20 and available at The Little Red Hen in the Magic Valley Mall, at the cashier's office on the first floor of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center or by calling Tammy Buck at 737-2800 or Carma McKinnon at 737-2433. Space is limited, so advance tickets are required.

CARES is a medical and forensic evaluation service for children with alleged physical and sexual abuse. Its goal is to minimize further trauma to young victims by providing an assessment of abuse, organizers say. CARES

coordinates a community approach with law enforcement, child protection services and the courts to intervene with children in danger from child abuse. Fees charged for service fund only a portion of the CARES program.

The Safe Kids Coalition is part of the National Safe Kids Campaign and an affiliated program of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Its mission is to prevent unintentional, childhood injuries, and it provides educational materials, classes and assistance on injury-prevention programs, low cost car safety seats and reduced prices on gun locks, bicycle helmets and seat belt covers.

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## Instant messages can be monitored

The Associated Press

FOSTER CITY, Calif. — An instant message exchange might seem as fleeting as a phone call or face-to-face chat. But, like everything else on the Net, it can have much more staying power than users think.

Unlike e-mail, the brief IM marks that pop up on computer screens are not kept on central servers. But that hasn't stopped companies from developing software that snags every message — including those unflattering to the boss.

Interest in IM monitoring is soaring as companies not only look to record important communications but also control information leaks and discourage cyberstalking.

Skeptics say it's just another example of how privacy has all but disappeared in the workplace.

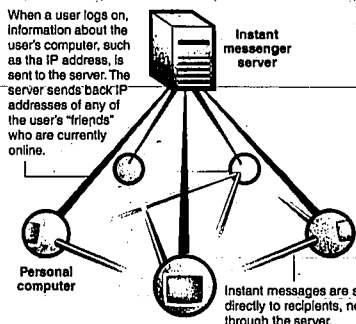
"Some of the practices are far too invasive," said Sarah Andrews, research director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center. "There should be limits on what they can or can't collect."

Just like e-mail or Web traffic, instant messages can be monitored by corporate network administrators — whether those messages are sent to colleagues using a company's own software or flashed to friends across oceans using freely available programs from America Online, Yahoo! or Microsoft.

Privacy advocates say they know of major incidents so far of disciplinary action for IM

### The 'real-time' machine

From its beginnings as a simple way to chat with friends online, instant messaging has increasingly pervaded the business world. A centralized server collects specific information about each user's computer and monitors which ones are online. But unlike e-mail, IM conversations do not go through the server.



SOURCES: How Stuff Works; FaceTime Communications AP

abuse. But it may be just a matter of time.

As of last year, only about 20 percent of all instant messenger accounts belonged to business users, according to the consulting firm Radicati Group. By 2004, the percentage is expected to increase to 50 percent.

Jupiter Media Metrix says

instant messaging use in U.S. businesses more than doubled from 2.3 billion minutes in September 2000 to 4.9 billion minutes last September.

First marketed as toys for consumers, IM programs quickly pervaded the workplace as people installed them without asking permission, said Michael

Gartenberg, research director at Jupiter Media Metrix.

"There was no planning and encryption built in," he said. "This started as an enthusiast tool for people chatting with each other one-on-one."

Even so, once in the workplace, employees found IM useful for fast communication with colleagues and clients.

The financial services industry first felt the need for advanced snooping software to monitor IM traffic because federal regulators require that all communications with clients be kept for auditing.

Though the Securities and Exchange Commission has yet to order that instant messages be kept, instant banking firm Thomas Weisel Partners decided it was better to be safe than sorry. Last summer, the San Francisco firm blocked all IM traffic. But clients missed the convenience and, by the fall, the messenger programs were back, said Pamela Housley, the firm's director of compliance.

Thomas Weisel Partners signed up for FaceTime's monitoring software, which runs on a computer on the firm's internal network, recording all IM traffic. Certain keywords can be defined to alert managers, or the traffic can simply be put into storage in case it's needed.

So far, there has been no need to inspect the data. And Housley said the company is not interested in reading every message.

"It's just easier to archive it all," she said. "I don't have the manpower to have somebody look at this all day long."

## Learn about genealogy programs at About.com

By James Coates  
Chicago Tribune

Computers Q & A

**QUESTION:** We accessed the genealogy info site FamilySearch.org and downloaded some information that looked useful, but it is in a "GED" file. What program do we need to get in order to open this type of file?

**ANSWER:** GEDCOM is a convention widely used among computer-equipped genealogists to exchange the complex lines of relationships as one traces ancestors and relatives using various assets like census records, family Bibles, you name it. It's an acronym for Genealogical Data Communication.

The idea is to create text files of your genealogy that can be quickly imported into ancestor tracking programs used by other students. GEDCOM files fill that role, and as you get deeper into computer genealogy you will find that many Web sites exist for the sole purpose of archiving GEDCOM data for use by the world's ancestor trackers.

The best place to learn about all of this is at About.com, one of the Internet's treasure troves of information on a huge range of topics. Information on getting GEDCOM programs is also available there. Look at [www.genealogy.about.com/cs/gedcom/](http://www.genealogy.about.com/cs/gedcom/).

Q: I would like to add more RAM and wonder if I can just upgrade my P66 memory chips with a P100 or P133 chip sold

everywhere at cheap prices. Here are some details: I have a 233 mHz Pentium PC with a 4.3 gb hard drive and 160 mb of P66 SDRAM, running Windows 95.

Can I pull out all of my present P66 memory and replace it with the newer, cheaper P100 or P133 modules and, in addition to costing less than adding another 128 mb P66, will I get a performance enhancement? Or will changing to P100 or P133 mess up my machine?

—Ed Troy

At it is possible in most cases to plug in RAM chips that are rated faster than a computer can handle, but the results usually aren't worth howling about, Mr. T. Over the years PC memory speeds have moved from P60 to P66 and P100 and above to accommodate the so-called bus speed of the main microprocessor. That central chip can only move at its top speed, so adding faster memory chips doesn't improve speed but will, of course, increase the amount of data that can be stored in high-speed RAM.

People with P100 machines now are flocking to buy ultra-cheap P133 chips for this reason. I am among them because of the low prices you mention.

I wouldn't recommend upgrading a P60 board to P100 or P133 RAM, because you seem to have very little to gain. You would get absolutely no speed boost.

## VHS videos will last longer if transferred to DVD

The Dallas Morning News

You have two choices for that wedding video sitting in the bookcase: Convert it to DVD or kiss it goodbye.

VHS tapes can begin fading to black in less than 15 years, depending on how they are stored. Simply running the same tape 50 times through a videocassette recorder can irretrievably harm a home movie's quality. And if the picture doesn't fade, chances are the tape itself will gradually turn brittle and break.

In contrast, DVDs hold their picture quality for 40 to 300 years, depending on the conditions in which they are stored, experts say. But unless you're a well-equipped geek with a powerful, expensive home computer, the task of moving videotape to more permanent DVD discs is daunting.

Even with the best equipment, moving a two-hour VHS onto a large computer hard drive, then burning it into a video CD or DVD will take four hours or more.

"It's kind of like changing the oil in your car," said Bob Wilson, marketing vice president for KeyVideo.com. "Very few people want to take the time to do it themselves."

With that in mind, consumer services have sprung up in the last year to make it easy to preserve precious family moments for posterity. They've arrived on the scene as Americans are steadily shedding their dependence on videotape.

Sales of VCRs fell about 35 percent in 2001, while sales of DVD players rose almost 50 percent, according to industry figures. By many estimates, home DVD players have become the fastest-growing consumer electronics component in history.

Many camera stores and other specialty outlets have been offering VHS-to-DVD conversion services for several years at a wide range of prices. But now, three large companies have entered the market with a variety of options and pricing that starts as low as \$30 per two-hour tape.

## It's the Law: Hot rods become bargains

By James Coates  
Chicago Tribune

Tax season has just passed by us, and for this computer column writer it's meant I've once again had to deal with The Question.

"Hey, Coates, I can get a tax break if I buy a computer, so here's the deal: I don't need all those bells and whistles you love to write about. I just need a basic computer so I can use the Internet and do some word processing and maybe get my bank account on Quicken."

"So," The Question continues, "how can I get all of the stuff I need without paying for all of the games and video and stuff that I'm not interested in at all?"

Let me just blurt out what The Answer should be:

Figure on spending \$800, or maybe quite a bit less, for a Pentium 4 or equivalent AMD central processor with a chip speed of 1 gigahertz or faster. It must have a CD-ROM drive, at least 128 megabytes of memory and a minimum of 20 gigabytes of hard drive space.

The basic idea is simply this: Go out and buy just about the cheapest computer you can find and you will have a machine that just one year ago was the most powerful, most expensive personal computer on the market.

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gHz, 128 mb, 20 gb machine that I'm recommending this year. Last year it would have been considered red hot; today it's about half as powerful as the current high-end machines.

This situation has a name. It is Moore's Law, attributed to Intel Corp. co-founder Gordon Moore, who noted that every 18 months or so, the power of computers doubles and the price of the technology used drops 50 percent.

The corollary to Moore's Law is that the marketing geniuses behind Intel, Microsoft and the rest of the PC sales establishment will blitz us with relentless advertising until we reach the point where we aren't interested in buying the great technology from 18 months ago that has been cut in price by half.

Instead, we are guided to want

the latest stuff that costs twice as much because it is twice as powerful, give or take a Pentium or so.

It's a dance that dates back to shortly after the Cretaceous era when the first flowering plants appeared on Earth and we were using computers based on Intel's 8088 chip.

The 8088, we were told by Moore, his Intel sidekick Andy Grove, Microsoft's Bill Gates and others, was twice as powerful as the outmoded 8086. They convinced us that it was better to pay full price for the 8088 than half price for the 8086, which was once state of the art.

It has been same-old, same-old over the years that have since passed. They told us that the 8088 was a mere shadow of the new 286. Then we heard that the 286 didn't hold a candle to the 386 and so on as the spiral of planned obsolescence played out through all of the flavors of x86s and Pentium I, II, III and now Pentium 4.

Every time the numbers changed, the establishment found a way to convince us that we needed the absolutely latest rather than what had been the top of the line just a year earlier.

And every time the numbers changed, I had the same answer to The Question: Low-ball it.

## Enrollment in tech programs declines at many colleges

Night Rider News Service

The dot-com boom that drew money-seeking students into computer science has officially turned into the bachelor's degree bust of 2002.

Applications to some of the nation's best computer science schools are down substantially after years of rapid increase during the '90s.

Thirty percent fewer students have applied to Georgia Tech's College of Computing for fall 2002. Other nationally recognized computer science departments are seeing similar declines. At Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, applications are down 28 percent. At the University of

Texas at Austin, it's 32 percent. "Anything that is computer-related is soft this year," said Michael Steidel, director of admissions at Carnegie Mellon. "It's just not the quick buck like it used to be."

Schools with computer science programs say their applications increase dramatically in the mid-to late 1990s, when Internet startups were attracting millions of investment dollars. At Georgia Tech, applications increased from 159 in 1990, the year the College of Computing was established, to 1,549 in 2001 — an almost 900 percent increase. Applications dropped to 1,077 for fall 2002.

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF**

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SUMMONS

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**ALVIN GROENBECK**  
Chief Financial Officer  
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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“What was it? The immense presence of Woods being tied for the lead after the third round? The pressure of trying to catch him?”

The pimento cheese sandwiches they favor here? All I know is that the back nine of Augusta National Sunday was like a drunk tank. Tiger was the only one sober.

”  
—Nick Canepa in the San Diego Union Tribune about this year's Masters.

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Tiger Woods once shot a 48 for nine holes. What was so great about that?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- College baseball
  - CSI vs. Utah State (2), 2 p.m.
- High school baseball
  - Filer at Wendell, 4 p.m.
  - Wood River at Kimberly (2), 4 p.m.
- Bonneville at Burley, 4:30 p.m.
- Twin Falls at Borah, 4:30 p.m.
- High school softball
  - Filer at Wendell, 4 p.m.
  - Wood River at Kimberly (2), 4 p.m.
- Century at Burley (2), 4 p.m.
- High school golf
  - Glenns Ferry hosts at Carmela Vineyards, 1 p.m.
- High school tennis
  - Burley at Highland, 3:30 p.m.
  - Mimico at Pocatello, 3:30 p.m.
- High school track
  - Frosh-sophomore meet at Burley, 4 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Sklavos, Burkett take Best Ball

GOODING — Carl Sklavos and Gary Burkett rallied a 139 to finish on top in the championship flight at the Gooding Golf Course 23rd Best Ball tournament this past weekend.

Gordon Barry and Scott Stanfield finished two strokes back at 141. Kerry Daniel and Nathan Childs (128) finished one stroke ahead of Andy Fink and Clay Pond (129) in the net division.

In first flight action John Woodland and Rich Thompson (144) finished four strokes ahead of Jim Voloshen and Marc Beeson. Willie Dane and Dan Keem took net honors with a 126.

John Hollifield and Bill Zappani captured first place in the second flight gross with a 157 while in the net division Kevin VanHoozer and Paul Morgenthaler's 119 was low score.

Meeting for youth coaches will take place

KIMBERLY — A meeting for youth baseball and softball coaches in Kimberly will be held April 17th at 7 p.m. in the Kimberly Public Library. League rules will be covered. Anyone interested in coaching is encouraged to attend the meeting.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

He was 3 years old at the time.

## Eagles try to stay focused with bye week at hand

By Joe Sunnen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Their hitting has been solid and at times efficiently precise.

Their defense, a so-so mix of blunders and beauty. And their pitching has been as brilliant and as incapacitating as the Hollywood version of mathematician John Nash's life.

Now with the Scenic West Athletic Conference by week upon them, they focused over the final three weeks of the regular season is the top order of business for the College of Southern Idaho baseball team.

"We're going to try and work out the kinks this week and string together some wins," sophomore Christian Colonel said. "We've been playing all right, but the last two weekend's we've lost focus for a game

### CSI On Deck

Today vs. Utah State College, 2 p.m. (2)  
Friday vs. Douglas College, 5 p.m. (2)  
Saturday vs. Douglas College, 2 p.m. (2)  
Sunday vs. Douglas College, 10 a.m. (1)

during the series. We need to concentrate and beat those teams that we should beat."

CSI (26-13, 22-10 SWAC) won't have much time for wandering minds this week with seven home games on the schedule.

The Eagles' bye week starts with a doubleheader against the Utah State College club team today at 2 p.m. at Frontier Field and follows with a pair of doubleheaders with Douglas College of Vancouver B.C. on Friday and Saturday. The week wraps up with one game against Douglas on

Sunday at 10 a.m.

"I think the bye comes at a good time for us," CSI coach Jim Walker said. "We're still trying to heal up a pitcher or two."

CSI will also be looking to heal some of its defensive woes, particularly on the left side of the infield where Colonel and freshman Kody Kirkland had combined for 35 errors before last weekend's series with Treasure Valley Community College.

"We're much better than we're playing on defense right now," Colonel said. "The pressure is there, but we shouldn't be making the errors we're making, especially me and Kody. I don't know, we're just thinking about failing I guess. But we need to figure some things out this week."

The Eagles are also looking at changing up their starting pitching rotation. Walker said CSI might move sophomore

Brad Burrow to the No. 3 spot and put Joe Miller in as the Game 2 starter. The move enables Burrow to relieve either game on the first day of a series. Miller will be sharp in the third game.

"Brad's always better the second day because he throws more strikes," Walker said.

But the biggest concern is just maintaining a competitive edge before starting play in the SWAC again.

The Eagles finish the regular season with four games again North Idaho College at Coeur d'Alene in April 26-27 before hosting the Community College of Southern Nevada for four on May 3-4 in the season finale.

Times-News sportswriter Joe Sunnen covers CSI baseball. Reach him at 735-3230 or by e-mail at [jsunnen@magicvalley.com](mailto:jsunnen@magicvalley.com).

## Playin' in the wind

Wildcats battle breeze to take home a win

By Kevin Hall  
Times-News writer

JEROME — Stocking caps and woolen mittens replaced traditional sun visors and golf gloves Monday on a wind-whipped 93 Golf Ranch.

Playing into a daylong, persistent westerly wind while braving gusts up to a reported 36 mph, and dealing with a bone-numbing wind chill factor, 43 brave golfers shivered their way up and down the rolling course with one thing on their minds: get into the clubhouse as quickly as possible.

Valley golfer Anthony Nelson made it in the shortest round, shooting a respectable 42 to earn boys medalist honors. Nelson, who clutched a cup of hot chocolate afterward, said conditions were miserable for golf.

"I lost all feeling in like, everything, after that second hole," he said. "My nose still feels like it's going to fall off."

But as his senses slowly thawed with each sip of the hot liquid, Nelson still managed a smile.

Wendell's Jysen Lancaster, who tied for second with a 43 with Kellen Nebeker of Murtaugh, said the strong winds played a factor on every part of the green, even putting.

"That was ridiculous. I had to hit a 3-iron from about 150 yards," he said.

A.J. Robinson of Oakley and Jared Koch of Filer managed the top five with 44s. Koch led another strong showing by Filer, which defeated Wendell by seven strokes 186-193 for the team win.

Behind Koch for the winning Wildcats were Carey Farnsworth (45), Jake Carnahan (48) and Corey Farnsworth and Shawn Blass, who both shot 49s.

Filer coach Dennis Mai said his big guns weren't at the meet because he was looking for a No. 4 or No. 5 golfer from Monday's play. With all five Wildcats carding rounds under 50 in the wind, please see GOLF, Page D2



Rainbow Lange from the Filer golf team takes a practice swing from the sixth hole at the 93 Golf Ranch in Jerome on Monday afternoon.

## Northwest Nazarene assistant will join Broncos

New coach Graham announces second hire in four days

The Associated Press

BOISE — Julious Coleman, an assistant at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa for the past five years, was hired on Monday to join the men's basketball coaching staff at Boise State University.

It was the second appointment announced in four days by new Boise State head coach Greg Graham. Coleman joins Andy McClouskey of the University of Nevada, who was hired last Friday.

Coleman was recruiting coordinator and helped with on-the-floor coaching and day-to-day operations of the program at Northwest Nazarene. Graham said with the Broncos he would handle academics and video exchange, as well as assist with scouting and organize the men's basketball camps.

"He brings local knowledge and recruiting ties in the Northwest that will help us both in the community and in recruiting," Graham said.

Before Northwest Nazarene, Coleman spent three seasons as an assistant at Kansas State. He played at Point Loma Nazarene in San Diego for three seasons and spent one year at Pasadena City College.

"The opportunity to coach at the highest level is exciting," he said.

"It's a great move for me and my family and I know under coach Graham we will be able to do good things at Boise State."



Julious Coleman

## Kenyans reclaim Boston Marathon

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Kenyans are back on top of the Boston Marathon, reclaiming a winning tradition that's now as much a part of the race as Heartbreak Hill.

Rodgers Rop won the men's event Monday by three seconds over Christopher Cheboiboch, and Margaret Okayo set a course record for women in beating two-time defending champion Catherine Ndereba.

All are from Kenya, whose 10-year winning streak among men was broken last year by Lee Bong-ju of South Korea, who was fifth Monday and the first non-Kenyan to cross the finish line.

"The Kenyans are very happy. Last year, I was not happy," Rop said. "Before running, I said, 'We have to reclaim our title.' It's become a tradition in Kenya to win Boston, so I had to try my level best to win."

As he crossed the finish line, Cheboiboch embraced Rop. At that same spot about 2.5 hours earlier, four American flags — each 45-by-90 feet — were held horizontally by volunteers in the first Boston Marathon

Please see BOSTON, Page D2



The winner's medal is placed over Rodgers Rop's head in Boston Monday. The Kenyan won the Boston Marathon with a time of 2:09:02.

### Magic Valley runners

How local runners Mike Nielsen, Richard Haberman and Jennifer Stippich fared at the 100th Boston Marathon Monday. (Times are listed in minutes, seconds).

Name	Official time	Overall finish	Division place	Pace
Mike Nielsen, Twin Falls	3:32:59	5,274	2,484	8:08/mile
Rick Haberman, Jerome	3:38:48	6,187	1,944	8:21/mile
Jenni Stippich, Jerome	4:11:14	10,681	2,380	9:35/mile

—courtesy www.bostonmarathon.org

## Andersons fare well at rain-plagued Ignitor

The Times-News

EAGLE — Twin Falls father and son drag racers Don and Kenny Anderson placed high in their respective classes Monday at the rain-delayed Ignitor at Firebird Raceway in Eagle.

Kenny Anderson took second out of 44 drivers in the Super Comp bracket with his Chevy. Dragsters in the finale—Kenny Anderson was edged by Nampa driver Dick Vander Meer, who won with a time of 9.20 seconds at 168 mph.

Kenny Anderson came in at 9.24 seconds at 161 mph. Vander Meer, who won for the second time at the Ignitor, is a former longtime Jerome resident.

Don Anderson had his best outing since 2000, taking seventh out of 59 entries in the Super Gas class with his 1957 Corvette. In the quarterfinals, Don Anderson turned a 10.20 time at 152 mph in falling to Steve Sharp of Pomona, Calif., in a '70 Camaro.

Many other Magic Valley drivers raced at the event, which is considered the start to the Northwest drag racing season. Other locals competing over the weekend included Diann Anderson, Dan Lafferty, Mark Kidd and Bill Hawkes of Gooding.

NHRA multiple national event victor Bucky Austin won the Alcohol Funny Car honor with his 238 mph run in his Ford Woodburn, Ore., racer Steve Federlin defeated a field from Canada and the western United States to win the Alcohol Dragster division.

Other winners included: Ricky Ruiz (Nitro Slugfest); Jack Harris (Nitro Consolation); Bob Lambeck (Comp); Jeff Lane (Super Stock); Jody Lang (Stock); Wayne Linder Jr. (Super Gas); John Dalgryple (Super Street); Jon Fiedel (Wyoming Ethanol Top Comp); Leeland King (Kerker Pro Sportsman Bike); Kelly Oliver (Super Pro) and John Keppinger (Pro).

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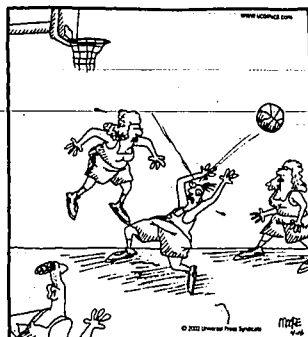
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His self-esteem in tatters, Douglas quits the singles basketball league after being constantly rejected by women.

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Basketball NBA Detroit at New Jersey 8 p.m. TBS

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Bulls edge past the 76ers 98-96

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - For the second straight year, the Chicago Bulls probably cost the Philadelphia 76ers home-court advantage in the playoffs.

Jalen Rose scored 32 points, including two foul shots with two seconds remaining, leading the Bulls to a 98-96 victory over the Sixers on Monday night.

The Sixers fell a half-game behind Orlando for the No. 4 spot in the Eastern Conference.

The Magic held the tiebreaker - a 3-1 record against Philadelphia this season - should the teams finish even.

Philadelphia, which clinched a playoff spot Sunday, rested center Dikembe Mutombo and also was without Allen Iverson (broken left hand), Aaron McKie (eye) and Derrick Coleman (hyperextended knee).

Eric Snow scored 21 and little-used Jabari Smith added a career-high 14 for the Sixers.

Jamal Crawford had 14 and Eddy Curry added 12 for the Bulls, who have won four of five.

Celtics 93, Timberwolves 90. MINNEAPOLIS - Paul Pierce scored 31 points as the Boston Celtics held off the Minnesota Timberwolves 93-90 on Monday night.

After trailing for most of the game, Minnesota took advantage of Boston's cold fourth quarter shooting and used a 19-8 run over the last eight minutes to pull within 91-90.

But Wally Szczerbiak, who had been 5-of-5 from the free-throw line in the quarter, missed both attempts after being fouled by Rodney Rodgers with 31.2 seconds remaining. The Wolves got one more chance after getting the rebound off Szczerbiak's second miss. But Kevin Garnett, who shot a cold 8-for-23 from the floor, missed his shot after faking Tony Battie into the air.

Garnett led the Wolves with 20 points.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

New York Rangers fire coach Monday

NEW YORK - The New York Rangers' NHL-high payroll no longer includes coach Ron Low. The Rangers fired Low on Monday after two losing seasons and zero postseason appearances despite base salaries totaling about \$70 million in 2001-02.

The team went 36-38-4-3 this season and finished 11th in the Eastern Conference. It was the fifth straight year New York failed to make the playoffs.

The Rangers led the conference standings in early December and finished the Atlantic Division as late as Jan. 5. But the team went 3-11-1 from Dec. 31 to Feb. 6, sinking its season.

The roster featured seven players who were at the Salt Lake City Olympics, including stars such as goaltender Mike Richter, defenseman Brian Leetch and forward Eric Lindros.

Low's record in New York was 69-81-5-4. He missed one game this season to attend the funeral of his brother, who died of cancer. In seven NHL seasons, including five with the Edmonton Oilers, Low is 208-243-6-4.

Ken Hitchcock, who coached the Dallas Stars to the 1999 Stanley Cup title, is a candidate to replace Low, Sather said. The fired Hitchcock in January and didn't qualify for the playoffs.

Gooden will announce decision on Friday

LAWRENCE, Kan. - All-America forward Drew Gooden, the Big 12's leading scorer and rebounder, will announce on Friday whether he will start his senior season and enter the NBA draft. It's not an easy decision for the 6-foot-10 Gooden, who is torn between his love of college basketball and the millions of dollars awaiting him as a pro.

Gooden led the Big 12 with 19.8 points and 11.4 rebounds a game and was a unanimous choice as conference player of the year. He is certain to be a high draft choice and would likely be a lottery pick.

Under current scale for NBA rookies, Gooden would get no less than \$2 million per year if he is one of the first five picks.

But if he stays, the Jayhawks will immediately become one of the favorites to win the NCAA championship because they would lose only one star off the team that went 33-4 and lost to eventual champion Maryland in the national semifinals.

NHL sets attendance record during season

NEW YORK - For the second straight year, the NHL set a regular-season attendance record. The total attendance for the season completed Sunday, was 20,614,613 - up from 20,379,148 last season.

The per-game average of 16,760 also topped last season's previous high of 16,564 for the 1,230-game schedule.

The Colorado Avalanche, Columbus Blue Jackets, Dallas Stars, Detroit Red Wings, and Minnesota Wild sold out each of their 41 home games. The New York Islanders, Carolina Hurricanes, and Washington Capitals, and Florida Panthers posted double-digit percentage increases over last season.

NHL teams played to over 91 percent of capacity.

Woods' win gives golf ratings a boost

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Internet firm will offer service in T.F.

**TWIN FALLS** - Arizona-based Here Inc., an Internet and network services firm, said it is offering dial-up and high-speed Digital Subscriber Line service in Twin Falls and elsewhere in Idaho.

Here Inc. calls itself one of the country's largest broadband-DSL and enhanced data communications service providers for small and medium cities.

"The dial-up and DSL offering through Here Inc. represents a competitive choice over limited services available from local telephone or cable television companies," said Marco Rivas, vice president of sales and marketing for Here Inc., in a statement.

Some Idaho consumers pay over \$20 for dial-up service, said Slaid Grove, chief technology officer and co-founder of Here Inc.

"We can offer it to them for only \$9.95," Grove said in the statement. "We can also deliver DSL for only \$69.95 for 384K without having to deal with the local phone company."

Here Inc. said it offers DSL in Twin Falls, Boise, Caldwell, Coeur d'Alene, Eagle, Hayden Lake, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, Meridian, Moscow, Nampa, Pocatello, Post Falls and Rexburg.

Here Inc. said its services include nationwide dial-up; content-filtered dial-up; DSL; domain name registration and renewal; Web site design and application; Web site hosting (shared and dedicated); dedicated Internet access; server- and equipment co-location; and fully managed network design, service and security.

Here Inc. is a bilingual, full-service Internet service provider and application service provider. The company can be reached at (877) TIS-HERE.

### Development group will consider bond issue

**TWIN FALLS** - The city's Industrial Development Corp. on Wednesday will consider authorizing an industrial revenue bond issue for Cattleman's Choice Locomotive LLC.

The Colorado-based company's Web site says it produces liquid feed supplements and sells them through a multistate dealer network.

Dave McAlindin, City Hall's economic development director, said Cattleman's Choice is considering building a Twin Falls manufacturing plant which would employ fewer than 10 people.

The city's development corporation is considering an industrial revenue bond issue of about \$1.5 million in the company's name to finance the project, he said. If approved Wednesday, the company would be able to use the corporation's tax-exempt status to get a lower interest rate, but the debt would be the company's obligation.

The Industrial Development Corp. meets at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday in City Hall, 321 Second Ave. E. The public is welcome.

### Investment representative will host workshop

**TWIN FALLS** - Lynn Hansen, an Edward Jones investment representative in Twin Falls, will host a "Financial Workshop for Individual Investors" beginning this week.

The four-week workshop will help individuals set financial and investment goals, the firm said. It also will provide an in-depth look at types of investments suitable for investors who are working or retired.

Whether you are interested in maximizing your long-term investment returns, reducing your income taxes or maximizing your investment income, you should plan to attend this informative class," Hansen said.

The workshop will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, April 18 through May 9, at 1126 Eastland Drive N., Suite 200. Admission is free.

For information or to reserve a seat, call Hansen at 732-0300.

Compiled from staff reports

## Buhl man will become chamber director

By John E. Swartz  
Times-News correspondent

**BUHL** - A new face will soon be at the helm of the Buhl Chamber of Commerce. Buhl resident Ronald Potts was chosen as the chamber's executive director this month.

Potts will take over from Merrill Huether, who resigned at the end of February.

Chamber President Steve Kaatz, who has been acting director in the interim, said Huether did a great job during her seven months as director, but money was a motivating factor in her decision to leave.

"If you're young like she is, you got your family to think about," he said.

Potts' salary was still in negotiations, so Kaatz declined to comment on it.

Kaatz said the chamber was looking for a local person who wanted to take on a job in which money was not a primary factor.

Potts and Kathryn Fitzgerald, also of Buhl, were the only applicants for the position of executive director.

"I can't remember a degree, but she had a heavy accounting background," Kaatz

said. "If we would have had the money, we'd have hired both of them."

Potts will bring both academic and corporate experience to the position.

He holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of San Diego and a master's in business from Pepperdine University.

His career sent him overseas to build and manage operations of AMF Sporting Good Manufacture.

Potts also was president of Engineer Facilities Inc. in Placenta, Calif., which specialized in machinery used to produce

sporting goods equipment.

"I've been in upper and middle management all my life," he said.

Potts and his wife, Mary Lou, moved to Buhl from California when he retired in 1992. For the past five or six years, he has worked in quality control for Spears Manufacturing in Jerome.

"I didn't like retirement, it was boring to me," he said.

When Potts begins as the chamber's executive director Monday, he will be involved in every aspect of chamber administration, such as attending club meetings or preparing budgets and grant

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## SIGN OF THE TIMES



A lease sign is shown in downtown San Francisco Wednesday. Economists see signs the recession is abating, but that's little consolation to those who own office space in America's cities, where rents are plummeting due to the biggest glut of commercial real estate in years.

## Cities face glut of office space

The Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO** - Economists see signs the recession is abating, but that's little consolation to those who own office space in America's cities, where rents are plummeting because of the biggest glut of commercial real estate in years.

Even as U.S. companies are adding jobs and home sales remain brisk, the nation's office vacancy rate hit 14.7 percent in the first quarter - the highest since the mid-1990s, according to Reis Inc., a New York real estate investment firm.

It might be hard to summon sympathy for landlords, but thinned-out business districts create plenty of pain for other people - and provide a snapshot of the state of the economic recovery.

"More empty buildings mean less business for everything to coffee stands to small restaurants, cafes, business services, personal services," said business consultant Tapan Munroe, former chief economist for Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

Perhaps no place illustrates the issue as vividly as San Francisco, which is still marveling at how fast the dot-com boom went bust.

A record 21 percent of the city's office space is vacant, nearly three times the rate at this time last year, according to the Grubb & Ellis real estate company.

In the South of Market area, the former warehouse district that became known as Multimedia Gulch during the dot-com heyday, the vacancy rate is a staggering 49 percent. It was close to zero two years ago, said Colin Yasukochi, a Grubb & Ellis research director.

Back then, Enzo's Ristorante in the heart of the area used to serve lunch to 90 people a day. The answering machine often would be full with reservation requests when owner Renzo Romero arrived at the Italian joint at 9 a.m.

Romero has since reduced his midday staff from eight people to four and sometimes gets as few as 10 lunchtime customers a day.

"I used to be like a flea market around here, with so many people walking around," Romero said. "Now, Monday through

Thursday is like a Sunday. All the restaurants are taking a big hit."

The cities with the highest drops in office rents this year all are high-tech centers: Boston, Oakland, San Francisco, San Jose and Austin, Texas, according to Reis. Phoenix, Dallas, Denver and Columbus, Ohio also have vacancy rates over 18 percent.

Although the Internet economy started to tank in 2000, constructing an office building can take nearly two years, so some new complexes are just now coming open after the demand has dried up.

Grubb & Ellis found that 331,000 square feet of office space is under construction in South of Market.

Other real estate firms put San Francisco's overall vacancy rate lower, around 16 percent, and say occupancy rates in smaller-sized offices and in the city's financial district are even healthier.

"We're back to the same market we were at between 1986 and 1998," said Hans Hansson, presi-

dent of Starboard Commercial Real Estate, which leases and sells office space.

But there's no disagreement over the results. Top-tier office space that rented for more than \$80 a square foot two years ago now goes for about \$33.

That isn't bad only for real estate companies. Many businesses that have scaled back since the bust find it nearly impossible to sublet their excess space.

"Almost every office you go into, there are at least a few empty offices and cubicles," Yasukochi said.

Even after being burned by the dot-com meltdown, office brokers still ooze optimism - at least partly because sharing bad news about the market just encourages tenants to try to wrangle ever-better deals.

Some are already hoping the next boom comes from clusters of new biotechnology companies.

"It's difficult now, but there's activity and people making deals," said Leland Whitney, managing principal of Whitney Cressman, a commercial real estate firm. "It's just a question of when the Bay Area is going to have its next disruptive technology, and we'll be back."

## Don't attempt to hide your assets from the IRS

**Question:** My friend and I each have substantial amounts of cash. My balances are in the five digits, while my friend has more than \$100,000. Our problem is that we owe substantial amounts to the IRS and other tax agencies. We want to park this cash someplace where it will be safe and we have access to it, but where the IRS can't find it. Please don't advise me to resolve my tax problems. I tried, and it's impossible!

**Answer:** Baloney. Your issues - whatever they are - can be resolved, as soon as you abandon the idea that you can somehow hide your assets from the IRS. Find an attorney who specializes in solving tax problems and hire him or her. Your local bar association can offer referrals. It may take some time, and the willingness to pay a few bucks, but your situation isn't "impossible."

By the way, how dare you ask

**MONEY TALK**  
Liz Pulliam  
Weston

for help in committing tax fraud. Have you never read this column before? The whole point of Money Talk is helping people resolve their financial problems in ethical and legal ways. If you want criminal or bogus solutions, there are plenty of fly-by-night outfits that are willing to take - and disappear with - your cash.

Q: You've talked about the scam of marking "paid in full" on a \$10 check, pointing out that such a tactic won't work with credit card companies. But I have a question about debt settlement companies. I have con-

tacted a financial service to help pay off a \$4,000 credit card balance. This service claims that since Sept. 11 most banks are willing to settle debts for approximately 15 cents on the dollar. I'm supposed to pay them an \$800 initial fee and empower them to negotiate on my behalf so I will pay only \$600 to settle the debt. They claim it would show on my credit report as "settled and paid as agreed" and improve my credit score by lowering my debt-to-income ratio. Is this too good to be true? Should I use this to pay off my department store cards? I'm trying to pre-qualify for a home mortgage and need to improve my credit score.

A: Of course it's too good to be true. This company's tactics could trash your credit score and prevent you from getting your mortgage.

Sometimes lenders will agree to accept less than what they're

owed, but the settlement shows up as a negative entry on your credit record. People in serious financial trouble might resort to such debt settlements, but you shouldn't.

By the way, didn't it strike you as the leanest-bit-slimy that this outfit was willing to exploit the terrorist attacks for its own ends? And don't you feel a little weird looking for a way out of a debt that you're apparently perfectly capable of paying?

The way to improve your credit score is to apply for credit sparingly, pay your bills on time and stop looking for shortcuts that ultimately will be far more expensive.

Questions can be sent to Pulliam Weston at [liz.pulliam@latimes.com](mailto:liz.pulliam@latimes.com) or mailed to her in care of Money Talk, Business Section, Los Angeles Times, 202 W. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

## MicronPC looks for markets

The Associated Press

**NAMPA** - MicronPC is beginning to set a new forward course a year after being severed from the other companies in southwestern Idaho that bore the Micron name.

The company just posted its second straight profitable quarter in a still-shaky technology market.

"Considering where we come from, and the challenges we faced, every profitable quarter is a milestone," MicronPC President Mike Adkins said.

Last May, what was then Micron Electronics Inc. unloaded the computer-making part of its operation to Gores Technology Group in Southern California. Micron Electronics, which was then controlled by Micron Technology, was concentrating on Internet Web hosting services.

Then last fall, Micron Technology divested its financial interest in Micron Electronics, which was absorbed a month earlier by Interland Inc. of Georgia.

The surviving MicronPC operation had spent two full years swash in red ink before getting back into the black last fall. Then in December, it announced a 10 percent work force reduction and moving its 300-employee call center from Meridian to the Nampa plant.

That left the company with about 1,000 employees in Idaho, half the number a year earlier.

But now with a second profitable quarter under its belt, Adkins said MicronPC is moving out of its survival phase toward growth.

"Our strategy of focusing on select segments and providing a superior level of service and support has proven to be the right approach," he said.

With financial stability apparently achieved, Adkins said the

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## Former Astaris workers head back to school

The Associated Press

**POCATELLO** - At 56, Dennis Hobbs has a new look on life.

"I'm starting to enjoy school. I've never enjoyed it in my life," he said. "It's getting much better. I'm getting better grades."

Hobbs enrolled at Idaho State University this year after he lost his job with hundreds of others when Astaris closed down in December.

He plans to study marketing management, but he is not sure what he will do. Beyond simply retiring, he has considered owning his own business. Since beginning school, Hobbs has gotten a tutor and is taking preparatory classes involving stress management and test-taking skills.

"They know what they're doing," he says. "They start you out small."

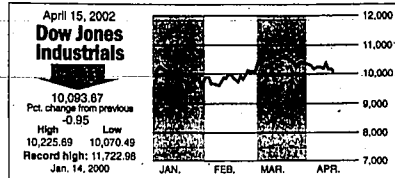
Chris Hughes and Dave Smith are also in school but with a specific goal in mind. After spending their time at Astaris inspecting cranes and providing workers safety training, the two are students at the University of California at San Diego in an 11-week program to get Occupational Safety and Health Administration certification in safety training.

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MONEY

Mixed earnings reports prompt more selling

NEW YORK (AP) — Mixed earnings and Wall Street set off more selling on Wall Street Monday as investors, still unimpressed by first-quarter reports, shied away from commitments to stocks.



Trading volume was light, a reflection of investors' unwillingness to participate until corporate forecasts become less murky. Analysts said that until companies start to express confidence that business is improving, a rally is unlikely.

So far, earnings have not created a catalyst, there's no dramatic guidance to think the future's going to be better and then you have this overhang in the Middle East," said Larry Wachel, a market analyst at Prudential Securities. "No one is expected to step up to the plate in an environment like this."

Mormon church leader gives deposition in Tribune case

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — One of the Mormon church's top three officials was questioned Monday in a lawsuit filed by the publisher of The Salt Lake Tribune.

Thomas S. Monson, first counselor in the church's First Presidency governing body, submitted to a 3.5-hour deposition by lawyers for the Tribune's former owners and managers.

The church resisted being drawn in the dispute. Church lawyers were successful in questioning church President Gordon B. Hinckley or his second counselor, James E. Faust, from being

That didn't happen Monday. Citigroup fell \$1.18 to \$45.92 after its first-quarter results fell below Wall Street's expectations due to losses in its Argentine holdings.

Monson was a chairman of the board of Deseret News Publishing Co., which is owned by Deseret Management Corp. Monson sits on the holding company's executive committee.

California officials hope to avoid another power crisis

Knight Ridder News Service

Energy leaders in California are keeping a wary eye on the horizon — another power crisis may be less than two years away.

California may not experience anxiety-provoking rolling blackouts this year or next. Officials worry, however, that demand could reach dangerous levels again by 2004 if the economy continues to grow, the weather heats up and new power plants are not brought on line.

spokesman for the California Energy Commission. Other state energy officials have arrived at similar conclusions. "Things look good in the short term, but in the two, three, four, five-year time there's still a few question marks," said Gregg Fishman, spokesman for the California Independent System Operator, the agency that controls the state's power grid.

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