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Dr. Bill Smith performs plastic surgery at the new doctor-owned Sawtooth Surgery Center in Twin Falls. The center offers several types of outpatient surgery.

SURGICAL OPTION

New center offers choice to patients, but competition to MVRMC

By Pat Macdonald
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Regional Medical Center could lose 50 to 60 percent of its outpatient surgery revenue to a new private surgery center, a study shows.

Board chairman Terry Schultz said it's too early to tell if that will be the case.

But residents of the county-owned hospital won't see a cut in care. In addition, the hospital has expanded a head of cooperation to the new doctor-owned Sawtooth Surgery Center, he said.

Meanwhile, surgery center chairman Dr. William Fitzhugh said the center offers patients a lower-cost choice and gives local physicians more say in how health care is delivered.

When doctors started talking about a center more than a year ago, they talked with out-of-state investors — which is where most of the money would have gone, he said. They thought local input and control was better.

The doctors ended up purchasing for an estimated price of \$15,000-square-foot site for the surgery center. Building occupies the Greenhouse Clinic will move here, Fitzhugh said.

Doctors are facing decreased



payments from federal and private health insurers, so the center is a way to maintain their livelihoods and attract quality patients by offering them options, he said.

Patients benefit by having a choice, said Fitzhugh, who said the center offers lower prices than the hospital.

The goal is to have one of the finest surgery centers in the state.

Outpatient surgery revenue will be shared by Magic Valley Regional.

A hospital-hired consultant projected a \$3 million to \$5 million annual loss in revenue if a private surgery center opened, Schultz said.

Within a week of the center's opening, 27 scheduled surgeries

at the hospital were cancelled.

"There is some financial concern," he said.

But it's too early to tell what the hospital will take if those losses prove true.

"We're not going to tolerate a reduction of the quality of care," Schultz said.

In a Jan. 13 letter, Schultz asked Sawtooth Surgery Center managers to meet and discuss whether there is any role for the hospital.

"We're going to have to find a way to work with that health-care facility," Schultz said of the letter.

If the hospital can't work with the center and other health-care providers, the financial effects could be greater, he said.

One priority is certain: the hos-

pital will revamp its own surgery unit to make it more efficient and doctor-friendly, Schultz said.

"That's" exactly what the Sawtooth Surgery Center doctors wanted, Fitzhugh said. They wanted the hospital to cut waste and exercise better management.

One third of the private doctors with privileges at Magic Valley Regional are investors in the surgery center, Schultz said.

"The physicians are our customer and the patients are our consumers and we always have to work with our customers," said Schultz, who has promised that the board will be more willing to work with doctors.

That wasn't always the case.

Fitzhugh said center investors had considered a joint venture with the hospital, but Magic Valley Regional's history with such projects wasn't good.

Schultz said past working relationships with doctors hurt this effort.

"We're living with that harvest now," he said.

In late 1997, the Magic Valley Regional board established a committee to pursue partnerships for an outpatient surgery center. But nothing came of the talks.

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NAFTA — good and bad

Analysts: Pact hurts small farms, helps greater economy

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

BOISE — The country's free trade agreements are hurting Idaho's family farmers, but commerce and industry here are doing well in an increasingly global environment, a few experts told the Idaho House Agriculture Committee Thursday.

Idaho exports took an 18 percent dive in the first three quarters of 1998, but the drop, caused mainly by economic troubles in Asia, came after a 200 percent climb in exports over the year.

The North American Free Trade Agreement and others like it had a lot to do with Idaho's boom in manufacturing, but experts left no doubt that the agreements left most small farmers in the cold.

"How can I go back to the farmers and say we're doing great when they're losing their farms?" asked Rep. Frances Field, R-Grand View.

Wayne Kendall, R-Aberdeen, said he knew of more than 100 farms near his hometown that are up for sale.

"In any free trade agreement there are winners and losers," said University of Idaho agriculture professor Stephen Devoss.

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Suspect couldn't escape TF

By Brian Hayes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The suspect in Tuesday's robbery of U S Bank was arraigned Thursday in Twin Falls County court.

Lashawna Janelle Thrower, 19, Portland, Ore., is charged with robbery. She was being held on a \$85,000 bond and is scheduled for a Feb. 8 preliminary hearing.

Thrower was captured in the lobby of the Twin Falls airport after a 14-hour hunt by the FBI and Twin Falls police.

According to a written statement by police detective Gary Rinehart, the events leading to her capture unfolded like this:

Tuesday, 3 p.m.: A woman walks into the U S Bank at 748 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. and hands a note to one of the tellers.

"Give me all your 100's, 50's,

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Feds OK standardized child-care seats on cars

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — All child safety seats would be anchored by the same, simple system in new cars under a rule federal regulators will issue within a few weeks.

The rule has passed its final hurdle, review by the Office of Management and Budget, and awaits only the formal announcement. Department of Transportation officials said they have not yet set a date, in part because they are coordinating with the White House.

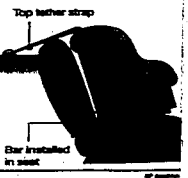
Canada also will require the system, and Transport Canada is coordinating its announcement with the U.S. one, government officials said.

The rule would require auto makers to outfit new cars with a single type of anchorage system to hold child seats so parents can avoid the struggle to cinch the seat with a seat belt.

Auto makers will be given lead time to install the anchors in rear seats. It will take years for all

Safer riding for children

A federal rule will soon require all new cars to have metal bars installed to serve as an anchoring system for child seats. New child safety seats are being designed to hook on to these bars.



child seats and cars to have the system, since it will be required only on new products.

SENATE AIMS FOR AN END

Lawmakers OK final votes, plan vote by Feb. 12

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Senate approved a plan Thursday night intended to end President Clinton's impeachment trial by Feb. 12 but broke along party lines for the second day in a row as the Republican majority courted Democrats who wanted to bar Monica S. Lewinsky from testifying on the Senate floor.

A day of up-and-down negotiations produced concessions by both parties, only to fall apart over a few critical disputes such as Lewinsky's testimony and how firm to make the target end date.

At the end of the day, the two sides gave up searching for compromise and put their competing plans to a vote, which the Republicans won on a pair of strictly partisan 54 to 44 roll calls.

The Democrats forced a third vote seeking to move immediately to a final decision on whether



Sen. Studdert Gordon, R-Wash., left, and Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, tell reporters Thursday there's a good chance the impeachment trial will be over by Feb. 12.

to oust the president, knowing they have more than the 34 senators required to block conviction on the two articles of impeachment. But the GOP majority refused on a 55 to 43 vote, with Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., again joining the Republicans as

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie
High: 30 Low: 10
Partly cloudy today and windy. Same tonight. Mostly cloudy Saturday, breezy, high 34.

Treasure Valley
High: 42 Low: 26
Partly cloudy today and windy. Same tonight. Mostly cloudy Saturday, breezy, high 44.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley
High: 36 Low: 3
Partly cloudy today. Same tonight. Partly cloudy Saturday, high 32.

Eastern Idaho
High: 24 Low: 6
Fog early today then mostly clear, with some clearing and breezy. Clear tonight. Partly cloudy Saturday, high 26.

Northern Idaho
High: 42 Low: 31
Mostly cloudy today and windy. Same tonight. Chance of snow. Cloudy Saturday, chance of rain, high 40.

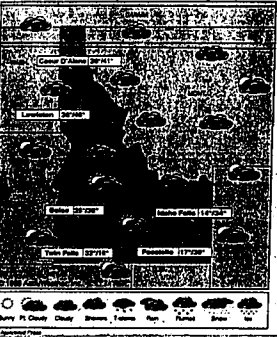
Northern Utah
High: 45 Low: 22
Mostly sunny today, partly cloudy tonight. Sunny Saturday. Same tonight and warmer with high 47.

Northern Nevada
High: 33 Low: 15
Partly cloudy today with some snow. Same tonight. Mostly cloudy Saturday, breezy, high 40.

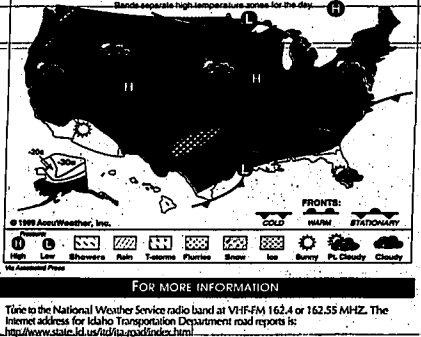
MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High: 32 Low: 16 Partly cloudy with mild winds.	High: 38 Low: 20 Partly cloudy.	High: 30s Low: teens Chance of rain or snow.	High: 30s Low: teens Chance of rain or snow.	High: 20s Low: teens Chance of snow, windy, cooler.

Idaho weather



National weather



YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 28 11	Yesterday in Twin Falls
Last year 48 26	Month to date 2.02
Normal 37 19	Normal mo. to date 1.03
	Water year to date 4.02
	Normal year to date 4.08

Idaho	Highs/Lows
Boise	Max 24 Min 10
Burley	31 6
Fairfield	31 6
Idaho Falls	19 12
Jerome	31 6
Lewiston	47 32
Malad	29 5
Malla	34 2
McCall	26 1
Pocatello	28 11
Salmon	30 7
Stanley	m m
Sun Valley	m m

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	53	30	.....
Atlanta	73	50	.....
Boston	31	31	.08
Chicago	48	39	.....
Dallas	68	59	.....
Denver	57	37	.....
Des Moines	43	24	.....
Detroit	33	24	.....
Honolulu	37	27	.....
Houston	75	67	.14
Indianapolis	37	29	.....
Kansas City	37	29	.....
Las Vegas	56	48	.....
Los Angeles	64	48	.....
Memphis	69	60	.04
Minneapolis	28	22	.....
Milwaukee	34	23	.....
Miami	78	65	.....
New Orleans	29	61	.....
New York	49	37	.03
Oakland	47	45	.....
Omaha	36	25	.....
Philadelphia	47	37	.....
Pittsburgh	54	45	.....
Portland, Me.	18	16	.....
Portland, Ore.	48	43	.24
Reno	49	21	.....
San Antonio	77	67	.....
Salt Lake City	31	17	.....
San Francisco	55	38
Seattle	42	30
Spokane	42	30
Washington	42	30
Yanama	m	45

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SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:48 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:54 a.m.
Lunar phase: Full, Jan. 31; last quarter, Feb. 6; new, Feb. 16; first quarter, Feb. 23.

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: The next Pacific low pressure system affected mainly northern Idaho on Thursday with valley rain and mountain snow. The southern half of the state was mostly dominated by a weak high-pressure system that produced partly sunny to sunny skies in many areas. Warmer temperatures are expected today and early Saturday.
Elsewhere: A frontal boundary produced snow in northern Illinois and into upstate New York and Massachusetts with accumulations up to 3 inches in some areas.
A cold front stretched from the southern Ohio Valley into the southern Plains, bringing rain... Meanwhile, colder air across the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles produced some snow. Fair, dry weather extended from the western Great Lakes through the northern Mississippi Valley, northern and central Plains and much of the Southwest.
A new storm system moving into the Pacific Northwest brought rain to parts of Washington and Oregon with snow and winds up to 38 mph elsewhere.
— The Associated Press

Surplus will grow

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unimaging figures certain to fuel this year's budget fight, the Congressional Budget Office projected Thursday that federal surpluses will total \$2.6 trillion over the next decade, hundreds of billions of dollars more than was expected just five months ago.
Significantly, the non-partisan budget office also said that discounting the mammoth annual surplus Social Security is running the rest of the budget will fall into balance in 2001.

Sentence commuted

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Gov. Mel Carnahan honored a personal request for mercy from Pope John Paul II and spared a triple murderer from the death chamber Thursday, a day after the pontiff strongly condemned capital punishment in a visit to St. Louis.
Carnahan, a Baptist, commuted Darrell Gribble's death sentence to life without parole. Menese, 52, was convicted of killing a drug-dealing partner and the man's wife and grandson in Missouri in 1983.

Impeach

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He did the day before in defeating a Democratic motion to dismiss the case outright.
Under the procedural plan adopted Thursday night, videotaped depositions will proceed first with Lewinsky on Monday, followed the next two days by depositions of presidential friend Vernon E. Jordan Jr. and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal.
Left unanswered by the new rules were several big questions, most significantly whether the Senate could take a two-step vote declaring that Clinton committed some of the offenses outlined in the articles without forcing him from power, an idea embraced by some Republicans and specifically foreclosed by the failed Democratic plan.
Still, Republicans made several important concessions. Under the plan, the House Republican managers' could not seek any additional evidence discovered during their upcoming depositions unless both Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and Minority Leader Thomas A. Daschle, D-S.D., agree.
And while Democrats failed to block options of showing videotaped testimony on the floor or calling live witnesses, the new plan still requires a majority vote to allow either of those to happen, which could be a tough sell because a number of Republican senators have expressed misgivings about such a move.
The failure of the bipartisan talks and the renewed deadline voting threatened to further poison the political environment in a way that many senators have endeavored to avert.
The trial this week moved into making decisions sidestepped earlier, senators consented off the partisan confrontations like those they deployed in the House impeachment debate.
"Clearly the bipartisanship in the Senate is dead and we've returned to an atmosphere of

NAFTA

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In the agriculture industry, big, innovative producers are the winners, he said.
"Small family farmers are generally hurt," he said.
Agriculturists that export are doing much better, added Doug Farquhar, a trade specialist with the National Conference of State Legislatures. But just 2 percent of the industry does.
He said U.S. trade representatives have just one goal when negotiating agreements removing trade barriers.
Devados said a farmer representative should be present for the next round of trade negotiations, scheduled for November in Seattle. Farquhar told Committee Chairman Doug Jones, R-Filer, the NCSL would like to work with states to have a voice there.
But after the meeting, Farquhar conceded the forces of giant agribusiness will almost surely prove too strong to overcome.
He illustrated that force to the committee in a story about tomatoes in Florida.
A farmer-led fight against tomatoes being dumped on the market from Mexico caught the attention of the governor. That was until the processors — who employed more people, paid more taxes and wielded more influence than the farmers — made it known they wanted the cheap fruit.
The quiet disappearance in the 1998 Congress of a proposed country-of-origin labeling requirement for beef is another example of the power of corporate agriculture. A few beef processors control almost all of the market, and Canadian cattle has been much more recent than domestic cows.
But prices are in part a function of oversupply, a problem for farmers in other sectors, too.
"The feeling of bipartisanship and fairness is still strong," Lott said afterward.

IDAHO ROAD REPORT

BOISE (AP) — Here are Thursday evening's road conditions from the Idaho Department of Transportation.
Interstate 84 — Dry.
Interstate 86 — Salt Lake City-Naft River, dry; Butte-American Falls, driving; American Falls-Naft River, dry.
Interstate 15 — Utah-Idaho Falls, dry; Idaho Falls-Buhlerville, icy spots; Buhlerville-Idaho Falls, icy spots; broken snow floor, mowing, drifting.
Interstate 90 — Washington Line-Blackfoot, rain; Wallace-Kelton Pass, black, icy spots; Kelton Pass, black, icy spots; Blackfoot-Meadow, snow, drifting.
Interstate 96 — Oregon Line-Parma, dry; Parma-New Meadows, icy spots; Rigdon-Lewiston, black, icy spots; drifting; Lewiston-Buhlerville, broken snow floor; Buhlerville-Idaho Falls, line-Canadian border, wet, slush; broken snow floor, rain, snowing.
U.S. 30 — Dry.
U.S. 20 — Dry.
U.S. 26 — Dry.
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Idaho 51 — Dry, icy spots.
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Robbery

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20's. No marked or dye pack or else," the note reads.
The teller hands over \$7,382, and the woman leaves through the same doors she entered.
The bank calls police, who comb the area looking for a black woman, 5-feet 4-inches tall and 140 pounds.
Tuesday 5:45 p.m.: A manager at Best Western Canyon Springs Park Hotel tells police a woman fitting the suspect description had rented a room for the night. The woman, who gave the name Bonita Daniels, paid in cash.
Police check the room, but whoever was there has checked out.
The Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital probably won't be

Surgery

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Fitzhugh said the Sawtooth Surgery Center will seek an affiliation with a larger institution and Magic Valley Regional won't be ruled out.
"We are not looking to pick a fight or harm the hospital," he said. "But we are not interested in giving up total control."
The Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital probably won't be affected by the surgery center, administrator Marly Jackman said. Private centers are part of the changing picture of health care as doctors attempt to do more with their finances.
"You'll probably go to see more of it," Jackman said.
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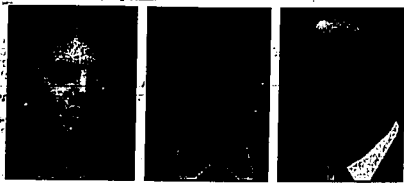
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NATION



Monica Lewinsky Sidney Blumenthal Vernon Jordan

WHY WITNESSES?

Through testimony, managers seek insight into Clinton's state of mind

By Raja Misha
Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Both Monica Lewinsky and Vernon Jordan, key witnesses in the presidential impeachment scandal, have said they will not add anything new when called to testify again.

"So, when House prosecutors question them, what are they after?"

It won't be the facts of the case that draw their attention. Instead, the prosecutors are likely to delve into the mindset of the two during the weeks between Dec. 5, 1997, and Jan. 17, 1998.

It was on Dec. 5 that President Clinton learned that lawyers for Paula Jones, who was suing him on allegations of sexual harassment, wanted to quiz Lewinsky, a former White House intern, about her affair with him. House prosecutors, focusing on some inconsistencies during her 22 previous sworn statements, will try to get Lewinsky to say that the president, after that day, suggested she should mislead the court about the affair. That, they say, would be an obstruction of justice.

And the prosecutors will try to get Jordan, a lawyer and long-time friend of the president, to admit, despite his denials, he sensed Clinton urgently wanted to get Lewinsky a job so she would lie in the Jones case, also an obstruction of justice.

The prosecutors are concentrating on the obstruction of justice charge against the president because senators have given up on impeaching Clinton. They want to delve further into the explicit sexual details of the second charge against him, that of perjury.

It is clear the Senate does not now have the votes to convict the president. But if new testimony shows that Clinton pressured Lewinsky and Jordan to help him obstruct justice, it might sway a few votes — and affirm that the House prosecutors had a strong case.

Obstruction of justice also factors into the third witness testimony. House prosecutors plan to call White House aide Sidney Blumenthal. During the grand jury phase, Blumenthal said that, shortly after the scandal became public, the president told him Lewinsky was a "stalker" and "unstable." Blumenthal passed this along to reporters he knew.

The prosecutors want to follow up on this to see if Clinton intended a smear campaign against Lewinsky. They would view such

intimidation as an obstruction of justice. But Blumenthal's testimony on this matter was brief and contained no apparent contradictions.

That puts the focus on Lewinsky and Jordan. Both present an uphill battle for the prosecutors. Their previous testimony, especially Lewinsky's, contains many contradictions that the managers will try to resolve.

There is the Lewinsky who said to the grand jury: "No one ever asked me to lie and I was never promised a job for my silence."

Then there is the Lewinsky who said: "It was never a question in my mind and I — from everything (the president) said to me, I never questioned him, that we were never going to do anything but keep this private, so that meant deny it and that meant do — take whatever appropriate steps needed to be taken..."

Where Lewinsky was ambiguous in her grand jury testimony about what the president wanted her to do, Jordan was quite clear. He unequivocally stated there was no quit-pro-quo offer of a job to Lewinsky in exchange for her silence about the affair.

But Ken Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark., will likely ask Jordan to explain why he made a flurry of phone calls to top business executives in the period after Dec. 5, 1997, after months of putting relatively little effort into the job search. Did the president apply additional pressure?

General criticizes support

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. military commander in the Persian Gulf sharply criticized the Clinton administration's strategy for toppling Saddam Hussein, saying U.S. support for Iraqi opposition groups is ill-conceived and could further destabilize the region.

"The last thing we need is another rogue state," Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni told the Senate Armed Services Committee at a hearing Thursday.

"Even if we had Saddam gone, by any means, we could end up with 15-20-30 groups competing for power," he said.

Zinni criticized what has become the centerpiece of long-range U.S. policy toward Iraq. President Clinton last week designated seven organizations eligible for up to \$97 million in U.S.



Anthony Zinni

military aid under the so-called Iraq Liberation Act of 1998. But Zinni told the panel, "I will be honest. I don't see an opposition group that has the visibility to overthrow Saddam at this point."

Teachers not ready for subject specialties

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four out of five U.S. teachers say they're not ready to teach in today's classrooms. And more than a third say they either don't have degrees in the subjects they teach or didn't spend enough time training in them, says a survey released Thursday by the Education Department.

The survey, answered by 3,560 teachers nationwide, asked kindergarten through 12th grade teachers about their college studies, professional certificates, on-the-job training and support from parents and colleagues.

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NATION

Clinton's propose aid for foster care

The Washington Post
WASHINGTON — President Clinton has included \$280 million in his next federal budget to help foster parents who are pushed out of the nation's foster care system simply because they hit their 18th birthday.

The program, to be announced today by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, would fund state programs that work with teenagers as they leave foster care by providing training, health



Hillary Clinton

without families or relatives to provide homes or financial sup-

port. While a fraction may stay on with foster families, most must fend for themselves because the state and federal funding that has supported them ends by law when they turn 18.

Roughly 20,000 children are moved out of foster care each year at age 18, often

port. While a fraction may stay on with foster families, most must fend for themselves because the state and federal funding that has supported them ends by law when they turn 18.

That means they must find a job and a place to live, sometimes before they have finished high school. "We need to do much more to help young people who have spent their whole lives in foster care make it on their own," said Bruce Reed, White House domestic policy adviser.

President wants to give \$1 billion for job assistance

OAKTON, Va. (AP) — Pledging to close "the skills gap," President Clinton proposed nearly \$1 billion in new and increased spending Thursday to retrain dislocated workers, teach illiterate adults to read and increase job opportunities for disadvantaged youth.

"If you think about how almost every form of work today is different from what it was just a few years ago and how rapidly the nature of work is changing," Clinton said, "we are going to be challenged to change our whole conception of what education is."

The president traveled to this Washington suburb to announce the details from his latest budget proposals at a training facility jointly run by AT&T, Lucent technologies, the Communications Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Clinton was enthusiastically received by the 1,500 workers at the facility, who will enhance their customer relations, equipment maintenance and billing. The president toured a computer lab where workers enhance their other skills and meet with students receiving advanced training.

"What we have now is a situation in America where the income gap that we all know widened over the previous 20 years or so is largely a skills gap, and that it applies across all kinds of industries," Clinton said. "We have to close that skills gap."

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POOR

NATION

Navy introduces new Web site

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Navy has unveiled an ambitious, glossy new Web site designed to help the flying military personnel and their families get a wide array of information and services.

Although a Navy project, the site is designed to aid service members in all branches of the armed forces, domestically and around the globe.



Navy Secretary Richard Danzig launched the site, saying it would go a long way toward offering comprehensive information to a dispersed military population. "There is no organization in the world that has people that are so widespread," Danzig said.

Visitors to the site will be able to enter a virtual "mail" offering information on military medical services, crisis counseling, personal financial management, chaplain services, pay schedules, career assistance, educational materials, deployment information and "leisure pursuits," including a newstand as well as audio and video content. Large portions of the site, however, remain under construction and are currently unavailable.

FAA orders inspections for U.S. MD-11s

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government Thursday ordered inspections of the wiring and insulation in the cockpit and cabin of all U.S.-registered MD-11 aircraft, an outgrowth of the investigation into the crash of Swissair Flight 11.

The broad airworthiness directive, issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, requires the inspections and any necessary repairs within the next two months.

"Although the cause of the Swissair accident is still unknown, the FAA will continue to use information from the

(Canadian Transportation Safety Board's) investigation to push forward with preventive measures

that improve safety for the flying public." FAA Administrator Jane F. Garvey said in a statement.

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Activist says beer slogan is offensive

Height Hitter News Service

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Five words have raised Ruben Martinez's ire so much they have caused him to stop drinking his favorite beer. And he is threatening a nationwide boycott of one of the most popular brands of alcoholic beverages.

The longtime political activist and Santa Ana bookstore owner is dumping mail over Miller Brewing Co.'s attempt at humor. He calls it insulting and racially discriminatory.

"My God, do they think we are stupid, or just a bunch of drunks who don't know any better?" he yelled.

The Spanish words meaning "do not use in pinatas," printed in large type on the bottom of 24-ounce Miller Lite beer cans, have generated a letter from Martinez to Miller's chief executive officer and headquarters.

Werner is in the firing line unless the company immediately recalls the cans, issues a public apology and launches another ad campaign "with decent and informative Spanish-language messages," according to a letter he sent to John W. MacDonough.

"The cans are not just offensive to me," says Santa Ruseen, Miller's spokesman. "We feel (the message) will be viewed by most cultures as insulting, light-hearted humor and seemingly not made with sensitivity."

"We feel that beer is a social product, and this is about having a good time with friends. We think reasonable people can recognize the irony intended with this packaging, and it is disheartening to find this society today you can't have some fun even on a can of beer."

The complaint of Martinez, 53, comes amid concerns about how alcohol and beer advertisements are pitched toward minority communities.

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EDITORIAL

Governor's teacher-incentive plan is what schools need

How do you persuade workers, especially a large group of workers, to improve their performance?

Give everyone a raise and hope each will do a better job? Or pay more to those who actually do something to improve their performance?

When it comes to boosting the performance of Idaho's teachers, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is on the right track.

Kempthorne - who was mum on many issues before the election - filled in the blanks in his recent State of the State and budget speeches.

Kempthorne didn't ask legislators to raise the base pay for teachers' salaries. Instead, he's proposing incentives for teachers who receive certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Teachers who earn national certification stand to collect \$1,000 each. Kempthorne's proposal also would show \$1,000 on schools where those teachers are employed.

It's a modest beginning. Kempthorne's proposed budget seeks only \$182,000 to fund it in the coming fiscal year.

Public school spending is by far the state's single largest expense - and most of it goes straight into teachers' salaries. Compared with that, the

teacher incentive proposal is pocket change.

Still, Kempthorne's idea is deeply symbolic. It seeks to reward teachers for bettering themselves. It's an incentive, but it's also a challenge: Show us what you can do.

It would inspire teachers who want to be better teachers. It wouldn't affect those who are simply content to do the minimum.

Better still, a teacher-incentive program does not follow the predictable path of heaping more money onto the base salary for teachers. Giving everyone a raise - whether they deserve it - is a great way to

serve it or not - is a great way to boost job performance. But it does nothing to

Anyone who signs payroll checks knows that spiraling personnel costs are the kiss of death for a private-sector business. Complaints about funding and teacher performance already are common in Idaho's public schools.

A merit-based system with definable objectives is the best way to nurture excellence without begging taxpayers. Over time, Kempthorne's proposal should be expanded.

When that happens, it will be important to note when and where the positive change began.

It's time to wean teachers away from mediocrity and give them a taste of personal incentive.

CORRECTION

Base attorney John Hummel is not representing a lesbian couple in an adoption case before the Idaho Supreme Court. Hummel, representing a national gay and lesbian public-interest law firm, attempted to present a

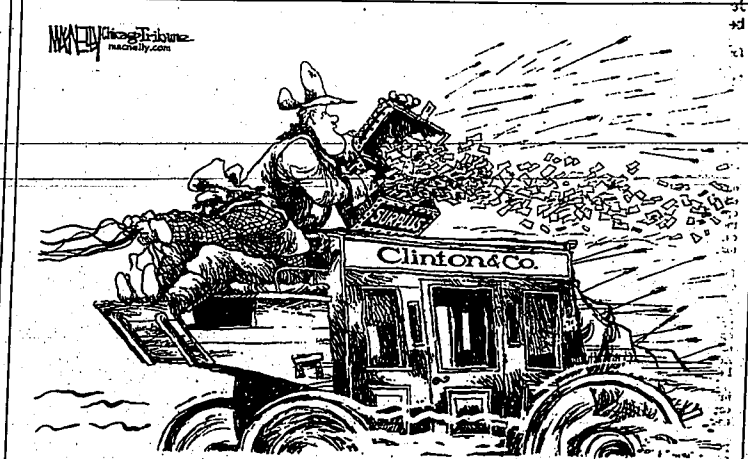
friend-of-the-court brief to the Supreme Court in connection with the case.

Hummel's link to the case was misrepresented in a Times-News editorial Thursday. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Omar's howls smear livestock industry

WILLIAM BROCKMAN
Reader comment

I would personally like to thank The Times-News reporters and publisher for seeking the truth in the Omar Howler case.

I took time and investigative reporting by the Times-News Editor William Brock to expose the facts. It took a lot of intestinal fortitude by the publisher, Steve Hargreaves, to prove to his subscribers that what you read in The Times-News is as factual and honest as he can make it.

I have talked to numerous people that think the editorials by the Times-News and A Weekly were right on target. I am wholeheartedly agree. A letter to the editor dated Jan. 24 stated, "The editors daily discover their own opinions by distributing them to staff." If you read below each editorial, you will find printed in plain English, the names of editorial board members for both papers.

Brad Gilmore, alias Omar Howler, has every right to free speech on all three issues he wrote about. However, why believe a writer who hides his identity? This incident has been a wake-up call for the people who live or have land or livestock along Rock Creek, or any land that might drain into Rock Creek. The bad news is if you have 1,000 head of livestock or one horse, you could be part of the problem. The good news is we can all be part of the solution.

Several livestock operators - the number is growing daily - that graze cattle in the Rock Creek drainage met last week with the National Resource Conservation Service, University of Idaho, College of Southern Idaho, Idaho Department of Agriculture personnel and the Idaho Cattle Association. All of the livestock producers agreed to have NRCS update its Best Management Practices for their individual operations. According to the

1989 annual report by the Division of Environmental Quality on Rock Creek, some BMPs have been used by farmers and ranchers since the early 1960s. A BMP identifies the practices you presently use on your farm or ranch to determine if these practices are helping to minimize any pollutants that may be coming from your farm or home, and helps identify any problem areas. Again, if you have 1,000 head or one head of livestock, you can develop a voluntary BMP for your operation, usually at no cost to you.

We all have an opportunity to be part of the solution to this problem. If we choose not to do this now, then the Environmental Protection Agency will write regulations for us, probably a one-size-fits-all regulation punishable by a fine for non-compliance. At least one of our livestock producers in the Rock Creek drainage has already contracted with a private laboratory to test the live stream that is entering his farm. He has a large pond (approximately 2 acres) that his cattle can directly drink water from. This pond also has from 50 to 100 ducks that call this pond home all year. He plans on fencing this pond next summer to exclude all livestock from directly entering the water and establishing a 20-foot protected gray area all the way around this pond which will not be grazed. This area will provide habitat for the ducks that nest there. Since the fecal coliform bacteria that has been detected in Rock Creek comes from any warm-blooded animal

(human, livestock, waterfowl, deer, etc.), with the livestock excluded the waterfowl count could increase to 500 to 1,000 or more, the fecal coliform count could actually increase after the livestock are excluded. Interesting concept, proving there are no easy answers.

It will take everyone's voluntary involvement to make something positive happen. The 1,400 members of the Idaho Cattle Association are watching and supporting this project. What happens on Rock Creek could set a precedent for water quality for the entire state of Idaho. This directly affects how people in the livestock industry make their lives - pay their bills and support their families.

This is why local people actually engaged in raising livestock, with the help of trained professionals, will now do their own sampling and write their own BMPs before the EPA does it for us. Because of the bias against livestock, expressed in the Omar Howler letters, we, as an industry, can no longer accept the monitoring data collected by the City of Twin Falls as credible. We do have a conscience and great respect for City Manager Tom Courtney and will be more than willing to share any and all information we collect with him. We will also make this information available to the local Watershed Advisory Group. IDA, EPA, all interested students in our schools and the public.

Farmers and ranchers care about the environment and the quality of life. They want to see it preserved in the best conditions possible for our children and grandchildren to be enjoyed by all generations to come.

William J. Brockman of Kimberly is the chairman of the Water Resource Committee for the Idaho Cattle Association.

Something has to change President Clinton's budget plans

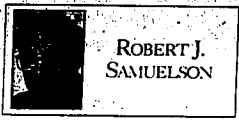
The good news is that, after six years of neglect, President Clinton has announced we need to prepare for the end of the baby boom. The bad news is that he implies we can do this mainly by using huge budget surpluses as "savings" Social Security and Medicare.

For Clinton, the surpluses are a substitute for less popular alternatives such as further retirement ages or skimpier benefits.

The White House says the surpluses in excess of \$4 trillion over 15 years. The trouble, of course, is that these are phantom. They exist only on paper, and no one can predict budget outcomes that far into the future.

A case in point: In early 1997 - only two years ago - the Congressional Budget Office projected large budget deficits indefinitely. Since then, the economy and tax revenues have done better than expected, but these favorable conditions won't necessarily continue.

Economists can't deliver the accuracy that politicians need," says Rudolph G. Pomeroy, former head of the CBO. Wars, stamps and all manner of unforeseen



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

events spoil forecasts. Even if big surpluses materialize, they alone will not cover the costs of an aging baby boom. We still face the usual choices: raise taxes to pay for future benefits, cut benefits, cut other spending or renege into deficits. Here's why.

Federal spending is now a fifth of national income (20 percent of gross domestic product). Of that, more than a third goes to the three major programs for the elderly: Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. All other government programs (from defense to food stamps to schools) equal 9 percent of GDP. Interest on the federal debt is 3 percent of GDP.

By 2020, the CBO expects Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid - with present

benefits - to cost 13 percent of GDP. If nothing else changed, balancing the budget at 20 percent of GDP would require either that other government spending be cut by more than 50 percent or that overall federal taxes be raised by more than 25 percent.

Like most projections, these are inexact. But they aren't wildly misleading, because they reflect firm population trends. In 1997, Americans 65 and over were 13 percent of the population. The Census Bureau estimates they will be 16 percent in 2020 and 20 percent in 2030. Old age dependency ratios for the elderly are triple those of the nonelderly.

These dry numbers make large moral and political questions. How much should workers (the main taxpayers) support retirees? When does old age - in the sense of dependence - on government - begin? Should that be later than today's 65? Not only didn't Clinton discuss these questions, but his proposal would dramatically favor future retirees over workers.

True, Clinton is correct that the budget surpluses are best used to repay the federal debt. This debt (the sum of past annual

deficits) totals some \$4 trillion. If the surpluses expected by Clinton are all of it could be repaid. That would ease budget pressures by freeing up what's now spent on interest payments. The potential savings argue against Republican tax cuts. But instead of a simple plan to repay debt, Clinton's complex program would also do many other things - most of them undesirable.

With \$500 billion or more, it would buy common stocks for the Social Security trust fund: an unwise leap into the market whose effects can't be foretold. Next it would channel \$500 million into personal retirement accounts; these might simply offset saving that people would do on their own. Finally, it would shift up to \$700 billion of general tax revenues to the Medicaid care trust fund. These funds would then be lent back to the Treasury to retire federal debt.

What's astounding is that the White House would spend these funds even if the projected surpluses don't materialize. It's committing money that it doesn't have to pay benefits for aging baby boomers. Moreover, Clinton wants to raise benefits by broadening Medicare's coverage and

improving Social Security for widows. None of this comes with his pledge in the State of the Union.

"Our generation is determined not to let our growing old place an intolerable burden on our grandchildren and their ability to raise our grandchildren."

Budget surpluses can help fund that pledge only if their uncertain nature and limits are recognized. They shouldn't relieve us of our responsibility to revise the social contract between the old and the young. The elderly are healthier and wealthier than ever. Retirement ages can be gradually raised, and the elderly - 50 percent of them - can afford to bear more of the costs of federal retirement programs.

Clinton should have started the revision. Instead he restated the proposed program based on a glossy vision of the future in which nothing goes wrong. His aim was not so much to expose our choices as to convey the reassuring impression that, under his leadership, everyone can have everything for nothing.

Robert J. Samuelson is a Newsweek columnist.

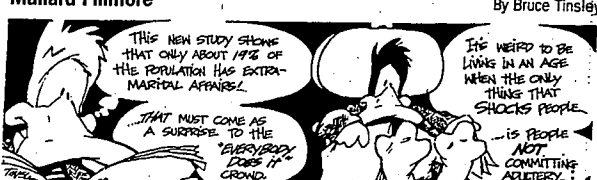
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OPINION

LETTERS

Jerome's education has best bang for the buck

Jerome citizens receive value for each dollar spent. At the following school district tax chart shows, Jerome has one of the lowest tax levies in the valley: (Dollars per thousand market value) Shoshone, \$10.44; Kimberly, \$6.03; Hager, \$5.30; \$5.99; Valley, \$5.85; Filer, \$5.30; Wendell, \$4.90; Twin Falls, \$4.64; Jerome, \$4.12.

Even with such a low tax rate, our students are given a good education and are provided many opportunities, mainly because of the support of loving parents and caring teachers and administrators who go the extra mile.

Jerome has long been a model for other districts in the implementation of information technology and how it relates to learning. It is involved in an ongoing process of development that will open up new windows of opportunity for our students, such as the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition.

None of our teachers are involved in a rigorous national certification process than any district in the valley.

Jerome graduates go on to compete successfully with other students at major universities. Many students challenge English and math classes to receive advanced placement. Recently two graduates were serving as student body presidents at their universities.

Our curriculum currently allows students to receive college credit for some of their high school classes.

Our advanced speech team has been state champion 10 different years while competing against the largest high schools in the state.

Our superintendent is soon to receive the Idaho Educator Leadership Award given by the Idaho Schools Superintendent Association in conjunction with the American Association of School Administrators. The purpose of these awards is to recognize practicing Idaho superintendents who have modeled the most positive effect in promoting public school education in the state of Idaho.

Many positive things, too many to list here, are happening in Jerome schools. Let us celebrate the good while working on the difficulties in our district. Jerome citizens have always been willing to give of their time and resources for their children. Let's pass the upcoming bond and continue to grow in positive ways.

Even with the passage of the bond, we will remain among the lowest taxed school districts. Let's help to alleviate some problems and build for the future.

BON AND TONI HENDRICKSON
Jerome

was not running a good ship. Also, I know it is a fact that Phil Cowell was not supervising his officers' actions and, therefore, the police department should be looked into for other problems.
JULIUS PENNINGTON
Shoshone...

Clinton's 'insurance' will catch up with him

President Clinton has an insurance policy that covers him just in case he should get caught in a sexual harassment charge. And this policy paid Paula Jones \$475,000 for merely an allegation of sexual harassment! Doesn't that seem peculiar?

Is this insurance available to anybody? What if someone wants to avoid traffic, can they get insurance so they can drive on the side-walks? How about robbing banks? Dealing drugs? Or maybe murder?

At some point, because of Bill Clinton's lifestyle, it was understood that his promiscuous activities might catch up with him—and he would need insurance for that.

Just who knew that might happen? Was it Hillary? Was it Bill's lawyer that committed suicide?

Maybe it was a birthday present from one of his sweethearts. How about Larry Flynn? He seems to love Clinton. Whoever it was, it wasn't enough insurance, because Hillary

had to pony up \$375,000 more. Maybe one of those senators should ask some of these questions.
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Crossword puzzle strains reader's eyes

If the crossword puzzle gets any smaller, I'll have to quit doing it. As it is, it causes eye strain. I'm sure many older people are having the same trouble.

I appreciate your keen additions. And I thank you for the religious section.

OPAL DICKSON
Gooding

Wendell mayor acted in best interest of citizens

On Friday, Jan. 15, The Times-News printed a letter criticizing the mayor and City Council of Wendell for not reappointing their chief of police, Phil Cowell. I think the mayor and City Council acted with the best interest for the citizens of Wendell.

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WORLD

S. Africa bomb explosion injures 11

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — A bomb exploded Thursday at lunchtime outside police headquarters in downtown Cape Town, injuring 11 people, police said. Eight of the injured were hospitalized.

The blast, which also struck near the offices of President Nelson Mandela, was the latest in a series of violent acts that are shaking South Africa's stability just months before national elections.

The bombing came less than a week after 12 people died in political violence in another region — KwaZulu-Natal, where the leader of an opposition party was killed and the Democratic Movement was killed Saturday. Eleven members of the ruling African National Congress were massacred in revenge.

While the urban terrorism in Cape Town appeared unrelated to the inter-party killings at the opposite end of the country, Thursday's bombings in the city that is the country's premier tourist location has added to a sense of unease as South Africa approaches its second democratic elections.



Ambulance workers in Cape Town, South Africa, treated the 11 people injured in a bomb explosion Thursday. The explosion occurred in a busy downtown area.

World in brief

At least 50,000 animals — mostly lambs, kids and calves — have died from the viral disease, the official told The Associated Press. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

In an earlier interview, the representative of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization in Iraq, Amir Khalil, said almost all of Iraq's 18 provinces have suffered outbreaks of the sickness, known also as foot-and-mouth disease.

— Compiled by wire reports

Kosovo clash erupts as NATO adds pressure

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Fighting broke out along Kosovo's southwestern border Thursday even as NATO reinforced its threat to use force to halt the year-old conflict.

Yugoslav troops battled a large group of ethnic Albanian Kosovo Liberation Army rebels caught trying to smuggle weapons from neighboring Albania, said Serb sources in Pristina, the provincial capital.

The latest violence comes with international leaders pushing to bring Serbs and Albanians to the negotiating table, alarmed by the rapid erosion of the October truce.

The United States and its NATO allies are pessimistic about the prospects for peace if the warring sides don't begin talks immediately to resolve the province's political status.

Mandela won the first municipal elections in 1994, ending a decade of white minority rule. The next elections are expected to be held between April and July, but the date has not yet been announced.

Budget faces new battle in legislature

MOSCOW — Governors who make up Russia's upper house of parliament demanded Tuesday that the 1999 draft budget be approved. They are expected to vote on the budget Thursday in the 1999 draft budget to assure an equal sharing of funds between the federal government and regional administrations.

The governors threatened to veto the draft budget now being approved by the lower house, the State Duma, suggesting that it hurts the interests of the regions.

Russia's regions are largely dependent on Moscow for their funding. The governors complained that funds have been allocated unfairly.

The federal government, which wanted to keep larger shares of revenues for itself, agreed earlier to share the funds evenly. But the draft budget is already out of the government's hands, suggesting any changes to it must be made by the State Duma.

S. Korean students stage protests

SEOUL, South Korea — Hundreds of militant students demanded the withdrawal of U.S. troops from South Korea on Thursday in violent protests in Seoul and three other cities.

Several students were reported injured but none of them seriously.

In Seoul, 500 students, throwing rocks, clashed with police and burned a U.S. flag and an effigy of President Clinton. "Let's kick the U.S. out and unify our fatherland," the students chanted during a rally at Hanyang University where many waved anti-U.S. banners and placards.

Students argued that 37,000 U.S. troops stationed in South Korea under a defense treaty blocks the unification of South Korea and North Korea.

Livestock epidemic threatens Iraqi farmers

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Foot-and-mouth disease has crippled at least 1 million sheep and cattle in Iraq and the lack of vaccines for the highly contagious disease threatens the country's livestock, a U.N. official said Thursday.

The implications of the disease are catastrophic, the official said: Farmers could be ruined, and meat and milk could become

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Man charged for wearing jail clothes

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls man caught wearing orange jail pants and socks while he was free will get to wear the full outfit behind bars.

Alan Donald Smith, 19, was arrested Wednesday on a probation violation. During his booking search, the jail deputy noticed Smith was wearing orange jail pants and socks beneath his clothing, according to a statement by the deputy.

Smith said a friend gave him the clothes. The deputy said he doesn't let inmates take clothes from the jail, and he would be charged with possession of stolen property, the statement said.

At his arraignment Thursday, Smith pleaded innocent.

Police look for clues near after man's disappearance

TWIN FALLS - One-year ago Thursday, 61-year-old Ellis Mendenhall drove away from his assisted-living center.

No one has seen him since.

Twin Falls police are looking for clues that might explain what happened to Mendenhall after he left the Crossings at Twin Falls. Mendenhall, now 82, is 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs 190 pounds with gray hair and big dimples. He was taking multiple medications.

He was last seen driving a 1997 light metallic blue Lincoln Continental with the license plate of ZT 81540.

Police are asking anyone with information about Mendenhall to call 736-2212 or 736-2292.

Jerome Chamber scores with membership telethon

JEROME - The Jerome Chamber of Commerce this week was able to almost double its membership through a telethon, chamber executive director Laurita Kaufman said.

Working in five teams, chamber members calling from the Best Western Sawtooth Inn in Jerome raised more than 130 new memberships between Tuesday and Thursday. It was the chamber's first major promotion in a few years and brings the total membership to more than 375, Kaufman said.

Jerome Mayor Dennis Moore, City Councilman Joe Skenev and County Commissioner Roy Prescott helped with the telethon.

Blaine commissioners to meet 9 a.m. Monday

HAILEY - The Blaine County commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday at the old county courthouse, 206 First Ave. S.

First on the agenda is a public hearing about the Idaho Transportation Department's application for a stream alteration permit to replace the Idaho Highway 75 bridge over the Big Wood River at Greenhorn.

Planning and zoning and St. Luke's Hospital landscaping discussion follows. A closed executive session regarding indigent applicants and a review of an approval of liquor licenses concludes the morning session.

The meeting resumes at 1:30 p.m. with a public hearing on an application from Stryker Ranch for preliminary plan approval of a proposed subdivision of 143.7 acres about two miles west of Condon.

The property is zoned as productive agriculture and wetlands overlay. The subdivision proposal is for lots of about 20 acres each to be called the Stryker Ranch Subdivision. The Blaine County Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval.

The commissioners will hold a special executive session at 4:30 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Compiled from staff reports

Gooding hopes to settle dispute

Optimism accompanies new animal feedlot plan

By Sharon Metcalf
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - The most recent version got thrown out in court, so Gooding County commissioners are trying again.

And they hope a rewritten Confined Animal Feedlot Ordinance will resolve a long, drawn-out battle.

"It unites the hands of the dairymen but still keeps health and safety issues in mind," Gooding County Commissioner Win Hemstee said of the new proposal.

The head of the Idaho Dairymen's Association, who filed a lawsuit over the 1997 livestock ordinance, also wants the issue resolved. And he thinks the county is getting closer with its new version of the ordinance.

"I hope we can work this thing through," the association president Lewis Eilers said. "I think the lawsuit got their attention, but it's been very costly for us and costly for the county."

After a district judge threw out sections of the livestock ordinance in June 1996, the county held a public hearing on livestock permits, Menziesville, county planners and commissioners and County Attorney Phil Brown have been working to refine the ordinance to comply with the ruling.

The new ordinance makes the following changes:

- All new livestock operations would be required to have landscaping, including trees and hedges and spacing around



Pedro Gabriel feeds his cattle on his Gooding County dairy Thursday. County commissioners have proposed a new livestock ordinance they hope will put to rest a lawsuit over dairy regulations.

barren, corrals, feed storage areas and waste treatment systems.

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Suit links farm head to problems at hog op

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS - The president of a company considering a large-scale hog operation in eastern Idaho was an engineer for a Missouri hog factory now being sued over environmental problems.

Rick Anderson, president of Sawtooth Farms, overtook barn and waste lagoon construction during five years with Premium Standard Farms, which was sued by the state of Missouri last week for manure spills and fish kills.

The state claims the problems were caused by deficient construction. Anderson said the spills resulted from operating problems, such as workers failing to monitor jammed irrigation systems.

Anderson served as executive vice president for engineering and construction for Premium Standard Farms from 1991 to 1996. Neither group nor any other company executives are named in the lawsuit.

Sawtooth Farms is looking at land in Jefferson County for a \$1 billion complex that would

"You can build the best car in the world, but if the guy doesn't drive it right it causes problems."

- Rick Anderson, Sawtooth Farms president

raise more than 1 million pigs annually. The company, spearheaded by Ketchum businessman Ron Achs, had originally looked at building a hog farm on "state land in Owyhee County south of Glenn Ferry.

The company has assured farmers its facilities are environmentally responsible, describing other hog farms as bad apples that spoil the industry's reputation.

"You can build the best car in the world, but if the guy doesn't drive it right it causes problems," Anderson said.

Premium Standard Farms has paid \$300,000 for 1995 waste spills that killed an estimated 179,000 fish and animals.

Judge orders documents in drug case to be translated into Spanish

By David Lee
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A Utah man charged with seven drug counts stemming from a July 1998 bust will have his court documents translated into Spanish, District Judge Monte Carlson ruled Thursday.

The state will pay \$300 for an interpreter to translate police reports and affidavits for 20-year-old Julio Calata-Garcia, Carlson ruled.

Raymundo Pena, Calata-Garcia's lawyer, asked for \$500, which Pena said was a "conservative estimate."

"Calata-Garcia has no money to provide interpreter services," Pena said. "It is critical for him to be able to understand and grasp the nature of the evidence against him."

Pena also asked Carlson not to use the court clerk who normally interprets files. Pena said she is his aunt, and this could pose a conflict of interest.

Deputy prosecutor Howard Smyser objected to Pena's motion, saying the state should

not spend extra money to help Pena and Calata-Garcia.

Pena, who was hired to represent Calata-Garcia, is bilingual and uses that skill to attract Hispanic clients, Smyser said. Translating documents for his clients should be part of Pena's job, and Pena is as qualified as anyone to interpret documents for Calata-Garcia, Smyser said.

"I don't think this is fair to taxpayers," Smyser said.

Pena said Calata-Garcia cannot afford the extra translating service, and he offered to have Calata-Garcia repeat that claim under oath.

"I was hired by someone else to represent him," Pena said. "He's not paying me."

Carlson decided to authorize \$300 toward translating documents, because Calata-Garcia needs to know what is happening to him.

"It just seems to me we ought to provide it," said Carlson, who added that Pena is not representing Calata-Garcia as a public defender.

"The state's not paying for his

lawyer anyway," Carlson said.

But Carlson said Pena would have to convince him, before he would authorize more money to translate documents.

A pretrial conference had been scheduled for today, so Pena requested two weeks to work on translating the documents and to file pretrial motions.

"I wanted my client to have a fair process like everyone else," he said.

Calata-Garcia is charged with trafficking cocaine, delivering methamphetamine and in connection with the delivery of 455.9 grams of cocaine.

He is charged in connection with a July 22, 1998 arrest during a raided drug transaction at a Burley gas station parking lot.

Three other men are charged in connection with the arrests. Eighteen-year-old Alfredo Procco and 24-year-old Francisco Lauriano have pleaded guilty to their charges, while 22-year-old Omar Pulido has pleaded innocent. Pulido also is scheduled to go on trial.

LDS missionaries safe in Bogota after earthquake in Colombia

By John T. Hudny
Times-News writer

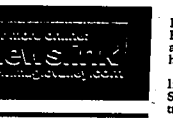
BURLEY - Two local missionaries for Harman of Rupert and Casey Beck of Burley, are safe after a magnitude 6 earthquake struck western Colombia Monday. The two have been staying in Bogota for their 24-month Mormon Church mission service.

"I was writing a letter to Casey when I got a call from my cousin," said Leonard Beck, Casey Beck's father. "He told me about what happened and I immediately called the apartment where he was staying."

Casey Beck was not at the apartment when his father called, but he was told the earthquake did not cause any major damage in the city, and his son was fine.

The church spokesman announced that all the missionaries were safe," Leonard Beck said. "That was good enough for me."

Shelley Harman, the mother of Jon Harman, also relieved to



"My heart probably skipped a beat when I heard about the earthquake. We heard that all the missionaries were fine. We just assumed that no news was good news."

- Shelley Harman, mother

Jon Harman has been in Bogota for more than a month. He has sent letters home telling about the country and some of his experiences, his mother said.

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McMurrin works for future of his message

By N.S. Nokkewed
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Don McMurrin is looking for a few good candidates through McMurrin, 60, a perennial candidate in Magic Valley and statewide elections over the years, says when he ran for governor in the primary election in May 1998, he had trouble getting his message out.

"If that primary, McMurrin got 2,800 votes for governor - last out of four Democratic candidates. He has not won any elected office. But over the years he has backed a number of improbable candidates.

Now McMurrin wants to try to rally candidates who support his issues.

"I think I can put together a pretty good group of candidates," he said.

Among the reasons young people get into financial trouble are jobs that pay low wages and offer no benefits, said McMurrin, who is himself filing for bankruptcy. He wants the

state to form an insurance pool to make health insurance affordable to people so they don't lose everything if they or their children get sick.

The state should be working harder to bring in more, better-paying jobs, he said.

McMurrin is starting to look for candidates who agree with him and would be willing to run for city council, county and state positions in upcoming races and for governor in 2002.

Cheri L. Erwin of Twin Falls has agreed to run for lieutenant governor again, McMurrin said. Erwin narrowly lost the Democratic primary to former state Sen. Sue Reents of Boise last year.

McMurrin said he raised six children, and all but one of them had to leave Twin Falls to find jobs with a future.

He wants anyone interested in running to call him at 733-5841.

Times-News staff writer N.S. Nokkewed can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 237.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Quake rocks Nevada site, raises call to abandon Yucca Mountain

The Times-News and The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The strongest of a series of earthquakes to hit the Nevada Test Site proposed for temporary high-level radioactive waste storage by U.S. Sen. Larry Craig — tipped over files and knocked pictures from walls Wednesday at a remote facility.

The quakes also brought another demand for nearby Yucca Mountain to be disqualified as a place to store highly radioactive nuclear waste.

The latest jolt was a magnitude 4.7 and struck the Frenchman Flat area at 2:44 a.m. It followed two earthquakes in the same area Monday, the largest of which was measured by the National Earthquake Information Center in Denver at 4.5.

Though the earthquakes were centered in remote areas where only a few buildings stand, they occurred about 35 miles from Yucca Mountain, which is targeted as the site of the nation's first nuclear waste dump.

"This is just another serious warning about the unsuitability of the Yucca Mountain site," said Rep. Jim Gibbons, R-Nev. "I hope the Department of Energy is taking seriously these early

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— Rep. Jim Gibbons of Nevada

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Nevada is among the most seismically active states in the country — ranking third, after California and Alaska.

Wednesday's earthquake was the latest in a series of seismic activity this month in the Frenchman Lake plateau of the site, where there have been seven earthquakes with at least a magnitude 3 so far this year.

Workers arriving at the site's low-level waste facility office a few hours later found some file cabinet drawers open and pictures that had fallen off walls, said DOE spokesman Derek Scammell.

Geologists said the latest earthquakes have been near or along the Rock Valley Fault, the

same fault geologists believe triggered a much stronger, magnitude 5.6 earthquake on Little Salt Mountain on June 29, 1982.

Internationally known nuclear expert Jack Lemley, who led construction of the tunnel under the English Channel, has said that underground structures aren't damaged by earthquakes the way surface structures are. In his view, the only danger is in an area of major shearing, where one block of rock moves against another. Such fault lines can be identified and avoided, he said.

Waste in the disposal area would be far underground, covered by a minimum of 630 feet of solid rock. But the temporary storage site proposed for the Test Site would be on the surface.

Yucca Mountain, a ridge of volcanic rock 300 miles northwest of Las Vegas, is the only site the DOE is studying to contain the nation's high-level radioactive waste — 77,000 tons of primarily solid, spent fuel pellets from commercial power reactors that will be encased in steel casks and emplaced.

The site also would dispose of spent fuel and solidified high-level liquid now stored at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

After fatal accident, Wendell residents appeal for stoplight

By Glenn Hobbler
Times News correspondent

WENDELL — A recent fatal accident has revived a grass roots movement for a stoplight at Wendell's business intersection.

Julia Yost and Greg Williams asked the Wendell City Council to take a more active role in getting a stoplight set at Idaho and Main streets.

Yost's mother, 75-year-old Mary Tins, died on Dec. 19, 1998, from injuries suffered when she was riding through the intersection on her time-worn bicycle.

A suspect in the accident, Kristy Stangley, 23, of Wendell, has been charged with vehicular manslaughter in connection with the accident.

"A stoplight might not have prevented the death of my daughter, but a stoplight will not slow down the traffic," Julia Yost said Wednesday. "We're asking the council to help get put in a stoplight now. Because more accidents occur."

Councilman Fred McClelland said the Idaho Transportation

Department has agreed to install a stoplight, but not until the year 2002. The light will cost \$100,000 to \$150,000, and Wendell has to foot a quarter of the expense.

With an average annual operating budget of 7 million, city leaders will be hard pressed to find enough money for Wendell's portion of the job.

A citizens' committee began fund-raising a little more than a year ago. The committee has raised about \$8,300, but efforts slowed over the summer months and not much has happened lately.

In memory of Mary Yost, the Yost and Williams families presented the city with a check for \$500.

"If we can get a grant or more money, (ITD) might improve on the bid," said Greg Williams. McClelland said, "I explained to them that we had a facility — and that should be a reason to get this done."

Mayor Gwen Rost said the town's Gem Community group has agreed to take on the project and head up fund-raising. Its next

meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 17 at City Hall.

In a telephone interview Thursday, ITD District Traffic Engineer George Oberle said little will happen on the project before 2002 — unless Wendell plans on paying for the entire project.

Projects are figured into the state budget a few years before work begins, and schedules and budgets are rarely rearranged.

"In order to change the schedule, another city's project would have to get bumped. There's a lot of competition for money and Wendell's turn is in 2002," Oberle said. "If there were more accidents, then the state might reconsider pushing up the date."

Yost was the first person in several years to die in an accident at the intersection. She was killed recently conducted traffic pattern studies at the intersection. The results showed that within 24 hours, an average of 8,400 vehicles passed through the intersection.

Those numbers meet the state's criteria for a stoplight.

Buhl schools look at exiting standards

By Mary Lou Potts
Times News correspondent

BUHL — Buhl School Board members say they would like to have more control over their students' destiny.

At a meeting Wednesday, trustees discussed proposed state exiting standards. Trustees said

the graduation standards leave little room for districts to set guidelines that assure students will have the skills they need when they graduate.

The mission of the district's improvement plan is to improve academic achievement while ensuring students get a chance to learn in a safe, adequately fund-

ed and well-maintained school. The board favored implementing technical assistance into the program. Each district must provide programs and classes that fit into student educational trends.

Further discussion of exiting standards will be held at the board's Feb. 23 meeting.

SERVICES

- Funerals (Peg) Van Ocken of Filer, 11 a.m. today at the First Presbyterian Church, 1211 Washington St. N., Twin Falls.**
- John W. Bessner of Twin Falls, 3 p.m. today at the Payne Memorial Funeral Home of Twin Falls.**
- Agnes R. Lott of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. today at the Payne Memorial Funeral Home. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls cemetery.**
- Estella Nedd of Malta, 11 a.m. Saturday at the Malta LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the Malta LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Relief Society Room and from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral on Saturday. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 2281 West Main Street in Burley.**
- Funeral Home (Boise):**
 - Mildred Gaffey of Buhl, grave-side service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Terrace Lawn Memorial Gardens; friends may call from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday (Coeville Funeral Home).**
 - David Holmes of Gooding, 7 p.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Burley (White-Mortuary Twin Falls).**
 - Clifford J. Russell of Glenns Ferry, 7 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the chapel.**
 - Terese "Peg" O'Donnell of**
- Report, 7 p.m. Sunday at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert; family and friends may call at the Elston Mortuary, Rupert Chapel from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, one hour before the rosary and one hour before the mass on Monday.**
- Lydin V. Malaise of Burley, 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Payne Memorial Chapel in Burley; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday; the rosary and one hour before the funeral on Tuesday.**
- Orval "Boyd" Grace of Filer, graveside funeral 11 a.m. today at the Kerboom Cemetery.**
- Wesley R. Tyler of Hildley, 2 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.**

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BURLEY
A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, 1999, at the Pella LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 400 South 180 West of Burley, with Bishop Michael Chesley officiating. Burial will follow in the Devon Memorial Gardens in Burley. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Payne Mortuary and from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Saturday before the funeral at the church.

officiating. Burial will be in the Valley Vu Cemetery in Malta. Friends may call from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday at the Malta LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Relief Society Room and from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral on Saturday. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 2281 West Main Street in Burley.

JEROME

THEAD (TED) HANKS
Thead (Ted) James Hanks, 85, of Burley, died peacefully, only days Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1999, at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, from complications following surgery.

ESTELLA M. HALL
Estella Nedd Hall, 92, a Malta resident, died Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1999, at the Valley Vista Care Center in Rupert.

He was born June 26, 1913, in Clearfield, Utah, the son of Austin E. Logan, Utah, LDS Temple, and began his teaching and coaching career in Eden. He next coached at Heyburn High School, where his teams often participated in the state finals. He taught at Burley High School from 1955 to 1973. During his teaching years, Mr. Hanks also learned he was among the first to develop farmland irrigated by the deep wells southwest of Burley. Mr. Hanks was a member of the LDS Church, had served in the Star Ward and later the Pella Ward. He was a member of the First Priest. He enjoyed traveling with his wife. They traveled to the South America, Alaska, Australia, and throughout the United States. They also took a six-week tour around the world.

She was born Oct. 31, 1906, in Malta, the daughter of Isaac J. Nedd and Alice Cleonout Nedd. She attended school in Malta, Brigham Young College in Logan, Utah, and later attended Albion State Normal College where she received her teaching certificate. She married Al Deward Hall in May 1927. She and her husband served a mission for the LDS Church in South Carolina. An active member of the LDS Church, she served in various capacities. Estella was a lowed mother and grandmother. Survivors include three sons, Rodney (Jack) Hall, Morris (Rachel) Hall, and James (Ned) Hall; three daughters, Patricia (Seth) Banner of West Valley City, Utah, Jean Nedd and James Nedd, Estella (Marion) McKee of Trull, Utah, two brothers, Milton Nedd of Washington and Alvin Nedd of Malta; two sisters, Naomi Rader and Hope John of Blackfoot; 31 grandchildren; and 43 great grandchildren. In addition, her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Malta Nedd, and two brothers, Alvin Nedd and James Nedd. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, 1999, at the Malta LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel with Bishop DeVan Torman

DEATH NOTICES

- Gordon E. Stanley**
GOODING — Gordon Eddy Stanley, 74, a Gooding resident, died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1999, at Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center. Arrangements are pending and under the direction of Desmar's Gooding Chapel.
- Eleanor M. Tindall**
TWIN FALLS — Eleanor Marie Tindall, 98, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1999, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary.

HOSPITALS

- MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**
Sumner names are omitted at patients' request.
 - Admitted:** Gary Wain, Burley of Twin Falls.
 - Released:** Chester Marshall of Twin Falls.
- CHESSEA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**
Sumner names are omitted at patients' request.
 - Admitted:** James Cantelero, Gary Blumstein, Mary Lusa, Devon Tanneke, Doris West, all of Burley; Diane Connor of Heyburn; Christie Gomez of Rupert; Fidal Yager of Hildley.
 - Released:** Willie Adams, Edith Barandica, Devon Tanneke, Lisa Taylor and Leanne Wolf, all of Burley; Tim Fox, Terry Williams and Christie Gomez, all of Rupert.
- MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**
Sumner names are omitted at patients' request.
 - Admitted:** Mary Evelyn McElroy of Heyburn; Steve Annone, Bruce Phillips, and Ruby Castro and baby boy of Burley.
 - Released:** Florice Phillips and Steve Annone, both of Heyburn; Kelly McElroy of Heyburn; and Frances Setauket and baby boy of Rupert.
 - Rhbs:** A son was born to Kirby and Alex Castro of Rupert.

Selection finishes for jury in slaying of trooper

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Jury selection was completed Thursday in the trial of a Ranchman man charged with killing an Idaho State Police trooper.

Yager is charged with first-degree murder of a police officer and committing a felony with a deadly weapon. Prosecutors plan to seek the death penalty should they win a conviction.

No motive has been offered, but Yager has had told others before the attack that he intended to kill a law enforcement officer.

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Information for Life

Minidoka educators, parents visit school program in Tennessee

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT — A group of parents and educators from the Minidoka County School District returned from a trip to Chattanooga, Tenn., Thursday after observing a program that may help raise students' test scores.

"It's no secret we need to raise achievement test scores, which have been at or below average for several years," said Nick Hallett, Minidoka County School District superintendent.

The Twenty-First Century Academy in Tennessee, a K-12 school, groups its students according to achievement rather than age, Hallett said.

The teaching strategy has worked there.

"They have had a dramatic increase in student achievement, behavior, school spirit and parental support," Hallett said. "They had a history of low achievement, but have had a turnaround."

"Instead of waiting around for the rest of them (the students) to catch up, they can move on," said Lewis Roberts, operations manager for Minidoka County School District.

Like schools in the district, the academy has a majority of low-income students, low allotments from Tennessee and a high minority population, Hallett said.

But unlike Minidoka district, the academy has made improvements in test scores over the past three years, Hallett said, adding that the district has made steady progress, but is not nearly where it should be in terms of scores.

So the group visited Tennessee to find out how the academy did it.

Hallett and Roberts were among a smaller group from Minidoka County that visited the same school two years ago. A new group went back this time to see the program first hand without Hallett and Roberts.

The academy is also heavily involved in a program called "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People."

"Effective People." Staff and students related to that program and Hallett said. "Curriculum used is more relevant and meaningful to students." For example academy students are taught math by measuring ingredients for a pizza.

The group also visited Chattanooga, an organization in Chattanooga, an organization that assists school districts anywhere. The organization may be able to help Minidoka County improve curriculum and instruction.

"Change is so rapid, we need to develop new ways of looking at things," Hallett said. "I used to go to the library and see students looking at books, journals and periodicals for research. Now they are on the Internet."

The change encourages Hallett's belief that Minidoka County students will compete with people from all over the world when they graduate from high school.

"We need to think about the global economy," he said.

If the district gets the go-ahead from the parents who visit the academy, the district will seek grants from the J.A. Kathryn Albertson Foundation to initiate a similar program, Hallett said.

Academy officials told the group that what works for them might not work for Minidoka County students, Hallett said.

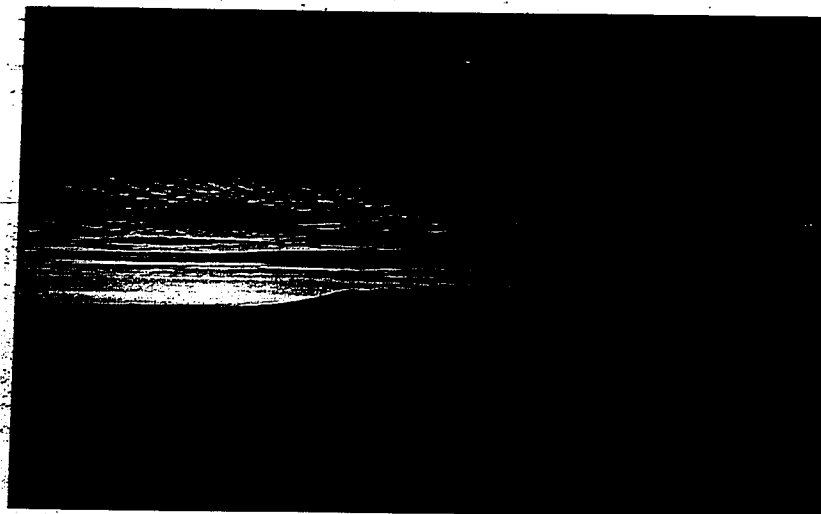
"They emphasized the process of developing our own curriculum," he said.

District officials have attempted curriculums in the past that have failed to improve test scores.

Hallett said they are keeping those results in mind as they look at the Tennessee program.

"We learned we need to research and study programs before we get involved," Hallett said.

Times-News staff writer Lorraine Cavener can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.



The sky radiates smoky colors from a sun that has not yet reached the horizon Thursday evening east of Hooton. The Magic Valley sees clear skies for most of the day.

Ed panel will develop standards for K-8th grade

BOISE (AP) — A statewide education panel will begin work this fall on education standards for kindergarten through eighth grade.

The panel's work will affect all 240,000 kids in Idaho's public-school system.

"This is not to be punitive," said Larry Andrews, chairman of the state Existing Standards Commission, which is drafting the guidelines. "We have to get students prepared to pass."

Andrews made the comments before a joint meeting Wednesday of the House and Senate Education committees.

The standards are meant to prepare Idaho students for high school, where they will have to meet another new set of standards to graduate.

The commission began drafting high school standards in language, math, science, social studies and health a year ago. But the State Board of Education lacked off plans to adopt them earlier this month after an independent education research group said the standards were vague and lacked rigor.

Idaho's emphasis on setting education standards is part of a push by lawmakers, businesses and parents to guarantee kids have mastered certain skills by the time they leave high school.

The new proposals draw praise from state Rep. Fred Thomas, House Education Committee chairman.

"They are working on the high school level and are making an effort to move down, he said. "I don't disagree with that."

IDAHO LEGISLATIVE LOG

- The Associated Press**
- Confirmed by Senate**
- SB1022 (Finance)** — Cuts the 1999 budget of the Department of Corrections by \$1.3 million.
 - SB1063 (Judiciary and Rules)** — Authorizes jail personnel to hold any person until complete booking procedures have been performed.
 - SB1064 (Judiciary and Rules)** — Prohibits open alcohol containers by passengers in any moving vehicle.
 - SB1065 (Judiciary and Rules)** — Limits liability for damages resulting from the Year 2000 computer glitch.
- Introduced in Senate**
- SB1010 (Finance)** — Makes an emergency \$29.9 million appropriation to the Department of Juvenile Corrections.
 - SB1061 (Finance)** — Makes an emergency \$100,000 appropriation to the State Appellate Public Defender.

Leaders, family remember the Bricas

BOISE (AP) — Idaho leaders remembered state Rep. Patrick Bricas and his wife, Patricia, on a loving couple full of life, and sharing examples of how to serve the community and the state.

The House Representatives and its gallery was filled on Thursday with legislators, state elected officials, dignitaries and members of the couple killed in a traffic accident on Sunday night of Horsehead Bend.

Bricas, an educator for decades in Boise schools, was a second-term Democratic legislator. He and his wife were mainstays of the local Bascos community and the parents of five grown children whose success Republicans Gov. Dirk Kempthorne cited as the true measure of their worth.

"America has a diminished

inventory of heroes. This week we lost two more." Kempthorne said during a memorial service for the spiritual and emotional loss of two outstanding individuals who should become targets toward which the rest of us should aim."

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, a Burkeley Republican, recalled Bricas' devotion to his wife and how he brought his love and love of people to bear on his work as a legislator.

"Serving and making us the way we are the high point of the way for me," Bricas once said. "He always gave me joy."

House Democratic Floor Leader Wendy Jaquet of Ketchikan recounted how many friends the couple had made over the years and his focus on education issues.

Rose couple sues county for flood damage

BLACKFOOT (AP) — A Rose couple is suing Blaine County and the Associated Springfield Canal Co., claiming they damaged their Kamulid during the Rose 1999 Double River flood.

Rose said Michelle Womack claim the county and canal company dumped leaves on a release water that was flooding a nearby canal. They say their flood washed away gravel on their farm, making it unfit for growing.

"After a year of trying to settle, the contractor of canals, the Womack's filed in lawsuit in Blaine District Court earlier this month seeking for \$100,000 in damages."

"My understanding is that nothing was done to intentionally damage his property, it was to control the flood waters," said Roger Ling, a Blaine attorney who is representing the canal company.

Dairy

Continued from B1

meats and complying with a nutrient management plan.

The seven-cow limit has been a point of disagreement, since neighboring Jerome County has allowed 10 cows per acre.

Applicants would no longer be required to supply names and addresses of affected parties within one-half mile of a site.

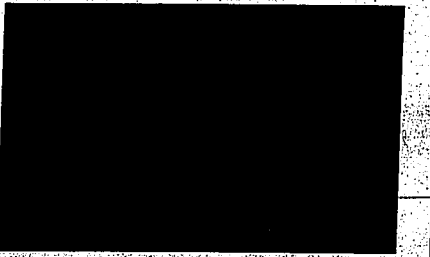
A nonconforming livestock operation would lose its permit and grandfather rights if the operation ceases for 180 days.

W. Greg Nelson of the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, who reviewed the ordinance, has drafted a letter congratulating the county on a good plan.

Locally, farmers are taking a close look at the proposed ordinance.

Ellers sent copies of the draft to dairymen in Gooding County, and held a meeting on the plan Monday in Wendell. About 40 dairymen attended, Ellers said, and aired concerns about the landscaping requirements and other portions of the proposed ordinance.

Pedro Gabriel, one of the dairy



farmers who filed the suit against Gooding County, remains skeptical about the rewritten ordinance.

If the government wants to continue demanding changes in operations, it should offer to share costs, said Gabriel, who has 366 cows on his farm.

If this version of the ordinance dies, it might put to rest the court appeals over the 1997 model,

"Our appeal of the court decision will probably just be abandoned," Gooding County Commissioner Tom Faulkner said. "We hope that everybody's ready to get going and get the moratorium off."

Ellers is noncommittal, though. "We haven't withdrawn the appeal from the Supreme Court and will not until we're assured we have a workable document," he said.

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Teacher, lesbian fights for job

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Wendy Weaver won a landmark civil rights victory in November, but on Thursday was defending herself against a civil suit seeking her removal as a high school teacher because she is a lesbian.

"This court case has been so much more personal," Weaver said before 4th District Judge Ray Harding Jr. began hearing arguments on motions for dismissal and summary judgment.

The lawsuit filed by Citizens of Nebu School District for Moral and Legal Values claims Weaver, a Spanish Fork High School psychology teacher and former volleyball coach, violated state law and teacher certification requirements by living with another woman.

The group is suing Weaver, the Board of Education, Utah Attorney General Jon Graham and the director of the state Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing.

The suit claims Weaver practiced psychology on her students without a license and promoted a homosexual lifestyle despite the fact many in the state in Utah.

"What do you do if there's conduct you think undermines the moral teaching in your household?" Plaintiff's attorney, Matt Hilton asked the judge in arguing for summary judgment.



Wendy Weaver, right, and her partner Rachel Smith look on during a protest by the America Forever Foundation, which was speaking out against homosexuality Thursday in Provo, Utah.

Weaver's attorney, Richard Van Wagener, argued for dismissal based on alleged procedural errors by the plaintiffs.

"This case, at its core, is about a group of people who have irra-

tional fears against an unpopular minority," Van Wagener said.

Harding will rule later on the two motions. Both sides said they would appeal if Harding does not rule in their favor.

Castleford auction offers lucky bidders a little bit of everything

By Leandra Reuble
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — If you're looking to find a little bit of everything, and help support a small community, the 26th annual benefit auction in Castleford could be the place to be.

The auction will be held Saturday at the school cafeteria. It will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until the last item is sold, at about 4 p.m.

"We've got something for everybody," said Gary Heidel, president of the Castleford Men's club, the organization sponsoring the auction. "This is a small community affair that most city people will never see."

Donations include everything from handmade quilts to a brand-new motorcycle.

Other items include a hand-made mantle clock, farming items such as chemicals and irrigation parts, paintings and about a dozen wood cabinets.

Also on the block will be fresh potatoes donated by Keegan's and Hick Brothers, and a ton of frozen potatoes from F. Amb Weston. There also will be beans, onions, honey, cheese and butter.

Lyle Masters of Masters Auction Service in Buhl and his staff are donating their services to auction off the items. There will be an open house counter with free coffee, Heidel said. Hamburgers and other

items will be for sale along with homemade cinnamon rolls, pies and cakes.

Last year, Heidel said the auction raised about \$21,000, and the club hopes to come close to that this year. The money is already earmarked to help with community projects such as Dollars for Scholars, Jean's Park recreational facilities, sports activities for local children and other ongoing projects.

"Every penny we earn we put into the community," Heidel said.

Anyone interested in donating an item for auction can bring it to the sale Saturday, or make arrangements with Heidel by calling 537-6513.

State reminds buyers to check meat goods

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is recommending that consumers check their freezers for recently recalled meat products that may have been contaminated with bacteria.

Listeria can cause serious health problems, especially in pregnant women, the elderly or those with weakened immune systems," said Dr. Christine Hahn, state epidemiologist. "This is potentially deadly bacteria."

Although the suspected products are no longer on retail shelves, the department is concerned they still may be in refrigerators. Freezing does not destroy bacteria.

Consumers should check for: Sara Lee products: Ball Park, Grillmaster, Hygrade and Mr.

Turkey franks, which bear the establishment numbers "EST P261" or "EST 6311." The recall was made Dec. 22.

Oscar Mayer Club Sandwich Variety-Pak and All American Variety-Pak, which bear a "JAN 12" data on the upper left corner of the back of the package. The recall was issued Jan. 15.

Thorn Apple Valley; Wilson and Wilson Beef franks and these combinations: Smart Selection Ham with Swiss Cheese, Smart Selection Turkey Breast with Cheddar Cheese, Safeway Bologna with American Cheese, Safeway Cooked Ham with Swiss Cheese and Safeway Turkey Breast with Cheddar Cheese. The products have establishment numbers "1329" or "P13529." The recall was issued Jan. 22.

Study: Nez Perce add millions to economy

LEWISTON (AP) — The Nez Perce Tribe pumped \$46.5 million into the local economy last year and contributed to 2,912 jobs in the region, tribal officials announced Wednesday.

Those figures come from an economic impact study conducted by the Center for Business Development and Research, a branch of the College of Business and Economics at the University of Idaho. The study, which also was conducted in 1995, takes into account the effects of sales, revenues and expenditures on the area's employment and earnings.

"Our economic impact has increased 147 percent in the past three years and our contribution to jobs in the area has increased 208 percent," according to Samuel Penney, chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee.

The tribe's two casinos alone contributed \$10.7 million to the economy.

Around 270 people work in the tribe's casinos, which made \$2.7 million above operating expenses in fiscal year 1998. Altogether, the tribe employs 501 people full and part time.

University of Idaho professor Michael DiNoto says the study underscores the tribe's growing importance to the regional economy. He says regional and local policy decisions should take the tribe into account when dealing with issues that have an impact on the economy, such as dam breaching.

Another study likely will be conducted in coming years.

Killer on death row says nix to further appeals

BOISE (AP) — Condemned murderer Mark Henry Lankford, on death row more than 14 years, said he will not appeal what he expects to be a federal judge's refusal to reconsider his case.

"I finally am going to allow you to murder me," Lankford wrote in a Jan. 12 letter to new Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. "It does not matter how you or the people of your less-than-great state that I am innocent, for the bloodlust blinds you all to the truth."

There was no response from the governor's office on Thursday.

U.S. District Judge William French Nielson in Spokane, Wash., refused last September to overturn Lankford's conviction and death sentence for the June 1981 slaying of 61-year-old Texas couple on vacation in central Idaho.

A motion seeking reconsideration is pending before Nielson. Lankford's attorney, Andrew

Farnes of Ketchum, could not be reached for comment Thursday. But Farnes has said he would press Lankford's appeal to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco if Nielson refused to reconsider his case.

Lankford backed away from that position in his letter to Kempthorne. It was signed, "Allowing your needs, innocent in Boise."

"Before you kill me, I will continue to spread the truth of what Idaho has done and is doing to me. I will urge all of my hundred-friends to spread the news of Idaho the murderer, Idaho the hate-filled death camp, Idaho the bloody, Idaho the torture," he wrote.

Lankford, 42, of Conroe, Texas, was ordered to be executed along with his brother, Bryan, 37, for the beating deaths of Marine Capt. Robert Bravence, 27, and his wife, Cheryl, 25, as they camped along the South Fork of the Clearwater River.

Marines suspected in horse shootings return to Nevada

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Two Marines based in California returned to Nevada under tight security Thursday to face charges in the slaughter of 34 wild horses that has stirred outrage nationwide.

"We will probably hold them in solitary," Washoe County Sheriff Li Vance said. Vance, Lt. Darrien Brock, 20, and Lance Cpl. Scott Brendle, 21, were being held Thursday night at the Washoe County jail in lieu of \$65,000 bail, awaiting an arraignment Monday in Virginia City.

The two, along with a high-school friend, are accused of shooting the mustangs while on holiday leave. Most of the horses were shot multiple times with high-powered rifles on Dec. 27 in the canyon just east of Reno.

Citing the safety of the suspects, Sheriff Vance had refused to publicize the Marines' scheduled arrival time at the

Reno jail.

The two arrived in handcuffs about 3 p.m. after being driven from Southern California with law officers in separate sports utility vehicles.

Both were in blue jeans and the bearded Brendle was wearing a black t-shirt with an emblem of the heavy metal rock band, Black Sabbath.

Some of the horses were foals and others were pregnant. At least one was blasted in the head with a fire extinguisher.

Several tried to limp away and a few were still alive when authorities discovered them over the next two days and destroyed them.

All three suspects face the same charges — grand theft, grand larceny and killing of another person's animal — punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

The third man, Anthony Merlino, 20, was arraigned Jan. 15 and is free on \$65,000 bond.

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Section C

What's goin' on

Sounds of Motown

• **Tonight, Saturday and Sunday:** Nathan Owens and his Sounds of Motown will perform at an 8 p.m. dinner show and an 11 p.m. cocktail show at Cactus Petes Resort Casino, Jackpot. Dinner show prices start at \$15.95 on Saturdays and \$10.95 on weeknights; there's a \$10 cover charge for the cocktail show on Saturdays and \$5 on weeknights. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

The Echoes play Burley

• **Tonight:** The Echoes will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave., Burley.

Karaoke at Cheers

• **Tonight:** Jeff and Sue's Dynamic Entertainment (DJ and Karaoke) will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at Cheers on old U.S. Highway 30 in Burley.

Sweet Country Air set

• **Tonight:** Sweet Country Air will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the main bar at the Lincoln Inn Lounge, 413 Main St., Gooding.

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'Twin Falls' captures critics' attention

The Hartford Courant

FARK CITY, Utah — In screening rooms around the ski resort town, where the 1999 Sundance Film Festival is under way, a similar quality of stillness creeps in when a film, especially a drama, finds the mark.

In recent days, two films of exceptional quality have captured audience's imaginations and produced the sort of silence that any dramatist would envy. Coincidentally, both films explore the limits of human connection and oneness.

Sundance's stars - C7

The first is "Twin Falls Idaho," an exciting debut that centers on Siamese twin brothers who are a literal manifestation of an inseparable bond.

Co-written by twins Mark Polish and Michael Polish, and directed by the latter, the drama stars the Polish brothers as the Siamese pair, Blake and Francis Falls, and introduces Michele Hicks as a prostitute.

As visually compelling as it is imaginatively scripted, "Twin Falls" penetrates the issue of love and how two people stay together, and it leads to the issue of loss and how one might continue in the absence of a soul mate. ("Twin Falls" is being exhibited in the noncompetitive American Spectrum category; it is eligible only for the Audience Award.)

The second film to explore the limits of human connection with equal originality and resonance is Spanish director Julio Medem's deeply romantic drama "The Lovers of the Arctic Circle."

Set in Spain and Finland and spanning almost two decades, the film takes its name from the Arctic Circle region where, in summer, the sun burns all through the night.

Told in alternating chapters, it is the tale of Otto and Ana, who first meet as schoolchildren, forming a mystical, mostly silent bond and who later, by virtue of their parents' remarriages, become siblings.

When adolescence arrives, the two rather inevitably become lovers, and as Medem lyrically implies, a complete universe unto themselves.

THOUGHTS ABOUT FLYING THINGS



Adam West and Bill Raymond will portray two men who spend time philosophizing about ducks and many other things in a reading held at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Ketchum.

10 MOST SACCHARINE SONGS OF THE ROCK 'N' ROLL ERA

Editor's note: 1999 will be a year of summing up, so every Friday we'll present a list of the best or worst of something in the arts and entertainment world for the past year — or the past century.

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

1. "Honey," Bobby Goldsboro (1968)
2. "Sugar, Sugar," The Archies (1969)
3. "The Beet Goes On," Sonny & Cher (1967)
4. "Suile: Judy Blue Eyes," Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young (1969).
5. "Yummy, Yummy, Yummy," Ohio Express (1968)
6. "Gum Drop," The Crew-Cuts (1955)
7. "Lipstick and Candy and Ribbons and Shoes," Julius LaRosa (1956)
8. "Stuck On You," Elvis Presley (1960)
9. "Hot Smoke & Sasafress," Bubble Puppy (1969)
10. "Bitter Bad," Melanie (1973)

Comments? Send them to The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, fax them to 734-5538 or e-mail to crump@magicvalley.com

Stage West

TV's former 'Batman' makes Wood River Valley stage debut tonight

By Margot Higgins
Times-News correspondent

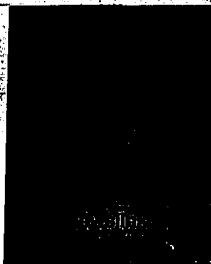
KETCHUM — Holy Comeback, Batman!

Adam West, television's "Batman" during the late-1960s and a longtime Blaine County resident, will make his Wood River Valley stage debut tonight.

West will costar with Obie-winning actor Bill Raymond in a single reading of David Mamet's "Duck Variations."

"I've been hounding Adam for the past number of years to act in one of my performances, but he turned down many of my projects," said Jonathan Kane, founder of Interplanetary Theater and the organizer of tonight's performance. "This play finally motivated him."

Raymond was in town for an upcoming Sun Valley Repertory Company production of Sam Shepard's "Seduced," so West agreed to work with him on "Duck Variations."



Variations."

"West was very excited to act with someone of Raymond's caliber, and to participate in a local production," Kane said. Raymond is a New York actor

who has received two Obies and worked worldwide for 30 years.

Although West is far and away best known as The Caped Crusader, he's also appeared in more than 50 films and TV productions.

"Duck Variations" has been on the back burner for years," said Kathy Wyle, artistic director of the Sun Valley Rep and the director of this show. "It is very short so a reading is perfect, rather than a whole production."

Mamet's drama is about two aging men who discuss their lives on a park bench. The ducks they gaze upon as they look out over a nearby lake become an allegory of life.

"This is a way to get plays to the audience without the experience of a full production," Wyle said. "The downside is that there is no set or costumes or movement. Nevertheless you hear plays you might have never read. It is an inexpensive way to expose the

audience to familiar play writes."

"Duck Variations" will be ninth reading in the series. Kane calls it the most "special" performance so far.

"Its simplicity is what is so great about it," he said. "Everyone can relate. The play has a really amazing charm."

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— Jonathan Kane, performance organizer, on "Duck Variations"

Kane admits that West was "absolutely" his own childhood superhero, "making it a real kick to work with Adam on stage."

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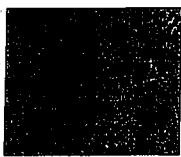
FLIX

'She's All That' updates 'Pretty in Pink'

By Tom Maurstad
The Dallas Morning News

There's reason enough to cheer "She's All That" simply because it is teen entertainment that relies on neither a bloody body count nor a sure-you-to-be-offended crude humor. But in this case, what's there (some of it, anyway) is as prize-worthy as what isn't.

A high-school love story between the king of the cool kids and an artsy loner, She's All That is a '90s update of



that essential '80s tale of adolescent angst, "Pretty in Pink." Freddie Prinze Jr. is Zack, the cool rich kid, and

Rachael Leigh Cook is Laney, the not-so-rich, totally uncool outsider. When Zack's prime-time girlfriend, a savagely bratty social climber, dumps him to upgrade to a higher class of companion, Zack makes a Pygmalion-esque bet with his buddy that he can transform any girl into the prom queen. Along comes Laney, a walking advertisement for hopeless causes, and off we go.

"She's All That" presents a

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Freddie Prinze Jr. stars in Robert Iscove's 'She's All That.'

Courtesy PBS

WEEKEND

Buhl Arts Council leader calls it quits

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Kathy Ruys can't carry the "box" any more. She's hoping somebody will take up the slack in the next few weeks.

Ruys, president of the Buhl Arts Council, plans to resign her position as soon as somebody is willing to fill her shoes.

The resignation is necessary because her loyalties are split between the council and her own artistic endeavor, the creation of her own art center (the Eighth Street Center), she said.

"I know there are lots of people interested in seeing different things," Ruys said. "All I can see is what I'm doing. All of my energy is focused on the Eighth Street Center."

Once her center opens, her goal is for the council to apply for a grant to rent a room at the center to use as a community art lab and workshop.

She also plans on dispensing with her position so that she can take advantage of grant opportunities.

About five years ago Ruys was the president of the council for two years. The second time around she has been at it for six months. Now she is in limbo

waiting for somebody to take the ball for the box, which is the literal box where files and records are stored.

"I've asked some of the people that have worked with me," she said. "I'm sure there is someone somewhere that just hasn't come forward yet. I'm absolutely positive the right person is out there. The person who fills this position needs to be a self-starter who is good at networking and who can activate the current membership," Ruys said.

"There's a lot of support," she said. "Not just many artists — not just painters, but actors, writers and poets. There are people who want to see creative things happen. With the right person in charge they can count on a lot of support."

Although the job doesn't pay, Ruys said, there are plenty of rewards.

"It's just been a lot of fun when we have events and everybody works together and we pull it off. It's just a thrill."

To find out more about applying for the position contact Ruys at 543-8423.

Times-News correspondent Rachel Denny can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3780.

'Seduced' imagines different exit for Hughes

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — "Seduced" is what the end of Howard Hughes' life wasn't, but might have been.

At least as imagined by the irrepressible Sam Shepard.

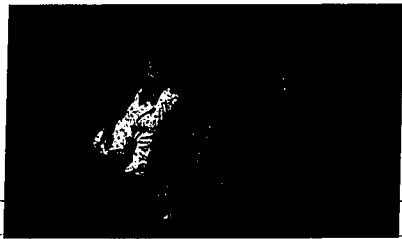
Shepard, whose "Fool for Love" and "Buried Child" have become standards of late 20th century American theater, uses a lighter touch on Hughes, the reclusive billionaire who died in 1978.

In this comedy, Shepard has Hughes visited by two strippers from his past — and the rest isn't history.

"It's a little hard to describe," said Jonathan Kane, a Blaine County actor who organized the production along with Kathy Wylie of the Sun Valley Repertory Company. "A lot of it is fantasy, a lot of it is based in reality. The ending is really poetic."

Shepard, probably better known as the actor who played Chuck Yeager in "The Right Stuff" and the reclusive farmer in Terrence Malick's "Days of Heaven," created a play that went beyond just analysis of Hughes.

"It ('Seduced') is kind of Shepard's meditation on the



Danielle Kennedy, Bill Raymond and Pamela Sue Martin star in 'Seduced' by Sam Shepard, presented by the Sun Valley Repertory Company and Jonathan Kane opening Thursday at the neoStage in Ketchum.

American dream, and possibly, the dark side of the American dream," Kane said. "The material is kind of cutting edge, it's kind of dark humor, it's a bit weird in a good way."

All of these elements combined with a cast of well-known actors is sure to make the play a treat for everyone, Kane said.

Bill Raymond, a two-time Obie winner, and Linda Hartman

have joined the otherwise local cast — including Blaine County resident Pamela Sue Martin, of "Dynasty" fame.

Raymond and Hartman have spent a month in Ketchum preparing for the performance and working with the locals, which is quite rare, Kane said.

"To have two artists like Bill and Linda come out to Idaho and spend a month with us and live

locally is really special," he said. "Normally when world-class actors come they show up, set up, and then the next morning get on a plane and leave. To have them live with us and work with us for a month is really extraordinary."

"I think it will be a great treat for the audience," Kane said. "I think anyone who drives up to Ketchum to see this guy performs is in for an amazing treat."

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CSI brings 1-woman multi-cultural play to town

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Student Senate will host "Faces of America," a one-woman show about diversity, here next week.

Fran de Leon stars in the play, which was written and directed by Colin Cox.

"Faces of America" addresses the questions of multi-culturalism in today's society through the eyes of Generation X. The play presents eight characters based on true stories researched through workshops and interviews with high school and college age populations.

Those characters each represent a different cultural aspect of American society: African-American, Asian-American, Latino, Native American Indian, East Indian, European, happa (mixed blood) and an "All-in-One Generation Xer."

First produced at the Los

angeles Theater Center in California in March 1995, "Faces" has since embarked on a national tour of colleges and universities, including the University of Southern California, Pepperdine, Cornell, Colgate and Penn State, as well

as community colleges and private schools across the country.

Featured as a Los Angeles Times "Best Bet," "Faces of America" enjoyed a full-house standing ovation for the United Nations at a special performance for the 51st annual United Nations Day.

De Leon was born in Los Angeles and lived the early years of her life in Manila before returning to Hollywood. As an actor, she has worked with East West Players, the Pacific Resident Theater Ensemble and The Educational Theater Company.

Her theater credits include: "Canned Goods" (Cultural Affairs Department of the City of Los Angeles); "A Woman's Hand" (Flagstaff, Ariz., Festival of the Arts), and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" (Sixth World Shakespeare Congress 1996).

Writer/director/producer Cox is originally from Stonehenge,

England, and settled in Los Angeles in 1986 after a career as an endocrinologist and teacher in Japan.

He has directed, produced and/or performed the entire Shakespeare canon.

One of Los Angeles' foremost theater producers, Cox has produced or directed for the Los Angeles Theater Center, the Music Center of Los Angeles, The Los Angeles Children's Theater, The World Shakespeare Congress and the UK/LA Festival.

Will and Company is a Los Angeles-based theater company, residing in the four-theater complex, Los Angeles Theater Center. Dedicated to shattering stereotypes of race and gender, Will and Company continues to challenge its audiences to create a theater for the 21st century by providing on of the most diverse groups of artists in its ensemble.

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More karaoke in TF

• Tonight: Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today at Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs Inn, 1247 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.

Stone Creek at 'Scooters'

• Tonight and Saturday: Stone Creek will play country and rock music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today and Saturday at Scooters, 1539 Fillmore St. N., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$4. Boot Scooters is 18 and up on Thursday and Sunday nights.

Karaoke in Burley

• Tonight and Saturday: Full Moon Music Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today at a Saturday at the Riverside Bar, 194 W. Highway 30, Burley.

Desert Rain plays the blues

• Tonight and Saturday: Desert Rain will play classic and country, rock and roll, and blues from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Corner Lounge, 160 W. Main, Jerome. No cover charge.

Cobalt Blue at Honker's

• Tonight and Saturday: Cobalt Blue will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today and Saturday at Honker's Place, 121. Fourth Ave., S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$2.

Nightfire plays South Park

• Tonight and Saturday: Nightfire will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Bar Room, 170 N. 7th, Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$1.

Klover Klub features karaoke

• Tonight and Saturday: Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub, 402 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls.

Movie

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high-school world that is alternately on-point and unrecognizable. In the tradition of "Clueless," it is yet another Hollywood movie that presents high school as a teen-age edition of "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous," as Zack and his friends zoom around in Mercedes and Range Rovers. The movie attempts to establish a class rift between the haves and the have-nots, with Laney as the blue-collar princess.

Outlaw Blues plays Weston

• Tonight and Saturday: Outlaw Blues will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Weston Plaza, 1350 Blues Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.

Bob Nora onstage

• Saturday: Bob Nora Band will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday at Sax on Second, 149 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Barn dance in Jerome

• Saturday: Dusty and the Nomads will play from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday at Spanbauer's Barn, located off U.S. Highway 99, east of Jerome. Cover charge is \$5. Call 324-7366.

'Butcher Boy' onscreen

• Sunday: Neil Jordan's "The Butcher Boy," the third installment in the "Foreign Film Series," will be shown at 1 p.m. at The Orpheum, 146 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls. Tickets: \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and youngsters, available at the door.

After the Super Bowl

• Sunday: Desert Rain will play classic country, rock and blues after the Super Bowl Sunday at the Signature Lounge, 717 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

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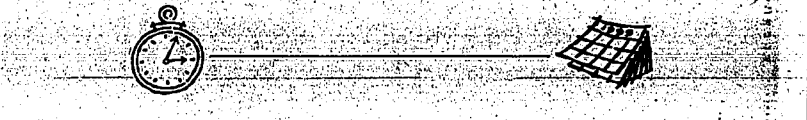
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POOR

'Mighty Joe Young' swings at Magic Valley movie theaters

Combined wire services

Movies playing in south-central Idaho this weekend. Opinions are by Los Angeles Times and Knight-Ridder Newspapers reviewers. Ratings by the Motion Picture Association of America are (G) for general audiences, (PG) parental guidance urged because of material possibly unsuitable for children, (PG-13) parents are strongly cautioned to give permission for attendance of children younger than 13; (R) restricted, younger than 17 admitted only with parent or adult guardian; (NC-17) no one younger than 17 admitted.

• **"At First Sight"** — A fascinating New Yorker story by Oliver Sacks about a man who regains his vision after a lifetime of blindness is turned into a star-eyed, empty-headed romantic melodrama, starring Val Kilmer as a man whose wife undergoes an operation at the age of 40. As the millions of women back her, she does not go through with the ceremony, to take place on the last day of the 19th century, it will mean, just for starters, that her parents will lose their magnificent palazzo in the storybook northern Italian town of Sesto, France. She balks and balks again. Then, while reciting her marriage vows, her gaze falls on a handsome stranger (Doris Cavoni). It's love at first sight. Rated PG-13.

• **"A Bug's Life"** — The wacky, off-the-wall sensibility of the gang in Pixar's (Disney) "A Bug's Life" makes this the insect-themed computer animated film to see if you can only manage one. Shorter and more unconventional than "Antz." (G)

• **"The Butcher Boy"** — Based on a novel by Patrick McCabe, Neil Jordan films the small Irish town in the early 1980s and concerns a peculiar 12-year-old boy (Eamon O'Carroll). His misadventures (he is the youngest member Stephen Rea) is a violent, abusive drunk, while his emotionally fragile mother (Francesca Annis) is a woman who is driven away from the madhouse. The boy tries to protect his psyche from this damaging environment by creating in his mind a fantastical fantasy world, populated by communists, cheesy movie stars, John Wayne, Dr. Richard Kimble of "The Fugitive" and his own alter ego, Algrenon Caruthers. From time to time, a glowing and foul-mouthed Virgin Mary (played by singer Sinéad O'Connor) appears to chat with the disturbed little boy. Rated R.

• **"A Civil Action"** — Writer-director Steven Zaillian's use of the nonfiction bestseller about a lawsuit filed against chemical dumping by bereaved, blue-collar parents continues to be the year's best filmmaking but is hampered by no problems. Star John Travolta is not the right actor for the role of the parent, and the reality of the legal situation does not fit comfortably into movie norms. (PG-13 for some strong language.)

• **"Elizabeth"** — This dark and daring inspection of the circumstances that put young, clueless Elizabeth I (Cate Blanchett) on England's throne in 1554 is less historical drama than historical thriller. Awash in intrigue, bloody betrayals and power grabs, it is a dramatic voyage uncommon to costume dramas. Director Shekhar Kapur appears to have used "The Godfather" as a model and the casting (Geoffrey Rush, Sir Richard Attenborough, Fanny Ardant, and Chris Hirst as the cleric Eccleston) is impeccably offbeat. Rated R; violence, sexual situations.

• **"Enemy of the State"** — A solid and satisfying commercial venture about a lone citizen on the run from an all-powerful government agency that will sell anything Will Smith's position as the hottest actor in Hollywood. Strong supporting performances by, among others, Gene Hackman and Jon Voight and solid direction from Tony Scott. (R for language and violence.)

• **"The Faculty"** — Director Robert Rodriguez and screenwriter Kevin Williamson team up for a clever and funny teen horror picture which imagines "invasion of the Body Snatchers" set in a typical Middle America high school and entitles it by a title borrowed from other sci-fi classics. Boasts an ensemble cast composed of a half dozen up-and-coming young players with the exception of Rodriguez's Gene Hackman, Salma Hayek and Famke Janssen, among others. (R for violence/sex/strong language, drug use and some nudity.)

• **"Gladiator"** — Sharon Stone is a sight to see (or not, depending on your budget) in a role largely ignored when it was played by the far more gifted Gene Rowlands in her last husband's "Gladiator." Casavetes' 1980 film about the adventures of a mob moll on the run with a 7-year-old orphan-Dirac by Sidney Lumet. (R, for violence and language.)

• **"In Dreams"** — Neil Jordan's laughably silly horror-thriller stars Annette Bening as a clairvoyant children's book illustrator forced to take the laws of nature into her own hands to stop a serial killer who has taken possession of her dreams. Speaking of possession, we can only wonder what drew such high-powered talent to such wretched B movie material. (R for violence/terror and language.)

• **"Mighty Joe Young"** — A genial family adventure about a sweet-natured, 15-foot tall, 2,000-pound gorilla, his surrogate human mom, Jill (Charlize Theron), and their adventures in the African jungle and a Southern California animal park. Bill Faxon is perfectly cast as the hunk Everyman narrator who discovers Joe and Jill. Ron Underwood's "City Slickers" directs this remake of 1949 RKO film. (PG for some nature in action violence and mild language.)

• **"Patch Adams"** — Robin Williams does a best-hits performance, playing a physician who beats patients with laughter while killing the audience with sentimentality. Directed by Tom Shadyac. (PG-13 for some strong language and crude humor.)

• **"The Prince of Egypt"** — The Biblical story of how Moses freed the Hebrews from bondage has been turned into a visually spectacular piece of animation, but making Pharaoh and the gang at the palace speak just like the family next door is one of the factors hampering the retelling from a dramatic point of view. (PG for intense depiction of thematic elements.)

• **"Shakespeare in Love"** — A big-screen romance (Gwyneth Paltrow and Joseph Fiennes do the honors), port knockabout farce, part witty amusement (Tom Stoppard co-wrote with Marc Norman), this John Madden-directed gem is an entertaining confection about the love life of the hot young playwright of 1593 that pleases the eye and the ear, wearing its cleverness with grace and ease. (R for sexuality.)

• **"She's All That"** — The new wave of teen actor assembles for a romantic comedy set in an upscale high school. (PG-13 for sexual content, crude humor, brief strong language and teen

What's Playing

Opera House
• "Shakespeare in Love," SkitTime Cinema
• "She's All That," Magic Lantern
• "There's Something About Mary," Magic Lantern
• "The Thin Red Line," SkitTime Cinema
• "Waking Ned Devine," Magic Lantern

Century Cinema
• "A Bug's Life," Century Cinema
• "A Civil Action," Century Cinema
• "Patch Adams," Century Cinema
• "The Thin Red Line," Century Cinema
• "Varsity Blues," Century Cinema
• "Virus," Century Cinema
• "What Dreams May Come," Burley Theater

Jerome Cinema
• "Enemy of the State," Jerome Cinema
• "Patch Adams," Jerome Cinema
• "She's All That," Twin Cinema
• "Stepmom," Jerome Cinema
• "Varsity Blues," Jerome Cinema
• "Virus," Reel Theater
• "The Waterboy," Twin Cinema
• "You've Got Mail," Twin Cinema

Liberty Theater
• "A Bug's Life," Liberty Theater
• "A Civil Action," Magic Lantern
• "Elizabeth," Magic Lantern
• "Enemy of the State," Liberty Theater
• "Patch Adams," Sun Valley

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ter of the moral conflict. Scott Smith adapted the screenplay from his own novel for director Sam Raimi. (R for violence and language.)

• **"Stepmom"** — A great idea for a weepy (old wife has to make friends with ex-husband's new wife) romance about a divorcee and wants her children in good hands) has been shamelessly overdone in typical Hollywood fashion. Co-stars Julia Roberts, Susan Sarandon and Ed Harris do the best they can under the circumstances. (PG-13 for language and thematic elements.)

• **"There's Something About Mary"** — The Farrelly Brothers ("Dumb & Dumber") return with a romantic comedy about stalking, which might not please people who are offended by such things, but which certainly will please audiences who like the people slip on bodily fluids instead of banana peels. Ben Stiller mopes amiably as a loser carrying a limp torch for beautiful doctor Cameron Diaz, and Matt Dillon is hilarious as the sleazy detective Stiller hires to find her. (R for language, comic violence, pervasive grossness.)

• **"The Thin Red Line"** — Writer-director Terrence Malick chose James Jones' novel about the bloody 1942 battle for the Japanese-held island of Guadalcanal for his first film in 20 years. It's an intimate, dreamlike epic, an elliptical, episodic film dependent on images and reveries, but Malick's lack of interest in conventional narrative makes his work poetic to excess, a movie that holds its emotions apart. (R for thematic war violence and language.)

• **"Varsity Blues"** — This trashy little movie about Arloing, football and drinking is also one of those films that pretends to moralize about the very behavior it milks for every giggle it can get. "Dustin's Crew" (Lynn Jammer, Van Der Beek stars as the second string quarterback of a small Texas town's high school football team) Jon Voight co-stars as the Captain. High-lichee coach (R for strong language throughout, sexuality and nudity, and some substance abuse.)

• **"Virus"** — An unconvincing, amusing thriller-come-drama fi horror thriller-come-drama that plugs right into the genre of a "28" (28 days after the apocalypse) like the trucking ship with Francis Pacula. (R, for sexual violence/sex and for language.)

• **"The Waterboy"** — Adam Sandler comedy about a backward boy who wins being a human punching bag and, amidst decades of rage, becomes a lethal football tackle. While an improvement over "Billy Madison" it lacks the heart of "The Wedding Singer." With Henry Winkler and Kathy Bates. PG-13 (language, football violence, sexual innuendo.) — Carrie Rickey

• **"What Dreams May Come"** — Robin Williams, in his number-by-number career mode, is whisked to heaven after a car accident. But he can't get it until he connects with grieving widow Annabella (Sandra), and his search for her leads him to some very dark places.

The film is directed by Vincenzo Ward and based on a story by the author of the cult hit "Somewhere in Time" and its surreal visual effects alone compare favorably to the most extravagant productions. Rated PG-13; disturbing imagery, brief nudity.

• **"You've Got Mail"** — Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan are meant to get together again, as they reunite with "Sleepless in Seattle" director Nora Ephron for this comedy. It's a classic, but occasionally the forced romance of Ernest Lubitsch's "The Shop Around the Corner." (PG for some language.)

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The MacCall

The MacCall Winter Carnival runs today through Feb. 7. Area businessmen and individuals will donate more than 50 sculptures which are located throughout Mt. Call.

The winter festival will feature many events including Children's Night Light Parade at 6:30 p.m. tonight, Mardi Gras Parade on Monday, gospel and folk concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Idaho State Snow Sculpting Championships on Tuesday through Feb. 5, Folklore Society Concert Dance at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 5 and Snow-Drop Snow Dance at 8 p.m. Feb. 6.

For more information about the MacCall, call the Mt. Call Chamber of Commerce at 634-7631.

Violinist Ralph Mason will headline the Utah Symphony in a program of Beethoven, Bruch and Mendelssohn, 9 p.m., Saturday, at the Grand Hall, 123 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$13-\$32, can be reserved by phoning ArTix at (801) 355-ARIX.

The 15th Cowboy Poetry Reading Series is Saturday in Elko, Nev. Today's highlights: Art of songwriting workshop, featuring Mitchell Haney, 7 p.m.; Western Folklore Center, 500 Railroad St. (Tickets: \$10 for the two-day workshop); Buster Black, 11 p.m.; Elder Junior High School anti-norms (tickets required); "The Last Cowboy," dinner theater with Bob Hampton, 7 p.m.; Crown Basin Community College, 7 p.m.; (Tickets: 44); "Some Things Just Ain't Right," an evening of poetry readings, 8 p.m.; Western Folklore Center, 500 Railroad St. (Tickets: \$40); "Iron Horse Road to Carcass," an evening of poetry readings, 9 p.m.; Elko Community Center, 8 p.m.; Elko Community Center, 8 p.m.; "The Pure Texas Band," 9 p.m.; Northwest Nevada Museum, Elko, call (888) 880-5325.

A few tickets remain for the Thursday concert by the Building Stones, scheduled for 8 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Delta Center. They're \$20, \$30 and \$50 and available by phoning the Delta Center ticket office at (801) 355-7328.

Opera Idaho will present Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Don Giovanni" at 8 p.m. Feb. 5, in the Delta Center. Tickets are \$15-\$50. For more information, call (801) 355-7328.

Freelance Kagan will conduct the Utah Symphony in a program of Franck, Beethoven and Ravel, featuring pianist Helen Connors, 8 p.m., Feb. 5, in Ansonius Hall, 123 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$13-\$32, are available by phoning the general ticket office at (888) 451-2727.

Lynette Thordahl with Air Ballet will perform at 8 p.m. on Feb. 5-6 in Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$18-\$40, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-ARIX.

The United States Figure Skating Championships will be held in Salt Lake City area Feb. 11-14. Remaining events for which tickets are still available include novice men, ladies and pairs, Feb. 12-13, E. Center, West Valley City, Utah, 8 p.m. Feb. 7 and 8; junior men, ladies and pairs, Feb. 9 (all-day passes are \$7); junior men and junior pairs short program, E. Center, 6:45 p.m. Feb. 9 (all-day passes are \$7); and the Senior Ladies Short Program, 6:45 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Delta Center. Tickets are \$25, \$35, \$50 and \$75. Tickets are available by phoning Smith's Tix at (801) 467-8499. The

WCW Thursday Thunder will play the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 18. Tickets, which are \$18, \$22 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (801) 467-8499. The E Center is located at 3200 S. Decker Lake Drive.

See-Care Tour '99, featuring Executive, Scott Coaling, Redman and DJ Spooky, will play the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 19. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (801) 467-8499. The E Center is located at 3200 S. Decker Lake Drive.

Jon Harvath, Michael Maguire and Doug Wecker will be featured soloists for the Utah Symphony "Bravo Broadway Valentine," a program of show and movie tunes, 8 p.m. Feb. 19-20, Ansonius Hall, 123 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$18, \$22, \$28 and \$32, can be reserved by phoning ArTix at (801) 355-ARIX.

The Building Stones will play the Delta Center in Ogden, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 19. Tickets, which are \$15, \$30 and \$75, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (801) 467-8499.

The Utah Symphony will present "The Blue Center in Salt Lake City at 1 and 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 20 at Ansonius Hall, 123 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City. Tickets are \$2 and \$32, can be reserved by phoning ArTix at (801) 355-ARIX.

The Academy of St. Martin of the Fields will perform at Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. on Feb. 23. Tickets, which are \$20 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning ArTix at (801) 355-ARIX.

The Utah Symphony will present "A Night at the Opera's" featuring movie music and 50mm prints, 8 p.m. Feb. 24, in Ansonius Hall, 123 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$18, \$24, \$32 and \$38, can be reserved by phoning ArTix at (801) 355-ARIX.

Callagher will perform at the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 8 p.m. on Feb. 26-27. Tickets, which are \$18, \$22 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (801) 467-8499. The E Center is located at 3200 S. Decker Lake Drive.

The Utah Symphony will present "Schubert's" 8 p.m. Feb. 26-27, in Ansonius Hall, 123 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$13, \$18, \$22, \$28 and \$32, can be reserved by phoning ArTix at (801) 355-ARIX.

Clayton Knight will sing in the Duo Evans Center in Ogden, Utah, at 8 p.m. on Feb. 28. Tickets, which are \$18, \$22 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (801) 467-8499.

"Fighter on the Road" will play Madison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. on March 12 and 8 p.m. on March 13. Tickets, which are \$17-\$50, \$27-\$35, and \$35, can be reserved by phoning (208) 326-1252.

The Utah Symphony will perform "Beethoven's" 7 p.m. Feb. 27 at Ansonius Hall, 123 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$15, \$19, \$22, \$28 and \$32, can be reserved by phoning ArTix at (801) 355-ARIX.

The See-Care Tour is scheduled for Feb. 16 in Boise. Performers will include professional music-business performing stars, ultra-half-pipe competitors and live music at Joplin Basin. The tour will conclude with a concert, featuring the bands Executive, Scott Coaling, Redman and DJ Spooky, at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Boise State University Pavilion.

Tickets, which are \$25, are available at the Pavilion box office, all other ticket offices or charge by calling 451-2727.

Kings Starr and his All-Star Band will perform March 11 at the

Bank of America Center in Boise. The All-Star Band lineup includes Joe Walsh, Todd Rundgren, Gary Brooker, Jack Bruce and Simon Kirke. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$27 to \$34 plus an applicable Select-a-Seal charge. Tickets go on sale Tuesday at all Select-a-Seal outlets, the Bank of America Center box office or by calling 331-TIXS.

Ringo Starr will play the Dee Evans Center in Ogden, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. on March 12. Tickets, which are \$18-\$50 and \$24-\$50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (801) 467-8499.

The Utah Symphony will perform Edward Elgar's "Enigma Variations" at 8 p.m. on March 12-13 in Ansonius Hall, 123 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$13, \$18, \$22, \$28 and \$32, can be reserved by phoning ArTix at (801) 355-ARIX.

"Sleeping Beauty" will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 2 p.m. on March 12 and 8 p.m. on March 13. Tickets, which are \$18, \$22 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning See-a-Seal at (208) 425-1766.

Ray Charles will perform at 7 p.m. March 13 at the newly renovated Colonial Theater, in Idaho Falls. Opening act will be the Diversity Trio, a gospel, pop and jazz trio from Idaho Falls.

Winner of 15 Grammy Awards, Charles' legendary hits include "I Can't Stop Loving You" and "Georgia on My Mind."

Tickets, which are \$65, are on sale now for non-holders and are available Feb. 11 to the general public. For more information, call the Idaho Falls Arts Council at 522-0471.

The eighth annual Albertson College Piano Festival Competition will be held March 26 and 27 at the Langmuir Center on the Albertson College campus in Caldwell. The Albertson College Music Department is inviting all high school pianists (ninth through 12th grades) to compete for more than \$1,000 in prizes.

For an application brochure or more information, call the music department at 459-5275 or 459-5253.

Combined wire services

New videos in Twin Falls-area stores this weekend:

"Rush Hour" (PG-13) — Chan is no longer missing. Jackle Chan, that is, who is arguably the world's most popular movie star except in the United States. Somehow the angel-faced gymnast with the fantastic moves and the guts of a Green Beret just hasn't connected with American audiences.

His most career has been released in "Rush Hour," a buddy picture where he matches and meshes styles with stand-up comic Chris Tucker, a kind of poor man's Chris Rock. And the news, for Chanophiles, is good: "Rush Hour" is a scruffy entertaining vehicle, easily the little guy's best American-made film. It may get him where he deserves to be. Best of all it finds in Tucker a partner for him to play off, one who brings out his low-key charms and high-octane stunt work.

Chan is himself a miracle, one of the great cinematic moving targets. The movie here is routine enough, and no plot summary can do its body pyrotechnics true justice. Call it just a Hong Kong inspector seconded to Los Angeles when the child of a prominent Chinese diplomat is kidnapped. The FBI, the inevitable organization of dreary white men in suits, seeks to cool him out in some backwater, so it dredges up the most incompetent detective on the LAPD to babysit him. This is Tucker.

These two frequently snip the movie just to riff, and the riffs are usually great. Both are so fundamentally good-hearted you cannot but admire their rapport as the plot takes them into the silly mystery.

Another treat in the movie is Julia Hui, pint-size and adorable, who plays the Jeopardy victim. She's worthy of a remake of "The Reason for Cheif," and a real find. The movie's pure dessert, start to finish.

"Cube" (R) — Imagine a square cage, 14-by-14 feet, covered on all sides by white locks to be translucent panels with ap-

perometric Art Deco design. This is the space in which Canadian filmmaker Vincenzo Natali has trapped six people in his nightmarish and cerebral sci-fi thriller "Cube," a veritable nightmare of a movie.

Even though these are science-fiction stretches with less-dimensioned characters, the film gradually pulls you into its claustrophobic spell and becomes scarily suspenseful in its final half hour.

"Cube" was named best Canadian debut feature at Toronto last year, and it shows a questioning Natali, clearly a visionary, if an important one was not.

"Kurt and Courtney" (R) — British documentary. Rock Broomfield is more like Michael Moore than Mike Wallace in his subjective, fascinating and controversial look at the life and death of late Nirvana frontman Kurt Cobain and his wife, the actress and rocker Courtney Love.

Several disingenuous scenes appear on camera limning that Love may have had something to do with Cobain's 1994 death by shotgun, officially ruled a suicide. Nothing is proved, however, except that a whole lot of people don't like Love, who does everything in her power to avoid cooperating with the filmmaker, including forcing Broomfield up various Nirvana acoustic shows while soundtrack under the threat of legal action. Contains profanity, discussion of drug use and a brief glimpse of smutty from a music video.

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A GREAT BUY IT'S A GREAT DAY AT GROVER'S. Advertisement for Grover's Electric & Plumbing Supply featuring various water heaters and pumps. Includes a list of products like Baseboard Heater, Ultra-Low Flush Toilet, Fan Forced Water Heater, and Submersible Pumps with prices and specifications.

Get Outta Town. Enjoy the Boise Area! Shopping, Concerts, Sporting Events. Advertisement for Rodeo Inn featuring a list of services and contact information. Includes phone number 1-800-727-5002 and address 111 S. North Curtis Road, Boise, ID 83706.

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ARTS IN BRIEF

FEBRUARY ARTS CALENDAR

Herman Center's Jean R. King Gallery will begin with a 7 p.m. reception for the artists on Tuesday. The public is invited to meet them, view their works and have refreshments. There is no charge for admission to the reception at the Herrett Center's other galleries.

After Peter Noone left the group in 1971 to launch a solo career, original drummer Barry "The Bean" Whitwam guided the band, which now plays more than 200 dates a year.

Herman's Hermies will play two shows a night Tuesday through Feb. 7, at 8 and 11 p.m. Tickets for the dinner show start at \$15.95 on Saturday and \$10.95 on weeknights and Sundays. Cover charge for the late cocktail show is \$10 on Saturday and \$7.50 on Sunday and weeknights. Reservations can be made by phoning (800) 821-1103.

Dance performance will be held at CSI Feb. 6
TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Dance Arts Alliance's annual fund-raising performance, "Freeze Frame," will be held at 7 p.m. on Feb. 6 in the Fine Arts Center auditorium on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho. Eleven south-central Idaho dance studios will present ballet, jazz, modern, ethnic and ballroom dances.

Proceeds will go to scholarship work.

San Valley group reads for chamber concert

KEETCHUM — The San Valley Center for the Arts and Humanities will present the internationally renowned female vocal ensemble Anonymous 4 in concert at 8 p.m. Thursday at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church on Sun Valley Road.

Their program combines historical, literary, poetic and spiritual material. The group is performing as part of Contemplating the Divine, a multi-disciplinary program at the San Valley Center. This project explores ways medieval and contemporary artists celebrate religion and creation.

Tickets, which are \$12 for San Valley Center members and \$15 for non-members, can be purchased at the Sun Valley Center, 724 Fifth St. E. in Keetchum or by calling 726-9491.

Sax on Second will be bits of jam session

TWIN FALLS — A jam session will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Monday at Sax on Second, 149 Main Ave. E.

Karaoke is on tap at the Corner Lounge

PEROME — Full Moon Music Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Monday at the Corner Lounge, 160 W. Main.

Klover Klub features karaoke in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — Karaoke will be on tap from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Wednesday at the Klover Klub, 402 Main St. N.

Echoes will play at Sax on Second

TWIN FALLS — The Echoes will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday at Sax on Second, 149 Main Ave. E.

Gather at Riverside Bar in Burley for karaoke

BURLEY — Full Moon Music Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday at the Riverside Bar, 194 W. Highway 30.

610 Club puts karaoke on stage Wednesday

BURLEY — Full Moon Music

Madness Karaoke will be on tap from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesday at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave.

Bob Nora Band sets date at Sax on Second

TWIN FALLS — Bob Nora Band will play for ladies' night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesday at Sax on Second, 149 Main Ave. E.

Outlaw Blues will play at Weston Plaza

TWIN FALLS — Outlaw Blues will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday at the Weston Plaza, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Eat all you want at annual Groundhog Feed

HAGERMAN — The annual Groundhog Feed is planned for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Hagerman Odd Fellows Hall. This all-you-can-eat event will offer pancakes, eggs, sausage, hashbrowns and a drink for \$4 per adult and \$2 per child under 12. For more information, call 837-6044.

'Halfway Dance' is set for Saturday in TF

TWIN FALLS — The Square Dancers of Magic Valley will sponsor a "Halfway Dance" starting at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Gill's Round and Square Dance Center. Pre-rounds start at 7:30 p.m. Square dance will start at 8 p.m. This dance is for this year's beginning dancers.

For more information, call Gary at 324-9808 of Ed at 436-4057.

Theater company sets 'shaggy dog' comedy

KEETCHUM — The New Theater Company will present Steve Martin's "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," a "shaggy dog" comedy that was an off-Broadway hit.

It's scheduled for Feb. 19-21 and again Feb. 24-28 at the NextStage Theater. Showtime is 8 p.m. nightly. For ticket information, call 726-2271.

CSI Theater Department schedules production

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present David Ives' "All in the Timing" on Feb. 24-27 and again March 3-6.

The production will be staged nightly at 8 p.m. in Room 119 of the CSI Fine Arts Center.

Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens. For ticket information, call the Fine Arts Box office at 733-9554, Ext. 2625.

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1: The Herrett Center for Arts & Science Museum Gallery Jungle Exhibit is expected to be in place all year on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays and 1 to 9 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 736-3053.

1: "Rusty Rocket's Lost Blast" is now being shown at the Faulkner Planetarium in the Herrett Center for Arts & Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Show times are 7 p.m. Tuesdays and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturdays. Ticket prices are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for kids/students. Families can see any of the planetarium shows for \$9. No one under 4 is admitted. Call 736-3059.

1: "Illuminated Manuscripts from the 13th, 14th and 15th Centuries" will be on display through Feb. 5 in the Sun Valley Room at the Herrett Center for Arts & Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Show times are 7 p.m. Tuesdays and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturdays. Ticket prices are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for kids/students. Families can see any of the planetarium shows for \$9. No one under 4 is admitted. Call 736-3059.

2: "Half Time," an exhibition of current work by CSI art faculty members, will be on display through Feb. 26 at the King Art Gallery in the Herrett Center for Arts & Science on the CSI campus in Twin Falls. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays and 1 to 9 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 736-3053.

3: The Foreign Film Series continues through Feb. 14 at the Orpheum, 146 Main Ave. N., in Twin Falls. The schedule for February is as follows: Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 7 at 1 p.m. — "The Best Man"; Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. — "The Celebration." Tickets at the door are \$7 for adults and \$6 for seniors/students. Call 734-2787 or 734-2402 for more information.

4: "Anonymous 4" will perform in concert at 8 p.m. at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church on Sun Valley Road in Keetchum. Admission is \$12 for San Valley Center members and \$15 for non-members.

4-7: The Sun Valley Repertory Company will present Sam Shepard's "Seduced," 8 p.m., NextStage Theater, Keetchum. For ticket information, call 726-1526.

6: The Idaho Dance Arts Alliance's annual fund-raising performance, "Freeze Frame," is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Eleven south-central Idaho dance studios will present ballet, jazz, tap, modern, ethnic

and ballroom dances. Proceeds will go to scholarship for IDAA's summer dance workshop.

12: "Uncovered and Recovered: Early 20th Century Women Artists" will be on display at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts at the corner of Fifth and Washington streets in Keetchum through March 22. Call 726-9491 for more information.

12: Community Concerts will present "Boston Brass" at 7:30 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts Center auditorium in Twin Falls. Admission is by season membership or individual ticket purchase, \$15 at the door.

13: "Arts Quarter" will perform at 8 p.m. at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church on Sun Valley Road in Keetchum. Cost is \$12 for San Valley Center members and \$15 for non-members. A free kids concert is set for 11 a.m. at the church. Call 726-9491.

17: The Magic Valley Arts Council Board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Desert Building on the CSI campus in Twin Falls.

19: Arts on Tour will present "Quartetto Gelato" at 7:30 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls. Tickets, available at area outlets, are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students. Any tickets left will be sold at the door.

19-28: The New Theater Company will present Steve Martin's "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," 8 p.m., NextStage Theater, Keetchum. For ticket information, call David Blomquist at 726-2271.

24-27: The CSI Department of Theater production of David Ives' "All in the Timing" opens in Fine Arts Theater 119 on the CSI campus in Twin Falls. The play will continue March 3-6. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Children under 6 are not admitted. Tickets are \$5 general admission and \$3 for students or senior citizens. Reserve tickets by calling 733-9554, Ext. 2625.

Each month, The Times-News Arts Events Calendar lists arts and entertainment events occurring around the valley. Submit items to "Arts and Events," The Times-News, c/o Box 216, Twin Falls, Idaho 83401. For the March calendar are due Feb. 15.



"The Family Band" by Debbie Edgers Stanges.



"Spanish Elegance" by CSI assistant art professor Mike Thompson.

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Half Time's requirements 125 years of talent

TWIN FALLS — Nearly 125 years of artistic talent will come together at the College of Southern Idaho beginning Tuesday.

That represents the total number of years that the five featured artists, all members of the CSI art faculty, have been displaying their works or teaching their students.

"Half Time" will show the current works of Lester Olson, Walter Thompson, Bill West, Debbie Edgers Stanges and Pam Barham. Two more of the show reflects the idea that these artists represent one-half the full and positive CSI art staff. Works by the other half will be presented next week.

Stanges, department chairman, is also the founder of the CSI art department in 1924. She expressed to show some of the finest art works.

West, assistant chairman, at CSI, has had his work displayed frequently locally and around the Northwest. Some of his most notable work includes the current abstract series installed on the exterior of the Fine Arts Administration at the Herrett Center for Arts & Science.

Thompson has been at CSI on faculty for nearly 20 years. Specializing in figurative drawing and painting, he has exhibited his work in Idaho and other western states since 1958.

Stanges is a member of the CSI art faculty, teaching classes in the CSI art department, in the Sun Valley Center, in the Sun Valley Center, and in the "Arts & Science" and "Arts & Science" departments. She has exhibited her work in the past 28 years. She has won numerous awards for her work, including several national awards.

The fifth featured artist, Barham, is a freelance photographer who has worked for and with CSI for the better part of two decades. In addition to her work with CSI, Barham has also done for nearly 30 other Idaho and regional businesses and organizations.

The two-month show at the



"Herman's Hermies"

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"Herman's Hermies"

Herman's Hermies sets date at Cactus Potos

JACKPOT — Herman's Hermies will play Cactus Potos

Part of the British music invasion of the 1960s, Herman's Hermies became a household name and one of the most successful musical groups in the world. From their beginning in Manchester, England, on April 1, 1965, the foursome chalked up more than 23 hit singles, 10 hit albums, three movies and countless TV shows and concert tours.

To date, they have sold more than 80 million records. The series of chart-toppers include "Mrs. Brown You've Got a Lovely Daughter," "I've Heard V.I.L. Is An," "Silliest Games," "Crazy Heat," "My Heartbeat" and "There's a Kind of Hush."

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Enjoy being the center of attention, Cancer

IF JANUARY 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are intuitive, fond of exploring the unknown. You have had at least one occasion to seriously consider changing name. You are unorthodox, have incisive wit and have wisdom of old soul. Cancer, Leo, Aquarius persons play significant roles in your life, could have those letters, initials in names: B, K, T. During February a major domestic adjustment will include where you live, marital status.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get message across, distribute leaflets, let people know: "No matter what you do, you'll not drive me out." You will be regarded as mystery person. Gemini plays role.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Music featured. Some songs of violence, others provide music regarded as spiritual. Cancer

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born relative helps stock food. Be grateful, not obsequious.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Time is on your side, seeds planted one month ago will bear fruit. People are drawn to you for lessons in survival. Play warring game, refuse to be intimidated.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are center of attention, starring role. Cycle is such that you are at right place at crucial moment. Love relationship gets warm, then too hot not to cool down.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Secrets revealed - to your advantage. Maintain aura mystery, don't tell all. Strive for universality. Listen

to sounds of love. Project will be completed, you'll receive credit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make fresh start, circumstances favor efforts. You win friends and influence people among higher-ups. Good fortune for you in finance, romance. Leo plays marvelous role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Review direction, motivation, necessity for redefining identity. Spotlight on where you are going, whether or not you are to be alone. Capricorn will bring up subject of marriage.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Present information garbed in humor, entertainment. People express admiration at your ability to laugh at your own foibles. Long journey ahead, check with travel agency.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be willing to rewrite, to

rebuild, to restore relationship that plays important role in your life. Cancer, Scorpio persons provide spice, your life interesting as result.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Game face, figures and then interpret results. Spotlight, on excitement of discovery, deep affection, physical attraction. You'll muse "I am in love again."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If diplomatic you gain advantage. Music will be heard, dance to your own tune. Keep resolutions concerning diet, nutrition. Go easy tonight on adult beverages.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Period of seclusion proves beneficial. People question, interview you on subjects including psychic phenomena, UFOs. Another Pisces makes inroads to your emotional being.

Counterfeiters launder money to give it that 'aged' look

Q. Don't geologists agree "It's a hill if it's less than 2,000 feet high and a mountain if it's 2,000 feet high or higher?"

A. Agree they do not. Some say altitude doesn't count. "A mountain" they say is the result of an upheaval. A hill is a hard rise that didn't erode away.

Q. How do most counterfeiters age their phony new bills?

WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

...Run them through a washing machine. No, it's not what's

meant by laundering money.

Knights of St. John occupied Malta for 268 years, paying their landlord, Holy Roman Emperor Charles V, a rent of one falcon a year. So? So there were 268 falcons a year?

Q. Is IQ inherited?

A. No, says the geneticists, but genes that influence its development are.

Health authorities think it fitting to report our feat: give off 25 gallons of perspiration a year and who am I to say nobody wants to know.

Most women put their perfume on the wrist. Some put it in the crook of the elbow. Others, knowing fragrance rises from warmth, pour on the back of the knee. So says one expert on the matter.

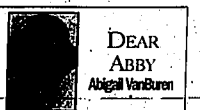
Talk about moving is cheap for freeloader

DEAR ABBY: I have been living in a three-bedroom house with two other guys since May. Last September, one of my roommates ("John") allowed one of his friends to move into our living room. We all agreed it would be by the end of the month - less than two weeks away.

"Alan" had been having trouble with the people he was living with and needed to get out before the situation exploded. He said he would move in with a co-worker in a week and a half. Well, that apparently fell through. So have four other "possibilities" he has since told us about. I've talked with my two roommates, and they are also tired of Alan's continuing to "hang out." Yet they do nothing about it.

Abby, I've tried everything I can think of. As the only early riser in the house, I'm usually up by 6 a.m. I have told Alan that it's his time he moves on and have left the "Room for Rent" section of the newspaper open and circled. I've even collected "concrete" wanted information from the bulletin boards at the university I attend. I've blasted my stereo, turned on the TV, left the front door open in the winter air, pulled the blanket off him, and banged around in the kitchen. He doesn't seem to get the idea. Short of changing the locks, I don't know what to do. How can we get this thick-skinned freeloader out?

—FED UP WITH OLD FISH



DEAR ABBY: Abigail VanBuren

across the country who is planning to visit us and bring the 5-year-old daughter of a friend of his. He befriended an unwed mother and witnessed her daughter's birth, so a bond was formed between him and the baby. The natural father isn't even in the picture.

I want to write him a letter and explain what a burden this would be on his hosts, my husband and me. Abby, a child this age requires constant close supervision, not to mention entertaining, waiting on and cleaning up after, etc.

I know he'll be upset with me if I write him this letter, but I feel I have a right to be upset with him. He never once asked our permission, he just announced his intentions to bring her and stay with us for two weeks. Two weeks is too long for anyone, especially when a young child is involved.

Before I write him, Abby, I would like your opinion.

—WORRIED SISTER IN ATLANTA

DEAR FED UP: It's time for the three of you to confront Alan. It would be best if you did it together. Give him one week to be out of the house, then be prepared to hand him his belongings and change the locks. Express your expression of gratitude for the time he has spent under your roof, and you won't be disappointed.

DEAR WORRIED SISTER: Your brother apparently feels that the child is part of his family. Be diplomatic; write to your brother expressing your concern about entertaining a 5-year-old for two weeks, noting that she may get homesick. If he insists on bringing her anyway, research ways to entertain a young child in Atlanta, including finding children her age to play with. Or make him responsible for the little girl's care and entertainment.

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Hand transplant patient Matthew Scott listens as Dr. Warren Breidenbach tells reporters "...the biologic process is going to ultimately control what happens, and we don't know. This is uncharted territory."

Transplant patient moves fingers, almost out of danger

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Hand transplant patient Matthew Scott flexed his new fingertips over so slightly Thursday, and one of his surgeons said he was almost out of danger of developing blood clots.

Scott, a paramedic from Assecon, N.J., received the left hand in a 14 1/2-hour operation that ended Monday morning at Jewish Hospital.

In a first, brief visit Thursday with two reporters and a photographer in his hospital room, Scott sat in a chair with his left hand and arm elevated and heavily bandaged. The nails and tips of his fingers were visible.

At Scott's request, no questions were directed to him or his wife, Dawn.

At the prompting of Dr. Warren C. Breidenbach, his hand surgeon, Scott made the fingers twitch faintly. Breidenbach said he was testing the tendons that control finger movement. There is no feeling in the hand, he said.

The breicing of Scott's hand and his physical therapy will be

important, Breidenbach said in an interview later.

"I can tell you Matt's going to give it every effort — he's an excellent patient — but the biologic process is going to ultimately control what happens, and we don't know. This is uncharted territory," Breidenbach said.

Scott's fingers are watched closely for signs of clotting, but blood circulation in the hand has been good so far, Breidenbach said.

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Documentaries, foreign films are the real stars at Sundance

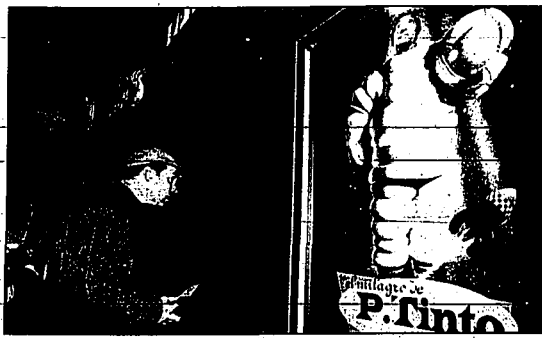
By Michael Wilmington
Chicago Tribune

PARK CITY, Utah — Midway through the 1999 Sundance Film Festival, it's become obvious that something has changed. The snow and skiing are still here, along with the slush and occasional mini-blizzards, the ubiquitous stucco buses and the beets of publicists. So are the movies — and most still fit that classic Sundance goal of left-wing idealism and adventurous spirit: the fest often seems to borrow from the star persona of its founder, Robert Redford.

But the profile of this fest — America's preeminent showcase for new independent U.S. feature films — has significantly evolved. Moviegoers, critics and scribes may still flock here in search of the new "sexies and videopops" of "Reservoir Dogs." However, with a few exceptions, new U.S. dramatic features have not accounted for this year's festival highlights. Instead, up to this point at least, the best films this year have usually been the American documentaries (which is not really a surprise) and the international or "World Cinema" section (which really is).

The dramatic competition has produced a few gems, notably director Tony Bui's "Three Seasons," a modern Vietnam tale which has generated rare standing ovations. There also was an unexpected treat: A great, rollicking, stunningly human lead performance by James McTeer as a restless Southern mom in director-cowriter-costar Gavin O'Connor's unheralded mother-and-daughter-on-the-road movie, "Tumbleweed."

By contrast is the relative high quality of this year's non-fiction films, including the 16 pictures competing for the documentary award — like the Hughes'



Flimgoer Rick Egan enters the theater to watch the Spanish film P. Pinto's Mikeole Wednesday in Park City, Utah, as part of the Sundance Film Festival.

Brothers' hard-edged "American Pimp" and Chuck Workman's sympathetic chronicle of the botanist era, "The Source" — and non-competitive special events — such as Errol Morris' highly disturbing "Mr. Death: The Rise and Fall of Fred A. Leuchter, Jr." Sundance programming director Geoffrey Gilmore was not exaggerating when he called 1999 "probably the strongest year we've had in terms of documentaries."

Speaking as a member of the documentary subcommittee of the National Society of Film Critics, I agree. More than anything, this year's Sundance documentaries offer a collective, very resonant portrait of our country — or, as Gilmore says, "the realities of American life." By interesting change, three even have "American" in their titles: Rory Kennedy's "American Hollow," a

yearlong chronicle of the lives of a Kentucky Appalachian family, the Bowlings; Chris Smith's "American Movie," the grotesque tale of a Menominee Falls, Wis., low budget horror filmmaker; and the Hughes' Brothers' hot ticket "American Pimp" about the twilight world of prostitution.

These films delve deeper and more intimately into much riskier subjects. The poignant and uncondescending "American Hollow" realistically shows us the kind of people, poor Southern whites, often trashed on screen. (It was a cable TV project and labor of love for its director, who is a daughter of Robert Kennedy.)

And there's more. Emiko Omori's "Rabbit in the Moon" is a deeply moving recollection of life in the World War II Japanese-American internment

"camps." And Gough Lewis' "See: The Annabel Chong Story" — about a college student and porn star who participated in a filmed orgy with 251 men — turns out (believe it or not) to be an intelligent, compassionate and fascinating character study.

Morris' "Mr. Death," as usual, has a bleak comic vision that stands by itself. While not as weirdly impressive as Morris' earlier, "Fast, Cheap and Out of Control," it has a fascinating character too: Leuchter, a Massachusetts specialist in devising "humane executions" for prisons who becomes involved as an "expert witness" in the trial of Canadian Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel and destroys his own life.

What about the foreign language section? Headed by Yugoslavian Emir Kusturica's wild comedy "Black Cat, White Cat"

and Japanese director Kore-eda ("Maborosi") Hirokazu's "After Life," a strange fable of the way station between life and death, it also includes, so far, strong representation from India (Santosh Sivan's study of assassination, "The Terrorist"), Spain (Julio Medem's off-the-wall romance, "The Lovers of the Arctic Circle"), France (Gaspar Noe's blistering look at misanthropy and incest "I Stand Alone") and Germany (Tom Tykwer's terrific high-tech rock 'n' roll chase thriller, "Run Lola Run").

The international flavor also has seeped into the festival's traditionally American sections. "Three Seasons," despite the presence of Harvey Keitel, is mostly a Vietnamese-language film — and the first American film to be shot in Vietnam — filled with beautiful imagery and obliquely interwoven stories. It exists in a different world from the other dramatic competition films.

The "American Spectrum" section, which generally consists of roll chase thrillers, "Run Lola Run")

and includes two films largely or completely told in a foreign language: David Riker's "La Ciudad (The City)," about young Latin American illegal immigrants in Manhattan, and "Genghis Blues," a winning if ragged documentary about a blind blues singer who takes up the ancient art of Tuvan throat singing and travels to that tiny Asian country for a national competition.

Roko and Adrian Belic made "Genghis Blues" by taking a few videocameras with them to Tuva. Roko Belic said this ability to travel light has encouraged filmmakers to look beyond the U.S. for subjects.

It's been a provocative lineup, and watching the films has erased some of my qualms about the fest: my dislike of the modern tendency to downgrade foreign language films in favor of American ones. Shallow, I've associated this mindset with Sundance, but what I've seen so far quashes those fears: Amid the slush and sincerity, it helps renew cinema as an international language.

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BACKBEAT

Black Sabbath finally gets its due

Chicago Tribune

Who or what broke up the original lineup of Black Sabbath, the greatest heavy metal band of all time?

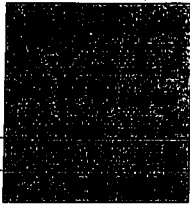
Could it be Satan? Naanah. Despite the band's silly, somewhat overhyped fondness for the occult, the cloven-hooved one had nothing to do with it.

Instead, maverick music critic Joe Carducci nailed down the reason—in his 1992 book, "Rock and the Pop Narcotic." In an entry lauding Sabbath, drawing connections between it and 1950s Muddy Waters as well as classical symphonies, Carducci addressed his heroes directly: "The demon to worry about, mates, is cocaine! Buy your souls back from your dealer and lay them on us some more."

After 20 years, the wishes of Carducci and countless other fans have been answered: singer Ozzy Osbourne, guitarist Tony Iommi, bassist Terry "Geezar" Butler and drummer Bill Ward are, improbably, back.

"The bad vibes, the out-of-control ego, the drugs and the drink are out of the way," says Iommi, during a break from the band's reunion tour. "Time has healed everything, and now we can get on stage and have fun."

While "fun" is a word not normally associated with Sabbath, "Reunion" (Epic), a recent live



double-CD, suggests that the quartet still can summon the hammer of the gods. If the old black magic is no more, the aura of transgressive thrills replaced by the sight of middle-aged men padding their bank accounts, the music holds up remarkably well.

And for all the notorious imagery and antics associated with Sabbath and its offshoots in the past—the inverted crosses, the dungeons-and-dragons lyrics, the behemoths of a dove and a bat that bedeviled Osbourne's post-Sabbath career—who would have thought that it would be the music on which the band's reputation would eventually be rebuilt?

In decades past, Sabbath was savaged for a sound that few outside its fan base understood or appreciated. Like virtually all



Ozzy Osbourne

heavy metal bands that would come after it, Sabbath was regarded as a blot on rock's increasingly progressive, politically aware soul. "Stoned-out, dumb, clumsy, soulless, over-amplified and ugly" surely rock was sinking to an all-time low with this satanic claptrap, intoned the "Rolling Stone Album Guide." Some of the old prejudices continue; in recent years, the band has twice been passed over in voting by the music business "intelligentsia" for admission into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

The Associated Press

Hot 5

1. "...Baby One More Time," Brince Spears, Jive. (Platinum)
2. "Have You Ever?" Brandy, Atlantic.
3. "Nobody's Supposed to Be Here," Deborah Cox, Arista. (Platinum)
4. "I'm Your Angel," R. Kelly & CeCe Pennington, Jive. (Platinum)
5. "Jumper," Third Eye Blind, Elektra.

(From Billboard magazine)

Albums

1. "...Baby One More Time," Brince Spears, Jive.
2. "N Sync," "N Sync, RCA. (Platinum)
3. "Flesh of My Flesh Mood of My Blood," DMX, Ruff Ryder.
4. "Americana," The Ojibway, Columbia.
5. "The Misadventures of Laurya Hill," Laurya Hill, Ruffhouse. (Platinum)

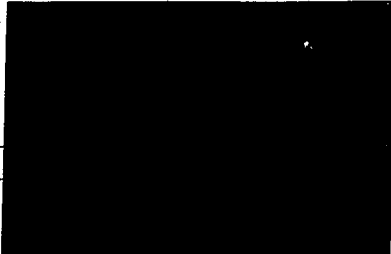
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TV

1. "ER," NBC
2. "Friends," NBC
3. "Frasier," NBC
4. "Golden Globe Awards," NBC
5. "Jesse," NBC

(From Nielsen Media Research)

HIGH 5



Films

1. "Varsity Blues," Paramount
2. "Patch Adams," Universal
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4. "The Thin Red Line," 20th Century Fox
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“ Tell Ray to put the eyeliner, the lipstick and the high heels away. I'm not saying he's a cross-dresser; that's just what I heard. ”

— *Broncos tight end Shannon Sharpe on Falcons cornerback Ray Buchanan, who earlier in the day likened the Denver star's appearance to Mr. Ed.*

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Girls' high school basketball
ISDB at Western States Basketball Classic
In Santa Fe, NM:
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Oakley at Murahog
Wood River at Gooding
Wiley at Shoshone

High school wrestling
Red Halverson Invitational at Minico

IN BRIEF

Stompede's Cartwright, Moon back from NBA
BOISE — Idaho Stompede center Phil Cartwright and guard Lawrence Moon will be back in uniform for the CBA team's game today against the Sioux Falls Skyforce in Saturday's showdown with the Fort Wayne Fury.
CBA All-Star Cartwright had been called up to the Seattle SuperSonics, while Moon had worked out with the New York Knicks.

KYA basketball founder will step down at end of season
TWIN FALLS — KYA basketball founder and director Dave Woodmansee has announced that he will step down at the conclusion of the 1999 season.
Woodmansee requests that individuals interested in succeeding him call him at 733-1981, or 423-4307 in the evenings.

Burley Trap Club plans shoot for Saturday, Sunday
BURLEY — The Burley Trap Club will hold the Second Annual Sig Short Little Shoot 60-Bird Buddy Shoot at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the range, 850 W. 50 S.
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The club will also host a Turkey Shoot at 11 a.m. on Sunday. The cost is \$4 per shoot with guarantee cards available.

AAU basketball touneys scheduled for March 19-21
SPOKANE — The 12th annual North Spokane Classic AAU basketball tournaments will be held on two weekends in March.
March 19-21 will feature boys and girls in Grades 5-8 from schools that feed high schools with 600 or less students. All participants on a team must attend a school that feeds the same high school.
March 26-28 will feature boys and girls in Grades 5-8 from any high school classification. All tournaments are \$150 with four games guaranteed. There will be electronic scoreboards in each gym and only registered association officials will be used. For more information, call Daryl Triplett at (509) 238-6807.
Compiled from staff and wire reports

CSI teams handle Chukars

Women win 9th in SWAC

By *Damen Clow*
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If the Scenic West Athletic Conference-leading College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team has one flaw, it's a very congenial and ladylike inability to kick a team when it's down.
Thursday night's 55-49 victory over visiting Treasure Valley Community College, the Golden Eagles' 12th win in their last 13 games, was both CSI's lowest offensive output and the fewest points given up by its defense since the last time the teams met, a 54-40 CSI win in Ontario, Ore.
"I don't want to get in those habits," said CSI head coach Joel Babb, whose only conference loss was to Colorado Northwestern at a time when the two teams were at polar opposites of the league standings.
"I was worried that we would have a let-down. Think about where we've been the last few weeks."

The Golden Eagles improve to 17-5 on the season and 9-1 in conference, and now can relax and enjoy the rest of the short week after wins at North Idaho and Ricks and at home against Salt Lake and Utah Valley.
Whenever the shots were taken Thursday night, both teams were equally inept at them. The Chukars (9-1) shot 2-of-12 from 3-point range; the Golden Eagles were 2-of-13.

For the game, TVCC was 38 percent from the field; CSI was 35 percent.
Treasure Valley did a nice job of getting real aggressive, with a real overloaded zone," Babb said. "We had open looks all night on the back side and got real tentative."
Jessica Gibbs led CSI with 13 points, Sarah Nelson had 12 and Zenovia Burns added 11. Tina Keller led all scorers with 24 points and Emily Garyh-walts added 12.
The Golden Eagles scored just two points off of shooting from the field in the first seven minutes of the game, but warmed up to 37 percent by halftime. To get out of early trouble, Babb first went to pressure, and later to a sophomore skilled at performing under it.



Chukars Moore plays tight defense on Treasure Valley Community College's Christopher Terry Thursday night at CSI.

A full-court press midway through the game kept the Eagles rally from a 10-point deficit back into the lead, and eight straight points from Nelson later erased a four-point Chukar lead.
A 3-pointer by Homedale's Jennifer Overton — only her third in 20 games — gave TVCC a 14-4 lead, just seven minutes into the game. The Golden Eagles then grabbed a handful of their 10 steals in the next two minutes, getting eight points of a 12-1 run from the forward Gibbs, who led all players with three first-half takeaways.
"We've been working on our press and I'm glad we have," Babb said. "It's going to be a

weapon. I was just trying to get people jump-started, and it was difficult."
When the Golden Eagles relaxed their press, Keller broke a Chukar shooting drought with two of her game-high 12 first-half points as TVCC scored five straight.
How down by four with eight minutes to play, the CSI offense found Nelson, who hit a pair of 3-pointers and scored off an inside pass to put her team back into the lead through halftime.
The Chukars didn't score for the first five minutes of the half, as CSI extended its lead to 29-27. Keller hit two free throws and a short jumper to trim the deficit to single digits,

but Gibbs grabbed a Nelson mist under the basket and put CSI back up 41-31 with 12 minutes to play.
TVCC pulled within five points twice in the final five minutes of play before Barron's court-long baseball pass to Gibbs broke a Chukar press and ended the win with 34 seconds left.

CSI 56, Treasure Valley 49
TWIN FALLS — CSI defeated Treasure Valley 56-49 Thursday night at the home of the Golden Eagles. Sarah Nelson led CSI with 12 points, while Jessica Gibbs had 13. Tina Keller had 24 points for Treasure Valley. CSI shot 38 percent from the field, while TVCC was 35 percent. CSI had 10 steals and 3 first-half takeaways. CSI coach Joel Babb said his team's defense was the key to the victory. He praised the team's ability to stay composed and execute their game plan throughout the contest.

Sweet revenge for men

By *Damen Clow*
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Once again, Bradson Burney could hardly be stopped.
But Curtis Bobb finally got started Thursday night, and the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team avenged an earlier upset at Treasure Valley Community College, 81-57.
Bobb, who was 0-for-8 with one point in CSI's 62-54 loss Dec. 11, was 0-for-2 in the first half Thursday before hitting a quartet of 3-pointers in the second half, three coming out of CSI's half-court offense as the shot clock expired.
Burney, the nation's third-leading scorer at 26 points per game, led all scorers with 29 points in CSI with 15 on exact's basketball team. He scored 12 points in the first half and 17 in the second. He also had 10 rebounds and 4 assists. Bobb had 15 points and 6 assists. The team shot 62 percent from the field and 45 percent from 3-point range for TVCC (11-11, 4-6 in conference).
"I'm not really saying I have to stop him, because I had a freshman, Mike Hood, on him," said CSI coach Kevin Jones. "I could have put a sophomore, who would have been up for the challenge, but Mike made him work and he made a lot of his points late in the game."
"We just made sure that nobody else on our team really hurt us."

The Golden Eagles (14-8, 6-4 in conference) were able to even the season series with the help of something they didn't have the first time — a 6-foot three-point shooter, light as a feather with a touch twice as soft.
Carl Mitchell, inactive in the team's first meeting, scored 14 points, including a pair of well-timed 3-pointers in the second half. CSI shot 7-of-12 from 3-point range in the second half, after shooting 5-of-14 in the first 20 minutes.

Jason McCullough was perfect from the free-throw line and scored 11 of CSI's first 14 second-half points. The sophomore had 11 points and 5 rebounds, and Bobb and Jalison Jordan added 12 each.
Burney was the only Chukar in double figures for the first seven minutes of the first half and the first 13 minutes of the second half.
"The Golden Eagles fell behind 7-6 four minutes into the game. Hood hit back-to-back 3-pointers to put CSI in the lead. The Chukars had a five-minute run before halftime on Wendell native Nate Kelsey's only points of the game, but the Golden Eagles hit three 3-pointers in the final three and a half minutes and never trailed after that."

Burney opened up the second half with seven points in three minutes before a run of nine straight Golden Eagle points but the home squad up by 10 and enabled Jones to substitute with his bench.
CSI 81, Treasure Valley 57
TWIN FALLS — CSI defeated Treasure Valley 81-57 Thursday night at the home of the Golden Eagles. Bradson Burney led CSI with 29 points, while Curtis Bobb had 15. The team shot 62 percent from the field and 45 percent from 3-point range for TVCC (11-11, 4-6 in conference). CSI coach Kevin Jones said his team's defense was the key to the victory. He praised the team's ability to stay composed and execute their game plan throughout the contest.

Twin homecoming

Pair of Treasure Valley sophomores wore black and gold of CSI last year

By *Damen Clow*
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Two Treasure Valley Community College basketball players, stood out from the rest at the College of Southern Idaho gym Thursday night, and neither had to be introduced with the start of the game.
Neither Nate Kelsey nor Beth Klappich got the nod to start against the Golden Eagles in the two teams' last meeting

before the regional tournament, but both sophomores shared the same bond with the gym.
Kelsey, a graduate of Wendell High School, and Klappich, of Cottonwood, were in the same gym this time last season, but were wearing the black and gold of the Golden Eagles. Kelsey was red-shirting with his freshman brother Nick under men's coach Jim Tarsch, while Klappich was red-shirting with his brother Nick under men's coach Jim Tarsch.
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Beth Klappich and Nate Kelsey now sport the colors of Treasure Valley Community College, but both athletes were part of the College of Southern Idaho basketball program last season.

Weekend wrestling heats up at Halverson tournament

By *Kevin Hall*
Times-News writer

RUPERT — It's going to be a hot time on the mat over the next two days.
In what has become one of the strongest wrestling warmups to the Red' Halverson Memorial Invitational Tournament takes to the floor today and Saturday at Minico High School.
Two defending state champions, five grapplers rated at the top of their weight classes and numerous grudge matches are all a part of the 16-team competition that features most of the state's best A-1 teams and the top-

ranked A-2 team, Snake River.
In one of the more anticipated showdowns this weekend, Zarrick Wadsworth of Hillcrest will square off against Minico's Wayne Bendall at 145 pounds. In their only previous meeting this year, Wadsworth won 10-5.
What's more, Wadsworth earned the state title last season by beating out a Spartan — Jamie Berenger finished in second place.
At 189, meanwhile, defending state champion Adam Joslin of Twin Falls remains the one to beat.
"It's a real tough tournament," said Minico wrestling coach Brad Cooper. "It's also tough to get in — there's a wait-

ing list of teams."
The tournament, which started out as the Minico Invitational around 1955, was renamed within "the last 7 or 8 years," said Cooper, in memory of beloved Minico coach Bob Red Halverson.
Halverson guided the Spartan program to three state championships, in 1962, 1969 and 1970, and held Minico, led by No. 1 in the last state rankings and defending Halverson champion, has won the tourney three of the last four years.
This time around, the Spartans lead a slew of battle-ready teams, including Blackfoot, Boise, Bonville, Borah, Centennial, Eagle, Highland, Hillcrest, Jerome, Madison, Nampa, Twin Falls

and Snake River.
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SPORTS

Kournikova, Hings win Australian doubles title

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) Martina Hings and Anna Kournikova, calling themselves the Spice Girls of tennis, combined to win the Australian Open doubles title on Thursday. Hings and Kournikova beat the team of No. 1 singles player Lindsay Davenport and No. 1 ranked doubles player Natasha Zvereva 7-6, 6-3. It was Kournikova's first Grand Slam title, coming at the end of a disappointing singles campaign marked by service woes. Hings, who coined the Spice Girls nickname for her and Kournikova, won the week's Grand Slam of doubles titles last year and a fifth doubles title in a row. She teamed with Mirjana Lucic to win the Australian Open and added the French, U.S. and Wimbledon titles with Jana Novotna. Zvereva, who said she would be back next season, "unless I retire," congratulated Kournikova on her breakthrough Slam victory. "That's her first Grand Slam and I'm sure she's going to have more to come," Zvereva said. Hings said she was likely to play with Novotna again in the future.

The match took place under cover at Melbourne Park because of morning rain. Davenport and Zvereva took a 5-3 lead in the first set by breaking Kournikova's support service. But Hings and Kournikova won the next four games, breaking both of their rivals in the process. All four players lost a service game in the second set and Hings and Kournikova finished it off with their third break off Zvereva in the set. A sharp return from Kournikova set up Hings for a volley at the net. The winners, popular with the crowd, embraced at mid-court following the final point. In Thursday's men's semifinal,



Thomas Enqvist of Sweden rockets a serve to Nicolas Lapentti of Ecuador during their semifinal match Thursday at the Australian Open.

Thomas Enqvist reached his first Grand Slam tournament final by beating 91st-ranked Nicolas Lapentti of Ecuador 6-5, 7-5, 6-1. His opponent in the championship match will be the winner of the match between 1996 French Open champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov and 33rd-ranked Tommy Haas of Germany. Kafelnikov, at No. 10, is the only surviving men's seed. Enqvist, set back last year by a foot injury, now has won 14 consecutive matches this year, including victories over U.S. Open champion Patrick Rafter and runner-up Mark Philippoussis in the third and

fourth rounds here. "It's very exciting, unbelievable, to be in a Grand Slam final," said the 24-year-old Swede, who once was ranked sixth in the world and won 16 No. 21, Enqvist's best previous Grand Slam tournament result was the 1996 Australian, where he lost in the quarterfinals. Lapentti had come from behind in three five-set matches in this tournament and upset seventh-seeded Raul Ruyra in the quarterfinals. Because of that, Enqvist said, "I felt like I had to keep the pressure up, and I was able to do that."

Leonard bids for 1st Phoenix title

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) - Fierce winds at the Phoenix Open were an advantage for Justin Leonard, who played half a round in calm conditions and then mastered the elements when they deteriorated. "You have to play a little more strategically in the wind, and that's the way I like to play," he said after shooting a 4-under-par 67 Thursday to take a one-stroke lead over Paul Azinger. "So I certainly wasn't upset to see it start blowing." Leonard used his accuracy around the greens to offset 25 mph winds and grab the first-round lead in a tournament that he almost won three years ago when Phil Mickelson beat him in a playoff. Raucous fans on the TPC of Scottsdale stadium course were silent when Mickelson, a Scottsdale resident, was lining up shots down the stretch in 1990 and made noise for Leonard, and the experience still rankles. "I expect the crowds to be about the same way they've been



Tiger Woods watches his tee shot on the second hole of the first round of the Phoenix Open in Arizona.

the last three, four years, and it's just part of the deal coming here," Leonard said. Azinger, who won this event in 1987 - the year it moved to Scottsdale after years at the Phoenix Country Club - said off-season changes and longer rough

made the course more demanding. "The fairways should be a little narrower and the rough should be quite as high," Azinger said. "Two-and-a-half inches should be higher because then you have flatter lies and you can judge it. When it's 4 inches deep, 5 inches deep like it is here, it's just chipping out." "But that's what the U.S. Open does, and that's what everybody wants." The group of six at 69 included two other former champions: Bill Glasson (1994) and Lee Janzen (1993). Because of a one-hour frost delay, 45 of the 127 players were stranded by darkness and must finish the round Friday. The course also played tougher because of hundreds of new desert plants. Combined with the wind, the first round took a toll of some of the game's biggest names as only 15 of the 67 finishers broke par. Tiger Woods, the top-ranked player in the world, was 2-over through 14 holes.

Pair

Continued from D1 Klapprich was a freshman forward on women's coach Joel Ray's squad. Both have moved to Ontario, Ore. to play for CSI's travel partner. Klapprich broke a bone in her foot before the Chukars' Jan. 4 road game against Ricks. Though she played that night and Jan. 16 at North Idaho College, she spent the next two weeks on the bench. Until the injury, she was ranked second in the league in blocked shots behind CSI's Katarina Gabanova, and was among the conference shooting leaders at 53.4 percent while scoring an average of eight points per game. "I've gotten a lot stronger," Klapprich said. "Last year, I didn't get a lot of playing time. Now that I'm in more games, I've got to be stronger with the ball." She started practicing on her own early this week after putting her crutches away Monday morning, but learned Thursday afternoon she would not be seeing playing time against CSI. "I'm so bummed," Klapprich said before the game. "I wanted

to play against them, here, so much." For Kelsey, switching teams has not been the most major development in his life since leaving the Magic Valley. On Aug. 21, Kelsey married twin Falls resident Carrie Whinnaker. He still plans on continuing his basketball career through education, perhaps in Salt Lake City or Virginia. Kelsey started the first 15 games of the season and led the team in steals and assists before being put into a supporting role after the holiday break. "What they needed me for up at Treasure Valley through education, the team has composed on the floor, and make sure I get the ball to the right player at the right time," Kelsey said. Just as he played with his brother last season, he is once again joined by a Wendell teammate, Chukar freshman Dennis East. "The majority of the guys on the team are from around here," Kelsey said. "We have a lot in common, as far as being Idaho guys." Both Kelsey and Klapprich agreed the community support

they left behind was something they still miss, though the TVOC program are improving, along with the support in Ontario. "We're trying to rebuild and get back to the regional tournament," Kelsey said. "We want to get on the rise and try to make Treasure Valley competitive every year." Going into the game, both Chukar teams were on pace for a low seed at the Region 18 tournament, which includes the top eight teams of the 10-team Scenic West Athletic Conference. A return to Twin Falls would give Klapprich one more opportunity to see her No. 1 fans in the Magic Valley. "That's what I miss the most here, is my booster parents," Klapprich said. "They don't have anything like that at Treasure Valley." And though she admits she doesn't keep track of her record, well, she still misses last year's team. "They were so much fun," she said. "I spent so much time together, and I got to know them so well."

SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



"What a bunch of sissies. When I played hockey, you didn't wear helmets."

BASKETBALL

Table with basketball scores and statistics. Columns include team names, scores, and various stats like points, rebounds, and assists.

FOOTBALL

Table with football scores and statistics. Columns include team names, scores, and various stats like yards, touchdowns, and interceptions.

ON THE AIR TELEVISION

Table listing television broadcasts for tennis, golf, and women's basketball. Columns include event names, networks, and times.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Nagano bid focus of latest Olympic inquiry

TOKYO - Nagano's winning bid for the 1998 Winter Games is the latest focus of investigation in the growing Olympics corruption scandal.

Feds join lawsuit against Yankee Stadium

NEW YORK - The House that Ruth built should be renovated to better handle disabled people, U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White says.

WEAVER WINS POLE FOR DAYTONA ENDURANCE RACE DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Englishman James Weaver gave team owner and co-driver Rob Dyson his first Daytona International Speedway pole Thursday in the opening round of qualifying for the Rolex 24.

FORMER GEORGETOWN PLAYER PLEADS GUILTY WASHINGTON - Former Georgetown University basketball player Kevin Millen pleaded guilty on Thursday to skimming former coach John Thompson.

PLAYERS SAY NFL SALARY CAP WILL GO UP AGAIN MIAMI - The NFL's salary cap is expected to go up about \$5 million this year to \$57.5 million per team, according to an estimate Thursday by Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association.

TRAIL BLAZERS THUMP SUPERSONICS, 108-81 PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Walt Williams scored 18 points and Damon Stoudamire had 14 assists Thursday night as the Portland Trail Blazers outran the plodding Seattle SuperSonics for a 108-81 exhibition victory.

Seattle shot just 30 percent, and many of its marquee players, especially Vin Baker, looked as if they need a lot more time in the gym before the lockout-shortened season begins next week.

Compiled from wire reports

Highland boys crush Twin Falls

The Times-News

POCATELLO - The Bruins kept the pace in the first quarter, but Highland erupted in the second and third quarters to seal the victory in boys' Region II basketball action Thursday, 60-24.

"We started out well," said Bruin head coach Dan Vogt. They put a defensive pressure on Highland in the second and third quarters. We couldn't get the flow of offense after that. They just dominated us.

Twin Falls (2-13) falls to 2-6 in league play. The Bruins travel to Mountain Home on Tuesday.

Carey 60, Richfield 59

CAREY - The Panthers overcame a 14-point deficit in the third quarter in Northside boys' basketball action and rolled into a 60-59 win over Richfield.

Minico 52, Jerome 38 RUPERT - The Minico boys' basketball team stretched out its score in the end to overtake Jerome in Region III play Thursday, 52-38.

There wasn't very much distance between the score until the end of the game," said Spartan assistant coach Ken Chandler. "We stretched it out and hit our free throws when we had to."

Jerome (1-12) is 1-12 overall.

High school sports

Camas County 88, Ketchum Community 45

FAIRFIELD - Camas County took control of the game early and didn't look back as it got the boys' Northside conference victory over Ketchum Thursday night.

Camas County (12-5) takes its conference record to 7-2. The Mustangs travel to Dietrich on Tuesday.

Shoshone 58, Bliss 31

SHOSHONE - After a tight first quarter, the Shoshone Indians clamped down defensively and held Bliss to 14 second half points en route to a 22-point whitewashing of the Bears Thursday.

Bliss (1-12) is 1-12 overall.

Burley 50, Pocatello 49

No details available.

No score reported: Glenn Ferry at Blainock

Girls basketball Wood River 29, Kimberly 27

KIMBERLY - Wolverine Trudy Fuchs went 2-for-2 at the line in the fourth quarter to give Wood River the A-2 girls' basketball win over Kimberly, 29-27.

Wood River had pressure on its all night. We played even until the fourth quarter. We were 0-12 in free throws, they were 2-5.

Kimberly finishes the season at 4-5 in the conference, 5-15 overall. The team begins conference

play on Monday.
Wendell, 12-13
Cody, 11-17
Twin Falls, 11-17
Ketchum, 11-17
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Camas County, 11-17
Ketchum Community, 11-17
Fairfield, 11-17
Burley, 11-17
Pocatello, 11-17
Glenn Ferry, 11-17
Blainock, 11-17

Oregon 74, ISDB 53

SANTA FE, N.M. - Playing in the annual Western States Classic Wednesday in New Mexico, the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind boys' basketball team dropped its last outing to the Oregon School for the Deaf.

The annual tournament, hosted by the Deaf in Santa Fe, features 15 boys' and girls' teams from California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Idaho and New Mexico.

The tournament continues through Saturday's finals, with all teams guaranteed three games. ISDB (4-12) faces the Washington School for the Deaf today at 10:30 a.m. MST.

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Lakers confirm deal with Bryant is close

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Los Angeles Lakers spokesman John Black confirmed Thursday the team is on the verge of signing Kobe Bryant to a long-term contract.

The six-year deal is reportedly worth about \$70 million, believed to be close to the maximum he can earn under the new collective bargaining agreement.

Olowokandi expected in Los Angeles late Friday

CARSON, Calif. - Center Michael Olowokandi, the first selection in last summer's NBA draft, is expected to arrive in Los Angeles late Friday and sign a contract with the Clippers over the weekend.

That doesn't take any time to sign a contract," Clippers vice president of basketball operations Elgin Baylor said Thursday at the team's media day.

As last year's No. 1 draft pick, Olowokandi is expected to sign a three-year deal for \$10,368,840 and an additional \$4,662,472 if the Clippers exercise the fourth-year option.

Former high school star comfortable as rookie

INDIANAPOLIS - One of Al Harrington's new teammates is more than twice his age. Several others were playing in the NBA when the 18-year-old was in grade school.

Still, the first-round draft choice has no qualms about joining the Indiana Pacers a few months after getting his high school diploma.

"I've been playing with these guys and I feel like I belong," Harrington said. "I have no

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regrets about skipping college and feel relaxed." Sam Perkins, the oldest member of the Pacers at 37, has been impressed with what he's seen of the teen-ager.

"Al has a lot to learn," said Perkins, who is starting his 15th NBA season. "He's an enthusiastic that he has throughout practice just goes on ... He's crazy. He doesn't know what's in store for him."

Timberwolves spoil George Karl's debut

MINNEAPOLIS - Kevin Garnett had 17 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists to lead the Minnesota Timberwolves to an erratic 96-86 exhibition victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Thursday night.

The teams combined for 45 turnovers, nearly one a minute, as they played the first of their two exhibitions in the lockout-shortened preseason. They meet again Saturday night in Milwaukee. The Wolves scored 28 points off Milwaukee's 25 turnovers.

Sam Merrill scored 17 points and Stephon Marbury had 16 for Minnesota.

Ray Allen led the Bucks with 26 points, Glenn Robinson scored 19 and Tyrone Hill had 13 points and 12 rebounds as Milwaukee started the George Karl era.

Karl, fired by Seattle last season, brought his love for the long-range shot to the Bucks, and it showed Thursday. Milwaukee was 9-for-17 from beyond the arc against Minnesota.



Indiana Pacer Fred Holberg, right, defends rookie teammate Al Harrington during a team scrimmage Thursday.

No. 13 Arizona upsets No. 3 Stanford with last-second jump shot

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - Jason Terry's spinning short jumper with 3.4 seconds left Thursday night gave No. 3 Stanford, the Cardinal's first Pac-10 loss of the season.

Terry, who became Arizona's career steals leader in the game, scored 29 points as the Wildcats

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State, made all six of his foul shots in the last four minutes against Stanford. The Wildcats (14-3, 6-2 Pac-10) were 11-for-12 from the line in the final 4:23.

Pacific 60, Idaho 59 STOCKTON, Calif. - Senior guard Scott Thomason made a

Griffey postpones contract extension

SEATTLE (AP) - Ken Griffey Jr. isn't interested right now in a contract extension with the Seattle Mariners. And he may not be at any time.

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Advertisement for Ken Griffey Jr. featuring a large photo of him in a Mariners uniform. The text reads: 'Griffey postpones contract extension SEATTLE (AP) - Ken Griffey Jr. isn't interested right now in a contract extension with the Seattle Mariners. And he may not be at any time. Seattle tried last fall to open discussions with Griffey and shortstop Alex Rodriguez. Both are eligible for free agency after the 2000 season. "The Mariners shouldn't be concentrating on me right now, they shouldn't be concentrating on me," Alex, Griffey said. "They've got to get somebody who can get some damned outs. "I'm signed for two more years. Alex is signed for two more years. I'm not going to sign something now - I don't want to be stuck in a situation where we're good one year and not the next." Griffey, halfway through a \$34-million, four-year contract, is frustrated the Mariners haven't reached the World Series. The team figures to be weaker this year following the departure of Randy Johnson, traded last July 31. "We've had the best shortstop in baseball (Rodriguez), the best center fielder (Griffey), the best designated hitter (Edgar), the best right fielder (Marmorek), the best pitcher (Jay Buhner) - and we haven't won anything. We need pitching," Griffey said. "The team doesn't owe that to Ken and Alex; it owes it to the fans." Scott Boras, Rodriguez's agent, already is saying the shortstop will reach the \$105 million, seven-year contract Boras negotiated in December for pitcher Kevin Brown. "I heard the talk about a 10-year, \$200 million deal, and three or four years ago, I'd have been coughing and aching about that," said Rodriguez, who has a \$10.6 million, five-year contract. "Now? Winning is my motivation," he said. "If it's not possible to win, why stay?"

SUPER BOWL

WAR OF WORDS

Buchanan, Sharpe exchange insults

MIAMI (AP) — Forget Dan Reeves vs. Mike Shanahan. Ray Buchanan and Shannon Sharpe took an insurmountable lead Thursday in the Super Bowl mind-boggling contest.

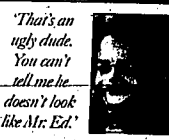
Buchanan said Sharpe looks like Mr. Ed, and Sharpe said Buchanan should put away his high heels. The war of words worthy of pro wrestling was waged by two players separated by 20 miles but linked by a media throng eager to fuel the feud.

"Shanahan can always win, because he can talk," said Buchanan, the Atlanta Falcons' Pro Bowl cornerback. "But Shannon looks like a horse. I'll tell you, that's an ugly dude. You can't tell me he doesn't look like Mr. Ed."

Buchanan's comments were quickly relayed by reporters to Sharpe, the Denver Broncos' Pro Bowl tight end.

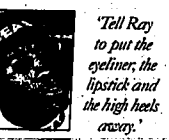
"Ray said that," Sharpe responded. "Well, he's wrong, ugly, but did I ever call him that? No."

"Tell Ray to put the eyeliner, the lipstick and the high heels away. I'm not saying I heard, dresser that's just what I heard," Sharpe calls himself the best trash-talker in the NFL, but he met his match in Buchanan, whose media savvy has made him a Super Bowl star before the game even kicks off. He guaranteed a victory for the Falcons, then stole the spotlight at media day by showing up in a dog collar symbol of their underdog status.



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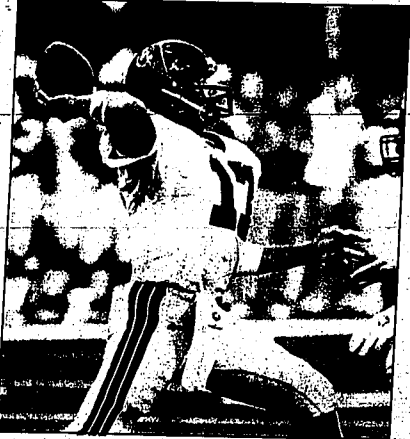
— Ray Buchanan, Falcons cornerback



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— Shannon Sharpe, Broncos receiver

With coaches Reeves and Shanahan no longer willing to discuss their soured relationship, Buchanan and Sharpe emerged as the marquee matchup. Thursday's barbs were the most pointed yet, though delivered with a nudge and wink. Both players talk with tongue in cheek.



Atlanta Falcons quarterback Steve DeBerg throws a pass against the New York Jets Oct. 25 in East Rutherford, N.J.

"If I see Ray in a snowstorm," Sharpe said, "and his truck is broken down and mine is running perfect, would I pick him up? No."

More likely, the 230-pound Sharpe and the 195-pound Buchanan will cross paths Sunday. Buchanan made reference to the mild concussion Sharpe suffered in the third quarter of the AFC championship game.

"Shannon just runs his mouth saying anything, so we don't need to pay attention to him," Buchanan said. "He'd better watch out for himself, because he might get knocked out like he did that last game."

"We're not a team that's going to go out on the field and pull up our skirts and show our pants. I'm not saying we wear pants, but I'm saying we can't go out there and play like females and win the game."

Sharpe responded: "I'm not hard to find — I'm No. 84, and I've got the biggest mouth on the field. Tell Ray I'll be looking for him also."

Both players eventually paused for breath, cracked grins and indicated the taunts and threats were merely pre-game entertainment, much like Cher or KISS.

Buchanan: "Guys are going to talk. We all know it's just the nature of the game. It's going to boil down to what happens on the field." Sharpe: "I don't take what anybody says about me. I'm the kind of like a heavyweight fight."

TALE OF TWO SUPER CITIES

A fun look at the cities that produced this year's Super Bowl teams — the Denver Broncos and Atlanta Falcons.

Denver	Atlanta
502,798 Population	426,600
'Mile High City' because it is 1 mile above sea level	'Dogwood City' because of its famous dogwood trees
City has highest elevation in the country	Second highest elevation of any American city after Denver
Molly Brown (Titanic survivor)	Native son/daughter: Martin Luther King Jr.
Winter Park ski resort	Stone Mountain
Colorado's Ocean Journey Aquarium (May 1998)	GNN Center
Cora Field	Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site
Named after Kansas Territorial Gov. James Denver	Underground Atlanta (shopping complex)
Sport utility vehicles	MARTA bus and rapid rail service
Rockies (Baseball Major League)	Braves
Avalanche	Hockey (NHL)
Crispy, dry writers crumpling snowflakes	Weather
Denver Zoo	Zoo Atlanta
Cheeseburgers	Favorite foods
World's first "cheeseburger" patented in 1935	Trivia: 55 streets with the name Peachtree
	Thrashers (1998-2000 season)
	Long, hot and humid summers
	Peach cobbler

Steve DeBerg just keeps going and going ...

45-year-old backup earns keep with Falcons as play caller, mentor and unofficial coach

MIAMI (AP) — John Elway was a rookie when he first met Steve DeBerg, the player he would soon replace as Denver's starting quar-

"He was what, six or seven years in the league?" said Elway, who at 38 is expected to retire after the Super Bowl.

"I thought he was an ancient. Now I feel ancient."

So who will be standing on the opposite side of the field when Elway and the Broncos take on Atlanta in Sunday's game?

None other than Steve DeBerg, who at 45 is the backup quarterback for the Falcons and a quasi-coach, play caller and instructor to Chris Chandler, the starting QB.

DeBerg is famous for being displaced by famous quarterbacks — Elway in Denver, Joe Montana in San Francisco and Kansas City, and Steve Young and Vinny Testaverde in Tampa Bay.

The first coach to start him, Bill Walsh, once said of him: "He's just good enough to get you out."

Nonetheless, DeBerg is ninth on the all-time list for completions and on Oct. 25, 1998, became the oldest quarterback to start an NFL game when he replaced the injured Chandler against the New York Jets.

Yes, he lost, but so what? He's still in the Super Bowl. His route here began last year in Tampa.

He had been retired for four years, two of them spent as quarterbacks coach for the New York Giants under Dan Reeves. When Reeves was fired, so was DeBerg. But when Reeves got the Atlanta job, he didn't take DeBerg along, opting for the more experienced Jack Burns.

So while DeBerg thought about his future, trying to decide whether to continue his coaching career, he whiffed away the hours playing golf and football in a very relaxed, cool, touch football league. A friend saw him and invited him to move up to the big time.

"Believe it or not, that's when I decided I might try to give the NFL another shot," DeBerg said. "I knew my arm strength would there. I knew I was in pretty good shape, so I figured 'why not?'

DeBerg turned out to be so much more than just a quarterback waiting for Chandler to get hurt.

On Sunday, he will relay the play calls from the sideline to Chandler. He'll even call a few plays on his own — a role he never during the three weeks Reeves was away to undergo quadruple heart bypass surgery.

"Steve's been around long enough to see things some of the coaches don't see," Reeves said. "Things I tend to avoid to where he got to call some of the plays. He has put DeBerg close to the

level of another quarterback with whom he's crossed paths — Gary Kubiak, the Broncos' offensive coordinator, who joined this team in 1993, the same year as Elway, and was DeBerg's roommate. He became Elway's backup, but retired after the 1991 season, a year after back surgery.

At 37, he's eight years younger than DeBerg, and no, he hasn't considered returning to the field, six different teams, DeBerg's record at that position is at a premium.

DeBerg actually began his pro career in 1977 with Dallas, which drafted him in the 10th round. He was awed by stepping on the same field with the likes of Roger Staubach and Tony Dorsett.

From there he went to San Francisco, where he became a starter under Bill Walsh two seasons later, then stepped aside two years later when Montana arrived.

He and Chandler are the only quarterbacks to start games for six different teams, DeBerg has done it for the 49ers, Broncos, Bucs — Chiefs, Dolphins and Falcons; Chandler for the Colts, Browns, Cardinals, Rams, Oilers and Falcons.

Confident that the Falcons will upset the Broncos Sunday, Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell is betting some of his city's treasures such as peanuts, spare ribs and a case of Coca-Cola. Denver Mayor Wellington Webb was so sure the favored Broncos will win, he was willing to put up Colorado buffalo steaks and a football autographed by Broncos players.

As part of the bet, the losing mayor will have to wear a cap of the winning team for an entire day after the game.

Atlanta must still decide between 2 candidates to fill cornerback job

MIAMI (AP) — The Falcons haven't decided if Ronnie Bradford or Michael Booker will start at cornerback in the Super Bowl. Bradford started 10 games during the regular season, while Booker started six times when Bradford was hampered by a knee injury.

Bradford suffered a separated shoulder in the last regular-season game, putting Booker back into a starting role for the two playoff victories. Now, with Bradford ready to play again, the Falcons have a decision to make.

Notes from Miami

Voodoo Daddy expresses awe
MIAMI — For Scotty Morris, playing in the Super Bowl halftime show didn't sink in until he and his Big Bad Voodoo Daddy mates saw Stevie Wonder and Gloria Estefan.

"We honestly didn't believe it until we walked up on this stage," Morris said. "We thought it was a really cool joke."

Bronces hold routine practice
DRAVIE, Fla. — The Denver Broncos held an uneventful two-hour practice Thursday in preparation for the Super Bowl.

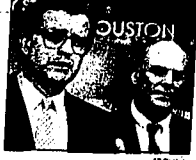
"Another day, nobody Mike Shannon, nobody got hurt," coach Mike Shanahan said after the workout without pads.

Shanahan said the team reviewed its game plan, concentrating on third-down, short-yardage and goal-line situations.

Mayers place friendly wager
WASHINGTON — Pro football supremacy is not the only thing up for grabs in the Super Bowl. Georgia peanuts and Colorado buffalo steaks will also be on the line, thanks to a bet between the mayors of Atlanta and Denver.

Three groups present franchise proposals to NFL

New team will play in Los Angeles or Houston stadium



MIAMI (AP) — The pricing for an NFL expansion franchise might be nearing \$1 billion.

Three ownership groups, each prepared to lay out approximately that amount for a stadium and a team, presented their cases to the league's expansion and stadium committees Thursday.

Two of the groups want a team for Los Angeles, which has been without a franchise since the Raiders returned to Oakland and the Rams left for St. Louis, both in 1995. The third group wants to put a team in Houston to replace the Oilers, who left for Tennessee in 1997. Each had 30 minutes to address the committee.

"We heard three excellent presentations that spoke to the issue of financing," said Robert Kraft, owner of the New England Patriots and co-chairman of the committee. "It gives us three wonderful options to deliver our product into each market."

The NFL has 31 teams with the addition of the expansion Cleveland Browns, set to play next season after paying a \$530 million entry fee. That number is unlikely for scheduling purposes, forcing at least one team to be off every week during the season.

The league has said it would like to go to 32 teams by 2002.

The finance committee also discussed the \$800 million sale of the Washington Redskins. Both committees will report to a full ownership meeting Feb. 16 in Atlanta, but votes are not expected at that time. The subsequent meeting takes place in March in Phoenix.

"We have some work to do as a committee," Kraft said. "This is a big commitment of between \$750 million and \$1 billion. The good news is whoever winds up with it, there will be a passion for it."

Robert McNair, who heads the Houston bid, believes the committee has a basic problem on its hands. "I think the NFL wants to be back in Houston and wants to be in Los Angeles and is trying to figure out how to do that," he said.

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Yahoo! to buy GeoCities for \$4.58 billion

NEW YORK — Yahoo! Inc. announced Thursday that it's buying GeoCities Inc. for \$4.58 billion in a deal that creates the largest Web gateway and speeds the fevered spree of consolidations among Internet companies.

The deal gives Yahoo! another powerful brand name while helping GeoCities reach more Web users. "We anticipate maintaining GeoCities as a stand-alone, very, very strong brand. There's a lot of brand equity in this company," said Tim Koogle, Yahoo!'s chief executive officer.

On top of the Web Yahoo! Inc.'s buyout of GeoCities Inc. can make the Internet directory the No. 1 destination on the World Wide Web.

Popular Internet search and directory service; providing links to information, entertainment and e-mail Operates service allowing individuals to set up their own Web sites

Top 15 World Wide Web sites during December. Microsoft sites, Yahoo!, Lycos, Excite, America Online, Hotmail, MSN, AOL, EarthLink, NetScout, America Online, Hotmail, MSN, AOL, EarthLink, NetScout.

America Online Inc. announced a deal to buy Netscape Communications Corp. "Percent of web-active users that visited a site once during the month"

Wages, benefits rise again; Fed chief testifies on Social Security

WASHINGTON — Computer programmers on the West Coast, real estate agents and Wall Street traders are among the Americans who enjoyed robust increases in their wages and benefits last year.

But not everyone is sharing in the biggest overall compensation increase in five years. Those with lackluster gains include factory workers in the Midwest, textile mill employees in the South and minimum-wage earners across industries.

Security money in the stock market. "Even with Republican efforts, Greenspan said, he doubted decisions on investing this money could be insulated from political pressures.

Judge orders Microsoft to surrender e-mail

WASHINGTON — The judge who will decide the Microsoft antitrust trial ordered the company on Thursday to surrender a contested e-mail that threatens to undermine one of its legal arguments.

operating system. The government charges the combination amounts to illegal "tying" under federal antitrust law.

plained in court papers that called the argument spurious. After lawyer Steven Holley told U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson "I'm not trying to hide anything," the judge ordered Microsoft to turn it over.

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Stock indexes shoot higher as tech shares turn around

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock indexes climbed Thursday, beating the previous record of 2,433.41 set Tuesday.

This market is merger driven, said Theodore, director of research at Avamar Associates.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 81.10 to 9,281.33.

AT&T unveils wireless and long-distance package

NEW YORK (AP) — Two phone services. One rate. One bill. Beginning Sunday, AT&T Corp. will offer long-distance and wireless phone service on a single bill at the same rate.

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Presidents reinforce need for scholarships

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's public colleges are reinforcing the call for increased state aid to higher education students as the jockeying continues for favor with legislative budget writers juggling a tight spending picture.

Idaho State University President Richard Bowen told the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee on Thursday that his school issues nearly \$70 million in loans, scholarships or job opportunities to eligible students. Only \$17 million of that is in the form of grants or scholarships.

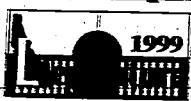
In the past decade, the value of state loans has quintupled to \$42.4 million last year, while the value of grants and scholarships has barely doubled to \$17 million. Nearly two of every three eligible students has a loan obligation at Idaho State, he said, and the average debt after four years is over \$25,000.

Students are leaving with "greater debt," he said.

Repayment, at around 8 percent interest, begins within six months of leaving school.

North Idaho College President Michael Burke said 76 percent of the students on the two-year campus in Coeur d'Alene are spilling over \$5 million in aid each year.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has acknowledged the problem of increasing access by recommending an 11.4 percent increase in the state's work-study program



named for Senate Finance Chairman Arnold Frantz. That is two percentage points more than students last year, pushing total state-financed student aid to nearly \$2.6 billion.

But the colleges are raising tens of millions of dollars themselves to help offset college costs increasing as state aid is cut.

Kempthorne has also recommended \$200,000 to subsidize college tuition as an incentive to maintain National Guard strength. Rep. Don Fitchner, R-Coeur d'Alene, said unless Guard members can be brought back to the 50 percent authorized level, the state could lose a significant part of the federal support.

The program cost about \$10 million a year.

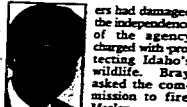
He pointed out that at that level, the economic impact is enough to make the National Guard the state's sixth largest taxpayer.

The governor's proposal would authorize a state program offering scholarships for up to half the fees for active and reserve members of the National Guard.

Fish, Game mulls Mealey's future

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Fish and Game Commission plans to consider the future employment of Director Steve Mealey after an angry speech Wednesday night, during which Mealey showed as a spokesman over conduct by the agency.

Gov. Bruce of the Idaho Watersheds Project and the Committee for Idaho's High Desert, said during a commission meeting that state political lead-



Steve Mealey was suspended.

Earlier this month, Mealey told

his fisheries staff not to talk publicly about his controversial position on saving Idaho salmon.

The two conservation groups cited Mealey's muzzling of his staff as the catalyst for their call for his firing, but his long-term failure to protect wildlife was the chief reason, they said.

Charles Ray, a McCall logger and crooked fisherman, also criticized the department for allowing fisheries staff to be queried by the governor's office and other officials.

In response, Mealey asked Fisheries Chief Virgil Moore if "fil-tered or changed" by Mealey or the governor's office. Moore said he and Mealey reached consensus about their messages, but their scientific integrity was never compromised. Mealey then fired back at Ray.

"I'm damn sick of my irresponsible rhetoric," Mealey said. He went on to question Ray's commitment to conservation.

Survey: Public supports state-maintained wildlife

BOISE (AP) — An independent survey shows the public supports maintaining the state's wildlife, and legislation to the House fees to the cost of doing business may slash out the budget for the troubled Idaho Fish and Game Department, agency officials say.

A survey of 1,908 Idaho residents was conducted by the Boise-based Clearwater Institute at the request of the Steering Point Committee of sportsmen evaluating the department's funding

The \$27,000 poll paid by Fish and Game found 60 percent overall and 65 percent of sportsmen backed the idea of using state general fund dollars to pay for its program that benefits everyone.

"People in Idaho think fish and

wildlife are important and they are willing to pay for them," Tracy Trent, head of the department's natural resources policy bureau, told the Fish and Game Commission Thursday.

Commissioner Nancy Hadley of Sandpoint also was named chairman of the panel, succeeding Fred Wood of Burley. She is the first woman commissioner and first chairman.

An embattled Fish and Game has proposed a \$50 million budget, including \$2.5 million in general funds and raising fees from licenses and tags sales by about \$4.2 million, which requires approval from a legislative committee.

Sportsmen do not like big increases in their license fees, but back more frequent, smaller hikes,

Trent said. That might be accomplished in an indexing bill proposed for the Legislature.

Unlike consumer prices which increase inexorably with inflation, sportsmen's licenses historically have remained static for a long time and then are raised through infrequent and unpopular hikes.

The indexing proposal would increase fees to the cost of doing business under a formula provided by the Idaho Division of Financial Management, and with legislative oversight each year. It would provide the baseline budget, while a license fee hike would restore programs ailed in the current crisis.

Sixty percent of sportsmen and 65 percent of nonsportsmen support the indexing idea.

"It would avoid having to catch up all the time," Trent said.

Mealey, who has been under fire since almost his first day on the job, met with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne earlier this week along with Wood for about 30 minutes. Kempthorne spokesman Brian Whitlock said the governor acknowledged the serious problems facing the agency, but at the same time noted that not all were of Mealey's making.

Kempthorne apparently recalled his support for Mealey as the supervisor of the Boise National Forest and indicated continuing confidence in him, although Mealey's future with the department seemed linked to progress toward resolving the problems.

State may refuse to manage wolves to retain protection

BOISE (AP) — If the population of gray wolves in Idaho continues to grow but the state refuses to take responsibility, the burgeoning packs may retain their federal protection against lethal control.

Curt Mack with the Nez Perce Tribe's Idaho wolf recovery program said good news had news for the Senate and House resource committees Wednesday.

"The good news is wolves are growing faster than anticipated. The bad news is that we're recovering faster than anticipated," he said.

Wolf recovery is happening in Idaho faster than Yellowstone National Park or Montana. There already are 10 breeding pairs, or a total of about 115 wolves in Idaho. Keep that up for two more years, and the goal for Idaho will be met.

If the number of wolves in the park and Montana also reach that level, the animal could be taken off the endangered species list and ranchers would be free to kill those preying on their livestock or there might be a limited sport hunt.

Delisting also means the federal government would no longer fund wolf management. That would then be up to the state, likely the Department of Fish and Game, at a cost of about \$100,000 a year.

"If they think we're going to raise taxes to pay for wolves we didn't want in the first place, well, maybe that's where it will take to get the public to take the Fish and Wildlife Service to take a long look," said Republican Sen. Dan Claitor.

In 1975, Wood and other legislators voted to forbid Fish and Game to manage the wolves when they were endangered. The law set the state back, but they also set the federal funds to do the work.

If the population grows large enough and Idaho not willing to take responsibility, the wolves may not be delisted, said Bob Rowland with Fish and Wildlife.

It would be the worst possible scenario for lawmakers, as they look back at Idaho's growing numbers and continued federal restrictions against killing them.

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State officials scramble to land space port in eastern Idaho desert

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — State officials took another step Thursday toward creating a potentially lucrative space port on the eastern Idaho desert.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne signed an agreement with the Energy Department and the Regional Development Alliance for use of 44 square miles of the Idaho Falls National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory for the facility to launch communication satellites.

"I am excited about the economic and education potential of the space port," Kempthorne said during ceremonies in Idaho Falls. "Idaho can lead the way in new science, technology and innovations."

After deciding to get into the bidding war for the launch site for the VentureStar, the government's proposed reusable space shuttle, officials realized that

the location would be perfect for launch, to say the least. The elevation and topography are a polar or near-polar orbit path provides significant rocket fuel economy.

"The high-tech nature of the venture is a perfect complement to the IREL's mission," Alliance Chairman Mike Hall said. "and the land use also fits in with the original vision of the IREL as a relatively isolated area that offers significant safety factors."

With launch sites limited far what is expected to be a \$78 billion demand in the coming decade to lift satellites into space, the Idaho space port, possibly costing \$20 million, could handle 20 launches a year.

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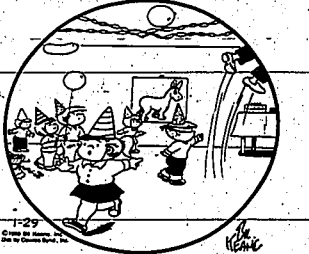
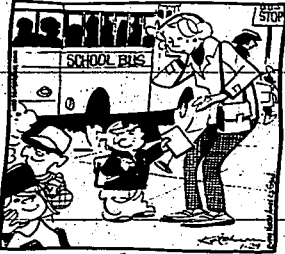


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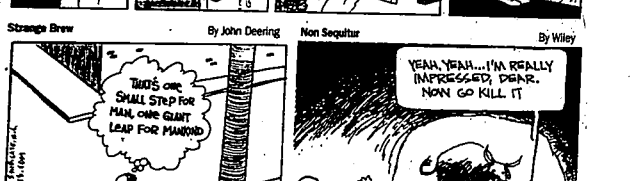


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NATION IN BRIEF

Teen found guilty in lynching

CLEARFIELD, Pa.—A 17-year-old girl was convicted Thursday of hanging a learning-disabled teenager and bashing the gasping girl's face with a rock so she wouldn't wake up before a plan to run away to Florida.

Jessica Holtmeyer could get life in prison for the killing of Kimberly Torres, 15. Prosecutors dropped their plan to seek the death penalty against Ms. Holtmeyer at the request of Kimberly's family. "We feel confident in the outcome of the trial as it is," said Rick Dotts, the girl's father.

The jury deliberated less than a day and found Ms. Holtmeyer guilty of murder, aggravated assault and conspiracy.

Kimberly, a short, overweight girl, was hoping to make friends when she was invited to sleep over at another teenager's house last May. But she found herself in the woods with a group of kids she barely knew who were planning to run away to Florida.

Someone complained that Kimberly might snitch on them. A nose was pulled over her head, the other end hung over a male branch, and Ms. Holtmeyer and 18-year-old Aaron Straw yanked on the rope with all their strength, witnesses said.

Unsafe sex rises among gay men

ATLANTA—Some gay men might be reluctant about protecting themselves during sex because medical advances and better HIV drugs have led to a decline in AIDS deaths, federal health officials said Thursday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that the number of gay men in San Francisco who reported having unprotected sex increased to 39.2 percent in 1997, from 30.4 percent in 1995.

Those who said they had unprotected sex with multiple partners grew to 33 percent in 1997, up from 23.6 percent in 1994, the CDC said. Males 25 and younger accounted for the largest increase in that group.

The agency said there is mounting evidence that young gay and bisexual men are less likely to engage in safe sex than older counterparts.

Baptist group listed 15K members

LARGO, Fla.—Although the National Baptist Convention USA boasts of having 25 million members, the black church organization's mailing list

last never exceeded 15,000, a former assistant for the group's president testified Thursday.

Bob Henderson, the Rev. Henry J. Lyons' former administrative assistant, testified in court proceedings claimed to encompass 33,000 churches, but its own list showed 5,000 and 7,000 churches. No lists showed 8.5 million individual members, Henderson testified. Henderson testified that Lyons told him he did not know the figure originated. "Dr. Lyons told me nobody really knew. They just gave out the number," she testified.

Lyons and his alleged mistress, Bernice Edwards, were charged in October. Henderson's testimony found that Lyons was incompetent to stand trial and should be hospitalized indefinitely. Johnson, associate warden at the Federal Corrections Institute at Butner, N.C., also wrote the psychiatric report that argued Unaluthe Theodore Kaczynski was mentally competent for trial.

Shooting suspect faces evaluation

WASHINGTON—A federal judge on Thursday ordered the man accused of killing two U.S. Capitol police officers to undergo a second psychiatric evaluation at a federal prison.

Russell Weston, Jr. will spend 30 days at the U.S. Medical Center in October. Dr. Weston's first evaluation found that Weston was incompetent to stand trial and should be hospitalized indefinitely. Johnson, associate warden at the Federal Corrections Institute at Butner, N.C., also wrote the psychiatric report that argued Unaluthe Theodore Kaczynski was mentally competent for trial.

Oil industry wants help with prices

WASHINGTON—Oil state senators and industry representatives called on the Clinton administration Thursday to intervene in the oil market to help the oil industry survive the most severe economic downturn in decades.

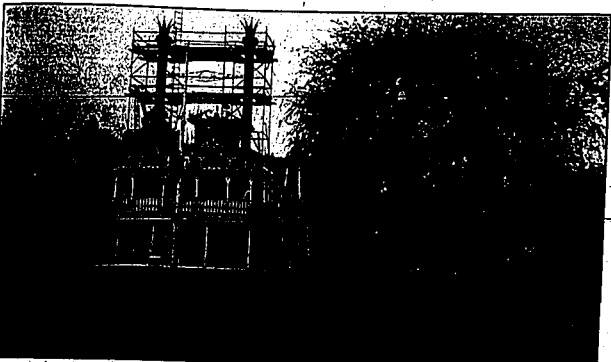
"If we do nothing, things are going to get worse," Sen. Dan Claitor, R-Ore., said. He said he would introduce legislation to help the industry's economic woes—what some have called a severe depression.

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Compiled from wire reports



Visitors to Disneyland pass by a closed riverboat ride Tuesday, the site of a Christmas Eve accident that killed one man and injured two other people in Anaheim, Calif.

Does Disneyland put image before safety?

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)—When a Disneyland visitor was killed by a flying piece of metal last month, the folks at the self-proclaimed "Happiest Place on Earth" had the blood and debris cleaned up within a half-hour, before investigators could get a look at the scene.

Legally, Disneyland did nothing wrong. But, to some, the quick cleanup illustrates a corporate arrogance and an extreme desire to preserve the Disneyland illusion of innocence, even at the expense of accountability to its guests.

"It's greed. You couple the greed with the arrogance and there's no reason why they have to be responsible to anyone," said Henry Giroux, an education professor at Pennsylvania State University and author of "The

Mouse That Roared: Disney and the End of Innocence," to be published by Roman & Littlefield in April.

John Luetig, an Orange County lawyer who claims to have filed the only successful lawsuit stemming from an injury at Disneyland since the park opened in 1955, said, "They're intent on assessing the situation themselves without outside authority. That's what's at play most often when you encounter Disneyland."

Last month's accident happened the day before Christmas, when the sailing ship Columbia was being used to dock and an 8-pound cleat—a piece of metal used for tying down mooring ropes—broke loose from the vessel. Luan Platon, 33, of Duval, Wash., was fatally struck in the head. His wife and a Disneyland employee were

injured. Disneyland spokesman Ray Gomez denied Disneyland neglects its responsibility to protect guests, saying "safety is part and parcel of our guests having a good experience."

Disneyland guests, however, have no way of knowing how safe the rides are. "Nine people have died at the theme park, most of them apparently because of their own foolishness, such as trying to switch cars on a moving ride."

But Disney doesn't release comprehensive injury figures, and doesn't have to. While mobile amusement parks have been subject to state oversight since 1968, permanent ones were exempted at the request of the Walt Disney Co., according to the state.

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Dummy covered West's heart jack, but when East also covered, South was in trouble. After winning his heart ace, how was he to avoid losing a heart and a club?

The only hope was to establish dummy's heart discards. But there were problems. If South cashed his diamond ace, ruffed a diamond in trump, cashed the ace and king of trumps, another diamond ruff would establish the diamond suit. However, if he crossed to dummy in trump, cashed two diamonds, he would have no trumps left to ruff dummy's last heart.

How to solve his problem? At trick two, South cashed diamond ace and ruffed a diamond. Then he led a low trump and ruffed it. Dummy's trump, giving him an extra trick. Another low-diamond ruff with a high trump established the suit, allowed him to cash his heart, discarded both hearts, ruffed dummy's last heart with his last trump. This left only a club trick for the defender, and South's pushy slam hit the jackpot.

Desperate people must resort to desperate plays.

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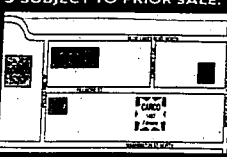
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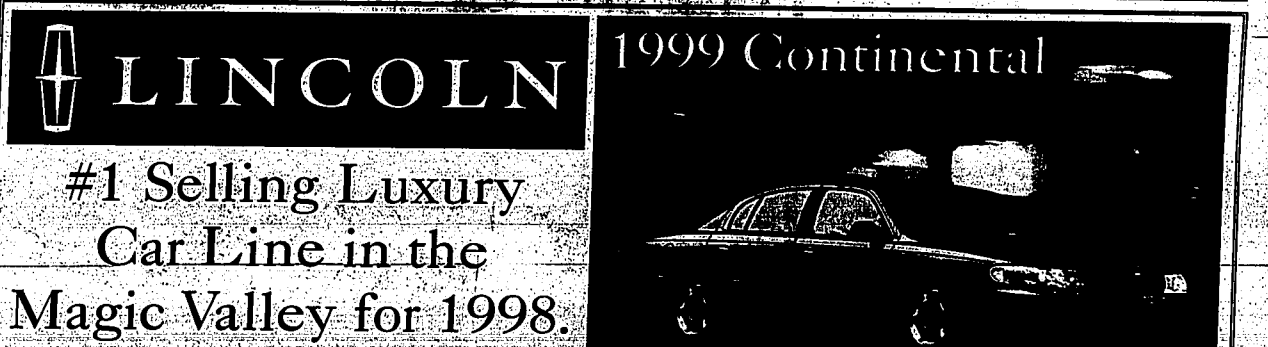
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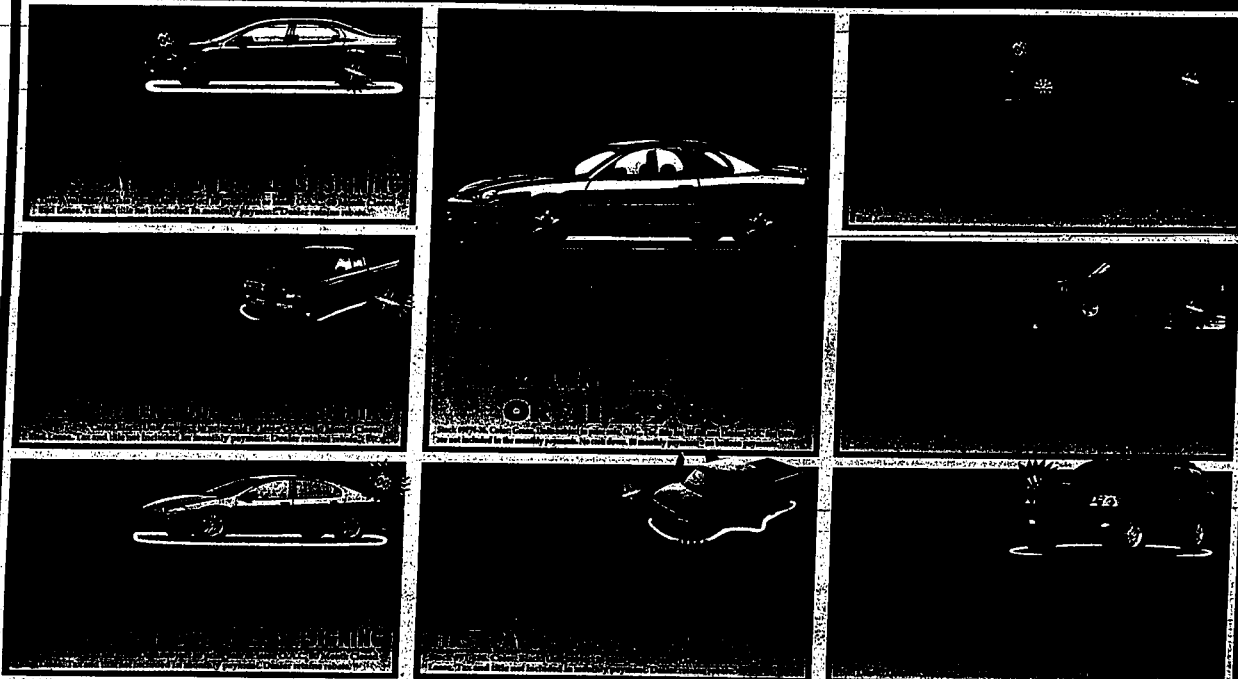
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