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Senate rejects live testimony, moves toward end

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Trial-weary senators moved briskly on Thursday to wrap up President Clinton's impeachment proceedings, voting to permit the showing of portions of Monica Lewinsky's videotaped deposition after dealing a bipartisan brush-off to a personal appearance.

Parts of her recorded deposition are to be played at the nationally televised trial session on Saturday.

As lawmakers settled that issue, Republicans retreated from their plan to find Clinton guilty of


How they voted

Senate senators Larry Craig and Mike Crapo (joined the Senate majority in a 70-30 vote) in public sessions of the impeachment trial.

The vote allowed their use.

Earlier in the day, Craig and Crapo voted in the majority on a motion to call Monica Lewinsky to testify at the trial. The vote failed 70-30.

For more on the impeachment issue, please see page D1.



Sen. Larry Craig Sen. Mike Crapo

wrongdoing without removing him from office.

With those decisions, the sena-

tors moved to bring the trial to a conclusion by the end of next week. "I do think it's time we get

to a vote and we move on" to other issues, said Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

Clinton's acquittal is assured on the charges of perjury and obstruction of justice, which stem from his efforts to conceal a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

While Republicans backed away from their plan to find Clinton guilty of wrongdoing before the trial ends, Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said lawmakers in his party were putting the finishing touches on a

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Measure takes on livestock issues

Bill seeks control, accountability

By Gregory Hahn, Times-News writer

BOISE — Three area lawmakers have released preliminary drafts of a bill to give counties more control over large animal operations, make livestock owners more accountable to the Department of Agriculture and create a fund the state could use to quickly fix environmental problems.

The proposals are expected to go through many changes in the next few days, as legislators, dairymen, local officials and more drafters work on the eight- and 10-page drafts.

As written right now, the measures would change the state's local land-use planning act and remove confined animal feeding operations — CAFOs — from the protection granted by the Right to Farm Act.

A state of hog farm proposals and a general trend in agriculture toward large operations has concerned some southern

What's in the bill? — A2

Idaho officials and citizens. The booming dairy industry is regulated through an agreement with the Department of Agriculture, but the department's ability to revoke milk permits — a fast and effective way to encourage compliance — is unique in the state.

The work was written in a series of meetings that stretched over a couple of weeks, involving Sens. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, and Bud Henderson, R-Blaine, and Reps. Doug Jones, R-Filer, and Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum.

Most of the response this week has been positive, Jones said, but dairymen are unhappy, largely because the drafts exempt beef and sheep operations from the CAFOs Bureau of Farm Federation lobbyist Greg Nelson has a succinct first read on the proposals.

"We're going to need a lot of work," he said.

The measures would let counties grant special-use permits to CAFOs, power the livestock Commissioner Dennis Maughan has said they need.

If the additional county audits help cut CAFOs in the right places, Nelson said, the ideas can work.

Nelson stressed the importance of finding the right sites for dairies and other livestock operations; if they're on the right ground, and in a sparsely populated area, few of the other problems occur.

But Nelson is less sold on the "indemnity fund," an operation-funded reserve the state would use to help offset the costs of problems caused by livestock operations.

Waste management plans and other environmental problems caused by the Agriculture Department should alleviate the need, he said.

If the present management plan is good enough," he said, "Please see BILL, Page A2"

Grading government



Doug Howard, regional administrator for the state Division of Environmental Quality, finishes a memo he will send and via the Internet in his Twin Falls office. A trade journal article gave Idaho government mixed grades, and said communication among Idaho agencies was poor.

Journal finds fault with communications

By N.S. Nokkentved Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — State agencies aren't very good at talking to each other and sharing information, says a trade journal for state and local governments.

In the field, Doug Howard agreed. "We do it well with DEQ," said Howard, Twin Falls regional administrator for the state Division of Environmental Quality.

But communication among agencies is not always easy.

Governing magazine this month graded the performance of all 50 state governments in five categories: financial management, capital management, human resources, managing for results and information technology.

A D+ in information technology — the result of poor sharing of information among state

Report card Idaho's state government

- Financial Management: C
- Capital Management: C
- Human Resources: B
- Managing for Results: C
- Information Technology: D+
- Overall: C

Source: Governing, February 1999 issue

agencies — dropped Idaho's government performance rating to a C overall.

The national average for information technology was C+.

"In general, Idaho agencies find sharing information to be a difficult chore," Governing said.

The communication gap has worked its way into one of new Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's key initiatives, a \$2.5 million plan to boost immunization rates. Kempthorne has proposed spending \$98,000 to set up an immunization registry — "to finally link our computers together," Kempthorne said in his State of the State address in January.

Though communication within his own agency is good, Howard said, agencies are not well set up to share files by e-mail and often software is not compatible.

But all that is changing, he said.

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Clinton backs troops as Kosovo peacekeepers

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States cannot afford to ignore the explosive Balkans, President Clinton declared Thursday, as he prepared Congress and the American public for sending U.S. ground troops to Kosovo as peacekeepers.

"Mindful of criticism of what has become an open-ended U.S.

mission in nearby Bosnia, Clinton said he would have an "exit strategy" to bring the troops home from Kosovo after their job was done.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Europeans will comprise the bulk of any peace-keeping force. The U.S. contingent is limited to "no more than several thousand."

And Defense Secretary

William Cohen, flying to Madrid, Spain, to begin an eight-day trip to Europe and Africa, told reporters the United States might send as many as 4,000 troops, but additional military planning is required before the Pentagon can recommend the size of the force.

Neither Clinton nor the Cabinet secretaries said how long American troops might be

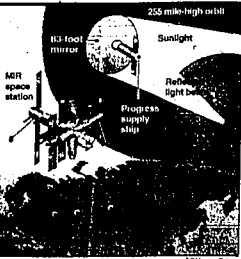
deployed in the restive Serbian province, where 1,500 to 2,000 people have been killed in an almost year-long conflict between Serb forces and rebellious ethnic Albanians.

The American leaders stressed U.S. troops would be sent to Kosovo only after a peace accord, and Albright said it would have to be one "to which the parties are genuinely committed."

Shedding a new light

Thursday's attempt by Russian scientists to reflect light onto the dark side of the Earth ended in failure when the giant reflector attached to a cargo ship became hung up on the ship's antenna. Scientists hope to fix the problem and try again to send sunlight to areas normally shrouded in the darkness of night.

A look at the beam and where it was to be cast:



Source: Space and Telescope

Space mirror fails to unfold

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — A large space mirror, billed as a prototype for giant reflectors that would send sunlight to Arctic climes during dark winters, failed to unfurl Thursday. Frustrated Russian scientists vowed to try again today.

As a small Russian cargo ship orbited more than 200 miles above the earth, the glistening metallic membranes of the 83-foot collapsible mirror began unfolding as planned Thursday afternoon.

But the petal-shaped panels appeared to snag on the cargo ship's antenna, and the structure was stuck half-folded.

One of the most spectacular experiments ever staged on Russia's Mir space

station was later called off, and scientists scrambled to find a solution for another try this morning.

The mirror was to have worked like an artificial moon, reflecting sunlight onto several regions in Russia and other former Soviet republics before reaching Germany and the Czech Republic.

Space experts hoped it would serve as a prototype for 650-foot models that could illuminate sun-starved cities, cutting through long winter nights to shine light on regions that don't see much of the sun for months. Vannias Weber, German Center for Air and Space Travel in Cologne, said the experiment could also "enhance our understanding of solar energy and its use for propelling spacecraft."



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MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Camas Prairie

High: 38 Low: 20
Fog early today then partly cloudy, cloudy tonight, chance of snow. Snow or ice likely Saturday, high 38.

Treasure Valley

High: 42 Low: 32
Mostly sunny today with increasing clouds. Chance of snow Saturday, breeze, high 49.

| Today | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
|--|---|---|---|--|
| High: 37 Low: 26 Mostly sunny with light winds. | High: 44 Low: 30 Chilly with chance of snow or rain, breezy. | High: 30 Low: 20 Chance of snow or rain. | High: 30 Low: 20 Chance of snow or rain. | High: 30 Low: 20 Chance of snow or rain and cooler. |

Twin Falls Precipitation

| | | | |
|-----------|------|----------------------|------|
| Yesterday | m 31 | Yearly in Twin Falls | |
| Last year | 49 | Month to date | 79 |
| Normal | 40 | Normal mo. to date | 38 |
| | | Mo. to year to date | 5.00 |
| | | Normal year to date | 4.32 |

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 45 Low: 34
Mostly sunny today. Clear tonight. Fog early today then partly cloudy, high 32.

Idaho weather

Friday, Feb. 5
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Idaho Highs/Lows

| City | Max | Min | Pcp | Idaho High | Idaho Low |
|-------------|-----|-----|------|------------|-----------|
| Boise | 44 | 35 | 0.02 | 49 | 28 |
| Burley | 46 | 29 | 0.00 | 51 | 26 |
| Fairfield | 38 | 22 | 0.00 | 45 | 18 |
| Hagerman | 47 | 33 | 0.00 | 52 | 29 |
| Idaho Falls | 39 | 14 | 0.00 | 46 | 12 |
| Jerome | 39 | 18 | 0.00 | 46 | 12 |
| LeVelle | 51 | 38 | 0.00 | 56 | 34 |
| Madras | 44 | 22 | 0.00 | 49 | 18 |
| Malta | 45 | 26 | 0.00 | 50 | 19 |
| McCall | 43 | 22 | 0.00 | 48 | 17 |
| McCallisto | 43 | 17 | 0.00 | 48 | 17 |
| Salmon | 43 | 19 | 0.00 | 48 | 17 |
| Shoshone | m | m | m | m | m |
| Stanley | 40 | 3 | m | 46 | 1 |

Eastern Idaho

High: 30 Low: 10
Mostly sunny today. Clear tonight. Fog early today then partly cloudy, high 32.

UV INDEX ROAD INFORMATION

Index: 1 (minimal)
Call the following number for road conditions in Idaho: 1-888-IDA-ROAD (1-888-432-7623).

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: A cold front moving rapidly across Idaho fizzled out by mid-afternoon on Thursday. Westerly winds across the state brought widespread temperatures into the mid-mid 40s during the afternoon, allowing partial melting of some of the snow covers in valley locations.

The Nation

| City | Max | Min |
|----------------|-----|-----|
| Albuquerque | 55 | 35 |
| Atlanta | 38 | 24 |
| Boston | 44 | 30 |
| Chicago | 33 | 23 |
| Dallas | 48 | 32 |
| Denver | 44 | 22 |
| Des Moines | 41 | 24 |
| Honolulu | 79 | 69 |
| Houston | 47 | 34 |
| Indianapolis | 41 | 31 |
| Kansas City | 47 | 31 |
| Las Vegas | 57 | 43 |
| Los Angeles | 57 | 50 |
| Memphis | 41 | 26 |
| Miami Beach | 81 | 66 |
| Minneapolis | 36 | 24 |
| Missouri | 46 | 34 |
| Montreal | 24 | 6 |
| New York | 44 | 31 |
| Oklahoma City | 63 | 34 |
| Philadelphia | 62 | 47 |
| Pittsburgh | 45 | 32 |
| Portland, Ore. | 50 | 42 |
| Raleigh | 51 | 38 |
| St. Louis | 45 | 41 |
| San Diego | 52 | 38 |
| San Francisco | 52 | 38 |
| Seattle | 48 | 39 |
| Spokane | 52 | 42 |
| Washington | 52 | 42 |
| Yuma | 61 | 53 |

Northern Idaho

High: 30 Low: 22
Cloudy early today then some clearing and chance of snow. Mostly cloudy with high 43.

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:57 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:47 a.m.
Lunar phase: Last quarter, Feb. 8; new, Feb. 16; first quarter, Feb. 23; full, March 2.

Senators: Park fee program needs change

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two western senators said Thursday they want to make minor changes in a pilot program that allows the government to collect new fees at more than 300 federal parks and recreation areas, including some in Idaho.

Grade

Thomas said he would be open to expanding the fee program, which currently allows the additional fees to be charged at no more than 400 parks and recreation sites.

Impeach

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The House voted on Thursday to impeach Clinton. The vote was 228-197, with 228 Democrats and 197 Republicans joining 53 Democrats and 53 Republicans.

Report: Stray missiles kill 10 children, others

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Two missiles that hit civilian areas in southern Iraq last week killed 17 people — including 10 children — and injured 100 others, according to a U.N. report obtained by The Associated Press on Thursday.

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IDAHO ROAD REPORT

BOISE (AP) — Here are Thursday evening's road conditions from the Idaho Department of Transportation.

NATION

Gun makers target lawmakers to fight lawsuits

ATLANTA (AP) — Unwilling to spend billions to settle litigation as the tobacco industry did, gun makers and the National Rifle Association are firing back, lobbying state officials to outlaw lawsuits seeking to recover the cost of gun-related violence.

"It may bankrupt us, but we are never going to settle," said Bob Baker, president of Freedom Arms Inc., which manufactures high-end revolvers in Freedom, Wyo.

Five cities — Chicago, New Orleans, Atlanta, Bridgeport, Conn., and the unified Miami-

Dade County government in Florida — have sued various gunmakers. Atlanta, site this week of the nation's largest gun and hunting trade show, filed its suit Thursday.

Mayors of other cities say they are planning similar litigation.

But the industry and the NRA, which boasts 3 million members and relies on more than 80 million registered gunowners, are using their considerable political clout to halt the lawsuits before the legal fees add up.

"What the mayors are going to find out is that a direct attack on

the freedom to bear arms is the toughest briar patch they can jump into," NRA vice president Wayne LaPierre said.

"They think that there is no cost, and this is a way to a quick buck, like tobacco money. But their cost, politically and economically, is going to be high, because we're determined to expose this for the sham that it is."

In Georgia, where the Democratic attorney general and governor were both endorsed by the NRA last year, a bill banning such lawsuits passed the House and looks headed to easy approval in

the state Senate.

Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., said he is considering federal legislation that would prohibit cities from filing such suits.

"Even if the cities won the lawsuits, they wouldn't get anywhere near the \$250 billion that the far wealthier tobacco industry paid the states to settle."

Only \$376 million in guns were sold in 1997, according to the trade organization American Firearms Industry. That amounts to less than three days' worth of cigarette sales in the United States.



Kevin Knussman and his wife, Kim, seated, are shown with American Civil Liberties Union lawyer Sara Mandelbaum Thursday in the ACLU's New York offices. Knussman won a 4-year legal battle this week against the Maryland State Police who denied him parental leave. His victory highlights working fathers' rights to legally take time off with their babies.

Legal or not, fathers find asking for parental leave hard to do

NEW YORK (AP) — There were snide comments and many, many jokes.

And when Maryland state trooper Kevin Knussman won his four-year legal fight this week against the bosses who denied him parental leave, only a few colleagues called to congratulate him.

Knussman's victory highlights the rights of working fathers to take time off with their babies. But his isolation shows how balancing a job and a family remains a struggle for many men.

"Much of the progress is still going on underground," said James Levine, a leading researcher on fatherhood and co-author of the book "Working Fathers."

Fearing — often with reason — that they'll be labeled slackers, fathers cobble together sick days and vacation time to create leave time after a baby is born.

"When they want to go to a school play, they dash to the door, under cover of attending a 'late meeting.'"

A New York City money manager and father of a 3-month-old carefully left his computer and desk lamp on not too long ago when he took his wife to the hospital for a sonogram.

"It made it look like I was still there," said Ben, who refused to be further identified, fearing for his career. "Plus, it made me feel better."

Over the years, attitudes have changed.

Asked 15 years ago how much unpaid parental leave time was reasonable for men to take, 63 percent of business leaders at large companies said "none."

Even 40 percent of executives at

companies with a parental leave policy at the time nixed the idea of actually using it, according to Catalyst, a non-profit group that studies women in business.

Today, half a million men take some sort of parental leave each year to care for a new child under the auspices of the 1993 federal Family and Medical Leave Act. That compares with 1.4 million women.

A total of 20 million people have taken leave under the federal law, which says all employers with 50 or more workers must allow up to 12 unpaid weeks off to care for a new baby or seriously ill family member.

Knussman, a helicopter paramedic, said the state police after he was denied 12 weeks leave following the birth of his daughter in 1994. He was given 10 days off but sought more time because his wife experienced childbirth complications.

On Tuesday, a jury awarded him \$375,000 in damages for mental anguish in the first sex discrimination case under the Family Leave act. Attorneys for the state police said they may appeal.

"There's still a presumption that women are going to be the primary caretakers," said Sara Mandelbaum, an American Civil Liberties Union lawyer who represented Knussman. "Those attitudes are hard to change, especially in a male-dominated organization like the state police."

Some companies do encourage fathers to take parental leaves — and more men are taking them. AT&T offers new parents up to a year, unpaid, with a guaranteed job upon return.

About one man takes advan-

tage of the program for every 18 women.

That's up from a 1-to-400 ratio a decade ago.

Howard Nathanson, an AT&T computer analyst, says his co-workers and bosses fully supported his decision to take nine months parental leave in 1996.

"There was never any grief about this," he said.

For now, many men choose to do what they can, when they can. Clark Adams, chief executive officer of Needham, Mass.-based Mulberry Child Care Centers, says fathers pick up or drop off 25 percent of children at the company's 55 centers daily, and more are serving on parent advisory committees.

Knussman is glad he took a stand.

After he sued, the state police gave him a full 12 weeks off following the birth of his second child.

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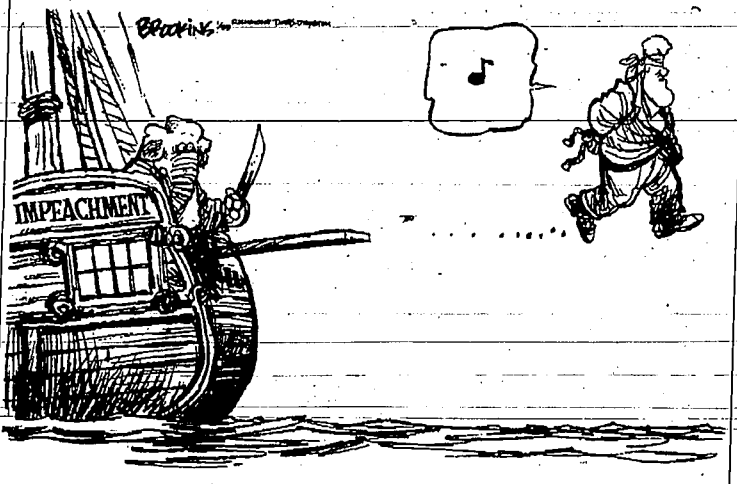
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EDITORIAL

Welfare reform has everyone pulling in the same direction

It looks like Scrooge had a heart of gold after all. Since it was enacted, Idaho's welfare reform has turned thousands of men and women into productive members of the workforce. Rather than simply collecting checks, they earn them now. Of course, there's been some grumbling. Going to work is never as popular as getting money that arrives like manna from heaven. God never will doesn't taste very good, but it's good for you. So is welfare reform. In Idaho's case, it's tough love on a mighty scale. It has helped taxpayers whose hard work fuels the welfare wagon. They're getting much better mileage now. It's also good for former welfare recipients, who are learning to fend for themselves. A survey of people who left Idaho's welfare rolls in the first half of 1998 shows nearly three out of five are working. Of those, more than 10 percent are earning more than \$8 an hour. More profoundly, nearly a third of survey respondents said their self-esteem had risen since going off welfare. Money can't buy dignity, but paying your own way can. In a mundane way, paying the rent and buying groceries nurtures a sense of self-worth. Having a place to go and a job to do underscores one's value as a contributing member of society. The timing for Idaho's welfare reform couldn't have been better. With a robust economy and low unemployment, there's a job for almost anyone who's willing to work. Will the revised welfare system work during a prolonged recession? No one knows at this point. What's clear is that private businesses must retain their willingness to hire former welfare recipients. Toward that end, the state Department of Health and Welfare should trim its rules and red tape for bringing these people into the workforce. Critics complain that many erstwhile welfare recipients are now working relatively low-paying jobs. Hmm, aren't some wages better than no wages? Everyone wants more money, but newcomers to the workforce usually have to prove themselves before moving on to better-paying jobs. It's like learning to crawl before you can walk. It's too early to say if Idaho's revised welfare system is an unqualified success, but it's clearly on the right road. As the incentive not to work fades away, former welfare recipients are beginning to pull in the same direction as taxpayers.



Playing mind games with the Senate

When the U.S. Senate was gearing up for the presidential impeachment trial, one of the senior members of the world's greatest deliberative body put Bill Clinton on notice. "Mr. President, do not tamper with this jury," warned Sen. Robert Byrd, the West Virginia Democrat who is widely considered the Senate's resident authority on constitutional issues. Byrd wanted the president to know that no attempt to influence senators' votes would be tolerated. Clinton apparently got the message. If the president or his minions have been lobbying the Senate in pursuit of an acquittal, the public hasn't heard about it. In fact, the most blatant attempt to tamper with the jury has been perpetrated by Clinton's arch-enemy, independent counsel Ken Starr — or by people who are close enough to Starr to know what he's thinking. The New York Times reported that "several associates" of the independent counsel had revealed Starr's opinion that he has the constitutional authority to indict Clinton before his term concludes in January 2001. Some experts on constitutional law believe that a president cannot be prosecuted in the criminal courts until after he leaves office. OK, you're wondering, what in the world does that have to do with jury tampering in the Senate's impeachment trial? Simple. Most of the Washington posts

BILL THOMPSON

and pundits are convinced that the Senate cannot muster the two-thirds' majority — 67 votes, if all 100 senators vote — that is required to convict the president and remove him from office. By letting the senators know that he feels empowered to indict the president, Starr is sending a message to the senatorial jury: If you fail to remove Clinton from office, be prepared to see this mess go on and on. Many of the senators and much of the public want the Clinton impeachment ordeal to end. Starr has now apprised everyone that a not-guilty verdict in the Senate may ensure that it does not end. In other words: Convict the president and toss him out of the White House — or else. If that isn't jury tampering, what is? It's more interesting to hear the anti-Clinton spin on this curiously timed leak from "associates" of the independent counsel. The pro-removal crowd is saying that the revelation of Starr's views on presidential indictment somehow benefits Clinton and therefore must be the result of White House manipulation. Huh? In the first place, it's hard to imagine that Clinton's No. 1 legal adviser, Starr, would be communicating his strategic ponderings to the White House.

It's also hard to imagine how it is beneficial to Clinton to tip off the Senate that an acquittal will likely lead to two more years of political rancor and courtroom combat. The possibility that letting Clinton off the hook on the impeachment rap could guarantee continuation of the Bill-and-Monica debacle might tempt the most devoted Clintonite in the Senate to think about telling the president to turn in his keys. Starr's defenders would like Americans to believe that the independent counsel is a great public servant who has simply done his part to uphold the rule of law in trying to bring a lawbreaking president to justice. His defenders are entitled to their opinion — and in the beginning, perhaps, their opinion might even have been accurate. But no more. At some point, Starr turned into Ahab chasing the whale known as Slick Willie. At some other point, Starr realized that it was unlikely to win a criminal conviction against Clinton and passed the ball to Congress by means of impeachment. If he couldn't convict Clinton of a crime, Starr figured, at least he could drive him out of office in disgrace. — But even that plan seems doomed: So the senators have now been informed that if they fail to banish Clinton, the independent counsel will resume the chase. If that's not jury tampering, what is? Bill Thompson is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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LETTERS

Dear GOP senators
To all Republican senators:
Can you imagine working for a senator who would rather embody himself in a sexist than do his job running the country? Ugh!
MERLE STODDARD
Twin Falls

change occurred. Long-term benefits have been marginal at best. The editors' lack of research and obvious biases produce another shallow harp on their-old-saw.

Idaho, much like Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas, cannot financially afford to competently educate their masses. Pure and simple! It is as much or more a sociological problem than economic problem. Editorially "beating the education horse" in an attempt to get it to pull more than it can is ludicrous at best.

Idaho's legislative bodies, as well as the Department of Education, know this to be a fact. Their solution was abdication of their constitutional responsibilities by using the ruse of "local control." In effect, they turned the institution over to the inmates because they could not do the impossible. The Times-News pseudo editorials will not change this fact nor improve the process.

Had The Times-News taken a rational approach years ago, perhaps they could have helped alleviate or prevent the present dilemma. Every public school superintendent in Idaho knows that obtaining and retaining young energetic teachers is virtually impossible because of poor salaries and poor teaching conditions. The Times-News' simplistic approach to this dilemma is to "beat the education horse" who dedicated themselves to a losing cause. Only a fool shoots the horses that are pulling! Again, simplistic solutions to complicated problems usually indicates ignorance.

WILLIAM E. GRIFFITH
Kimberly

Editorials are shallow, biased
I join Bob Allred, et. al., who have taken time to protest the inferior quality of The Times-News editorials.

I, too, find them to be disturbingly shallow, blatantly biased and ultra simplistic. Few show in-depth thinking and even less research. Most espouse self-serving "ends" in over-dramatized rhetoric.

Jan. 15's editorial is exemplary. Such profound simplicity, disgusting shallowness and blatant biases personify The Times-News editorials. I am reminded of a despotic egotist who, when faced with truth, justifies rational fact for self-serving recalcitrant rebuke. Exemplary propaganda if the editors disbelieve the research, why not ask the community, Idahoans by and large do not make a living wage? That's a fact!

Jan. 28's editorial is again exemplary. Over the years, the people of Magic Valley have been subjected to The Times-News dogma. From early on, it was obvious that the editors of The Times-News knew little or nothing about education, educational processes nor sociology. Simplistic, pseudo solutions to complex problems usually denotes ignorance of the problem(s).

Merit pay for educators has been tried repeatedly. Some short-term

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Twin-Falls Airport competes with Pocatello

Iwould like to respond to Jay McKendrick's letter concerning air service at Twin Falls. He feels compelled to fly to Pocatello instead of Twin Falls when he commutes from Anchorage to Burley. The apparent reason is that Horizon Airlines does not fly out of Twin Falls. Air travel involves many options. While airline choice is one option, most air travel decisions are based on price and convenience. Twin Falls has both.

The lowest round-trip fares to Anchorage as of Feb. 1 were \$610.20 from Pocatello (Alaska Airlines) and \$522.19 from Twin Falls (Delta). The lowest fare out of Boise was \$420.19 (Alaska Airlines). Twin Falls is very competitive in price.

The definition of convenience varies with the individual. Usually, passengers want an airline to get them to a specific destination at a specific time. Twin Falls offers five flights a day that can connect travelers to any destination in the world. Being the closest airport is also considered convenient. Add unlimited free parking and a quality restaurant and Twin Falls meets the criteria for many people.

READER COMMENT
David Allen

The choice to fly Alaska Airlines instead of Delta to an airport farther from his destination and higher in price is Mr. McKendrick's to make. "Air Transport World" magazine, a premier global industry trade magazine, named Delta as its Airlines of the Year for 1998. Delta was honored for its growing success in customer service, product and marketing innovation and other key areas. Delta also has one of the best frequent-flyer programs in the industry: SkyMiles. Skywest Airlines, a Delta connection carrier, is one of the best and fastest-growing regional carriers in the nation, providing more than 1,000 flights to cities in 43 Western states and Canada. I am proud of the service they provide Twin Falls.

As Mr. McKendrick indicated, fares to some destinations can be less than to others even when they normally are not. Air lines discount a limited quantity of seats. When these low-priced seats are filled,

only higher-priced fares are available for that particular flight. A flight at a different time, on another airline or on an acceptable alternate airport may still have discount fares available.

If price and convenience are important to you, then check all options when making reservations. Local travel agents can play an important role. They know how the fare system works and can tailor trip plans based on your requirements. If you want the lowest fare possible and can be even a little flexible, they may find options with different airlines, times or slightly longer stops at an en route airport. It all depends on the needs of you, the customer.

I don't begrudge anyone their airport and airline of choice. I do want the public to know that we offer the best quality service with available resources and pledge to seek improved service in the future. The Twin Falls airport is a competitive, viable option — and one worthy of consideration.

David Allen is the manager of Jordin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport in Twin Falls.

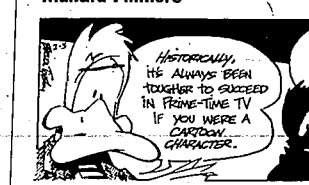
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LETTER

Avoid false Impressions with Understanding

The "Kids Count" study is an attempt to document alarming trends in the lives of Idaho's children. I applaud efforts to improve conditions for our young people. However, I am concerned about the false impression of Jerome High School dropout rates this report may have created.

To avoid confusion, it is important to understand dropout rate terminology. The Idaho Department of Education uses the National Center of Education definition. A dropout is an individual who:

1. Was enrolled in school at some time during the previous year;
2. Was not enrolled at the beginning of the current year;
3. Has not graduated from high school or completed a state- or district-approved educational program; and
4. Does not meet any of the following exclusionary conditions:

1. transfer to another public school district, private school or state- or district-approved education program;
- ii. temporary absence due to suspension or school-approved illness or illi. death.

There are four rates used when discussing dropouts:

1. **Event Rate** indicates the number of students who leave high school each year in each class and is compared to previous years.
2. **Cohort Rate** describes the number of dropouts from a single age group or specific grade (cohort) of students over a period of time.
3. **Status Rate** describes the cumulative rate which is the proportion of all individuals who have not completed high school or its approved equivalent and were not enrolled at a given time (much higher than the event rate).
4. **High School Completion Rate** indicates the percentage of all persons ages 21 and 22 who have earned a high school diploma or equivalency certificate.

Recently, *The Times-News* used "Kids Count" data to report the Jerome County "school dropout rates are 138 percent higher than the state average."

If this is accurate, it is a reflection of the Status Dropout Rate of Jerome County residents, not Jerome High School students. On Dec. 21, 1998, the Idaho State Department of Education released three-year comparative dropout calculations for grades nine through 12 for all Idaho public schools. The Jerome High School Event Dropout Rate for grades nine through 12 during the 1997-98 school year was 3.40 percent. The statewide Event Dropout Rate for 1997-98 was 5.64 percent.

If we use Idaho Department of Education data, statewide dropout rates are 166 percent higher than Jerome High School. Jerome patrons can be proud of what we accomplish in our schools.

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Failed surgery sends Jordan's king home

AMMAN, Jordan — A bone marrow transplant performed on King Hussein failed and the Jordanian leader was being flown home Thursday from the United States in critical condition.

A statement issued by Hussein's private physician said the 63-year-old monarch's condition "has become critical due to the failure of the function of internal organs."

The statement by Lt. Gen. Samir Farraj was issued at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where Hussein underwent surgery Jan. 25 receiving treatment for a recurrence of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma cancer.

Hussein will undergo further treatment at home, officials in Amman said. Hours before his sudden departure, Hussein appointed his eldest son, Abdullah, 37, as heir to the throne. He replaced the king's 51-year-old brother, Hassan, who had held the post for 34 years.



Jordan's King Hussein, left, stands with heir to his throne, son Abdullah, who he appointed Jan. 25. Hussein returned to Jordan Thursday following an unsuccessful bone marrow transplant.

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plan to resume bomb and gun attacks in Northern Ireland sooner rather than later, according to a television docu-

mentary Thursday. Channel 4's "Dispatches" program features the first ever video by the outlawed Community IRA.

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Serb parliament to send diplomats to peace talks

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Serbia's parliament voted Thursday to send a delegation to Kosovo peace talks but took a tough and unambiguous stance, insisting Belgrade won't budge on Western demands to give broad self-rule to the province.

The West is "knocking on an open door," Serbian Prime Minister Marko Marjanovic told parliament. "We stay open for a peaceful solution of the Kosovo crisis."

The one-sided vote — 227-3 with three abstentions — was the last remaining hurdle to an inter-balkan brokered peace conference starting Saturday outside Paris and aimed at halting an 11-month-old war that has killed 2,000 people and left hundreds of thousands homeless.

Court imposes 15 years for suspect's killing

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — A Serbian court sentenced a former politician to 15 years in jail for killing a war crimes suspect in a bar brawl.

Bratislav Lukovic was convicted of killing Slobodan Miljkovic, who was indicted by a U.N. war crimes tribunal for allegedly participating in mass killings during Bosnia's war in 1992. Miljkovic was also wanted on three counts of individual murder and numerous beatings.

Some speculated that the killing was a plot to silence a witness who could link Serbia's leadership with atrocities in Bosnia.

Filipinos demand apology on U.S. war anniversary

MANILA, Philippines — Filipinos marked the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the Philippine-American War on Thursday amid demands that the United States apologize for alleged atrocities in its former colony.

The United States has generally depicted the war as an insurgency by Philippine bandits against its rule, but many Filipinos consider the conflict a revolution for independence crushed by U.S. colonialism.

In 1898, Philippine revolutionaries declared independence from Spain, which had ruled the islands for more than 300 years. As the revolutionaries battled their colonial rulers, U.S. troops arrived to fight the remaining Spanish forces as part of the Spanish-American War.

Hostilities broke out between the Filipino revolutionaries and American forces on Feb. 4, 1899, when an American soldier shot and killed a revolutionary in San Juan, now a Manila suburb.

IRA rebels brandish guns, vow to break cease-fire

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Ousted teacher worked in Richfield

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

Man awaits sentencing for sexual misconduct

RICHFIELD - An Idaho City teacher who pleaded guilty to sexual misconduct with a 15-year-old Idaho City High School girl began his teaching career in Richfield.

Bruce Holubetz, 32, awaits sentencing on one felony count of lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor in Boise County.

"To our knowledge he was a good teacher and a good coach," said Buck Ward, chairman of Richfield School Board.

Holubetz taught math and coached girls' volleyball and bas-

ketball for the district. Richfield schools Superintendent Larry Turgoose said. He resigned in 1997 at about the same time Turgoose was hired.

Holubetz left Richfield at the end of that school year, after working at the school for two years. Principal Tiler Beales said.

An Idaho Department of Health and Welfare investigation into Holubetz's behavior had begun before he resigned, Beales said. An anonymous letter had accused Holubetz of inappropriate behavior similar to what tur-

gosed in Idaho City. But how the investigation concluded Beales did not know.

Information from Health and Welfare was not available Thursday.

The Idaho City district contacted Beales at a telephone before or last Monday. Beales said. Beales did not name the subject, but he said he was aware of it. He said he was not a teacher's friend. Beales said.

Holubetz's sentencing sched-

uled for Feb. 12 has been postponed and likely will be in mid-March, his attorney Gar Hackney said Thursday. The court is awaiting a sexual offender evaluation to be completed.

The prosecutor has agreed to recommend a two- to seven-year prison sentence with the possibility of probation for Holubetz - who has no prior record - in about six months, Hackney said. The charge carries a maximum penalty of life in prison.

"I can assure you that he is expressing extreme remorse,"

Hackney said.

Holubetz, who also coached girls' sports and taught math at Idaho City, resigned from Idaho City High School in October after the district conducted an investigation, said Peter Bolz, Basin School District superintendent. A district investigation turned up a pattern of inappropriate conduct toward female students.

Idaho law requires that Holubetz's teaching certificate be revoked because he pleaded guilty to the sex charge.

Times-News staff writer Jennifer Sandmann can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 241.

2 motorists are OK after accident Wednesday

KIMBERLY - Two people whose vehicle rolled over Wednesday night were OK Thursday.

Driver Tommy Edwards, 37, and passenger Levita Thompson, 37, both of Kimberly, were northbound on 3500 East when their vehicle went off the road and rolled onto Pleasant Valley Golf Course, said Nancy Howell of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

Edwards was taken to Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital with minor injuries, and Thompson did not require treatment, she said.

Police look into BB gun shooting near high school

TWIN FALLS - Police were investigating reports of teens shooting BBs at homes and cars near Twin Falls High School.

The group of teens apparently shot the BBs on its way to school Wednesday, Twin Falls Police Sgt. Dan Hais said.

No arrests had been made, but the investigation was continuing, he said.

Park road will close Monday for rest of winter

OAKLEY - The Circle Creek Overlook road will close Monday, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation announced Thursday.

City of Rocks National Reserve officials say trucks and cars will not be allowed on the road until early spring. Although the road is closed to protect it from erosion and damage, it will be opened for cross-country skiing and other activities.

Compiled from staff reports

PS. City councilwoman warns of breast-implant risks

TWIN FALLS - A Sunday Times-News story about breast reconstruction sparked response by a former Twin Falls City Council member.

Pam Dowd advises women to accept their bodies after mastectomies because of the possible long-term effects.

In 1980 and 1981, Dowd said she had two silicone-gel implants which ruptured and caused health problems, such as chronic fatigue. Dowd actively sought help with other women suffering silicone problems.

In a 1981 surgery in Boise her back muscle was used to reconstruct her breast. But she learned from other physicians later that the surgery caused permanent nerve problems, Dowd said. She had the implants removed in 1995.

"I have come full circle through this nightmare and I just want someone to learn from my own experience because once it's done it can't be undone," Dowd said.

She urges women to ask doctors questions and seek out studies about long-term effects of breast reconstruction.

Burley officials tour Arizona theme park at seminar

BURLEY - A trip to Tucson, Ariz., helped several Burley officials learn more about the economics of urban development, including a proposed theme park.

City Council members Dave Ringle, Gordon Hansen and Bill

EXPLOSIVE SITUATION?



Gilbert Schmidt checks out one of the oxygen bottles on a Magic Valley Regional Medical Center ambulance. The federal government has recalled some models of regulator valves. Officials are checking to see if any of the potentially defective valves are used on their ambulances.

Some oxygen tanks put paramedics at risk, FDA warns

By The Times-News and the Associated Press

TWIN FALLS - Local paramedics Thursday said they aren't sure if they're using an oxygen tank valve that can explode and cause serious burns.

The federal government is warning emergency workers of the risk as it moves to take the equipment off the market.

It's a rare risk - some 200,000 of the tanks are in use, yet the Food and Drug Administration knows of only 16 explosions in four years. Eleven people have been seriously burned.

Still, the fish fins are dangerous enough that the FDA told manufacturers to recall the equipment, aluminum valves-called regulators.

"This is the first I've heard of it," Eric Turner of Linus Paramedics in Jerome said Thursday. He said he wasn't sure what the regulators he used were made of.

Turner wasn't alone.

Gilbert Schmidt, a paramedic with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, didn't know what type of regulators his department used. If they were the hazardous ones, they would be replaced, he said.

"I'm kind of hoping that all our regulators aren't from the same manufacturer," he said.

"Some might be OK, and some might not be."

Most of the expired were rescue workers opening the valves. Although some patients were burned, no deaths were reported, and other emergency workers nationwide with some "consuming practitioners" in maintaining the tanks and the valves are fixed.

While ambulances and other emergency vehicles are the major users of the equipment, the FDA acknowledged Thursday that a small number of patients also may have the problem at home. It's parents, however, the patient was burned when an oxygen device strapped to her shoulder caught fire.

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cent of the oxygen regulators sold, agreed to a recall Thursday. Within several weeks, it will replace oxygen regulators sold under its Life Support Products brand, including models LSP 105, 270, 280, 370 and 735.

At issue are high-pressure oxygen canisters, similar to those which divers use, found mostly in hospitals and ambulances. On top of the canisters are valves, or regulators, that determine how fast the high-pressure oxygen escapes from the tank into an oxygen mask. Most hospitals use hand-to-mouth brass regulators.

But most emergency vehicles use lighter-weight aluminum regulators, which can burn fairly easily, Burlington said.

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Idaho delegation disapproves of Clinton's proposals for agriculture

By Robin Brown
States News Service

WASHINGTON - President Clinton's budget proposal falls far short of the promises he made to farmers and ranchers in January, Idaho lawmakers said.

"Just two weeks ago, during the State of the Union address,

President Clinton vowed to prioritize issues important to the farmers of America," said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho. "I am thoroughly disappointed if this budget reflects his plan and priorities for farmers and ranchers across this country."

All four Idaho lawmakers said they were disappointed that the budget proposal did not include

aid for proposals for crop insurance reform. Many farm state congressmen are hoping to tackle crop insurance during this Congress to help producers hurt by last year's drought and commodity prices and weather disaster.

Craig and Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, were also concerned that the budget included \$275 million

in new user fees for functions carried out by the Department of Agriculture. Crapo considers user fees a tax, said his spokeswoman, Susan Wheeler.

Sen. Crapo was discouraged that the president's budget does not reflect strong concerns for farmers and ranchers in our country," Wheeler said. "He proposes new taxes, along with cuts

in vital agriculture programs," Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, said. Obtaining fair market prices is the most important consideration for agriculture producers. The most important issues affecting the industry are the American Free Trade Agreement, grocery chains and antitrust law - were not addressed in the president's proposal, he said.

Darigold makes bid for factory in Jerome

Milk giant targets September opening

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

JEROME - If all goes as planned, milk products giant Darigold could begin moving dirt at the factory site any time, a 21,850-square-foot plant in Jerome's industrial park.

Engineers and a contractor hired to plan and build the milk evaporation factory met Thursday with Jerome city officials to discuss details of a building permit.

Ted Philich, representing the Tacoma, Wash.-based contracting company Baugh Industrial, said Darigold hopes to have a permit application filed by March 19. Baugh already has built several facilities for Darigold, he said.

Jerome building official Rod Wilson said if Darigold's plans pass building-construction and fire-safety standards, the city could issue a permit within a week of the application - filing.

Construction can begin moving dirt at the factory site any time, he said, but no concrete can be poured until a building permit has been issued.

The proposed factory site is near the end of Rose Street in the industrial park, which sits along the west side of South Lincoln Street.

The only special variance Darigold might need would be for 50-foot storage towers at the plant building's connection and Cecil said. Current codes allow a 35-foot maximum height for most structures in the industrial park.

The proposed plant would employ 15 to 18 people per shift, and run 24 hours a day, seven days a week, a Darigold spokesman said.

Darigold would like to operate the plant for three years, and then decide whether to expand it, Philich said.

Estimates given by Darigold to Operations Management International, which runs the Jerome wastewater treatment plant, indicate the plant could discharge as much as 120,000 gallons of wastewater daily, said OMI pretreatment coordinator Amy Scott.

Darigold might opt to discharge as much as half of that into the North Side Canal, which is about a mile from the proposed factory site, said wastewater plant manager Cliff Lough.

Discharging certain types of wastewater into canals has been permitted in some Idaho cities.

Times-News staff writer Mark Heinz can be reached in Jerome at 324-6962.

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Elko County says 'yes' to Jackpot library, probably 'no' to \$25,000 fireworks show

By Sam Feltman Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. — Marcia Bandera of the Elko County School District and Sara Jones of the Elko County Library System stood united before Elko County commissioners to support a school-community library...

bandera said the school district has "no interest in owning the building. We will put in a computer system and will be responsible for the utilities and maintenance."

Jackpot fireworks

The hoped-for \$25,000-for-a Fourth of July fireworks display did not meet with as much enthusiasm from the commissioners. Jackpot Advisory Board Chairman Beth Winnans showed her disappointment and asked to see the jackpot budget.

more benefit to the community. Winnans asked whether she could bring new books to the Jackpot Advisory Board. The commissioners agreed to hold it over until the mid-month meeting.

New fire chief

Elko County Manager George Boucher said the county has started advertising for a new fire chief/ambulance director. The commissioners want to know how the advisory board and community feel about Fire Chief Carl Mann's resignation.

By Mary Lou Potts Times-News correspondent

BUIL — Sidewalks, curbs and street lights were the most important project a committee selected to start improving downtown Buil.

Former nanny sues Willis, Moore again

BOISE (AP) — The former nanny for the children of actors Bruce Willis and Demi Moore has sued the two and the National Enquirer for libel, charging they accused a scathing article about her in the tabloid because she sued them for past wages.

Street-side renovation tops Buil's to-do list

By Mary Lou Potts Times-News correspondent

At Thursday's breakfast meeting, facilities and Mike Pepper reviewed specific projects for Building Buil and their order of priority.

Services

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beauty the area and present a nostalgic appearance of what Buil looked like in years past. Revitalizing Buil to create interest from customers and new businesses is a community project, and all merchants and businesses are welcome to participate.

For more nannys Willis, Moore again

The article said Tannahill flirted with Willis and Moore in high school when their eldest daughter nearly drowned or broke her arm. "Amid other things, the tabloid article depicts plaintiffs as accented, derelict, vengeful and drug-injecting in her personal and professional life," her suit said.

Glenns Ferry residents debate road improvements

City plans to widen Madison Avenue

By Laurie Black Times-News correspondent

GLENN'S FERRY — Increasing tourism and residential development brought about 40 Glenns Ferry residents to a meeting with city officials Wednesday night to discuss road improvements.

tourist industry along the Snake River on the community's southwest corner. Historically, Madison Avenue was a country road that provided access to Three Island State Park and the nearby river. But expansion of the park and the adjacent development of a winery and golf course in recent years have brought an increase in visitors through Glenns Ferry.

City Clerk David Hahn said federal storm water regulations require the city to provide a means to channel water from streets. Compliance by installing curbs and gutters would be time-consuming and expensive.

back the loan with money collected from property owners within town limits. Within an LTD, the city would assess taxes based on footage bordering the street.

Services

Roy Dean Bixey of Rupert, 2 p.m. on Saturday, at Hansen's Funeral Chapel in Rupert. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m.

Services

Michael W. Powell of Twin Falls, 2 p.m. memorial service Monday at Twin Falls Reformed Church.

Services

Con A. Devaney IDAHO FALLS — Con A. Devaney, 79, of Idaho Falls, and formerly of Murtaugh, died Thursday, Feb. 4, 1999, at the Good Samaritan Care Center in Idaho Falls.

Services

Robin E. Allen RUPERT — Robin E. Allen, 84, of Rupert, died Thursday, Feb. 4, 1999, at Mindokko Memorial Hospital Extended Care Facility.

Death Notices

Buster Wylie RUPERT — Buster Wylie, 76, of Rupert, died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1999, in Rupert. Private services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.

Death Notices

Hyrum Vern Sweet NAMP — Hyrum Vern "Ted" Sweet, 70, of Nampa, and formerly of Richland and Arroyo, died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1999, in a Nampa hospital of natural causes. Memorial services are pending.

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Hospitals

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Admitted Alexander Hansen, Manuela Flores, Kelbee Edwards, all of Burley; Clyde Arroyo, Rupert. Released Manuela Flores, Alexander Hansen, both of Rupert; Beverly Olson of Heyburn.

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Admitted Dawn Hinkle of Twin Falls; Ramona Smith of Eden.

Hospitals

MINIDOKKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Hospitals

Admitted Glen Carpenter of Twin Falls.

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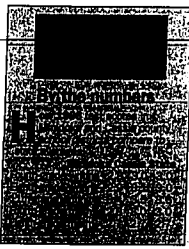
Mini-Cassia hopes to raise test scores
Teachers address areas of weakness

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

ACEQUIA - Although direct writing assessment test scores have risen slightly in the Minidoka County School District from 1997 to 1998, officials still are looking for ways to help students improve as they take the tests again.

Minidoka County students are slightly below the state average, while Cassia County students are about at the state average.

"Teachers are trying to address weaknesses and have put a lot of work into bringing scores up," said Terry Garner, principal at Minidoka's Acequia Elementary School.



Students in Kimberly Kidd's fourth-grade class work on art projects. Fourth-graders in the state took direct math assessment tests last week and will take direct writing assessment tests next week.

LORRAINE CAVENER/Times-News

"The writing tests help schools assess how students express themselves and how well they use punctuation and develop paragraphs and sentences," Garner said.

"Tests show districts what they can do to help kids improve," said Allison Westfall, spokeswoman for the Department of Education.

Kristy Kobayashi, an Acequia fourth-grader, said the tests were difficult, but her teacher, Kimberly Kidd, did a good job helping students prepare.

"She passed out a piece of paper every day with problems on it," Kobayashi said.

Student Jordan Harmon said the tests were challenging.

"Every day we did a new subject to practice," he said. "We had to fill in a graph and explain our answers to some problems."

Test problems often were multiple-step questions, Garner said.

"If we didn't do a step, it would bring us down to a lower grade," Kobayashi said.

But district officials have gone beyond passing out practice exercises to help bring scores up.

After analyzing the curriculum at a year ago, eight district officials took a trip to Chattanooga, Tenn., to glean information from Twenty-First Century Academy, a K-12 school.

The school is frequently visited by educators throughout the United States, Garner said.

Local educators have implemented several ideas from the academy into some Minidoka County schools.

After implementing some techniques at East Minico Junior High School and Big Valley and Acequia elementary schools,

scores have improved, Garner said.

Multiple classrooms, which place children by skill level rather than age level, is one new technique in use.

In the Cassia County School District, curriculums constantly are reviewed and updated to offer children what they need to improve test scores, said Jerry Doggett, the district's acting superintendent.

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

Arizona

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Northwest Parks wants to develop a \$12.6 million Westem-style theme park on 40 to 50 acres on the south side of the Snake River.

Northwest Parks had plans to develop a \$200 million park, Sweetwater Junction, in Nampa, but those plans were put on hold. Energy was diverted to Burley instead, Northwest Parks President Bob Klosterman said.

The Nampa park would have been Northwest Park's first financing theme park, Christensen said.

Klosterman did not comment on why developers are focusing on Burley, saying only there are still plans to develop in Nampa.

"We're being cautiously enthusiastic about this," Hansen said. "We want to promote Burley but not risk the taxpayer's money. I like the idea enough that if these guys don't turn out to be right, then we would find someone else who is."

The theme park is viable option, but Northwest Parks needs to present more details before the city makes any decisions, Ringold said.

"If they do the things that we want them to do, then we're anxious to bring them in," Ringold said. "But we do need more information on them."

Appellate court vacates child-support ruling against prisoner

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE - A local magistrate judge Thursday declined comment on an Idaho Court of Appeals ruling, overturning his order on child support owed by a prisoner.

Cassia County Magistrate Roy Holloway's order had forced an indigent state prisoner, making no more than \$30 a month, to pay \$150 a month in child support from behind bars.

The three-judge court found that Roy R. Garcia's constitution-

al rights were violated by Holloway's decision, and his previous refusal to let him appear by telephone on a July 1997 trial.

"From this point on, the system basically ignores him and, ironically, uses the fact that he failed to appear against him," Judge Alan Schwartzman wrote in an opinion that characterized the case as "slightly Kafkaesque."

Holloway ruled after the trial, prompted by a state Bureau of Child Support complaint against Garcia for support of his three children, that Garcia was capable of earning the minimum wage of

\$823 per month.

He ordered Garcia to pay \$60 a month in support for each of his children while in prison, \$231 per month starting 30 days after his release and \$395 to the state for attorney fees.

Holloway did not want to comment on the case Thursday, saying any comment would be inappropriate.

He added that it was not unusual for a case, ruling to be overturned by the Court of Appeals every once in a while.

"I don't think I have ever known a judge that hasn't had a

case overturned," Holloway said.

Garcia, 38, was sentenced to at least 10 years and up to 15 years in prison after being convicted in 1993 of battery with intent to commit rape. He has been in the Erie County Detention Center in Pearlsburg, Texas, since March 1997, and is not eligible for parole until May 2003.

Garcia's lawyer has shown that, because the necessary consideration was not given to his request to participate in the trial by telephone, he was deprived of due process," Judge Karen Lansing wrote.

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IDAHO IN BRIEF

Governor appoints Bieter to succeed father

BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne appointed David Bieter to succeed his late father, Democratic Rep. Patrick Bieter, in the Idaho House.

"I appreciate the opportunity, on behalf of my whole family, to fill my father's seat," said Bieter, who joins 11 other Democrats in the overwhelmingly Republican House.

The Boise attorney will represent District 19, the city's north and east end. His father, in his second term, and his mother, Eloise, were killed Jan. 24, in a head-on collision on Idaho Highway 55 north of Horseshoe Bend.

David Bieter, 38, was one of three nominees whose names were submitted to Kempthorne on Thursday morning by the Democratic legislative committee for District 19. The others were Jerry Carter and Rick Walker.

"All three outstanding individuals. I could not go wrong in the selection," the governor said.

Bieter said his father had discussed with him the possibility of one of his five children following him to the Legislature. But, he did not expect it to happen so quickly.

"The speed involved with this is amazing and a little hard to handle," he said.

House kills bill dealing with disabilities

BOISE — An attempt to redefine when someone is entitled to disability benefits under the state Public Employee Retirement System became the first bill killed this year on the House floor.

The measure rejected 56-13 on Thursday would have eliminated language added to the law in 1993. It defines someone as disabled when "substantially all the avenues of employment are reasonably closed to the person."

Republican Rep. Dennis Lake of Blackfoot, carrying the bill requested by the retirement system, said the word "substantially" was too ambiguous. He admitted that so far only one attorney had tried to gain advantage of the wording to promote the cause of a client. But "now that one has come through the door, they will keep coming through the door."

However, GOP Rep. John Tippets of Bennington said eliminating language that now expressly states someone cannot be "absolutely" helpless or entirely unable to do anything worthy of compensation "to be considered disabled would result in only invalids and those in a coma receiving benefits."

Republican Rep. Bill Sali of Meridian, an attorney, said lawmakers should consider what would happen to disabled people who did not qualify for benefits because the standard is made too restrictive. "Are you going to make them medically indigent so property taxes have to pay for them?" Sali asked.

Former 4-term legislator, 90, dies in Boise

BOISE — Herbert G. Fitz, a former four-term Republican state representative from Valley County, died Wednesday in a Boise care center. He was 90.

Fitz served District 9 — comprising Valley, Gem, Boise, Adams and part of Idaho counties — from 1973 through 1980 in the House of Representatives.

He operated pharmacies in Council and New Meadows, where he was on the Village Board for 10 years. The Idaho State University pharmacy graduate was a former five-term president of the Idaho State Board of Pharmacy.

Compiled from wire reports

Idaho Fish & Game director lifts gag order on state fishery biologists

LEWISTON (AP) — Idaho Fish and Game Director Steve Mealey says his biologists are free to speak out on salmon and steelhead issues and have been for about two weeks.

The controversial director last month reportedly asked his top fisheries biologist to abstain from speaking publicly about salmon recovery until he could meet with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to explain the commission's stance on the issue.

Mealey said he was surprised at the uproar the gag order had caused.

"People immediately assumed



Steve Mealey

to attend and participate in a meeting with Oregon's state and Wildlife Commission to discuss dam breaching. Mealey earlier had postponed the meeting until

the worst," he said. "I guess I understand that the suspicion has been with me from the first day."

The order was lifted with little fanfare when fish manager Ed Bowles was permitted to attend and participate in a meeting with Oregon's state and Wildlife Commission to discuss dam breaching. Mealey earlier had postponed the meeting until

he could speak with Kempthorne directly.

Mealey earlier, however, challenged reports that he had ever issued such an order, telling the state House Resources and Conservation Committee Jan. 21 that he simply directed his staff to "reserve, delay or postpone" any comments until he had a chance to speak with Kempthorne.

"This business about a gag order or muzzling is patent nonsense," Mealey told the committee. "It was an act of courtesy and respect for a new governor who wanted to understand the issues."

Report: Salmon too tired to spawn

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The savage journey up the Columbia and Snake rivers that salmon make to their inland spawning grounds may be leaving them too tired to spawn, some scientists fear.

The fish, some approaching 40 pounds, must climb dams, slog through warm reservoirs and press on for hundreds of miles. Worse, once they leave the ocean on their monthlong journey, they never stop for food.

Now scientists are saying that when the salmon finally get to the headwaters, they are worn out. In a new report, the scientists said all that stress could be one reason that the fish runs are failing.

The finding clashes sharply with the region's ongoing effort to restore the runs. It has focused on helping young salmon smolts get down stream through the get dams and reservoirs to the ocean. "Because of fish ladders, we tend to think that everything is fine and dandy for adult fish," said Richard Williams, who wrote the report for the Northwest Power Planning Council. "In truth, a lot more needs to be done."

The current emphasis on smolt safety is expensive. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proposes spending \$360 million over

five years to make the dams easier for young fish to pass. But it proposes spending just \$6 million, less than 1 percent of the budget, on aiding adults fish moving upriver.

And the scientists warned that improving passage over the dams may not be enough to re-energize the fish.

Scientist Phillip Mundy said some of his colleagues now believe the dams and reservoirs cause adult salmon to run out of fuel. Some salmon, after climbing a dam's fish ladders, are sucked back down the dam's turbines or spillways, forcing them to climb the ladders again.

And then warm reservoirs raise the metabolic rate of salmon, which causes them to burn energy faster, weakening them and making them vulnerable to disease.

"They start out with one tank of gas," Mundy said, and it runs out before the trek is over.

He said that fish-counting at dams may actually give a falsely optimistic picture of salmon in

the Columbia basin since some are counted more than once, others do not even make it to spawning grounds and some that do will be spent.

"We've got a big mystery," Mundy said. "There is a huge disconnect between the number of fish that are passing the dams and what's happening in the spawning grounds. There is a massive amount of circumstantial evidence that the problem with adult passage is far more serious than we thought."

Adult salmon are far more valuable to the species than juveniles. For every 200 smolt that leave their spawning grounds, only one adult returns.

Tribes have long maintained that not enough attention is being paid to problems faced by adult fish. Wednesday's report was a vindication of that view.

"We have not solved the upstream passage problem," said Phillip Roger, a scientist with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

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Jamie Fearnley, a Salt Lake County student firefighter/paramedic, carries an elderly woman to an ambulance after a dryer fire forced the evacuation of the residents of Millcreek Retirement home this week in Salt Lake City. More than 100 residents were evacuated from the facility with no injuries reported.

Governor tackles children's issues

Kempthorne gets more outside help

BOISE (AP) — As the fiscal noose seemed to be tightening, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne got more outside help on one of his top priorities — early childhood immunization.

Flanked by the governor and Kempthorne's immunization czar, James Hawkins-Blawie, Group of Idaho Chief Executive Dave Barnett said the state's largest health insurer will provide completely free childhood vaccinations to the estimated 12,000 children under 6 who are covered by its policies.

"We're proud to step forward and do our part to make sure Idaho children get the protection they need," Barnett said amid dozens of employees at a local manufacturing company that offers Blue Cross insurance coverage.

Republican state Sen. Jack Riggs, the only physician in the Legislature, predicted the move would assure vaccinations for 5,000 to 6,000 of those Blue Cross covered children, raising the current statewide immunization rate from 72 percent to 77 percent.

Kempthorne is committed to reaching 90 percent in his third year in office. He and Hawkins both suggested the Blue Cross move would prompt other health insurers to follow-suit, bringing immunizations to thousands of additional children.

"This is a priority," the governor said, "to assure the children of Idaho have a strong beginning and a healthy future."

Vaccinations are free at the Health District offices, but if obtained from private physicians there is an administrative charge of up to \$16 that typically would be subject to insurance deductibles. The Blue Cross program now will cover that charge, opening the way to children picking up their vaccinations when they go to the doctor for other reasons.

Plan to improve reading skills debuts

BOISE (AP) — The bipartisan sponsors of a Kempthorne administration-backed plan to improve reading skills of Idaho students say the plan will cost less than initial estimates.

Republican state Rep. Lee Gagner of Idaho Falls told the House Education Committee on Thursday that the reading initiative's cost could come in at \$4.4 million — \$1.1 million less than first projected.

And Gagner said at least \$1 million and possibly as much as \$2 million in existing public school spending on reading enhancement could be applied to the total cost. That would reduce to just \$2.5 million the amount diverted from state aid that districts can use at their discretion.

"The committee agreed to introduce all four bills presented by members of an interim legislative committee on reading improvement. But Education Chairman

Fred Tilman of Boise told the sponsors they should bring experts to explain exactly how the plan will be financed when they return for a public hearing on the issue in a couple of weeks.

Gagner joined House Democratic Floor Leader Wendy Jaeger of Ketchikan in launching the legislation that new Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has made a centerpiece of his effort to improve the lot of Idaho children.

"There are no Band-Aids in these proposals, folks," Gagner said. "This is major structural change."

The Idaho Literacy Act is the product of work started two years ago by a broad-based 30-member committee created by the Legislature to examine whether the state's students were making the grade.

A 1997 University of Idaho study of fourth-grade students showed that about one in five of those sampled were reading below grade level, and that three in five scored below grade level in comprehension.



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- The Associated Press**
- Sent to Governor**
- HB187 (Appropriations) — Makes an emergency \$20,000 appropriation to the Fish and Game Department.
 - HB194 (Appropriations) — Makes an emergency \$80,200 appropriation to the Idaho Educational Broadcasting System.
 - HB205 (Appropriations) — Makes an emergency appropriation to cover pay increase authorized for statewide elected officials.
- Killed by House**
- HB22 (News) — Redefines when someone is entitled to disability benefits from the Public Employee Retirement System.
- Legislative Action Complete**
- HB2 (Lift) — Continues open; final act of the special legislative committee on electric deregulation.
- Introduced in Senate**
- SB101 (State Affairs) — Extends legislative terms from two to four years.
 - SB102 (Health and Welfare) — Increases time of service and compensation for nursing board members.
 - SB103 (Education) — Requires reports on accreditation and safety to be given to the school board.
 - SB104 (Resource and Environment) — Expands state land open to long-term lease.
 - SB105 (Resource and Environment) — Extends the life of the Wolf Oversight Committee.
 - SB106 (Local Government and Taxation) — Provides tax credit for contributions to Home Loans.
 - SB107 (State Affairs) — Puts flexible involvement authority for the endowment in effect immediately.
 - SB108 (State Affairs) — Requires out-of-state measure committees to report sources of contributions.
 - SB109 (State Affairs) — Creates system for buying names removed from lists sold to marketers by state agencies.
 - SB110 (Judiciary and Rules) — Reconstitutes the Commission on Pardons and Pardon in the governor's office.
 - SB111 (Judiciary and Rules) — Revises handling of mental competence in criminal cases.
 - SB112 (Judiciary and Rules) —
- Exempts police from liability for police dog attacks.**
- Introduced in House**
- HB165 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Clarifies the statute of limitations on mortgage foreclosures.
 - HB166 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Mandates guardianship for incapacitated people that least interferes with the legal capacity to act in their own behalf.
 - HB167 (Resource and Conservation) — Gives landowners full control over special controlled hunt permits for deer, elk or antelope on their property.
 - HB168 (Resource and Conservation) — Allows irrigation districts to let directors live up to 15 miles outside the district.
 - HB169 (Business) — Prohibits insurance companies from claiming offsets against underinsured motorist coverage for payments made by the negligent driver's insurance carrier.
 - HB170 (Business) — Allows publication of notice if a default is cured before the trustee's sale of the property or entry of a decree of foreclosure.
 - HB171 (Business) — Updates the minimum standard for reservation of individual annuity and pure endowment insurance contracts.
 - HB172 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Adjusts the credited service and age requirements used in determining benefits from the Public Employee Retirement System.
 - HB173 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Adjusts the number of months used as a base period in calculating Public Employee Retirement System allowances and the computation for deducting benefits per month of early retirement.
 - HB174 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Increases the percentage of average monthly salary used in computing Public Employee Retirement System allowances.
 - HB175 (Revenue and Taxation) — Allows tax payments by credit card, debit card or other commercial acceptable means.
 - HB176 (Resource and Conservation) — Urges Congress to reallocate funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
 - HB183 (Revenue and Taxation) — Urges Congress to repeal the estate and gift tax or substantially increase the exemption.

Former school superintendent proposes safety levy for Idaho

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's schools would have a new tool for solving health and safety problems under legislation proposed by two Senate Republicans.

The measure would create a new tax levy school districts could use at a last resort safety levy to get the job done.

"I disagree with him on that," Wilder School Superintendent Bedford Boston said of Deide. "The state should put some dollars in. I don't know what the proportion should be. I just know it's not up to the local taxpayer alone."

Two recent Wilder school bond

attempts failed by only a handful of votes.

The new levy would not require voter approval, although a district would have to notify its residents 30 days ahead of a hearing on the subject, Deide said.



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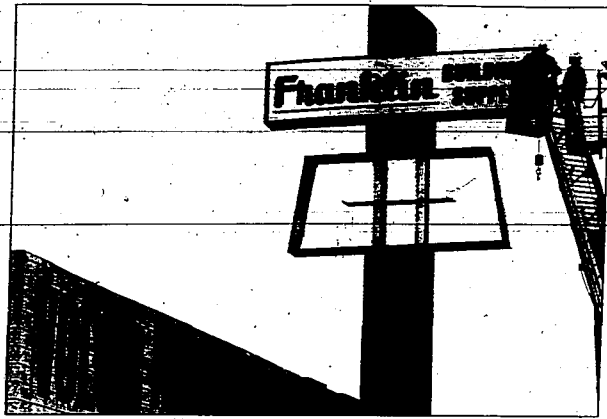
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Left to right: Justin Hanby, Dan Braga and Damlan D. Rodriguez replace the Volco sign on Franklin's Overland Avenue. Franklin Building Supply purchased Volco's Magic Valley stores in August 1998.

Burley merchants spruce up businesses on Overland Ave.

Damlan D. Rodriguez
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Keeping in step with a growing community, Overland Avenue merchants are renovating, expanding and moving stores to attract more customers.

"It's great. It gives the opportunity to show that businesses in Burley are moving forward," said Todd Christenson, economic development specialist for the Mini-Cassia Development Commission. "There's a desire to attract more business to downtown Burley."

Since the creation of Interstate 84 and its exit 208 in the 1960s, Overland Avenue has evolved into the major thoroughfare through Burley.

On the southwest corner of 16th Street is John's Grocery, a 48-year-old family business. It is moving in March to a larger location on the intersection's northeast corner.

"To better meet our customers' needs, we need a bigger store,"

said Kevin Croft, owner of the grocery store named after his father. "It's time for an expansion."

Croft and his partner, Darrin Preece, have been planning a \$1 million move that will increase floor space from 6,000 to 18,000 square feet. The new store will be comparable in size to the area's three other grocery stores: Albertson's, Smith's and Stokes.

On 14th Street, Lee's Furniture owner Brent Lee is expanding on the original site of the business, founded in 1945 by his father Isaac Lee.

"We know that every four or five years, we make changes and update to the store," Brent Lee said. "It stimulates positive energy."

Lee's Furniture is expanding into office space once occupied by Murdock Travel. The project should be complete in six weeks, Lee said.

North of the Snake River, Deseret Industries' appearance changes from time to time, unit

manager Paul Lyons said. The original sign was 20 years old and needed replacing.

"We take pride in our facility," Lyons said. "We want to be part of the community. When people drive by they can see that it complements our store."

By August 1998, Volco has stores in Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding and Burley and employs 115 full- and part-time workers.

The new company will keep all current employees, said Mike Rinard, company president.

Franklin operates stores in Boise, Caldwell, McCall, Bellevue, Fruitland, Elko, Nev., and Winnemucca. New. All the stores' improvements could bring more business off exit 208.

"People are now more interested in shopping in Burley," Christenson said.

Given up for dead, man never lost will to live.

SOLIDOTNA, Alaska (AP) — Anton Sanarov knew help was out there, tantalizingly close all night, as he watched the glow of floodlights or flares shining through the wood and fiberglass hull of his overturned 37-foot fishing boat, the Karkaz.

"We see lights all time," Sanarov said in a thick Russian accent. "We just sat there and looked at the light."

Sanarov, 41, survived more than 24 hours wedged in a tiny air pocket next to his boat engine as cold winds out of the north buffeted his vessel Saturday night and Sunday. His brother, Fred, 35, didn't make it, dying sometime during the night.

For hours, the two men waited, watched and talked.

"We just sat and talked between us," Sanarov said. "What else can we do, tell me? We don't have much of a choice. All we did was ask each other, 'Are you OK?' and the answer was, 'OK.'"

As the hours went by, Sanarov said he fell into a shivering stupor. Sometimes he was awake, but much of the night was a blank, he said from his home near Homer. Three days after a dramatic rescue by the people of Port Graham and the U.S. Coast Guard, Sanarov said he was weak and tired, but otherwise healthy.

Sanarov is a year-round commercial fisherman who catches salmon in the summer, then halibut and black cod the rest of the year.

On Saturday afternoon, he and his brother had about 11,000 pounds of cod in the hold after 10 days at sea. The Karkaz can handle 15,000 pounds, he said. They, along with the fishing vessel Point Puchin in the southern tip of Kachemak Bay when they ran into trouble.

Freezing spray coated everything in ice, even the men, he said. They began taking on water at the rear of the boat, then they felt swirling needles that seemed to buffet the vessel from every direction, "like boiling soup," he said.

The winds and tides shoved them in ice, over the stern, he said. But when Sanarov turned the boat to motor it back out to sea, it listed to the side. "And poof, up went the vessel," he said. "It was just a matter of seconds."

With water gushing into the cabin, the two men struggled into their survival suits and chucked the last pocket of air. They clung up through floor hatches that had fallen open into the

engine compartment. Sanarov had to shut off the engine.

A Coast Guard helicopter, which was launched amid 70-knot gusts from Kodiak, circled the boat looking for survivors almost an hour and 15 minutes after the first distress call at 4:35 p.m. Its crew saw none. By 8 p.m., the 110-foot cutter Roanoke arrived, but struggled under the same bitterly cold winds and high seas.

The crew of the Arizona towed the Karkaz to a sandy beach at high tide. Residents of Port Graham aboard a skiff tapped on the overturned hull at about 11 a.m. Sunday and said they heard tapping from inside.

About noon, divers from the Alaska Air National Guard in Anchorage found Fred Sanarov's body, but he had blocked access to the tiny engine compartment and they never even saw Anton Sanarov, according to the Coast Guard. The divers, feeling the effects of hypothermia, left the water, leaving Fred Sanarov by himself.

Then, 24 hours after the first distress call, rescuers from the village of Port Graham again heard undeniable knocking from the hull. They quickly fired up a chain saw and a cordless circular saw to hack out a hole big enough to wrench Sanarov from the beached boat.

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'Faces of America' at CSI

• Tonight: The College of Southern Idaho Student Senate will host "Faces of America," a one-person show by Fran de Leon, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$3 for the public, are available at the door. CSI students get in free.

Rep presents 'Seduced'

• Tonight, Saturday and Sunday: The Sun Valley Repertory Company and Jonathan Kane will present Sam Shepard's "Seduced," 8 p.m., newStage Theater, Ketchum. Tickets, which are \$15 and \$20, are available at Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum, or at the door.

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Top 10 direct-to-vid movie stars

Movies too awful to be shown in theaters go directly to video. It takes a special breed of actor to carry them off:

1. **Jennifer "Don't Call Me Meg" Tilly:** The actress with that distinctive voice always winds up playing the ditz who's brainier than the men in her life suspect.
2. **Maxwell Caulfield: Michele Pfister** survived "Grease 2." Maxwell didn't, and he's now bumping and grinding in unrated flicks.
3. **Tia Carrere:** After "Wayne's World" debuted, everyone was talking about that beautiful actress they'd never seen. And then they shut up.
4. **Traci Lords:** Former porn star tries to go legit. Hey, she's better than Marilyn Chambers.
5. **Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen:** They've built an empire with their adventure tapes in the direct-to-vid market. They're easy to pick on, but remember — they make more money than you.
6. **Dolph "Don't Call Me He-Man" Lundgren:** He's big, blond and imposing. The Schwarzenegger of the direct-to-vid world.
7. **Fred "The Hammer" Williamson:** The former football player played long and hard in '70s exploitation flicks; now he not only stars in but directs many action vids.
8. **Linda Blair:** There are worse things than upchucking pea soup. Watching most of her videos is one of them.
9. **Lance Henriksen:** Does this man ever sleep? A TV series certainly hasn't slowed him down. He's more prolific than Stephen King.
10. **Gary Bussey:** Need a psycho? A burnt-out cop? Here's your man. — *Contra Costa, Calif., Times*

Editor's Note: 1999 is a year of summing up, so every Friday we'll present a list of the best or worst in arts and entertainment. Send suggestions to:
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Gotta dance



Dancers Sarah DeLoren, left, Deanne Hampelman, Callie Blackwood, rear, Ashley Borron, Vienna Bostock, and Brookney Borron practice at the Lori Head School of Dance in Twin Falls for the Idaho Dance Arts Alliance presentation Freeze Frame. The IDAA fund-raiser starts at 7 p.m. Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium.

Young dancers perform to raise scholarship money

By Rachel Denney
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Dancers who would otherwise be rivals will come together Saturday for a good cause.

The Idaho Dance Arts Alliance will hold its 23rd annual scholarship fund-raiser Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.

All proceeds from the performance will go towards the IDAA summer dance workshop scholarship fund. "This promotes unity between the dance studios and the students that are brought from the different dance studios," said Julie Goodfellow, a Burley dance teacher and the producer of Saturday's event. "They get to know the other kids. It just promotes a good feeling between dancers who often feel a rivalry at other events. This gives them chance to perform together without feeling that competitive spirit."

CSI will match the funds the dancers raise up to a certain point, CSI liaison Bill Lehman said. More than 200 youngsters from the Magic and Wood River valleys will perform — all of them being

All together now ...

- What: The Idaho Dance Arts Alliance will present "Freeze Frame," its annual scholarship show.
- Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.
- When: Saturday, 7 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$5 for adults, \$2 for students and senior citizens and \$12 for families, are available at On Stage in Twin Falls, Dance Additions in Burley, and at the door.

at the intermediate or advanced level in their type of dance.

"Each of these students that the teachers bring are the best students," Goodfellow said. "They are advanced, so you're seeing the cream of the crop."

And not only will they be the best students, but there will also be a lot of variety. "There will be every type of dance form," Goodfellow said. "Ballet Pointe, jazz, lyrical, tap, modern and character. It's a fast-paced show. We get them on and off."

This event gives the young dancer of south-central Idaho something to look forward to and a place to show off their talent.

"We have very few venues to be able to put those kids' talent in front of the public," Goodfellow said. "This just gives them another opportunity to be able to perform for the public."

"That's good, because local folks are supportive of dance, she said.

"We have a lot of interest in the dance arts in our area. I judge dance competitions across the Western U.S. and we have as good a talent here as anywhere that I've seen."

Dance studios participating are Julie's Danceworks, Dance With Shari, Julie's Jazzworks, Nielsen's School of Dance, Mauldin's Dance Academy, 5-6-7-8 Dance, Professional School of Classical Ballet, Footlight Dance Centre, Center Stage Studios of Dance, Lori Head School of Dance and Julie's Jazzworks.

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'Twin Falls, Idaho' Coming to theaters near you

The Associated Press
and The Times-News

SALT LAKE CITY — The makers of "Twin Falls, Idaho" — the quirky indie film about Siamese twins who fall in love with a hooker — may have come to the Sundance Film Festival last month looking for a distributor.

But they struck gold. Sony Pictures Classics paid director Michael Polish "in the low six figures" for the rights to the movie. The Associated Press reported this week.

Although that's not blockbuster money by Sundance standards, it's significant. Sony purchased "American Movie," a much-berated documentary that was one of most-praised films at the festival, for \$500,000.

For Polish and his identical twin brother, Mark, who co-wrote the screenplay, the Sony deal will put "Twin Falls, Idaho" into cineplexes nationwide.

The movie has little to do with Idaho. It's the story of conjoined twins twins who live in a seedy hotel on New York City's Idaho Avenue.

They fall in love with a prostitute, and that relationship threatens their own.

It's the first film for the Polish brothers, who also play the twins. The Sundance Film Festival, organized by Robert Redford in 1981, has become the world's most important marketplace for independent movies, producing "sex, lies and videotape," "Reservoir Dogs," "Slacker" and "Blood Simple," among others.

The 11-day festival can make — or sorely disappoint — young indie filmmakers who have staked their last dimes to come to Utah.

About 7,000 visitors descend on Salt Lake City and nearby Park City each January with cell phones and checkbooks in hand. It's a necessary stop on the acquisitions circuit for all the smaller film companies.

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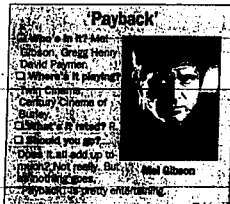
By Robert W. Butler
Knight Ridder News Service

Porter (Mel Gibson), the grim protagonist of "Payback," moves through a gun-barrel-blue world of claustrophobic streets and seedy apartments with just one thing on his mind: \$79,000.

This sum represents Porter's half of a bet that ended with his being left for dead by his partner, the cowardly sadist Val (Gregg Henry). Val needs all their cash to buy himself a position with "the syndicate."

Now, after months of secluded recuperation, Porter is back from the grave and after his money. First he'll put the squeeze on Val, and if that doesn't work, he'll move murderously up the mob's food chain until somebody coughs up \$79,000. Not one penny more. Not one penny less.

It's the principle of the thing. "Payback," the directing debut of screenwriter Brian Helgeland ("L.A. Confidential") is a stylish exercise in cool minimalism that's as diverting as it is empty of real content. It's based on Richard Stark's novel "The Hunter,"



which was also the source for the 1967 Lee Marvin hit "Point Blank."

Back then an utterly amoral antihero was a novelty. In these post-Tarantino times, it's practically a cliché. What "Payback" has going for it is a nifty visual style that unfolds in a dark, generic '70s metropolis (rotary phones, references to President Nixon and "Peter Gunn"-type music), several nicely staged action scenes and a cast of pros who deliver just enough dour humor to keep things from bogging down in a morass of nihilism.

Boston Brass plays CSI next week

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS Once described as the musical acrobats of the symphony orchestra, the Boston Brass will travel to Twin Falls next week.

Winners of the 1992 International Brass Quintet Competition in Narbonne, France, the Boston Brass offers virtuoso arrangements of music from Baroque, opera, pop and jazz.

Artists-in-residence at Boston College, the Boston Brass has performed at the Great Woods Center for the Performing Arts, the Newport Music Festival and the Nantucket Arts Society Concert Series, among other places. The quintet has performed with the Philadelphia Singers, the Tucson Boys Choir and the New England Treble Choir and has opened for such performers as the Canadian Brass and Marvin Hamlisch.

Members of the Boston Brass are Richard Kelley, trumpeter; Jeff Connor, trumpeter; Ed Clough, trombone; J. D. Shaw, horn; and Randy Montgomery, tuba.

The group's latest recordings are "Young Fogies," a jazz and Big Band compilation, and "Stealing the Show," featuring



Clough photo

the quintet's personal arrangements of overtures and arias.

The Boston Brass has won awards at the Yellow Springs National Chamber Music Competition and at the Raphael Mendez International Brass Quintet Competition. Community Concerts' final two performances of the season will

be in the Jerome High School Auditorium.

On March 6, cellist Zvi Plessner will play. A celebrated chamber musician, he has performed throughout North America, Europe and his native Israel.

Balladeer Sally Rogers will sing on April 9. Rogers performs traditional, contemporary and

original ballads and songs interwoven with stories from her life. She accompanies herself on guitar and Appalachian dulcimer or performs without accompaniment.

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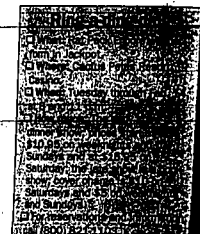
Rat Pack Encore comes to Jackpot

The Times-News

JACKPOT - Rat Pack Encore, a tribute to musical legends Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. and Dean Martin, will take center stage at Caesars Petes Resort Casino next week.

Michael B. Levin has been playing Sinatra for more than five years. He is an impressionist who does more than 25 different singing voices. Songs in his Sinatra repertoire include "Fly Me to the Moon," "We Got the World on a String" and "You Make Me Feel So Young." Levin is currently on Nickelodeon's "Hey Arnold."

Doug Starks has always included Sammy Davis Jr. in his stand-up act. He is an accomplished tap dancer and has opened for Julie Iglesias, Whitney Houston and the Four Tops. He sings "Candy Man," "Bojangles" and "I Gotta Be Me" among other numbers. Robert Enslar has performed as



Dean Martin in a number of costumes. In this show, he also acts as straight man for Sammy and Frank. Among the songs in his repertoire are "Everybody Loves Somebody," "You're Nobody 'Til Somebody Loves You" and "Lad is a Tramp," with parody lyrics.

Events

Continued from C1.

Herman's Hermits In Jackpot

Tonight, Saturday and Sunday: Herman's Hermits will perform at an 8 p.m. dinner show and an 11 p.m. cocktail show, Caesars Petes Resort Casino, Jackpot. Dinner show prices start at \$15.95 on Saturday and at \$10.95 tonight and Sunday, there's a \$10 cover charge for the cocktail show and \$7.50 tonight and Sunday. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

Desert Rain plays Burley

Tonight: Desert Rain will play classic country, rock and roll, and blues from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave., Burley.

Karaoke in Burley

Tonight: Jeff and Sue's Dynamite Entertainment (DJ and karaoke) will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at Cheers on Old Highway 30, Burley.

DAV dance tonight

Tonight: The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a public dance at 8:30 p.m. at the DAV Hall on Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue, Twin Falls. Archie Turner will provide the music.

Shenanigans at The Oasis

Tonight: Jaime Thietten and the Shenanigans will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis, 1007

Blues Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls

Karaoke at Cavanaugh's
Tonight: Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today at Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs Inn, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.

DJ weekend at Boot Scooters

Tonight and Saturday: An all-DJ weekend is on tap at Boot Scooters, 1539 Fillmore St. N., Twin Falls. Doors open at 7 p.m. Cover charge is \$4. Must be 21 and have valid ID.

More karaoke in Burley

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

Cobalt Blue plays Honkers

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.

Sceptor in South Park

Tonight and Saturday: Sceptor will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Hot Rocks, 170 S. Park, 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

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

Bob Nora Band at Sax

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

Bam dance at Spanbauer's

Saturday: Dusty and the Nomads will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at Spanbauer's Barn, east of Jerome off U.S. Highway 93. Cover charge is \$5. Call 324-7366.

Hired Guns at Iron Horse

Saturday: Hired Guns will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday at the Iron Horse Saloon, Shoshone.

'Best Man' screens Sunday

Sunday: "The Best Man," the fourth installment in the Foreign Film Festival, will be screened at 1 p.m. at The Orpheum, 146 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$7 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens, are available at the door.

Recording session planned

Sunday: Desert Rain will record a variety of their original

music at a live recording session at 2 p.m. at Dapper Dan's, 112 Broadway Ave. S., Buhl. Featured will be original country, rock and blues songs. Other music will be played after the recording session.

Sunday night rock

Sunday: Storm Cro will play from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday at Sax on Second, 149 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Every Friday, "What's Goin' On" lists arts and entertainment events throughout south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Ramona Jones, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, fax it to 734-5538, or phone her at 733-0931, Ext. 266. Deadline is noon Wednesdays.

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Movies playing in south-central Idaho this weekend. Opinions are by Los Angeles Times and Knight Ridder Newspapers reviewers.

• **"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 starry-eyed, empty-headed romantic melodrama, starring Val Kilmer as a masseuse who undergoes the operation at the behest of his lover, Mira Sorvino. Rated PG-13; sexual situations, language.

• **"The Best Man"** — As untold millions of women before her — and since — the ravishingly beautiful Ines Sastre is all set to marry a man (Dario Cantarelli) who is not love for financial security. If 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 town of Italian ruins of Sasso. Sastre balks and balks again. Then while reciting her marriage vows, her gaze falls on a handsome stranger (Diego Abatantuono). It's love at first sight. Rated PG.

• **"A Bug's Life"** — If you've seen one computer-animated bug movie, how do you not see this? There are obvious similarities between "A Bug's Life" and "Antz," both of which have a downbeat insect trying to save his colony from extinction. But this film is sunnier, more kid-friendly and altogether more fun than the one interpreted as safe and formulaic. Rated PG; some scary bug fights.

• **"The Celebration"** — Director Per Arne Remmen's Vinterberg stages a 60th-birthday party for a patriarch whose family uses the occasion to spill some shocking secrets in Danish and English. (R for strong sexual content and language, including references to sexual abuse).

• **"A Civil Action"** — Writer-director Steven Zaillian's version of the nonfiction bestseller about a lawsuit filed against chemical dumping by bereaved, blue-collar parents contacts you in the year's best filmmaking but is hamstrung by two problems. Star John Travolta is not the right actor for the role of the parents' attorney, and the reality of the legal situation does not fit comfortably into movie norms. (PG-13)

• **"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, blood, betrayals and power grabs, it has a dramatic urgency uncommon to costume dramas. Director Shekhar Kapur appears to have read "The Godfather" as a model; religious symbolism abounds, and the casting (Geoffrey Rush, Sir Richard Attenborough, Fanny Ardant and Christopher Eccleston) is impeccably offbeat. Rated R; violence, sexual situations.

• **"Enemy of the State"** — A solid and satirical commercial venture about an lone citizen on the run from an all-powerful government agency that will solidify Will Smith's position as the hottest actor in Hollywood. Strong supporting performances



Scene from 'Simply Irresistible.'

by, among others, Gene Hackman and Jon Voight and solid direction from Tony Scott. (R for language and violence).

• **"Jack Frost"** — Michael Keaton plays a dead dad who returns from the grave as an animated snowman in a holiday offering as he tries to win his hokey. Sure, like most snowmen the story turns to mush at the end, but you'd have to be a little frosty yourself not to be taken in by its charms. Rated PG; mildly inappropriate asides.

• **"Mighty Joe Young"** — The big ape goes on a visit to a remake of the 1949 adventure spectacle, but who can blame him? He's stuck in an overused kids movie that forces him to just another computer-generated effect. In this PC update, the giant gorilla is brought to America not to exploit him, but to save him from poachers. No one can save him from a bad script. Rated PG; violence.

• **"Patch Adams"** — Robin Williams is at his most cuddly and cloying as an unconventional medical student whose philosophy of treating the patient, not the disease, gets him in hot water with school administrators. Rated PG-13; mild profanity.

• **"Revelations"** — Mel Gibson is relentless in his pursuit of the man who stole his money and left him for dead. First-time director Brian Koppelman wrote "Conspiracy Theory" and co-wrote "L.A. Confidential." (R for strong violence, language, and drug and sexual content).

• **"The Prince of Egypt"** — Three-D animation and a Broadway-style score are used to retell the story of Moses. (the voice of Val Kilmer) and how he led the Hebrews out of bondage. But while many scenes — including a chilling first Passover — have been borrowed from "The Ten Commandments," this is more spectacle than spiritual, with stunning action scenes but little religious content. Voice talent includes Ralph Fiennes, Steve Martin and Michelle Pfeiffer; songs are by Stephen Schwartz. Rated PG; some disturbing imagery.

• **"The Rugrats Movie"** — While it will be best enjoyed by viewers younger than six, this feature-length version of the popular children's TV show is not without its broader charms. Rated G; dirty diapers, sloppy eating.

• **"Saving Private Ryan"** —

What's Playing

- "She's All That," Century Cinema
- "At First Sight," Real Theater
- "The Best Man," The Orpheum (Sunday afternoon only)
- "A Bug's Life," Twin Cinema
- "The Celebration," The Orpheum (Wednesday night only)
- "A Civil Action," Twin Cinema
- "Enemy of the State," Twin Cinema
- "Elizabeth," Magic Lantern
- "Patch Adams," Sun Valley Opera House
- "Prince of Egypt," Liberty Theater
- "Shakespeare in Love," SkitTime Cinemas
- "She's All That," Magic Lantern
- "The Thin Red Line," SkitTime Cinemas
- "Varsity Blues," Magic Lantern
- "Varsity Blues," Magic Lantern
- "Waking Ned Devine," Magic Lantern
- "You've Got Mail," Liberty Theater
- "Patch Adams," Jerome Cinema
- "Patch Adams," Jerome Cinema
- "She's All That," Jerome Cinema
- "Varsity Blues," Jerome Cinema
- "You've Got Mail," Gooding Cinema

Whether or not this riveting, relevant drama is the best war movie ever made is almost beside the point; its depiction of the D-Day invasion at Omaha Beach is the most realistic, and graphic, ever committed to film. If you can survive it, you join a mission headed by citizen soldier, played brilliantly and quietly by Tom Hanks, sent to retrieve the sole surviving son (Matt Damon) of an mother who has lost three other sons to the war. Director Steven Spielberg has fashioned this film as an emotional odyssey, and it works at every level: philosophical, metaphorical and physical. Rated R; extremely graphic war violence, language.

• **"Shakespeare in Love"** — This endlessly clever romantic comedy manages to at once take the stuffing out of Shakespeare, played as a sensitive young swain by Joseph Fiennes, and champion his timeless brilliance. Inspired in equal parts by his hopeless love for a wealthy beauty (a radiant Gwyneth Paltrow), his competition with Christopher Marlowe (Rupert Everett) and his empty pockets, he chums up pages of what will become "Romeo and Juliet" while unconsciously sowing the comic seeds of "Twelfth Night." Rated R; nudity, sexual situations.

• **"She's All That"** — This teen comedy as zings finds a big man on campus (Freddie Prinze Jr.) accepting a bet that he can transform a nerdy classmate (Rachel McAdams) into a princess in time for the senior prom. Its makers bring surprising depth and comment to a classic plot. (PG-13 for sexual content, crude humor, brief strong language and teen drinking.)

• **"Simply Irresistible"** — Manhattan chef Sarah Michelle Gellar uses her mysteriously potent cooking to conjure romance with executive Sean Patrick Flannery.

• **"Stepmom"** — The holidays are the time to sit back and be manipulated by modernists like this comforting counseling session from family values specialist Chris Columbus ("Mrs. Doubtfire"). Resentful Susan Sarandon is forced to accept her ex-husband's beautiful new flame (Julia Roberts) and the fact that her kids will need a competent stepparent because Sarandon has developed cancer. Despite the appeal of the players, the film is as disposable as the Kleenex you should be sure to bring along. Rated PG-13; language.

• **"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 tickle audiences who prefer to see people slip on bodily fluids instead of banana peels. Ben Stiller mopes amusingly 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. Rated R; language, comic violence, pervasive grossness.

• **"The Thin Red Line"** — Terrence Malick's extremely loose adaptation of James Jones'

novel about the battle for Guadalcanal is not the usual character portrait in courage, but a piece of abstract impressionism. Viewers may find it obscure or pretentious, but its artistry is undeniable. The large cast is composed almost equally of fresh faces and movie stars (Nick Nolte, John Cusack, Sean Penn), but the actors are secondary to the philosophical-meditation nature and war, expressed both visually and in extensive voice-over narration. Rated R; violence.

• **"Varsity Blues"** — "Dawson's Creek" heartthrob James Van Der Beek plays a high school quarterback pitted against Jon Voight's fanatical coach. What could have been a "Hoosiers"-like study of small-town America's obsession with high school sports turns into the kind of party-hardy melodrama you'd expect from a movie that is produced by MTV. Rated R; profanity, nudity.

• **"Virus"** — Jamie Lee Curtis battles half-robot/half human life forms on a Russian ghost ship. Though adept at creating the robot baddies, director John Bruno, a protégé of James Cameron ("Titanic"), abandons ship when it comes to creating an even remotely believable story.

Rated R; profanity, goney language.

• **"Waking Ned Devine"** — An enchanting comedy about an Irish village (led by Ian Bannen and David Kelly) that tries to claim the winning lottery ticket of one of its dead residents. As poignant as it is funny, this delightfully tall tale might restore your faith in movies, or at least dark comedies, which don't always have to be nasty. Rated PG; naked old man; Irish cursing.

• **"The Waterboy"** — As a slim-witted waterboy with a talent for lacking, Adam Sandler delivers consistent laughs even after the one-joke premise wears out its welcome. Rated PG-13; profanity. Hairy Winkler's bum.

• **"You've Got Mail"** — Director Nora Ephron reunites "Sleepless in Seattle" costars Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan in this update of the classic "The Shop Around the Corner," turning the lonely hearts pen pals into anonymous E-mail correspondents. Hanks is the owner of a Borders-like chain that threatens to put "Roses in Seattle" out of business. Even though the components seem pre-assembled, there's enough soul in the machine to keep it humming. Rated PG; language.

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AT THE VIDEO COUNTER

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New videos in Twin Falls area stores this week:

• "There's Something About Mary" (R) — The nerve of some people. The makers of this film, for example, believe it is enough for a comedy to be funny.

It follows from the crush a high school nerd develops for a high school dish. When he takes her to the prom, terrible events take place, mainly he gets his "thumb" caught in his zipper.

Years later, the young man, Ted (played by Ben Stiller), hires a private investigator, Pat (played by Matt Dillon), to find the "girl" Mary (played by Cameron Diaz). Also, the private investigator falls in love with Mary, and she seeks to take her for herself. In fact, she seems to inspire stalkers, several others show up and pitch woo her direction, like Penelope's suitors.

No doubt, Diaz is the best member of the cast, the rest of whom, all male, are asked to act as if compassion, fair play, brotherhood and humane love had no place in the universe in their quest to win the hand of Mary, now a Miami surgeon.

It should come as no surprise to anyone that this movie is directed by the Farrelly brothers, Peter and Bobby, who once did a film called "Dumb and Dumber." This one is dumbest.

• "Mulan" (G) — Memo to the gang at Walt Disney animation: Your formula is showing.

It's a fine formula, and as displayed in Disney's "Mulan," the latest in the self-replenishing studio of animated features from the studio, it produces a number of sure-fire sentimental moments. But formula can be pushed too hard, serving as a crutch as well as a comfort. "Mulan" has its accomplishments, but unlike the best of Disney's output, it comes off as more manufactured than magical.

Disney has literally scoured the globe for different cultures to admire — only the wonderfully naive horse culture of the Breese Edna of Snorri Sturluson has unaccountably been ignored. "Mulan," based on a popular Chinese legend, is set more than 2,000 years ago in a China that has built the Great Wall as security against Hun incursions.

No, we, however impressive, can keep out the fierce Shan-Yu (voiced by Miguel Ferrer), the Hun leader with gimlet eyes and a body like the incredible Hulk. Reacting to the invasion, the kindly emperor (Pat Morita) thinks first of protecting his peo-



Scene from 'Something About Mary.'

ple. But he does send the officious Chi Fu (James Hong) to round up new recruits. "A single grain of rice can tip the scale. One man may be the difference between victory and defeat," the ruler says, which is why he's emperor and we're not.

Meanwhile, somewhere in the heart of China, a young woman named Mulan (Ming-Na Wen) is having her own kind of problems. The despair of her traditional parents, Mulan is a brainy tomboy who's afraid of speaking her mind yet worries about not being appreciated. "When," she asks, "will my reflection show who I am inside?"

Mulan's real difficulty, of course, is that she is a completely modern young woman, a Valley girl who's been trapped with typical Disney awkwardness in a patriarchal civilization where marrying well is the only way for a woman to bring honor to her family.

It's at this point that the war comes to Mulan's village. The emperor has decreed that one man from each family will be drafted, and anxious to prevent the sure death of her infirm father, Mulan cuts off her hair (a homage to "G.I. Jane"?) and joins up in his place.

The loutish men who are Mulan's comrades-in-arms are not so sure about this slender new youth at first. But under the command of a handsome young captain named Shang (B.D. Wong), Mulan becomes enough of a warrior to prove, to the surprise of no-

one in the audience, that the best man for even a military job can be a woman.

The simplicity of this story line (dressed up with impressive computer-animated Hun hordes) is not without its appeal. As a vivacious rebel who has to be true to herself no matter what, Mulan is an excellent heroine, perfect for the young-female-demographic the studio is most anxious to attract. And this resourceful, can-do young woman is a more likable-and-resourceful-role-model than Pocahontas was.

While an independent, not completely boy-crazy heroine is somewhat new for Disney, what finally undoes "Mulan" directed by Barry Cook and Tony Bancroft, are those standard elements that have not been re-generated. The by-now-standard hip-patter (prepare for jokes about cross-dressing) is so tepid that not even five credited writers can revive it, and the songs by Matthew Wilder and David Zippel (with Lea Salonga, and Donny Osmond singing for the leads) lack the spark that Zippel's lyrics brought to the underappreciated "Hercules."

On a visual level, there's too much familiar shtick as well, including excessive use of the oldest of animation cliches, like the people's backsides catching on the leuds) lack the spark that Zippel's lyrics brought to the underappreciated "Hercules."

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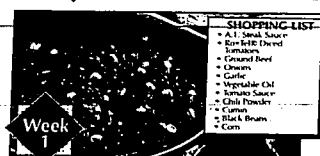


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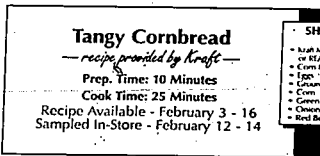


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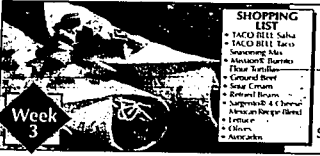
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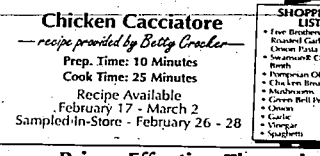
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ARTS
IN BRIEF

The Times-News

Corner Lounge features Karaoke on Monday

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

Karaoke runs on tap at Klover Klub

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

Echos will play at Sax on Second Tuesday

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

Riverside Bar lines up Karaoke next week

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 hosts Karaoke night on Wednesday

BURLEY — Full Moon Music Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesday at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave.

Bob Nora Band plays for Ladies Night at Sax

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.

Valentines for Valerie
Valerie Owens needs your help. She is a three year old toddler who is in need of a Brain Pacemaker. We will be holding a Fund Raiser at the Magic Valley Mall on February 13th & 14th.

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Betty McDougal at 208-934-4961
Sue Owens at 208-436-0799

ARTS IN BRIEF

The Times-News



Insyderz headline

at CSI Tuesday night
TWIN FALLS — Five Christian rock groups will play the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium Tuesday night.

The headline act is The Insyderz, a Detroit-based ska band, that recently released a new album, "Fight of My Life." The sextet tours extensively, playing up to 150 dates a year.

Opening for The Insyderz are Bleach, Squad Five-O, K2S and the Deluxetone Rocketts. The show starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8 in advance, are available at The Music Exchange and the CSI Bookstore. They'll be \$10 at the door.

CSI senate will host 'Faces of America'

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

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 of interviews with high school and college-aged populations.

The show starts at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center auditorium. Tickets, which are \$3 for the public, are available at the door. CSI students get in free.

Bill Raymond stars in 'Seduced' in Ketchum

KETCHUM — Obie-winning actor Bill Raymond will headline a production of Sam Shepard's "Seduced" here tonight, Saturday and Sunday.

Shepard's comedy imagines a very different sunset for rock's sive billionaire Howard Hughes, who died in 1978.

Raymond co-stars with Pamela Sue Martin, of TV's "Dynasty," and Danielle Kennedy in the Sun Valley Repertory Company production.

Tickets, which are \$15 and \$30, are available at Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum and at the door. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

TF Music Club presents sacred music program

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Music Club will present a program of sacred American music at noon Monday at the First Presbyterian Church.

Performing will be Carol Barsness, Roger Vincent, George Halseil, Kristin Neibling and JoAnn Gerrish.

A luncheon, costing \$6.50, will be served. Call JoAnn Gerrish at 326-5365 for reservations and for baby-sitting.

The February meeting is traditionally a time for remembering the founders of the club. Past presidents attending the luncheon will be recognized, and also deceased members, Laverne Koutnik and Juliette Slaughter.

Members and guests may purchase raffle tickets for the National Federation of Music Clubs centennial quilt. Cost is \$2 each or three tickets for \$5.

The public is invited to attend. The church is located at 209 Fifth Ave. N.

TFHS Winter Chorale Concert is on Tuesday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Music Department will present its Winter Chorale Concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the John W. Roper Fine Arts Auditorium. Directors are Richard Smack and Dennis Bera.

The Girls Choir will perform "Come Sing This Round With Me," "My True Love Has My Heart" and other numbers. Accompanists are Amy Chandler and Anna Stephenson.

The Concert Choir will sing "Say, Love" and "In Winter" among other selections. Jason Gunnell, Evan Allan and Alison Homan are the accompanists.

The Chamber Singers will perform "Who Is At My Window, Who?" "Steal Away To Heaven" and other selections. Rachel Williams is the soloist and Jodi Traveller is the accompanist.

Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and students. Activity cards will be accepted.

Steve Martin comedy takes center stage

KETCHUM — The New Theater Company will present Steve Martin's comedy "Pleasea at the Lavin Apple" here Feb. 26-28 and again Feb. 24-26.

The long-running off-Broadway absurdist comedy places Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso in a Parisian cafe in 1904, just before the renowned scientist transformed physics with his theory of relativity and the celebrated painter set the art world afire with cubism.

Tickets, which are \$15, are available at Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum and Read All About it in Hailey. Curtain time is 8 p.m. nightly at the message theater.

CSI presents David Ives in 'All in the Timing'

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present David Ives' "All in the Timing" here this month. The show is scheduled for Feb. 24-27 and again March 3-6 in Room 1124 of the Fine Arts Center.

Tickets, which are \$8, are on sale through the Fine Arts Box office from 11 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. They're \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students, and may be reserved by phoning 733-9534, Ext. 2625. Curtain time is 8 p.m. nightly.

Little Theater elected new board of directors

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Little Theater recently elected a new board of directors and members at its annual meeting.

The board for the 1999 season includes Liz Lee, president; Darlene Kirsch, vice president; Linda Fix, secretary-treasurer; and Carol Dowd, business manager. Board members are Lori Henson, Stacey Uhley, Woody Williamson, Marissa Eastman, Teri Devey and Shirley Lee. Other members are Helen Lee, Troy Hanson, Kay Riedl and Pam Bowd. Upcoming shows will be announced at a later date. If any questions, call Liz Lee at 733-1792.

MV Chorale will hold solo tryouts for concert

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Chorale solo tryouts for the spring concert featuring "Healings Requiem" will be held at 3 p.m. Feb. 28 in the Fine Arts Auditorium at the College of Southern Idaho. Solo voices needed are soprano and baritone.

For more information, call Carson Wong at 733-9554, Ext. 2558.

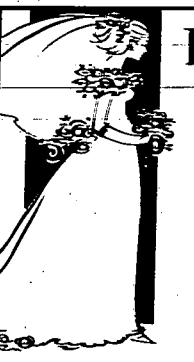
'The Celebration' hits The Orpheum Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — "The Celebration," the fifth and final installment in the Foreign Film Series, will be screened Wednesday.

Directed by Thomas Vinterberg, the Danish film won the Special Jury Prize at last year's Cannes Film Festival.

It's scheduled for Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at The Orpheum, 146 Main Ave. N. An encore showing is planned for Feb. 14 at 1 p.m.

A second showing of Pupi Avati's "The Best Man" is scheduled for Sunday at 3 p.m. at The Orpheum.



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BACKBEAT

Semisonic's power-pop is just getting started

The Dallas Morning News

Semisonic leader Dan Wilson isn't psychic, but he can predict what his fans' e-mail is going to say even before he reads it.

"The line all the e-mailers mention is, 'Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end,'" the singer says, referring to the lyric at the center of Semisonic's big hit, "Closing Time."

"I was trying to write a song we could play at the end of the show every week night with. But when I wrote that line down, I started smiling at myself and thinking, 'Oh, man, I'd love to have people quote that in their high school yearbook.'"

"Thanks to 'Closing Time' — a timeless ballad about what folks in a bar are saying and thinking after 'last call' — the Minneapolis-based Semisonic has jumped from power-pop cult-band status to getting played on Top 40 stations alongside Hootie, Match and Alanis.

But for Wilson and bassist/vocalist John Munson, "every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end" isn't just a songbook. It's a summary of their lives as musicians.

The pair came to semi-fame in the late '80s as one half of Trip Shakespear, a Minneapolis quartet that seemed destined to follow the same path as esteemed



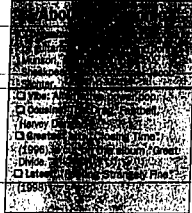
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Twin Cities rockers such as Husker Du, the Replacements and Soul Asylum.

But while such albums as "Applehead Man and Lady" created a minor stir in the Midwest, Trip Shakespear proved to be too arty and eccentric for radio programmers, and the group dis-

banding in 1991 after being dropped by A&M Records.

Two years later, Wilson and Munson recruited computer programmer-turned-drummer Jacob Slichter and former Semisonic, which released its debut album, "Great Divide," in 1996. Thanks to the massive airplay given to



"Closing Time," 1998's "Feeling Strangely Fine" has sold nearly a million copies.

According to Wilson, one major difference between Semisonic and Trip Shakespear is that he's a less esoteric songwriter than his brother Matt, who penned most of Trip's songs.

"I think my songs are a lot more simple and direct and almost haiku-like. ... I was always the guy who listened to the radio all the time and would come up with very more hooky songs than Trip Shakespear allowed for," he says. "I wanted to make big, slubby-ham-shank guitar riffs, but Trip Shakespear was more about intertwining lines and guitar counterpoints and songs with all these Dylanesque characters."

HIGH 5

The Associated Press

Songs

1. "...Baby One More Time," Briny Spears, Jive. (Platinum)
2. "Angel of Mine," Monica, Arista
3. "Have You Ever?," Brandy, Atlantic.
4. "Nobody's Supposed to Be Here," Deborah Cox, Arista. (Platinum)
5. "All I Have to Give," Backstreet Boys, Jive. (From Billboard magazine)

Albums

1. "Made Man," Silk The Shooter, No Limit
2. "Live at Luther College," Dave Matthews/Tim Reynolds, Bama Rags.
3. "...Baby One More Time," Briny Spears, Jive.
4. "Americana," The Offspring, Columbia. (Platinum)

5. "N Sync," "N Sync. RCA. (Platinum)

(From Billboard magazine)

TV

1. "Super Bowl XXXIII: Denver vs. Atlanta," Fox
2. "FOX Super Bowl XXXIII Postgame," Fox
3. "FOX Super Bowl Kickoff," Fox
4. "FOX Super Bowl Postgame," Fox
5. "Friends," NBC. (From Nielsen Media Research)

Films

1. "She's All That," Miramax
2. "Patch Adams," Universal
3. "Varsity Blues," Paramount
4. "A Civil Action," Disney
5. "Shakespeare in Love," Miramax. (From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

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SPORTS

SLOC

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I didn't see it and I don't know of anyone else who did, he said. Leavitt dismissed allegations to the contrary by Tom Welch, the former bid committee president who has been blamed for the...

Leavitt said.
Garr and Leavitt declined to say whether board members who also were on the bid committee will remain on SLOC.
We'll have to see if any of those people are implicated, Garr said. We will review those facts and then take decisive action.
Leavitt also declined to say...

NBA

Continued from D1
offensively busy opening night. But busy nights will be common in the NBA this season as teams squeeze all their games into just 13 weeks.

I think you will see a lot more intensity. The only problem I foresee is that if you have a major injury to one of your star players—if he misses a couple weeks—that's a lot of games," Bird said.

The Charlotte Hornets have already lost their two best players, Glen Rice and Anthony Mason, to injuries. Combined with the loss of centers Matt Geiger and Wade Davis and guard Dell Curry to free agency, the Hornets will have a tough time when they open at home against the Philadelphia...

In other games, it's Cleveland at Atlanta, Detroit at Miami, Toronto at Boston, New York at Orlando, Sacramento at San Antonio, Minnesota at Denver, Chicago at Utah, Dallas at Seattle, Phoenix at Los Angeles, and the Lakers and Phoenix at the Los Angeles Clippers.

I think it's important to start with a little more urgency and to start some early on. Phoenix Suns coach Danny Ainge said.

What remains to be seen is how

the fans will respond.
When the baseball strike ended in 1995, the backlash from the public was fierce.

Langtime fans stopped going to games, casual fans stopped watching on TV and a trio of New Yorkers even ran onto the field at Shea Stadium and threw 51 balls at the players, a la Abbie Hoffman's famous protest gimmick on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

No one is sure how many fans will manifest themselves in the NBA, but the league has been taking steps to mend fences with its paying customers.

If there's one factor that may draw them back more than anything else, it's the heightened competition that comes with every game meaning a little bit more of a chance.

I think the true NBA fans are going to be the ones who obviously were disappointed with the lockout but are just very happy that we're back to playing," Knicks coach Jeff Van Lier said. "What they want to see is good play, hard play, competitive play."

Elsewhere, it'll be a rematch of the NBA Finals, sort of, when the revamped Bulls travel to Utah to play the Jazz.

Chicago will be without several

whether restructuring of the board might mean ridding it of prominent businessmen who are doing business with SLOC.

Committee groups have demanded the resignations because of conflicts of interest, but SLOC's ethics policy has required only that those with conflicts dismiss themselves before any votes touching their businesses.

key members of its now-constructed dynasty, including Jordan, Dennis Pippin, Dennis Rodman, Luc Longley, Steve Kerr, Jud Buechler and Scott Burrell.

In a sign of how much things have changed since last June, this would-be marquee matchup will not even be shown on national television.

"It's just one of 50 games we've got to play well in to make a run at the playoffs," Karl Malone said. "Michael, Scottie and Dennis were the Bulls. It's not like that anymore."

The Jazz are widely being picked as the favorite to come out of the West, but the competition will be tougher now that Pippin has joined Hakeem Olajuwon and Charles Barkley in Houston.

The next 90 days, and hectic days they will be, will determine who makes the playoffs and tries to succeed in the playoffs.

The regular season may be tainted, but the playoffs will be the same. The only difference is that the postseason will start two weeks later than usual.

"If you do win a championship," Bird said. "I don't think anyone should put an asterisk on the side and say it wasn't a full season and Michael wasn't playing."

Team leaders deserve appreciation

My husband recently finished his first season as the varsity girls' basketball coach at Wendell High School.

It has, for the most part, been a wonderful experience for him, and from what I could see, the team seemed to enjoy a sense of camaraderie and mutual respect. I am very proud of him and of the girls for the ways in which they improved their basketball skills...

When I saw parents and other fans yelling at him, giving him dirty looks and overheard them talking about what a lousy coach—or person—he was, it broke my heart.

If they could have taken a look into our home at just one of the many times my little boy's cries of "Dada, play with me!" went unheeded because he was too stressed out from worrying if one of his parents was feeling hurt from not getting to start or play more, or if he was working them too hard, then maybe they would have felt differently.

I can count on one hand the number of times anybody came to him and said "thanks" or "good job." It has taught me to

READER COMMENT

Liz Pope

time to say two little words:

"Thank you."

I know that my husband cares for his players almost as much as their parents do and shares in their moments of elation as well as their times of frustration and disappointment.

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I can count on one hand the number of times anybody came to him and said "thanks" or "good job." It has taught me to

appreciate so much more those who are good people who are willing to swallow their pride or disappointment and put someone on the back.

As we have learned to appreciate my own past coaches and the coaches in our community who are wonderful people yet about whom no one ever seems to say a kind word.

I believe it is true that sports can bring out the best in us—or the worst in us. But I believe it is entirely up to each person which will bring out in himself or herself.

Shouldn't we try to be good examples of the values we want to pass on to our children? I want to thank the people who support the coaches in their communities. I know from experience that kind words and smiles can mean so much.

Thanks, Wendell Girls, for being wonderful! For caring so much about you. And thanks to those loyal people who offered support and encouragement. The world needs more people like you.

Liz Pope lives in Wendell.

Baseball

Table with columns for team names and game results. Includes Atlanta Braves, Boston Red Sox, Chicago Cubs, etc.

NBA Schedule

Table with columns for date, time, and game matchups. Includes games like Atlanta vs Detroit, Boston vs Miami, etc.

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Table listing golf scores for Public Beach Pro-Am. Includes names like Gary Adams, etc.

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Boxing

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FOCUS: IMPEACHMENT

Senate majority wants to end trial

By Eric Pianin and Edward Walsh The Washington Post

Analysis

What's next?

Here is what's ahead as the Senate continues to consider the case for removing William Jefferson Clinton from the presidency. Today, the Senate will be in recess. House Republicans and White House lawyers have three hours each to present and rebut evidence. Both sides are entitled to use videotaped excerpts of depositions by Monica Lewinsky, Vernon Jordan and Sidney Blumenthal. Tuesday — Depending on the outcome of the earlier vote, the Senate deliberates in public or in secret. Each senator is allowed up to 15 minutes to speak. The separate votes on the two articles of impeachment could occur Feb. 12 or earlier. The votes would be by roll-call—two-thirds or 67-of-the senators would have to vote guilty on at least one article to convict and remove the president from office.

Lewinsky, attorney Vernon E. Jordan Jr. and White House adviser Sidney Blumenthal that turned up nothing that would alter the course of the trial. Republicans have grown anxious to wrap things up. The strongest indication came in the flood of Republicans who joined the Democrats Thursday to deny the managers' request to summon Lewinsky to the Senate floor to testify about her relationship with Clinton and efforts to cover it up. The managers argued that it was crucial to their case for the senators to see Lewinsky in person to judge her credibility, but the Senate voted 70 to 30 to block her appearance. In a departure from the mostly party-line votes that characterized the first phase of the trial, 25 of the Senate's 55 Republicans voted with the Democrats. The defectors represented a regional and ideological mix, including southern conservatives like Strom Thurmond of South Carolina and Jeff Sessions of Alabama; New England moderates and conservatives such as Olympia Snowe of Maine and Judd Gregg of New Hampshire; and midwestern and western conservatives like Sam Brownback of Kansas and Robert F. Bennett of Utah. They also included some — though not all — of the GOP senators who face tough re-election challenges in two years: James M. Jeffords of

Vermont; Slade Gorton of Washington state; Sen. John E. Chafee of Rhode Island. "That was a significant vote," said Sen. John Braun, D-La. "Here was a star witness and the Senate decides we don't even want to call her. ... Everybody is looking for an exit door. The door is getting bigger." Republican defectors cited two main factors for their votes: a belief that Lewinsky's testimony would add nothing of importance to the trial, and a fear that the spectacle of a young woman being questioned in the intimidating atmosphere of the Senate chamber would only intensify the negative public attitude toward Congress' handling of — the impeachment issue. Many Republicans have insisted from the start that they would not be influenced in their deliberations by polls showing that Americans overwhelmingly oppose impeachment. But a New York Times/CBS News poll this week reported that most Americans now condemn the Senate for its handling of impeachment as much as they did the House. Some seem to have had some impact. "I thought that girl had been through enough," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, in explaining his vote against calling Lewinsky. "Why put her through more?"

WASHINGTON — For the first time since President Clinton's impeachment trial began four weeks ago, a bipartisan majority of senators has declared that enough is enough. A flurry of late afternoon floor votes Thursday, coupled with maneuvering off the floor to strip a GOP proposal to reprimand the president rather than remove him, offered the strongest sign to date that Republicans have now joined Democrats in pressing for a quick end to the contentious proceedings.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., told reporters that it was time to bring the trial to a close and to move on to the nation's business — a sentiment that seemed to animate his GOP colleagues on a day of crucial procedural motions.

"No one has to twist my arm to get out this," said Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore. "Everybody will be pleased to finish this up," added Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb.

For weeks, Clinton's acquittal of charges of perjury and obstruction of justice has been a foregone conclusion, but until now Senate Republicans have largely hung together in giving the House managers much of the time and opportunity they sought to make

their case. But in the wake of three days of depositions of Monica S.



President Clinton talks with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton during the National Prayer Breakfast Thursday in Washington.

Clinton starts his day with more atonement

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — There is something about prayer breakfasts and Bill Clinton that turns the talk to sin.

Last September at a White House prayer breakfast, President Clinton declared with tears brimming in his eyes that he was a "broken spirit" who had "sinned" with Monica Lewinsky.

On Thursday, at the National Prayer Breakfast, with the president and Hillary Rodham Clinton sitting on the dais, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., got up and said in the closing prayer:

"Lord, may I say a special prayer at this time of difficulty for our president? That you would hear his prayers. That you help him with the work he's doing with his family and his church. That you accept his atonement. So, Lord, I pray that you will not only restore his soul and lead it in the paths of righteousness, but help us join with him to heal the breach, to begin the reconciliation and restore our

national soul."

Lieberman, who last year called Clinton's behavior with Lewinsky "disgraceful" and "sordid," embraced the president after the prayer and gave Mrs. Clinton a kiss.

Rev. Billy Graham sent a message to the more than 2,600 people in attendance, saying, "We must as a people repent our sins and turn to God in faith. He alone can heal our divisions, forgive our sins, and bring the spiritual renewal the nation needs."

When Clinton spoke, he said, "I ask you to pray for all of us, including yourself, to pray that our purpose truly will reflect God's will; to pray that we can all be healed of the temptation to pretend that our willfulness is somehow equal to God's will."

Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., who sat through several speeches, stood up and walked out of the room moments before Clinton began speaking. Barr is one of the House managers seeking to have Clinton removed from office by the Senate.

House prosecutors grow frustrated with Senate rules

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Since they first strode the length of the Capitol's great central hallway in early January, they have seemed like unwanted guests bringing an unpleasant task into the hallowed chambers of the U.S. Senate. Thursday the Senate finally showed them the door.

For the 13 House managers prosecuting the impeachment trial against President Clinton, the Senate's ringing refusal to allow live witnesses into the chamber was only their latest frustration in pressing their case, but none of the team evinced any particular chagrin.

"We were asking for 10 days to two weeks to present our witnesses," said Rep. James E. Rogan, R-Calif., as he quietly uttered the Senate's procedural mysteries. "Unfortunately, it just didn't work that way, so we'll do the best we can in the next week, and give the Senate closure on this as they so rapidly seek."

For five weeks they have ground their teeth in frustration as the Senate, as it were, has moved with deliberate speed to surround them with rules restricting their ability to hold their trial as they saw fit. Now, the mask is slipping.

First, they were given 24 hours for opening statements. They were told that they were allowed to depose three witnesses. They once wanted a dozen or more. And Thursday the Senate slammed the door on any live witnesses. They wanted one.

"I regret the implications that there is friction between us. They have a very tough job. I'm sympathetic to their plight," the lead manager Henry J. Hyde, R-



James Rogan

Ill., said Thursday in another "lukewarm" effort to smooth things over. "But we have a job to do here, and there isn't a very gentle way to impeach a president."

Throughout this ordeal, the managers were getting plenty of advice from Republican senators, none of it encouraging. "Everybody was saying if you get witnesses it will be a small number," said Rep. Christopher T. Cannon, R-Utah, who sometimes has to calm himself when he discusses the Senate's peculiarities. "It's as if the presentation of a case turns on the number of witnesses. What a silly argument."

It was not so much silly the first time they heard it as infuriating. One House manager who asked not to be identified by name said it the only times the team members have had argue among themselves has been out of frustration with the Senate rules.

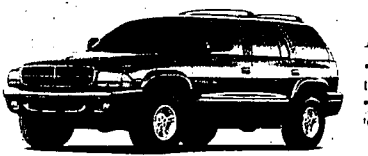
There were early skirmishes with the Senate, but serious searching began in the first week in January when the Senate was struggling to come up with the bipartisan resolution that would outline the format of the trial and include the now fatal provision requiring a separate vote to depose witnesses before voting again to allow them to testify live.

There were two camps within the team, the manager said. The grin-and-bear-it camp believed that "whatever the Senate rules are, we must try to put on the best case possible." The take-your-rules-and-shove-them camp held that "it is beneath the dignity of the House to submit to the rules of the Senate."

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Microsoft recreates part of disputed video

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Microsoft Corp. worked into the morning hours Thursday to recreate part of a video demonstration for its antitrust trial that was challenged by the government but said it couldn't duplicate one important test in dispute.

Microsoft said the overall results vindicated its claims that government efforts to limit Internet functions within its Windows software cause serious problems.

The government alleges that Microsoft illegally "tied" its Internet browser software into Windows, which forced consumers who use its dominant computer operating system also to use its browser.

Microsoft began showing its new 70-minute video, which was recorded under the scrutiny of government lawyers and computer experts, in early afternoon.

"The computer is the bread; however, that it was unable to duplicate one segment that pur-



German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, right, listens to Microsoft Corporation chairman Bill Gates, left, while he answers questions from German school children Thursday, as Microsoft re-worked its video evidence for the antitrust trial.

ported to show the government's tinkering caused its Internet software to run dramatically slower.

On the "original" video, a Microsoft employee said: "It's, taking a very long time, however,

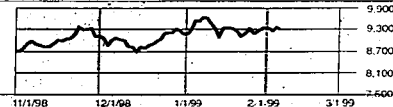
—unusually long — to access that Web site. That's a result of the performance degradation that has occurred because of running (the government) program."

Directly disputing that, Justice Department lawyer David Boies showed that the title bar of the Internet software suggested Microsoft's test actually used a version of Windows unaffected by the government's modifications. "When the strings as you put it, that labeled the machine as a government machine was there, (Gates) it popped right up, and you didn't have this delay," Justice Department lawyer David Boies asked the company's witnesses.

"Right? Remember?" Microsoft said it couldn't guarantee in its tests overnight that two identical IBM laptop computers achieved comparable connection rates to the Internet, ensuring a fair demonstration.

Spokesman Mark Murray said Thursday that "the title bar of the Internet software suggested Microsoft's test actually used a version of Windows unaffected by the government's modifications."

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Technology share rout drags down the Dow

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks ended lower Thursday after a day of wide swings, as aggressive profit-taking in technology shares overwhelmed strength in industrial names.

At the close of trading on Wall Street, the Dow average was down 62.31 at 9,304.50. The Dow erased a 91-point morning gain and briefly swung into positive territory in the afternoon, as the Federal Reserve signaled that it had no intention of raising interest rates. But the 31-point gain in the Dow couldn't hold as technology leader IBM was pounded 5 3/4 to 169 1/2, responsible for nearly 24 points of the Dow's loss.

Decliners never lost their lead on advancers and were leading by more than 9 to 5 on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume was moderately heavy.

The rout in technology shares send broad-market indexes tumbling. The Nasdaq plunged nearly 53 points, its third largest point drop ever. The Standard & Poor's 500 composite lost 23 points.

The market couldn't hold up without technology shares, which have been the key to its advances, said Larry Wachel, market analyst at Prudential Securities.

"Technology is the key" to the market's high valuations, he said, and by selling technology stocks, "in effect the Street is saying, you have reached valuations that I cannot justify."

Online brokerage E*Trade goes offline for 2nd day

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Online investors were unable to buy or sell stocks through E*Trade for a second straight session Thursday, as a software problem continued to plague the Internet brokerage.

Members who signed on hoping to place trades were met with

a message that read, "Access to some areas of your account may be temporarily unavailable."

The trading function was unavailable for 75 minutes Wednesday morning, and about 5 percent of the E*Trade's customers who tried to place orders were unable to trade electronically throughout the afternoon.

Thursday, the problem again affected the entire trading function. Brokers at the Palo Alto, Calif.-based company took telephone orders, but a swarm of fitter online traders jammed the lines, traders and analysts said.

The problem resulted from a change in the software used to process trades. The company has

refused to specify the problem, but a spokeswoman late Wednesday said it had been identified and fixed.

When the system was still down Thursday morning, enraged investors immediately turned to e-mail chat rooms to discuss E*Trade, some of them dubbing it E*Trade or E*Trash.

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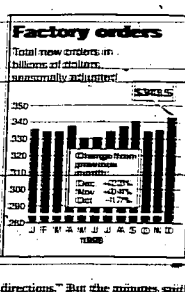
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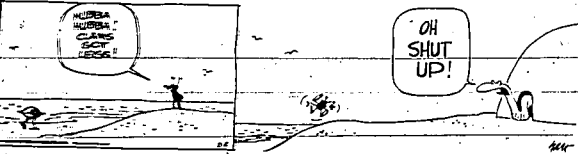
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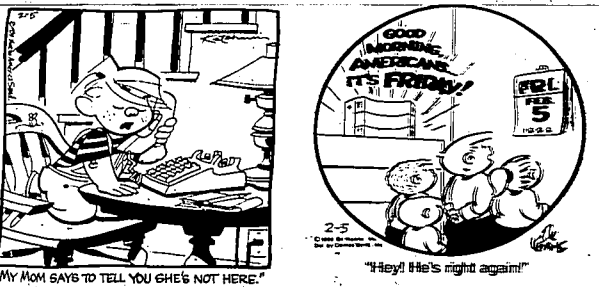


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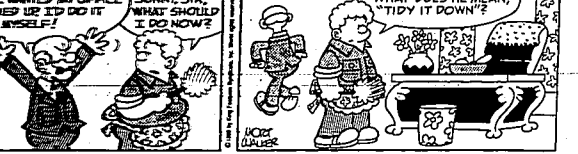
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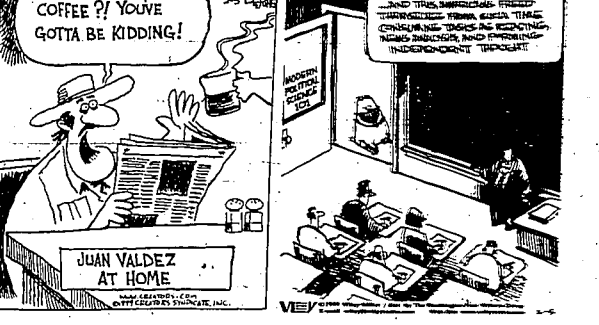


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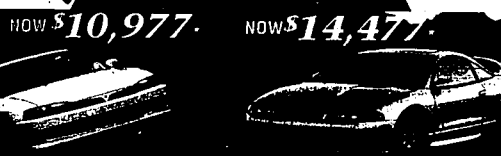


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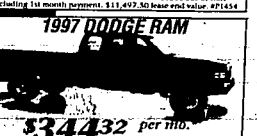
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